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Above and below. Coached by Stanley Suterko, Bill Claydon shows the correct start of the rhythmic scan—as the left foot moves forward the long-cane is swept to the right “checking” the ground before the next, right footed, step.



New Methods of Mobility

On this page are photographs illustrating aspects of the use of the long cane taken when Mr. Stanley Suterko, Assistant Director of Mobility, West Michigan University, visited Ovingdean in 1965 to conduct an experimental course.

The centre pages of this issue are devoted to illustrations of the field work carried out by St. Dunstan's Research Unit, in preparing a training manual for use with the ultrasonic “torch”. Trainees from varying age groups were needed to provide a cross-section of potential users of the aid and among the people who helped our scientists were St. Dunstaners and “civilian blind”, who included young people from Hethersett, the R.N.I.B. training centre in Reigate.

COVER: Mr. Don Roskilly, a member of the St. Dunstan's research unit is seen coaching 17-year-old Myra Evans in the use of the Sonic Aid.

Dealing with a typical pavement obstacle is Douglas Parmenter. Correctly held, the cane, despite its length, has not tangled with the wheels of the bicycle.



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CHAIRMAN'S NOTES

The Long Cane Technique and Sonic Guidance Aid

When I last wrote in these Notes about mobility, eighteen months ago, I said that we were considering the merits of the long cane and whether we should make this technique available to St. Dunstaners; I also referred to the new ultrasonic guidance device which St. Dunstan's was sponsoring. The general principles of both of these methods of tackling the mobility problem have been described in the *Review* from time to time.

From enquiries I made and from what I learned from St. Dunstaners who took part in an experimental long cane course at Ovingdean in the late summer of 1965, it seemed to me that it would be helpful if this technique were made available to a wider circle. So in conjunction with the Royal National Institute for the Blind we arranged for an American instructor to come to England for six months and run an instructor's course for both Organisations. I am glad to say that Mr. J. Carnochan, who attended this course for St. Dunstan's, has passed his tests and is qualified to teach blind persons; he is now at Ovingdean and will be available to instruct St. Dunstaners.

It has been impressed upon me that in order to master the technique and to become fully proficient in its use, a three months course is necessary; this is because orientation as well as mobility is taught and a period of two and a half to three hours daily in two separate lessons, is felt to be as much as can be undertaken at any one time.

As a start, Mr. Carnochan, will give instruction in the long cane technique to some of the trainees at Ovingdean, but we will be glad to hear from other St. Dunstaners who feel their mobility might be helped by this technique, and who would like to take a course of training in it; those who live within easy reach of Ovingdean can probably travel there each day, but others at a distance will be accommodated at the Home. St. Dunstaners who wish to avail themselves of this instruction should write to The Welfare Department at Headquarters, who will make arrangements to fit them in for a course.

I did describe the long cane technique fairly fully in my *Review* Notes of October 1965, but those who will be going to Ovingdean for a convalescent or holiday visit this year can ask Mr. Carnochan about it if they want more information before making up their minds. I should perhaps mention that at present we can only deal with a group of four or five at any one time, but then not all St. Dunstaners would wish to take this training or be able to do so for one reason or another; we shall tell a St. Dunstaner during the course if we feel he will not be able to master the new technique and will issue the special long canes only to those who have had thorough instruction.

So far as the sonic guidance aid is concerned our Director of Research, Mr. R. Dufton, explained this device in an article in the *Review* of February 1965. Since then a number of field trials have taken place, both in this country under St. Dunstan's auspices and abroad; these have been mainly of an exploratory nature to ascertain the capabilities of the instrument, and the abilities of blind persons to analyse and translate the information it produces. It is clear that further experiments will be required for some time to come, but we are now in the process of collating all the information at present available in order that a training manual can be produced for use in conjunction with the device. When this manual is ready

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in a few months time we will make the aid available to a number of St. Dunstaners for them to use; some sighted assistance will be required, particularly in the initial stages of use, and we will hope to be able to provide some expert help for those living in the London and Sussex areas at the start and with follow-up visits. Later we will consider whether we can arrange a class course at Ovingdean.

