

JANUARY REVIEW





Ways of Life 5.

GROUP THERAPIST—Squire Brooks

“You haven’t heard these boys before and I can tell you, you are in for a wonderful evening”. This was the organiser of a pre-Christmas party at the Welfield Ladies Home at Hatfield, put on by the Hatfield Women’s Branch, Toc H. His audience, of whom the two oldest members were centenarians, did enjoy their evening. Maud, 80, sang “Bless this House” and several ladies danced with staff members or each other, possibly endangering their health but greatly improving their spirits. In the words of one indomitable little white haired lady from Lambeth repeated loudly many times during the performance, “it made a nice change”.

The ‘boys’ who brought music and jollity into the former workhouse—now replanned to give modern amenities and beautifully decorated—were “Brookie and his Friends”. That ‘square’ title shows they are not one of those myriad swinging groups of Radio One. The name grew on

them in hundreds of miles of travelling to an average of an engagement a week entertaining in hospitals, children’s homes, old folk homes, all entirely free.

‘Brookie’ is our St. Dunstan, Squire

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CHAIRMAN’S NOTES

Reminder

When I attended the Remembrance Service at the Cenotaph, I met a number of St. Dunstaners, two or three of whom told me that that was the first time they had been on the Parade in Whitehall and how much they had enjoyed it.

I told them that a note of this annual engagement had appeared in *St. Dunstan’s Review* for many years and that it was open to any St. Dunstan, who was near enough to London to get up and back in the day, to join the Parade. All they had to do was to write to Mr. Wills.

I mention this now in the hope that this Note will catch the eye of some St. Dunstaners who would like to join us this year.

Incidentally, I have asked the Editor of the *Review* to put in a brief note—say following Chairman’s Notes—to the effect: “Look out for interesting events on pages so and so”. This may help readers of the *Review* to take advantage of such invitations.

B.B.C. and Blind Listeners

In October last, speaking at a St. Dunstan’s Reunion, I said:

“The B.B.C. had devoted a large part of its resources to T.V., partly because the viewer paid a higher licence fee, but also, no doubt, because they felt they must compete with I.T.V. And now they must be spending large sums of money on churning out ‘Pop’. I have met youngsters who seriously believe that they can only do their homework when this disturbing noise is going on in their room. I wonder how this will affect the new generation’s capacity for concentration.

“The B.B.C. should not forget that there are over 100,000 blind people to whom sound radio is of special significance and the sound listeners almost certainly include some hundreds of thousands of others who although not completely blind, cannot comfortably look at T.V. or cannot afford it, or are too old to change to it; moreover all listeners are ‘blind’ in the absence of the screen.”

Then I had a letter from Fred Channing, which is printed on another page under the heading “From the Chairman’s Post Bag”, in which he comments upon my remarks. He also suggested that the special programme for the blind world—*In Touch*—might be enlarged to, say, half an hour. I told him that my own opinion—given off the cuff—was that it would be difficult to find material for a longer programme without going into details of the blind world and blind organisations which would not be of interest to the general public, many of whom must inevitably be listening.

I would gladly make a recommendation to the B.B.C. that they should give more attention to the old sound programmes and slightly less to T.V. and Pop, not only for blind people, but for a great many others, including the near blind and older people, who do not care about, or cannot afford, T.V.

I would particularly like to hear from St. Dunstaners if they have any comments to make upon this idea.

CHAIRMAN'S NOTES

Professor McIntyre

A year or so ago, I wrote some paragraphs in these notes praising Ken McIntyre, the South African St. Dunstaner and educationist, on being appointed a Professor of Natal University. Earlier this year, he and his wife paid an extensive visit to the United States and Canada, studying university life there with particular reference to the teaching of American history. I have just read an extremely interesting report of Professor McIntyre's visit, which he concludes by saying:

"Thus in many ways our visit to North America was a wonderful event and my wife and I returned to South Africa with a wealth of experience, information and ideas which will be of great value to me in my work and teaching in the fields of American and Canadian history."

I have no doubt that this was not a one-sided visit, but that the Professor has not only gained from his contact with many educationists and others in North America, but has also contributed something towards a better understanding of South Africa in that continent, as well as himself exemplifying the message of St. Dunstan's. I congratulate Professor and Mrs. McIntyre on a good job well done.

Knocking Things Over

Fifty-five years ago I was a Boy Scout. I remember reading a book by E. le Breton-Martin, called "Scouting for Boys". Incidentally, le Breton-Martin became a friend of mine and was for many years Editor at the R.N.I.B.

I remember a paragraph which described a parlour game, played by Boy Scouts, in which a variety of objects such as a pepper pot, apples, nuts and other odds and ends normally available in an ordinary home, were placed on a tray. The Competitor, who was blindfolded, was allowed to feel them and make a list of them. The winner was the one who got the most right. We soon learned that, if you approached the tray from the side, you inevitably knocked something over, especially the tall objects, like the pepper pot, and so the thing to do was to put your outstretched hand down on the tray from above. Thus you did not knock anything over.

I follow this practice almost every night of my life, and commend it to St. Dunstaners when looking for an empty glass, or better still, a full one.

Fraser of Lonsdale

From the Chairman's Postbag

Fred Channing of Sidmouth, Devon

I was pleased to hear you criticise the B.B.C. for spending so much time and money on Pop programmes and Television. One seems to be able to get Pop music on more than one programme practically all day long, and Television seems to be given greater coverage. I wonder if anything can be done to get the B.B.C. to give more time for the Programme IN TOUCH; this is only a fifteen minute effort once a month. As you know there are thousands of Blind Listeners and I am sure an interesting programme lasting say for 30 mins. would be greatly appreciated by many of us.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

Owing to an indisposition Lord Fraser was unable to be present at the ceremony held at the Hampstead Cemetery every year on 9th December, at Sir Arthur Pearson's grave.

Mr. A. D. Lloyds was accompanied by Mr. J. L. Douglass of Barking and Mr. J. J. Morgan of Seven Kings, Ilford, both who lost their sight in the 1st World War. Mr. J. Cowan of Boreham Wood, Herts., represented St. Dunstaners of the 2nd World War. A wreath was laid and brief prayers were said.

The Sir Arthur Pearson Memorial Service at Ovingdean had to be cancelled owing to thick snow.

The Approach to Headquarters and New Postal Address

In our October *Review* we recommended a safe route between Edgware Road Underground Station (Circle, District and Metropolitan Lines) and Headquarters. In mid December a pedestrian subway under Old Marylebone Road was opened to the public and this provides an even safer route which St. Dunstaners are recommended to follow. The subway entrance on the side of Old Marylebone Road opposite St. Dunstan's is located by the new traffic lights at the junction of New and Old Marylebone Road. The subway exit is located outside the Church Army building, which is next door to St. Dunstan's.

Please note that Harcourt Street on to which Headquarters faces is no longer a one-way street, so here traffic now flows in both directions.

The section of road between the traffic lights referred to above and Edgware Road is officially renamed Old Marylebone Road as from 1st February, 1968. The address of Headquarters will then be:

St. Dunstan's,
P.O. Box 58,
191, Old Marylebone Road,
London, N.W.1.

ON BOARD THE "CASTEL FELICE"

On 10th December Leslie Constable, D.C.M., who had sold up his home in Crawley, Sussex, boarded the "Castel Felice" at Southampton with his wife and three children, en route for South Australia.

He is something of a "live wire" and is emigrating mainly because he feels that this country no longer offers the opportunities it should. He hopes to be able to start some sort of business in Australia and feels that his children, two girls aged 18 and 7 and a boy of 17, will be able to find better careers for themselves out there.

He is being sponsored by Sir Keith Wilson, a solicitor who is Vice-President of the Blinded Soldiers' Association of South Australia. We wish him and his family all the best of luck for the future and hope to have news of him from time to time.

A Golden Thread of Memory

by

MAUREEN LEES

I heard the Cenotaph Service this morning. Behind the sounds of marching feet and voices another picture appeared....

1917—and a little girl who joined the W.A.A.C. . . .

The long marching columns of the gallant youth of our Empire at Boulogne. . . .

The badly wounded men who came back. . . .

Of Armistice Day 1918. Rushing home from Huyton with a dozen service kids to get a meal. The flags flying. The ferry boats packed with gay folk. . . .

To London, still the youngest girl in the British Army, selected to attend a ceremony at the Abbey and on the Peace Parade—just a few girls marching a long route in London. . . .

The wonderment, the keen feeling of comradeship, the cheering crowds, the joy of being alive. . . .

Sitting in Hyde Park watching the fireworks. . . .

Returning home in 1920 to tell my father, "I will wear khaki again." . . .

The temporary Cenotaph in London....

The drivers who stopped to salute our Glorious Dead. . . .

My annual visits with my father and husband to London. All three of us knew so many who had died and they had to be remembered. . . .

And on the streets of London, of Liverpool and so many other towns were those who had returned and found they were no longer heroes. . . .

