

MAY REVIEW





H.M. the Queen talks with Colonel Ansell at the Royal International Horse Show.

COL. 'MIKE' ANSELL IS DEVON'S NEW HIGH SHERIFF

Britain's first blind High Sheriff, chosen by H.M. the Queen when she "pricked" the list in the traditional ceremony on Thursday, March 23rd, is a St. Dunstaner, Col. M. P. Ansell, C.B.E., D.S.O. of show jumping fame, who will be High Sheriff of Devon for 1967/68.

Col. Ansell lives at Bideford in Devon where he has developed a flourishing flower farm. He lost his sight as a result of damage to his eyes when he was wounded and taken prisoner at St. Valery in 1940. When his sight failed in 1947, Col. Ansell came to St. Dunstan's for training in the practical problems of daily life as a blind person.

Despite his handicap—he had also lost four fingers of his left hand at St. Valery—"Mike" Ansell continued his work in show jumping and became Chairman of the British Show Jumping Association and Honorary Director of the British Horse Society. His name and figure have become familiar to millions of television viewers as

organiser of the Royal International and Horse of the Year Shows. He is also a member of St. Dunstan's Council and Colonel of the 5th Royal Inniskilling Dragoon Guards.

On April 5th, he played his part in the opening of the Assizes at Exeter Castle which was preceded by a special service in Exeter Cathedral and a procession.

DIVIDEND DOG

Cover Picture: A popular guest at the Ipswich Reunion was 'Bumble', a five-years-old pedigree long haired Alsatian guide dog. In our picture she is seen with Mr. C. D. Wills, St. Dunstan's Welfare Superintendent and her master, Gordon Watts, of Wymondham, Norfolk. Of his dog, Gordon said: "She's more to me than winning the football pools—she's my whole life."

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CHAIRMAN'S NOTES

Ham Reunion

We use the home at Ovingdean more and more for special gatherings and it is quite a job for the Welfare Staff to fit them in with the regular flow of men coming for holidays and periods of convalescence. I think they do it very well and I pay a tribute to them.

I also think the Commandant, Matron and the staff at Ovingdean—and of course, this goes for Pearson House as well—carry out their task admirably and I express my thanks to them.

We have become familiar with the Bridge week-end, Chess week-end, the Reunions for the doubly disabled men, the Physiotherapy Conference; to mention only a few that come to mind and now I have just attended a new Reunion of "Hams" to which reference is made on another page. A "Ham" is an amateur radio enthusiast, more particularly one who transmits from his own experimental station on short waves allocated to him by the Post Office which is the policeman of the air.

I have often said before that sound radio might have been invented for the blind because it is designed for and depends upon aural perception and nothing else, and there can be no doubt that radio in all its various forms has been a boon and a blessing to all the blind world.

For those who have a technical bent and even for some who do not, to become a "Ham" is a hobby I thoroughly recommend. It is a stern discipline, for the beginner has got to learn the Morse Code before he can get a licence. It is also an expensive hobby though St. Dunstan's can give some assistance and certainly some good advice.

The best way to begin to see if you are attracted is to start listening to the short waves in the 19, 25, and 30 metre bands where interesting programmes from overseas can be heard. One of the most familiar amateur bands is 20 metres and local amateurs in the U.K. can generally be heard at this point on a short wave receiver.

If we revive the "Ham" Reunion next year I hope that a few other St. Dunstaners who are really interested and are seriously thinking of taking up the hobby will be able to come.

Will any reader who wants further particulars, please write to me.

Some members present said they wanted further information in Braille, possibly on tape, which would enable them to study technical questions and I offered to consider this.

Reading a Book Twice

Earlier this year I wrote a note about a talking book which I had read twice because I had nothing else to read at the time and I said I had enjoyed it enormously.

By a most curious coincidence I have just read another book twice but under slightly different circumstances and I think it worth mentioning.

I had a talking book called "The Millstone" by Margaret Drabble and when I put it on discovered to my surprise that I had, in fact, read the same book in a Panda publication in Braille a couple of months before.

Far from being bored with the repetition, I enjoyed it very much. I think the reason is that a well written book deserves reading twice because one misses a good deal of the detail the first time; moreover it is interesting to go back to the beginning of a book and see the characters in a new light.

Fraser of Lonsdale

LORD FRASER — WAR PENSIONERS' NEEDS

In the House of Lords on 12th April, 1967: LORD FRASER OF LONSDALE asked this Question.

To ask Her Majesty's Government whether, in view of the prospect that widespread salary and wages increases may take place later in the year, and having regard to the rise in the cost of living and the standard of living, Ministers concerned will bear in mind the needs of war pensioners and war widows, so that they do not lag behind in any improvement that may be generally enjoyed and, in particular, whether the Chancellor of the Exchequer will take this contingency into account when planning his use of national resources.

LORD SHEPHERD: I can assure the noble Lord that the Government have kept, and will continue to keep, the needs of war pensioners and war widows very much in mind.

LORD FRASER OF LONSDALE: My Lords, I thank the Ministers and Members of both Houses and of both Parties for their consideration in this matter over many decades. May I ask her Majesty's Government whether they will have in mind that when there is a little release of financial tension there will be a queue, backed up by powerful industrial interests on both sides; and will they make sure that the ex-Servicemen, who have no such powerful organisations, are in their proper place in the queue?

LORD SHEPHERD: My Lords, I can say on behalf of the Government that we have a great deal of sympathy with the approach of the noble Lord. If I may say so, although the number of war pensioners and war widows declines over the course of time, the approach of associations, in which the noble Lord himself plays a very prominent part, would never leave any Government in any doubt as to the position these people should hold in our thoughts concerning the development of our social system. Perhaps I may refer the noble Lord to what my right honourable friend the Chancellor of the Exchequer said yesterday:

"We have, therefore, in the context of the long-term planning operation announced by the First Secretary last November, launched an exercise to bring our long-term expenditure programmes into line with growth prospects up to 1970 as we now see them and to reconsider priorities between the different long-term programmes."—[OFFICIAL REPORT, Commons, 11/4/67; col. 990.]

The question of social security and of looking after the war pensioners and widows is obviously included in that aim.

LORD FRASER OF LONSDALE: I thank the noble Lord very much. I hope that it will not be a too long-term matter.

Ipswich Reunion

Sir Neville Pearson, Bart, presided over the first of the 1967 Reunions held in Ipswich at the Great White Horse Hotel on 6th April.

