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CHAIRMAN'S NOTES

Vice-Chairman

At a General Meeting of the Governors and Members of St. Dunstan's, held on Friday, 13th, October it was decided to create a new office in the management of the organisation, namely that of Vice-Chairman.

At the Council Meeting, held the same day, it was decided to elect Mr. Ion Garnett-Orme to be Vice-Chairman.

Hitherto, St. Dunstan's has had only three Officers, namely Sir Neville Pearson, President; myself, as Chairman, and Mr. Ion Garnett-Orme as Hon. Treasurer. There are still only the same three persons in office because Mr. Garnett-Orme was also reappointed Hon. Treasurer.

Mr. Garnett-Orme will occupy the two offices for the time being as a matter of convenience—possibly for a year or two—until we find a suitable, new, Member of the Council with a financial background who, after some experience, would make a new Hon. Treasurer.

The reason for creating this new office was that Sir Neville Pearson and I are both men who served in the First World War, and it seemed to us to be time we had another colleague, of a younger generation.

I would like St. Dunstaners to be assured that no resignations are in our minds, nor does this new appointment foreshadow resignations. On the contrary, the work of St. Dunstan's is very near to my heart and that of Sir Neville, and we both intend to continue to serve. However, it will be a very great help to me as Chairman to have a man of Mr. Garnett-Orme's ability and standing to aid us, especially during the next few years while the important reorganisations of our Homes at Brighton are being carried through.

Mr. Garnett-Orme has been a member of the Council and of the Finance and General Purposes Committee for a number of years. He served in the Second War and is the head of a distinguished and highly respected firm of Merchant Bankers in the City of London, called Brown, Shipley & Co. Ltd. He has visited a number of Reunions and is known to many St. Dunstaners; he is a charming person who will, I am sure, make a growing circle of friends amongst St. Dunstaners as the years go by.

About St. Dunstan's Policy

From time to time St. Dunstaners write to me or ask me questions about St. Dunstan's policy because they naturally want to know how it affects them and their families.

I will try in this article to deal with some of these questions.

Widows

It is now generally known that St. Dunstan's has considerable resources and some older men ask me what do we do for widows.

In our early days, and for some years after that, St. Dunstan's did not have a policy for dealing with widows because our original Objects were designed to give training, settlement and aftercare to blinded ex-servicemen and their families but did not mention widows.



Gordon Smith, Chairman of the Physiotherapy Advisory Committee opening the Annual Conference.

At the Physiotherapy Conference

BY

F. J. RIPLEY

No one can say St. Dunstan's physiotherapists are in a rut for there were three innovations at the conference week-end this year. First, there was a licensed bar at the dance which went on till twelve o'clock on Saturday evening. This proved to be a great success as it saved St. Dunstaners and their wives and escorts deserting the dance to troop down to the local for a drink.

Then, there was a cocktail party given by the Advisory committee in recognition of the pioneering efforts of first war St. Dunstan's physiotherapists. Against the popping of champagne corks, Mr. A. Bennett—who was responsible for the word "Chartered" being included in our title—and others reminisced over the early struggles for recognition, while members of the present committee acknowledged their debt to the men of the first war who had made their path easier. The third innovation was in the lectures. For the first time, one of the lecturers, Mr. McKee, an eminent orthopaedic consultant, chose to show slides with his lecture. In spite of

the fact that they would be lost on his audience, he felt his words would flow more freely round the pictures he was accustomed to using.

The other lectures were given by Dr. Gordon C. Taylor an Administrative Medical Officer, on the subject of Future Developments in Hospital Service—a controversial issue which brought a bombardment of questions—and Mr. F. J. Thomason, Principal of the R.N.I.B. School of Physiotherapy, who discussed trends in current training. The general feeling was that all three lectures were of particularly high standard.

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Some years later I initiated schemes to help widows and during our long history these have been developed and improved to a great extent.

Being restricted by our Constitution from giving direct or continuing help to widows, we started with schemes whereby we contributed during the St. Dunstan's lifetime so that he himself could make provision for his widow. This was done by various insurance schemes under which St. Dunstan's paid half the premiums and the St. Dunstaner paid the other half thus producing a sum of money for the widow on the St. Dunstaner's death.

In cases where a St. Dunstaner could not take up the insurance on account of age, we made a small lump sum available to widows during the early period of their widowhood, and from time to time we have been able to increase this. We are now going to increase this once again from the present amount of £210 to an amount of £310. We shall send £100 from this sum to a widow shortly after her husband's death to help her with immediate expenses, namely the funeral costs and a brief convalescent holiday etc., the other £210 being available when the Ministry's six months Transitional Allowances end.

In order to be fair to those who have joined one of the insurance schemes an amount of £100 will be added to the lump sum received from the insurance company. Thus every widow will now get either the benefit of an insurance policy to which St. Dunstan's and her husband have contributed, or grants from St. Dunstan's totalling £310.

In 1961 we altered the Objects of our Constitution so as to give us power directly to help widows in need and we then allocated a sum of money for this purpose. More recently we have renewed and increased this sum of money so that now we are able to give useful help to widows who are in need and this we are doing when such cases arise. Moreover, many widows also benefit by being allowed to remain as the tenant of a St. Dunstan's house.

St. Dunstan's Estate

I have been asked what is St. Dunstan's policy about houses for St. Dunstaners generally.

It has never been our policy to buy a house for every St. Dunstaner. In some cases we lend money on mortgages to St. Dunstaners who have some resources of their own, on specially advantageous terms to enable them to buy their own houses; in other cases we buy a house or a farm or a shop and let it to St. Dunstaners at an advantageous rent but we only do this when there is no other way of getting him a settlement at the right time and in the right place.

In order to be fair to those men who do not occupy our properties, we help them considerably with alterations, repairs and maintenance.

"Over 60" Allowance

In 1963 we introduced an age allowance of £50 a year for every St. Dunstaner over the age of 60. I have sometimes been asked why we do not pay this to all St. Dunstaners irrespective of age. The answer is very simple, namely that this is an allowance to help those who, having reached the later years of their lives, are faced with extra expenses as a result of increasing age and failing health.

