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## ST. DUNSTANERS SHARE SIR NEVILLE PEARSON'S TRIBUTE

St. Dunstaners from the First and Second World Wars paid their tribute to Sir Arthur Pearson when they joined Sir Neville at Hampstead Cemetery on 9th December to lay a wreath on his memorial.

Walter Bishop, of Croydon, and Harry Northgreaves, of Addlestone, Surrey, who lost their sight through service in World War I, were joined by William Macpherson, of Chiswick, who came to St. Dunstan's in 1945. They were accompanied by Mr. A. D. Lloyds.

In steady rain, which persisted throughout the short ceremony, Sir Neville laid the wreath which had been subscribed for by St. Dunstaners all over the country.

Afterwards Sir Neville spent a few minutes describing the memorial to St. Dunstaners. It is a simple white cross embellished with St. Dunstan's torch and standing on a tiered plinth which is carved with the words: "For Ever Blessed" above a family inscription.

In our photograph below, can be seen William Macpherson and Harry Northgreaves with Sir Neville Pearson before the memorial.



## SIR ARTHUR PEARSON MEMORIAL SERVICE

On 5th December, in the chapel at Ovingdean, the annual service in memory of Sir Arthur Pearson was held in the presence of Sir Neville and Lady Pearson, Mr. Nigel Pearson, his son; Mrs. Robert Hardy, his daughter; and Miss Mary Noble, his granddaughter. The service was conducted by the Rev. W. J. Taylor, and Memorial Prayers were read by the Rev. A. C. Nugee. Sir Neville Pearson read the lesson: Chapter 21 vv. 1-7 Revelations, and a passage from Pilgrims' Progress, by Bunyan, which included these words: "My Sword I give to him that shall succeed me in my Pilgrimage and my Courage and Skill to him that can get it. My Marks and Scars I carry with me, to be witness for me that I fought his Battles who now will be my Rewarder."

### THE INHERITORS

In place of the usual Chairman's Notes we are publishing extracts from three speeches made by Lord Fraser during the month. The first is from his Address at the Memorial Service during which he said of Sir Arthur Pearson that he began a periodical and publishing business, founded the *Daily Express* and started St. Dunstan's. "During the twenty years from the time he started his publishing business, until the day he virtually gave up the day to day direction of it, he had made a fortune, starting with very few of the world's resources and you see, therefore, he was a man who, out of his very nature, started things."

Dealing with Sir Arthur's personality, Lord Fraser said, "I knew him for the last six years of his life most intimately and closely. He was a good-looking man and a very attractive person. A great conversationalist, he took enormous pains after he lost his sight to see he was well-informed about the world's affairs and about people and things. During the year or two that his sight was failing, when his sight was limited, he climbed some of the greatest mountains in Switzerland. Among his out-door hobbies were walking, sculling and swimming."

After fifty years Lord Fraser asked what Sir Arthur Pearson had left to St. Dunstaners. "It seems to me that he left us a good family to watch over the tradition. He left us an organisation well-founded, well-known and liked. Above all, he left us a personal example of courage, steadfastness and determination to conquer blindness. We St. Dunstaners are the inheritors of all that and we are grateful."

### GENERAL SIR RICHARD GOODBODY, G.C.B., K.B.E., D.S.O.

At the Annual Dinner of the Brighton Grocers' and Provision Merchants' Association on 1st December, during his speech as Guest of Honour, Lord Fraser gave a warm welcome to General Sir Richard Goodbody, who had recently joined the Council of St. Dunstan's and who was present at the dinner. Lord Fraser said Sir Richard was a distinguished General in the Field, and held many important appointments, including G.O.C. Northern Command and Adjutant General. He was Colonel Commandant of the Honourable Artillery Company in 1959, and A.D.C. General to H.M. The Queen from 1961 to 1963. Since his retirement, General Goodbody has interested himself in the welfare of ex-servicemen in particular.

### WAR DISABLEMENT PENSIONS

In the same speech Lord Fraser reported to St. Dunstaners on the work of an independent committee, of which he was a member, set up under the Chairmanship of Lord McCorquodale by the previous Minister of Pensions and National Insurance, The Right Hon. Richard Wood, M.P., to review the tables of assessment for war and industrial disablement pensions. "I have since attended many meetings; and would like to express my thanks to Mr. H. D. Rice for the good advice and help he has given me in connection with the Committee's papers and work," he said.



### THE HOUSE OF LORDS

"In the House of Lords on Wednesday, 24th November, 1965, I asked the present Minister of Pensions and National Insurance, the Right Hon. Miss Margaret Herbyson, M.P., when the Report would be published and when a statement would be made.

"The reply I got was that it is a long and complex Report and that no statement could be made as to when it would be published: but this would be as soon as practicable.

"Having been a member of this Committee it is impossible for me to comment on its contents until it is made public. However, St. Dunstan's gave evidence to the Committee, as did the British Legion and other organisations, and there may well be things which will arise out of the Report that will be of interest to a small number of St. Dunstaners.

"I issue this word of warning because I do not want St. Dunstaners, as a whole, to think that this is a general review of war pensions; it is nothing of the kind. St. Dunstan's, in their evidence, called attention to the special needs of doubly handicapped, and it may be that the Minister will consider this in due course; I hope so."

See report on page 8

### THE RIGHT TO A WAR PENSION

In the House of Lords on 7th December, Lord Shepherd, Government Chief Whip, speaking in a debate on Rhodesia, commented that war pensions are made under Royal Warrant and payment is permissive. Lord Fraser was quick to take up this point saying: "I have looked up the Royal Warrant, and I found that a war pension may be refused to a borstal boy or young man, to someone in a remand home, to a prisoner, and to a person who has been deported from this country or not allowed to enter it. Are those categories in which we place the Rhodesians who fought alongside us in two wars? No other persons are barred from receiving their war pensions, so far as I know.

"Now the ex-Service people in this country, and all those who have represented them from time to time, have looked upon the war pension as being payable as an inalienable right. The idea that it is permissive has long ago fallen into desuetude. It is an inalienable right, subject to appeals to a court, of which the noble and learned Lord Chancellor is very well aware, and, on legal points, to the courts of the land. Therefore, it goes back on the tradition of twenty years or more that it should be pleaded to be permissive. Indeed, it is an offensive, hurtful suggestion to every war pensioner in these islands, and all others all over the world, and I ask that it be completely withdrawn.

