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## CHAIRMAN'S NOTES

### *British Council for Rehabilitation of the Disabled Conference at Brighton*

During the week 30th June to 6th July, 1968, an excellent conference was organised at Brighton by the above Council at which some 500 delegates were present and 100 papers were read and discussed. There was also an exhibition of apparatus of all kinds including a well set out St. Dunstan's stand where our inventions and gadgets were on display.

I was asked to deliver a paper on 'The Psychology of Blindness'. Here is a comment on some of the points in my paper which may be of general interest:

#### The Blind World

The blind world in the United Kingdom consists of about 115,000 persons:

3,454 are under 15 years of age  
13,640 are 16-49 years,  
18,638 are 50-64 years,  
78,854 are 65 years or older.

It surprised me when I put these figures together and will, I think, surprise readers of the *Review* to learn how few young blind people there are and how numerous are the old. It is obvious that blindness, unless it occurs through war wounds or an accident, is very largely the result of old age.

I dealt with many aspects of St. Dunstan's training, settlement and after-care and with our attitude or philosophy. I recommended a blind person not to be shy about his blindness nor set himself apart, but join in as many worthwhile activities as possible and thus make friends.

I mentioned many occupations and pastimes and particularly stressed the art of conversation.

Conversation seems to have been banished by the radio and the television but I think it should be cultivated. If you are with a stranger it seems to me you—the blind man—should start the conversation because he or she may be shy about breaking the ice. A similar thought is that when somebody approaches you and offers to cross the road with you or to help you in some way, you should immediately tell him or her how to help because you know best and the other person is probably holding back from a sense of awkwardness or for fear of causing you embarrassment.

I concluded by saying that I doubted if there was a special psychology appropriate to the blind person. The problem was the same whether you were hurt or had suffered in one way or another and you passed through the same phases of despair, adjustment and conquest of your disability.

Indeed I think it better that all those who are interested in or want to help the blind should not think of them as a class apart but as ordinary members of the community desirous of taking as full a share as possible in ordinary affairs of life.

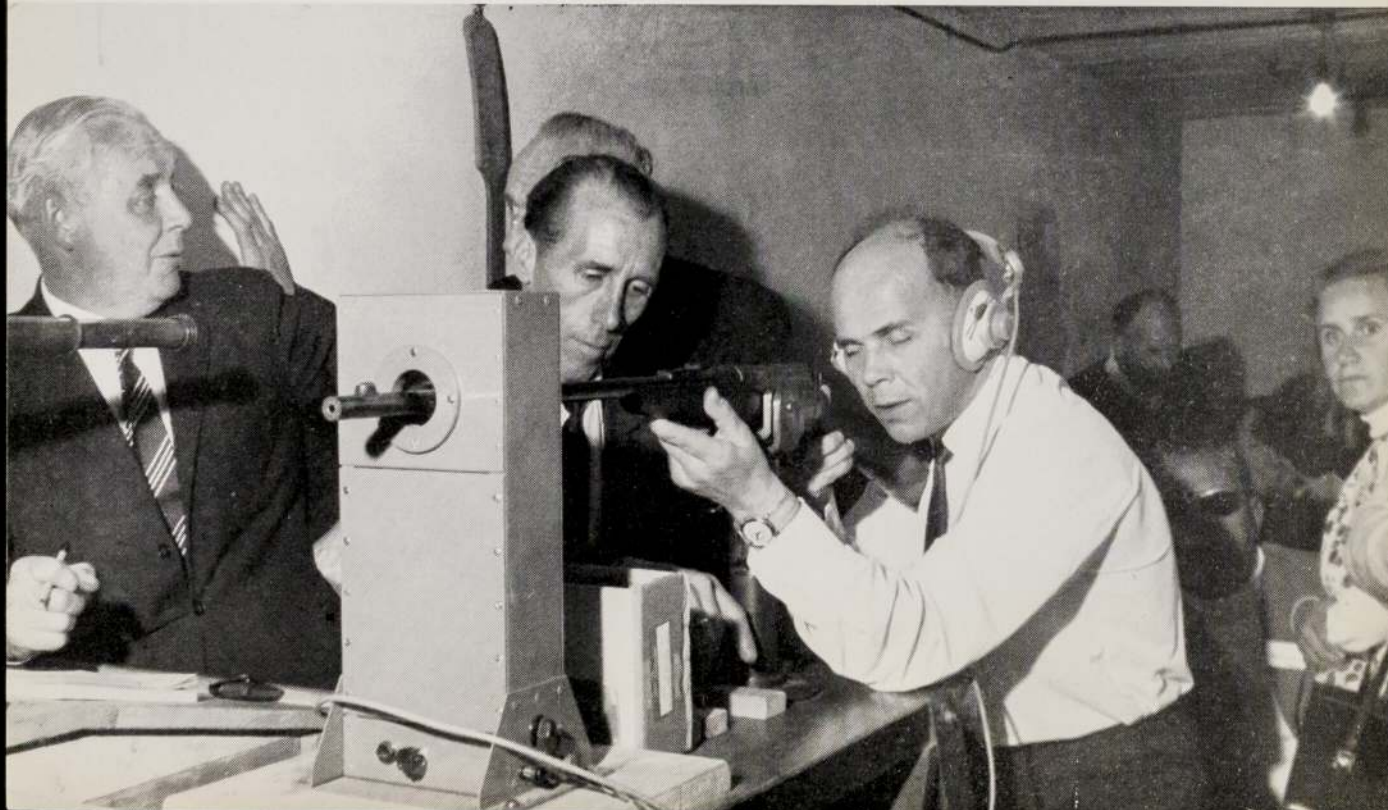


## International Sports

*Above*  
British athlete, Chris Carter, presents the Victor Ludorum Trophy to Willi Hohm.

COVER PICTURE: He's No. 1.  
Willi Hohm (Austria) leaps to fame.

*Below*  
Bronislaw Kruczko (Poland) concentrating during the rifle shooting



## Changing a Lifelong Habit

Having doubted the validity of psychology here is a bit of personal philosophy.