We are now increasing this allowance to £60 a year and this amount will be sent out as usual at the end of October or early November to all St. Dunstaners who will have reached the age of 60 and over by the 31st December in the year of payment. The grant is not, however, available to men who are permanent residents or who have been resident for periods totalling six months in the year, in our Homes or in Hospitals.

Totally Blind and Semi-Sighted

I have sometimes been asked what is our policy in respect of varying degrees of blindness. Throughout all our activities we recognise that the man who is totally blind and especially the man who has double disabilities may require more help, and we take this into account.

There is a special category called by us the Borderline Cases. These are men who all see a little too much to be full St. Dunstaners. There are very few of them but they come to us for two reasons:

- (a) that they would have difficulty in obtaining work if they were not given special training.
- (b) their sight may deteriorate and it is a good thing for them to make contact with us.

In general these men undergo suitable training and we help them to get a job but they do not become full St. Dunstaners and they do not get the full benefits unless their sight subsequently deteriorates.

Selective Benefits

What is our policy about benefits in general? Some benefits are paid to all who are eligible, for example a holiday allowance, educational allowance, heating allowance, age allowance, etc. In general several benefits are given to meet each man's special difficulties and problems. For example one man may need an extended and expensive training; another may need a shorter training and an expensive settlement, and yet another may not be able to undertake career training and, therefore, does not need either of the above. In considering each case, we look at all the circumstances and take into account his desires, capabilities and potentialities and do everything we possibly can to help him.

If we were to standardise our benefits so that everybody received exactly the same amount of money regularly, it would be much simpler for the Organisation, but it would deprive St. Dunstaners as a whole of the special consideration which every case now receives and, incidentally, a regular contractual payment might attract income tax, whereas a gift would not.

We are convinced from long experience that the system of selective benefits to suit each man's individual needs is very much better for him and his family and in the end it leads to what might be called fairness all round.

Marginal Cases

I was asked the other day whether it was fair that a marginal case of a man who had a small degree of useful sight should be in St. Dunstan's at all. My answer was certainly, yes; it is our policy not only to persuade the Government to give the benefit of the doubt to every pensioner but also to give the benefit of the doubt ourselves.

I always remember the old line "There but for the Grace of God go I". What this means is that some have good luck; some have bad; the needs of some are greater than others and that we must all take a tolerant view of the other man's troubles bearing in mind that they might have been our own.

The Locusts

Finally, I am often asked whether it is fair that the present day St. Dunstaners seem to get much more than those of the first War who lived in an earlier age. This is, of course, quite true but two factors must be taken into account—namely, first, that St. Dunstan's

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is in a stronger position to help now than it was in earlier times, and secondly, that even though the benefits of today seem to be very great, measuring in pounds comparing with those of 30 or 40 years ago, the pound itself has lost very much of its value so that a certain sum of money today does not in any way represent the value of 20 or 30 years ago. There is another old saying which I recall in this connection "You cannot make up for the years that the locusts have eaten". It is obvious that St. Dunstan's can now do more actually and relatively than it used to do in the old days. Let us rejoice that this is so.

Fraser of Lonsdale

HANDLESS REUNION

The last Reunion of this year—the Handless Reunion took place at Ovingdean from Thursday evening, 12th October till Tuesday morning 17th October.

Amongst the highlights of a very varied programme was an invitation from the Duke and Duchess of Norfolk to visit Arundel Castle on the Sunday. This was particularly interesting for Ted Miller of Leamington Spa as he earns his living as a guide for visitors to Warwick Castle.

The rest of the programme was taken up in a Social Evening and Dancing at the Stroods Hotel on Friday evening. The Ascot Races was the outing planned for Saturday with a party in the Winter Garden in the evening. Monday was given over to domestic and technical discussions between St. Dunstaners and members of the Staff, to enable St. Dunstan's to assist them in coping with their double disability. Those who took part in the discussion were Mr. A. D. Lloyds, Dr. I. H. Fletcher, Mr. H. J. Houlgate, Mr. F. J. Stewart, Mr. R. Duften, Mr. C. D. Wills, Commandant and Mr. N. French.

Lord Fraser presided at the final dinner at the Dudley Hotel, Hove, at which the St. Dunstaners and others who had played an active part in the conference were present. The guests of honour were Captain Ian Askew, M.C., Mr. and Mrs. J. Lloyd Jones and Mrs. E. Dacre, J.P. Lord Fraser proposed a toast to the guests. He said, "All St. Dunstaners and all who meet you admire the courageous and effective way you bear your double disability".

Dr. Fletcher replied for the guests and said it was a privilege to do what he could to help St. Dunstaners with their artificial arms.

Mr. Bill Griffiths proposed a vote of thanks to St. Dunstan's in a charming and effective speech.

From the Chairman's Postbag

From A. C. Pointon of Bexhill-on-Sea

I have just finished making three fishing rods, each five feet six inches in length for use from a boat at sea. Although I had no previous experience, I have done all of the building except for the last process which is that of varnishing. Buying all the parts at the normal retail price from a local shop these three rods cost a total of £10. The normal retail price of each rod would be somewhere between £5 and £6.

The thought which has occurred to me and of course my reason for writing to you is that if I can do this, so can other St. Dunstaners and to suggest that it is perhaps a trade for which some of our men could be trained. I appreciate that the business of purchasing components and marketing the finished product are factors I know nothing about. All I am saying is that I have derived a lot of satisfaction from building these rods and am quite willing to have them inspected by anyone as I feel that they would compare satisfactorily with rods made by sighted people.

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ST. DUNSTAN'S CLOCK

It Strikes Me

En Passant

Man with a problem is John Graham, who has just produced his third annual report as Editor of *En Passant*, the tape recorded chess magazine for blind enthusiasts. His full service includes the half hour monthly magazine, a personal recording service with a library of 200 hours of chess material and a three hour taped chess course for novices. The magazine circulates in 12 countries with something over a hundred readers. John Graham wants more and he wrote to English speaking organisations affiliated to the international chess federation. "These included chess federations in the U.S.A., Australia, New Zealand, South Africa and so on," he told me, "I wanted to contact blind chess players in these countries to offer the services of *En Passant*. It could have been done by some publicity in their own national news sheets. As I wasn't asking for funds but simply offering a service I thought it was a bad show not to receive even an acknowledgement from any of them!"