Before he died, my husband asked me to do what I could for other disabled. . . .

The A.T.S. was formed and I had a long career. . . .

I realized this morning that the golden thread which joins us whenever we lived and wherever, will always be present. The old, the middle-aged and the young at the Cenotaph today, will give way to yet more and more generations and those of us who have read Delafield's "The Unquiet Field" know that so long as we have a Festival of Remembrance so most assuredly peace will come for us all.



Where is Ovingdean?

Photo—Daily Telegraph.

Ovingdean Notes

Blizzard Isolates St. Dunstans

Not from the North Pole, nor yet from the South Pole, but from the frozen blizzards of the 'Sunny South' we send greetings to all St. Dunstaners. We were getting along nicely with our plans for Christmas, rehearsals for the Staff Show etc., when suddenly on Friday 8th December, we were plunged into the very depths of chaos that only freak winter conditions can provide. Just after mid-day a little light snow began to fall, as predicted by the weather forecasters, but there the similarity to any forecast ended, for within less than a couple of hours the South Coast road became icily treacherous and with disastrous results. Traffic began to build up and as the snow continued the road became quite impassable and Ovingdean staff were nearly all marooned with us for Friday night, some having to stay on as long as until Sunday. In addition we were a haven of refuge for a number of exhausted pedestrians and stranded motorists who had to leave their cars and try to walk as the snow continued to get heavier.

By Saturday morning we were completely isolated. Mr. Ridge and the Catering Staff set to with great gusto and provided much appreciated food, whilst the Maintenance Staff, Drivers and Orderly Staff did all in their power to dig us out! The Sir Arthur Pearson Memorial Service which was to have been held in the Chapel had to be cancelled and, of course, neither Sir Neville Pearson nor the Reverend Harper were able to travel here. Instead a Sunday Morning Interdenominational Service was arranged by Matron in the Winter

Garden and over the whole of the weekend the V.A.D. Staff were busy organising Bingo, Dominoes, etc. for all the residents. Commandant was here, there, and everywhere—either busy with the new small snow-plough we had just acquired at Ovingdean or down at Pearson House checking up on the snow-laden roof. All in all it was a week-end to remember . . . and indeed we shall, for a very long time to come!

The trainees now speed on their way home until January 2nd and we are getting ready to receive those St. Dunstaners who are coming here for Christmas.

1968 Events

Looking ahead, we would remind readers that next month there will be a list of the various special events planned to be held at Ovingdean during 1968. At the time of going to press these have not yet all been agreed, so please make a point of reading Ovingdean Notes next month.

Sports Weekend has been agreed, 18th to 25th June, and we shall also be running several Fishing Weekends during the year. If there is any keen fisherman, who has not previously taken part but would like to do so next year, will he please send his name to Miss Guilbert at Ovingdean so that he may be informed of arrangements in due course. All others who have taken part before, will be hearing from us quite soon.

NELSON'S COLUMN

Winter Tapes

One large cassette and four of the little devils for your delectation and written up in that order. The quality of the small ones is good, save for a leakage of sound between tracks which in so small a thing is bound to prove a headache to iron out completely.

"The making of a President" by Theodore White, reader Ronald Turton, is a complete picture of a presidential election from the spring primaries through to election day in November.

The fact that this is an account of the Kennedy election of 1960 is very interesting but to a large degree, irrelevant. The fascinating part is the almost unendurable strains each candidate has to cope with over a period of seven or eight months in the election year whereby each new President comes to office in a state bordering on exhaustion. That in itself is a terrible weakness in the method of selection and must blunt the power and initiative of the Western World every fourth year. A book very much worth the reading.

"The Snow Ball" by Brigid Brophy, reader Garrard Green, is a period piece set in the present. The three tracks cover some twelve hours of an 18th century costume ball. Anonymity and an atmosphere of

revelry are the main ingredients. The author relies mainly on four characters, Donna Anna, Don Giovanni, Cherubino and Casanova, to make some sort of constant in a whirling variety of costumed figures. A gay night with just one gruesome incident in the ballroom after an early champagne breakfast, which enables the two main characters to melt away unnoticed and unknown to each other in a snowy dawn.

"The Charmers" by Stella Gibbons, reader Elizabeth Proud, is a plain little domestic piece concerning the residents in an old hall in Highgate converted into five flats, one for a housekeeper and four for the various folk who own the place. The story revolves around the fortunate housekeeper, who finds her employers to be, more or less, what the title labels them. A trifle humdrum but possibly some of the ladies will like it.

"Death comes as the End" by Agatha Christie, reader Eric Gillett, is a thriller set in biblical times, one of the results of the author's interest in archaeology. A wealthy land-owner, widower, takes a young concubine into his household and then the fun begins for his three sons, two daughters-in-law, widowed daughter and his old mother. The fun I mentioned takes the form of six or seven mysterious deaths and finally the chain is broken when the killer, just about to wipe out his next victim, is himself, or herself, killed. A good suspense yarn with neither telephone, radio, nor sports car.

"The Russian Interpreter" by Michael Frayn, reader Garrard Green, is a slightly sinister rollick. An Englishman studying at Moscow University and almost penniless is delighted to get a job as interpreter for an eccentric English businessman. Slowly and in the midst of much comedy the interpreter grows suspicious that his employer is in the espionage business. There are 39 chapters but unfortunately after both heroes were arrested very drunk at the end of track 3, I could only get the heading of chapter 37 on the final track and I trust you will be able to enjoy the end of the book whereas I was denied any further fun or maybe shock.

In October, 1967, GEORGE FALLOWFIELD of Welling, Kent, entered an ironing board in the Hard Goods Class of the Kent County Association for the Blind's annual handicraft exhibition and won first prize.

THANK YOU

Thank you, St. Dunstaners, both at home and overseas, and your wives and families for the delightful Greeting Cards and Calendars I have received from you this Yuletide and for the warm wishes expressed in them.

I hope you all had a happy Christmas and send you my very best wishes for 1968.

C. D. WILLS,

Welfare Superintendent.

I and my staff in the Northern Area, have much enjoyed the lovely Christmas Cards, Calendars and Gifts which you have so kindly sent us in such profusion. The office over the Christmas period looked most gay with them. It is impossible to answer them all individually and I hope you will accept my thanks through the medium of the *Review*.

I hope you all had a good Christmas and all the Northern Area join with me in wishing you all the very best for 1968.

M. A. MIDGLEY,

Northern Area Superintendent, Welfare.

Once again it is my pleasant duty to convey to all St. Dunstaners and voluntary helpers the thanks of everyone in Southern Area for their Christmas Greetings, gifts and calendars.

I trust you all had an enjoyable Christmas and the New Year will bring happiness to you all and better health to those St. Dunstaners and members of their families who in recent months have been ill.

Our thanks are also due to the Widows who have kindly sent Christmas Cards.

P. J. ROGERS,

Southern Area Superintendent, Welfare.

The Commandant and all the Staff at Ovingdean and Pearson House take this opportunity of sending greetings to all St. Dunstaners and their families and wish to thank those who have sent Christmas Cards to them. Good health, good luck and every happiness for 1968.

THE COMMANDANT,
Ovingdean.

My Staff and I have greatly appreciated all the Christmas Cards and Greetings sent to us by St. Dunstaners and their wives, and thank you most sincerely. I only wish we could write and thank each one of you personally.

May I wish you all health and happiness in 1968 and we at Ovingdean look forward to seeing you here for your holidays.

MATRON BLACKFORD,
Ovingdean.

Dr. John O'Hara thanks all St. Dunstaners who sent him good wishes for Christmas. He would have liked to have replied to each one personally, but the numbers were so great that this was impossible, and so he is very glad to take this opportunity of expressing his gratitude and his appreciation of so many kind thoughts.

Mrs. Hamilton and John of 28 The Avenue, Brookville, Thetford, Norfolk, wish to express their deep appreciation and thanks to St. Dunstan's for the help and sympathy given to them in their recent bereavement, and their care during all the years Mr. B. A. Hamilton was a St. Dunstaner.

Mrs. Nancy Evans of Little Neston, Wirral, Cheshire.

I should like to thank Lord Fraser and all St. Dunstan's staff for the beautiful wreath and kind sympathy shown to me in the very sad loss of my dear husband, William Edward Evans.

It has given me a great comfort in my sorrow, in not only losing a devoted husband but a great companion.

Brian and Ian, sons of our St. Dunstaner, H. BOSELEY of Wallasey, have both won Gold Medals for Ballroom and Latin American dancing. Brian is 19 and Ian is 14.

Trip to Canada and Expo 67

by

E. HIGGS

My wife and I had the experience of a lifetime when we went last September to visit my son and his family in Canada.

We flew by B.O.A.C. to Montreal—first impression—everything very big, including meals!

