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CHAIRMAN'S NOTES

A New Pearson House

I mentioned in these notes some months ago that we were giving thought to the future of our Ovingdean and Pearson House Homes; both buildings are now somewhat old-fashioned, and I said that we would have to determine whether to do minor renovation work or major reconstruction taking into account our reducing numbers and what our needs will be in future years.

We have come to the conclusion that it will be impracticable both physically and economically to alter again the existing building of Pearson House in an endeavour to bring it up to modern standards. Accordingly the Council has decided to seek the advice of Architects in the design and planning of an entirely new home on this site; fortunately we shall have almost twice the area of ground available to us as we have at present as we were recently able to acquire some adjoining land which was occupied by the former Kemp Town Brewery.

Until our Architects have had time to look into the position and to prepare preliminary plans we shall not know precisely the type and size of buildings we can put on this site; and we must not forget that any development in this area of Brighton should be in sympathy with the Regency style. We are, however, hopeful that we shall be able to have a Home of about 100 beds with accommodation in a separate block for nursing and sick cases, ample rooms for recreational and other facilities, better staff accommodation, etc., also a garden about twice the size of the present one.

We envisage that the new Home will eventually cater for all our needs including the training of any new entrants who may come to us and, consequently, it will have to fulfil a number of functions. Meanwhile, we shall not come to any decision about the future of Ovingdean—we shall certainly need all the accommodation there whilst the new Home is being built and indeed may have to restrict holidays for a period.

We want the new Home not only to be modern in style from an architectural point of view but to be up to date in the facilities and comforts it will provide for all St. Dunstaners who use it. Pearson House and Ovingdean each in its own way have served us well and, although we have made a number of alterations internally at both from time to time, we feel that with the passage of years it is now preferable to make a fresh start and build an entirely new Home which we hope will last us for many years to come in the varied functions we are called upon to undertake.

The Architects who are giving us preliminary advice will shortly be enquiring about planning and building permission from the Local Authorities so that some reference to this matter may appear in local newspapers, and that is why I have written this note so that St. Dunstaners, staff and friends may be the first to know from me what is in our minds.



All smiles as Lord Fraser hands over the "Victor Ludorum" Trophy to Bill Claydon at the conclusion of the Sports Week-end

On his way to the championship—Bill Claydon winning the Medicine Ball event



AQUATIC SPORTS

The weather man was an unwelcome competitor at the Sports Week-end but fortunately he met with only limited success. Although "rain stopped play" for a while during Saturday's field events, the whole programme was completed and when all the points were totalled up Bill Claydon became St. Dunstan's Sportsman of the Year for 1967.

The picture feature pages of this month's "Review" show that enthusiasm among the St. Dunstaners and their supporters was not dampened.

COVER PICTURE

There is a dogged look about those umbrellas and macs in English garden party weather at Ovingdean . . . and dogged did it, the weather relented and the sports were resumed.

Companion of the Order of Canada

Early in July, Canada honoured a number of its citizens with new Awards. Thirty-five were made Companions of the Order of Canada, among them Col. E. A. Baker, C.C., O.B.E., M.C. The Award is made for outstanding merit of the highest degree.

Eddie Baker was blinded on active service during the First World War and came to St. Dunstan's in England for rehabilitation and training. He carried the torch across the Atlantic and was a founder member of the Canadian National Institute for the Blind and its Managing Director until his retirement in 1962. He was three times President of the World Council for the Welfare of the Blind and is now Honorary President of the Canadian National Institute for the Blind, a past Chairman of the American Workers for the Blind Association, and a Trustee of the American Foundation for the Blind.

For many years Canada has—with rare exceptions—not used any Honours and the present Order of Canada is very limited; it is, therefore, all the more creditable and noteworthy that Colonel Baker should be one of the first. I offer him my warmest congratulations and I am sure all St. Dunstaners will want to do the same.

Fraser of Lonsdale

MISS FRANCES MORRIS

St. Dunstaners and more particularly the First World War men who knew her for much longer, will be very sorry to learn of the death on 19th June of Miss Arienwen Frances Ann Morris at the age of 69.

Miss Morris first came to St. Dunstan's in Regent's Park as a young V.A.D. in her late teens. Later she became Sports Sister, first at the Bungalow, Townsend House, and St. John's Lodge, then at Brighton. She was a good swimmer and athlete, herself, and very popular. For six years she taught the making of nets and wool rugs at Brighton and after leaving us for a short while, rejoined the staff in 1935 to take charge of the Netting and Wool Rug Department at the Raglan Street Stores.

In 1940 Miss Morris was driving along the Kingston-by-Pass when the car in which she was travelling was machine-gunned by a German Aircraft. She was badly wounded and seriously disabled for two years but her recovery was hastened by her resolute courage and determination.

She worked at Church Stretton and the St. Dunstan's Unit at Stoke Mandeville Hospital, Aylesbury, until the return to Brighton after the Second World War. Subsequently she was Occupational Therapist at Pearson House, until her retirement in January, 1958. Her interest and contact with St. Dunstan's continued for the remainder of her life.

Nine St. Dunstaners who were all close friends of Miss Morris attended the funeral. It took place in Brighton on 26th June. Also present were Mr. A. D. Lloyds, and other members of St. Dunstan's Staff, Mrs. Spurway and Miss Hensley.

FESTIVAL OF REMEMBRANCE

We expect that it will be possible again this year for St. Dunstaners and their wives or escorts to attend each of the Afternoon and Evening Presentations of the Festival of Remembrance at the Royal Albert Hall on Saturday, 11th November.

All St. Dunstaners who have not previously had an opportunity of attending the Festival of Remembrance are therefore, invited to send their names to me at Headquarters by Friday, 20th October, for inclusion in a ballot for these tickets, indicating which presentation they would prefer to attend.

Those St. Dunstaners who are allocated tickets and who do not live within daily travelling distance of London will be assisted with fares and accommodation for one or two nights at St. Dunstan's expense and will be invited to join the St. Dunstan's contingent in the Cenotaph Parade on Sunday, 12th November.

C. D. WILLS

Canadian St. Dunstaner Visualises Brighton

Captain John B. Windsor wrote recently to Lord Fraser enclosing a cutting from "*The Daily Colonist*", Victoria, B.C. This was an article which he wrote after revisiting St. Dunstan's at Brighton, 20 years on from his own period of rehabilitation and training at Church Stretton.

A regular pre-war officer in the Canadian Army, Captain Windsor was wounded in Italy when serving with the 2nd Canadian Armoured Regiment. He is married, has three children and as a blinded person, since the war he has done office work, served in local Government and is now an author.

We give below extracts from Captain Windsor's article entitled, "Care and After Care".