I do not want to raise any false hopes that the guidance aid will overcome all mobility problems, and limitations may be imposed by many factors, including age, hearing levels and the ability to associate sound patterns with particular features in one's surroundings. The view of the experts who are advising us about the device is that it can be of value and very useful to some people in the detection of obstacles, etc., but that perseverance in its use and diligence in following the training programme will be needed by the majority of users before any benefit is obtained.

Fraser of Lonsdale

BRAILLE READING COMPETITION

The National Library for the Blind announces that the thirty-eighth E. W. Austin Memorial Reading Competition will be held on Saturday 3rd June, 1967.

Unseen passages will be read, and prizes awarded for fluency, ease of diction and general expression. (Should the entries in any class be very limited, prizes will be awarded only if merited.)

Sturmey-Wyman Challenge and Medal Competition.

This class is in competition for the Sturmey-Wyman cup and is open only to previous winners of the Open and Medal classes. The winner will also receive a silver medal. **Readers entering for this class may not enter other classes.**

Class A. Advanced readers in competition for the Blanesburgh Cup.

Class B. Other readers in competition for the Stuart Memorial Cup.

Class C. Readers who have lost their sight since 1939 and who have learnt to read Braille since the age of 16 (and who do not feel competent to enter the more advanced classes.) in competition for the Lady Buckmaster Cup. (Entrants for this class will not read in the afternoon but the winners will receive their prizes in the afternoon.)

Open Competition A special competition open to all readers eligible to enter Classes A and B and to all previous winners of Classes A, B and C for reading from the poetical works of T. S. Eliot.

Class D. Open to readers of Moon type. (Entrants for this class will not read in the afternoon but the winners will receive their prizes in the afternoon.)

Class E. Deaf-Blind Readers.

Open to blind readers of Braille who are also deaf. (Entrants for this class will not read in the afternoon but the winners will receive their prizes in the afternoon.)

Intending competitors should send their names to the Secretary, National Library for the Blind, 35 Great Smith Street, Westminster, S.W.1., not later than Monday 22nd May, 1967.

Home and Safe

The British Insurance Association at Aldermay House, Queen Street, London, E.C.4., have issued a pamphlet to help householders to ensure safety in their homes. A copy of this pamphlet "Home and Safe" is included in this month's *Review*.

REUNIONS - 1967

Mr. C. D. Wills, Welfare Superintendent, has given us the programme of the St. Dunstan's Reunions for 1967 which we print below. All Reunions will be held at 12.30 p.m., for 1 p.m. lunch.

DATE	REUNION	MEMBER OF COUNCIL PRESIDING	HOTEL
Thu., April 6	IPSWICH (Miss Broughton)	Sir Neville Pearson.	Great White Horse.
Sat. April 8	BIRMINGHAM. (Miss Newbold)	Sir Edwin Arrowsmith.	Grand.
Thu., April 20	LIVERPOOL. (Miss Everett)	Mr. D. G. Hopewell.	Adelphi.
Sat., April 22	MANCHESTER. (Miss Everett)	Lord Fraser.	Grand.
Sat. May 6	WINDSOR. (Miss de Burlet)	Rev. F. Darrell Bunt.	White Hart.
Sat., May 20	BRIGHTON. (Miss Blebta)	Sir Neville Pearson.	Metropole.
Thu., June 8	SOUTHAMPTON. (Miss Meyer)	Colonel. M. P. Ansell.	Polygon.
Sat., June 10	BRISTOL. (Miss Meyer)	Mr. Nigel Pearson.	Grand.
Thu., June 22	NEWCASTLE (Mrs. King)	Mr. D. G. Hopewell.	Royal Station.
Sat., June 24	SHEFFIELD. (Mrs. King and Miss Broughton)	Lord Fraser.	Grand.
Sat., July 8	LONDON. (Miss Collins)	Lord Fraser.	Russell.

NOTE: A combination of the Leeds and Nottingham Reunions at SHEFFIELD is being tried this year and coaches will be arranged as necessary.

NAVAL CAMP—LEE-ON-SOLENT

Wonderful news from H.M.S. Deadalus. Once again 50 St. Dunstaners are invited to spend a week with the Royal Navy—Saturday 19th August to Saturday 26th August. Please send your entries as soon as possible to:—

**Mrs. Spurway,
Mount House,
Halse, Taunton, Somerset.
Tel: Bishop's Lydeard 359.**

Please note change of address.