I agree and if any St. Dunstaner is interested, just write to John Graham, 325 Chickerell Road, Weymouth, Dorset.

700 Poems by Ear

Anthony Naumann has just finished a mammoth task—judging 700 poems in a contest organised recently in connection with Poetry Day. All 700 were read or tape recorded for him and within two months he had considered and judged them.

A member of a committee of ten enthusiasts organising Poetry Day at the London School of Economics (October 7th) which aimed to bring writers, publishers and magazine editors in touch with one another, Anthony Naumann was asked to share the judging of the poetry competition with another poet, Mrs. Carla Lanyon Lanyon. They worked completely independently until the final stages. He said "The competition attracted entries from all over the world and among them was some work of real promise. It is exciting to find work with potential and to be able to give the writer an opportunity."

Strictly for the Birds

George Hewett has just completed his last bird-house. This follows his decision to retire and live permanently at Ovingdean. Review readers may recall from an article on George's work about a year ago, that each one of his bird-houses is unique and built to his own design. His last, and most ambitious house, he has presented to St. Dunstan's but he has four others at his Saltdean home.

"I suppose I shall have to sell them or leave them for whoever buys my bungalow", George told me. So there they are: Four desirable residences for sale—but strictly for the birds.

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Letters to the Editor

From H. [Bert] Ward, Leeds 16

When I read Lord Fraser's announcement of the eventual departure from Ovingdean, I suddenly began to contemplate how much I would miss this splendid facility. I have since spent another week at Ovingdean and how I savoured all its delights. The glorious freshness of the mornings and the fact that I could go out of the building and down to the sea without an escort. If I felt especially active a blow along the wire on the Cliff Top.

Having to work all the year in an Industrial City with its smoke and grime and horrifying traffic bustle, Ovingdean has meant a great deal to me. It provides a glorious feeling of freedom and good health, I cannot see the wide open spaces and views around me but I can feel them. I am, therefore, bound to wonder whether Kemp Town will provide the same atmosphere and did, in fact, find that many of my friends also on holiday at Ovingdean, shared my feelings. We agreed that the availability of a pint would be more to hand at Kemp Town and that it would not be so hilly for the more infirm of us, but these disadvantages seemed to be so easily overcome by the excellent transport service provided that we could not convince ourselves that we would be happier at Kemp Town.

Whatever is arranged in the future for our holidays in Brighton we shall remember with nostalgia the good times we had at Ovingdean.

From A. C. Pointon of Bexhill-on-Sea.

Ham Corner.

It may interest other St. Dunstan's hams to know that I now have the transceiver recommended some time ago by "Ray" Vincent G3 TXB and later demonstrated at the get-together of radio amateurs at Ovingdean.

It has taken some time for me to take delivery as I wanted first to erect a quad antenna for the three dx bands. Built on the Labgear pattern it was only completed last week. The first station contacted was at Auburn, 120 miles from San Francisco, then several other American stations respectively in Chicago, Cleveland, Ohio and Missouri. That was in a very short time on the first day.

On the second day I used the station, which was yesterday, Maryland, Kansas City, Birmingham (Alabama), were quickly chalked up, then I got a call from Port Elizabeth in South Africa and was delighted to find that the operator, Bob, was also a blind physiotherapist and had been present in the station when from Ovingdean contact was made with Iris earlier in the year. While in qso, he demonstrated a tuner he uses and has generously offered to send me a photostat of the circuitry, which naturally I hope to have considered by our St. Dunstan's amateurs.

From Ethel Whiteman, St. Dunstan's, Ovingdean, Sussex.

Once again I would like to thank all kind friends for remembering my birthday, for all the cards I received, numbering over 70, so far too many for me to answer personally and for the many lovely bouquets.

From Mrs. E. G. Gimber of Desborough, Northants.

I would like to thank the Staff of St. Dunstan's and also the Fleet Air Arm for all their kindness and help given to my husband at the time of his death and also for expressions of sympathy and floral tributes.

From Mrs. M. Hamley, of Salford, Lancs.

Could I through St. Dunstan's "Review" thank everyone most sincerely for all the kindness shown to me and my family in the very sad loss of my father Arthur Cavanagh. He lived with me and even with his disability of being blind and handless he was always so happy.

He was a wonderful man but he became ill and has been at St. Dunstan's since Christmas. I would like to thank his very dear friend Mrs. Kemp for looking after him so devotedly, also Matron Blackford, Dr. O'Hara and all the staff at St. Dunstan's for all their kindness and attention. Also Matron Hallett and staff at Pearson House when he was there for a while.

This seems the only way I can thank everyone for all the letters of sympathy and flowers we received and show my own and my family's appreciation for all St. Dunstan's have done in the years my father has been a St. Dunstaner.

Mrs. Dennison, widow of our St. Dunstaner, C. DENNISON of York, would like to thank Lord Fraser and all members of St. Dunstan's staff for their help and sympathy and also for the very beautiful St. Dunstan's wreath.

BUSY LINE

Harry Hocking of Stacksteads completed 40 years service with the Bacup Shoe Company in October of this year, the last 21 of them as a receptionist and telephonist on a busy switchboard at Stacksteads Mill.

CHRISTMAS REVIEW

Next month's issue is our Christmas number.

WANTED—Your Funny, Eerie, Yuletide Story by November 12th

Nelson's Column

Autumn Treble

Exactly a year since my last column and I have an uneasy feeling that my poor efforts have now become a trifle redundant. However, these are the 3 titles I have to report on:

"Devil at Your Elbow" by D. M. Devine, reader, *David Broomfield*, is a double murder suspense story set in a "red brick" university. All is connected with a tragedy that occurred 8 years before. Thus the search for the culprit is narrowed to staff members of 8 years or more standing. I trust you find the guilty party more successfully than I. The climax coincides with a ceremony to install a new Chancellor and very nearly yields a third murder victim. A roughish lot to instruct our modern youth but then maybe it is all fiction.