We had a most interesting tour of Expo 67 going from Pavilion to Pavilion. The British Pavilion was highly enjoyable as we were not afraid of taking the rise out of ourselves! The Bell Telephone and Russian Pavilions were very entertaining but very technical, with telephones operating to water your garden lawn and sputniks of the modern space age. The mini railway and "La Ronde", the play and amusement area also added to the entertainment.

We also visited Ottawa, Toronto and the Niagara Falls, making all these journeys by car. Ottawa is quite spacious with plenty of walking and green belt areas and the Mounties were in evidence. Huge trees or

logs were travelling down the water-ways at a fair speed to the Sawmills. Toronto is a very busy commercial centre. They also possess the largest super market in the world—Yorkdale. Other super markets are of a tremendous size with 70 to 80 shops under one roof with free parking for 5,000 cars!

Our trip to the Niagara Falls was roughly a round trip of 1,000 miles. My wife said it was worth the journey just to see it. I got the greatness of its size and power when we took a boat ride sailing almost under the falls and the noise was deafening.

We managed to get over the border into America to Buffalo and New York State and found the people very friendly and polite. The motels both in Canada and America are of the highest standard. We returned home on 11th October flying again by B.O.A.C. having thoroughly enjoyed ourselves.

PERIODICALS

We are informed by the Scottish Braille Press that it is intended to withdraw *Hora Jucunda* from publication in April, 1968, and to publish instead a Braille edition of *Argosy*. This is a short story magazine published monthly containing about ten stories of widely varying character which are considered to provide a rich source of entertaining reading on a scale unrivalled by any existing Braille publication.

St. Dunstaners who are already readers of *Hora Jucunda* will automatically receive *Argosy* instead unless they write to me before 31st January cancelling it. Others who wish to receive a monthly copy of *Argosy* should write to me to order one by 31st January.

C. D. WILLS

The Reverend A. C. Nugee retired on the 2nd November from the Parishes of Broadwell and Kencot in Oxfordshire, after over 46 years in the active Ministry of the Church of England.



Like everyone else, I have off days in the cafe, when things don't go right. Such as the day I made a poor cup of tea.

Said one of my regular customers, "Is it true that you worked in the galley during the war?"

"Yes," I replied, recalling that I was ship's boy in the early war years.

"Did you get your wounds at sea," said my questioner.

"Some of them," came my honest reply.

"Well, you can thank your lucky stars you never served this sort of tea to us. We would have shot you dead!" said the regular.



Fifty-two Years Ago

Mrs. G. Bolton of Upper Belvedere, Kent, has sent us this photograph of the first St. Dunstan's V.A.D.'s, taken in the Summer of 1915 at Regent's Park. She can identify "Auntie" Reed, the dispensary sister, who is sitting next to Matron Davidson, wearing the dark arm band. The *Review* would be interested to know if anyone can identify anyone else, from those days of long ago.

Old Friends

At their wedding in September 1915 friends at St. Dunstan's presented Mr. and Mrs. George Dennis with a marble clock. Our St. Dunstaner died 14 years ago, but his widow asks if survivors among the friends who made the presentation would care to contact her. The address is:—

Mrs. V. Dennis, 43 Chichester Road, North End, Portsmouth, Hants.

Princess Margaret opens new Wing

On 20th October, 1967, Princess Margaret opened the New Wing of a residential school for blind children at Chorley Wood, Herts. The pupils were asked to be at their lessons to enable Her Royal Highness to see them at their studies. Dawn, daughter of our St. Dunstaner, W. R. Crombie of Southfields, London, S.W.18, has been at the school for some time and was practising at the piano when Princess Margaret arrived. She listened for a while to Dawn playing before moving on.

Dawn has obtained eight "O" levels in her examinations recently and is now a student in the VI Form. On leaving school she hopes to train as a physiotherapist. She has just become engaged to be married—her fiancé is in the Merchant Navy.

Jane, daughter of J. C. MOSLEY of Solihull, Warwicks., gained a bronze medal for dancing recently.

REMEMBRANCE DAY MUST GO ON

Following the B.B.C. "Any Questions" programme broadcast on 10th November, in which two of the speakers criticised Poppy Day and the Remembrance Festival, Lord Fraser was invited to take part in the B.B.C.1 Television "Talk Back" programme on 14th November and he put up a spirited defence.

There were, he said, 6.3 million people who had served in the First World War, 1.3 of whom were still alive. This figure did not include women, widows and children.

At the following week's "Talk Back" programme on 21st November, the B.B.C. invited speakers to discuss the question both for and against the continuation of Remembrance Day Ceremonies before an audience of one hundred, picked by the Corporation and said to be representative. Mr. D. I. Cadman, National Vice-Chairman of the British Legion, and others, made a powerful and moving case for the retention of Remembrance Day, although Mr. Cadman conceded that there would obviously have to be changes. The Archdeacon of Westminster Abbey, Canon E. F. Carpenter, wanted Remembrance Day to continue, but geared to the United Nations, although he said, he knew, this was a minority view. The arguments put forward by speakers against Remembrance Day were difficult to follow as they seemed to be based on ignorance, political bias or somewhat incoherent anti-war sentiment, but these speakers appeared to want the ceremonies, if they were to be held, to be internationalized and looking towards peace.

The impression left with the *Review* was, that, after all, there was in fact, a fair measure of agreement between the two sides.

Two questions were then put to the invited audience in order as the Chairman, Mr. David Coleman, said, to obtain a public opinion. 65% of the audience voted *yes* to the question: "Should we continue to have a national day of remembrance", and only 15% voted *yes* to the further question: "Should the form of Remembrance Day be changed".

Braille Reading Competitions

The thirty-ninth E. W. Austin Memorial Reading Competition will be held on Saturday, 4th May, 1968.

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

ADULT

Sturmey-Wyman Challenge & Medal Competition

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

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

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

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

Open Competition. A special competition open to all readers eligible to enter Classes A and B and to all previous winners of Classes A, B and C for reading from the novels of Thomas Hardy.

Reading Competition (continued)

MOON

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

DEAF-BLIND READERS

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

Intending competitors should send their names to the **Secretary, National Library for the Blind, 35 Great Smith Street, Westminster, S.W.1, not later than Monday, 22nd April, 1968.**

Unique Occasion

At a recent Youth Public Speaking Contest held in Blackpool, two members of the winning team were Janice Poole, daughter of George Poole of Preston, and Paul Taylor, son of Tom Taylor of Farington. One of the adjudicators was Des Coupe of Preston. Can you beat this?

A Lancashire Lad and Lassie

At the recent Preston Methodist Youth Festival, Susan and Paul children of our St. Dunstaners, T. Taylor of Farington, Lancs, carried off a number of Certificates. Susan obtained a First in embroidery, basketry, nursery panels and painting, a Second in appliqué work, a lemon meringue pie and soft toys, and she also gained a Third for a fruit cake. Susan is 17 years old.

Her brother, Paul aged 20, obtained a First in Bible reading, unprepared reading and verse speaking and a Second for poster painting.

LOST

Lady's beige chunky knit cardigan with large pearl buttons. Thought to have been left in the cloakroom at the Grand Hotel, Brighton, on the occasion of the Grocers' Dinner on 6th December. Would anyone who removed this garment by mistake, please contact: Mr. L. R. Page, "The Lilacs", Back Lane, Cross-in-Hand, E. Sussex.

Letters to the Editor

From J. J. Laffey of Bradford.

On Remembrance Sunday, 12th November, I was given the honour of laying the wreath at the Memorial Service to the dead of both World Wars at Wilshaw, about 12 miles from Huddersfield.

I was escorted by ex-Flying Officer Hainley, D.F.C. and bar, and Captain G. Taylor, Croix de Guerre, M.C., to whom I was very grateful. The service was conducted by the Rev. Colonel McRiggs, D.S.O., M.C. It was, indeed, a very solemn and well conducted occasion. We were entertained to lunch afterwards by the Rev. Colonel and his wife. This proved to be a great reunion, as the Rev. Colonel was my Battalion Commander during the Sicilian and Italian campaign and after a long Army service, he was ordained into the Church.

It had been 22 years since I met his wife, who was at Church Stretton, St. Dunstan's, doing voluntary work. As with all St. Dunstaners, these were two of the happiest years of my life, under the strenuous effort of us all trying to become useful citizens once more.

From Mrs. Doreen Thompson of Gateshead, Co. Durham.

I am most disappointed—another issue of *St. Dunstan's Review* and no list of new talking books. I wonder why? We have been able to add to our list from those you publish and Leslie has been most interested.

I do hope when the new talking books are in supply, that those who use the present ones will not have to rely on old tapes of old stories. My husband is one of these people who prefer non-fiction books, some of the latest ones published have been most stimulating. I do hope you will be able to publish a list of the latest recordings in your next edition.

In conclusion, might I just say how very pleasing the illustrated *Review* is, it is many years since I wrote to St. Dunstan's suggesting this should be done. This week you publish an article on Len Curnow—we have known of him for years—he has twins—so have we—he has a shop—so have we—yet this is the first time I have seen him or his wife. It's very nice, I think.