When I was eighteen years old in the trenches in France, I shaved with an open razor, commonly called a cut-throat. Often one had to shave without a mirror so that one learned to do it by feel. Partly out of habit and partly, I suspect, out of vanity to show the nurse in the hospital, where I lay, that I could use a cut-throat razor without being able to see and without cutting my throat, I shaved with it and I stuck to it for over fifty years. Over and over again I told people that it was superior to any other way of shaving and quicker and easier and I firmly believed this to be true. Only a month ago my cut-throat was not available so I borrowed a Gillette and I have used it ever since.

I have not the slightest doubt that for me at any rate the Gillette gives me a quicker and better shave. This is not because my hand is shaky or because I have lost my skill, but simply because it is a better invention and the modern blade is extraordinarily good.

This just goes to show that even an old conservative can change his mind and his habits. Perhaps the truth is that we should never get too old to change.

Fraser of Lonsdale

## FIFTY YEARS TOGETHER

Lord and Lady Fraser celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary on 23rd July. Mrs. Dacre, Lord Fraser's sister and Colonel and Mrs. A. D. Pass, cousins, gave a party at Rottingdean on 2nd July at which 50 members of the Fraser family were present. A salver beautifully inscribed with the family crest and the names of the families, was presented and an amusing interlude was provided by a guitarist who devised and sang a calypso a few lines of which we reproduce:

To Sir and Madam now we bring,  
This Calypso Song that we sing,  
Fifty years you been together,  
Sailed through storms and sunny weather.

You like fishing in the Sun,  
Make your life a lot of fun,  
Then you come home happily,  
Ian love Chips and his fish from the sea.

Of British Legion you President,  
And their compliments they present.  
St. Dunstaners from every land  
Would love to be here to shake the hand.

Now this plate which we give to you,  
Shows that all that glitters is not gold right  
through,  
But with it go most loving thoughts,  
Love is something that can't be bought.

Lance Everard sang the calypso which he wrote for the occasion with Ken Lyon, to be sung to the tune "Oh, Island in the Sun".



## Welcome to St. Dunstan's

**Albert Spooner** of Woking, Surrey, joined us in April, 1968. He served in the 23rd Rifle Brigade during the First World War and is married. He has a son who is married.

**David John Purches** of Hatfield, Herts, joined us in May of this year. He served in the Royal Navy during the Second World War and is married. He has a young son called Kevin.

**Arthur Henry Cobbett** of Purley, Surrey, joined us in April, 1968. He is a widower and has a grown-up son. Arthur Cobbett served with the 15th Battalion London Regiment in the First World War.

## REUNIONS

### BRIGHTON

More than 130 St. Dunstaners gathered at the Hotel Metropole for the Brighton Reunion on 8th June. Their Chairman for lunch was Sir Neville Pearson, Bt., our President and among the guests were: Alderman and Mrs. T. J. L. Taylor, Mayor and Mayoress of Brighton; Mr. B. C. Beard, District Assistant Chief Constable; Mr. A. K. Sharp of Southdown Motors; Mr. C. A. Bishop of Brighton, Hove and District Omnibus Co.; Mrs. M. G. Lillie, and Mr. K. S. C. Phillips of the Grocers' Association; Rev. D. M. Harper, Chaplain to St. Dunstan's; and Mrs. E. F. Dacre, J.P.

After welcoming the guests Sir Neville referred to the future of the St. Dunstan's buildings in Brighton adding that very careful consideration was being given in planning for Pearson House to preserve the Regency atmosphere of Kemp Town. "It would be a pity if you looked up Portland Place and did not see the frontage of our building which is part of Brighton".

Sir Neville also reminded St. Dunstaners that on 23rd July, Lord and Lady Fraser would celebrate their Golden Wedding. "Two people who have really done more for St. Dunstan's than anybody".

The Mayor of Brighton, Alderman T. J. L. Taylor responding for the guests, said that the occasion meant a great deal to him because he came as first citizen of Brighton and because "I do know so many of the boys here personally. So many refer to me as Jim and I hope they will go on doing that. One thing has given me the greatest joy, the spirit with which you enjoy everything. We of Brighton are so proud that you saw fit to have your home here in Brighton".

George Madieson of Brighton expressed St. Dunstaners thanks to Miss Blebta, the Welfare Visitor responsible for arranging the Reunion. He paid tribute to the work of St. Dunstan's and to the founder, Sir Arthur Pearson, "Without him there would have been no St. Dunstan's".

### NEWCASTLE

32 St. Dunstaners attended the Reunion at the Royal Station Hotel, Newcastle on 20th June, where they met under the Chairmanship of Lord Normanby who was accompanied by his wife. With escorts, guests and members of staff, about 75 people sat down to lunch.

In his speech Lord Normanby reported to St. Dunstaners the plans of the Council for the future of the homes in Brighton. He recalled the days when he began a "little St. Dunstan's" in the prisoner-of-war camp in Germany. Lord Normanby said that he was proud of the fact that, with the exception of Lord Fraser and Sir Neville Pearson, he was now the longest serving member of St. Dunstan's Council. He recalled that he was made a Honorary Member of St. Dunstan's by Lord Fraser while he was still a prisoner-of-war.

The vote of thanks was proposed by Leslie Thompson, of Gateshead, who said that "St. Dunstan's Headquarters is the most sincere and understanding organisation to look after the welfare of St. Dunstaners". He welcomed Mrs. King who had travelled to Newcastle with Scottish St. Dunstaners and congratulated Mrs. Plaxton on her first Reunion, "if the organisation of this event is anything to go by we shall be well looked after".

At Lord Normanby's suggestion St. Dunstaners at the Reunion sent a telegram with good wishes to Lord and Lady Fraser in connection with their Golden Wedding anniversary.

### SHEFFIELD

Mr. Nigel Pearson presided at the Sheffield Reunion on 22nd June. This was a larger Reunion than Newcastle with about 120 St. Dunstaners, guests and staff members.

In his speech, Mr. Pearson greeted two St. Dunstaners attending a Reunion for the first time, Horace Medlock and Robert Green. As at Newcastle, congratulations and good wishes were sent to Lord and Lady Fraser.

Mr. Pearson also covered the news about the Brighton homes in his speech. "The chief purpose of this Reunion", said Mr. Pearson "is for communication, for St. Dunstaners to see friends who they have not met for a long time and talk to St. Dunstan's staff. In St. Dunstan's we strive for and succeed in finding satisfaction and happy communication with our fellows. Through this we find happy lives but this must be a two-way affair".