"During a recent visit to England, I took the opportunity to find out how postwar Britain cared for its thousands of war blinded. This care, or rather after care, was handled by St. Dunstan's, the world famous organisation that had first taken these men, as well as many hundreds from Commonwealth armies, and taught them to live and work in a world of darkness. I knew all about that initial training, I was one of those Canadians who benefited from it, but what was St. Dunstan's doing now, more than 20 years later. A great deal I quickly discovered." After touching on rehabilitation, training and after care, including the help given by the Estates Department and mention of the annual reunions, Captain Windsor goes on:—

"Along these same lines are the visits to Parliament that are arranged for those who are interested. They come in groups of 10 or a dozen to listen to the debates and afterwards are guests at a luncheon where they have the opportunity of meeting leading parliamentarians whose jobs or inclinations had made them interested in veterans legislation.

As a Canadian St. Dunstaner I was invited to one of these affairs and we had a chance to chat informally with the three sighted guests, one a member of the Lords, another a government minister and the third a senior civil servant from the pensions department. Afterwards, our host, Lord Fraser, had all three speak briefly on matters that concerned their listeners.

It was a pleasant gathering but underneath there was, I felt, a serious purpose. This was just one way among many by

which Britain's war blinded show the leaders of the nation that they are keenly interested in the problems and legislation that affects them as veterans.

There are many other phases to this after care, keeping up with medical progress in the care of the sightless, pushing development of gadgets that can assist the blind, and keeping in personal touch with every member of the association at home and abroad, to mention but three. Then there are the St. Dunstan's Homes and to see two of them we visited Brighton, a gay resort town on the south coast.

First we were taken to Pearson House, named not after Lester but in honour of Sir Arthur Pearson, the blind newspaper publisher who, half a century ago, founded St. Dunstan's. This is a former ducal mansion that is now used to house the more elderly of the war blinded. House is probably the wrong word because it is a home, an extremely comfortable home for men who have no families or for those who need special care. Our impression as we were shown through the house was one of bright cheerfulness.

We then went to Ovingdean, the other house. Set in the midst of 10 acres of garden, Ovingdean is just outside Brighton, and perched high above the cliffs looking out across the waters of the English Channel. This is one of those rare buildings that was actually constructed for the convenience of the blind.

Finally we were taken to the lovely chapel in a corner of the grounds, quiet and peaceful on the July afternoon. The sunlight glowed through the stained glass windows that came from the Cloth Hall at Ypres and gave warmth to the black

walnut of pews and panels. At the altar, embroidered on silk, was the bright flame of the St. Dunstan's torch, the proud symbol of a great association.

Our time was limited, we had to catch a train back to London, but we had seen and learned enough to understand why St. Dunstan's in its half century of service, has won itself such high esteem in the hearts of the British people."

A SIGNAL HONOUR FOR JIM LAFFEY

On 6th July, the Rt. Hon. The Earl of Scarborough, K.G., G.C.S.I., G.C.I.E., G.C.V.O., T.D., made a presentation of the Queen's Award to Industry for Export Achievement 1967 to Messrs. G. Garnett and Sons Ltd. of Bradford. Our St. Dunstaner Jim Laffey, the firm's telephone operator was asked to welcome the Earl on this happy occasion on behalf of the Company. Subsequently he received the following letter from the Chairman, Mr. Francis W. Garnett, B.E.M.

6th July, 1967

Dear Jim,

I would like to thank you for the excellent way in which you welcomed the Earl on today's great occasion.

Your soldierly bearing and dignified words went straight to our hearts: I don't wonder you felt moved, so did we all and the Earl was specially pleased that someone from the mill was to welcome him rather than a director.

I am sure the memory of this happy day will be with us all for a very long time.

Very sincerely yours,

FRANCIS W. GARNETT

More Medals!

Heather, twelve year old daughter of "Dickie" Richardson, has been collecting more dancing medals! During the last fortnight she has passed the following examinations:—

Ballet. Grade II. Highly Commended.

Ballroom Dancing (Modern). 4th Gold Bar. Commended.

Old Time. 4th Gold Bar (as man). Highly Commended.

Gold Medal Sequence Dancing. Highly Commended.

Latin American. 1st Gold Bar. Highly Commended.

ANNUAL PARTY

Lord and Lady Fraser gave their customary annual party at the Houses of Parliament on 14th July. Eight trainees from Ovingdean were invited to listen to the debate in the House of Commons in the morning and to lunch afterwards. Guests from the House were Mr. Charles Loughlin, Joint Parliamentary Secretary at the Ministry of Social Security and two other members of Parliament, Mr. Tom Driberg and Sir Ian Orr-Ewing, Bart. Dr. Gustave Gingras, Executive Director of the Rehabilitation Institute of Montreal and Mrs. Gingras were the guests of honour. Also invited were Sir Edwin Arrowsmith, K.C.M.G., a member of St. Dunstan's Council and Captain D. E. Coffey, O.B.E. and Major J. J. D. Rivers, M.B.E., from the British Legion. Twenty members of our St. Dunstan's Staff at Headquarters and Brighton were present.

At the luncheon Lord Fraser welcomed the guests and in his reply Mr. Loughlin spoke of St. Dunstan's services as unique in the field of help given to disabled people in the Welfare State and of special value to his Ministry. Mr. Driberg and Sir Ian Orr-Ewing also spoke briefly and Mr. David Clark thanked Lord and Lady Fraser on behalf of St. Dunstaners present.

Dunkirk Beaches

Our St. Dunstaner, C. Womack of Leicester, recently went on the 12th Annual Pilgrimage to Dunkirk organised by the Dunkirk Veterans' Association. The first evening they were entertained by the Mayor at a dance with champagne.

On Sunday morning they all assembled at the Town Hall for the official welcome and then marched to church where a wreath was laid. This was followed in the afternoon by a service on the Dunkirk Beaches. It was interesting to hear after the service, various men pointing out the spots on the beaches where they embarked on the actual evacuation. They then paid a visit to the beautifully kept cemetery where lie the graves of the British Soldiers who lost their lives at Dunkirk.

They had the next day free for sightseeing and returned home after a most memorable week-end.



ST. DUNSTAN'S CLOCK

It Strikes Me

Cross Roads

During the London Reunion I congratulated Leonard Curnow on the installation of a pedestrian crossing at the dangerous junction of Broadway and Upton Road, Bexley Heath.

"I was only one of a team", he said, "I had a lot of help particularly from Mr. Haylock-Eyre, Road Safety Officer, now retired and Mr. Ray Jones, Editor of the *Bexleyheath Observer*." But Leonard Curnow was the moving spirit of the 15 year campaign, which began when an old age pensioner, customer of his Post Office and Tobacconist Shop was knocked down. It included a 3,300 signature petition and march through the town behind a brass band. He campaigned to the end—when he heard the decision he told the authorities, "It took 15 years to fight for the crossing. I hope it is not going to take that long to put it there." It was installed in three weeks!

Walker

Last Month's Review carried an article on Roy Mendham's ambition to become St. Dunstan's third Centurion, by completing 100 miles inside twenty-four hours in the London to Brighton and back road race. His attempt failed when he collapsed at Bolney at 7 a.m. on Saturday, 23rd June, with just over fifty of his target miles behind him. The race had begun at 7 p.m. in torrential rain at Coulsdon, Surrey, where the road was like a ford through a stream. The conditions took their toll—of the field of 44 top European walkers only 16 finished. I talked to Roy after the race: "I was on schedule as far as Crawley", he said, "Then my tongue began to swell. I stopped at Bolney for a drink and then I fainted". Better luck next time, Roy.