Closing date for entries—30th April 1967.

Disabled Sports Meetings

British Sports Association for the Disabled BLESMA is organising two Sports Meetings:—

**York, 20th May
Aldershot, 3rd June**

St. Dunstaners who are eligible for membership of BLESMA may enter through their local branch.

A. SPURWAY.

SONIC AID TRAINING



THE PRINCIPLE OF THE SONIC GUIDANCE AID: The small white arrows indicate the ultra-sonic signals from the transmitter in the probe and the echoes returning to the receiver. The large white arrows represent the audible tones from the aid passing to the ear of the user.

"What is it?" Under the watchful eye of Mr. Roskilly, Myra Evans detects a concrete lamp-post.



Before an instruction session Mr. Roskilly makes an adjustment to the hearing aid type ear-piece for Barry Prail.



One advantage of the sonic aid is the information it presents about one's surroundings. Here researcher David Snelling confirms Lynn Barton's deductions about a parked car.

Tape recordings of the sounds produced by the aid will be a feature of the suggested training programme. Here Mrs. Pat Elliott, of the St. Dunstan's unit checks Mr. Eric Walton's identification of recorded signals.



Friend of the Unseeing Eyes

by
Stanley Coe

I have a friend who never leaves me,
He's always close by, right in my hand,
I don't want to lose this little lad,
He helps me to walk our fair green land.

If I should want to visit a friend,
He gently guides me, taps out a way,
There's never a falter, cold or rain,
He'll take me out whatever the day.

The doorways he feels with quiet voice
Curbways and roads he makes me take care
Bicycles, prams, he soon sorts them out,
With him I'm always ready, aware.

With him I do prod and poke around,
In mud he will sink, but never a shout,
From time to time he gets a new coat,
Some folks do borrow and knock him
about.

He helps me when there are steps ahead,
A bend in the road, he never believes,
My friend, this little stick of mine,
Acts surely as my unseeing eyes.

SPORTS WEEK-END

As announced in the February *Review* the Sports Week-end will be held at Ovingdean from 23rd to 25th June. The programme has not yet been arranged but will follow broadly on the lines of other years. Suggestions for the inclusion of new items will be welcomed. Further details will appear later in the *Review*.

We shall, if there is sufficient support, arrange for three days fishing to follow the Week-end, and it is hoped also to include one or two additional items.

Our St. Dunstaner, J. Tyrrell of Oxford who has been a voluntary worker with the St. John Ambulance Brigade for many years, has now been honoured by Her Majesty, the Queen, the Sovereign Head of the Order. He has been admitted as a Serving Brother of the Order of St. John.

Laughs at Fred's Cafe

The dark winter nights mean something more to London's East End than sleigh bells and carol singers. It is, in fact, the most active time for thieves, rogues and law breakers, with their robbing, brutal beating ups and the frightening of the local residents.

Just a short time ago, a gang of thugs chose Ted, my next door shop-keeper, as their victim. After beating him up and tying him up, they proceeded to search his home.

It was the screams of his invalid mother that shattered the peaceful evening meal I was having with my family next door. With Bob the Milk, to assist me and with my daughter in support, we charged into the shop. Leaving Lorraine behind to tend the bleeding Ted, we chased off the intruders.

Later I asked my daughter if after untying Ted she had to give him the kiss of life.

"What," was her indignant reply, "The kiss of life, as far as I am concerned is for chaps under twenty-one. He's forty. I rubbed his wrists." Lorraine is 17.

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When I started to go deaf, my wife said to me, "Fred, you are going deaf and you should see someone about your ears." Next day I inquired at a hearing aid centre as to the procedure and the cost of obtaining a hearing aid. The cheapest one suitable for my needs was sixty-four guineas and would take about two weeks to be made. In less than four days I had a sign made to hand over the counter which read:—"CUSTOMERS—PLEASE SHOUT."

For the record I must add that, thanks to St. Dunstan's, the sign didn't stay up long!

Tip For Top People

Congratulations to our St. Dunstaner, Jersey MacLeod, whose hotel, Skeabost House, Isle of Skye, was recommended to readers in *The Times* on 11th February, 1967, in the Ashley Courtenay column.