TO SOUTH AFRICA

Maurice Aldridge listens in as Christine reads Oliver's last bed-time story in England.

The family sailed for South Africa on Friday, 8th December, where Maurice is to take up the post of Lecturer in English Language at Rhodes University, Grahamstown, as reported in the Chairman's Notes in October.



ANNUAL ST. DUNSTAN'S BRIDGE DRIVE

The Annual St. Dunstan's Bridge Drive took place on Saturday afternoon, the 9th December, at the Club, Headquarters, when St. Dunstaners played partnered by sighted friends.

Despite the fact that on the previous Thursday fourteen tables had been arranged, due to the inclement, though seasonal weather, only eight tables eventually played on the Saturday afternoon. It was regretted, in particular, that the ice and the snow cancelled the travel arrangements for our friends from Brighton.

We were very disappointed that Lord Fraser could not be with us on this occasion owing to illness.

Lady Fraser graciously presented the prizes to the winners, and charmingly wished all members a Happy Christmas on behalf of Lord Fraser and herself.

Miss Vera Kemmish then presented a bouquet of chrysanthemums to Lady Fraser from the Bridge Club.

After the presentation our vice-captain, Bob Fullard, thanked Lady Fraser and expressed our disappointment at the absence of Lord Fraser. We asked her to convey our wishes for a speedy recovery to him and also sent our Christmas message of Good Will.

The winners at the Bridge Drive were as follows:

- 1st Miss M. Byrne and Mr. D. Waldick
- 2nd Roy Armstrong and Mr. A. Field
- 3rd E. Carpenter and Mr. Hemmings

Lucky Draw winners were:

R. Fullard and J. Huk.

P. NUYENS



Deep concentration round the Bridge Table

BRIDGE CONGRESS

Although there were some cancellations at the last minute through illness, forty-seven members of the St. Dunstan's Bridge Club gathered at Ovingdean to take part in the Bridge Congress which was held from Saturday, November 18th till Monday evening, November 20th.

Since last year, most of those then classified as "Beginners" now took part in the competitions, showing great promise for the future. May this be an incentive to those who have not yet made up their minds to join the Club! (Note—"Instruction week-end" arranged for February 16th-18th, 1968.)

Matron Blackford and Commandant Fawcett laid on a party on Saturday evening for those attending the Congress and in particular for the many helpers who so kindly have given their time and services during the week-end.

At the conclusion of the Congress on Monday evening, the Captain expressed, on behalf of the Bridge Club, to Matron, the Commandant, Mr. A. Field (The Tournament Director), Mrs. Macdonald and all the helpers and members of the staff, sincere thanks for all their contribution in

making this week-end such a successful one.

Mr. Field then read out the results mentioned below, whereupon Matron presented the Cups and prizes to the winners and runners-up.

In conclusion our new Committee member, Miss Vera Kemmish, presented Matron with a bouquet of flowers and to Mrs. Macdonald a box of "Life Savers" which, we trust, will give her the necessary strength to face the burden of our activities for the coming year.

Annual General Meeting

The Congress opened with the 29th Annual General Meeting on Friday evening November 17th.

Commandant L. Fawcett took the chair. After last year's Minutes had been passed, he read the Captain-Secretary's Report to be followed by that of our Treasurer. Both having been unanimously adopted, the Meeting proceeded with the election of the Committee. As a result the following members were elected:—

Captain-Secretary	P. Nuyens
Vice-Captain	R. Fullard
Treasurer	S. Webster

Other Committee Members

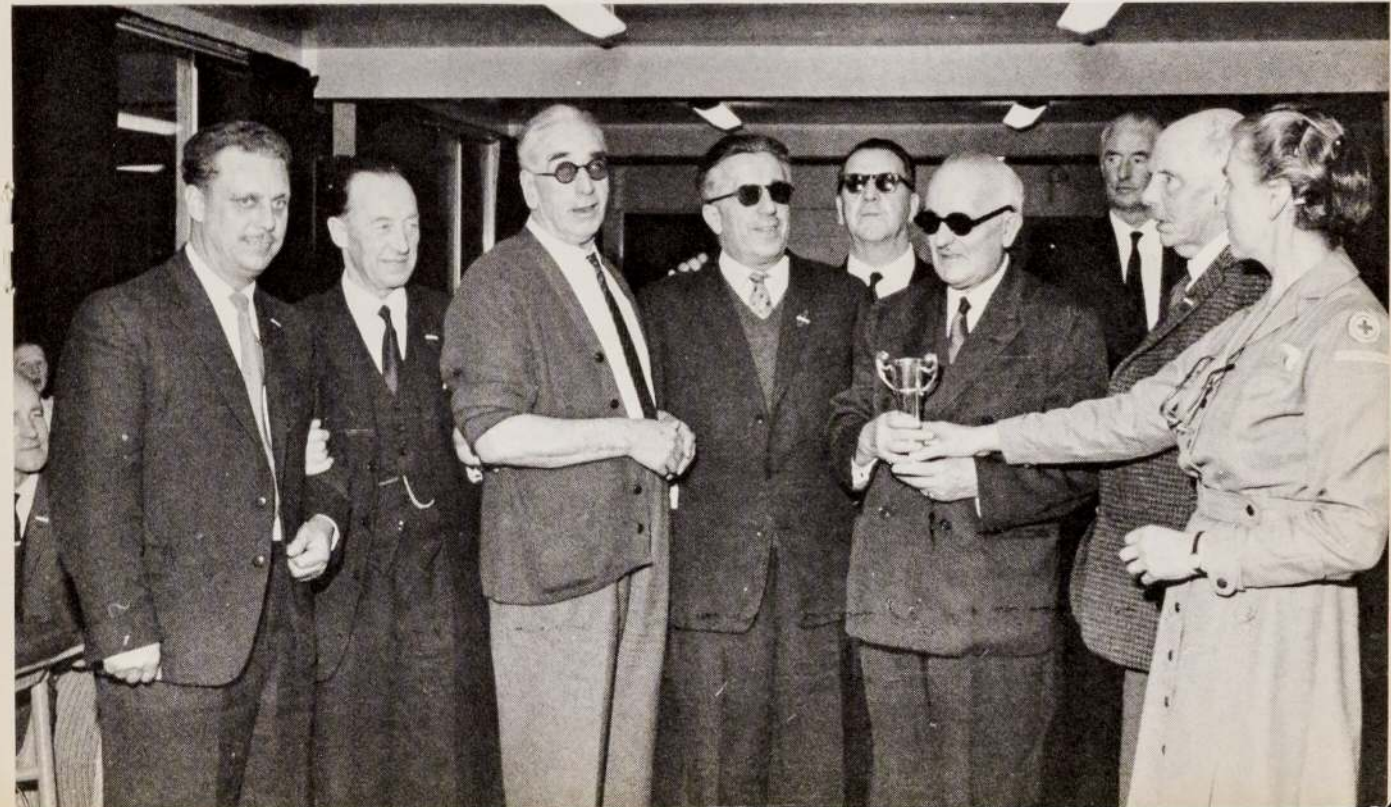
Miss Vera Kemmish, Messrs. J. L. Douglass, H. Meleson, C. T. Kelk, co-opted member.

It was decided to send a donation of £2 2s. to the Blind Deaf Fund.

After a vote of thanks to the Commandant, Matron Blackford, to all the helpers, members of the staff at Ovingdean and at Headquarters, had been proposed and unanimously adopted, the Chairman, thereupon, closed the Meeting.



London's winning Regional Cup Team—Captain, Paul Nuyens receives the trophy from Matron



Congress Competition Results

Saturday Morning

Pairs Elimination

N-S

1. A. Caldwell and P. Nuyens
2. B. Ingrey and C. T. Kelk
3. F. Griffiee and E. Slaughter
4. E. Carpenter and F. A. Rhodes
5. G. P. Brown and F. Matthewman

E-W

1. J. Chell and J. Whitcombe
2. R. Freer and T. J. Simmons
3. M. Delaney and Mrs. M. Delaney
4. W. T. Scott and A. Smith
5. R. W. Evans and H. Ward

Saturday Afternoon

Fours—Sir Arthur Pearson Cup

1. R. Armstrong and Miss B. Simon, W. Burnett and M. Tybinski
2. E. Carpenter and F. A. Rhodes, M. Clements and H. V. Kerr
3. C. T. Kelk and B. Ingrey, W. T. Scott and A. Smith

Sunday Morning

Individual—Lord Fraser Cup

1. F. Matthewman
2. P. Nuyens
3. B. Ingrey

Sunday Afternoon

Final Pairs—Sir Arthur Pearson Cup

1. A. Caldwell and P. Nuyens
2. J. Chell and J. Whitcombe
3. C. T. Kelk and B. Ingrey

1st Bridge Drive (remainder)

1. Miss B. Simon and R. Armstrong
2. P. Carr and H. King
3. H. Meleson and R. G. Stanners
4. J. Huk and Partner

Monday Morning

Regional Cup

1. LONDON—P. Nuyens, R. Armstrong, G. P. Brown, J. L. Douglass, R. A. Freer, F. Matthewman, R. G. Stanners and M. Tybinski.
2. BRIGHTON—S. Webster, D. Giffard, F. Griffiee, B. Ingrey, C. T. Kelk, F. A. Rhodes, W. T. Scott and A. Smith.
3. PROVINCES—M. Delaney, Mrs. M. Delaney, A. Caldwell, J. Claire, T. J. Simmons, Miss B. Simon, D. Slaughter, J. Whitcombe.

