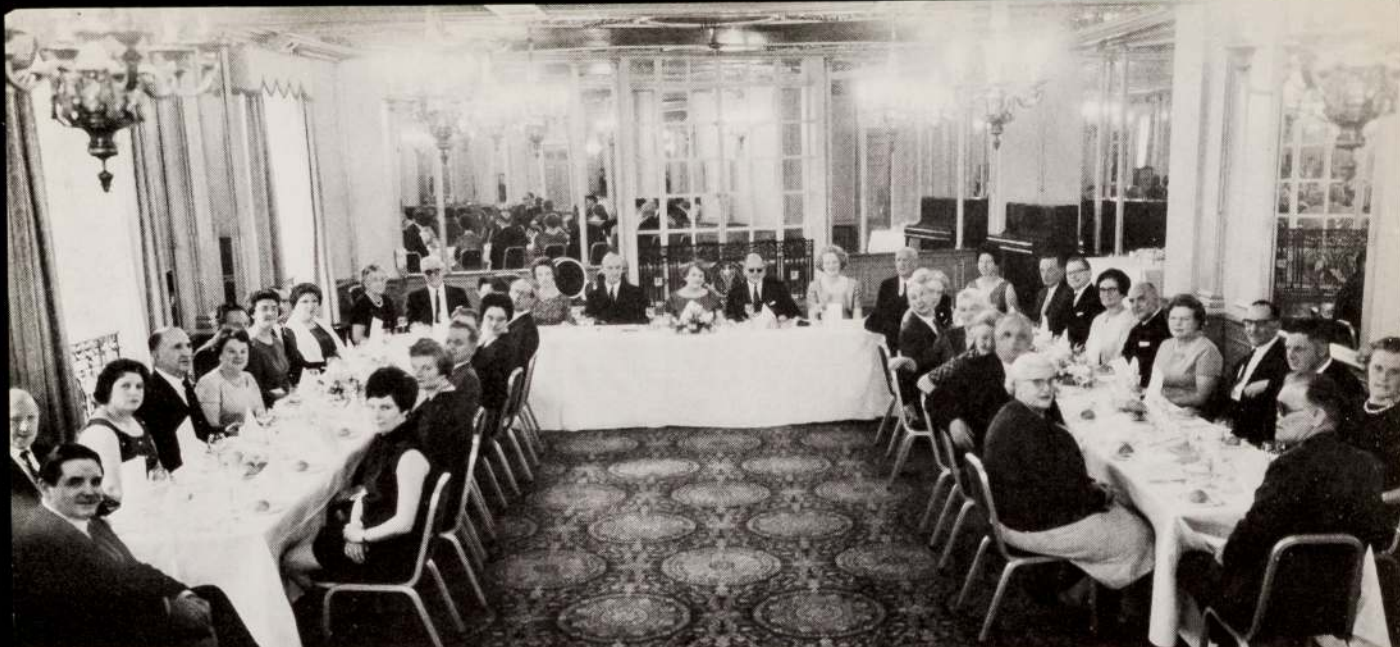


JUNE REVIEW





Lord Normanby's reunion dinner for St. Dunstan's P.O.W.'s.

Lord Normanby with the late Captain Ernest Halloway.



Smile, Darn You, Smile

Memories of the song, "Smile, Darn You, Smile" popular between the wars must have been strong among those attending Lord Normanby's party at the Cafe Royal, described by Lord Fraser in his Notes. It was the signature tune of the band formed in Stalag 9c by the St. Dunstaner P.O.W.'s which used musical instruments provided by St. Dunstan's.

The occasion also recalls the day in October 1943 when the s.s. Atlantis docked in Liverpool bringing home repatriated prisoners among them the St. Dunstan's contingent. One guest at the Cafe Royal was not among that company, Major David Charters, who as an ophthalmic surgeon remained behind to continue to give his help to other blinded prisoners.

One photograph taken at Liverpool in 1943 symbolizes Lord Normanby's work in the camps. Reproduced alongside, it shows him leading the late Captain Ernest Halloway along the quayside. Captain Halloway was a merchant navy skipper; Lord Normanby was described by St. Dunstaner Douglas Parmenter in a letter to the "Times" in 1943 as "The skipper who brought our ship into the port of success".

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CHAIRMAN'S NOTES

St. Dunstan's in Germany

The St. Dunstan's unit in a German prisoner-of-war camp during the war years was remembered the other night when the Marquis of Normanby, M.B.E., who founded and organised it, invited fellow prisoners-of-war to dinner with him in London. A dozen or more St. Dunstaners and their wives together with some sighted ex-P.O.W.s who had helped them were present. Lord Normanby, who was accompanied by Lady Normanby, received the guests who included Major and Mrs. D. L. Charters and Mr. and Mrs. K. Mountcastle.

I proposed a toast to Lord and Lady Normanby which was received with warm affection and in reply Lord Normanby told a simple but eloquent story of this unusual enterprise.

Starting with two or three prisoners-of-war who had been blinded, Lord Normanby told how he, with no knowledge whatever about blinded people, found a description of Braille in an old dictionary, learned it himself and then started teaching it. He had no apparatus and had to do the best he could with paper and matches. In due course, however, contact was made with us at St. Dunstan's and we were able to send through the Red Cross information and apparatus and instruments for a band. Apparently the school numbered twenty or thirty at one time though some of the men who were there recovered useful sight when they returned to England. Almost all this gallant band who are now at St. Dunstan's came to the dinner and they included a number of telephone operators, two physiotherapists, a business man, a farmer and some others.

The object of reunions is to remember, and amusing tales were told of their experiences in the Braille school and out of it. Major Charters, the British ophthalmic surgeon, rightly said this was a unique school, the like of which had never occurred before and would probably never be repeated.

When Lord Normanby returned from Germany with the first party of blinded men, my wife and I met them at Liverpool and we all went to Church Stretton, where their arrival will be remembered. Shortly after that Lord Normanby joined the Council of St. Dunstan's and later became Chairman of the National Library for the Blind so that the Braille he so painfully learned in a prison camp has led, in his case, to a continuing interest in the welfare of the blind which we all deeply appreciate.

St. Dunstan's in Australia

There is no St. Dunstan's organisation as such in Australia but there are societies of blinded soldiers who we are proud to call St. Dunstaners who meet in the various States and who have an organisation, the Australian Blinded Soldier's Association—in which all the States are represented. One of the best known of the St. Dunstaners, Mr. J. Lynch C.B.E. was their President and he became their national leader, advocating their cause with governments and public authorities. No government in Australia could ignore big Joe Lynch who was persuasive, eloquent and an extremely good advocate.