For the record: The winner Gerd Nickel, 52, from Hamburg, Germany, clocked 20 hours 46 minutes and finished 25 minutes ahead of his nearest rival.

On Record

An idea that might interest St. Dunstaners is that of Mr. Geoffrey Kruger, Managing Director of Ember Records. His company is offering L.P. records from its Playhouse Spoken Word Series at reduced prices for blind people. Records in this series are specialised recordings for theatre lovers and they are offered at 28s 9d instead of the normal prices of 32s 2d or 38s. A spokesman explained that the company is anxious to find out the likely demand for records like Sheridan's "The Critic" starring Noel Coward or the Gershwin Musical, "Porgy and Bess" starring Mel Ferrer and Francis Faye.

The list is limited at present but Ember Records would like to know the plays, films, T.V. shows you might like to have on record. They ask you to address your request to Mr. G. Kruger, York House, Empire Way, Wembley, Middlesex.

MAGOG

THANK YOU

My dear Friends,

I want to thank you all most sincerely for the lovely present of a Record Player and cheque, also for all your kind messages and good wishes on the occasion of my retirement.

It is a big wrench after all these years to give up work which has brought me so much happiness, but time is an enemy none of us can fight successfully and the little yellow pensions book is only two weeks away.

My new address after the end of July will be "The Stables", Kincardine House, Kincardine O'Neil, Aberdeenshire, and I shall always be delighted to have news of you, if any of you are on holiday in this lovely part of the world—come and see me.

Just a short message to my friends over the border—"I'm no awa to bide awa".

With every good wish and many, many thanks,

Yours very sincerely,
EDITH MARY KING

Mr. and Mrs. T. Gaygan of North Harrow would like to thank everyone who asked after Mary in her recent illness. She has greatly improved and is now going to school for the first time.

Mrs. Purvis and all the family of Mr. Septimus Purvis of Seghill, Dudley, Northumberland, would like to thank all the staff of St. Dunstan's for everything they have done over the years.

He was very proud to be a St. Dunstaner and his wish to spend his last days at St. Dunstan's was granted.

A special thank you to the Matron, Doctor and staff of Pearson House who nursed him so well over the last fifteen months.

Memorial Service

The funeral service of Dr. L. D. Bailey, C.B., M.C., T.D., was reported in the July "Review" and the Memorial Service took place on 5th July, 1967, at Holy Trinity Church, Northwood, Middlesex. St. Dunstan's was represented by Mr. S. C. Tarry, O.B.E.



The sports week-end was the ideal occasion for Lord Fraser to make the presentation to Jack Jarrold, who has been responsible for the organisation of so many of these events over the years

Dear St. Dunstaners and Staff,

I would like to express my sincere appreciation and grateful thanks to all those St. Dunstaners and Staff who subscribed to my retirement present (A Teamaker) which I shall treasure—especially when it wakes me up with early morning tea!

Yours sincerely,
JACK JARROLD

NO REVIEW

In accordance with our usual practice of printing eleven issues of the St. Dunstan's "Review" a year, there will be no "Review" for September. The next issue will be the October "Review".

CREDIBILITY GAP

Seen on a shelf in Brighton Public Library marked "Recently Returned Fiction"—*Purposes in Politics*, by Harold Wilson.

Midland Club Notes

The past month has been quite an active one for the Midland Club members. On Sunday, June 18th, we were invited to join the Association of Jewish Ex-servicemen on their annual outing. This year we visited the R.A.F. station at Cosford. We were met by the Camp Officers on arrival and were given an enjoyable concert by the R.A.F. Band. We were then taken round the camp by coach, it was almost like going round a small town. We were allowed to go round different hangers in which several different kinds of aeroplanes were on view. A number of planes were open for inspection and several of our party went on board for a look round.

After tea at the camp we went to the R.A.F. Club in Wolverhampton where we had more refreshments, before our journey back to Birmingham.

We should like to take this opportunity of thanking the A.J.E.X. for a most enjoyable afternoon and for the wonderful work they do for the disabled of both World Wars.

The following Sunday was the day for our own annual outing, this year to Symonds Yat. Unfortunately we had a wet start to the day but it did clear up for us most of the time we were at Symonds Yat. We left Birmingham just after lunch and by travelling down the M5, arrived at Symonds Yat at 2.45 p.m. Some of the party toured the shops and others went for a stroll by the river. Tea was at the Hotel which everyone enjoyed, and we all went sightseeing again until it was time to go home. Everyone enjoyed the trip, but when, oh when, are we going to choose a dry sunny day!

July 9th was our usual Club Day. The draw was made for the Sir Arthur Pearson domino knock out competition, and two games were played off, Joe Kibbler just managed to beat Bert Lane

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in the one game and after a tremendous struggle, which we all thought was going to last all night, Stan Southall narrowly defeated Doug Faulkner. There is one more game to play off in this round between Bruno Tomporowski and myself and then we shall play the three finalists against one another and take the aggregate score to see who has won the competition.

Mrs. Cashmore prepared the tea for us at this meeting and everyone thanked her for the lovely spread.

Our next outing is to Stratford-on-Avon in September and we shall be having tea with our very good friends at the British Legion and spending the evening with them. Any members wishing to join us on this trip should contact me as soon as possible as I have to book the coach soon. My telephone number is SELLY OAK 1432. All who attended the July meeting were invited and most of them have given their names to me.

The next Club Meeting is on Sunday, 13th August at 3 p.m.
D. E. CASHMORE
Secretary

London Club Notes

Our weekly Domino evenings in June gave much pleasure to our regular St. Dunstaners and were well attended. Winners of the games were as follows:

1967		
1st June	(1)	G. P. Brown
	(2)	C. Hancock
8th June	(1)	W. Miller
	(2)	H. Meleson
		G. P. Brown
		C. Hancock
15th June	(1)	C. Hancock
	(2)	J. Murray
22nd June	(1)	P. Nuyens
	(2)	C. Hancock
29th June	(1)	C. Luker
	(2)	W. Miller

Our congratulations to C. Hancock whose name appears on the winning list in

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four out of five games. Keep it up, Charlie!

I know our members of the London Club will indeed be sorry to hear that Bob Bickley was taken to hospital on the 9th of July, and we all wish him a very speedy recovery. So get well soon, Bob, we miss you here.

Please note that the London Club will close from Saturday the 29th of July until August the 31st. However, I would like to point out that if anyone so desired the club amenities could be available on Thursday, August the 24th and Saturday the 26th, and we would be happy to make the necessary arrangements prior to these dates.