2nd Bridge Drive (remainder)

1. Miss V. Kemmish and Miss T. Meredith
2. H. Meleson and J. Chell
3. R. Bickley and R. Fullard
4. J. Huk and H. King

Monday Afternoon

Drummer Downs Cup

1. D. Giffard and T. Woods
2. F. Matthewman and A. J. Cook
3. Miss E. Aldred and M. Delaney
4. J. L. Douglass and R. Fullard

AWARDS

Robin, grandson of W. BURCHELL, of Midhurst, Sussex, has obtained his B.A. (Hons.) Degree in Philosophy at London University and is continuing his studies at King's College.

Robin's sister, Ann, is studying at a Teacher Training College, Lady Mabel College of Physical Education at Rotherham, Yorks. She is the Sussex County 100 yards and 220 yards sprint champion and holds four records for her Bognor

Regis Club in the sprint section.

Ben, son of our St. Dunstaner, J. A. DIX, of Cryers Hill, High Wycombe, Bucks., has recently completed five years' apprenticeship and is now a fully fledged motor mechanic. During these five years he attended High Wycombe College. In October he was awarded the Chiltern Division Prize for 1967, having attained the highest marks possible in the City and Guilds examination.



ST. DUNSTAN'S CLOCK

It Strikes Me

Wierd Fate

Take a Braille copy of Boethius's *De Consolatione Philosophiae* and Chaucer's 14th Century translation into English. Compare this with John Walton's 15th Century translation and you will be able to trace the development of medieval English language. You would have to make more than 20,000 references and work for nearly three years before you could come to any conclusions.

This was Maurice Aldridge's task in preparing the thesis which has earned him the degree of B. Litt. at Queen's College, Oxford. As reported elsewhere in the *Review*, he is taking up a post as Lecturer in English language at Rhodes University, Grahamstown. He is already an M.A. (Oxon).

Talking to Maurice before he left for South Africa he told me of some of the interesting changes in meaning words undergo. For example the Anglo-Saxon word for "Fate" was "Wierd", which has a vastly different meaning to-day. In wishing Maurice, his wife Christine and two-and-a-half-year-old-son, Oliver, happiness in their new life, it is perhaps appropriate to use an old Anglo-Saxon word in expressing the hope that "wierd" will be kind to them.

Diviner Dicky

Overheard in one of the landing sun lounges as Dicky Richardson, way down below in the grounds, was practising his long-cane technique: "Cor—Look at Dicky down there water divining!"

Find the Lady

Tom Woods of Paignton told me of the "hand of a life-time" he was dealt during the Bridge Congress—Ace, King, Queen of Spades; Ace, King, Jack of Hearts; Ace, King, Queen of Diamonds; Ace, King, Queen, Jack of Clubs.

As Tom said, "Nice work if you can get it" and according to Alf Field, the odds against getting it run into millions to one! The only card missing was the Queen of Hearts—I wonder what Tom had done to offend her?

MAGOG

Club News

Midland Club Notes

Our Club Christmas party was held on 10th December and sixteen St. Dunstaners with their wives and families came along for an enjoyable afternoon.

A most excellent Christmas tea was provided for us all by the ladies of our Committee, and we offered them our grateful thanks for all the work they had done preparing for this.

After tea we all settled down in the lounge and waited for Father Christmas to arrive. The children were very excited when at last the door opened and he arrived with presents for everyone under twelve. Father Christmas then gave out the prizes for the Sir Arthur Pearson Domino knock-out competition and the following received prizes:

- 1st Prize. **L. Kibbler.**
Canteen of Cutlery.
2nd Prize. **S. Southall.**
Half Tea Service.
3rd Prize. **D. Cashmore.**
Coffee Service.

After Father Christmas had left us the youngsters had plenty of "pop" to drink whilst the grown-ups had something a little stronger.

Our next meeting will be on Sunday, 14th January, 1968. Why not come along and join us and join in all these happy occasions held by the Club?

May I take this opportunity of wishing all St. Dunstaners all the best for Christmas and the New Year from all Midland Club members and good luck and a larger membership to all our Clubs.

D. E. CASHMORE,
Hon. Secretary.

Sutton Club Notes

On Saturday, 21st October, the Sutton Club was invited by Frank Rhodes and his Brighton Club Committee to a knock-out Domino Tournament in Brighton. I am glad to say that our Club managed to win this time, with flying colours!

On behalf of our Club, I would like to thank Mrs. Rhodes and her gallant helpers who made us refreshments during the afternoon, and also Mrs. Macdonald who presented the prizes.

Our next meeting we were back on the "home ground" and it was well attended. We have now managed to get all our games played, but have one more meeting at Cheam to decide the winner of the knock-out Dominoes there. We then look forward to the Christmas Party, and the New Year when we hope to see new faces among us.

May I take this opportunity of wishing all our clubs a very merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

R. Dow

Cardiff Club Notes

The Cardiff Club held their Annual General Meeting on Saturday, 2nd December. In spite of the fact that our Secretary was still unable to be with us owing to illness, it was decided to carry on with the election of Officers and Committee. Charles Durkin moved and Rufus Jones seconded the following resolution: that the present Officials and Committee be asked to carry on their duties for another twelve months, and to thank them for their past services. This was carried unanimously. It was also decided to ask other members of the Club, who are not officials or members of the Committee, to become members of the Committee. We

think that this will give all an interest in the working of our Club affairs.

The Chairman will again be **A. C. Evans.**
The Secretary will be **D. Stott.**
The Treasurer will be **R. Parsons.**

Mrs. Parsons received the thanks of the Club for looking after the refreshments, aided by all the other ladies present. Mrs. Capel for the making of cakes over the past year, and Mrs. Parsons decided to carry on with the refreshments for the next twelve months assisted by the wives of members of the Club.

In spite of all the official business we managed to have our usual games of dominoes and cards. Rufus Jones and Bert Evans won the Dominoes and Reg Parsons won the Crib.

During tea we were given the final details of the arrangements made for our Christmas Dinner on Saturday, 9th December, at Magor.

We played a few games of bingo after tea to help the Club funds!

We would like to take this opportunity of wishing all St. Dunstaners and their wives and families a very happy New Year.

A. C. EVANS,
Chairman

Brighton Club Notes

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The meeting was opened by our President, Mrs. E. Dacre reciting those beautiful lines "They shall not grow old" and silent tribute was paid to our late member Malcolm Jordan.

The 21 St. Dunstaners present included F. Griffie who joined us in the early summer and E. B. Mann of Hove, who has very recently joined St. Dunstan's.

The minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting were unanimously adopted.

The Chairman welcomed Mrs. Dacre, President of the Club, Miss Ramshaw, Vice-President and Matron Blackford. He also expressed appreciation to those who had rendered most valuable service to the Club, for without their assistance it could not function. He thanked Headquarters staff at Ovingdean for the facilities accorded the Club.

The Treasurer's report and accounts were accepted.

Election of Officers

Mrs. Dacre and **Miss Ramshaw** were elected President and Vice-President respectively, and **Mr. Frank A. Rhodes** was re-elected Chairman. Voting for the Committee was by secret ballot and the following were subsequently elected to the Committee:—**Messrs. R. Fearnley, T. Kirk, A. Martin and J. Walker.**

Matron Blackford most graciously presented the prizes. This year, to honour Ethel's, Miss Whiteman's, 86th birthday, as winner of dominoes fives and threes, a special cup was presented to Ethel. Although very frail, Ethel insisted on coming to the meeting to receive her cup and to see that everything was going well.

Other prizewinners were:—

Whist: 1st **W. T. Scott**, 2nd S. Webster, 3rd F. Rhodes.

Whist (Ladies): 1st **Mrs. Webster**, 2nd Mrs. Walker, 3rd Mrs. Griffiths.

Darts "A" Sec.: 1st **W. Chitty**, 2nd H. Boorman.

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Darts "B" Sec.: 1st **J. Walker**, 2nd H. Edwicker.

Dominoes (Fives and Threes): 1st **Miss Whiteman**, 2nd W. Chitty.

Cribbage: 1st **W. T. Scott**, 2nd S. Pike.

Dominoes—aggregate: 1st **R. Fearnley**, 2nd F. James, 3rd A. Martin.