About 70 people—St. Dunstaners, their wives or escorts and members of the staff—attended. The vote of thanks was proposed by Roland Naman of Braintree who congratulated Miss K. M. Broughton, Welfare Visitor responsible, for her organisation of a most enjoyable reunion.

Birmingham Reunion

The second of the 1967 series of Reunions was held at the Grand Hotel, Birmingham on 8th April. Sir Edwin Arrowsmith, K.C.M.G. a member of the Council of St. Dunstan's presided and he was accompanied by Lady Arrowsmith.

Altogether about 160 people attended this much enjoyed function which included listening and viewing on sound and television to the Grand National. Those St. Dunstaners whose hopes were dashed by the National still have a chance to recoup their fortunes in our Derby Sweepstake!

The vote of thanks was spoken by Douglas Cashmore who congratulated Miss I. Newbold, Welfare Visitor responsible for the arrangements and everyone else concerned.

Bridge Notes

The results of the fourth *Individual Competition* held at Brighton on the 1st of April are as follows:

R. Goding and B. Ingrey	48
A. Smith and J. Whitcombe	43
F. Rhodes and S. Webster	41
W. Burnett and C. Kelk	38
J. Chell and M. Clements	35
H. Boorman and W. T. Scott	35

The fourth *Individual Competition* of the London Section took place on Saturday the 8th of April. The results are as follows:

H. Kerr and R. Armstrong	82
G. P. Brown and P. Nuyens	70
R. Fullard and R. Byrne	60
M. Tybinski and F. Mathewman	58
R. Bickley and F. Jackson	56
H. Meleson and V. Kemmish	52

P. NUYENS

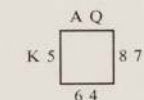
Do-it-Yourself for Newcomers to Bridge

by

ALF FIELD

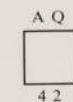
Finessing

Clutching, by now your well thumbed pack of cards, we will now go on to the second lesson. *The Second job for "George" is Finessing.* The top cards, A, K, Q, J, 10, dominate the play and their grouping and position round the table is important. It is possible to steal tricks. A simple example first:



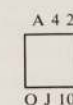
South leads the Four towards (repeat towards) the A.Q. and plays the Queen unless of course West unwisely plays the King. Thus South steals a trick because West has to play before North. Naturally some days East will have the King—in fact 50% of the time, but that leaves us with two tricks half the time, so that it pays to finesse. We now learn thoroughly the five main groups of finesses.

Simple Finesse



South leads towards the Queen.

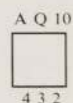
Forcing Finesse



South leads the *Queen* towards the Ace who "Ducks" (plays a small card) if West does not play the King. Next comes the Jack. Note well, there must be three *touching cards* to make a forcing finesse—Q.J.10. or J.10.9. say.

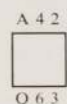
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Double Finesse



South leads twice *towards* the A.Q.10. The first time he plays the 10 and the second time the Queen. Thus if West holds K.J.7. South makes three tricks.

Backward Finesse



South plays 3 to the *Ace* and then leads the 2 backwards to the *Queen* to dodge the King in East's hand.

Deep Finesse



South leads the 3 towards A.J.9. and plays the 9 if West does not play a higher card. If West holds the 10 it is merely where is the K. and Q.? If they are divided South makes two tricks.

These groups must be studied and memorized until the answers come pat. Do not proceed any further until you are "with it", as the next stage is a testing piece.

NEXT MONTH—Exercises

Mr. Jack Jarrold

Although officially "retired" last year, Jack Jarrold has been "carrying on" in a part-time capacity which ends this month. Mr. Jarrold will be known to most second War St. Dunstaners as Sports Organiser both at Church Stretton and Ovingdean and, of course, to all St. Dunstaners visiting Ovingdean.

A number of St. Dunstaners have asked to contribute to a retirement present to Mr. Jarrold and the Commandant will acknowledge any contributions sent to him at Ovingdean.

St. Dunstaners' Outing

The annual outing for St. Dunstaners organised by the Brighton, Hove and District Bus Co. and Southdown Motor Services, will be on Wednesday, 28th June, this year. The "Review" has been asked to draw the attention of our readers to this.

A. E. Thornton

This month we lose the services of another long service member of St. Dunstan's Homes staff. A. E. Thornton, known as Bert, joined St. Dunstan's in 1923 from the regular Army. Chiefly as a Nursing Orderly, he has cared for sick St. Dunstaners at West House, Melplash, during the Second World War, also at Ovingdean and for the last twenty years at Pearson House.

St. Dunstaners and staff wish him a happy retirement.

Dr. John O'Hara

St. Dunstaners will be pleased and interested to hear that Dr. O'Hara who is President of the Sussex County Football Association, has been elected a Member of the Council of the Football Association as from 1st July, 1967. The "Review" offers warm congratulations.

Letters to the Editor

From Leslie L. Clark, Director International Research Information Service, American Foundation for the Blind, Inc., New York.

Of all the many professional and scientific journals which cross my desk monthly, I must admit a special place for the "Review". It is, in fact, sought for rather than expected.

But of all the many delightful features in the "Review" of the past several years, I can think of no other like the marvellous piece by Bernard Leete, "Six Diamonds, Marie Antoinette and Uncle Fred". I am sure I voice the reaction of most, if not all, of your readers in saying that this was an inspired piece, delightful in the telling, and displays the highly skilful use of creative playfulness in a way not at all common in journals in our field.

My congratulations and thanks are due to Mr. Leete, for having written this delightful series, and to your editor's keen sense of humour and professional skill in running the series.

From Mike Delaney of Liverpool

Having a high regard for Mr. Dufton's abilities, I can attribute the inadequacies of his replies to my queries about Sonic Aids and the Long Cane Instructors, to the possibility that he was pressed for time. My impression of the Sonic Aid is that enough time and money has been spent on it both here and in America for a strict assessment of its present usefulness and its possible future development, to be made.

The following questions should be answered: Have the requirements of such an aid been clearly defined to those engaged in its development? Will it be an improvement on existing aids such as Guide Dogs, long and short canes etc.? Will it ever be usable and of use on a busy footpath or assist in crossing a busy road? Will the concentration necessary to operate it not subtract from a blind person's natural perception of obstacles? As it is already possible to distinguish five barred

gate from stone walls, wooden fences, privet hedges, iron barricades, lamp posts and motor cars merely by tapping them with a stick, can it be expected to provide any really useful additional information? If holes in the road and steps down are detectable by the long cane alone, is it necessary to superimpose this expensive electronic equipment? For which section of the blind population is it designed to help most?