W. MILLER

Staff News

Mrs. Edith M. King

Mrs. King, a clergyman's daughter, joined St. Dunstan's staff as a V.A.D. at Ovingdean in June 1946, after serving in the 1939-45 War, first in Civil Defence and then as an Ambulance Driver with the 21st Army Group from the invasion beaches to Germany. She accepted a post on our Visiting Staff in September 1949, and became responsible for the Midland Counties. In January, 1955, Mrs. King exchanged areas with Miss Gordon and became responsible for Scotland and the Northern Counties. She plans to live near Aberdeen on her retirement at the end of July.

Mrs. King has been presented with a stereophonic record player and a cheque by the St. Dunstaners she has visited and a silver plate attached to the record player bears an inscription which aptly expresses their feelings for her—

"Presented to Mrs. Edith M. King, with gratitude and affection and warmest wishes for her happiness in retirement by her St. Dunstaner friends, June 1946-July 1967".

We all wish her a long and happy retirement.

From the Chairmans Postbag

From J. E. Davies of Llandyssul

I would like to take this opportunity of saying that I thoroughly agree with everything you say about reading the same books twice, I have had my talking book machine for several years and have read many books twice and some even three times, and shall probably read a few of them a fourth time, since I find I can always find something new and interesting in a good book. I am not keen on thrillers or love stories, the only kind of fiction I care for is the P. G. Wodhouse kind of humorous stories. My favourite subjects are Natural History, Country Life, Biographies and anything which has an educative value. I would like to add that I get very good service from the Talking Book Library for which I am indeed grateful.

Mr. J. E. Betts

After 42 years service with St. Dunstan's Jack Betts retired at the end of July.

He began working in 1925 in the Despatch Dept. and six years later became one of our van drivers. It is in this connection that he will be so well known by many St. Dunstaners of World Wars I and II, as part of his duties entailed delivering raw materials to and collecting finished articles from men occupied in making products in their own homes, for our store.

They always looked forward to having a chat with "Jack" about current news often concerning their fellow St. Dunstaners, upon whom he called.

After such a long association he will be greatly missed by our home workers for the friendly service he gave them.

Our best wishes go to Mr. Betts and his wife (née Miss French), who formerly worked for many years in our Netting and Rug Dept., with the hope that they will enjoy many happy years of retirement.

Appointment of a new Welfare Visitor

Mrs. Irene Plaxton of North Shields, an experienced social worker, has been appointed to visit St. Dunstaners in North Yorkshire, Durham, Northumberland and Cumberland and will take up her post early in August.

Mainly for Women

Grease an oven dish and arrange in it the prawns, eggs and tomatoes in layers. Pour over the hot cheese sauce and bake in a moderate oven (350°F. for 10 minutes).

Cheese Sauce

2 oz. fat
1½ oz. flour
½ pint warm milk
1 small teacupful grated cheese
1 tablespoonful cream (optional)
Salt and pepper

Melt fat in small saucepan; mix in the flour, stirring all the time. Cook gently until it is frothy. Gradually stir in the warm milk and cook until the sauce thickens. Add cheese and stir until it has melted and the sauce is smooth. Season and stir in the cream.

Blackberries should be ripening early this year and so here is an easy but delicious sweet.

Blackberry Cream

2 lbs. of ripe blackberries
½ oz. of powdered gelatine
6-8 oz. sugar
The juice of a lemon
½ pt. double cream

Sieve or liquidise the blackberries and strain off the pips. Dissolve the gelatine in a quarter of a pint of water. Heat half the blackberry juice in a saucepan and when simmering add the gelatine mixture and the sugar. Stir until dissolved. Add with the lemon juice to the remaining blackberry juice. It may be found necessary to add more lemon juice or sugar at this stage. Leave to cool. When cold fold in the well beaten cream. Put in the refrigerator for a minimum of 4 hours.

Knitted Patchwork Blanket

Most knitters have a box or drawer full of brightly coloured wools left over. Here is a pattern for making a useful rug or blanket, from any double knitting wool, which the user will find warm and gay.

Size 32" square

Tension 11 sts and 24 rows to 2"

Abbreviations: K = knit; st(s) = stitch(es); incr. = increase; dec. = decrease; beg. = beginning; in. = inch(es)

Needles: No. 9 Aero

To Make

Work 27 squares (9" × 9"), as follows: Cast on 2 sts. Working in garter stitch (every row knit) work 1 row, then inc. 1st at beg. of every row until there are 28 sts. Work 2 rows. Now dec. 1. st. at beg. of every row until 2 sts. remain.

Cast off.

To Complete

Join all the squares together and press work lightly.

As the "Review" goes to press the weather is most summery and the garden so inviting. No-one wants to be cooking in a hot kitchen so here are two recipes that are quick and easy to make and can be adjusted easily to the size of the family.

Prawn, Egg and Tomato Au Gratin

(for 2 people)

½ pint prawns, shelled
½ pint cheese sauce (see below)
4 tomatoes, skinned and sliced
2 hard boiled eggs sliced

Sports Week-end

It had to happen at some time, of course—we had a wet weekend! Happily it was heartening in other ways though—we were not down on our number of competitors—nor was their enthusiasm in any way dampened by the downpour we suffered on both Saturday and Sunday afternoons. Indeed the comment most frequently heard was . . . “well maybe it would be better to have a week of sport—that way we’d be bound to get some fine days!” Quite a thought!

Apart from the weather, there are other reasons we shall remember this particular weekend. We were all very pleased that Lord Fraser came down to present the Sports prizes—and, on the occasion of our official farewell to Mr. Jack Jarrold—to make a presentation to him also. The Chairman was also sporting enough to enter for the Car Rally—which some 12 competitors entered—and was placed 5th in this event.

Details of the events and winners we set out below:—

RESULTS

RIFLE RANGE

1st **R. Hyett** 2nd **M. Tetley**

3 MILE HANDICAP WALK (Totally Blind)

1st **W. Griffiths** (Handicap time 26.23 minutes, Handicap 13.30—Actual time 39.53 minutes)

2nd **R. Young** (Handicap time 29.07 minutes, Handicap 5.00—Actual time 34.07)

3 MILE HANDICAP WALK (Semi-Sighted)

1st **J. Fulling** (Handicap time 26.40 minutes, Handicap 2.25—Actual time 29.05 minutes)

2nd **F. Barratt** (Handicap time 28.14 minutes, Handicap 3.15—Actual time 31.29 minutes)

DISCUS

T.B. Section 1st **W. Claydon** 59 ft. 6½ ins.
2nd **M. Tetley** 47 ft. 6½ ins.

S.S. Section 1st **J. Black** 61 ft. 1 in.
2nd **F. Barratt** 57 ft. 7 ins.