"With regard to the war pensions in Rhodesia, the word 'hardship' is used. It is an insult. These men do not have to go, as old and sick people unhappily have to do, to the National Assistance Board. And that is what you are saying: that if they are in hardship they will be cared for. After you have taken away their inalienable right to their war pension they may come and plead hardship and get something. Whether it is satisfactory or not I do not know; I can only guess it must be wholly unsatisfactory, because it denies these people their rights, and also because there is still the question of hardship. I shall feel bound to vote for this Motion unless it is said that the pensions will be paid as of right and not on the grounds of hardship, and unless, indeed, that word is taken out."

Lord Fraser did not get the assurance he asked for, and voted against the Government.

### STOP PRESS

On Tuesday, 14th December, the Right Honourable James Callaghan, Chancellor of the Exchequer, announced in the House of Commons that the Government had changed its mind and that pensions would continue to be paid in Rhodesia, on the advice of the Governor.

Well said, Lord Fraser. Well done, Mr. Callaghan.

### COLONEL SHOLTO GRANT, O.B.E.

It is with deep regret that we have to record the sudden death on Saturday, 4th December, of Colonel Sholto Grant, O.B.E., Chairman of St. Dunstan's (South Africa). Although Colonel Grant only assumed the office of Chairman four years ago, he had shown a marked sympathy towards our St. Dunstaners in South Africa and a ready understanding of their problems, and was responsible for the very happy arrangements made in connection with the Golden Jubilee Celebrations at Cape Town last March.

We extend our deepest sympathy to his widow, his father, and his son.

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### From Walter Thornton of Birmingham

Everybody will agree that guts are needed for a totally blind man to get around on his own, particularly if he is also deaf. I would suggest that the Ben Sutton spirit deserves the best orientation and mobility training which is available, and that this is provided by the American long cane system. Basically, the system advocated by our Hull friend is the same—one of free navigation, the stick being used to establish that the way is clear ahead. His system, however, does not pursue matters to their logical conclusion. It affords no protection against drops ahead nor against obstacles a few inches above the surface of the ground. Besides affording protection against these hazards, the long cane also gives vital advance information about the terrain being traversed.

Nothing could be wider off the mark than Bob Fullard's suggestion that the long cane is an American gimmick. It is a British idea which the Americans have carefully developed into a system which gives such a degree of safety that formal mobility training is justified. True, the length of the cane, particularly for a very tall user, can present problems. Ways round these problems can be found, e.g. hanging the cane from the breast pocket or inside coat armpit, if one wants both hands free. The disadvantages are far outweighed by the advantages of better protection, greater information, lessening of strain with bonus corollaries such as good, upright posture, and an impression of ease and relaxation conveyed to sighted observers.

For those seeking maximum independent mobility, the system of orientation and long cane mobility training devised by the American Veterans is the best produced

to date, including all the electronic devices. It requires proper instruction and a good deal of practice, but it affords immediate benefit and has shown that it can be adopted by a very wide age range.

I have always enjoyed a good degree of mobility in this country and abroad, but since I adopted the long cane system some six months ago, I have experienced a sense of new freedom, an incentive to explore new areas and a stimulus to walk a good deal more, with a consequent improvement in physical condition.

#### From Joseph Loska of Brighton

I was on the Course of Instruction on the Long Cane held recently at Ovingdean and I have found it of great assistance for getting around the town on my own. One had far greater confidence in avoiding obstacles ahead and steps up or down, are felt much quicker than with an ordinary stick.

My success with this was so great that the B.B.C. sent a representative to make a short film of my progress, and I must strongly urge all blind people to follow my example and make use of this new help St. Dunstan's has provided for us.

#### From Margaret Stanway of Morcambe

The other morning I was emptying a stone hot water bottle and on hearing the milkman in the street thought I had better put the used milk bottle out for him to pick up. A few minutes later came a ring at the door-bell and the milkman stood there holding a stone hot water bottle.

"We are not running short of milk bottles yet luv, but when we do and need some stone water bottles to put the milk in, I will let you know!"



## GIFT FROM THE QUEEN

Our readers will be glad to know that Her Majesty the Queen, Patron of St. Dunstan's, has once again been graciously pleased to make a Christmas donation.

## GARDENING NEWS

Most of us during the cold and wintery weather like to do our gardening from a comfortable armchair by the fireside with the latest gardening catalogue and dream of the wonderful garden, full of the most delightful flowers and prize vegetables we are going to grow next year!

Not so F. Fulbrook, of Edgware, who, on 6th November, won three First Prizes, one Second Prize and one Third in the Premier Class at the Stanmore Chrysanthemum Show and also the Trophy for most awards in this class.

On 7th November, at the Wembley Chrysanthemum Show, he won one Second Prize and one Third Prize, in the Premier Class.

At the Edgware Flower Show he obtained two Firsts, a Certificate of Merit and the Amateur Gold Medal for his chrysanthemums. For his Pot Plants, he received one First and one Second Prize.

## Ewell Walking Race

A walking race of three miles was held on Saturday, 20th November, between St. Dunstan's and a Police Team at Ewell. The Police Team won by 25 points to 53 points.

It was a cold and wet afternoon, but this did not seem to worry the competitors. The Supporters Club was there in force, and it was nice to welcome an old friend from Lee-on-Solent, ex-C.P.O. Scottie Wilson.

The St. Dunstaners taking part in the Race were: W. T. Scott, F. Barratt, J. Simpson, B. Young, B. Miller, M. Burns, R. Mendham, M. Tetley, J. Wright, C. Stafford.

## AVIS SPURWAY.

Our St. Dunstaner, F. Winterbottom, of Chadderton, is President of the Fitton Park Veterans' Bowling Club, and this year they have won the Oldham Parks' Veterans' Bowling League.

Jack Radford —

## A Tribute to a Colourful Personality

With the passing of Jack Radford, St. Dunstan's has lost one of its most colourful personalities. A frequent contributor to the *Review*, he had a full life on which to draw for his recollections and yarns. Some of these were so entertaining and interesting that he was asked to broadcast on more than one occasion.

Jack Radford left school at the age of 13½ at Christmas, 1904. After a short time working in an office he left home and worked on a tugboat, the "Greenfinch" for ten shillings a week until he had saved enough for his passage to Canada. He sailed in 1905, and travelling as far as his money would allow, arrived at Indian Head, Saskatchewan, where he learned to ride, and later had his first cow-punching experience with a small ranch.