CLUB NEWS

Cardiff Club Notes

The Christmas Dinner was held on Saturday, January 21st at the Grand Hotel, Cardiff. We were delighted to have Miss Newbold with us, also Mr. and Mrs. Norris from the Cardiff Welfare for the Blind. Several games of bingo were played and the evening was rounded off with a sing-song.

Unfortunately Mr. and Mrs. Durkin were unable to be present owing to Charlie Durkin not being well since Christmas but we are looking forward to seeing them both at our March meeting.

No meeting was held in February owing to several of our members being unable to attend, so our next Club meeting will be on Saturday 4th March when we do hope all members will make a special effort to attend.

D. STOTT,
Secretary.

Sutton Club Notes

The first meeting of the year was held on January 28th at the Adult School.

Bobby Dow and Bert Pownall started off the Sir Arthur Pearson's games. Bobby Dow winning his round of fives and threes.

After tea a game of knock out dominoes was played and Mrs. Newton was the winner.

We were very sorry to hear of the illness of Bill Dudley and Ted Lewis and we wish them both a speedy recovery.

We would like to welcome new members to the Club and anyone interested in joining us, please ring Ted Dudley at CROYDON 1596 or George Jenrick, at CROYDON 3066.

J. TAYLOR.

London Club Notes

The 20th Annual General Meeting of the London Club was held at 191 Marylebone Road on January 19th.

The chairman Mr. W. Bishop in his review, outlined the activities of the club in the previous year, and thanked the committee for their services.

The accounts were read by Mr. A. D.

Lloyds and approved by the members present.

On the election of officers, Messrs Bickley, Bishop, Fullard and Miller retired in rotation, and of these Mr. Bishop declined re-election. The other 3 were unanimously re-elected. Mr. Lloyds thanked Mr. Bishop on behalf of St. Dunstan's and the club members for his long and devoted service to the club.

In the open discussion period, there was little to be said, and so, the meeting ended with a vote of thanks from the floor.

Derby Outing

As last year's outing was an unqualified success, it has been proposed to run a coach trip leaving H.Q. Marylebone Road at 9. a.m., on Wednesday the 8th of June this year.

Any St. Dunstaner wishing to join this party should send his name not later than Saturday the 9th of April to Norman Smith our Club Manager at the London Club.

If seats are available it may be possible to include, in addition to the St. Dunstaner's escort, other members of his family. Please note, however, that full price will have to be paid for children. A packed luncheon will be provided as usual. Details of the charge will be made known as soon as available.

So hurry up, all you sporting types, and send your names in to Norman at your very earliest convenience.

W. MILLER.

SUMMER OUTING

The Grocers' and Provision Merchants' Association would like to draw the attention of all St. Dunstaners who usually attend their Summer Outing. This year, it is to Southampton and owing to the difficulty of finding accommodation there, the only Wednesday available is the third Wednesday in July—i.e. July 19th. A number of St. Dunstaners arrange to take their holidays at Ovingdean so as to include this Outing so would you please make a note that this year the date has been changed.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

From Robert Fullard, of London, S.W.17.

My nerves are shattered. Why . . . ? At 7.16 a.m., from the depths of a blissful slumber, I hear an awful grinding, squeaking and squealing. The initial awakening comes from the lift doors being flung open and out comes that b tea trolley.

No dulcet tones of a charming V.A.D., to greet us with a soft "good morning" and not even the recorded "Reveille" on the old bugle! Instead that trolley with some twenty odd cups rattling to help in the rude awakening. And where, pray is this barbaric custom observed? Ovingdean. I'm hoping that one morning, there will be one almighty crash when one of the trolley wheels comes off and then, it will be tea all round!

EDITOR'S NOTE:

Lucky man! My alarm clock wakes me at 6.35 a.m., and no cup of tea.

From Roy Hyett, of Camelford, Cornwall

I was encouraged to take up Chess by the Bridge players and never dreamed it would turn out to be so fascinating. My weekly Chess Club night out is enjoyable for the company, the competition and visits to (and from) neighbouring clubs. So exciting has the activity become that my wife too has joined.

I am glad Mr. Bonham gives a monthly article on Chess in the Review and long may it continue. Because it would be difficult for most of us to add to what he says does not indicate lack of interest in his efforts for us and I hope the growth of attendance at our twice-yearly Chess Week-ends will bear this out.