Bob Coupland, from Hull, expressed St. Dunstaners warm pleasure in having Mr. Nigel Pearson in Sheffield for the first time, "We hope he will come again". He also expressed the appreciation of all attending the Reunion to the Welfare Visitors who organised the event, Miss Broughton and Mrs. Plaxton.

## MANCHESTER

The roses had to be red on 4th July for it was the day fixed for the Manchester Reunion held at the Grand Hotel. Miss Everett assisted by Miss Broughton had everything beautifully arranged to welcome a total of about 130 guests. Since the event was held on a Thursday, the first World War St. Dunstaners were slightly more numerous than those from the second World War—the ratio being 6 to 5.

Mr. Donald Hopewell presided in place of Colonel Sir Michael Ansell, who was unfortunately unable to attend this reunion. In his speech Mr. Hopewell mentioned that although five St. Dunstaners in the district had died during the past year, there were seven newly admitted men and a warm welcome was given to: Arthur Carter, Thomas McKenna, Alan Mitchell, George Owens, Daniel Parker, Ernest Sunderland and George Whittaker.

Mr. Hopewell also told the company that Miss Vaughan Davies was in hospital, adding that he would send a telegram wishing her a speedy recovery from all the assembled company.

Proposing the vote of thanks Tom Taylor of Farington said that it was easy to take everything that was done for granted but at least once a year St. Dunstaners had the opportunity of openly expressing their gratitude for all the help they received and for the additional element of independence given to them by St. Dunstan's.

## LIVERPOOL

"St. Dunstan's has done more good for more people directly than any other organisation I know", said Major Mervyn Sandys, who as a fairly new member of St. Dunstan's Council presided over the Reunion held at the Adelphi Hotel on Saturday, 6th July. He welcomed two newly admitted men, Joseph Searles and John Woodhead. He was accompanied at the Reunion by Mrs. Sandys.

Ted John of Wallasey proposed the vote of thanks and expressed appreciation for an excellent lunch and the attention of the staff. He said that St. Dunstan's encouraged individuality and that "a good man usually had a good woman behind him". This was so in his case.

Miss Everett organised the Reunion with energy and efficiency and a good time was had by all the 115 people present. On this occasion the second World War St. Dunstaners outnumbered those from the first by 7 to 3.

A report on the London Reunion held at the Russell Hotel on Saturday, 20th July will appear in our next issue.

## Mobility of the Blind Association

A new Mobility of the Blind Association was established at an inaugural meeting held at Bournville on Saturday, 25th May. The association is dedicated to furthering the better mobility of the blind. It aims to promote greater co-operation between mobility agencies, at spreading interest and knowledge, including the results of the latest research, and in securing support for greater provision of means of improving the mobility of the blind. Those attending the inaugural meeting came from a wide area of England and Scotland, and represented many sections of blind welfare, including St. Dunstan's, the Midlands Mobility Centre, the Guide Dogs for the Blind, teachers, social welfare workers, and the research group at Nottingham University.

W. THORNTON,  
Chairman.

## RETIREMENTS

### St. Dunstaner Telephonist Jack Hobbs

Our St. Dunstaner Jack Hobbs has been a telephonist with the Midland Bank for the past 24 years and now has retired to Worthing. Jack has a very nice write-up in the Midland Bank's own magazine and we quote:

"The cheerful voice and pleasant disposition of Mr. C. (Jack) Hobbs, the blind telephonist at Stationery had brought him a host of friends in Head Office and the branches, many of whom were unaware of his disability.

"When he and Mrs. Hobbs entertained a large company of friends to a sherry party at Colindale on his retirement he was presented with a latest-model transistor radio, a gift cheque and a book containing over 100 signatures, all translated into Braille.

"In his reply of thanks to manager Mr. S. G. E. Plummer's short speech he said that, though he had been dreading his departure, he found he was actually enjoying a wonderful last day—thanks to the real fellowship of everyone. His gratitude went to them all for their generosity and good wishes.

### Leading Pupil Wins Medal

L. Robinson of Rothesay, Isle of Bute, Scotland, is very proud of his son who has been very successful in his school work. For the last two terms he has been top of his class and obtained prizes in the following subjects, Physics with 80 marks, Maths-98 marks, French-88 marks, History-96 marks, Chemistry-96 marks and he also obtained the high marks of 88 for Arithmetic, and 82 for English. He is to be congratulated now on his achievement on winning the "Sara L. Elbert Medal" for Dux, as leading pupil of the 3rd year at his school.

"The youngest member of the Stationery staff, Miss J. Wilks presented a bouquet to Mrs. Hobbs, who responded charmingly".

### Mr. H. G. H. Becker's retirement

Mr. H. G. H. Becker of Barclay's Bank, retired on 4th July after 44 years service with the Bank. Since 1952 he had been Honorary Group Secretary of Barclay's Bank Gift Club, whose members pay a subscription and order St. Dunstan's products to the value of the amount standing to their credit. Lord Fraser wrote to Mr. Becker, sending a copy of his letter to the Chairman of Barclays Bank in which he said:

"It is now more than fifteen years since you became Honorary Group Secretary of Barclays Bank Gift Club and I wish to express to you the deep appreciation of St. Dunstan's for your very valuable help, co-operation and organisation during this period which has resulted in the sale of our products to the value of £180,000. I know you have said the credit is due to the Branch Secretaries, but without your co-ordination and personal interest I am sure this would not have been possible.

"My personal thanks and appreciation are sent for your own efforts which have meant so much to St. Dunstan's."

### St. Dunstaners' Daughters

Denise, 17-years-old daughter of R. GOODHEAD of Sheffield, recently swam for her City.

Susan, daughter of E. MILLER of Leamington Spa, whilst up at the Leicester University, has obtained II Class Honours in Sociology.

Heather, daughter of DICKIE RICHARDSON, has recently passed her grade 4 stage and test 1 stage dancing, and she was commended in each case.

## Letters to the Editor

From John Martin of Durban, Natal, South Africa.

My eldest daughter, Anne Schütze has two sons and now her twin sister also has a little son. (See also "Family News")

It is snowing in different parts of South Africa but so far it has not snowed in Durban, although the weather is colder than usual. It has been snowing up at my daughter, Anne's home at Mkonjane, which is about 20 miles from Bloed Rivier Station, where my son-in-law has an African Trading Store in Zululand.