"Sword of Honour" by Evelyn Waugh, reader, *John Richmond*, is the story of Guy Crouchback, son of a famous English Roman Catholic family, between 1939 and '45. Faithfully the shambles at the start of the war is depicted. A skit on the formation of the Commandos is entertaining. Nonsense at Dakar, Crete, and in Yugoslavia all liberally besprinkled with odd, but colourful, characters see the hero through to his haven of peace in 1945. A big and entertaining book requiring 2 volumes 18 and 15 tracks.

"Here is the News" by the reader, *Richard Baker*, is a cursory look behind the television cameras at the large team of newsmen and technicians, who labour to bring us the latest from all over and present it to us with split second timing. The author ends with some personal anecdotes which a man in his exposed position cannot fail to accumulate. Most readable and informative.



VALIANT PHOENIX OF CENTRAL EUROPE

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Warsaw's magnificent new Opera House opened to the public October 1966.

ROBIN BUCKLEY,

Public Relations Officer

At Lord Fraser's request my wife and I visited Poland for a week in September, 1967, to represent St. Dunstan's in response to an invitation extended by Lt. Col. Marian Golwala, Chairman of the Central Board of the Union of Blind Soldiers of the People's Republic of Poland. In a small way this was an historic visit since it was the first time that St. Dunstan's has been officially invited to send representatives to contact an "opposite number" on the far side of the Iron Curtain.

Our hosts of the Union of Blind Soldiers had arranged a full programme to inform and entertain us throughout the seven days that we were in Poland. The weather was fine and warm all the week. In every way the arrangements surpassed our previous expectations and we were given a truly wonderful time. Five days were spent in Warsaw and two in Cracow, the ancient capital to the south. Besides our formal talks with the Chairman and Members of the Board of Blind Soldiers, we visited the Institute for the Blind, two Co-operatives, the Headquarters of the Union of War Disabled and the Union of the Co-operatives for the Disabled, the

Ministry of Health and Social Welfare and the Ministry of Defence.

On the social side, we were taken on a sightseeing tour of Warsaw, to the Opera, on a sightseeing tour of Cracow, to the Salt Mines at Wieliczka, to Auschwitz Concentration Camp and to a Chopin concert given in the open air at Zelazowa Wela, the composer's birthplace, some 30 miles from Warsaw. My wife and I were guests at lunches, dinners and a reception and, before we left, we did a little to return the hospitality we had received by giving a dinner party for some of our Polish friends.

The Union of Blind Soldiers, with its central board of management in Warsaw,

is decentralised in its operation through the 17 counties of Poland and the various districts within the counties, so in this respect it resembles the British Legion rather than St. Dunstan's. The Union has close links with the other organisations caring for blind and disabled people as well as with Government Departments.

I was told that there are a thousand blinded ex-servicemen and women in Poland, which is rather less than half the total number of St. Dunstaners at home and overseas. Government Departments take a close interest in the employment of disabled ex-servicemen, whose right to work is fully recognised, and in the welfare of them, their wives or widows and their children. There are close links between the various organisations looking after the interests of blind and disabled people in Poland, both civilian and ex-service. Some of the war blinded work in professions such as administration, the law and teaching, others work on farms or in open industry and a substantial number are employed in Co-operatives. We have nothing equivalent to the Co-operative in St. Dunstan's so this form of employment may be of particular interest to our readers. My wife and I visited two Co-operatives for the Blind, one in Warsaw and the other in Cracow.

Co-operatives

In the Warsaw Co-operative for the War Blinded there are 380 workers but only half of them are blind and, of these, 60 are war casualties. The remaining 190 workers are disabled in other ways. The age range varies from 18 to 65, but members are allowed to work beyond that age if they so wish. There is a five day working week, the hours being from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. Breakfast is taken at about 10.30 a.m. and the members go home for lunch. Wages are on a piece-work basis and the average wage seems to be about £7 a week, although this figure may be misleading if related directly to wages in Britain owing to the great difference in the standard of living.

The articles made in the Co-operative fall into four categories—brushes, metal work, textiles and woodwork. Baskets are also made but this work appears to be

the prerogative of the deaf and dumb. Many types of brush are made and they are of good quality. The metalwork, made by specially designed machines, is of a simple character and articles such as paper clips, drawing pins, bottle tops, etc. are produced. The textiles shown to us consisted of sweaters for men and women which are designed in the Co-operative and the designs are changed from time to time. In this field, endeavour is made to co-ordinate the work of members with different disabilities—e.g. a blind person operates a knitting machine, whilst a disabled, sighted person subsequently sews the various parts together. The Co-operative is not residential; 95% of the members travel alone to work and the remaining 5% are escorted. Within the building there is a canteen, a recreation and reading room, a sick bay, with two nurses in attendance, and a dental surgery. Two doctors visit daily and specialists call when necessary.

Sharp Distinction

There is a sharp distinction in principle between the employment of the blind and disabled workers in Poland, through the medium of the Co-operatives, and the methods adopted by St. Dunstan's or, indeed, by the organisations caring for civilian blind in Britain, the nearest approach to the Co-operative being our Sheltered Workshops. It can be said in favour of the Co-operative system that, without it, many hundreds of Polish blind would probably have no employment at all. The members meet all sorts of other people and in this way the Co-operative widens their horizon and social contacts and thus their happiness. Another big advantage of the Co-operative system is that it provides a market for the goods made by the blind and disabled. The brushes and other goods, sold wholesale, are given preference over similar work by sighted employees. In brief there is an assured market for everything made in the Co-operative.

The Polish people are conscious that their country suffered more than any other on either side in the 1939/45 war. Under part German, part Russian occupation for the first two years and German

Valiant Phoenix

occupation subsequently, the life and economy of the country was completely disrupted. Over six million people, or just under 20% of the pre-war population, were killed, some in the fighting and the rest massacred in one way or another. Towns and cities were destroyed and the countryside ravaged. Warsaw was 75% destroyed in the 1944 uprising but it has been rebuilt. The layout and reconstruction of streets and buildings has followed closely on pre-war lines. The buildings are imposing though perhaps a little sombre. The streets and pavements are wide and there are large open spaces with parks and gardens. Electric trams still run through the streets on rails and the traffic is, of course, much lighter than in London.