On the last "En Passant" tape the World Champion said that after the mid-twenties one's abilities do begin to fade, so this really can be an ambitious and vigorous undertaking, even if we can't all hope to become Grand Masters. There is loads of fun to be had at the lower levels—I know!

EDITOR'S NOTE:

Mr. Bonham's articles will be resumed next month.

From Margaret Stanway, of Morecambe, Lancs.

In the January *Review* Lord Fraser advises us to enclose a note with a cassette if it should be faulty, explaining what is wrong with it. I did this some months back and asked for the book to be returned as I had only read part of it. It never was returned and unfortunately I did not keep the title of the book so I may never read it now.

On two occasions I have written to the Bolton Talking Book Library (not a complaint about a cassette) but they never answered. In the future I shall send any correspondence to Wembley.

MR. A. PITT ROBBINS, C.B.E.

We regret to report the death on 4th February of Mr. Alan Pitt Robbins, who was a Member of St. Dunstan's Council for the past fifteen years.

Mr. Robbins was political correspondent of "*The Times*" during the years between the two Wars. Throughout the Second World War and the early years of peace, he was Home News Editor, a post he held until his retirement in 1953. The Coronation in that year being the last great event for the coverage of which he was responsible.

Mr. Robbins always took a great interest in our affairs, and with his experience in the newspaper world was of particular help in the public relations work of St. Dunstan's.

We extend our sympathy to his widow, who survives him.

CORRECTION

In the Chairman's Notes of the February *Review* the date for the Radio Hams week-end at Ovingdean should have read 7th-9th April and *not* 13th April.

BRIDGE NOTES

The first Bridge Drive of the current year took place on Saturday, January 28th. Seventeen of our members with their partners took part.

The prizes, chosen this time by Mrs. Fullard, were presented by her to the following winners:—

- 1st. R. Armstrong and Mrs. Weisman.
- 2nd. R. G. Stanners and Mr. Weisman.
- 3rd. R. Freer and Miss Kirby.

The Consolation prize for the nearest minus score to the number picked haphazardly from the pages of a book, went to:—

H. Kerr and Mrs. J. Armstrong.

REMINDER

May I remind those of our members interested in the L.C.C.B.A. (Masters) match for teams of four that the date has been fixed for Saturday, 24th June, at Headquarters.

The second "Individual" competition, London Section, was held on Saturday, February 4th. The results were as follows:—

R. Armstrong and P. Nuyens.	88
R. Fullard and F. Mathewman.	74
F. Jackson and Partner.	70
G. Brown and Vera Kemmish.	66
R. Bickley and M. Tybinski.	54
P. Pescott Jones and H. Meleson.	50
H. Kerr and partner.	50

The second "Individual" competition, Brighton Section, was held on Saturday, 11th February. The results were as follows.

C. T. Kelk and R. Goding.	49.
H. Selby and H. Boorman.	45.
S. Webster and A. Smith.	39.
B. Ingrey and J. Chell.	38.
M. Clements and W. Burnett.	38.
W. T. Scott and J. Whitcombe.	31.

P. NUYENS

FAMILY NEWS

Birth

On 17th January, 1967, to Beryl, wife of John Whitcombe of Eastbourne, Sussex, a son, Peter Julian—a brother for Anthony and Stephen.

Silver Weddings

Sincere congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Daborn, of Bexley Heath, Kent, who celebrated their Silver Wedding Anniversary on 11th February, 1967.

Sincere congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. N. Dugdale of Manchester who celebrated their Silver Wedding Anniversary on 20th December, 1966.

Golden Wedding

Warmest congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Cooper of Queensgate, Bridlington, who celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary on 20th January, 1967.

Golden Wedding

Warmest congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. A. Palfrey, of Barry Dock, Glamorgan who celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary on 26th December 1966.

Grandfathers

Congratulations to:—

A. G. Briggs of Norwich on the birth of his 21st. grandchild on 15th January 1967.

A. Hold of Yeovil, Somerset on the arrival of a grand-daughter, Diana Ruth on 9th January, 1967. He has now six grandchildren.

A. King of Bridlington on the birth of his ninth grandchild, a grand-daughter who was born on 25th November, 1966 and is to be called Linette Marie.