70yds SPRINT

T.B. Section 1st **W. Claydon**
2nd **J. Simpson**

S.S. Section 1st **J. Fulling**
2nd **E. Bunting**

STANDING LONG JUMP

T.B. Section 1st **W. Claydon**
2nd **S. Tutton**

S.S. Section 1st **E. Bunting**
2nd **J. Fulling**

MEDICINE BALL

T.B. Section 1st **W. Claydon**
2nd **J. Simpson**

S.S. Section 1st **E. Bunting**
2nd **J. Fulling**

PUTTING THE SHOT

T.B. Section 1st **W. Claydon**
2nd **R. Benson**

S.S. Section 1st **J. Black**
2nd **E. Bunting**

TEN PIN BOWLING

T.B. Section 1st **J. Wright**
2nd **S. Tutton**

S.S. Section 1st **R. Davis**
2nd **J. Black**

SWIMMING

Length Breast-stroke

T.B. Section 1st **R. Goding**
S.S. Section 1st **A. Wortley**

Underwater Swimming

T.B. Section 1st **W. Griffiths**
S.S. Section 1st **R. Hyett**

Plunge

T.B. Section 1st **M. Tetley**

S.S. Section 1st **J. Fulling**

Length Freestyle

T.B. Section 1st **M. Tetley**

S.S. Section 1st **J. Black**

FISHING

1st **W. Claydon** (11½ lb. catch)

2nd **R. Davis** (8 lb. catch)

CAR RALLY

1st **R. Goding** (54 points) Driver Mr. Nurse

2nd **A. Wortley** (40 points) Driver Mr. Smith

After Tea on Sunday afternoon, Lord Fraser gave the prizes (the Victor Ludorum Challenge Cup was won this year by **W. CLAYDON** with 12 points out of a possible 22), and made the presentation to Mr. Jack Jarrold on the occasion of his retirement after over 20 years as Sports Officer at Church Stretton and Ovingdean. St. Dunstaners and colleagues on the Staff had contributed to purchase Mr. Jarrold's choice of a “Teasmade” for that early morning cuppa and in responding

to Lord Fraser's speech, he expressed his thanks to everyone and gave us the welcome news that he would be continuing to live near St. Dunstan's and would always be pleased to help with future Sports events if wanted. We shall not be likely to forget his offer.

Following on the Sports Weekend and particularly to encourage newcomers, we shall be running regular competitions during the Summer months if we have sufficient support. Any St. Dunstaner wishing to try his or her hand at any of the events will be welcomed. A record will be kept of each person's various entry results and prizes will be given for the best attempt in each section at the end of the Summer season . . . so, come on, take the plunge! Jim Hancock who won a “New-comers” special award in the Sports Weekend will tell you . . . you never know what you can do until you try!!

The innovation of three days fishing to follow the week-end, which was begun last year, was this time extended to four days and facilities for up to 12 St. Dunstaners arranged.

In spite of the changeable weather with which they had to contend, our intrepid fishermen lost none of their enthusiasm but like Oliver Twist, only asked for more!

OVINGDEAN NOTES

MORE BRAILLE EXPERTS

In June, a small party went up to London from Brighton for the Annual Braille Reading Competitions organised by the National Library for the Blind. We were not fortunate enough to gain a 1st this year, as we did last, but did take both 2nd (D. Clark) and 3rd (J. Lynch) places in the Class “C” Competition.

In the afternoon our party stayed on to listen to the finals of the other Classes and were particularly enthralled with the performance given by some of the very young children who read with such feeling and appreciation.

BRAILLE AND TYPING TESTS AT OIVINGDEAN

We report the following Tests have been recorded since the last list to appear in the “Review”:

Repeat Senior Braille Reading Test
W. Chitty (Hove), **J. Pryor** (Maidstone), **R. Fullard** (London), **W. T. Scott** (Rottingdean), **W. Phillips** (London) and **P. Sumner** (Tunbridge Wells)

Senior Braille Reading Test

E. Bunting (Croydon—Physiotherapist Trainee)

Advanced Braille Reading Test

J. Lynch (Bedford R/T), J. Hancock (Ipswich R/T), D. Clark (Sevenoaks—Trainee)

Preliminary Braille Reading Test

D. Clark (Sevenoaks—Trainee), A. Miller (Gateshead—Trainee)

Braille Writing Test

A. Miller (Gateshead—Trainee) and D. Clark (Sevenoaks—Trainee)

Typing Test

R. Parish (Littlehampton—Trainee), J. O'Donnell (Dublin—Trainee), A. Miller (Gateshead—Trainee), D. Clark (Sevenoaks—Trainee) and A. Ellis (Sherborne—Trainee)

Chelsea Pensioners

Twenty four Chelsea Pensioners in their red, black, navy and gold uniforms attended a party arranged by the Boreham Wood Branch of the British Legion on Saturday, 10th June.

Our St. Dunstaner, J. C. Cowan, Chairman of the British Legion's Entertainment Committee and his wife organised the event. Councillor Colonel Christian de Lisle, Chairman of Elstree Rural Council, together with the Rev. J. B. Rigby, vicar of Boreham Wood and Branch Chaplain, and Mr. Tommy Temple, representing the British Legion, were also present.

The pensioners enjoyed a marvellous tea provided by the members of the British Legion, women's section, and then relaxed with cigarettes and cigars.

A varied programme of entertainments was provided for their benefit, before they went home they were each presented with a £1 note and a ball point pen.

The event was financed by funds raised by Mr. and Mrs. Cowan who organise a weekly competition at branch meetings.

Rain

by

STANLEY COE

Oh! rain that gives our land its life,
And makes the beauteous flowers to grow,
And yet, can downpour making strife,
And lay the humble cottage low.
I beg thee fall with gentle grace,
So that the lilies dance for joy;
And do not blind the farmer's face,
Or wrench the small boat from its buoy.
Yet mighty are the rains and fine,
That fall on this dear land of mine.

Yet when you think of all the things,
That make wheels turn and nature thrive,
And even cause the birds to sing,
And let the bees buzz from their hive;
Without God's rain we could not live,
Or even think of sickle or scythe.
Nor hear the raindrops that doth give,
The coloured spectrum in the sky.
So fall on rain from Heaven sublime,
Fall gently on this land of mine.

PHYSIOTHERAPISTS AT WORLD CONGRESS

Colin Johnson of Mont Albert and Malcolm Bryce of Brisbane both trained at St. Dunstan's after the 2nd World War and are now successful physiotherapists in Australia. They attended the World Congress of Physical Therapy in Melbourne, held there last May. Colin had been asked to represent the Council of World Organisations interested in the Handicapped, and the Congress itself was considered a success.

Colin has a very busy private practice with an assistant who does the clinics on three nights and Malcolm is second in charge at the Department of Social Service's Rehabilitation Centre in Brisbane with a particular interest in paraplegics. He also has a special hobby—he organises a training centre in Brisbane for the blind. More than 90 blind people have passed through this centre since Malcolm opened it seven years ago.

Malcolm is president of the Rats of Tobruk Association in Queensland.

Bridge Notes

The Summer Bridge Drive was held on Saturday the 17th of June at the London Club, Headquarters, Marylebone Road. Twenty St. Dunstaners with their partners took part, and thoroughly enjoyed a very pleasant afternoon.

The results were as follows:

- 1st H. Kerr and Mrs. Overall**
2nd R. Stanners and Mr. Horstead
3rd E. Carpenter and Mr. D. S. Bell

The prizes were graciously presented by Mrs. P. Pescott Jones, and as always the guests were appreciative of the prizes of various items made by St. Dunstaners.