Col. Golwala and the Board of the Union of Blind Soldiers could not have been kinder or more hospitable, and every detail of the programme arranged for us had been planned with great care so that

we should obtain the maximum information and enjoyment from the visit. Of course I told our Polish friends about the organisation of St. Dunstan's and the activities of St. Dunstaners. I was asked to convey a special message of greeting to our Polish members. This I do, through the medium of the *Review*, but I hope to bring a more personal message to each Polish St. Dunstaner whom I shall look forward to meeting at our Reunions or elsewhere during the next twelve months or so.

Everywhere we went in Poland my wife and I found strong pro-British sentiments at all levels. The people are intelligent, industrious and gay, despite all that they have had to suffer. A really wonderful recovery in all fields has been made during the post-war years. I feel greatly honoured that I should, with my wife, have been privileged to undertake this journey on behalf of St. Dunstan's. We have learned much, made a few friends and greatly enjoyed the warm-hearted hospitality of this valiant Phoenix of Central Europe.

Green Fingers

Once more the season has come round again and the results are coming in of those who have been successful in entering their garden produce at their local shows. There are some very keen gardeners amongst our St. Dunstaners and we give below a list of the prizes won by them recently.

H. Goodley of Pulham Market, Norfolk

Norwich Blind Show
1st. Foliage and Flower
1st. Annual Flower
1st. Grapes
3rd. Tomatoes

T. H. Wilson of Grimethorpe, Nr. Barnsley, Yorks.

Local Show
Vegetables 5 Firsts
1 Third
Flowers 1 First
8 Seconds
9 Thirds

G. J. Watts of Wymondham, Norfolk

Norwich Blind Show
1st. Cauliflower
1st. Seagrass Basket
2nd. Cabbage
2nd. Dahlias
3rd. Chrysanthemums
3rd. Flowering Pot Plant
3rd. Annual Flowering Pot Plant

H. A. Perrett of Devizes, Wilts.

Wiltshire Blind Show
1st. Garden Peas
1st. Apples

He also obtained the prize for the "special best" in the show.

J. Embleton of Trimdon Village, Co. Durham.

Local Village Flower Show.
Three 1st Prizes Gloxina
Blue Star of Bethlehem
Mimosa

Club News

Midland Club Notes

We held our usual annual outing to Stratford-on-Avon this year on Sunday 17th September. The sun shone when we left Birmingham and carried on shining all the way to Stratford. We all gave our sincere thanks to the Committee members of the Stratford British Legion, especially Mrs. Lee and her lady helpers, for giving us the facilities of their very excellent club.

On Sunday, October 8th, we held our Annual General Meeting. All Committee members were re-appointed and so the Club will carry on for another twelve months under the same management.

At this meeting the last quarter-final of the Sir Arthur Pearson Domino knock-out competition was played off between Bruno Tomporowski and Douglas Cashmore, unfortunately Bruno was the unlucky chap to get knocked out.

Tea was provided for us this month by Mrs. Bilcliff and we all thanked her for a very nice spread.

The November meeting will be held on the first Sunday in the month—November 5th.

We were very pleased on our Stratford outing and also at our October meeting to welcome a new member who has recently come to live in Birmingham, he is Freddie Coates.

D. E. CASHMORE,
Hon. Secretary

Brighton Club Notes

All St. Dunstaners in the Brighton and district area are cordially invited to the Annual General Meeting on Thursday, 14th December, 1967.

F. RHODES
Chairman/Secretary

London Club Notes

We are very pleased indeed to welcome Mr. and Mrs. George Stanley, who have but recently removed to Ilford, into our Thursday evening group at the London Club. I do hope this will encourage other St. Dunstaners who do not already attend but live in our area, to take a leaf out of George and Mrs. Stanley's book.

Charlie Hancock had one up on Jock Brown after winning the final Fives and Threes of the Sir Arthur Pearson Knock-Out Cup.

We are very pleased to hear that Bob Bickley is now well on the way to recovery from his recent illness.

We heard with deep regret of the passing of Charlie Luker. Charlie was a familiar figure at our Thursday evening Club and his death has left a void in our ranks. Norman Smith attended his funeral at Hanworth on the 5th of October and laid a wreath on behalf of all his friends in the London Club.

W. MILLER

Cardiff Club Notes

Our annual outing took place on Monday, 28th August to Chepstow Races. The weather was absolutely perfect for us and we had a really enjoyable afternoon on the race course. From Chepstow we proceeded to the Wheatsheaf Inn at Magor, where dinner was served to us and what a splendid dinner it was, everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

It has been decided to hold our annual Christmas dinner on Saturday, 9th December at the Wheatsheaf Inn at Magor.

Anyone interested will be very welcome and should contact me by telephone—Cardiff 791586, not later than 30th November, 1967.

D. STOTT,
Hon. Secretary

Bridge Notes

The 8th *Individual Competition*, London Section, took place at Headquarters on Saturday, 14th October. The results were as follows:—

G.P. Brown and M. Tybinski 67
R. Armstrong and R. Fullard 63
Miss V. Kemmish and P. Nuyens 60
R. Stanners and H. Kerr 59
R. Bickley and F. Mathewman 49

Table of the total of the five best results up to date.

R. Armstrong 394

M. Tybinski 361

P. Nuyens 359

F. Mathewman 351

G. P. Brown 325

R. Fullard 324

H. Kerr 315

H. Meleson 314

Miss V. Kemmish 308

F. Jackson 298

R. Bickley 275

Walking

The new 1967/8 season got away to a rather sticky start at Highgate on Saturday 23rd September. It was a wet and dismal day and clashed with the Stoke Mandeville Games. As a result only 8 of the 14 St. Dunstaners who had hoped to take part in the 1 mile race were free to compete.

After the race the prizes were presented to the winners on the field by his worship the Mayor of Camden, Mrs. M. Miller.