In 1908 he moved further west to Calgary, Alberta. He tried to join the Royal North West Mounted Police, but he was not tall enough. He went to work on a ranch, the Z-bar-seven, as a cowboy, and later his boss entered him for the Calgary Stampede in which cowboys and skinnners (waggon drivers) from all over the west competed. In the following year he moved south working as a cowhand and horse breaker in Montana, Wyoming, Oklahoma and Texas.

Jack Radford returned to England with the coming of the 1914 War and volunteered for service with the 5th Dragoon Guards, a cavalry regiment. At the time horses were being brought over from the United States, and one of his jobs was breaking in the horses for the regiment. He was wounded in the battle of the Somme, and came to St. Dunstan's in 1918.

## A Happy New Year

The Commandant and Matron at Ovingdean send their best wishes to all St. Dunstaners and their wives and families for the New Year.

## ROUND THE WORLD IN 361 DAYS

*Welcome Home George and Marjorie Fallowfield*

Our much travelled deaf-blind St. Dunstaner, George Fallowfield, and Marjorie, his wife, arrived at Southampton on 25th November on board the Shaw, Savill and Albion liner *Southern Cross*. They, thus, had completed an encirclement of the globe in 361 days, and here is George's latest report of the journey.

"Many, many people have learnt to do the manual alphabet to chat with me, and I've had two games of chess a day sometimes. I am afraid there is a great deal I could write about our travels in Australia but, for the time being, and briefly—we sailed from Melbourne on 12th October to the strains of 'Sussex by the Sea'. We spent a very nice three days in Sydney with old friends of the voyage out. We also spent three days with a niece in Wellington, New Zealand which is very mountainous and the houses seem stuck on the mountain sides. In one direction the only way out of the city is through a tunnel under a mountain. Auckland, too, is a lovely place, but we were only there a day.

"It began to get hotter and was blazing at Fiji. We had a coach trip, and passed through miles of cocoa, coffee, rice and sugar plantations with girls in grass skirts! We anchored off Raratonga and were invaded by girls clad only in grass skirts who sold all sorts of things and sang and danced.

"It was still blazing hot when we docked at Tahiti, which is apparently a prosperous Island and very colourful with French troops, sailors and the Foreign Legion. Passengers were awakened by the Fiji Police brass band when we docked there, and they played us off too—it was a very fine band, I am told. The Police wear white skirts with black blouses, and the soldiers wear white skirts with red blouses, no hats, and their hair is like a golliwog's.

"After leaving Tahiti we had ten full days at sea before docking at Balboa. The Panama Canal is a long story, but through an ex-V.A.D., an American gentleman came for us just after lunch and took us off sight-seeing and a well-informed friend of his told us about the Canal. Having passed through the Canal we docked three days later at Port Everglades. This was the hottest day of my life! We went by coach to Miami, 20 miles away, and for the whole 20 miles drove with cars bumper to bumper in six lanes of traffic! We passed many luxury hotels on the way. Nightfall brought a blaze of coloured lights, much flood-lighting and lights in colours advertising many products. We ate 'Hot Dogs' and drank 'Root Beer' and arrived back at the ship at just past midnight.

"It was still very warm indeed, and a Scotsman, in a kilt, was playing a piano-accordion and singing. Another Scotsman rolled up and declared he had only come to see the ship off and refused to come aboard. Seven New Zealand gentlemen came rolling along and gave us all an exhibition of a New Zealand war dance!



George Fallowfield and Marjorie Wilson on their Wedding Day last June, outside St. James's Church, Sydney, Australia.



GEORGE FALLOWFIELD (continued)

"I was now on the Promenade Deck with Marjorie, enjoying a cigar and, like the others, she had a grandstand view of what was going on down on the Quay. Whilst all this gaiety was going on, with startling suddenness a tropical thunder-storm came on, the rain came down straight in one sheet, but the temperature never seemed to change. The thunder and lightning were terrific, and the gay dogs soon came aboard then! The gangways were taken up during the storm which the passengers watched. The tugs got busy and soon we were all rolling! The storm ceased as suddenly as it started, and the moon came out and shone on the sea. We stood and watched the lights and said 'Good-bye' to Miami, where we had spent a very happy day, only one day, but a day never-to-be-forgotten."

#### BOOK REVIEW

### THROUGH A DARKENING GLASS

Author: Bertha Stamp

Books with a blind character as hero or heroine have an obvious interest for readers of the *St. Dunstan's Review*, part of which arises from comparing the fictional character's thoughts and behaviour with the reality known from personal experience. "Through a Darkening Glass" by Bertha Stamp is the tale of a girl in her twenties who was blinded in a motor accident three months before the story opens. She is a vicar's daughter living in a rural parish of Devonshire and, apart from hospital treatment, has not yet received any kind of expert rehabilitation.

The girl Janet is an artist, and feels that scent can now create for her a mental picture more vividly than anything else. She decides to paint in her mind a picture for each month of the year, writing a description of each picture of the scent that helped her to create it. This she makes a bedtime activity, when the family cannot disturb her.

A short book, sympathetic and well written, it is very easy to read. Published by George G. Harrap and Company Limited—price 18/-.

## War Disablement Pensions

On Monday, 20th December, Miss Margaret Herbison, Minister of Pensions and National Insurance, announced in the House of Commons the Government's acceptance of the recommendations of the Committee on the Assessment of Disablement whose Report was being published on that day as a Command Paper, including the recommendation that a new Allowance should be introduced for those Pensioners whose disablement, whether due to amputation or other disabilities, is of such exceptional severity that they are receiving Constant Attendance Allowance at a rate above the normal maximum or would be receiving it but for the fact that they are in hospital.

**Miss Herbison stated that the Allowance would be at the rate of £3 a week, and estimated that up to 1,000 War Pensioners might benefit from the new Allowance, and a similar number of industrial injury Pensioners.** Her Department would take steps to identify and review all the cases who might be affected, and Miss Herbison hoped it would be possible for the new War Pension Awards to be made by the end of March.

Mr. Richard Wood congratulated the Committee on producing a speedy and lucid Report, and welcomed Miss Herbison's statement accepting their findings.

**A small number of St. Dunstaners (just under 100) will be eligible for the new Allowance. No application will be necessary.**

H. D. RICE.

#### BRITISH LEGION PRIZE

Congratulations to Mrs. Percy Holmes, wife of our St. Dunstaner, who has brought credit to St. Dunstan's and her Branch of the Sussex British Legion, Women's Section, by winning the Sussex County Women's Section Handicraft Competition for a knitted cardigan. Her entry from the Burgess Hill Branch gained 81 per cent marks, and won the Elizabeth Dacre Rose Bowl, which the Branch holds for a year. There were 44 entries from Branches all over Sussex, and the judging was done by a senior member of the Brighton Technical College.