FAMILY NEWS—continued

Grandfather

Congratulations to:—

G. Weldrick of Hull on the arrival of two more grandsons. He now has 20 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Great-Grandfather

Many congratulations to:—

A. E. Gadd of Hastings on the birth of his second great grandchild, a little girl.

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John Bingham, son of our St. Dunstaner, D. E. Bingham, of Dorking, Surrey, was married to Susan Cummins on 4th January, 1967.

Peter, aged 16, son of our St. Dunstaner, S. Jacob of Wallasey, has been awarded his solo gliding certificate in the Air Training Corps.

H. A. Dakin of Blackpool is very proud of his grandchildren, Brian and Christine. They both played in the "Sleeping Beauty" pantomime at the Grand Theatre, Blackpool recently.

Our St. Dunstaner, R. G. Shed of Burgess Hill keeps pigeons. In the Mid-Sussex Racing Pigeon Club at Ardingly, he recently won a prize for the best bird out of 123 in the Old Bird Show and a prize for the best bird out of 97 in the Young Bird Show.

Deaths

We offer our sincere sympathy to:—

C. T. Kirk of Lancing, Sussex on the death of his brother towards the end of January, 1967 and to Mrs Kirk on the death of her sister who passed away in the same month

W. R. MacKay of Caithness on the death of his sister on 3rd January 1967.

W. Slade of Southwick whose mother died in January, 1967.

B. Tomporowski of Wolverhampton who mourns the death of his sister, just before Christmas 1966, in Poland.

L. Ollier of Lytham St. Annes on the death of his wife, Sarah Ann, in hospital on 7th January, 1967.

I. Ostle, of Cockermouth, mourns the death of a brother on 31st January, 1967.

In Memory

It is with deep regret we have to record the deaths of the following St. Dunstaners, and we offer our deepest sympathy to their widows, families and friends.

Donald Frederick Aldridge, *Royal Field Artillery*

Donald Frederick Aldridge of London, S.E.15, died on 7th January, 1966 at the age of 70. He enlisted with the Royal Field Artillery in 1914 and served with them until his discharge in 1918 and was admitted to St. Dunstan's in that year.

Before joining up Mr. Aldridge was a theatrical shoe-maker and during his Army Service he continued his work as a saddler. When he came out of the Army he took up boot-making. He continued with this work until 1962 when owing to re-development in the area in which he worked, he had to close his business. For the last few years he has lived alone but was cared for by his sister and niece. He was taken ill suddenly on 7th January and was admitted to hospital where he died the same day.

Herbert John Bird, *Royal Navy*

Herbert John Bird of Clacton-on-Sea died in hospital on 6th February, 1967 at the age of 83 years. He served as Chief Stoker in the Royal Navy from 1904 until 1926 and was involved in an explosion in a submarine in 1916 when he was severely burned. He came to St. Dunstan's in 1949 when on account of his age he did not undertake any training.

He did however, until quite recently, very much enjoy visits to our Brighton Homes and he was a staunch supporter of Reunions. He had been in hospital since August of 1966 and became gravely ill round about Christmas.

In Memory—continued

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Peter James Griffiths, *Royal Field Artillery*

Peter James Griffiths of Solva, Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire died on 30th January, 1967 at the age of 79 years.

He served with the Royal Field Artillery from 1909 to 1915 but his sight did not deteriorate until 1965 when he came to St. Dunstan's. On account of his age he did not undertake any training, but he enjoyed good health until latterly, and he was much attached to the beautiful village and its surroundings where he lived in Pembrokeshire.

Thomas Houghton, *Royal Warwickshire Regiment*

Thomas Houghton of Stoke Aldermoor, Coventry, died in hospital on 25th January, 1967. He was 69 years of age.

He served in the Royal Warwickshire Regiment from 1914 to 1916 but did not come to St. Dunstan's until his sight deteriorated in 1964. On account of his age he did not undertake any occupational training. He had been in very poor health latterly and his death was not unexpected.

William Charles Keast, *Honourable Artillery Company*

William Charles Keast of Clacton-on-Sea, died in hospital on 8th February 1967 at the age of 85 years.

He served with the Honourable Artillery Company, from 1915 to 1917 and came to St. Dunstan's in 1949. He will be missed at Ovingdean and Pearson House where he spent many enjoyable holidays and he will be missed too from Reunions which he was always very happy to attend. He had been in failing health latterly and was admitted to hospital during January.