Give my kindest regards to Lord and Lady Fraser and everyone at Headquarters and anyone who remembers me at Ovingdean Training Centre during January 1957 to October 1957.

Wishing you all, everything of the best in the future and may God bless you all.

From Alfred S. Fletcher of Billingham, Teesside.

A few days ago my wife and I were having a meal in a Restaurant and shared the table with a lady and gentleman. In the course of conversation the gentleman told us he was a retired licensee and in that capacity had come to know quite a number of St. Dunstaners. He said he found in all of them the same three outstanding qualities. Their respectability, their efficiency, and their code of conduct.

I knew what he had seen was a true reflection of the image of St. Dunstan's organization and I felt very proud at that of my fellow St. Dunstaner who had so favourably impressed him. It made me realise that all of us in the areas where we live are also reflecting part of that image. God grant that we, too, keep it bright and clean.

From F. J. Harriss of Thorrington, Colchester, Essex.

My wife and I are very pleased with the new style of the *Review* with the better quality of the paper and all the pictures. We think it is much more interesting than before. I have bound copies of the first magazine published and none of these ever had pictures in them. We think the new *Review* is a great improvement and it makes it so much more interesting to the man's family and friends.



### Our Olwen

From some distant point I could hear the clanging of the fire brigade getting nearer every second, rising to a crescendo as it passed the shop. Then from the back of the shop dashed Olwen, across the shop and out into the street, only to trip and fall rather heavily to the pavement. Unhurt—she tearfully walked back into the shop saying, "I don't really like his lollies anyway—I'll buy one of yours, Dad, instead!"

A drunk had got into the shop, he talked rubbish and had great difficulty in sitting up straight and holding his tea firmly.

"Dad" said Olwen, "Did God make that man?" "Yes" was my reply.

"I wouldn't", came her next comment.

## The Touch of Remembrance

by  
RON SLADE

A long time ago—in fact, more than 23 years!—I sat down one day by the side of Miss Preedy in the Braille School of the St. Dunstan's Training Centre at Church Stretton, having arrived there as a "new boy" just a few days earlier and now to get down to the very serious business of perfecting my Braille reading. I had received my original Braille education from The Master, George Killingbeck, himself whilst I was a patient in Stoke Mandeville Hospital and, after some eight months' residence of memorable times in that most remarkable but truly life-saving place, I was discharged and went home for a while to wait for the word to join The Lads for my training at Church Stretton.

As we parted, George loaned me a book, in fully - contracted Braille, called "The Honour of the Road", with his strict instructions to keep slogging away and practising so as to preserve my somewhat shaky "touch" and improve it, and these wise words I obeyed, spending many long and exhausting sessions—mostly during the very early hours of countless wakeful mornings whilst in bed, as my "rustling-wracked" and much-disturbed wife can well remember!—chasing those very elusive dots, but at so slow a rate that I had often forgotten the words I had read at the beginning of a line by the time I had reached its end! In fact, I was never able to really absorb the full story itself, although I had a rather vague idea that it concerned Australian Bush-rangers, but nevertheless, that little book taught me a lot of things, and it became a wonderful companion to me during those very quiet and often lonely hours we have all had to go through at some time, and particularly during the early months and years of our blindness. So, when I handed it over to Miss Preedy at my first session with her in Church Stretton and started reading a new book, I was very sad indeed to have to part with such a true friend as that little volume of dots had proved to be.

My story, thus far, can of course be considered as just one of many similar experiences, but now—23 years later—I come to a day during a holiday spent at

Ovingdean last May. Having finished a 10-minute chat with my friend Mark Kingsnorth at his desk during a free pre-lunch spell—Mark is Killy's successor as a Braille Teacher at Ovingdean—I got up and made my way towards the door, lightly touching as I passed the huge and long bookcase which covers the whole length of the wall between Mark's desk and the door-way. I have been aware of the presence of this bookcase and its contents for years, just as a guiding-point, but for some reason on this occasion I paused, and off-handedly running the back of my fingers over the upright spines of the many volumes which are stacked to head-height, I enquired "How many tomes have you got in this bookcase, Mark?" "Oh!" he replied, "Close on 200 volumes, I should imagine, and a lot of them have been in our stock there for years". Murmuring my surprise, I proceeded on my way, and as I reached the end of the bookcase, my questing hand fell upon a shelf at chest-height, and there, lying flat with its title in Braille immediately under my firstly interrogating and then incredulous fingertip, very clearly beseeching my recognition, were the words . . . yes!, reader, you've guessed it, and its absolutely true, for I did not touch even one other Braille title! . . . "The Honour of the Road"! I was truly astonished, and even more amazed when Mark assured me that the book which I was now so reverently fondling was in fact the very volume over which I had pondered and striven all those years ago, having remained from Church Stretton Training days in the permanent stock of the Braille School!

Which all goes to prove that old and true friends will always come together again somewhere sometime, and with that most comforting and gratifying feeling I carried on my thoughtful way leaving, I am quite sure, and equally incredulous Mark Kingsnorth to ponder over the mystery of this rather astonishing coincidence which had just befallen me, and of which he had been—probably, I think—a somewhat amazed witness!



The international line-up before their national flags.  
Left to right: West Germany, Austria, Great Britain, Poland and France.

## *Austrian Wins International Sports*

"There is a fundamental friendship between all people and who could better represent this than the 'grands blessés'?" With this phrase in his speech at the presentation dinner concluding our first International sports weekend at Ovingdean Lord Fraser put into words the feelings of all who took part. Outside in the gathering dusk still flew the flags of the five nations competing—each on its own flagstaff on the slope overlooking the sports field. From Thursday, 12th until Monday, 17th June, the flags of Austria, France, West Germany, Poland and Britain, symbolised that fundamental friendship so evident among the competitors on the field and during the social events that formed part of the programme. Language proved to be no real barrier to communication between St. Dunstaners and their counterparts from Europe.

Probably no other sporting event could come so close to the axiom laid down by Baron Pierre de Coubertin, founder of the modern series of Olympics, that, "the most important thing is not to win but to take part, just as the most important thing in life is not the triumph but the struggle",

but there was, of course, a winner of the International—Willi Hohm from Vienna. To earn his Victor Ludorum trophy, a statuette of an athlete, he won the sprint, the shot, the long jump, medicine ball and came second in the discus, 3 mile walk, rifle shooting and breast stroke swimming.