As Mr. Ben Sutton points out all that is really needed is the desire to get about and those who lack this incentive will not be persuaded by any sophisticated device which the remote future may provide, to move further by themselves than from the bed to the armchair. Before this research was started, was any evaluation of a blind person's ability to get about with conventional aids made? One of our St. Dunstaners had hitch-hiked his way solo from Calais to Naples and back with the assistance of a white cane: another has walked from Luton to London with his Guide Dog. I suggest that neither of these feats would be possible with a Sonic Aid only. Thousands of blind men and women are making their ways to and from work and walking around busy towns in pursuit of various recreations without much difficulty; in what way will this aid improve their ability to cope with an environment, which is still apparently reasonably tolerable?

I hope Mr. Dufton can give a better reason for the exclusion of blind and especially semi-sighted people from the opportunity of earning a good living as Instructors in the Long Cane technique than the excuse that it is necessary to observe pupils at long range. I cannot imagine anything more unnecessary or ridiculous. If discreet observation is required, I am sure blind or semi-sighted Instructors can be quite capable of devising it. As to directional aids, the position of the sun, wind direction, ground gradients, echo and sound interpretation were first

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learnt by sighted from the blind. I think it most extraordinary that, as we are now told, it will take three months for a sighted person to teach them back to the blind. How clever can these Seers get?

Under the very appropriate heading "Blind Guidance" you described the T.V. programme which featured the Sonic Aids. While I am certain T.V. could be used to our great advantage in instructing the public as to how they could assist blind people, I feel this particular programme served only to create a very exaggerated impression as to the usefulness of such aids. It would serve some purpose if the public were shown what a nuisance it is to blind people when they use the footpath as a parking place for cars, motor bikes, bicycles and lots of other temporary unwanted objects; if they were to be asked to keep their hedges cut back and if they did not allow their dogs to interfere with guide dogs and if they were to train their animals to do their daily duty elsewhere than in the middle of the footpath.

EDITOR'S NOTE

We have printed Mike Delaney's letter in full although in our opinion his letter printed in the April "Review" was answered quite adequately in the foot-note by our Director of Research, Richard Dufton, who now adds this further comment.

"The Sonic Aid has perhaps its greatest potentiality as an environmental sensor, i.e. sensing objects some paces ahead of the range covered even by the long cane.

The question of making an excuse for not employing blind instructors does not arise. In the U.S.A. the decision was arrived at a considerable time ago by the originators of the system and, in this country, the civilian blind organisations responsible with St. Dunstan's for initiating long cane training have decided on the same course".

The "Review" would now like to put three questions back to Mike Delaney.

Has it occurred to him that he would not be asking his questions at all unless St. Dunstan's had been thinking about all aspects of the mobility problem for some years past?

Does he realise that there would be no ultra sonic aid to criticise unless St. Dunstan's had sponsored what looked like a promising new invention? Has he reflected that Rome was not built in a day and that innovations have always found their critics?

When Guide Dogs were first introduced to Britain about 35 years ago there were plenty of people to disparage the whole idea. However, Mike Delaney is to have the opportunity of answering some of his own questions from practical experience. We understand that he is among a small number of St. Dunstaners who are being asked to take an ultra sonic aid for trial in their own home surroundings. We hope he will accept this invitation.

In reply to Mike Delaney's question in our April issue which ran as follows:

"Why are bus passes for the blind not uniform throughout the country? In Liverpool we have a pass that allows us to travel free and unescorted. Could this possibly mean that we northerners are considered more capable of looking after ourselves than you in London and the south east, or have we more enlightened civic authorities?"

Our Welfare Superintendent Mr. C. D. Wills says:

"I am not aware that any other Northern cities permit blind persons to travel free and unescorted and strongly suspect that Liverpool is an exception.

The provision of a free pass for an escort is as much a safeguard for the bus company as a concession to the blind person and applies to public road transport generally.

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**J. A. Oriel of Brailles, via Banbury, Oxon.
SONIC POLLUTION!**

Our Chairman in a recent issue, told us of the progress achieved to date in the experiment on apparatus intended to assist our mobility. He told us of the advance in the Ultra Sonic Torch and the Long White Cane.

A few days ago, I was going to post some letters, when a motor bike stopped near me creating a terrifying din. Suddenly, I was surrounded by a crowd of people shouting and screaming and I am not exaggerating when I say that I was terrified and groped my way to the wall so as to have my back protected. The din now sounded for all the world as though I had wandered into a football match—as indeed I had! The noise was coming from a transistor set carried by a youth and the two friends, one with the wireless and one with the bike were showing each other what they could do by way of making a din. With a heart trembling from fright and a mind grateful for deliverance, I went on my way.

Much is said at present about water pollution and even air pollution but cannot something be done about SONIC POLLUTION?

**From E. Read-Jones, Manager of the
British Talking Book Service for the Blind,
Wembley, Middlesex.**

In the March edition of St. Dunstan's "Review" you included a letter from Mrs. Margaret Stanway of Morecambe, Lancs, complaining about our library service. As a result of this, I wrote to the Manager of our Bolton Branch and he rightly points out, that it is not always possible to repair a cassette and return it to a member, because in some cases the cassette proves to be beyond repair and the particular copy is withdrawn from circulation. A note is nevertheless taken that this particular title is to be sent again

as soon as another copy is available. This may take some while because we can never guarantee that a title is available at any one time.

One of the books returned by Mrs. Stanway was received at Bolton on 31st August. It could not be repaired and another copy was sent to Mrs. Stanway on the 28th September. Another recording was returned for repair on 3rd November; it proved to be repairable and was returned to Mrs. Stanway on 5th November. Our Bolton Branch has had no other complaints relative to Mrs. Stanway.

No useful purpose would be served by sending correspondence to Wembley instead of Bolton—delay would be the result. We are, indeed, grateful to those members who draw attention to specific faults. It is a great help to our technicians but we do not necessarily send a reply.

The Welcome Cup

by

STANLEY COE

**Some people like to lie and snore,
Noises at dawn they do abhor;
They scream at the jingling of a cup,
In fact some guys never get up.**

**My heart goes out to our Editor,
Who doesn't think this ritual a bore;
To you I say, "Please do not grieve,
This lovely cup, one morn you'll cleave."**

**Most of us like the rumbling lift,
Our morning tea a Heavenly gift;
Perhaps you may think I speak too bold,
Keep serving please this liquid "Gold".**

MICHAEL, son of our St. Dunstaner, H. Petty, B.E.M. of Leeds, is in the Territorial Army and his Regiment is to receive the Freedom of the City of Leeds on the 1st April, one day before Michael's 21st birthday.