The annual match was held at the London Club, Headquarters, on Saturday the 24th of June when four teams of St. Dunstaners played four teams of the L.C.C.B.A. (Masters). A very pleasant afternoon was enjoyed by both visitors and St. Dunstaners alike.

The results were as follows:

L.C.C.B.A. (Masters)

- 1 Mrs. J. Gatti, Mrs. Daly, R. and I. Frances** +7710
2 J. Amsbury, C. Dixon, S. Jacob, B. Keable +6160
3 G. C. H. Cox, Mrs. B. Harris, Mrs. Amsbury, L. Wolfers +5020
4 L. Tarlo, Mrs. L. Laslo, Mrs. K. Garfield, P. R. Charters +3060

St. Dunstaners

- 1 F. Mathewman, H. Kerr, C. T. Kelk, B. Ingrey** —3250
2 P. Nuyens, G. P. Brown, J. Douglass, R. Armstrong —5410
3 R. Fullard, M. Tybinski, J. Whitcombe, J. Chell —5880
4 E. Carpenter, A. Caldwell, R. Freer, S. Webster —7410

The prizes of four hors d'oeuvres sets were presented to the winning visitors' team by Paul Nuyens.

Mr. Tarlo kindly presented the St. Dunstaners top team with a bottle of port each, and all St. Dunstaners members with a bottle of sherry.

The seventh *Individual Competition* was held at Brighton on 2nd July and the results are as follows:—

- 1 C. Kelk and J. Whitcombe 47
2 T. Scott and B. Ingrey 41
W. Burnett and H. Selby 41
3 R. Goding and S. Webster 39
4 F. Rhodes and J. Chell 38
5 M. Clements and A. Smith 34

P. NUYENS

BARE CANVAS

(A true story)

by DOUGLAS WARDEN

My friend's a physiotherapist,
An occupation he's done well in,
It is an occupation which
A blind man can excel in.

The hospital admires his work,
His patients all revere him;
Indeed, a few prolong their ills
In order to be near him.

One day the Board of Governors
Some visitors expected,
From whom high hopes were entertained,
For they were well connected.

But he was shy and eagerly
He yielded to suggestions,
That he should find some hole and hide,
Away from boring questions.

So, dragging out a canvas screen,
Round an empty bed he placed it,
And there inside a soft retreat,
For an hour or more he graced it.

Enconced within his hermitage,
With some verse in Braille by Kipling,
He lay in peace, though he confined
To tea and cakes his tipling.

The aldermanic cortege came
And went in slow procession,
And he was happy . . . till he found
The screen was bare of Hessian!

Letters to the Editor

From W. Thornton of Birmingham, 31
The Long Cane

It was with considerable pleasure that I read D. C. Clark's excellent account of the long cane system and the benefits which he is deriving from his training in it at St. Dunstan's. He is one of a steadily expanding number of long cane users in this country. The experience of the last two years has demonstrated that the case for the long cane is quite overwhelming, among the systems of self-dependent blind mobility. Hardly anybody who has given the long cane system a reasonable trial has failed to adopt it completely.

May I remind St. Dunstaners in the Birmingham area who wish to receive non-residential training in the use of the long cane, that facilities are available at the Midlands Mobility Centre at Harborne. Stan Suterko, who conducted the Ovingdean course in August, '65, is returning to America having spent a year establishing the Centre. For the next year he is being succeeded by one of his Western Michigan University products, Bob Crouse, of Atlanta, Georgia.

From Bob Young of Dorking, Surrey, and Mike Tetley of St. Albans, Herts.

During the recent Sports Weekend at Ovingdean a number of us went sea fishing and we found it a most enjoyable occupation. We feel sure there are many more St. Dunstaners who would find as much pleasure in it as we did. Not merely the satisfaction of catching fish—it appears that even a one-handed novice can haul them in—but even more for the pleasure of getting away for an hour or two from the fume laden land air.

At the London Reunion we spoke to Lord Fraser about the possibility of encouraging the pastime at Ovingdean. We found him very interested and willing to back any reasonable suggestions.

In the meantime it is necessary to know how many St. Dunstaners find the scheme attractive. The idea at the moment is for an occasional Fishing Weekend at Ovingdean when possible. We hope very much that anyone interested will write to the *Review* to give us your support and any ideas you may have on the subject.

From Roy W. Hyett, of Camelford, Cornwall.

The Sports Weekend just over must be one of the most successful ever staged. The atrocious weather did not deter the record number of sporting St. Dunstaners who took part—our new Sports Officer Mr. Carnochan was kept at full stretch throughout the weekend.

But thank you "Jock" for doing a wonderful job and our thanks must also go to Commandant and Miss Guilbert, Matron and all the staff who worked so hard for us. Let's hope the smooth-running success of the Weekend was gratification for them.

To other St. Dunstaners who might have come but didn't, let it be made clear that none of the competitors has much chance to train or practice and standards may not be high. But it is the sense of participation that means so much, not the winning. If you *do* happen to come first in one of the many and varied events (and this could happen to anyone) then so much the better, but the thrill of actually competing is worth far more than the mere effort of being there calls for.

Letters to the Editor

From Bob Fullard of London, S.W.16.

The Chairman's comments on Talking Books v Braille prompts me to suggest that a lot of drudgery of reading Braille could be avoided if, as in French Braille, more contractions and abbreviations were used. From time to time a list is circulated in France of the latest extensions to the standard Braille, whereas in this country, the Uniform Type Braille Committee exerts a strangle hold on our "standard" Braille.

The result is that more physical effort is

required to read a "standard" Braille publication in English than is the case with French Braille and incidentally, less paper is needed and less actual Braille printing is used. In these days of ever increasing production costs, I should have thought that more efforts should be made to reduce costs by introducing more contractions and abbreviations for "standard" Braille publications. I am prepared to suggest examples if other St. Dunstaners will support me in an approach to the appropriate authorities.

Telephonists Training Course

by
Una Greenwood

On 5th and 6th July, 1967, a two days training course for P.B.X. telephone operators was held by the Manchester G.P.O. at Dial House. This was the first of three courses organised by Mr. F. Brock, Senior Telecommunications Superintendent.

I was the only St. Dunstaner and incidentally the only female operator on the course which included a film of the action taken in an automatic exchange when a number is dialled and another showing the difference between a good and bad telephone operator. There were talks and discussions and we visited a Manchester 100 exchange, a directory enquires bureau and the engineers' fault control centre at the Blackfriars exchange.

These were a most interesting and pleasant two days and I came away with the satisfaction of having learned a great deal of valuable information. The whole course was conducted in an informal manner and every consideration extended to us for our comfort and well being. We received both kindness and understanding and the course was thoroughly enjoyed by students and instructors alike. Thank you our friends of the G.P.O. staff.



Photo—Harrow Observer

Mary, daughter of our St. Dunstaner, Tommy Gaygan, was Rose Queen of North Harrow on her 12th Birthday. Resplendent in a long white dress, flowing red robe, ornamental golden crown, and holding a bouquet of flowers in her lace mittened hands, Mary opened the mid-summer fair of the Hatch End District Girl Guides. She was attended by two princesses.