He had good placings in other events in a fine all-round performance, scoring 85½ points.

Fritz Kosmehl, representing West Germany came second with 68 points and our own Mike Tetley was third for Britain with 64 points.

Brighton athlete, Chris Carter who holds the United Kingdom 800 metres record and is a likely member of the Mexico Olympics team, presented Willi Hohm with his trophy. Other winners received their medallions and medals from Lord Fraser, including a highly-delighted John Simpson, who won the St. Dunstan's Victor Ludorum trophy—his first big win since becoming totally blind and a fine personal achievement—and Billy Miller, who was the semi-sighted Victor Ludorum. Trophies were also awarded to Bill Griffiths for the best doubly handicapped performance; Randall Williams, the best overall beginner, and the winners and runners-up in individual events in the International and St. Dunstan's competitions. A warm round of applause greeted Otto Schafer of West Germany, who received a special tankard from Lord Fraser as the best loser in the International competition.



Yves Colmant (France) putting the shot.

First points to Great Britain. Mike Tetley winning the three mile walk.





Bernard Lorillard throwing the discus for France.

The youngest supporter—Richard, son of Alan Wortley.



## International Sports

In the International events the honours were shared by all the countries: Willi Hohm's efforts for Austria have been mentioned already but in addition his partner Hans Zevart was second in the shot giving his country first and second places in that event. For France, Yves Colmant, fourth in the overall totals, with 59 points, won the breast stroke swimming and was second in the free style, his partner Bernard Lorillard came third in the 3 mile walk and was only beaten in the Ten-pin bowling after an exciting play-off with Fritz Kosmehl, of West Germany. In addition to winning the Ten-pin event Fritz Kosmehl had second places in the sprint medicine ball and under water swimming. From Poland, his country's sole representative in the sports, Bronislaw Kruczko was a popular winner of the free style and plunge swimming events.

### British Successes

The British entrants Mike Tetley and Bill Claydon did not let the visitors have it all their own way. Mike had an impressive win in the three mile walk, the rifle shooting and came third in the ten-pin bowling and Bill Claydon won the discus and came second in the long jump. Before the field events the St. Dunstan's pair were presented with blue singlets bearing St. Dunstan's badge, by our Vice-Chairman, Mr. Ion Garnett Orme.

There were other distinguished visitors to the Sports: at the Neville Road Stadium, the Mayor of Hove, Councillor Donald Edmonds started the three mile walk on Saturday morning and in the afternoon the Mayor of Brighton Alderman T. J. L. Taylor with the Mayoress welcomed the continental competitors and watched the events.

Brighton's weather relented after last year's downpours and the walking and field events took place in near heat-wave conditions so that the French visitors were comparing our South Coast with the Cote D'Azur! As well as the sports, visitors and St. Dunstaners enjoyed the social events arranged by Commandant Fawcett

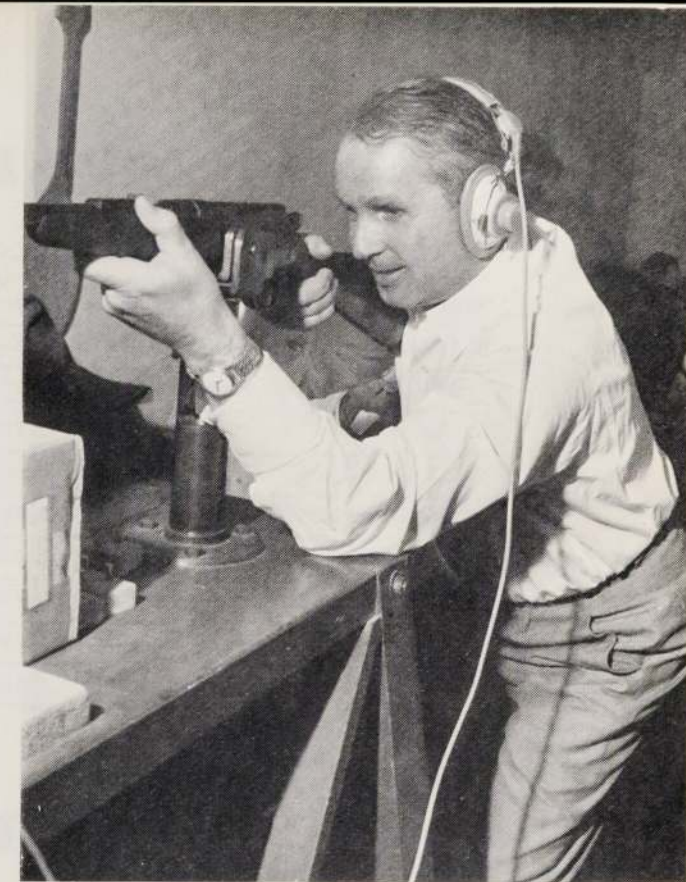
and his staff including a visit to an English 'Pub', Stroods Hotel, Sayers Common, a tour of the Royal Pavilion, Brighton, a visit to Chartwell, the home of Sir Winston Churchill, and the Presentation Dinner at Ovingdean.

Speaking at the Dinner Lord Fraser expressed appreciation of Mrs. Avis Spurway to whom we owed this gathering, and he went on, "There are many national boundaries and they cause great trouble in Europe and in the world, but there are some things which are international, the air we breathe and music . . . For fifty years there has been co-operation between the societies for blinded ex-servicemen in the countries of Europe and I'm very glad of that". He concluded, "Now shortly we will present the prizes. Here I will only congratulate the winners and praise the losers. I propose a toast, 'To our Guests'."