"Hello Iris, hello Zulu, this is St. Dunstan's calling," Lord Fraser, speaking from Ovingdean, GB3STD to ...



... Iris de Reuck in Port Elizabeth, South Africa: "ZS2PY standing by."

Link with South Africa opens 'Radio St. Dunstan's'

The voice in the Wintergarden at Ovingdean said; "It is thirteen minutes past one in South Africa". It was the voice of Iris de Reuck, our girl St. Dunstaner "Ham" heard over the temporary radio station GB3STD installed for the St. Dunstan's Radio Amateur conference over the week-end 7th to 9th April.

Very faintly at first, through static and other interference, Lord Fraser with the St. Dunstaners and their guests, radio experts and fellow hams, heard Iris repeating her call-sign: "ZS2PY, ZS2PY, standing by", as the two stations tuned on to each other, reception improved. It was an exciting moment when they knew that the 50/50 chance had come off and that the first official contact made by "Radio St. Dunstan's" was with St. Dunstan's only girl ham over 5,000 miles away in Port Elizabeth on Cape of Good Hope, just about as far South as you can go in South Africa.

Lord Fraser answered: "Hello Iris. Hello Zulu. This is St. Dunstan's calling you. Your voice is good and clear. It sounds just like you and we're all delighted. I am in the middle here of a gathering of St.

Dunstaners and a lot of our ham friends. We are having a most interesting conference and they all ask me to send you our best wishes. Eighty Eights, my dear. *Hoe gaan dit met jou?* (Afrikaans: How are you?)

Iris, sounding very excited and happy, thanked her fellow St. Dunstaners for their eighty-eights (Radio code for "Love and Kisses!"): "I, too, send eighty-eights to you and all the chaps listening around there."

"It is my privilege," she went on, "to bring to you all the very good wishes of St. Dunstaners all over South Africa and I personally feel very proud to have been associated with such a venture."

After the exchange of messages, Lord Fraser ended with a general call to all amateurs who might be listening on the

frequency: "One word to every ham who can see in the world who happens to be listening. If there is any blind man or woman in your neighbourhood who is interested in this wonderful hobby, go and lend them a hand, you will not only be doing a good turn but you will also be finding a friend."

Lord Fraser Opens Conference

In his speech opening the Conference, Lord Fraser first welcomed the experts attending the Conference. Mr. A. D. Patterson and Mr. J. C. Graham, President and Vice-President of the Radio Society of Great Britain, Mr. H. Daly of the British Broadcasting Corporation, Mr. B. Page, and Mr. B. F. Greenaway of G.E.C. Laboratories and Mr. T. Edwards Philadelphia Electronics. Lord Fraser also thanked Mr. Norman French, St. Dunstan's Research Department, who was responsible for the technical arrangements for the week-end, Mr. Castleton, who represents the Public Relations Department, and the Commandant and Matron for their hospitality at Ovingdean.

"And now this new week-end, which I

hope will prove of interest, not only to those who are already 'hams', but possibly to others who may be induced or encouraged to join in this most admirable art/science and hobby."

"I myself, as many of you know, was an early transmitter, my time going back, I think, to 1920. Indeed I remember hearing the first bits of speech which ever came out on the air, after C.W. and Spark had held the field. And then I became President of the R.S.G.B. round about that time and had something to do with the Post Office and the Licence and other arrangements which were very important to the 'hams' of those days."

Lord Fraser continued, "When I first had to do with the R.S.G.B. in 1920, we had about 1,000 'hams' in the United Kingdom, now there are 13,000."

"I can't think really of any hobby which is better than this one for those who are keen and interested, it seems to me to have all the interests that the blind man, especially a technically minded blind man, could possibly wish for."

Speakers in the discussion sections which followed were, Mr. H. Daly, B.B.C. on the

Ionosphere and its effects on radio signals, Mr. A. D. Patterson, President of the R.S.G.B. on the ways in which his Society could assist blinded "hams" and Mr. B. Page, G.E.C. Laboratories, on Single Side Band. Mr. T. Edwards, Philadelphia Electronics, described and demonstrated the Swan 350 Trans-Ceiver which was, in fact, the equipment used for the link with South Africa.

Help For Beginners

Among important points raised in the discussion were encouragement and assistance for the St. Dunstaners wishing to study for the short-wave listener examinations which includes Morse Code. Mr. French said that it was the practice of St. Dunstan's to put beginners in touch with local Radio Hams and Mr. Gardener of the Radio Amateur Bedfast Club said that his organisation issues instruction tapes.

It was unanimously requested by the Conference that consideration should be

given to a similar event at Ovingdean next year. It was hoped that if the Conference were repeated, it might be possible to widen the scope of the occasion by inviting St. Dunstaners who are not transmitters but who have a genuine interest in the hobby.

Mr. J. Proctor of Rottingdean, expressed the thanks of St. Dunstan's "hams" in a short speech after luncheon.

The St. Dunstaners attending the Conference were:—

P. C. Bargery, Aston Clinton, Bucks. G3OTB
 E. C. John, Wallasey, Cheshire. G3SEJ
 F. Jeanmonod, Eltham, London. G3JYT
 J. Padley, Crickelwood, London, G3NHJ
 A. C. Pointon, Bexhill, Sussex. G3MTX
 J. Proctor, Rottingdean, Sussex. G3JFP
 A. Reynolds, Shrewsbury, Salop. G3VRI
 E. Rowe, Minehead, Somerset. G3ULX
 R. Vincent, Cricklewood, London. G3TXB

From The Sick Bay

by

HARRY CHARLTON

When I first peeped in the sick bay, I said,
 "Harry, keep out!"
 Then I heard the call, "Chorlton-cum-Hardy".
 After two weeks good nursing, (bed wanted) I was pushed out.
 Now I have left the cosy, private den,
 You will find me tapping away on a
 "Remington Ten",
 And this is what I have to say.

Doctor O'Hara

No witch doctor here but a professional gem,
 A father to the old soldiers, he knows how to fix them.

Matron Hallett

With her charming and confidential air,
 She's vivacious,
 But if one should blot his copybook,
 "My goodness Gracious".
 She used to read my letter in the bay, but
 Always in a hurry,
 Usually said "Everything's all right,
 Harry. Don't worry".
 My word that's a smashing verse, well
 worth attention,
 It should get me a week's . . . extension.