Joseph Kempster, *Gloucesters (later transferred to the Labour Corps)*

Joseph Kempster died at St. Dunstan's, Ovingdean on 13th January, 1967. He was 73 years old.

He enlisted in 1914 in the Gloucesters and was later transferred to the Labour Corps in 1915. He was discharged in 1918 and came to St. Dunstan's in 1943. He was able to carry on his normal work on a farm which was part of an Estate in Hertfordshire where he had been employed for some time. In 1946 he gave up work on the farm and took employment in a timber factory where he worked until his retirement in 1958. When his wife died in 1960 Mr. Kempster stayed with friends and relatives for a time but in 1961 he went to Ovingdean where he lived until his death

John Milton Lucocq, *Royal Engineers*

John Milton Lucocq of Llandaff North, Cardiff, South Wales, died on 18th January, 1967. He was 82 years of age.

He served with the Royal Engineers from 1915 to 1917 and was admitted to St. Dunstan's in 1938. He trained in netting and carried on this occupation for some time. He enjoyed holidays at Ovingdean and also attended Reunions. He had been in poor health for some time and his death was not unexpected.

Patrick McGloin, *Royal Irish Constabulary*

Patrick McGloin of Sligo, Eire died in hospital on 21st January, 1967. He was 73 years of age.

He served in the Royal Irish Constabulary, from 1914 to 1922 and came to St. Dunstan's in the same year. He first took up netting and rug making but as farming was his first love he soon turned to this deriving great pleasure from his occupation. He had been in very poor health latterly and his death was not unexpected.

Harry Perkins, *East Kent Regiment*

Harry Perkins of Edgware died on 20th January, 1967 at the age of 73 years.

He enlisted in the East Kent Regiment in 1914 and served with them until his discharge in 1919. He was admitted to St. Dunstan's in 1952. In the interim period between leaving the Army and coming to St. Dunstan's Mr. Perkins was a farm worker and he was able to use his wide knowledge in greenhouse and garden work after his admission. He was very successful in local shows and was always very keen on his work. In 1965 his health showed signs of deterioration and in July of that year he had a serious operation but he made a remarkable recovery. On 19th January of this year he became unconscious and was rushed to hospital where he died on the 20th.

In Memory—continued

John Arthur Smith (Tony), Royal Flying Corps

John Arthur Smith, (or Tony, as he was known to his friends) of Seaford, Sussex, died on 9th January, 1967 at the age of 68 years.

He enlisted in the Royal Flying Corps from 1916 and served with them until his discharge in 1918. He came to St. Dunstan's in the same year. He trained in telephony but owing to ill health he was unable to carry on with his work for very long and he took up handicrafts including wool rugs, tray making etc., which he did for some years. He enjoyed some years of happy retirement before his death.

British Talking Book Service for the Blind

Additional Tape Titles—FICTION

Cat. No.		Playing Time
1057	BALZAC, HONORE DE—OLD GORIOT (1907) (Translated by Ellen Marriage.) Read by Robin Holmes. A boarding house in Paris with Goriot and his daughters; and the intrigues of Rastignac and the criminal Vautrin.	12
1060	COTTERELL, GEOFFREY—THE STRANGE ENCHANTMENT (1956) Read by Eric Gillett. Follows the fortunes of a family suddenly bereft of the breadwinner. One daughter is dogged by ill-luck, while her sister lives in increasing comfort.	2 reels 21½
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1062	HIGHSMITH, PATRICIA—A SUSPENSION OF MERCY (1965) Read by David Broomfield. When his wife temporarily leaves him, a crime writer pretends to himself that he has killed her; but when she fails to re-appear the police become suspicious.	8½
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989	POWELL, ANTHONY—A QUESTION OF UP-BRINGING (1951) Read by Eric Gillett. Nickolas Jenkins' last days at school in the 20's, and the development of personalities at university and in the family.	8
990	POWELL, ANTHONY—A BUYER'S MARKET (1951) (Sequel to Cat. No. 989.) Read by Eric Gillett. Smart parties and unexpected meetings continue to weave the background pattern of Nickolas Jenkins' life.	10
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