### "Comrades Long Ago"

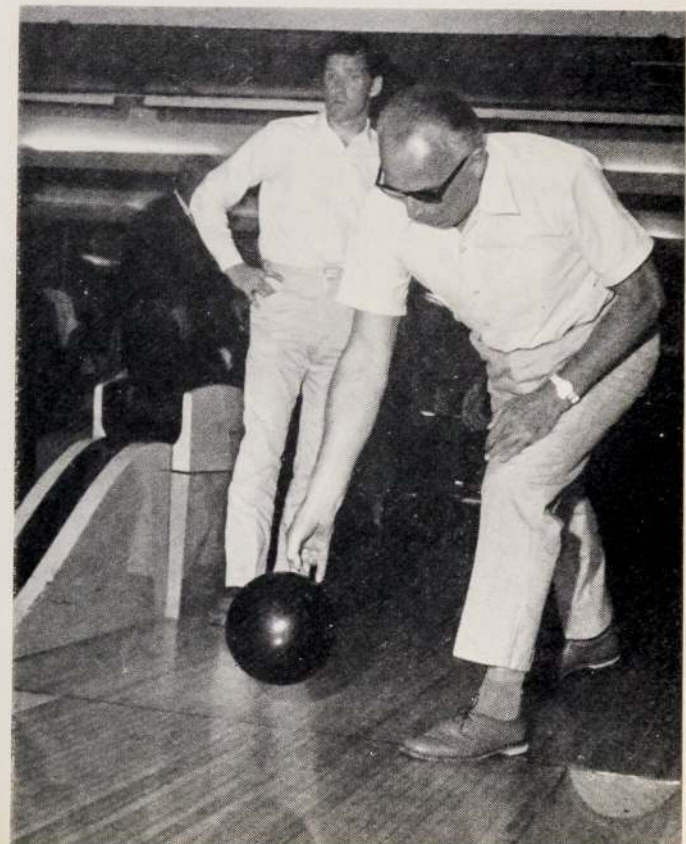
Herr Otto Schafer, who is Vice-President of the Bund des Kriegsblinden, the West German war-blinded organisation, spoke for the guests. He said: "We war-blinded have known for a long time that we—who once were enemies in war—through common experience and common fate, became comrades long ago. A meeting like this in Britain we hope—and I speak here for all foreign comrades—will bring about the friendship of nations in addition to our comradeship". Otto Schafer toasted St. Dunstan's in these words, "I should like to end by asking my friends from the European countries to kindly drink the health of this hospitable country and all the kind people we have met in St. Dunstan's".

The week-end concluded on Monday evening with an International Dance at Ovingdean. On behalf of all the St. Dunstaners, Bill Claydon and Mike Tetley presented the wives of the visiting European athletes each with a posy of flowers and Bill Griffiths made a brief speech of greeting in each language including Polish—your reporter could not vouch for the accuracy of his pronunciation but he brought the house down and earned himself a succession of kisses from an attractive bevy of European wives! Vive le Sport!



Enjoying aiming by sound in the rifle range is Otto Schafer (West Germany).

The international ten-pin bowling champion in action—Fritz Kosmehl (West Germany).



# ST. DUNSTAN'S INTERNATIONAL

Name	Sprint		Shot		Discus		Long Jump		M. Ball		3 m. Walk	
	Time	Place	Dist.	Place	Dist.	Place	Dist.	Place	Dist.	Place	Time	Place
W. Hohm, Austria	9.6	1st	27.2	1st	57.5	2nd	8.0½	1st	38.9	1st	35.39	2nd
F. W. Kosmehl, W. Germany	10.0	2nd	24.2	6th	50.11	5th	7.6½	4th	38.3½	2nd	37.01	4th
M. Tetley, Britain	12.2	7th	25.7	3rd	47.2½	6th	7.1	8th	32.2	6th	32.15	1st
Y. Colmant, France	11.2	5th	25.5½	4th	56.1½	3rd	7.7	3rd	37.7	3rd	—	—
W. Claydon, Britain	10.5	3rd	24.6½	5th	60.9½	1st	7.8	2nd	36.10	4th	38.19	7th
B. Kruczek, Poland	11.0	4th	21.6	9th	44.9½	8th	7.1½	6th	31.5	8th	38.39	8th
H. Zevart, Austria	19.6	9th	26.7	2nd	46.5	7th	7.2½	5th	35.11	5th	38.18	6th
B. Lorillard, France	12.0	6th	23.2½	8th	52.5	4th	6.11½	9th	28.9½	9th	36.35	3rd
O. Schafer, W. Germany	12.4	8th	22.5	7th	40.1	9th	7.1½	6th	31.6	7th	38.0	5th

# ST. DUNSTAN'S INDIVIDUAL

## Final Place: Victor Ludorum Winners Pts.

S.S. Section	1st	W. Miller	10
T.B. Section	1st	J. Simpson	28

Trophy to the best overall beginner. **R. Williams.**  
Trophy to the best Doubly Handicapped. **W. Griffiths.**

### Sprint

		1st	2nd	Time
S.S. Section	1st	E. Bunting	8.5	
	2nd	P. Carr	9.5	
T.B. Section	1st	W. Phillips	10.0	
	2nd	J. Simpson	11.1	

### Shot

		1st	2nd	Dist.
S.S. Section	1st	E. Black	29.8	
	2nd	E. Bunting	26.6	
T.B. Section	1st	W. Phillips	28.11½	
	2nd	J. Simpson	23.6	

### Discus

		1st	2nd	Dist.
S.S. Section	1st	F. Barratt	60.5	
	2nd	E. Bunting	59.8	
T.B. Section	1st	W. Phillips	62.1	
	2nd	J. Simpson	51.5	

### Long Jump

		1st	2nd	Dist.
S.S. Section	1st	E. Bunting	8.10½	
	2nd	P. Carr	8.4½	
T.B. Section	1st	W. Phillips	8.4	
	2nd	L. Thompson	7.7	

### 3 Mile Walk

		1st	2nd	Time
S.S. Section	1st	W. Miller	28.22	
	2nd	F. Barratt	28.52	
T.B. Section	1st	R. Young	24.5	
	2nd	J. Humphrey	26.02	

### 1½ Mile Walk

		1st	2nd	Time
S.S. Section	1st	P. Carr	16.22	
	2nd	G. Waterworth	16.56	
T.B. Section	1st	W. Griffiths	15.40	
	2nd	L. Thompson	15.56	

### Ten Pin

		1st	2nd	Score
S.S. Section	1st	J. Lynch	53	
	2nd	J. Black	48	
T.B. Section	1st	S. Tutton	34	
	2nd	E. Cookson } W. Phillips }	33	