Result	H/T	A/cc	Act/T
F. Barratt ..	8.43	1.15	9.58
R. Mendham ..	Started late		
W. Miller ..	Started even later		
C. Stafford ..	9.02	1.50	10.52
R. Young ..	9.13	1.40	10.53
M. Tetley ..	9.16	1.10	10.26
M. Burns ..	9.41	2.00	11.41
S. Tutton ..	9.43	1.20	11.03

Coming Events

November 18th. 3 miles at Ewell.

December 2nd. 4½ miles at Ewell.

W. MILLER

LONDON TRANSPORT

The concession tickets issued by London Transport enabling a blind person to travel with an escort on bus services for the payment of one adult fare for the two persons, expire on the 31st December, 1967, and all St. Dunstaners who are in possession of a ticket will automatically be receiving a new one from St. Dunstan's (unless they write and tell us they no longer need one).

London Transport have, however, informed us that these passes will in future extend to their Green Line Coach services and any St. Dunstaner living within the area of these services and wishing to have a pass should apply at once to their Area Superintendent at Headquarters. This extension means that a bus pass is now available for all London Transport bus and coach services.

The passes are only intended for those who have a definite use for them and who cannot use buses without the assistance of a sighted guide for the whole of the journey being made. They are not intended to cover occasional journeys, but only journeys which are of more or less regular occurrence.

St. Dunstaners are reminded that their own fare must be paid—the pass only entitles the escort to travel free whilst accompanying a blind person on a journey.

Stoke Mandeville Sports

This year the Walk at Highgate was held on the same week-end as the Stoke Mandeville Games, which made the team at Stoke Mandeville small—but we can well say "We few, we happy few" for St. Dunstaners won 3 cups and a couple of certificates each. The cups were for outstanding performances.

1 cup—**Billy Griffiths**—Javelin—22ft. 9ins.

Trophy for the outstanding swimmer—**Billy Griffiths**.

1 cup to **Andy Black**—Discus—78ft.

On Saturday evening a dinner was given to the team in the Village Hall, Little Gaddesden, by Miss Talbot and Miss Cowdell.

A. SPURWAY

H.M.S. DAEDALUS—Sports Results

Sports were held on Saturday, 19th September at H.M.S. Daedalus, the only wet day during the week but this was no bad thing as Chief Beresford, the Physical Training Instructor worked out a programme of novel events in the Gym.

There was discus throwing with a rubber discus, broad jump, medicine ball, weight lifting, skittles, goal kicking and a most successful experiment, jumping on the trampoline, which was great fun. Competitors also swarmed up ropes. Prizes were awarded for T.B. and S.S. section. We also had a separate section for men with extra disabilities—the cup for this was won by David Bell.

The prizes were presented by the Mayor of Gosport who returned specially from holiday to do this.

During the week sports practice was held on several mornings. Mr. C. Atkinson, Sports Organiser for the Disabled of the British Isles attended and was very impressed, specially by the trampoline.

St. Dunstan's Presentation

At the dinner at H.M.S. Daedalus on the Thursday night, a presentation was made from the St. Dunstaners at the camp of a barometer to the C.P.O.'s and to the Field Gun's Crew of a Yard of Ale.

A Tribute to Joe Gimber

by AVIS SPURWAY

The death of Joe Gimber during the week at Lee-on-Solent brought great sorrow to us all.

It was such a nice thought on the part of the Chiefs' Mess and Field Gun's Crew to send such lovely flowers for the funeral. Chief Frances, Vice President of the C.P.O.'s Mess attended in uniform to represent the Royal Navy, a wonderful thought on their part.

Joe had been on the Parochial Church Council for 28 years and always made his communion every Sunday. The Church was full of all the parishioners of Desborough, Northants. My husband helped with the Service.

Mr. A. D. Lloyds, who was accompanied by Mrs. Lloyds, expressed the thanks of St. Dunstan's to the Royal Navy and to all the helpers at the Camp and for the facilities they made available. He said that this Camp was one of the most popular events in our calendar and was always over-booked. One had only to spend a short time at the Camp to appreciate the enthusiasm there was for it and he was sure there would be plenty of St. Dunstaners to keep it going for many years yet.

Walk Results: Lee on Solent 1967—2½ miles.

Order of Finish	Handicap Time	Handicap Allowance	Actual Time
W. Allen*	23.02	9.00	32.02
R. Collins**	23.29	9.00	32.29
F. Barratt***	23.54	2.10	26.04
C. Stafford	24.41	2.40	27.41
J. Wright	25.08	4.50	29.58
R. Young	25.09	3.00	28.09
S. Southall	25.40	9.35	35.15
A. Black	26.21	4.00	30.21
E. Cookson	27.09	5.20	32.29
M. Burns	27.10	4.00	31.10

*Handicap and Novice Prizes

**2 Handicap

***3 Handicap

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Some time after Iris de Reuck spoke from Port Elizabeth, South Africa, to Lord Fraser at our temporary station at Ovingdean during the Radio Ham week-end in April, she was interviewed by the South African Broadcasting Corporation on her rather unusual hobby for a woman on becoming a Radio Ham—one of the 200 women in South Africa, 3 of whom are blind.

LIKE A FISH!

Lesley, daughter of G. W. CATTELL of Northampton is a good swimmer and in two years has gained six Certificates, a Life Saving Award and a Bronze Medal.

Family News

Silver Wedding

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. P. FORSTER of St. Pauls Cray, Kent, who celebrated their Silver Wedding Anniversary on 16th September, 1967.

Many congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. P. J. CONLIN of Maldon, Essex, who celebrated their Silver Wedding Anniversary on 2nd August 1967.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. C. WOOD of Petersfield, Hants, who celebrated their silver wedding anniversary on 17th October, 1967.

Ruby Wedding

Warmest congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. W. H. CHESTERS of Maidstone, Kent, who celebrated the Ruby Wedding Anniversary on 18th June, 1967.

Golden Wedding

Very many congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Smith who celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary on 9th August 1967.

Grandfathers

Congratulations to:

B. CULLEY of Caterham, Surrey, on the arrival of his seventh grandchild, Michael John, who was born on 23rd September, 1967 to his youngest son, Frederick and his wife Olive.