Dominoes—aggregate (Ladies): 1st **Mrs. Pike and Mrs. McFarlane** tied, 3rd Mrs. James.

On behalf of the Club, Mrs. Dacre kindly presented the Chairman with a most beautiful silver bowl and quoted the well-known words of Thomas Carlyle:

"There is perennial nobleness and even sacredness in work. Blessed is he who has found his work—let him ask no other blessedness."

Flowers were presented to the President by Mrs. Kirk, to Miss Ramshaw by Mrs. Walker and to Matron Blackford by Mrs. Pike.

The Chairman then presented tokens of appreciation to Messrs. Bacon, Gargett, Jarrold and Ling.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, 11th January, 1968.

FRANK A. RHODES,
Chairman/Secretary.

London Club Notes

It is with pleasure that we note that the November Football Pontoon Sweep was won by Tommy Gaygan. The "booby" prize by Mrs. Les Douglass.

Congratulations, too, for G. P. Brown on winning the Final at Cribbage. "Jock" won by two games to one against W. Miller. All the Sir Arthur Pearson Competitions are now finished.

We were all sorry indeed to hear that Mrs. Chas. Hancock has broken her wrist, but all our members wish her a speedy recovery and hope that we shall see them both back at the Club soon.

It is good to see that the Thursday evening Domino players still attend regularly despite the wintry weather. Winners of the games during November were as follows:

2nd November	1 W. Miller 2 J. Murray
9th November	1 W. Miller 2 W. Harding G. P. Brown
16th November	1 J. Murray 2 W. Muir
23rd November	1 W. Harding 2 G. P. Brown
30th November	1 G. P. Brown 2 J. Murray W. Miller

The last Club meeting before Christmas was held on the 14th of December when our regular Domino players spent a very happy evening in the gaily decorated Club rooms at Headquarters.

The fairy lights at the entrance of the Club rooms reminded me of the delightful version of how the candles got on the Christmas tree. One Christmas night Martin Luther happened to be walking through the Black Forest. The stars were so huge and close that they seemed to be burning on the tip of each branch. Luther, enraptured, went home and put a silver star on the top of his Christmas tree and candles on all the other branches. His followers soon picked up the idea and it spread until Prince Albert, Queen Vic-

BABY, IT'S COLD OUTSIDE—

Grocer's Dinner & Dance 1967

It was snowing outside the Grand Hotel, Brighton, on the evening of Wednesday, 6th December, but inside, where the Brighton, Hove and District Grocers' and Provision Merchants' Association were entertaining St. Dunstaners, with their wives and escorts and members of our staff, at the Annual Dinner/Dance, the atmosphere was warm and friendly. About 250 people sat down to dinner.

The hosts included Mr. Ken Phillips, Mr. Ron Froude and Mrs. Lilley, officers of the Brighton Association, as well as Mr. F. P. James, National President of the Grocers' Association, and Mrs. James, Mr. Sturt, a past President, who always attends the function, and Mrs. Sturt and others. On our side the principal guest was Sir Edwin Arrowsmith, K.C.V.O., a member of St. Dunstan's Council, and staff included Commandant Fawcett, Mrs. Blackford and Miss Hallett.

Welcoming the guests in his after-dinner speech, Mr. Phillips said that the presence of St. Dunstaners at this annual occasion always acted as a great spur to him in his own work, and he went on to thank the Association's Secretary, Mrs. Lilley, for all her hard work. Replying, Sir Edwin Arrowsmith, who had been introduced as the star turn, said that the company might prefer Miss Shirley Basse in this role. But he went on to thank the Brighton Grocers for all they did to entertain St. Dunstaners. Sir Edwin outlined the history of the help given by the Grocers' Federation to St. Dunstan's over the past 50 years, with special mention of the gift of Pearson House (formerly West House), and he mentioned the plans, still in the early stages, for the building of the new Pearson House.

Percy Warden's Band played during the dinner, and their lively music soon had most of the company humming or singing. Afterwards the same Band played for dancing until the evening ended at 11.15 p.m. Earlier, Brighton Congress Hall Corps of Salvation Army had played Carol and other music during a 30 minutes interlude. Everyone went home feeling very happy.

toria's husband, introduced the German Christmas tree custom to Britain in 1840.

Now that the calm of the New Year has followed the storm of Christmas shopping, we hope that many more St. Dunstaners who are resident in the London area will come and join us at the Club.

May we wish St. Dunstaners, everywhere, a very happy and prosperous New Year.

The Annual General Meeting for the London Club will be on 18th January, 1968.

W. MILLER

WELCOME TO ST. DUNSTAN'S

We are told that two new St. Dunstaners have recently been admitted and the *Review* hopes they settle down happily as members of our family. They are as follows:—

John Thomas Berridge of Spalding, Lincs, aged 76 years. He served with the West Riding Regiment during World War I. He is married.

Samuel Edward Senior, of Hornsea, Yorks, aged 70 years. He served with the 1st. 6th Duke of Wellington Regiment during the First World War. He is married with two children, both of whom are married with children of their own.

Bridge Winners

At the recent North West Bridge Congress held in Blackpool, St. Dunstaners, MIKE AND VIOLET DELANEY were the only blind players taking part. They won the Open Pairs and also gained a 2nd.

Family News

Marriages

WHARTON-THOOMES. On 23rd November, 1967, Raymond Wharton of Oxford married Mrs. B. E. Thoomes.

Silver Weddings

Congratulations to MR. AND MRS. L. ANDROLIA of Birmingham, who celebrated their Silver Wedding Anniversary on 30th November, 1967.

Sincere congratulations to MR. AND MRS. G. CHISHOLM of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, who celebrated their Silver Wedding Anniversary on 21st November, 1967.

Congratulations to MR. AND MRS. H. E. GREASLEY of Coventry, who celebrated their Silver Wedding Anniversary on 29th October, 1967.

Grandfathers

Congratulations to:

W. CUNNINGHAM of Liverpool, on the arrival of a second grandchild on 16th November, 1967, when his son Tom's wife gave birth to a daughter—a sister for John.

Great Grandfathers

Many congratulations to:

E. A. GREEN of Peterborough on becoming a great grandfather for the second time in October 1967, when a great granddaughter was born.

W. MCCARTHY of Manchester on the arrival of two great-grandchildren recently. He now has a total of 18 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

R. NOBLE of Middlesbrough, who became a great-grandfather for the first time on 26th October, 1967, when his grandson's wife gave birth to a daughter who is to be called Paula Schilling.



LE ROY BIRD-HORNE. On 11th November, 1967, Walter Le Roy Bird married Mrs. E. L. Horne also of Luton.

Carole, daughter of FRED BARRATT of West Ham, E.15, was married on 29th August, 1967, to Michael Willis, in Oxford.

Jean, daughter of L. W. COOK of High Wycombe, Bucks., was married on 23rd September, 1967, to Andrew Wheeler.

Marjorie, daughter of our St. Dunstaners, MRS. E. McCLARNAN of Blackpool, Lancs., married Brian Randall on 28th October, 1967.

Linda, daughter of H. E. GREASLEY of Coventry, married Michael Faldon on 14th October, 1967.

Patricia, daughter of our St. Dunstaners, MRS. MARGARET STANWAY of Morcambe, Lancs., married André Gibaud, in Paris, on 18th November, 1967.

Raymond, son of our St. Dunstaners, R. STEVENS, of Orpington, was married on 4th November, 1967, to Miss Maureen Tiernan at Farnborough.

Roger, son of C. WOMACK of Leicester, married Miss Rita Meadows, on 2nd December, 1967, at the Church of St. Michael and All Angels, Edmundthorpe, Melton Mowbray.

Deaths

We offer our sympathy to:

J. BEATTIE of Mobberley, Cheshire, who mourns the sudden death of his brother on 17th November, 1967.

S. DUNCAN of Carshalton, Surrey, on the death of his wife on 28th November, 1967. She has been ill for some years but a few weeks ago she had to go into hospital. Mr. Duncan has been staying for some time at Ovingdean.

J. C. MOSLEY of Shirley, Solihull, Warwicks., mourns the death of his father at the beginning of December, 1967.

In Memory

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

Charles John Frederick Cadman. 1st Battalion South Staffs.

Charles John Frederick Cadman died suddenly at his home in Staffordshire on 26th November, 1967. He was aged 72 years.

He served with the 1st Battalion South Staffs. from 1915 to 1918. He was wounded at Arras in 1916 but his eyesight did not deteriorate until 1952 when he was admitted to St. Dunstan's.

He took great pleasure in cultivating his garden and greenhouse and was also a keen supporter of Reunions. He was a bachelor and so our sympathy is offered to Mr. and Mrs. Law who cared for him devotedly.

Vernon Alfred Cazaly. 12th London Rangers.

Vernon Alfred Cazaly, late of Finchley, but recently of Pearson House, Brighton, died on 25th November, 1967, at the age of 71 years.