# SPORTS RESULTS JUNE 1968

1½ m. Walk	Ten Pin	Shooting	Swimming				Under Water	Final Place	Total Points						
			Free Style	Breast	Plunge										
Time	Place	Score	Place	Time	Place	Time	Place	Time	Place						
—	—	22	5th	65	2nd	15.6	3rd	19.6	2nd	38.11	4th	—	—	1st	85½
—	—	56	1st	38	6th	21.0	5th	22.2	4th	39.10	3rd	46.6	2nd	2nd	68
—	—	33	3rd	66	1st	16.1	4th	22.4	5th	42.0	2nd	47.0	1st	3rd	64
19.02	9th	3	—	49	4th	15.4	2nd	18.1	1st	38.0	6th	—	—	4th	59
—	—	16	8th	47	5th	27.9	8th	27.0	8th	32.10	8th	—	—	5th	51
—	—	23	4th	27	8th	15.0	1st	25.0	7th	45.4½	1st	45.4	3rd	6th	45½
—	—	22	5th	22	9th	21.4	6th	22.0	3rd	30.4	9th	—	—	7th	43½
—	—	55	2nd	36	7th	23.5	7th	24.2	6th	33.3	7th	—	—	8th	42
—	—	21	7th	50	3rd	30.2	9th	31.8	9th	28.10½	5th	32.4	4th	9th	34½

# SPORTS RESULTS JUNE 1968

### Shooting

		1st	2nd	Score
S.S. Section	1st	P. Carr	59	
	2nd	J. Lynch	55	
T.B. Section	1st	E. Cookson	60	
	2nd	R. Williams	54	

### Plunge

		1st	2nd	Dist.
S.S. Section	1st	F. Barratt	42.1	
	2nd	A. Wortley	36.0	
T.B. Section	1st	J. Wright	46.1	
	2nd	J. Simpson	42.0	

### Medicine Ball

		1st	2nd	Dist.
S.S. Section	1st	E. Bunting	46.0	
	2nd	A. Wortley	36.8	
T.B. Section	1st	W. Phillips	41.4	
	2nd	J. Humphrey	32.11	

### Under Water

		1st	2nd	Time
S.S. Section	1st	A. Wortley	54.7	
	2nd	F. Barratt	39.0	
T.B. Section	1st	J. Simpson	36.5	
	2nd	J. Wright	35.5	

## SWIMMING

### Free Style

		1st	2nd	Time
S.S. Section	1st	E. Bunting	18.3	
	2nd	A. Wortley	19.2	
T.T. Section	1st	W. Phillips	17.0	
	2nd	R. Fullard	21.0	

### Breast Stroke

		1st	2nd	Time
S.S. Section	1st	G. Waterworth	22.4	
	2nd	E. Bunting	23.0	
T.B. Section	1st	P. Spencer	21.2	
	2nd	W. Phillips	23.5	

Mr. J. Carnochan, our Sports Officer, points out. "Many competitors opted out of the odd points scoring event they thought they weren't good at, consequently denying themselves the opportunity of winning the Victor Ludorum. This should be a thought for next year.

"There were many good performances in all sections and with a little practice these could be improved upon. Congratulations everyone on a very fine effort and thank you for your support and co-operation".



## Bridge Notes

### THE MASTERS

The annual match versus the members of the London County Contract Bridge Association (the Masters) was held on Saturday, 22nd June at St. Dunstan's Headquarters in London. Five teams from each Club took part and the match was decided by the total net aggregate score on four hands played against each team; the winning team for the L.C.C.B.A. being the team with the highest plus score and for St. Dunstan's, the one with the lowest minus score. The results were as follows:

#### For the London County Contract Bridge Association.

1. L. Tario, Mrs. Garfield, Miss Daly, G. Connell. +5,980.
2. R. J. Rowlands, J. Amsbury, Miss Gardener, P. Taylor. +4,040.
3. G. C. H. Fox, Mrs. B. Harris, Mrs. J. Gatti, E. Davis. +3,920.
4. G. Cooke, E. Senk, L. Estrason, S. Edwin. +2,660.
5. Miss Bass, Dr. R. Varley, A. Campoli, Mrs. Davis. +1,180.

#### For St. Dunstan's.

1. G. P. Brown, R. Armstrong, L. Douglass, P. Nuyens. -1,840.
2. R. Fullard, J. Chell, M. Tybinski, J. Whitcombe. -3,060.
3. R. Freer, A. Caldwell, G. Andrews, Miss B. Simon. -3,100.
4. A. Smith, F. Matthewman, B. Ingrey, S. Webster. -3,760.
5. R. Stanners, W. Lethbridge, R. Bickley, R. Goding. -6,020.

Miss Blodwyn Simon then presented each member of the winning visitors team with a Jacobean "fire-side" stool while Mrs. Gatti, secretary of the L.C.C.B.A. presented each member of the winning St. Dunstan's team with a bottle of port, and to every St.

Dunstaner taking part a bottle of sherry. I would like to add on behalf of the Committee and members of the St. Dunstan's players, a hearty vote of thanks to our steward, Norman Smith, who with his habitual hard work and cheery ways, was certainly the main spring of this successful meeting. We are also more than grateful to Mrs. Smith and last but not least, to her kind helpers for providing and serving us with the hard earned refreshments after the great concentration of the afternoon which ended on a most successful and happy note.

### Harrogate

Mr. Colin Bruce Campbell, M.C.

St. Dunstan's bridge players who have taken part in Harrogate Bridge Weekly will be sorry to learn of the death of Mr. C. B. Campbell, which occurred on 26th June, 1968. Mr. Campbell had been a very good friend to our members and we offer to his wife, Monica, and his son, Bruce, our most heartfelt sympathy and condolences in their great loss.

P. NUYENS

### NO REVIEW

As in other years, we shall be following the usual practice of not printing a *Review* for September. The next *Review* will be the October number and copies of this should reach all St. Dunstaners at beginning of that month.

Peter, son of J. McDERMOTT of Davyhulme, Manchester, has achieved his degree in Industrial Design at the Royal College of Art.

## Club News

### Brighton Club Notes

The next meeting of the club will be held on Thursday, 12th September. The games will be Whist and Dominoes. All St. Dunstaners in the Brighton district are cordially invited.

F. A. RHODES,  
Chairman/Secretary.

### London Club Notes

After a closely contested match in the Sir Arthur Pearson Five-and-Threes Domino Knock-Out Competition, Charlie Hancock beat Jim Murray by two games to one.