## STAFF RETIREMENTS

At the end of this year, three long service members of the Brighton Staff and one at Headquarters, will be retiring.

From Pearson House, Mr. A. R. Bengé, Senior Nursing Orderly, will have completed almost 40 years' service with St. Dunstan's. He joined the Staff in April, 1926, and during the Second World War years was at Melplash Court, returning to Pearson House (then known as West House) in the Summer of 1945. He will long be remembered by many St. Dunstaners and their relatives for his devoted attention and kindness to those seriously ill men who have been cared for at Brighton.

The two from Ovingdean have both served over 20 years. Mr. J. A. Jarrold came to us from the Royal Air Force as Physical Training Instructor and Sports Organiser in 1944, and was responsible in those early days after the War for helping many young men to decide to "have a go" at sport again after losing their sight. He was always ready with encouragement, knowledge and ingenuity, and although he now leaves the Staff, we look forward to seeing him from time to time at the various sports events planned which are now keenly followed by more than just a few.

The third member of the Brighton Staff is Mr. D. Fisher, who also started at Church Stretton and has latterly been responsible at Ovingdean for keeping the Stores and Equipment. Though he had perhaps come into contact with fewer St. Dunstaners personally, and may not, therefore, be as widely known, his meticulously careful work has contributed much to the smooth running of the Ovingdean Centre.

To these three, we send our very sincere best wishes for the future, and a happy retirement.

Mrs. Maud Seers (formerly Miss Deardon) joined St. Dunstan's in July, 1941, and has served over twenty-four years with the Appeals Department, first at Park Crescent, then at South Audley Street and latterly at Marylebone Road. Amongst her other duties, Mrs. Seers had prepared receipts for all the donations passing through the Department, work which calls for concentration and careful

interpretation of the text of the accompanying letters. This she has always done quietly, efficiently and with great accuracy. We wish Maud and her husband every happiness in her new home at Colindale, N.W.9.

#### BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

Those St. Dunstaners who were at "The House" in 1917 will remember Miss M. Brett, a V.A.D., and after the closing of this residence went on to "The Bungalow" and Cornwall Terrace where she was Assistant Matron until July, 1921. Miss Brett celebrated her 91st birthday on 21st December at her home in Bexhill-on-Sea, and we send her congratulations and best wishes.

#### Miss F. Lloyd

Miss Lloyd is sorry that she cannot answer letters and cards sent to her this Christmas, but sends grateful thanks to all who have remembered her and best wishes for the New Year.

Just at present her sight prevents her writing herself.

#### Miss Gillian Pope, V.A.D.

All St. Dunstaners who visit Ovingdean will be sad to know of the passing of Miss Pope.

She was affectionately known as "Poppy" and it is true to say that she lived for her work at St. Dunstan's.

#### Mrs. D. A. Sutcliffe

St. Dunstaners who were at Melplash Court, Nr. Beaminster, Dorset, during the Second World War, will learn with deep regret of the death of Mrs. D. A. Sutcliffe on 7th December, 1965.

Mrs. Sutcliffe was Sister-in-Charge of the Lounge at Headquarters at St. Dunstan's, Regent Park, from the Autumn of 1934 until shortly before the outbreak of the Second World War. She returned as Matron of Melplash Court in 1941, and remained with St. Dunstan's until December, 1946, when she retired.



## OVINGDEAN BRIDGE CONGRESS

Forty-four "veterans" and "beginners" took part in the Ovingdean Bridge Congress held during the weekend of 12th to 15th November. The Annual General Meeting was held on Friday evening, 12th November, and the result of this was published in our November issue.

The rest of the weekend was taken up with the Congress Bridge Competition, photographs of which appear on the back cover of this issue. If these are anything to go by, it certainly looks as if this was enjoyed by both veterans and beginners alike.

As this was Golden Jubilee Year, a party was held on Saturday night at the Winter Garden, where members were pleased to welcome the Commandant and Matron, also old friends, Mr. and Mrs. Willis, amongst the guests.

At the presentation of the prizes, Bob Fullard, Vice-Captain, proposed a warm vote of thanks to the Commandant and Matron for a most enjoyable weekend, to Mr. and Mrs. Field for running the Tournament so ably, to Mrs. Stokes and her helpers for so diligently scoring, and to all the Staff for all the hard work there must have been "behind the scenes" to make this weekend so comfortable. Matron was then presented with some flowers, and the Assistant Matron with some chocolates.

Everyone felt very sorry that both W. Collins and H. Gover were unable to take part, at the last minute, due to ill-health. Best wishes for a speedy recovery have been sent to them both.

The results of the Bridge Congress are as follows:—

### CONGRESS COMPETITION RESULTS

#### SIR ARTHUR PEARSON CUP FOR TEAMS OF FOUR

1. A. Caldwell and M. Delaney: J. W. Clare and F. Giffard.
2. G. P. Brown and J. H. Smith: A. Smith and A. G. Fisher.
3. C. T. Kelk and B. Ingrey: M. R. Clements and J. Shirlaw.

#### PAIRS

1. A. Caldwell, M. Delaney.
2. J. Whitcombe, R. A. Freer.
3. W. H. Bishop, F. Matthewman.

#### INDIVIDUAL CUP

1. P. Nuyens.
2. G. P. Brown.
3. E. Carpenter.

#### DRUMMER DOWNS MEMORIAL CUP

1. F. Rhodes, J. H. Smith.
2. G. C. Andrew, W. B. Bishop.
3. R. Stanners, M. R. Clements.

#### FIRST BRIDGE DRIVE FOR BEGINNERS (SATURDAY MORNING)

1. H. G. S. Boorman, J. Chell.
2. S. Tutton, Partner.
3. Miss Aldred, R. Goding.

#### SECOND BRIDGE DRIVE FOR BEGINNERS (SATURDAY AFTERNOON)

1. M. Tybinski, Partner.
2. Miss Aldred, R. Goding.
3. H. G. S. Boorman, J. Chell.

#### FIRST BRIDGE DRIVE (SUNDAY MORNING)

1. C. T. Kelk, B. Ingrey.
2. F. Griffee, E. Slaughter.
3. M. Tybinski, W. Burnett.

#### SECOND BRIDGE DRIVE (MONDAY MORNING)

1. Miss B. Simon, Mrs. V. Formstone.
2. D. Giffard, J. W. Clare.
3. G. C. Andrews, T. J. Simmons.

## CHRISTMAS BRIDGE DRIVE

The Annual St. Dunstan's Christmas Bridge Drive took place on Saturday afternoon, 4th December, at Headquarters. Twenty-two St. Dunstaners played in the Drive, partnered by their sighted friends, amongst whom we were very glad to see Bob Willis.