He enlisted in the 12th London Rangers in 1916 and served with them until his discharge in 1918. He came to St. Dunstan's in 1957 when he had already retired. Unfortunately his health gave

cause for concern and during 1959 and 1960 he had to have both legs amputated. During these years he had been devotedly nursed by his wife and married daughter but on coming out of hospital after the second amputation he went to Pearson House and owing to his wife's poor health he remained there. His wife died in 1963 and since then his daughter, Mrs. Wener has visited him frequently.

John Donnelly. Royal Navy.

John Donnelly of Aylesbury, died in hospital on 11th December, 1967 at the age of 74 years.

He enlisted in the Royal Navy in 1914 and served throughout the First World War until his discharge in 1919. He came to St. Dunstan's in 1924 and lived with his wife in Newcastle. Owing to his injuries he was unable to undertake heavy work but he did make baskets. In 1958 they moved to Hertfordshire and in 1960 they moved to Aylesbury, where they have lived ever since. They were frequent visitors to Newcastle and in 1966 they were able to celebrate their Golden Wedding with friends in that area. On 4th December Mr. Donnelly was admitted to a Aylesbury Hospital where he died on 11th December.

Benjamin Archibald Hamilton. 6th King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry.

Benjamin Archibald Hamilton died at his home at Thetford, on 23rd November, 1967, at the age of 78 years.

He served with the 6th King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry from 1915 to 1917 and was wounded at Arras in 1917. He came to St. Dunstan's in that year. He trained as a poultry farmer and successfully carried on this occupation until 1962 when he was compelled to give it up through ill-health. He had been gravely ill for some time and his death was not unexpected.

Herbert Knappe. The Manchester Regiment.

Herbert Knappe of Handcross, Sussex, died at Pearson House on 9th December, 1967. He was 57 years of age.

He enlisted in the Manchester Regiment in 1939 and served with them until his discharge in 1945. He came to St. Dunstan's in 1952 and trained in poultry keeping and handicrafts. He continued mainly with poultry keeping and of late has specialised in greenhouse work where he was very successful. Mr. Knappe was admitted to hospital a short time ago and was later transferred to Pearson House for continued nursing.

In Memory

Ivan Alexander Darling. *Royal West Kent Regiment.*

Ivan Alexander Darling of Slinfold died on 2nd November, 1967. He was 54 years of age.

He served from 1939 to 1943 with the Royal West Kent Regiment and came to St. Dunstan's in that year. He trained as a telephonist and carried on with this work until 1959. After this he and his wife ran a dog breeding kennel for a short time but for the past few years his health has given cause for anxiety.

Whilst on holiday with his wife Mr. Darling died in Las Palmas and was buried there but before he passed away his son, Barry, by a former marriage was able to fly out and see his father.

A Memorial Service was held at Slinfold Parish Church on 3rd December.

Frederick Staunton Nelson.

Frederick Staunton Nelson of Maude, New South Wales, Australia, died on 26th April, 1967 at the age of 78.

Mr. Nelson served during the First World War and lost his sight as the result of gas poisoning. He also suffered the amputation of his left leg above the knee. He first appeared in our Overseas list during 1966. He leaves a widow and five children.

John Frederick Warwick. *6th Field Coy. Engineers.*

John Frederick Warwick of Arncliffe, Sydney, New South Wales, died on 24th February, 1967 at the age of 71 after being ill for three months prior to his death.

He enlisted in 1916 and served with the 6th Field Coy. Engineers until 1919. He suffered the loss of his sight and chronic bronchitis as a result of mustard gas poisoning.

John Rees Jenkins. *6th Australian Division.*

John Rees Jenkins of Rose Bay, New South Wales, died suddenly on 18th June, 1967 at the age of 53.

He joined the 6th Australian Division in the Second World War and saw service in Palestine, Syria and the Western Desert and was awarded the African Star. He worked in Hong Kong after the war and returned to Australia in 1952 taking up insurance work until his sight failed.

Mr. Jenkins set out to visit the United Kingdom, where he had grown-up in 1965 but unfortunately was taken ill and obliged to terminate his trip in New Zealand. He leaves a widow.

Thomas Henry Donald Piggott. *8th Div. Provost Coy.*

Thomas Henry Donald Piggott of Downer, Canberra A.C.T. New South Wales died recently at the age of 51.

Mr. Piggott was English by birth but was working in Australia at the outbreak of the Second World War. He enlisted in June 1940 and served with the 8th Div. Provost Coy. He lost his sight whilst a Japanese Prisoner of War and was discharged from the services in 1946.

After the war, Mr. Piggott studied horticulture and had written and lectured on this subject. He came to England with his family in 1954 but returned to Australia again in 1955, taking up employment as a gardener. He leaves a widow and three children.

John William Seabrook. *Royal Navy and Royal Australian Navy.*

John William Seabrook of Brighton, Victoria, Australia, died on 7th August, 1967 at the age of 75 years.

Mr. Seabrook was English by birth, having been born at Buckhurst Hill, near Epping Forest. He joined the Royal Navy in January 1908 but transferred to the Royal Australian Navy in 1913 and was discharged from the services in February, 1919.

He was always a very good correspondent and we were sorry to hear of the death of his wife in 1961. Because of his own very poor health he was obliged to give up his home and eventually became a resident at the Anzac Hostel. There were no children.

Percy Hugh Hutton Smith. *First World War, D.A.C. and 14th F.A.B.; Second World War, 13th Battalion, A.I.F.*

Percy Hugh Hutton Smith of Narrandera, New South Wales, died in April 1967 at the age of 77 years.

Mr. Smith was born in Marylebone in 1891 and went to Australia in 1912. He served in both World Wars—from 1916 to 1918 with the D.A.C. and 14th F.A.B. and from 1940 to 1948 with the 13th Battalion A.I.F. Although nearly 50 upon enlistment in the last war he had given his age as 39 and saw service in the Middle East at Tobruk. A photograph of him was published in the *Review* last June.

William Henry Quick. *Royal Navy.*

William Henry Quick of Portslade died in hospital on 23rd November, 1967 at the age of 63 years.

He enlisted in 1919 in the Royal Navy and was recalled to the Colours in 1939. He served in the Royal Navy throughout the Second World War until his discharge in 1945. He came to St. Dunstan's in 1965.

In Memory

After his discharge from the Navy Mr. Quick worked for the G.P.O. but retired from this work in 1964 due to his loss of sight which was attributable to his Service. He undertook handicraft training but earlier this year he became ill and he died in hospital. He had two sons.

Frederick Victor Spenceley, M.M. *1st Buffs.*

Frederick Victor Spenceley, M.M. of Herne Bay, died on 30th November, 1967 at the age of 79 years.

He enlisted in the 1st Buffs in 1914 and served with them until his discharge in 1919. He came to St. Dunstan's in 1950. As Mr. Spenceley had worked as a carpenter's joiner before he lost his sight he was able to carry on with his joinery work and for a time he carried out work for our Stores. Towards the end of his life he did not enjoy good health although he enjoyed very much his visits to Ovingdean.

Clifford Stockwell. *Royal Artillery.*

Clifford Stockwell of Saltdean, Sussex died in a London hospital on 10th November, 1967. He was aged 51 years.

He enlisted in 1933 in the Royal Artillery and served with them until his discharge in 1947 coming to St. Dunstan's in that year. He was seriously injured as a result of being a Prisoner of War in the Far East and he also lost his hearing. He was trained as a boot repairer and worked in St. Dunstan's depot in Brighton. After a short time he retrained for industrial employment and settled in Bristol. He continued with this work until 1954 but then his health began to decline and he moved to Dartford to find work in a lighter form of industrial employment. He continued this work until 1958 when, through ill health, he had to give up and he moved to Sussex, and he took a short course in joinery.

His funeral was attended by a number of St. Dunstaners amongst them Mr. and Mrs. Pilgrim with whom Mr. Stockwell stayed on numerous occasions.

Albert Trill. *Army Labour Corps.*

Albert Trill of Ringwood, Hampshire, died on 1st December, 1967 at the age of 72 years.

He enlisted in the Army Labour Corps in 1916 and served with them until his discharge in November 1917 and came to St. Dunstan's in 1946. After some preliminary training Mr. Trill went to South Mimms for Country life training but he later followed this type of work as a hobby as throughout his membership he suffered from the

effects of his injuries. His wife shared his interest in gardening and greenhouse work. Unfortunately over recent years Mr. Trill has been ill most of the time but at all times he has been devotedly nursed by his wife and daughter and during recent months he has been in hospital his wife has travelled many miles to visit him.

William George Watson. *Royal Garrison Artillery.*

William George Watson of Burton-on-Trent, Staffs, died at his home on 1st December, 1967. He was aged 72 years of age.

He served in the Royal Garrison Artillery during the First World War and was the victim of a mustard gas attack. His sight did not deteriorate until later in life and he came to St. Dunstan's in 1952, when on account of his age he did not undertake any training. He enjoyed his annual holiday in Brighton. He had been in indifferent health for some time but his death was sudden and unexpected.