CHAIRMAN'S NOTES—(continued)

I learn that after over thirty years he has just retired from office and so has Mr. R. Archer, M.B.E., the Hon. Treasurer and Secretary. Their places have been taken by Mr. E. R. Blackmore as President and Mr. J. C. Mason, as Hon. Treasurer and Secretary, both of Queensland.

All of us who have been connected with St. Dunstan's have admired Joe Lynch and his fellow officers who have kept the flag flying so sturdily in Australia for so long and, in particular, his countrymen owe him a deep debt of gratitude.

We wish the best of good luck to their organisation under its new leaders.

Scotland Again This Year

The first of the series of Bowls "Internationals" between St. Dunstan's and the Scottish National Institution for the War-Blinded, took place at Linburn in 1960, when we were heavily beaten, 84 shots to 28. This win established a Scottish ascendancy which has been maintained over the whole series of encounters. In 1961, the Scots came to Brighton and beat us 89-56 to become the first holders of the Fraser Cup, which I presented for annual competition. Linburn won at home in 1962 and again at Brighton in 1963.

In 1964 it was agreed that the Fraser Cup should be awarded to the winners of a match between totally blinded men, whatever the aggregate result, and St. Dunstan's brought the cup back from Scotland having won the totally blind rink by 17 to 14 after an exciting game.

Since then, however, the cup has remained firmly north of the border—but this is not the real point. For seven years there has been good sport and an exchange of comradeship. To quote Bill Kay, to whom I had the pleasure of handing the cup on the first time it was played for: "It is not so much the cup as the pleasure both teams take in playing for it".

Fraser of Lonsdale

REUNIONS

Nearly 300 people, St. Dunstaners, wives, or escorts and staff members attended two lively reunions in Liverpool and Manchester on 20th and 22nd April.

Presiding at the Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool, was Mr. D. G. Hopewell, M.A. LL.B., a member of St. Dunstan's Council, while at the Grand Hotel, Manchester, there was a typically warm welcome for Lord and Lady Fraser.

The men who spoke for the North-West in proposing the votes of thanks were Harold Hitchen at Liverpool and Herbert Duxbury at Manchester.

There were warm congratulations for Miss P. W. Everett, Welfare Visitor responsible for the organisation of the two reunions and Miss K. M. Broughton, who assisted her at Manchester.

Fine weather was the order of the day of the Windsor Reunion held on 6th May in the spacious and pleasant rooms at the White Hart Hotel. Something approaching 140 people attended this successful gathering organised so capably by Miss M. Y. de Burlet. The member of our Council presiding was the Rev. F. Darrell Bunt, C.B., O.B.E., M.A., who was accompanied by Mrs. Bunt.

The vote of thanks on behalf of St. Dunstaners was ably proposed by George Eustace of Tolworth.

Firemaster

H. Northgreaves of Addlestone, recommends a very neat and useful little fire extinguisher called the "Firemaster" costing 16s. This is obtainable at most ironmongers and he thinks it could be a very useful safeguard for other St. Dunstaners to have in their homes.



ST. DUNSTAN'S CLOCK

It Strikes Me

Speaking for the Community

On April 26th a familiar figure was to be seen on the B.B.C. television programme "Town and Around", that of St. Dunstaner **Harold Greatrex, M.M.** His voice was also heard on sound radio the same day speaking in support of a private member's bill in Parliament on dirty beaches and effluent.

As a member of the Parish Council of Peacehaven he has been campaigning with his fellow councillors urging the Minister of Housing and Local Government to take powers to see that seaside local authorities carry out work to alleviate the nuisance on the beach. "There are penalties for those responsible for polluting rivers but not for this. At Peacehaven we get all this stuff—I'd rather not describe it—piled on the beach. It's not confined to one area but all over the country".

Mr. Greatrex was recently returned with an increased majority on the East Sussex County Council and at the last meeting was elected a County Alderman. He is also a member of Chailey Rural District Council.

Galvanised?

*At the Manchester Reunion I heard the "before and after treatment" story to end all such stories. Norwich City F.C. had not won in ten games when they went North to play Rotherham in the League and Manchester United in the Cup. They stayed in Morecambe where five of their players were treated by St. Dunstan's physiotherapist **William Carlton.** The result: Norwich beat Rotherham and then proceeded to knock mighty Manchester United out of the Cup—it must have been the sea air!*

Fall In and Follow Me

Once upon a time a doubly disabled St. Dunstaner decided with his family, to build a fish pond with a rockery round it. With the rockery completed and the pond filled, some concreting had to be done at the back and the St. Dunstaner was only too willing to help. In the afternoon everything was done and the St. Dunstaner decided he would pull the wheelbarrow back to the garage. In doing so he kept to the left to avoid the pool but he had not turned enough! He tripped over the first stone, stepped up on the next and fell head first into the pool!

"Well", said his wife, "Now you've tested the water, the fish can go in. If it's all right for you, I'm sure it won't hurt the goldfish!" This cautionary tale was told me by "**Dickie**" **Richardson**—who else would fall into his own pool?

MAGOG

Bridge Notes

Do-it-Yourself for Newcomers to Bridge

by
ALF FIELD

Assuming you are "with it" and have got your homework right, we will now proceed on to the testing piece.

There now follows a number of exercises to help you memorize *both* Distribution and Finessing. Each exercise has four answers which are given separately but you may wish to check each one as you go. You will assume that all your finesses are favourable and that you can lead from either hand. The best plan is to get someone to pencil your answers in so that you can score, and also note your errors for correction.

Answers

- State which type of Finesse.
- State the division of East West cards.
- State the *maximum* number of tricks you could make assuming favourable Finesse and Distribution.
- Name the sequence in which you would play the first four cards.