We were very pleased that Lord and Lady Fraser were able to be with us and, in his short address, he again stressed the importance of a game of bridge not only as a relaxation but also from the social point of view. He further expressed a wish that the Cup he presented before the last War for Bridge should be competed for yearly in the Individual Competition.

Lady Fraser presented the prizes to the winning St. Dunstaners and their partners.

After the presentation, our Vice-Captain B. Fullard presented Lady Fraser with a bouquet of pink and white chrysanthemums from the Bridge Club.

I would like to add a vote of thanks to our Club Manager, Mr. N. Smith, for all the arrangements, and to his wife and her helpers for the very nice refreshments served, which made the gathering so successful.

The top best result actually was a tie, and it was decided by cutting the cards.

**1st Prize:** J. Andrews and Mrs. J. Armstrong.

**2nd Prize:** M. Delaney and Bob Willis.

**3rd Prize:** R. Freer and A. Field.

**Best Score in the Second Half:** P. Nuyens and Miss Emanuel.

**Best Score obtained by a Second War St. Dunstaner:** R. Bickley and T. Rennee.

**1st, Lucky Draw:** H. Kerr and Miss Scott.

**2nd, Lucky Draw:** M. Tynbinski and J. Cordwell.

P. NUYENS.

### BRIDGE INSTRUCTION

#### WEEKEND

Once again Mr. A. E. Field and his wife, and Mrs. Stokes, have kindly agreed to run an instructional weekend for Bridge, starting on the evening of Friday, 25th February, and continuing on the 26th and 27th February.

Absolute beginners will be welcomed and catered for, as well as improvers and "professors" who wish to improve their "Acol" system of calling. The weekend will comprise talks and practice sessions in calling and playing hands under instruction. Wives of St. Dunstaners attending the weekend may also avail themselves of this instruction, in which case their expenses will be paid.

Only a limited number of beds will be reserved. Please send Application Form for Admission to Ovingdean, to the Homes Booking Clerk at Headquarters. Travelling expenses will be paid out during the weekend.

## CONGRESS AT ILKLEY

The 20th Bridge Congress at Ilkley, in aid of St. Dunstan's, took place during the weekend of 29th to 31st October. This being the last Congress to be held in aid of St. Dunstan's, a tremendous effort was made by the Ilkley Committee to make the Grand Final a real success. Incidentally, over £20,000 has been raised by the St. Dunstan's Committee in Ilkley through the Bridge Congress and other efforts, including Mrs. Burnham's Personal Appeal.

Lord and Lady Fraser attended on the last day of the Congress. In his address, Lord Fraser said that although he did not consider himself a good player and did not go in for exhibitions and matches, he enjoyed very much a game of family Bridge.

Lord Fraser thanked the Committee and all those concerned, in their tireless effort in making the Congress such a delightful occasion.



## CHESS NOTES

*A New Champion*

As a result of the Chess Weekend this year, we have a new holder of the Sir Arthur Pearson Cup. John Cruse who, two years ago, was among the learners, won all his four games, obtaining maximum points.

The competition for the Cup was so keen, that four players tied for second place: J. B. Campbell, Norman Russell, Dave Thomas and Tom Lukes; all with two points.

The Sonnen-Berger System had to be brought into operation to find the "Runner Up"—therefore Jock Campbell obtained second prize.

In the Minor Section, Joe Culshaw won all his games, with Harry Boorman coming second.

Two of our regular players—George Fallowfield and Fred Taylor—had more

**Charles Kelk Writes:**

A few years ago, Lord Brabazon, who was the first man to be given an Air Pilot's Certificate, opened Hastings Chess Congress. In his opening address he said that too many players were playing from the book, using their memory instead of original thinking. He put forward the suggestion that the position of the Kings and Queens should be reversed, thus rendering all the books out of date. This inspired me to write the following, which might be of interest to our readers.

Lord Brabazon of Tara, by the nine gods he swore,  
That all those old time Chess Books should be read no more,  
"Why play the game that Reti played in 1889,"  
"Why memorise Old Morphy, Lopez or Alekhine;"  
"Clear the board and start anew," said pilot number one,  
"Blaze forth new trails," His Lordship said;  
"And with the old have done,"  
"Reverse the Kings and Queens," said he;  
"And all the rest let be."  
"And we shall then have new ideas,"  
"New plans, new strategy."  
"Let the good old tree remain, but away with the old dead wood,"  
"Let the strong new shoots bring forth green leaf and virile bud."  
"The sunlight of new thoughts will then replace those worn out themes."  
Thus spake a man of action, or is he a dreamer of dreams?  
But if His Lordship has his way;  
He will not courage lack,  
Instead of Alekhine's Defence, we'll play the Brabazon Attack.  
That this proposal will bear fruit, is by no means certain,  
You see they're so Conservative behind the Iron Curtain.

important moves to make. George is on his way home from Australia, after his marriage "down under", and Fred Taylor had other things to do than play chess. Our boys wish them and their wives much happiness in the future.

Although our numbers were somewhat depleted this year, the weekend proved to be a very enjoyable one. As usual, Mr. Bonham was on hand to adjudicate and give advice and instruction between the rounds. He hopes to be able to come to Ovingdean next February, and anyone who is interested in the game will be very welcome, especially the beginners.

Notice of this date will appear in the *Review*.

We were all sorry that, owing to the very cold weather, our old friend Percy Stevens was unable to be with us.

CHARLES KELK,  
*Hon. Secretary.*

**Chess Instruction Weekend**

A special weekend will be held at Ovingdean, starting on the evening of Friday, 18th February, and continuing over the weekend, 19th and 20th, when Mr. Bonham has kindly agreed to teach Chess to St. Dunstaners who are interested in learning this game from scratch or wishing to improve their present standard, so beginners, improvers and experts could all benefit from this weekend.

A limited number of beds will be reserved. Please send Application Form for Admission to Ovingdean, to the Homes Booking Clerk at Headquarters. Travelling expenses will be paid out during the weekend.

**London Club Notes**

The Annual General Meeting of the London Club will be held at Headquarters on Thursday, 27th January, 1966, at 6.15 p.m.