Percy White. *1/4 King's Shropshire Light Infantry.*

Percy White died at his home in Leominster, Hereford, on 29th November, 1967 at the age of 82 years.

He enlisted in the 1/4th King's Shropshire Light Infantry in 1916 and served with them until he was wounded at Rheims. He came to St. Dunstan's in 1918 and trained in rug-making and netting and carried on these occupations successfully for a considerable number of years. His great love, however, was his garden where, with the aid of his greenhouse, he achieved outstanding success in garden produce and flowers. He was a widower, his wife having died in 1948.

Albert Goss. *52nd Battalion, A.I.F.*

Albert Goss of Launceston, Tasmania, died on 3rd October, 1967 at the age of 73 years.

He enlisted in 1915 with the 52nd Battalion, A.I.F. and served with them until his discharge in 1919. He was a widower.

William Bushby. *Australian Flying Corps.*

William Bushby died on 30th April, 1967 at Moorabbin, Victoria, Australia. He was 77 years of age.

He enlisted in 1916 in the Australian Flying Corps and served with them until his discharge in 1919. He leaves a widow.

Robert James Connors. *1st Field Squad, Engineers.*

Robert James Connors of Matraville, Sydney, New South Wales, died on 20th May, 1967 at the age of 74 years.

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He enlisted in 1917 and served with the 1st Field Squad, Engineers. He was wounded by a shell in October, 1918 and discharged from the Army in 1919. He was married with one son.

Watsford Frederick Cox. *Royal Australian Air Force.*

Watsford Frederick Cox of Berriedale, Tasmania, died on 4th September, 1967 at the age of 47.

He enlisted in December, 1940 and served with the Royal Australian Air Force until 1943 being injured by an enemy bomb explosion. He leaves a widow.

Kenneth Charles Foggitt. *49th Battalion A.I.F.*

Kenneth Charles Foggitt of Ormiston, Queensland, Australia, died on 31st August, 1967, aged 45 years.

He enlisted in 1940 and served with the 49th Battalion A.I.F. until his discharge in 1946. He was married with two children.

John Duncan McGuffie. *13th A.G.A.*

John Duncan McGuffie of West Sunshine, Victoria, Australia died on 9th March, 1967 at the age of 71 years.

He enlisted in 1941 and served with the 13th A.G.A. until his discharge in 1946. He was a Japanese Prisoner of War and lost his sight through malnutrition. He was married and had six children.

Szczepan Wolkowicz. *Polish Army.*

Szczepan Wolkowicz of Birmingham, died in hospital on 1st December, 1967 at the age of 47 years. He served with the Polish Army during the Second World War and came to St. Dunstan's in 1947. He trained to work in Industry and carried on his occupation until recently, when he was taken ill. His death was sudden and unexpected. He leaves a widow and son.

Thomas Lewis. *4th Australian Anti-Tank Regt.*

Thomas Lewis of Anglesea, Victoria, Australia, died on 24th September, 1967 at the age of 60 years.

He enlisted in 1940 in the 4th Australian Anti-Tank Regiment and served with them until his discharge in 1946. He was a widower.

Claude Charles Mangold. *116 Motor Transport.*

Claude Charles Mangold of Toowoomba, Queensland, Australia, died in April, 1967. He was 62 years of age.

Mr. Mangold enlisted in 1941 and served with the 116 Motor Transport until March, 1943. His name appeared in our Overseas Lists in 1965 and we understand that he suffered from poor health. He leaves a widow.

Edward John Mannix. *2/10 Australian, Ed. AMB.*

Edward John Mannix of Sydney, New South Wales, died on 15th January, 1967 at the age of 57 years. He had been a patient in hospital for three weeks.

He enlisted in 1941 in 2/10 Australian, Ed. AMB. He was a Prisoner of War in Japan and discharged from the Forces in 1946. He worked as a Government messenger until 1962. He leaves a widow.

Hugh Norman Craig. *17th Battalion, D. Coy. A.I.F.*

Hugh Norman Craig of Queenscliff, Harbord, New South Wales, died on 27th June, 1967 at the age of 74.

He enlisted in April, 1915 and served with the 17th Battalion, D. Coy. A.I.F. He was wounded during a front line advance on the Somme in 1916 and was discharged from the Army in May, 1917.

He was married and had two daughters. Mr. and Mrs. Craig had celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary on 14th August, 1965 when a congratulatory telegram was sent to them from Lord and Lady Fraser.

John Ralston. *11th Battalion A.I.F.*

John Ralston of Campbell Hills, Maitland, New South Wales, died in hospital on 20th July last, aged 74 years.

He enlisted in 1916 and served with the 11th Battalion, A.I.F., until his discharge in 1918. He was wounded on the Somme.

Ways of Life

Brooks, a singer and guitarist and his friends are Bill Blackburn, Clavioline and piano accordion, Johnny Morrison, drums and Dicky Wallace, banjo. Brookie is not the only handicapped member of the group as Dicky Wallace suffers rather badly with a muscular complaint. Before the show Brookie talked about how it all began back in 1948, when he started work for Murphy Radio. "They had a concert party known as the Murfollies, I joined this and Dicky was in charge. We went around the country wherever we were asked". When the concert party broke up Brookie carried on giving solo performances until two years ago the opportunity came to form their present group when Bill Blackburn, who is Dicky's brother-in-law moved to Welwyn.

Brookie is still asked to do solo engagements, perhaps because the room is too small to cope with the sound of the full band, "It comes a bit hard after being with the boys but I do not turn anyone down. If they can take it, I can dish it out!" He does not own to being nervous, "I'm as bold as brass now, but it took quite a few shows. The first show I ever did with Dicky and the Murfollies was over at Knebworth at a boys' orphanage; youngish boys, and I stood there in the main hall—I wasn't confident on the guitar then so I was piano accompanied—and I stood there and I never shook so much in my life. I

"Possibly endangering their health, but greatly improving their spirits"



'Brookie'—Squire Brooks

just had to move from one foot to the other and Dicky said off-stage they could see my trouser legs shaking!"

Brookie started to learn the guitar at St. Dunstan's but he was not in training long enough to learn completely. Here Dicky was able to help him at Murphy's, "He was foreman carpenter for them then and he made me a replica of the neck of the guitar. A short length of wood strung with string, put the frets across and then used big drawing pins for the positions of the fingers in the chord. On the back he had it embossed with the symbol for the chord. He had a different one for all the basic chords—three in each key."

The group do not advertise; all their engagements come through recommendations, "The biggest advert. we have is Toc H. We do a show and, of course, they have visitors from other clubs and it snowballs from there. We've been as far as Saffron Walden with the Toc H. They organise these shows for old folks, blind, spastics. We've done home-bound and handicapped where stretcher and wheelchair cases are brought in special transport. We did a show in Ware Sanatorium going





One that 'went over better'—applause for Brookie and the band

Ways of Life

from ward to ward. When we were getting ready to go, a doctor came up and said, 'I've got a young girl in the side ward there—she's dying. She can hear you and she'd like to see you'. I went in there with my guitar. She was only eighteen and I could hear her breathing before I got within 15 yards of her. How I sang I don't know, I had a lump as big as an apple in my throat".

It is not all heart break, "That was an extreme, you get the real serious cases at Ware. You could go to another chest place and it's different again, all laughing and joking. Often it's a real treat for us. You can feel the reaction you know.

"We get a wonderful reception wherever we go. We are absolute amateurs, nothing polished about us, but I think it's because we are, what shall we say, sincere that they accept us like this".

With such varied audiences the band has to vary its programme. They do not rehearse: "We all get together, then it's every man for himself!" They play by ear and plan their programmes by ear, "you sing a song and you think, 'Ah well, not so good' you try another one and that goes over better, so you decide your programme as you go along". Sometimes the audience

takes it upon themselves, "We did a show about a fortnight ago for the October Club—that's an old folks club in Welwyn—they were asking for this, that and the other. They make the programme for you".

Brookie keeps his own repertoire up to date, "I'm doing Humperdink now. I do 'The Last Waltz', that's his latest, and 'Please Release Me'. I've covered his last three numbers. I also do Tom Jones's 'Green, Green Grass', but they still ask for numbers we must have done eight years ago.

"Tonight it might be different because this is our first appearance here but at the other shows we are greeted like old friends. Both before and after the show we sort of mix in with them, specially some of the wheelchair cases, we have a real chat with them." It was no different at the Welfield Ladies Home. While the sighted members of the band set up their equipment Brookie went round his audience with the Toc H man, he had a smile and joke or a hand-shake and there was no mistaking the pleasure he gave.

"I don't know what it is really, I suppose like today the old folks in the home there . . . I don't know what social side they have, but I'm hoping today we have made them forget some of their troubles for a little while. That's all we try to do".