Exercises

No. 1 (example)

A Q 7 2
6 5 4 3

No. 2

A K J 2
6 5 4 3

No. 3

A 7 6 4
Q J 10 3

No. 4

A Q 10 2
6 5 3

A *Type of Finesse*
Simple

A

B *E/W Distribution*
3-2

B

C *Maximum tricks*
Three

C

D *First four cards*
3-Q 4-A

D

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No. 5

A 7 6 5
K J 4 3

No. 6

A Q 7 4
J 10 6

No. 7

A 6 5
Q 10 4 3 2

No. 8

A J 10 2
6 5 3

A

B

C

D

No. 9

A 7 6 5
Q J 3 2

No. 10

A J 6 5 2
K 10 3

No. 11

K 7 6 5
Q 10 4

No. 12

K J 10 4
6 5 3 2

A

B

C

D

No. 13

K 10 9 4
Q 6 5 3

No. 14

K 7 6 5
8 4 3

No. 15

K J 9 4 3
8 7 6

No. 16

K J 10 9
A 5 3

A

B

C

D

Bridge Notes

Answers

(With some explanatory notes below)

No. 1 A Simple Finesse	No. 2 Simple	No. 3 Forcing	No. 4 Double
B 3-2	3-2	3-2	3-3
C Three Tricks	Four	Four	Four
D 3-Q, 4-A	3-J, 4-A	Q-4, J-6	3-10, 5-Q
No. 5 A Backward	No. 6 Forcing	No. 7 Backward	No. 8 Double
B 3-2	3-3	3-2	3-3
C Four	Four	Four	Three
D 3-A, 5-J	J-4, 10-7	2-A, 5-10	3-10, 5-J
No. 9 A Backward	No. 10 Simple, Each way	No. 11 Backward	No. 12 Double
B 3-2	3-2	3-3	3-2
C Three	Five	Three	Three
D 2-A, 5-J	3-A, 2-10, or 2-K, 3-J	4-K, 5-10	2-10, 3-J
No. 13 A Double	No. 14 Simple	No. 15 Deep & Forcing	No. 16 Simple or Backward Forcing
B 3-2	3-3	3-2	3-3
C Three	Two	Four	Four
D 4-Q, 3-9	3-K, 5-8	8-3, 7-4	9-A, 3-J, or J-3, 10-5

Bridge Notes

Further Explanatory Notes

- No. 3 Note the three touching cards.
 No. 4 This is the common distribution.
 No. 5 Note the finessable position is now in South's hand.
 No. 6 The three touching cards are all there even if they are divided between two hands.
 No. 7 After playing the Ace and leading towards the Q 10 it is now a guess whether to play the Q or 10 if East plays low.
 No. 10 With a finessable position in both hands it is a guess unless some reason has cropped up for finessing one way.
 No. 13 With this combination it is also possible to play 3-K and 10-5 Backward.
 No. 16 Somewhat similar to 13.

Now to the actual D.I.Y. with one suit of 13 assuming that you are now reasonably familiar with the exercises.

Deal to yourself and North either 7, 8 or 9 of the 13 cards in any distribution you like—4-3, 5-2, 4-4 etc. The remainder of the cards will belong to E/W—do not count them or distribute them until you have mentally noted their favourable distribution in accordance with the exercises. Example, deal N/S 4-3 and say quickly to yourself 3-3 and deal and check the E/W cards. This will make sure you are distribution conscious. You will find many fresh finessing situations but treat them on the basis of these notes.

You may now wish to check up on the exercises. Take any exercise No. 1 to 10 (these are all basic finesses). Place the North/South cards as shown and now investigate the variations of top cards you can give East and West. When you can see all the cards then this is called "double dummy" and you play East/West cards to *their* best advantage as well. You will find that the recommended method of play as shown in the exercises will give the best results on percentage.

COMPETITION BRIDGE

The results of the fifth *Individual Competition* held at Brighton on 29th April are as follows:

B. Ingrey and W. Burnett	53
C. Kelk and J. Chell	52
W. T. Scott and H. Selby	42
S. Webster and M. Clements	38
F. Rhodes and A. Smith	35
R. Goding and J. Whitcombe	20

The fifth *Individual Competition* of the London Section took place on Saturday, 6th May. The results are as follows:

M. Tybinski and P. Pescott Jones	83
P. Nuyens and F. Matthewman	68
V. Kemmish and R. Armstrong	61
R. Fullard and H. Meleson	56
R. Bickley and G. P. Brown	46

P. NUYENS

MERLE, daughter of our St. Dunstaner, G. B. Wood of Northampton, recently won a prize at the Northampton School of Art, for Typographical Design. She was the only girl to collect a prize. At the Prize giving ceremony she presented a bouquet to the guest speaker, Miss Beryl Foyle.

RODGER ROBERTSON, stepson of our St. Dunstaner, Dennis Ransom of Great Bookham, arrived in this country from New Zealand in February after an absence of 10 years. Roger who has been in the New Zealand Territorials for three years is now working for Toc H in association with B.A.O.R. in Germany as an Assistant Warden.

Club News

London Club Notes

In the first round of the Sir Arthur Pearson "Fives & Threes" Domino Competition G. P. Brown won his game against "Grandad" Murray, Bob Bickley was beaten by C. Hancock, and R. Woods was successful in defeating W. Harding.

At our Thursday evening club during the month of April the winners of the Domino games were as follows:

April 6th [1st]	R. Woods
[2nd]	Jim Murray
13th [1st]	A tie between W. Harding and Bob Bickley
20th [1st]	Harry Meleson
[2nd]	C. Hancock and R. Fullard tied
27th [1st]	W. Miller
[2nd]	G. P. Brown and J. Murray tied

We would like to see more members at the London Club, and as St. Dunstaners who reside in the area automatically become members, we would be pleased if you could all come and join in our weekly meetings. Those interested should contact Norman Smith of the London Club at Marylebone Road.

G. R. BICKLEY,
(Indoor Section).

Cardiff Club Notes

The Cardiff Club Members met again on May 6th and a very enjoyable meeting we had. It was decided that our Annual Outing will take place on Monday, August 28th to Chepstow Races, the Secretary has to make the necessary arrangements and report to the next meeting in June, if he can arrange same satisfactorily.

Dominoes were won by:—

Rufus Jones and Bert Evans

Crib was won by:—

Reg Parsons

The games over, we chatted over tea of the day's football and racing and played several games of Bingo before going home.

D. STOTT,
Secretary

Sutton Club Notes

At our meeting in April the Sutton Club held their Annual General Meeting and no changes were made as to the running of the Club. The Annual General Meeting took all the first part of the afternoon so no Sir Arthur Pearson games were able to be played off. However, after tea Bobby Daw organised a knock-out and this also helps towards the Sir Arthur Pearson games.

We are having a run out by coach on Saturday, 27th May to Waddesdon Manor, Bucks, and we all think this should be an interesting day. Also on 17th June we have received an invitation from Diane to go to her home and we have accepted.

Of course, we are always pleased to see new members. Come along either Saturday 13th May or 10th June and join us. Details of meeting place, times, etc., can be obtained from Ted Dudley—CRO. 0596 (any evening after 6.30 p.m.)

TED DUDLEY,
Chairman.

H. S. BLAKE, of Ross-on-Wye, has been invited by the Herefordshire County Association for the Blind to join their Working Committee.

Letters to the Editor

From J. E. Roston of Iver, Bucks.