Sister Hardy

Strict, yes, but most efficient and kind,
 To think of her puts one's troubles far
 behind.

Sister Larkin

A fairy from Eire's "Golden Vale"
 So busy, so active, to ease those aches
 and pains.
 Can hold a discussion, on subjects, it is
 said,
 From "Astronomy to the Wizard of
 Oz—A to Z.

Night Sister Denver

Is really beautiful, I give her a second
 glance,
 Would be a delightful partner for the
 dance.
 She was an angel, one restless night, to
 me,
 But like all the ladies, still a mystery!

Staff Nurse Hynd

Comforting, a kind friend,
 In fact she was my saviour
 When I lost a contact lens.

Sister Griffith

Now let me see, Oh, she's a dear,
 Ever so sprightly and full of good cheer.

Staff Nurse Hare

She's a nice young girl.
 Her merry chuckle could put one in a
 whirl!

Oh! that late Nurse Barber!

A strict and bustling kind,
 If one was restless,
 It could be a smacked behind.

The Night Superintendent

Thanks for care and watch you kept,
 Over us all while we slept.

The Nursing orderlies

Remembered they must be,
 They have my greatest respect,
 Because they are all . . .
 Bigger than me.
 There's only one thing lacking in those
 nursing Aile's,
 A smart young redhead with sparkling
 green eyes,
 With just the right curves, in the right
 places,
 The rest of the world could go to blazes!
 On my list I have Millicent Martin,
 Cilla Black and Petula Clark,
 And when I was a lad that famous
 beauty, Helen of Troy,
 So what about it, Lord Fraser, Old Boy?

Laughs at Fred's Cafe

The area in which I live is renowned for its anti-social way of life, with robbery, shooting, theft, in fact, anything that spells law-breaking, is done.

The constant procession of varied criminal events give one an atmosphere of apprehension, wondering what is going to happen next and when. No wonder, one keeps an ear cocked for the first sign of a new outburst!

It was in such a frame of mind that I found myself one day when my daughter came home from school, saying, "Dad, have you heard of the kidnapping near our school?"

"No, where was it? Who was it?" I replied eagerly.

"They woke him up!" giggled my daughter and made a quick exit.

The Rev. Dennis S. J. Pettitt of Spratton, Northamptonshire, writes from the Vicar's Log.

I had spent the afternoon visiting Parishioners in Hospital; three away at Northampton General and now two at Creaton Hospital. The round done, at 4.15 p.m., I stood at the Bus Shelter outside the Hospital gate. On occasions a doctor with his car had picked me up here. Out of the steep ascent of that gate climbed a vehicle. It stopped opposite me.

"Are you going back to Spratton, Vicar?" shouted a voice.

"Yes", I replied.

"Would you like a lift?" came a cheery voice.

"Thanks very much". Willing hands helped me in. We drove off.

The conversation was very much what one expects in the country—the weather, the crops and property changing hands. A sense of uneasiness kept sweeping over me, in spite of the conversation. Was it something to do with the very extensive knowledge of people moving in the district? We were driving along the country lanes very slowly—too slowly perhaps. I suddenly knew! Approaching my Parish I made my decision.

"You can put me down on the top road", I said. "Some folk may think the Vicar is half dead, but you're not going to drive me through Spratton in a hearse!"

"Hi, Micky", I said to one of the local urchins, "Why aren't you in school?"

"Well, Fred," said the urchin, "I bin going to school a couple of weeks now and I can't read and I can't write, and now the teacher won't let me talk—so wots the good."

Naval Camp Lee-on-Solent

Please note that the date of the camp has been amended to Friday, 18th August to Saturday, 26th August. All entries please as soon as possible to:—

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

Shell Mex and B.P. Limited

Our St. Dunstaner Telephonists employed by Shell Mex and B.P. Limited were entertained on 16th March to the annual party given at Shell Mex House. The party followed the well established lines of cocktails, dinner, a visit to the theatre and coffee afterwards. The dinner was held at Shell Mex House and the Savoy Theatre was visited to see "Alibi for a Judge" with Andrew Cruickshank, in the leading role. Mr. Cruickshank came round to the stalls after the performance to meet every member of our party attending the show.

A strong representation of the Shell Mex and B.P. staff with Mr. A. A. E. Morgan presiding at the dinner entertained our party. Sir Neville and Lady Pearson were the principal guests; they were backed up by members of our staff, including Mrs. L. E. Brown, telephone supervisor, and St. Dunstaner guests, all with their wives, were:—

Jim Blackwell – Bridgewater
Wilf Evans – Gloucester
Len Northwood – Plymouth
Harry Petty, B.E.M. – Leeds
Ron Phillips – Steyning
Bill Phillips – Plaistow
George Poole – Preston

DERBY SWEEPSTAKE, 1967

The Closing date of the Derby Sweep stake is Wednesday, 24th May.

Tickets are 2s. 6d. each, and are limited solely to St. Dunstaners or St. Dunstan's trainees.

Each application must be accompanied by a stamped addressed envelope.

The name and full address of the sender, together with the number of tickets required, should be sent, with the stamped addressed envelope, to the Editor, *St. Dunstan's Review*, 191 Marylebone Road, London, N.W.1.

The Draw will take place at the London Club on the evening of Thursday, 1st June.

All those drawing a horse will be notified.

Congratulations to our St. Dunstaner, G. W. FENN of Norwich who celebrated his 90th Birthday on 10th March, 1967.

Walking

The March wind doth blow! So starts an old nursery rhyme, but it is also a fact, and Saturday 11th of March was no exception. For the 9 St. Dunstaners who turned out at Ewell for the 7 miles handicap race, found the wind tougher than the long hill which had to be climbed 5 times. Everyone's time target was blown "for a burton", and the training of the London to Brighton enthusiasts failed to dazzle, or show what was in store for the 7 miles championship on April 22nd.

Bob Young was the hardest pushed of us all, for, being first man off, he held his position almost to the finish, and was only 200 yards from the post, when Billy Miller passed him, and Bob knew that Roy Mendham was not far behind, and pressing hard to catch Billy. Bob stuck to his guns, and finished with Roy virtually breathing down his neck. "Well Done", the Young one. Mike Tetley won the fastest loser prize.