Photo—Star, Sheffield

With Lord Fraser, St. Dunstaner, Barbara Bell presents a cheque to Mrs. Edith King

REUNIONS AT NEWCASTLE AND SHEFFIELD

It was Mrs. King's day at both Newcastle on Thursday, 22nd June, and Sheffield on Saturday, 24th June, since these were the last two Reunions which she had organised as Welfare Visitor for North East England and Scotland. Warm and eloquent tributes were paid to Mrs. King by our St. Dunstaners, John Perfect at Newcastle and Barbara Bell at Sheffield.

Presentations were made of a plaque to be fixed to the large record player as well as a cheque for the sum of £93. These gifts were the result of subscriptions from St. Dunstaners living in Mrs. King's area.

Replying, Mrs. King told those present how much she had enjoyed her work. She summed up her hopes for the future for those whom she had served for twenty-one years by quoting an old Gaelic wish:—

"May the road rise with you.
May the wind be always at your back.
May the Good Lord hold you in the
hollow of his hand."

Mr. D. G. Hopewell, M.A. LL.D., presided at the Newcastle Reunion and Lord Fraser accompanied by Lady Fraser presided at Sheffield. Lord Fraser expressed the thanks of all ex-servicemen and women for the generous award that has brought war pensions and allowances up to date. The Government had heeded a plea that it would not forget war pensioners who had no trade unions to force their claims. War pensioners were affected by the cost of living as much as anybody else and the Government had now recognised they were entitled to a slice of the national cake. This principle was becoming well established with Chancellors. (The figures affecting St. Dunstaners were given in the July Supplement).

With St. Dunstaners, their wives and escorts, members of the staff and guests, a company of about 80 people attended the Reunion at the Royal Station Hotel, Newcastle and about 150 at the Grand Hotel, Sheffield.

LONDON REUNION

380 St. Dunstaners with wives or escorts and members of the Staff made the London Reunion worthy of winding up the 1967 series.

Lord Fraser, who was accompanied by Lady Fraser welcomed the contingent of St. Dunstaners from Ireland, William E. Cook of East Doncaster, Victoria, Australia and James Mash of Jersey. In his speech Lord Fraser paid a special tribute to Mr. Wills, Miss Rogers, Miss Midgley and Miss Mosely of the Headquarters Staff, and to the Welfare Visitors throughout the country, who were responsible for carrying out such a very successful and arduous programme.

Harry Wheeler of Merton Park, who served in both world wars proposed the toast "St. Dunstan's".

The excellent arrangements made by Miss P. Collins, Welfare Visitor responsible, were greatly appreciated.

Three Extra Smiles

My young daughter Vivienne did very well at school again this term. She came first in her school exams and this is the third year she has taken top position. Naturally, I was very pleased and asked her how she did it.

"Just hard work", was her casual reply, "and anyway the papers are always saying that the population is very *Dense* around here!"

My eldest daughter asked to speak to me alone on an important matter.

"Dad", she started rather hesitantly, "I have been going out with my boy friend for over two years now and . . ." She seemed lost for words.

"Well", I replied, "I hope you don't expect me to give him a pension!"

After my painstaking effort at the Brighton walk, some clever chap said, "You did very well to complete the course at your first attempt. You must have lucky legs."

"Yes" came my tired but perky reply, "Lucky they didn't drop off!"

Laughs at Fred's Cafe

"Carmen Brykiert, 18, from H.M.S. Daedalus, a shore base at Lee-on-Solent, Hants, will be cheer leader for the Fleet Air Arm's gun crew when they race against other Navy commands at Earls Court." My wife read the caption to me adding that there was a picture of a very shapely Wren in the national press and several members of the gun crew were looking starry eyed at her. At that point my wife stopped, waiting for what excuse or story I would make up to water down the undisputed fact that there were lovely wrens at H.M.S. Daedalus, where 50 St. Dunstaners spend a week's holiday in the Summer.

In such a situation, speed, courage and action were vital. I sent the two signals printed below post haste to:—

H.M.S. DAEDALUS.

TO WREN CARMEN BRYKIERT AND ALL OTHER WRENS.

Hang on—We're Coming.

ST. DUNSTAN'S CREW

TO FIELD GUN CREW.

Lay off—We're Fuming.

ST. DUNSTAN'S CREW

Photo—Daily Mirror



Family News

Ruby Weddings

Many congratulations to MR. and MRS. J. SMITH of Mytchett, Nr. Camberley, Surrey, who celebrated their Ruby Wedding Anniversary on 9th July, 1967.

Sincere congratulations to MR. and MRS. W. W. WARNER of Morecambe, who celebrated their Wedding Anniversary on 11th June, 1967.

It's Easy to Laugh

by BEN SUTTON

It's easy to laugh when the skies are blue,
And the sun is shining bright,
It's easy to laugh when friends are true,
And there's happiness in sight.
But when hope has fled and skies are grey,
And friends of the past have turned away,
Ah, then, it's a hero's feat
To conjure a smile, in the face of defeat.
It's easy to laugh when the storm is over
And your ship is safely in port.
It's easy to laugh when you're on the shore
Secure from the tempest's sport.
But when wild waves wash o'er the storm-
swept deck
And your gallant ship is a battered wreck,
Ah, that's the time when it's worth while
To look in the face of defeat and smile.
It's easy to laugh when the battle's fought
And you know that the victory's won,
It's easy to laugh when the prize you sought
Is yours when the race is won.
But here's to the man that can laugh,
When the blast of adversity blows,
He will conquer at last.
For the hardest man in the world to beat,
Is the man who can laugh in the face of
defeat.

Silver Weddings

Congratulations to MR. and MRS. W. EDWARDS of Partridge Green, Sussex who celebrated their Silver Wedding Anniversary on 18th July, 1967.

Golden Wedding

Warmest congratulations to MR. and MRS. E. M. GOUNDRILL of Keyingham, Nr. Hull, Yorks, who celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary on 26th June, 1967.

Diamond Wedding

Our very sincere congratulations to MR. and MRS. W. ABBOTT of Saltdean, Sussex, who celebrated their Diamond Wedding Anniversary on 23rd June, 1967.

Grandfathers

S. MOSELEY of Halesowen, Worcs, announces the arrival of a Grandson recently, making a total of eight grandchildren.

W. HASLAM of Crewe on the arrival of two Grand-children. One born on 11th April, 1967, and the other on 30th June, 1967. He now has 26 Grand-children and 3 Great Grand-children.

A. WARD-SMITH of Hailsham, Sussex, on the arrival of his tenth Grand-child, a girl, born to his daughter.

Catherine, daughter of P. R. FORSTER of St. Paul's Cray, Kent, was married on 13th May to David Wilding.