May I deplore the intemperate language used by B. Sutton in his letter criticising the Braille edition of the *Review*. By contrast, I would congratulate you on the great improvement that has appeared in the ink print version of the *Review*, especially regarding the latest form of layout.

Lastly, and following a recent short visit to Ovingdean, my grateful thanks to the staff for their ready help and co-operation in making such a stay as pleasant and beneficial as possible.

From B. Sutton of Hull

This was the first city in the country to grant free passes to its blind, regardless of age. The passes must be changed annually on the 1st May and blind persons may travel absolutely alone just whenever and wherever they choose up to the city boundaries.

Laughs at Fred's Cafe

Every subject is discussed at sometime or other in the Cafe, and the other day, George and Jim, two old 'uns, were talking about today's fashions for women—as expected the "MINI-SKIRT" came up for discussion.

"I think it is disgusting", said George, "Seeing all these gals going about with such short skirts. What do you think people would say if they saw your missus trotting around in one, showing a lot more leg than natural, Jim?"

"They'd probably say I married her for her money", said Jim, dryly.

CONTENTED COWS

Sam Taylor of Loughborough is to be congratulated on having two of his young cows chosen as part of a special Government purchase of cattle to go to Uganda. He was also congratulated by the shipping company on the excellent condition of his livestock.

Ovingdean Notes

Last month we welcomed Major and Mrs. Davies to St. Dunstan's Homes at Brighton. Major J. Ben Davies, M.B.E., Chairman of the British Legion, was most interested in both Pearson House and Ovingdean. Other visitors included Brigadier F. O. Chilton, C.B.E., D.S.O., of the Australian Repatriation Commission and Mr. R. Malborn who represented the Deputy Commissioner for Australia. They were also shown both homes.

With the most popular time for holidays now beginning, those intending to stay at Ovingdean may like to know:—

Swimming

On each Friday evening until the end of September we shall have the sole use of the Minor Pool at the King Alfred Baths from 8 to 9 p.m. Transport will be available for St. Dunstaners going from Ovingdean and those living locally are most welcome to join the party at the Baths. Each swimmer is permitted to take an escort.

Beach Hut

Arrangements have been made to have the use of the Beach Hut again this Summer and enquiries should be made at the Lounge Desk.

Entertainments and General Notices.

A Braille copy of the weekly Entertainments Programme and notices of general interest are kept on the Lounge Desk. Individual copies of the Braille map of Ovingdean grounds may be obtained on request.

Sports and Fishing

A reminder that application for the Sports Week-end and the Fishing which will follow must reach the Commandant at Ovingdean by NOT LATER THAN 9th June. He will then arrange for a copy of the proposed programme and application form to be sent. Come on everyone!

BESPOKE JOINER – Tommy McKay

Do you want a miniature wheelbarrow six inches long? Or a reproduction of a Flemish spinning chair? There is a St. Dunstan in Brighton, Tommy McKay, who will make them for you. Tommy's wife, Phyllis, has kept a list of his products over the past ten years or so which reads like a sale room catalogue: 30 nests of tables, 46 fire screens, 49 small tables, 3 refectory tables, 10 spinning chairs, 14 garden chairs, 5 garden tables, and so the list goes on, including fitting kitchen cupboards in a 400 year old cottage in Lindfield, Sussex, working at the cottage because the old, uneven floors did not permit making the cupboards as units in the workshop.

Tommy McKay in his garden workshop, finishing a Flemish spinning chair.



Before he was blinded in World War Two, Tommy worked as a stonemason, cutting and dressing stone for building. Examples of his work—much of it delicate tracery and fine work around windows—can be seen in Churches in Edinburgh, his home town. A craftsman all his life, it is not surprising that he has made himself an expert in another craft. Tommy had done some woodworking as a hobby but had taken no formal training when he came to St. Dunstan's and decided to take up joinery.

"I found my sighted experience useful. Having used the tools was a help." He said "I find the chisel the most difficult to use. When you are cutting out with a chisel you've got to cut out just so much—with a saw I can feel what I'm sawing by keeping my finger near the saw. But holding the chisel in one hand and swiping it with the mallet in the other, largely its guesswork. If its something I want to be fussy about I either screw or clamp a piece of wood along the edge I want to cut and put my chisel up against this".

Most of Tommy's work is to his own designs: "A lot of it is stuff I have seen and remember. When I started my first grandmother clock I had a vague idea and developed it as I went along. When I'd finished the design I liked it so much

I've more or less stuck to it ever since". Tommy has made fifteen of these clocks now, basically the same design with minor alterations. He judges a design for himself—"By the feel of the whole thing".

The clocks are the most difficult things he makes. They are in three pieces—base, trunk and head—which must be exactly positioned when they are assembled. The trunk, which is narrower, has to be exactly centred on the base and under the head. Centring the face is another problem: "I make a St. Andrew's Cross from the corners, where the lines cross is the dead centre and I drill the hole for the hands. I made a template using an old clock dial and after I drill the centre, I put a dowel in the hole to locate the template. Then I drill the three holes for the winders: clock and striking mechanisms for the hours and quarters".

To a sighted person, perhaps the most surprising things Tommy makes are perfectly round occasional tables. On the "wrong" side of his square piece of wood he finds the centre by scribing diagonal lines and then with a strip of wood as a pointer screwed to the centre he scribes a circle which he can feel with his finger nail. "I cut the four corners off first then I keep cutting the corners off until I get near enough to my circle to finish off with a lot of hard work with a rasp or spokeshave."

In Tommy's workshop stood a charming, antique-looking chair awaiting its final sanding and polishing. It was a reproduction of a Flemish spinning chair bought by Mrs. McKay at an auction, copied by sense of touch, measurement and an ingenious method of reproducing the angles of legs and chair-back. The copy bears comparison with the original and only lacks the ornamental carving which is, of course, not possible without sight.

Discussing his work, Tommy said, "I like to design my own stuff best of all but I do enjoy what I call a reproduction job—copying something else". Asked if any customer's request had ever beaten him, he answered, "It sounds a bit boastful but I've never been stumped

Among the articles Tommy has made are these twin desks, built for Barry and Sydney, twins who live near by.



Assembling the case of a grandmother clock.



BESPOKE JOINER—(Continued)

yet. I use one of those American pads. You draw on it with a stylo and it comes up in raised lines. If I am a bit concerned about a job I get my wife to sketch it on that so I can feel it and get the idea”.

Tommy works full-time in his garden workshop, a regular seven hour day. Nowadays virtually the whole of his output is for private sale. His customers come through personal recommendation or from seeing some example of his work. One set of his garden furniture so pleased its buyer that she would not put it in the garden preferring to keep it in a summer house where she polishes it regularly.