Result

Order of Finish	H'cap Time	Allow-ance	Actual Time
W. Miller	67.00	1.15	68.15
R. Young	67.11	15.30	82.41
R. Mendham	67.18	Scr.	67.18
C. Stafford	67.59	12.45	80.44
S. Tutton	68.41	10.15	78.56
M. Tetley	68.43	5.30	74.13
F. Barratt	70.43	9.00	79.43
R. Benson	70.54	11.50	82.44
J. Simpson	77.23	3.30	80.53

The Gold Medal Family

Our St. Dunstaner, A. Clarke of Blackpool has just won the Gold Medal of the International Dancing Masters' Association for Modern Ballroom Dancing. This completes the "hat trick" of Bronze, Silver and Gold Medals in twelve months and is a record for a sighted man in his 70th year, let alone a St. Dunstaner.

This is a family of Gold Medallists. Charles the eldest son has won a Gold Medal for playing the piano. Dorothy, the only daughter has two Gold Medals for ballroom dancing and Arnold the youngest son received a Gold Medal from his firm for being the leading salesman of the year.

Midland Club Notes

As our Club meetings are always held on the second Sunday of each month, it is possible for us to hold a meeting as late as the 14th of any particular month. This means that both the March and April Club notes appear together in this issue of the "Review", as we missed the day for going to press for the April "Review".

Our March meeting, held on Sunday, 12th started off on rather a sad note when it was announced that Mrs. Hines, the wife of Billy Hines, had passed away on Wednesday evening, 8th March. We all send our deepest sympathy to Billy. A sheaf of flowers was sent from the Club in time for the funeral.

Our Chairman, Joe Kibbler, could not be with us again for, although he has returned home again after his convalescence at Ovingdean, he is still not well enough to get along to the Club.

Several items were announced at the meeting regarding plans which the committee had made during a previous committee meeting, these included a "Bring and Buy Sale" during our April meeting, which will be held on Sunday, 2nd April. This meeting has been brought forward one week to avoid the Birmingham Re-union.

Our outing has been planned for this year to take place on Sunday, 25th June. Will all interested in this, please let me have their names and numbers as soon as possible. We shall be visiting Symonds Yat.

I am also trying to arrange another Saturday evening at the Austin British Legion. Final details of this occasion will be given at the April Meeting.

The Tea for this month was arranged by Mrs. Faulkner, it was a grand spread and she was thanked in the usual manner.

We all offered our congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Stan Southall who have just become grandparents.

After tea we made the draw for our domino knock out competition for the

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Sir Arthur Pearson Prizes. One or two games were started, but as we are making all games the best of three this time, they take longer to play off and all games played have got to be finished at the next meeting. This should bring more interest from month to month.

We are still looking for new members, don't be shy, just come along if you have not been before, I can assure you that you will be very welcome.

April Meeting

Our April meeting, which was held on Sunday, 2nd April, having been moved forward one week in this case so as to avoid the same weekend as the Birmingham Re-union, was rather sparsely attended. We had arranged to hold a "Bring and Buy" sale but it had to be cancelled until the May meeting as there were not enough members present to make it worth while.

We ran a quick knock out competition at dominoes to pass the time with a small money prize from the Sir Arthur Pearson fund. This was won by yours truly.

Names will be taken at the next meeting for our annual outing to be run on Sunday, 25th June to Symonds Yat. Full details of this will also be given at the May meeting.

Tea for this meeting was provided by Mrs. Joan Cashmore and she was given a vote of thanks in the usual manner.

Our next meeting will be held on Sunday, 14th May at 3 p.m. at the British Legion, Thorpe Street. Please do not forget that all St. Dunstaners living in the area are cordially invited to join us at these meetings and everyone is made very welcome.

D. E. CASHMORE,
Hon. Secretary

Brighton Club Notes

IMPORTANT. As announced in the April "Review" the Brighton Club will meet on Tuesday, 23rd May. FRANK A. RHODES
Chairman/Secretary

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Cardiff Club Notes

Our meeting was held on Saturday, April 1st, and we had quite a nice gathering.

The usual game of Dominoes and Crib was played, the winners being as follows:

DOMINOES

Charles Durkin
Bert Evans

CRIB

Reg Parsons

Discussions are under way for our annual outing to take place during the summer months and we do hope to have more details at our next Club meeting.

After tea we had our merry game of Bingo and then wished each other a fond farewell until another month and another Club meeting.

D. STOTT
Secretary

London Club Notes

As the Easter holiday intervened and many of our members spent it at Brighton, there were only two Thursday meetings in the last month.

Winners of our Domino evenings were as follows:

March 2nd [1st] C. Hancocks
 [2nd] Jock Muir
March 9th [1st] C. Hancocks
 [2nd] G. P. Brown

The Football Sweepstake was won this month by the following St. Dunstaners' wives:

[1st] Mrs. Charles Luker
Consolation Mrs. G. P. Brown

Miss D. M. Coupe

We were indeed sorry to hear of the death of Miss D. M. Coupe on the 17th of March, whose passing came as a great shock to the Domino Section of the Mens London Club.

Many of our members have grateful memory of her cheerfulness and kindness, giving generously the hours of voluntary

service to our Club Canteen on Thursday evenings for the past ten years, and her unfailing sense of duty seeing to the needs of those who cannot see for themselves.

A letter of condolence was forwarded to her sisters, the Misses Coupe of Seacroft, Skegness. The London Club sent a wreath of Spring flowers, and Paul Nuyens, our Bridge Captain, attended the funeral at Golders Green with Norman Smith. Many of our members who would otherwise have attended the funeral were at Brighton for the Easter holiday.

G. R. BICKLEY,
Committee Member
(Indoor Section)

Warning to Pensioners

Pensioners should be on their guard against people posing as officers of the Ministry of Social Security and when in doubt, particularly when there is any suggestion of handing over a pension order book, should ask to see the proof of identity carried by all the Ministry's visiting officers.

Recently a man was fined £25 for falsely representing himself to be a member of the staff of the Ministry and was sentenced to a total of 12 months' imprisonment for various offences relating to pension order books.

D.D.B. Sound Studio Club

Our attention has been drawn to a tape-recording service providing free recordings of interviews, books, magazines and bible readings as well as a monthly sound magazine which is available to St. Dunstaners.

Anyone interested should write direct to the Secretary, D.D.B. Sound Studio Club, 63 Ashton Road, Luton, Beds.

Next to Godliness

"Customers who wash have priority on the dryers". Notice in a Surrey launderette.