W. BISHOP,  
*Chairman.*

**Sutton Club Notes**

At our November Meeting, which was very well attended, we were very pleased to present Miss Diane Hoare with a small gift to show our appreciation for the invitation we had to Greenwich.

Also I am pleased to say, the Sir Arthur Pearson Club games are being kept well in hand by our friend Bobby Dow and, of course, we hope to be able to present the winners at the Annual Party which is on 8th January, and I am very pleased to say that Lady Onslow will be present.

If any of you chaps would care to join, of course, you can contact me after 6 p.m. at Croydon 0596 or George Jenrick at Croydon 3066 for information.

We, the Sutton Club, wish everybody a very happy New Year.

TED DUDLEY,  
*Chairman.*

**Cardiff Club Notes**

The Annual General Meeting was held on Saturday, 4th December, 1965, and the following Chairman and Officers were elected:—

*Chairman:* A. C. Evans.  
*Secretary:* D. Stott.  
*Treasurer:* R. Parsons.  
*Committee:* A. Wheeler;  
R. Jones;  
C. Durkin.

Mrs. Parsons has very kindly consented to arrange the refreshments for us, once again, and we must say a big thank you to her for doing us so proud each time we meet and have tea.

Everyone at the Club was so very sorry to hear that Arthur Wheeler was in a London hospital, where we understand he underwent an operation. To you, Arthur, and Mrs. Wheeler, we send our very best wishes for a speedy recovery, and hope to see you back amongst us quite soon.

Our Annual Christmas Dinner will be held on Saturday, 15th January, 1966, at the Grand Hotel, Cardiff, and we are looking forward to an enjoyable evening.

To all St. Dunstaners, and their families, we should like to wish you all the best for 1966.

D. STOTT,  
*Hon. Secretary.*

**Liverpool Club Notes**

The Liverpool Club extend the deepest sympathy to Mr. J. Owens and his family in the sad loss of his wife, whose valuable services since the commencement of our Club and cheerful personality will be greatly missed by all.

VIOLET FORMSTONE,  
*Secretary.*

**Greetings for the New Year**

The Editor would like to take this opportunity of wishing all the Club Secretaries a very happy and prosperous New Year.



## NELSON'S COLUMN

### 1965's Last Batch

Four books, of which three titles almost speak for themselves, and so, readers may be relieved to find the column less long-winded than last month.

"The Most Dangerous Game" by Gavin Lyall, reader Robert Gladwell, is not a treatise on "Hurling". An English bush pilot operating in Finland, in fact, mainly in Lapland, is the central character. He starts with a tremendous hangover and thereafter has never a dull moment amidst murder and mayhem. Flying an aeroplane with floats, he makes a living by surveying for minerals plus flying in and out the odd game hunter. Suddenly the Secret Police appear from Helsinki, a British agent pops up and agents from Switzerland, too. The hero is worried about losing his work permit, but discovers the gathering of the investigators is something to do with gold sovereigns. Eventually our chap is very happy with the outcome. Now read the book and learn the extremely valid reason for the title. Amazing what a middle-aged pilot perpetually full of Scotch can do!

"The Marsh Arabs" by Wilfred Thesiger,

reader Eric Gillett, is a first-hand account of living in reed huts with the people of Iraq. Several years the author spent there and always he proved himself a boon as a bearer of medicines and a surgeon. His friends and the villagers around were most interesting but, as always, in accounts of Arabia, too many impossible place names.

"Championship Cricket" by Trevor Bailey, reader Michael Aspel, takes each County, gives it a chapter to itself and analyses its cricket and cricketers as the author knew them. Being a cricket lover, I enjoyed this tiny peep inside.

"The July Plot" by Roger Manvell and Heinrich Fraenkel, reader Andrew Gemmell, culminated in 1944. Apparently the seed of the assassination of Hitler was planted in 1938, and from 1943 on many abortive attempts occurred. The leading spirits opposing Hitler were liberal men all hating the idea of assassination and desperately seeking other means to wrest power from an acknowledged maniac. Hence when the moment of truth arrived irresolution in many quarters made a travesty and a tragedy of the affair.

## Nuffield Talking Book Library for the Blind

### Additional Tape Titles

#### Fiction

Cat. No.		Playing Time Hours approx
910	BATES, H. E.—A MOMENT IN TIME (1964) Read by Gretel Davis. During the Battle of Britain a young girl's life is suddenly changed by her friendship with a group of fighter-pilots.	8½
912	DICKENS, CHARLES—DOMBEY AND SON (1848) Read by John Richmond. Notable characters include Mr. Dombey, the rich head of a shipping firm, his two children, Captain Cuttle, Major Bagstock and "Toots".	40½
916	TURPIN, ALLAN—THE BOX (1965) Read by Eric Gillett. A novel of London in the 1920's, describing the lives of two brothers, both drama critics, and their very different wives.	8
917	WELCOME, JOHN—HARD TO HANDLE (1964) Read by Maurice Turner. An ex-jockey endeavours to trace the missing editor of a left-wing weekly and becomes involved in an international intrigue.	6
906	WODEHOUSE, P. G.—FROZEN ASSETS (1964) Read by David Broomfield. Concerning the fortunes of Biffy and the attempts of his friends to save him from a cunning plot.	6

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### NON-FICTION

915	BIBLE—THE BOOK OF JOB Read by Alvar Lidell.	2½
911	BRADFORD, ERNLE—DRAKE (1965) Read by Arthur Bush. Drake is portrayed here as a tough seaman who was nevertheless a humane and considerate person.	11½
908	ELLETON, D. H.—ROOSEVELT AND WILSON (1965) Read by David Broomfield. A comparative study of Theodore Roosevelt and Woodrow Wilson against a background of important historical events.	9
500	PRITCHETT, V. S.—THE SPANISH TEMPER (1955) Read by David Broomfield. An attempt to depict the Spanish character with its regional distinctions and some observations on the variety and beauty of landscape and architecture.	7
907	ROLT, L. T. C.—GEORGE AND ROBERT STEPHENSON (1960) Read by Alvar Lidell. The story of the two great engineers who designed the steam locomotive and solved the many difficult problems of railway building.	16
914	SCOTT, R. F.—SCOTT'S LAST EXPEDITION (1913) Read by Duncan Carse. Captain Scott's journals describe the work of the Antarctic Expedition from 1910-12 and the heroic sledge journey to the South Pole.	17½
913	WELLARD, JAMES—THE GREAT SAHARA (1964) Read by Peter Snow. The history of the great desert and its witness of the exploits and sufferings of different races.	12½

## FAMILY NEWS

### Birth

BARRATT.—On 23rd November, 1965, to the wife of F. Barratt, of West Ham, E.15, a son, Peter Frederick.