His favourites are his grandmother clocks, three of which have gone abroad; to America, South Africa and New Zealand. He is also proud of a seven foot long refectory table in solid oak which outgrew the workshop and had to be finished in the lounge! For this table he produced a “pup”, as he puts it, a miniature table which could be used as a long stool or coffee table.

With his order book full for months ahead, Tommy looks assured of many more profitable and pleasurable hours in his workshop—one St. Dunstan’s way of life.

A SERVICE FOR OPHTHALMOLOGY

Mr. Ion Garnett Orme, Honorary Treasurer, represented St. Dunstan’s at a Service of thanksgiving for the success of the Institute of Ophthalmology’s Fight for Sight Appeal. The Service was held in Westminster Abbey on April 20th. Our Secretary, Mr. A. D. Lloyds also attended as a representative of the World Council for the Welfare of the Blind.

Altogether the congregation numbered over 2,000 people including many concerned with the study of the eye, the prevention and treatment of eye diseases and the care of the blind. A small party of St. Dunstaners with their escorts were present at the Service.



Medallists dance together—At the Manchester Reunion Arnold Clarke, of Blackpool whose “hat-trick” of Ballroom dancing medals was reported last month, takes the floor with Elsie Aldred of Warrington, who is a bronze medallist.

COME DANCING

It has been suggested that a Ballroom Dancing Competition might be organised amongst St. Dunstaners and in order that we may decide whether sufficient entrants would be forthcoming to make such a competition worthwhile, any interested St. Dunstaners are asked to write to me at Headquarters.

C. D. WILLS

No Need to Go Out

Auctioneer at a London art sale: “What am I bid for this bleeding bowl?”

Elderly woman, to companion: “Come on, my dear, let’s go home. If we have to have language like this we might as well watch the television”.

Chess Notes

R. W. BONHAM writes

For Beginners [4]

We conclude in this number an explanation of the moves of the pieces. We have already dealt with the Rook, Bishop, Queen and King; we now turn our attention to the Knight.

The Knight. When a Knight is placed in the centre of the board, it attacks squares in a circle all round it. There are many ways of describing the Knight’s move. Unlike the pieces we have already discussed, the Knight has no line of fire: it moves about the board in a series of jumps, one jump constituting a move.

Place a White Knight on White’s K4, and Black Pawns on White’s KB2, KKt3, KKt5, KB6, Q6, QB5, QB3, Q2. The Knight attacks each of the squares occupied by the Black Pawns which, it will be observed, lie on a circle whose centre is the square on which the Knight stands. All the squares outside the circle are beyond the Knight’s field of attack and all the squares inside the circle, other than the eight mentioned, are immune from the Knight’s attack. Moreover, any piece standing on a square within the circle does not impede the Knight’s move, he can jump over it to get to his destination. We can compare the fire of a line-piece (Rook, Bishop, Queen) with the path of a bullet fired horizontally which will strike any object in that line; in like manner we can describe the fire of the Knight as the path of a grenade tossed through the air which will simply land on its target, touching neither objects below or beyond its

trajectory. To get to its destination the Knight makes a move of one square like a Rook and then one square like a Bishop providing that its path continues away from its starting point.

For example, from the square K4, mentioned above, the Kt moves first to K5 and then on to KB6 or Q6, or first to K3 and then on to KB2 or Q2, or first to KB4 and then on to KKt3 or KKt5, or first to Q4 and then on to QB5 or QB3, and in no other way. Another way of describing the move is to take a block of squares forming a rectangle three by two. Place the Kt on one of the corner squares, then the only square in the block to which it can move is in the corner diagonally opposite. Thus, taking the block of squares K4, K5, K6, KB4, KB5, KB6, with the Kt on K4, the only square in the block to which the Kt can move is KB6.

We see then that, when a Kt is placed in the centre of the board, it has power eight; when removed to a square on the edge of the board, this power is reduced to four, as the field of fire forms only half a circle; and if the Kt stands on a corner square, its power is further reduced to two, as only a quarter of the field of fire is available. The power of a Kt would first seem much less than that of a Bishop which, as we have already pointed out, varies from 13 to seven according to its position on the board. However, the Kt has an advantage over a Bishop in that it can manoeuvre to attack squares of both colour, whereas the Bishop is restricted to squares of one colour only. The jumping

powers of the Kt also add to its value. Experience has taught us that the Kt is just about equal in value to a Bishop. Thus the exchange of a Bishop for a Knight or vice-versa is generally considered as an equal exchange, though in the end game other considerations will have to be taken into account (the B may be shut in behind its own Pawns or restricted by the hostile ones, and in a similar way the movement of the Kt may be hampered by having pawns of the same colour occupying—or pawns of the opposite colour attacking—squares in the Knight's field.

Finally, it must be observed that each time a Kt moves, it plays to a square of opposite colour to that on which it stands. Thus if a Kt stands on a White square and it wants to travel to another fixed White square, it will always take an even number of moves to get to its destination no matter what path it chooses. We therefore say that a Kt cannot gain a move whereas a line-piece always can.

It is also worth noticing here that, when a Kt gives check, there are only two ways of getting out of check (by taking the Kt or moving the King); there can be no interposing with a Knight-check.

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For Players [4]

We give now a well-known game of Alekhine's in which at one time there were five queens on the board.

White, Dr. Alekhine: Black, Dr. Gregorieff.

1 P.K4 P.K3 (The French Defence, avoiding many gambit lines by White); 2 P.Q4 P.Q4; 3 Kt.QB3 Kt.KB3; 4 B.KKt5 B.QKt5 (Black does not defend passively, but counters on the opposite wing); 5 P.K5 P.KR3; 6 PXXt PXB; 7 PXP R.Kt1; 8 P.KR4 PXP; 9 Q.KKt4 (the point of the last move); 9 . . . B.K2

(Q.B3 to win the KtP is safer); 10 P.KKt3 P.QB4; 11 KtPXP PXP; 12 P.R5 (now the complications begin); 12 . . . PXXt; 13 P.R6 PXP; 14 R.Kt1 Q.R4ch; 15 K.K2 QXP; 16 P.R7 QXR; 17 PXR(Q)ch K.Q2; 18 QXBP QXPch; 19 K.B3 Kt.B3 (Black is relying on the exposed position of White's King); 20 Q(K14)XKPch K.B2; 21 Q.B4ch K.Kt3; 22 Q(K6).K3ch B.B4 (Now Black's K looks safer than White's); 23 P.Kt8(Q) P.Kt8(Q) (now there are five Queens); 24 R.R6 (A beautiful move which pins the Kt and threatens Q.Q8 mate; it is Black's K which is the more vulnerable after all); 24 . . . QXB (to give the King air, but White now mates in five moves); 25 Q.Kt4ch Q.Kt4; 26 Q.Q8ch K.R3; 27 Q(K3).R3 ch Q(B7).R5; 28 QXQ(R5)ch QXQ; 29 QXQ mate. (A sparkling game. It illustrates the great depth and ability for combinations of the former World Champion).