HOLIDAY HOME

"PENQUITE", Trevia, Cornwall, is a large modern house with no close neighbours. It is situated half a mile outside Camelford in a beautiful rural setting, four miles from the sea at Trobarwith Strand—a small coastal resort next to Boscastle and Tintagel, the King Arthur country. A natural lagoon, ideal for surfing and bathing, is twelve miles away at Polzeath, Bude is 17 miles and Newquay 25 miles. Inland, Bodmin Moor commences three miles away, Brown Willy, the highest "mountain" in Cornwall, and Rough Tor, the climbers' paradise, are within easy reach.

The house contains two first floor flats, south facing, with extensive views of lovely Cornish countryside. Each flat measures 14' x 13' plus a 9' x 5' bay and contains a 3' 6" sink unit, Rotadine electric cooker, with all necessary dining and kitchen equipment in storage cupboard. Dining table, four chairs and two stools, three easy chairs. One double bed and fitted 5' wardrobe. Bunk beds can be included for children if required, or

separate bedrooms are available for older children or adults.

There is a bathroom with toilet and washbasin, and also a separate toilet.

In addition to the above, there is a two-berth caravan for hire, terms on application.

Plenty of car space and large garden with lawns.

Linen is not included in the tariff, but if required, sheets, pillowcases, towels and tablecloth can be supplied at a small extra cost for laundering. Apart from this there are NO extra charges, electricity, parking etc. are FREE.

Weekly Tariff 1967

	Flat	Additional bedroom
29th April - 27th May	8 gns.	2½ gns.
28th May - 1st July	10 gns.	3½ gns.
2nd July - 2nd Sept.	12½ gns.	5 gns.
3rd Sept. - 30th Sept.	10 gns.	3½ gns.
1st Oct. - 28th Oct.	8 gns.	2½ gns.

"PENQUITE",
Trevia, Camelford.

Proprietors: Mr. & Mrs. R. W. Hyett.

British Talking Book Service for the Blind

Additional Tape Titles

Playing Time is Approximate in all Cases

Additional Tape Titles. Fiction

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| 1100 BRAINE, JOHN
<i>THE JEALOUS GOD</i> (1964)
Read by Peter Muller. A young school teacher, whose possessive Mother wishes him to become a priest has an affair with a divorced woman, with unexpected results.
<i>P.T.</i> 10 hours. | 1118 TEY, JOSEPHINE
<i>THE FRANCHISE AFFAIR</i> (1948/63)
Read by David Broomfield. A girl writes to her relations saying that she is kidnapped. Later she is found beaten-up, and two women are accused of the crime.
<i>P.T.</i> 9½ hours. |
| 1109 CECIL, HENRY
<i>MUCH IN EVIDENCE</i> (1957/62)
Read by Robin Holmes. An ingenious story of a contested insurance claim, with witty sequences and a neat ending.
<i>P.T.</i> 6½ hours. | 1115 MAILER, NORMAN
<i>ADVERTISEMENT FOR MYSELF</i> (1961)
Read by David Broomfield. Selected writings from the author's collection. (On the same tape as <i>Fire Next Time</i> , by James Baldwin).
<i>P.T.</i> 3 hours. |
| 1104 BAWDEN, NINA
<i>A LITTLE LOVE, A LITTLE LEARNING</i> (1966)
Read by Gabriel Laye. Family relationships and problems in a doctor's household, seen from the viewpoint of a 12 year-old girl.
<i>P.T.</i> 11 hours. | 1112* CHRISTIE, AGATHA
<i>AT BERTRAM'S HOTEL</i> (1965)
Read by George Hagan. When Miss Marple spends a brief holiday in an expensive and highly respectable London hotel, she encounters violence and mystery.
<i>P.T.</i> 7½ hours. |

Family News

Marriage

HAWES-HARDING. On 6th April, 1967, Francis Hawes of Swindon, Wilts., was married to Miss Judy Harding.

Silver Wedding

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Boseley, of Liscard, Wallasey, Cheshire, who celebrated their Silver Wedding Anniversary on 27th March, 1967.

Heartly congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. L. Hollamby of Stoneleigh, Oldham, Lancs, who celebrated their Silver Wedding Anniversary on 18th April, 1967.

Golden Weddings

Very many congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Letch of Hatfield Peverel, Nr. Chelmsford, who celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary on 27th March, 1967.

Warmest congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. J. Martin of Goldsithney, Nr. Penzance, who celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary on 21st April, 1967.

Very sincere congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Prior of Porchester, who celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary on 7th April, 1967, with a family gathering on Easter Sunday, which was also Mrs. Prior's birthday.

Warmest congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. W. Sansom of Colyton, who celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary on 14th March, 1967.

Very many congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. G. Smart of Aylesbury, Bucks., who celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary on April 26th, 1967.

Very sincere congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Yarwood of Rhyl, who celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary on 17th March, 1967.

Grandfathers

Congratulations to:

J. COUPLAND of Preston who becomes a grandfather for the third time on the birth of a granddaughter.

B. CULLEY of Caterham, Surrey, on the birth of his sixth grandchild, Teresa Anne, on 9th February, 1967.

S. MOSELEY of Halesowen, Worcs, on the arrival of twin granddaughters on 22nd February, 1967. He now has seven grandchildren.

J. DEYES of Hull, on the birth of his first grandchild on 5th January, 1967, a boy who is to be called Darren.

C. DUCKETT of Reading, on the birth of a grandson, Christopher John, on 23rd March, 1967.

H. MCCARTNEY of Belfast, who becomes a grandfather for the third time, on the arrival of a granddaughter.

F. MILLS of Tavistock, Devon, on the arrival of a grandson, Kevin Anthony on 24th February, 1967, making him a grandfather for the second time.

W. STAMP of Grimsby, on the arrival of a grandson on 13th December, 1966.

Great Grandfathers

Many congratulations to:

J. T. ILLINGWORTH of Rochdale, on the arrival of his first great-grandchild.

ALLAN, son of our St. Dunstaner, W. WRIGLEY of Manchester, was married to Miss Carol Ann Broderick of Hyde, Cheshire, on 18th March, 1967.

SUSAN, daughter of C. WOMACK was married to John Gay of Sheffield on 1st April, 1967.

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CATHRYN, twelve year old daughter of our St. Dunstaner, E. Wild, of Rochdale, took her first music examination recently and gained a distinction.

Deaths

We offer our sincere sympathy to:

G. Bowen of Chalfont St. Giles, Bucks., on the death of his sister, Miss Dora Bowen, who died in a Nursing Home on 16th February, 1967.