J. EMBLETON of Trimdon Village, Co. Durham, became a grandfather on 27th August, 1967, when his daughter Helen gave birth to a daughter.

G. MILLEN of Birchington-on-Sea, Kent, on the arrival of his first grandchild—a granddaughter.

W. G. PHILLIPS of Plaistow, E.13, on the birth of his first granddaughter Deborah, born on 9th September, 1967, to Ann and Michael Logan.

Great Grandfathers

Many congratulations to:

G. ENGLISH of Castleford, Yorks, who became a great-grandfather for the first time on the 5th September, 1967.

A. STERNO of Cheltenham, Glos., on the arrival of a second great granddaughter, Rebecca Mary, on 24th July, 1967, born to his eldest granddaughter Olivia.

Deaths

We offer our sincere sympathy to:

Our St. Dunstaner, MRS. WINNIE EDWARDS of Partridge Green, Sussex on the sudden death of her husband on 7th October, 1967. Our deepest sympathy is extended to her three sons, one of whom is still at school.

E. PARIS of New Malden, Surrey, on the death of his father in the early part of August 1967.

W. ROBINSON of Patcham, Nr. Brighton, on the death of his wife in September 1967.

C. SEDMAN of Bury, Lancashire, who mourns the death of his father and also his sister-in-law who died within a few days of each other.

E. WEST of Egham, Surrey, who mourns the death on 27th August 1967, of his mother at the age of 95.

Sandra Edwards, granddaughter of our St. Dunstaner, A. CANTELLO of Harrow, Middlesex, was married to Richard White on 21st October, 1967 at St. Peter's Church, Earley, Berkshire.

Raymond J. Waring, only grandson of J. DIXON of Watford, Herts., was married to Jill Cox on 14th October 1967 at St. Mary's Church, Denham Village, Bucks.

Veronica, daughter of our St. Dunstaner, GEORGE A. FONE of Enfield, Middlesex, was married to Michael J. Rutland on 23rd September 1967 at St. Andrew's Church, Enfield, and spent their honeymoon in Lloret de Mar, Spain.

Graham, son of our St. Dunstaner F. C. GALWAY of Sandbach, Cheshire, was married to Kathleen Mary Burgess on 23rd September, 1967.

Susan, daughter of J. HAMILTON of Nottingham, married David Howick at St. Cyprian's Church, Nottingham, on 23rd September.

Kenneth, son of W. P. KELLY of Workington, Cumberland was married to Catharine Isabel Mooney on 23rd September, 1967.

Janet, daughter of E. S. KING of Prittlewell, Southend-on-Sea, was married to David Miller on 30th September 1967 at St. Mary's Church, Prittlewell.

Teresa A. Morgan, granddaughter of J. J. MORGAN of Seven Kings, Ilford, Essex, was married to David K. Cooke on 30th September 1967 at All Saints Church, South Oxhey, Surrey.

Frances, daughter of A. R. REYNOLDS of Shrewsbury was married to Philip Mansell at St. Chad's Church, Shrewsbury, on 16th September, 1967.

James, son of E. WARREN (late of Houghton Regis, Bedfordshire) was married to Jean Rayner on 26th August, 1967. Mr. and Mrs. Warren have since settled in Porthcawl where the young couple are also living.

Arthur, elder son of A. H. WHITTHORN of Exeter, married Ruth Passant on 30th September, 1967, in Shrewsbury, and will live near his father in Exeter.

G. MOORE of Blackpool, is very proud of his son, Sergeant Bob Moore, who has been appointed referee for F.I.F.A. soccer internationals in the Far East. Sergeant Moore thinks that he is the first Military referee to be nominated for such a post by the Hong Kong F.A.

Jim, son of H. WEBSTER of Liverpool, has just graduated from Liverpool University with a Bachelor of Veterinary Science degree. He is now a Member of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons and can put after his name B.V.Sc., M.R.C.V.S.

Ian, son of R. FORSTER of Leeds, has obtained a place at Bradford University to read for an Honours Degree in Chemical Engineering and on his last day at school was presented with a cricket bat for being the best all round cricketer of the season, heading both the batting and the bowling averages.

A. R. Reynolds of Shrewsbury has recently been appointed President of the St. John's Ambulance Cadets at Shawbury, Salop.

Family News

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.

Arthur Cavanagh. *Royal Engineers.*

Arthur Cavanagh of Salford, Lancs, died at Ovingdean on 24th September 1967. He was 62 years of age.

He served in the Royal Engineers from 1942 to 1947 and was wounded in action in Normandy, suffering the loss of both hands and sustaining a severe wound in the right leg. He came to St. Dunstan's in 1944 and trained for Industry carrying on this work until 1958.

Until his illness he enjoyed the North Country and Handless Reunions. He had been gravely ill for some time and he bore his sufferings with courage and fortitude. His wife predeceased him in 1955 and he then lived with his daughter.

Charles Dennison. *Machine Gun Corps.*

Charles Dennison of Haxby Road, York, died at his home on 26th September 1967, at the age of 72 years.

He served in the Machine Gun Corps from 1915 to 1918 and was wounded in Mesopotamia in 1917. He came to St. Dunstan's in 1920.

He trained in boot repairing and mat making and carried on these occupations for some time. His death was sudden and unexpected.

Cecil Dunlin. *2nd Battalion Royal Sussex Regiment, and Royal Army Medical Corps.*

Cecil Dunlin of Lawrence Street, Yorks died in hospital on 2nd October, 1967. He was 77 years of age.

He served in 2nd Battalion Royal Sussex Regiment and the Royal Army Medical Corps from 1915 to 1917, and was wounded in 1916 suffering the loss of a leg. His sight did not deteriorate until 1960 and he was then admitted to St. Dunstan's.

On account of his age he did not undertake any training but although he did not visit Brighton he was a regular attender at Reunions. He had been very ill for some considerable time and his death was not unexpected.

John Elias Jones. *Royal Welch Fusiliers.*

John Elias Jones of Denbigh, North Wales died in hospital on 6th October 1967. He was 77 years of age.