Finally a short game of my own.

White, Bonham: Black, Linacre.

1 P.Q4 P.QB4 (The Benoni; a defence worth trying); 2 P.Q5 P.KB4; 3 P.K4 PXP; 4 Kt.QB3 Kt.KB3; 5 B.KKt5 P.Q3; 6 BXXt KPXB; 7 KtXKP B.B4; 8 Kt.Kt3 B.Kt3; 9 Kt(Kt1).K2 Kt.R3; 10 Kt.B4 Q.R4ch; 11 P.QB3 Kt.B2; 12 KtXB RPXKt (White now gets a chance to build up an attacking position by threats on the Black King); 13 Q.Kt4 K.B2; 14 0-0-0 P.B4 (this only leads to further weakening of his position); 15 Q.B4 R.K1; 16 B.Q3 R.K4; 17 KR.K1 RXR; 18 RXR R.R3 (if KtXP 19 B.B4); 19 Kt.K4 Q.Kt3; 20 Kt.Kt5ch (the finish comes swiftly); 20 . . . K.Kt1; 21 BXP Resigns, as mate cannot be prevented.

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Bowlers All

Once again it has been the pleasure and privilege of St. Dunstan's to entertain members of the Scottish War-Blinded Ex-Servicemen bowls club who were represented by players from Glasgow workshops, Newington House and Linburn.

Travelling with the party were Mr. D. Morris, Superintendent of the Glasgow workshops, Major D. F. Callander the Appeals Organiser and Mr. J. Findlay who was a tremendous help in many ways.

The Committee of the St. Dunstan's Brighton Club, Bowls Section accompanied by Mr. J. Carnochan, Sports Officer at Ovingdean, went as a reception party to welcome our visitors on Tuesday, 9th May.

In the evening we were royally entertained by the Women's Section of the British Legion, Ringmer. Thanks are extended to our President, Mrs. Dacre, through whom this delightful event was organised.

Wednesday, 10th May was THE DAY of the visit, for this was "B" bowls day. Teams of four totally blinded competed for the Lord Fraser cup. The Scots were represented by J. Abel, D. Anderson, W. Edwards and H. Elkan-skip. The St. Dunstan's team being W. Chitty, B. Ingrey, W. Megson and H. Boorman-skip.

Things seemed to be going very well for St. Dunstan's up to the lunch break, when we were leading ten shots to five, then the rot set in and the visitors got six shots at one end, this sealed our fate and the cup event resulted in a win for Scotland by 22 shots to St. Dunstan's 15. There is a saying among our visitors that now they have lifted and taken most of the sporting cups North, they are coming South to complete their successes and will shortly be in Cornwall "to lift" the "Torry Canyon". Any offer for a take-over bid for all the St. Dunstan's bowlers?

On Wednesday evening we all met at the Dudley Hotel for the bowls dinner, which is the high-light of these occasions. We were very fortunate in having the Reverend F. Darrell Bunt, C.B., O.B.E., M.A., to preside over this festive gathering. We had a most excellent dinner followed by speeches by the Rev. Darrell Bunt, Major Callander, our own Commandant,

Mr. Bill Kay, Captain of the Scottish Bowlers and a few words from myself. The Rev. Darrell Bunt then proceeded to present the Cup to Mr. Kay. Following old custom and tradition the cup was filled with a very good brew and we all had a "wee" sip.

Thursday morning saw most of the party off to visit a brewery. This was a great success and all had an opportunity of sampling the various brews on the spot and each visitor being presented with a substantial sample to bring away. After lunch a party went to the Plumpton races. This was also very much enjoyed. One of the Scots being overheard to say, "This is the first time I have ever gone home after a holiday with more money than I started!"

At 3 p.m. on Friday we all assembled in the main lounge when Mr. Bill Kay Captain of the Scottish Bowlers, made presentations to the Matron and the Commandant, at the same time expressing thanks, on behalf of his party, for the warm welcome they had experienced and for the great kindness they had received from every member of the staff.

It only remains for me to add my thanks on behalf of the St. Dunstan's Bowlers, to the Matron, Commandant and all members of the staff for all their help and friendship. These are not IDLE words but very deeply and sincerely meant.

This 1967 meeting will go down as one of the happiest and most harmonious of these occasions.

FRANK A. RHODES



Flash-back to the war-years, Perc the Penguin, otherwise Percy Smith of Narranderra, New South Wales, sent us this picture which shows him leading a platoon of Australians for embarkation to the Middle East in 1940.

British Talking Book Service for the Blind

Additional Tape Titles—FICTION

Cat. No.

- 1096 TEY, JOSEPHINE
BRAT FARRAR (1949/65)
Read by David Broomfield. When Brat Farrar claimed to be the twin-brother of Simon Ashby, the family welcomed him with affection, but his twin denounced him as an impostor.
P.T. 9 hours.
- 1113 BRILL, KENNETH & THOMAS, RUTH
CHILDREN IN HOMES (1964)
Read by Gretel Davis. Tells, with examples from actual cases, about the children in care under the local authorities and the attempts made to compensate for this lack of home life.
P.T. 9 hours.
- 1097 CHURCH, RICHARD
THE VOYAGE HOME (1966)
Read by David Broomfield. Perceptive appraisal of his search from youth onwards, for mature understanding and spiritual fulfilment, while practical necessity warred with his urge to write.
P.T. 9 hours.
- 1131 APULEIUS
THE GOLDEN ASS (1566 Eng. Trans.)
Read by Duncan Carse. Satire in which the author who is transformed into an ass, by mistake of the servant of an enchantress, observes the vices and follies of men.
P.T. 9 hours.
- 1130 BOWEN, ELIZABETH
THE LITTLE GIRLS (1964)
Read by Duncan Carse. Three women meet to resume a childhood friendship; but can characters and personalities remain attuned after long separation?
P.T. 9 hours.
- 1129 CHESTERTON, G. K.
THE INCREDULITY OF FATHER BROWN (1929/63)
Read by Michael Aspel. Short stories in which Father Brown, a rational psychologist supported by his faith, unmasks criminals and murderers by using plain common sense.
P.T. 7½ hours.