Family News

Deaths

We offer our sincere sympathy to:

E. ETTRIDGE of Croydon who mourns the death of his father in late May, 1967.

D. GROVES of Newbury Park, Ilford, Essex on the death of his father on 28th May, 1967, at the age of 70, at Freshwater, Isle of Wight.

J. KENNEDY of Barnhill-by-Dundee who mourns the death of his wife on 16th June, 1967.

H. KING of Luton Beds, whose mother died on 14th June, 1967, at Eaton Bray, Beds.

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.

Herbert Day. 3rd Rifle Brigade.

Herbert Day died at Pearson House on 12th May, 1967. He was 82 years of age.

He enlisted in 1914 in the 3rd Rifle Brigade and served with them until his discharge in 1915 and came to St. Dunstan's that year. He did not undertake any training as he continued with his pre-war occupation as a moulder in an iron factory and he continued this work for a number of years until his health made it impossible for him to continue in full time employment. He then took up basket work. His wife died in 1944 and he then decided to go to Ovingdean, spending short holidays with his daughter in Luton. He resided at Ovingdean until his transfer to Pearson House, where he died.

John Henry Knighton. Lincolnshire Regiment.

John Henry Knighton of Ilkeston, Derbyshire, died at his home on 26th June, 1967. He was 81 years of age. He served as a Corporal in the Lincolnshire Regiment from 1915 to 1918.

His sight did not deteriorate until late in life and he came to St. Dunstan's in 1961. He had been in very poor health for some considerable time and his death was not unexpected.

Frederick George Holman. Royal Engineers.

Frederick George Holman of Thetford, Norfolk, died in hospital on 26th June, 1967, at the age of 77 years. He served with the Royal Engineers from 1915 to 1917 and was wounded at Arras in 1917, and came to St. Dunstan's in that year.

He trained in boot repair work, mat making and Centre Cane trays and carried on these occupations for some years. He was a frequent visitor to our Brighton Homes and always enjoyed holidays on the South coast.

He was admitted to hospital in April 1967, his health gradually deteriorated and his death was not unexpected.

Septimus Purvis. 2nd Durham Light Infantry.

Septimus Purvis of Seghill, Dudley, Northumberland died at Pearson House on 19th June, 1967, where he had been staying since March of last year. He was 72 years of age.

He served in the 2nd Durham Light Infantry from 1916 to 1918 and was wounded at Loos.

He came to St. Dunstan's in 1918 and trained in Boot repairing and mat making, and carried on these occupations for a considerable number of years. He was an enthusiastic and expert gardener and he won many prizes for his splendid Leeks. He was taken ill in 1965 and he had been staying at Pearson House for just over a year.

Family News

In Memory

Bertram Mayell. *Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry.*

Bertram Mayell of Victoria, British Columbia, Canada, died on 5th February, 1967, at St. Joseph's hospital. He was in his 84th year.

He was born in Belfast, Northern Ireland, and served in the South African War and stayed in the service until 1909 when he and his brother went to Canada. When the 1st World War broke out he joined the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry, was blinded at Ypres in May 1915 and came to St. Dunstan's in that year.

He trained as a Masseur and practised in London before returning to Canada in 1917. He practised in Toronto for two years and then went to British Columbia. He studied for the Naturopathic Profession receiving his doctor's degree in 1926, enabling him to practice Naturopathic Medicine. He retired at the age of 80 in 1963.

Norman Russell. *Royal Army Service Corps.*

Norman Russell of Leicester died in hospital on 14th June, 1967 at the age of 59.

He served in the Royal Army Service Corps from 1939 to 1941 and came to St. Dunstan's in 1945. He trained in industry and was working until May 1967, when he was taken ill and was admitted to hospital towards the end of the month. He always enjoyed visits to Brighton and he was a very interested and good chess player.

Albert Ruston. *Royal Army Service Corps.*

Albert Ruston of Shaftesbury, Dorset, died on 8th July, 1967. He was 83 years of age.

He served with the Royal Army Service Corps from 1915 to 1918 and came to St. Dunstan's in 1935. Owing to his age he did not take up a remunerative occupation but took up handicrafts and continued to make rugs until 1945 then owing to rheumatism in his hands he had to give up this work. In recent years his health had given cause for great concern but he had been nursed devotedly by his wife at all times.

Alfred Shepherd. *Royal Corps of Signals.*

Alfred Shepherd of Fawdon, Newcastle-on-Tyne died suddenly on 17th June, 1967, at the age of 53 years.

He served in the Royal Corps of Signals from 1932 to 1946 and he was a Far East P.O.W.

He came to St. Dunstan's for training in 1948 and he learnt rug making—a handicraft which he carried on at home. He was a widower.

Frederick William Ward. *Kings Royal Rifle Corps.*

Frederick William Ward of Northampton died at Pearson House Brighton, on 29th June, 1967. He was 78 years of age.

He served as a Rifleman in the Kings Royal Rifle Corps from 1914 to 1919 and he was the victim of a mustard gas attack. He came to St. Dunstan's in 1954. He always enjoyed visits to Brighton and it was whilst having a convalescent spell there that he died. As a boy he was a chorister in Winchester Cathedral. His wife predeceased him in December 1964.

Edgar Arthur West. *19th Manchester Regiment.*

Edgar Arthur West of Syderstone, King's Lynn, died in hospital on 7th July, 1967. He was 79 years of age.

He served with the 19th Manchester Regiment from 1917 to 1918 and was wounded in France in 1917. He came to St. Dunstan's in 1918 and opened a Grocery Store. He carried on with this Store throughout the whole of his life, retiring from it only quite recently. He was taken ill in the Spring of this year, and after a spell in hospital seemed to be improving in health. However, he had a "set back" and returned to hospital toward the end of June.

David John Williams. *2nd Royal Welch Fusiliers.*

David John Williams of Cardiff, South Wales, died at his home on 16th June, 1967. He was 72 years of age.

He served with the 2nd Royal Welch Fusiliers from 1915 to 1917 and was trained in poultry farming and carried on this occupation for a few years. He then made rugs for a brief period. After that he concentrated on string bags and was a real expert at this job. He was making bags for Stores until quite recently. He and his wife attended the Bristol Reunion on 10th June. His death was very sudden and unexpected.

Edmund Vaughan. *Royal Army Service Corps.*

Edmund Vaughan of Carleton, Poulton-le-Fylde, Lanes, died at his home on 23rd June, 1967. He was 70 years of age. He served in the Royal Army Service Corps from 1914 to 1919.

His sight did not deteriorate until later in life and he came to St. Dunstan's in 1955. He was able to make string bags until quite recently. He had been ill since the end of last year.



Starting—Bill Griffiths, one of the doubly handicapped swimming competitors, plunges in

Finishing—Commandant "clocks" Mike Tetley's winning time in the free style event



Alan Wortley, suitably clad for the weather, puts the shot





Shoulder to shoulder, Bill Miller (left) and Jack Fulling, two of the fast men in the 3 mile walk



Lord Fraser with his driver, Mr. Bath, before the start of the car rally

Briefing from the Commandant for Jerry Lynch as the line of cars pulls up for the navigators to embark