He served with the Royal Welch Fusiliers during the first World War but he was discharged in 1918 having been wounded in 1917. He came to St. Dunstan's in 1966 when due to his age he undertook no training. He kept reasonably well until September when he was admitted to hospital seriously ill and his death was not unexpected.

Gerald Malcolm Jordan. *Royal Army Medical Corps.*

Gerald Malcolm Jordan of Rhymney, South Wales, died on 7th October 1967 at the age of 76 years.

He served in the Royal Army Medical Corps from 1916 to 1918 and came to St. Dunstan's in 1931. He settled as a shop keeper and carried on this occupation for many years until increasing age and indifferent health compelled him to give it up.

He was a frequent visitor to Ovingdean and greatly enjoyed his stays there. He was also a regular attender at Reunions each year.

James Kennedy. *2nd Highland Light Infantry.*

James Kennedy of Monifieth, Angus, Scotland, died in hospital on 22nd September 1967. He was 75 years of age.

He served in the 2nd Highland Light Infantry from 1916 to 1918 and was wounded in 1917. He was admitted to St. Dunstan's in 1918 and trained in basket making. He carried on this occupation for some time.

His wife died only three months ago and he went to live with his daughter.

Charles Alfred Luker. *9th Scottish Rifles.*

Charles Alfred Luker of Hampton died on 1st October 1967. He was 74 years of age.

He joined the 9th Scottish Rifles in 1915 and served with them until 1918 coming to St. Dunstan's in the following year.

After training he had boot repair shops and continued with his type of work until his retirement in December 1955. He had many hobbies since retirement and in particular he was an active member of St. Dunstan's London Club and he was a frequent visitor at Ovingdean. Since losing his first wife he remarried in February 1963.

James Marland. *Nottingham and Derby Regiment.*

James Marland of Oldham, Lancs, died at his home on 24th September 1967 at the age of 68 years.

He served in the Nottingham and Derby Regiment from 1917 to 1919 and suffered a shrapnel wound in 1918. His sight did not deteriorate until later in life and he became a St. Dunstaner in 1960 when on account of his age he did not undertake any training. He had been in indifferent health for some time and his fatal illness began in July of this year.



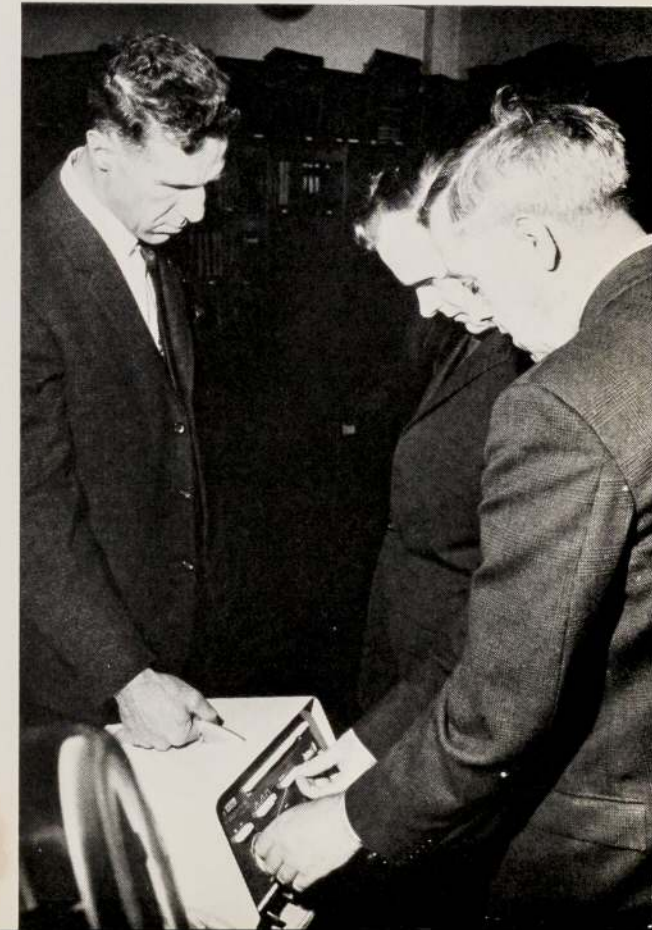
The Forum (from left to right). Harry Davis, Harry Foster, Gordon Smith (Chairman), Peter Spencer and Terry Horsfield.

Taking a close interest in the controls of some therapeutic equipment are Alan Vickers, Norman Perry and Reg Turner.

Physiotherapy Conference

At the Annual General Meeting, Mr. Gordon Smith, who many know as the resident physiotherapist at Ovingdean, took the chair. He read a message from one of our members in Australia wishing the conference success and giving an account of the World Congress of Physiotherapy in Melbourne which he attended on our behalf. A general report of the year's work of the Physiotherapy Advisory Committee followed and three new members were elected to the committee. We were pleased that our president Lord Fraser was able to be present and to advise us on a number of matters.

At the luncheon Gordon Smith welcomed the guests which included Lady Fraser, Miss E. Goole and the chairman of our civilian blind physiotherapists. Lord Fraser in his presidential address criticised the B.B.C. for spending so much time and money on television and pop programmes at the expense of large numbers of blind and other sound radio listeners. Mr. T. P. Hart proposed the toast to St. Dunstan's.





The lecturer used slides but his audience used their sense of touch. John Harris and Norman Hopkins inspect natural and man-made hip joints. Next to them is Peter Spencer.

Physiotherapy Conference

There was a good attendance at the Sunday morning service in the chapel conducted by the Rev. D. M. Harper where the flowers were provided by the committee and the lesson was read from Braille by one of the physiotherapists, Mr. E. Slaughter.

After Church four of our members sat on the platform to face bravely a barrage of questions in a forum—an event introduced in recent years with great success: Messrs. H. Foster, T. Horsfield, P. Spencer and H. J. Davis.

At the closing lunch on Sunday, tribute was paid to the hard work put in by Mr. Priestley who with Commandant and Matron were mainly responsible for making the weekend such a great success.

Another aspect of the display of equipment, Ted Bunting and Eric Foster discuss points with the maker's representative. In the foreground an audio output attachment.