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- 1111 BENTLEY, PHYLLIS
A MAN OF HIS TIME (1966)
(Seq. 1078).
Read by Eric Gillett. Continues the story of a Yorkshire business man, who tries to adjust himself to a changing Britain during the years 1958-65.
P.T. 9 hours.
- 1135 COBB, BELTON
SOME MUST WATCH (1966)
Read by Elizabeth Proud. Posing as a retired businessman and his daughter, a detective and his attractive assistant investigate a mystery in a small village. This results in embarrassing complications.
P.T. 5½ hours.
- 1138 BLOOM, URSULA
THE QUIET VILLAGE (1965)
Read by Arthur Bush. In search of peace and quiet, Anna moves to a small village where she is confronted with a handsome artist and two mysterious deaths.
P.T. 6½ hours.
- 1137 TRIPP, MILES
A QUARTET OF THREE (1965)
Read by George Hagan. An old prophecy of a death involves four people who spend two tense nights in an isolated mountain chalet.
P.T. 5½ hours.
- 1101 DICKENS, MONICA
MY TURN TO MAKE THE TEA (1951-59)
Read by Elizabeth Proud. A resilient young reporter writes divertingly of her assignments. Her landlady and fellow-boarders in the dusty lodging-house cause further complications.
P.T. 7½ hours.
- 1110 GASKIN, CATHERINE
THE FILE ON DEVLIN (1965)
Read by Robert Gladwell. A murdered British agent and a vanished author, who is immured in a Swiss chateau, cause the authorities to open a file and appoint an investigator.
P.T. 10½ hours.
- 1099 DU MAURIER, DAPHNE
JAMAICA INN (1936/59)
Read by Duncan Carse. Set in Cornwall, in the days when smugglers and wreckers carried on their secret activities along the cliffs and coves of the wild, treacherous coast.
P.T. 10½ hours.
- 1133 DRABBLE, MARGARET
THE MILLSTONE (1965)
Read by Judith Whale. Conveys with wit and pathos the dilemma of a young graduate who becomes pregnant, and determines to keep her baby.
P.T. 7¼ hours.
- 1128 FLEMING, IAN
THE MAN WITH THE GOLDEN GUN (1965)
Read by Duncan Carse. Bond, previously reported killed in Japan, mysteriously appears in London. After a period of rehabilitation, he is sent to Jamaica to find and destroy a dangerous agent.
P.T. 5 hours.
- 1115 BALDWIN, JAMES
THE FIRE NEXT TIME (1963)
Read by David Bauer. Two essays in which the author probes the liberal conscience and pleads for human justice between the races.
P.T. 5½ hours.
- 1116 BALDWIN, JAMES
NOBODY KNOWS MY NAME (1964)
Read by Dwight Whyllie. Selected essays on the negro's position with an urgent plea for racial equality.
P.T. 6 hours.
- 1103 CLARKE, ARTHUR C.
VOICES FROM THE SKY (1966)
Read by Alvar Lidell. An imaginative look into the future, foreseeing colonization of the moon, space sport, an orbital post-office, interstellar communication, and the dangers of science.
P.T. 9 hours.
- 1104 BAWDEN, NINA
A LITTLE LOVE, A LITTLE LEARNING (1966)
Read by Gabriel Laye. Family relationships and problems in a doctor's household, seen from the viewpoint of a 12 year-old girl.
P.T. 11 hours.
- 1109 CECIL, HENRY
MUCH IN EVIDENCE (1957/62)
Read by Robin Holmes. An ingenious story of a contested insurance claim, with witty sequences and a neat ending.
P.T. 6½ hours.

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- 1100 BRAINE, JOHN
THE JEALOUS GOD (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.
P.T. 10 hours.
- 1115 MAILER, NORMAN
ADVERTISEMENT FOR MYSELF (1961)
Read by David Broomfield. Selected writings from the author's collection. (On the same tape as *Fire Next Time*, by James Baldwin).
P.T. 3 hours.
- NON-FICTION**
- 1132 FABRE-LUCE, ALFRED
MEN OR INSECTS (1964)
Read by Alvar Lidell. A study of the growth in world population in which problems of human survival, including euthanasia and birth control, are examined.
P.T. 6¾ hours.
- 1136 BOWMAN, GERALD
THE MAN WHO BOUGHT A NAVY (1964/5)
Read by Michael de Morgan. How a talented engineer bought the scuttled German fleet at Scapa Flow and then gambled his entire fortune on the colossal and dangerous task of raising the ships.
P.T. 9½ hours.
- 1134 BROAD, LEWIS
THE PATH TO POWER (1965)
Read by David Geary. Analyses the motives and circumstances which led fourteen Prime Ministers, from Rosebery to Wilson, to attain the seat of supreme power.
P.T. 7½ hours.
- 1095 MOOREHEAD, ALAN
THE BLUE NILE (1962)
Read by Duncan Carse. Events in the Nile region of Egypt, the Sudan and Ethiopia since the mid-eighteenth century; early exploration, Napoleon's invasion, and Napier's campaign of 1868.
P.T. 11½ hours.
- 1121 PRINCESS MARIE LOUISE
MY MEMORIES OF SIX REIGNS (1957)
Read by Judith Whale. The princess, a grand-daughter of Queen Victoria, writes informally about her relatives, among whom were included most of the crowned heads of Europe.
P.T. 10½ hours.
- 1122 ROBERTSON-GLASGOW, R. C.
COUNTRY TALK (1964)
Read by Peter Reynolds. A collection of short essays portraying, with humour and affection, various aspects of village life.
P.T. 9½ hours.
- 1112 ROLT, L. T. C.
THE INLAND WATERWAYS OF ENGLAND (1950/62)
A detailed introduction to canals, rivers and narrow boats, embracing everything connected with their construction, maintenance and use.
P.T. 8½ hours.
- 1106 SLATER, LEONARD
ALY: A BIOGRAPHY (1966)
Read by David Broomfield. Candid description of the life and loves of Aly Khan, the millionaire prince revered by Moslems, who was reputed to be the Casanova of this century.
P.T. 11 hours.

Family News



Our warmest congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. G. Smart of Oving, Bucks, who celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary on 26th April, 1967. Mr. Smart still walks about five miles a day with his Guide Dog, Cora, which he acquired last year when he was already 75 years old.

Golden Weddings

Very many congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. W. Leonard of Hove, Sussex who celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary on April 22nd 1967.

Very sincere congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. H. Watford of Southwick, who celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary on 30th April, 1967.