A. RELF of Tunbridge Wells, Kent, on the death of his brother in Hospital following a serious illness.

In Memory

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

Albert Edward Ahrens. *Middlesex Regiment.*

Albert Edward Ahrens of Stanford-le-Hope died on 30th March, 1967, at the age of 78 years.

He served with the Middlesex Regiment from 1916 until 1918 and came to St. Dunstan's in 1931. He trained as a mat maker and carried on with this occupation until his wife died in 1957, when he went to live with his married daughter, Mrs. Spooner, who looked after him devotedly. One of his hobbies was keeping pigeons and he took a keen interest in the local Church activities and Old People Clubs.

Herbert Taylor. *Sherwood Foresters and Durham Light Infantry*

Herbert Taylor of Brighton died suddenly at his home on the morning of 29th November, 1966. He was 73 years of age.

He enlisted in the Sherwood Foresters in 1911 and later transferred to the Durham Light Infantry. He served with them until his discharge in 1916 when he came to St. Dunstan's. Throughout his membership he suffered from indifferent health but he did manage a little handicraft and made wool rugs, some of these were for Royalty.

Following the death of his first wife in 1958 he went to live at Ovingdean. He re-married in 1959 and settled in Brighton, but his health gave cause for concern again in 1964.

Arthur Walter Blaker. *7th Oxford and Bucks, Light Infantry.*

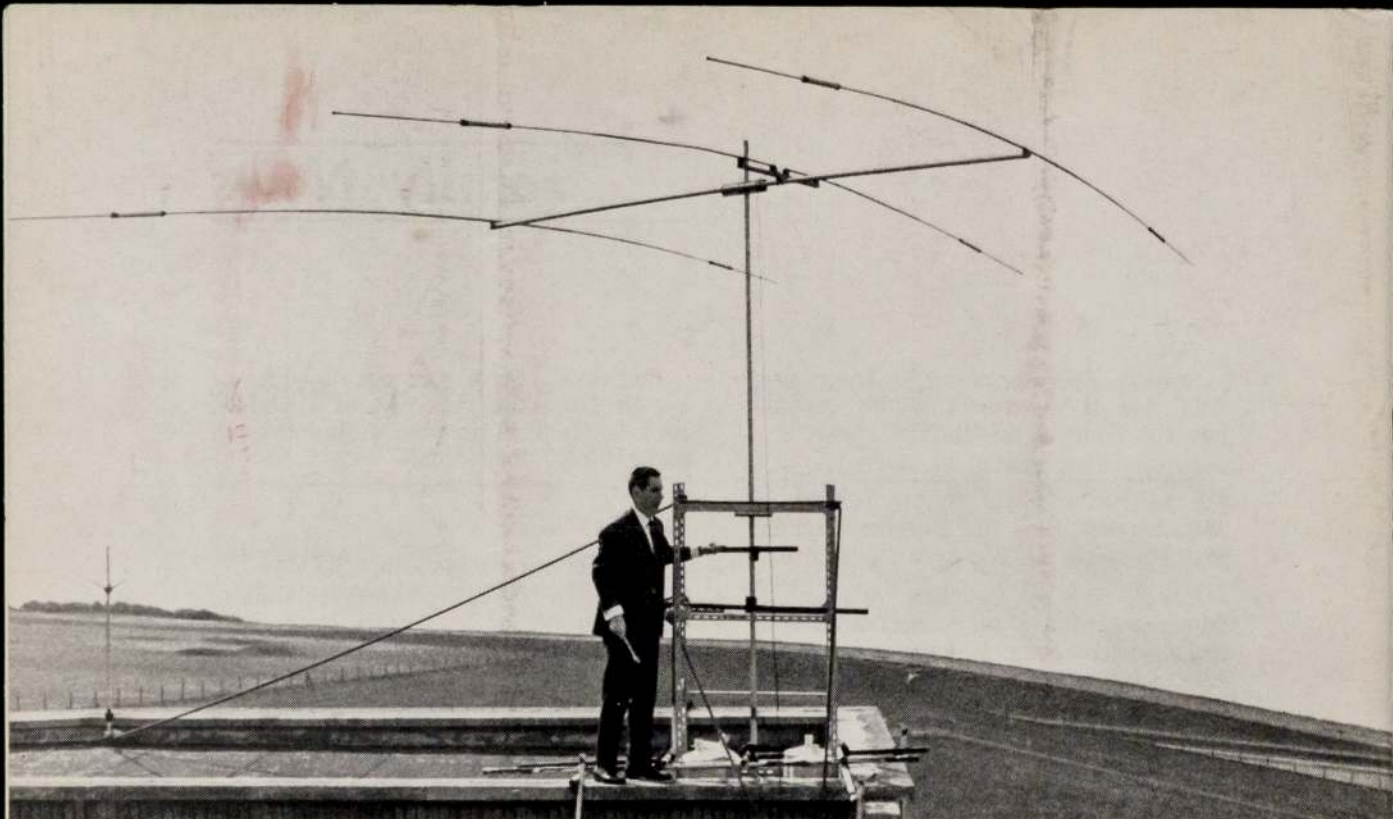
Arthur Walter Blaker of Lancing, died on 5th April, 1967, at the age of 86 years.

He served in the 7th Oxford and Bucks. Light Infantry from 1916 until 1918 and came to St. Dunstan's in that year. He trained in mat making and carried out this occupation for a number of years until the second World War. During the second World War he and his wife were evacuated to the West Country, but returned to Lancing when hostilities ceased. His wife died in 1949, and since then he has been cared for by his daughter and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton.

Clarence Lionel Rothwell Singleton. *Admiralty Employee.*

Clarence Lionel Rothwell Singleton of Worthing died on 2nd April, 1967, at the age of 80.

During the first World War he was an electrical fitter to the Admiralty, and came to St. Dunstan's in 1919. He trained in basket work and wool rugs. After completing his training he carried on with the basket work for many years, eventually giving this up in 1954. In 1955 he moved from the north of England to Worthing, where he enjoyed his retirement. His first wife died in 1963 and he later re-married and his second wife nursed him devotedly during the past winter months when he was ill.



Terry Edwards, of Philadelphia Electronics, makes an adjustment to the 30 foot antennae on the roof of Ovingdean to beam our signals to Sicily.

'Tiny' Pointon takes the microphone of GB3STD. Through the Wintergarden windows looms the station's antennae.