### Marriages

BUNTING—MOY.—On 4th December, 1965, W. Bunting, of Sudbury, Suffolk, to Mrs. Irene Moy, of Stoke-by-Clare, Suffolk.

GIFFARD—MACKLEY.—On 18th November, 1965, "Bob" Giffard, of Telscombe Cliffs, to Mrs. Peggy Mackley, of Ferring-on-Sea.

### Silver Wedding

Many congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Webster, of Farnworth, Nr. Bolton, who celebrated their Silver Wedding Anniversary on 30th November, 1965.

### Golden Wedding

Very many congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Cooke, of Billesley, Birmingham, who celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary on 4th December, 1965.

### Golden Weddings

Very sincere congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. C. Pilbeam, of Maidstone, Kent, who celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary on 6th December, 1965.

We send our warmest congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. A. Smith, of Rottingdean, who celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary on 11th December, 1965.

### Grandfathers

#### Congratulations to:—

H. Barnett, of Morecambe, on becoming a grandfather for the first time.

S. J. Doy, of Ashford, Kent, on the birth of a grand-daughter on 25th November, 1965. This is the fourth grandchild.

E. Lee, of Moreton, on becoming a grandfather for the fifth time.

G. Powers, of Bristol, on the arrival of his first grandson on the Powers side. The baby was born on 22nd November, 1965.

R. Stanners, of High Wycombe, on the arrival of his first grandson—Ronald Andrew—on 6th June, 1965.



FAMILY NEWS—*continued***Grandfathers**

F. Thame, of Luton, on the arrival of his first grandchild, a girl, who was born on 3rd December.

K. Ward, of Winchester, on the arrival of a grandson in June. This is the sixth grandchild.

**Great-Grandfathers****Many congratulations to:—**

J. T. Kerr, of Rhos-on-Sea, who has become a great-grandfather for the second time.

T. Gamblin, of Norton, New Brunswick, Canada, on the arrival of his great-granddaughter on 19th August, 1965. This is his first great-grandchild.

S. C. Loram, of Brixham, Devon, on the arrival of a great-grandson on 24th August, 1965. This is his first great grandchild.

**Deaths**

We send our very sincere sympathy to:—

H. C. Foxton, of Eastwood, New South Wales, Australia, whose wife died on 12th November, 1965.

James S. Hodgson, of Fotheringhay, Peterborough, whose wife died on 4th December, 1965.

S. R. Jones, of Wembley, Middlesex, on the death of his father in hospital on 8th November, 1965, after an illness lasting some months.

W. Kerr, of Edinburgh, whose wife died suddenly on the night of 6th December, Mr. and Mrs. Kerr met at St. Dunstons, where she taught typing. Her maiden name was Miss Pilbeam.

G. H. Pollard, of Kettering, Northants, on the death of his wife on 26th November, 1965.

**Deaths (continued)**

R. Seymour, who is residing at Pearson House, Brighton, on the death of his daughter, Mrs. Still, of Barnoldswick, on 29th November, 1965.

Mrs. S. Gorman, of Maghull, Liverpool, who mourns the sudden death of her youngest sister, who died on 15th October, 1965, at the early age of 37 years.

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J. Huk, of Ramsgate, won the first prize in the Seagrass Basket Competition organised by the Canterbury Blind Society.

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Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Bocking, of Morecambe, who celebrated their 49th Wedding Anniversary on 25th November, 1965.

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Christine, daughter of C. Sedman, of Bury, married Peter Leigh on 4th December, 1965.

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Iris, eldest daughter of S. V. Tutton, of Hounslow, married Robert Winston Torode on 23rd October, 1965, at Brentford.

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Janice, daughter of J. Blakeley, of Farnworth, married Kenneth Platt on 29th September, 1965, at Farnworth.

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Carol, eldest daughter of G. Brereton, of East Molesey, married Michael James Pfaff at Ashford, Middlesex, on 27th November, 1965.

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Mrs. Christine Griffiths, daughter-in-law of our St. Dunstaner, Bill Griffiths, of Blackburn, has successfully passed all her examinations, and is now a State Registered Nurse.

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We have heard that Mrs. Bundy, widow of our St. Dunstaner, Alf Bundy, is now a grandmother, and the new little grandson will carry on the family name. We send our congratulations to Mrs. Bundy.

**In Memory****Harold Evans, Australian Army Pay Corps**

It is with deep regret we have to record the death of Harold Evans, of Brisbane, Queensland, Australia, during the early part of this year. He was aged 70 years.

He served with the Australian Pay Corps from 1916 until his discharge in 1919.

He trained in Braille and typing, and had for some years been the Honorary Secretary of the Queensland Blinded Soldiers' Association.

To his widow we send our very sincere sympathy.

**Arthur James Coleman, Royal Army Service Corps**

It is with deep regret we have to record the death of Arthur James Coleman, of Northampton. He died in hospital on 11th November, 1965. He was 73 years of age.

He served in the Royal Army Service Corps from 1915 to 1919 and was admitted to St. Dunstan's in 1938. He had his own business in Northampton which he carried on until quite recently, when he began to suffer from poor health.

To his wife and grown up family we send our very sincere sympathy.

**Frederick Collinge, Labour Corps**

We have to record with deep regret the death at his home on 26th November, 1965, of Frederick Collinge, of Blackpool, Lancs. He was 77 years of age.

He served in the Labour Corps from 1916 to 1917 and was admitted to St. Dunstan's in 1942. On account of his age he did not undertake occupational training and had been in poor health of late. Nevertheless his death was sudden and unexpected.

To his family we send an expression of very sincere sympathy.

**Arthur Thomas Coulson, Civilian Worker**

With deep regret we have to record the death in hospital on 30th November, 1965, of Arthur Thomas Coulson, of Hull. He was 73 years old.

He was a civilian who was blinded as a result of an accident whilst engaged on Government work during the First World War. He was admitted to St. Dunstan's in 1917 and trained in basket making netting and poultry keeping. He carried on these occupations for some years until ill health compelled him to give them up. He had been gravely ill in hospital since 1964. His wife pre-deceased him.

To his sister, Mrs. Kemp, and all relatives we send an expression of most sincere sympathy.