Silver Wedding

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. R. Newton of Salfords, Surrey, who celebrated their Silver Wedding Anniversary on 2nd May, 1967.

Marriages

HEYES-RILEY. On 10th May, 1967, Frank Heyes of St. Helens, Lancs, married Mrs. A. M. Riley.

Births

On 25th April, 1967, to Freda, wife of James O'Donnell of Dublin, Eire, a son, Anthony James.

Grandfathers

Congratulations to:

G. C. Andrew on the arrival of his third grandchild—a grandson born on 15th April, 1967, to his daughter Janet Thurlow.

D. ALEXANDER of Dalbeattie, Kirkcudbrightshire, is a grandfather for the fifth time on the arrival of a granddaughter, Fiona Ann.

H. E. PREEDY of Bush Hill Park, Enfield, on the birth of a granddaughter, Maxine Julie, on 13th November, 1966. This makes him a grandfather for the first time.

G. J. Salters of Liverpool, when his married daughter Norah recently gave birth to a daughter, making him a grandfather for the first time.

A. Walker of Bolton on the arrival of his 14th grandchild.

Family News

Great Grandfathers

Many congratulations to:

A. Abram of Stockport on the arrival of a great-granddaughter recently.

F. COLLINGWOOD of Newcastle, Staffs, had a double wedding in the family on 20th May, 1967. His two daughters were married at the Westlands Methodist Church. Valerie married Russell Knapper and Patricia married Gregor Shufflebotham.

WENDY MAJOR, daughter of our St. Dunstaners, R. F. Major of Bournemouth, married Christopher Witt on 6th May, 1967.

ANNE MELVINA, only daughter of our St. Dunstaners, H. Foster of Farnham, Surrey was married to Brian Lester-Smith on 31st March, 1967.

Deaths

We offer our sincere sympathy to:

C. Cornwell of Bexleyheath on the death of his wife on 2nd May, 1967 after a serious illness.

R. D. E. Ellis of Gloucester on the death of his father on 18th April, 1967.

Our St. Dunstaners, Mrs. S. Ashurst of Wigan, Lancs, who mourns the death of her sister who died on 2nd May, 1967.

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

Joseph Doubler. *Mercantile Marine.*

Joseph Doubler of Hove died on 12th April, 1967 at the age of 73.

He served with the Mercantile Marine from December 1916 until May 1917 and came to St. Dunstan's in that year. He trained as a telephonist and continued this work until 1950. On his retirement he and his wife moved to Hove where he enjoyed his retirement and had a number of hobbies one of which was keeping pigeons. He had a very good singing voice and took part in many Ovingdean concerts, where he will be greatly missed.

William John Edmonds. *Royal Field Artillery.*

William John Edmonds of Melton Mowbray died at his home on 20th April, 1967. He was 75 years of age.

He served in the Royal Field Artillery from 1914 to 1917 and came to St. Dunstan's in 1952.

He was the landlord of a country inn and carried on this occupation until ill health compelled him to give it up in 1964 when he moved to Melton Mowbray. He had been gravely ill for some time.

Charles Albert Glasspool. *36th Royal Fusiliers.*

Charles Albert Glasspool of Brixton died on 25th April, 1967 at the age of 82.

He enlisted in February 1916 in the 36th Royal Fusiliers and was discharged in August, and came to St. Dunstan's in 1918. He trained in boot repairing work. He then emigrated with his family to Canada and settled in Montreal where Mr. Glasspool and his son-in-law had a boot repair business. However, in 1923 the family all returned to England and Mr. Glasspool went to our Brighton Home and re-trained as a matmaker. He carried on with this work for a number of years but suffered from ill health. In 1963 his wife died and he was then cared for by a resident housekeeper.

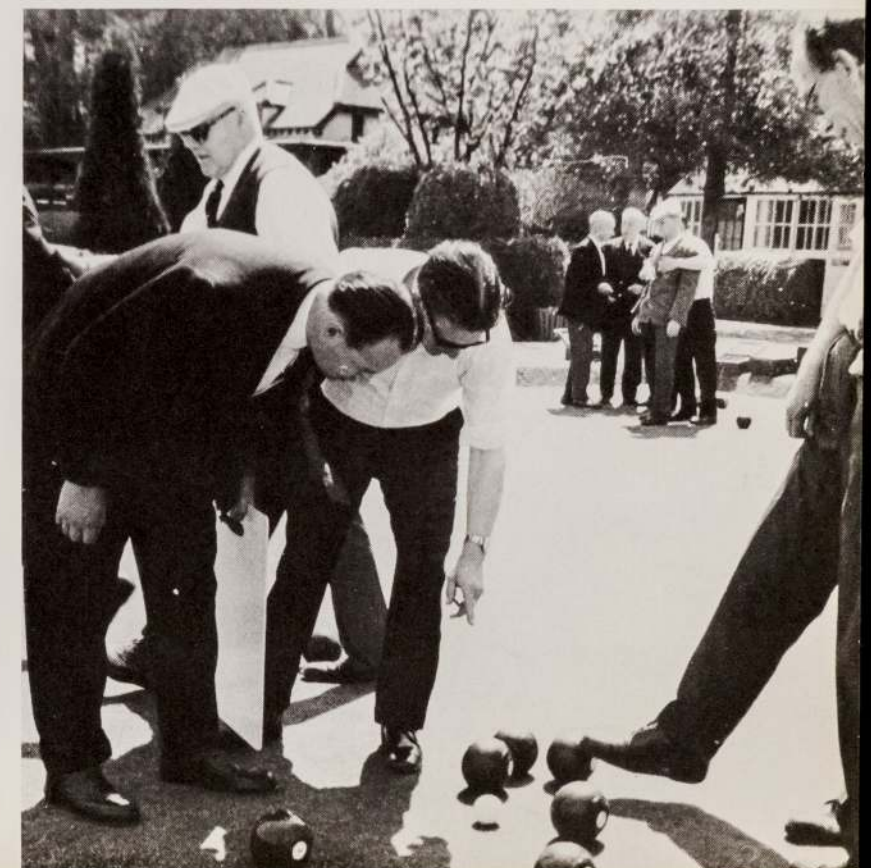


A general view of the match in progress at St. Annes Well Gardens, Hove.

Bowls – St. Dunstan's v Scottish War-Blinded

Bruce Ingrey assisted by Mr. W. Ling, takes aim.

The moment of reckoning—counting the shots.



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St. Dunstan's—but no one seems down hearted. The teams who competed W. Edwards and H. Elkan; St. Dunstan's: W. Chitty, B. Ingrey, W. Megson and H. Boorman.

wards the sound of hand claps from a sighted helper.