**Jonathan Hodgson, 4th Battalion, Australian Imperial Forces**

It is with deep regret we have to record the death of Jonathan Hodgson, who died very suddenly at his home in Beverley Hills, New South Wales, Australia, on 13th August, 1965. He was aged 77 years.

He enlisted in August, 1914, with the 4th Battalion, Australian Imperial Forces, and served with them until his discharge in 1916. He then trained as a basket maker.

To his widow and daughter we send our sincere sympathy on their sad loss.

**Maurice Lomas, 13th Battalion, Australian Imperial Forces**

With deep regret we have to record the death of Maurice Lomas this year (the exact date is unknown), at his home in Sidney, New South Wales, Australia. He was 76 years of age.

He served with the 13th Battalion, Australian Imperial Forces, from 1915 until 1918, and was wounded in France.

To his widow we send our deepest sympathy.

**Arthur Love, Worcestershire Regiment**

We have to record with deep regret the death in hospital on 6th November, 1965, of Arthur Love of Coventry, Warwickshire. He was aged 71 years.

He served with the Worcestershire Regiment from 1916 to 1919 and was the victim of a Mustard Gas attack. His eyesight did not deteriorate until 1959 when he became a member of St. Dunstan's. On account of his age and ill-health he did not undertake any occupational training or make any excursions from his home.

To his sister, with whom he lived, and to his family we send an expression of very sincere sympathy.

**Alfred George Lovel, 3rd Battalion, Australian Imperial Forces**

We have to record with deep regret the death of Alfred George Lovel on 23rd August, 1965, at his home in Earlwood, New South Wales, Australia. He was 77 years of age.

He served with the 3rd Battalion, Australian Imperial Forces, from June, 1915, until his discharge in October, 1916. He then trained as a piano tuner.

To his widow we send our sincere sympathy.



## In Memory—continued

### Joseph McDonald, King's Liverpool Regiment

It is with deep regret we have to record the death of Joseph McDonald, of Oldham, Lancs. He died in hospital on 19th November and was 74 years of age.

He served from March to September of 1916 in the King's Liverpool Regiment, and came to St. Dunstan's in 1939, when he trained to make baskets. He carried on this occupation until quite recently when ill-health compelled him to give it up.

To his widow and family we send an expression of very sincere sympathy.

### Frank Alfred George Newland, 58th Battalion, Australian Imperial Forces

It is with deep regret we have to record the death of Frank Alfred George Newland who died on 18th August, 1965, at his home at East Geelong, Victoria, Australia. He was 71 years of age.

He served with the 58th Battalion, Australian Imperial Forces, from March, 1915, to July, 1919. To his widow and family we send our deepest sympathy in their sad loss.

### Hugh Nolan, 3rd Pioneer Battalion

We have to record with deep regret the death of Hugh Nolan of Caulfield, Victoria, Australia, in March, 1965. He was 81 years of age, and was a widower.

He served with the 3rd Pioneer Battalion from 1915 until his discharge in 1918.

### Samual Pointon, Royal Fusiliers

It is with deep regret we have to record the death of Samual Pointon, of Stoke-on-Trent, on 23rd November, 1965. He was 70 years of age.

He served in the Royal Fusiliers from 1914 to 1919 and was the victim of a Mustard Gas attack. He was admitted to St. Dunstan's in 1958.

He was a keen member of the British Legion, and was President of his Branch.

To his widow we send our very sincere sympathy.

### Albert John Radford, King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry

It is with deep regret we have to record the death of Albert John Radford, of Castle Cary, Somerset, who died on 7th November, 1965. He was 76 years old.

He served with the King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry from 1914 to 1918, and was admitted to St. Dunstan's that year. He trained as a mat maker, poultry farmer and in netting. He was an enthusiastic Braille reader and took part in many Braille reading competitions.

Our St. Dunstaner never really recovered from the death of his wife in September of this year, his own health deteriorated very quickly and he died quite suddenly.

To his grown-up family we send our very sincere sympathy in their sad loss.

### Charles Walter Thatcher, 3rd Australian Field Amulance

It is with deep regret we have to record the death of Charles Walter Thatcher, of Brisbane, Queensland, Australia, on 14th July, 1965. He was 80 years of age.

He served with the 3rd Australian Field Amulance from 1915 until his discharge in 1919, and during this time he was gassed and also received gun-shot wounds. After being discharged he received training in handicrafts.

To his widow we send our very sincere sympathy.

### William White, Royal Air Force

We have to record with deep regret the death at his home in Little Clacton, Essex, of William White, on 11th November, 1965. He was 81 years of age.

He served in the Royal Air Force from 1916 to 1918 and came to St. Dunstan's in 1931.

To his widow and family we send an expression of sincere sympathy.

### Philip Hurst Worrall, 13th Army Service Corps

With deep regret we have to record the death of Philip Hurst Worrall, of Coogee, New South Wales, Australia, during August, 1965. He was 73 years of age.

He enlisted in 1914 in the 13th Army Service Corps and served with them until his discharge in 1916.

We send our very sincere sympathy to his widow and daughter.



The winners of the Sir Arthur Pearson Memorial Cup and Champion Bridge Four of St. Dunstan's with their trophy won at the Ovingdean Congress. They are (left to right): Mike Delaney, Joseph Clare, Dennis Giffard and Allen Caldwell.

## Ovingdean Bridge Congress

Our cover picture this month, a hand of braille playing cards, was chosen because over recent weeks the St. Dunstan's Bridge Calendar has been very full. Elsewhere in the *Review* are reports of the famous Ilkley Bridge Congress, our own Ovingdean Congress and the Christmas Bridge Drive.

On this page and the back cover are some "Candid" camera shots taken in the Wintergarden during the play at the Ovingdean Weekend. Many of the sixty-odd St. Dunstaners who came to Brighton for the Congress had travelled long distances, but their journeys were obviously well worth while.

They would agree with Lord Fraser's comments in the *Review* recently that Bridge is a splendid occupation and a most sociable game. However sociable the weekend, the play was serious and of good standard. The Pairs and Fours championships of St. Dunstan's were decided at Ovingdean, and the winners are pictured in these pages.



Play in progress in the Winter Garden.





**OVINGDEAN BRIDGE:**

**THE VETERANS.** A tense moment in play between (left to right) Mike Delaney, John Shirlaw, Allen Caldwell and Melville Clements. At this session Mike and Allen went on to add the Pairs Championship to their victory in the Fours.

**THE BEGINNERS.** Elsie Aldred (left) looks pensive as she discusses how she might have played her hand better, with Vera Kemmish and Reg Goding.