Winners of our Domino games in the month of June were as follows:

- |           |   |               |
|-----------|---|---------------|
| 6th June  | 1 | W. Harding    |
|           | 2 | Chas. Hancock |
| 13th June | 1 | J. Murray     |
|           | 2 | C. Hancock    |
|           |   | W. Miller     |
| 27th June | 1 | W. Miller     |
|           |   | G. P. Brown   |

We are all very pleased to hear that Mrs. C. Hancock is now out of Moorfields Hospital and will shortly be going away to a convalescent home to enable her to fully recuperate from her recent operation, after which we hope it will not be too long before she and Charlie will be joining us again at the London Club.

We are happy that we shall be seeing 'Grandad' Murray again soon as his daughter-in-law, Mrs. Agnes Murray, is now out of hospital.

We wish both Mrs. Murray and Mrs. Hancock well.

We are sure that all our London Club members will be sorry to hear that Bill Bishop, who was for many years on the committee and latterly as chairman of our St. Dunstan's London Club, is in the Croydon General Hospital awaiting an operation.

Best wishes from us all, 'Bish', and we hope that you will soon be home and well again.

W. MILLER.

## British Talking Book Service for the Blind

### Small Cassettes

The following additions are for the SMALL CASSETTES only, and can be used only by members using new small machines, or old machines with adaptors. These new machines, or adaptors, are being issued as rapidly as possible to all members in order of seniority of membership. Members will be advised when their turn is reached.

Braille Instructions for the use of the machine and adaptor can be obtained from the Talking Book Library.

### Fiction

#### Cat. No.

- 307 MCNULTY, F. & KEIFFER, E.  
*WHOLLY CATS* (1963)  
Read by Arthur Bush. All about the history, care of, and grooming of cats by two sisters who had the opportunity of sharing the acquaintance of a good many.  
P.T. 6½ hours.
- 335 BRAHMS, C. & SIMON, S.J.  
*YOU WERE THERE* (1950)  
Read by John Curle. This amusing story of three men and a girl who were young at the beginning of the century, will recall many memories, grave and gay.  
P.T. 10 hours.
- 343 BRUCE, LEO  
*DEATH OF A COMMUTER* (1967)  
Read by Arthur Bush. Suicide is the official verdict on a middle-aged businessman, but Carolus Deene is not convinced, and his investigation of a macabre and dangerous situation almost costs him his life.  
P.T. 6 hours.
- 331 BURKETT, WILLIAM R.  
*SLEEPING PLANET* (1964)  
Read by David Broomfield. Toxic dust is used for a bloodless invasion of Earth in the 25th century; the ten survivors employ every means possible to outwit the invaders.  
P.T. 11½ hours.
- 341 CECIL, HENRY  
*SETTLED OUT OF COURT* (1959)  
Read by George Hagan. An honest financier, convicted of murder on perjured evidence, determines to find a way out of his predicament.  
P.T. 6¼ hours.
- 328 CONRAD, JOSEPH  
*THE ROVER* (1923)  
Read by George Hagan. During the French Revolution; a seafarer is returning home to Southern France and is involved in a drama on a lonely farm.  
P.T. 10 hours.

# Family News

## Silver Weddings

Congratulations to MR. AND MRS. W. C. CARLTON of Morecambe, Lancs, who celebrated their Silver Wedding Anniversary on 24th April, 1968.

Sincere congratulations to MR. AND MRS. W. G. EVANS of Upton St. Leonards, Gloucester, who celebrated their Silver Wedding Anniversary on 8th May, 1968.

Sincere congratulations to MR. AND MRS. J. D. P. MCGINNIS of Liff, by Dundee, Scotland, who celebrated their Silver Wedding anniversary on 24th June, 1968.

## Golden Weddings

Very many congratulations to MR. AND MRS. C. GREAVES of Sheffield, who celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary on 6th July, 1968.

Very many congratulations to MR. AND MRS. F. WETHERELL of Mitcham, Surrey, who celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary on 29th June, 1968.

## Grandfathers

### Congratulations to:

F. MARTIN of Stubbington, Hants., on the birth of his first grandson, Stephen Paul on 22nd April, 1968, to his son's wife.

D. E. MCCARTHY of Northampton, on becoming a grandfather when his daughter, Pat, gave birth to a girl recently.

J. S. MARTIN of Durban, Natal, South Africa, on the birth of his third grandson, Cameron Stuart Macklin, born to his youngest daughter, Merle Lorraine Macklin, on 16th June, 1968.

## Great Grandfathers

### Many congratulations to:

J. G. HOWES of Stockton-on-Tees, announces the arrival of his first Great Grandchild, who was born in Canada.

## Marriages

CAUDLE-TILLARD. On 20th June, 1968, Lindsay Caudle of Southsea married Mrs. Yvonne Tillard.

Eileen, daughter of A. G. BRADLEY of Northwood Hills, Middlesex, was married to Trevor Griffiths of Manchester on 29th June, 1968, at Emmanuel Church, Northwood, Middlesex.

Brian, son of our St. Dunstan G. BILCLIFF of Erdington, Birmingham, married Maureen Lloyd of Rushall, on 29th June, 1968.

Jacqueline Bowers, grand-daughter of F. WETHERELL of Mitcham, Surrey, married Tony Sturgeon at Morden on 15th June, 1968.

Elizabeth, daughter of B. L. FRY of Pontypridd, Glam, was married to Malcolm Marjetts of Treforest, Glam, on 20th June, 1968.

## Deaths

### We offer our sincere sympathy to:

J. D. SLEE, of Penrith, Cumberland, who mourns the death of his father on 17th April, 1968.

E. MARR of Blackburn, Lancs., who mourns the death of his wife on 21st June, 1968.

# In Memory

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

**J. Carr Anderson.** *Transport and Remounts Union Defence Force.*

J. Carr Anderson, of Newlands, Cape Province, South Africa, died on 10th June, 1968, at the age of 86.

He served in the Army in the First World War, but soon developed eye trouble, which continued through the years, and he joined St. Dunstan's (South Africa) in 1944.

**F. J. T. Barker, O.B.E., T.D.** *Royal Ulster Rifles*

F. J. T. Barker of Poulton-le-Fylde, Lancs., died in hospital on 27th June, 1968, at the age of 76.

Frederick Barker served in both World Wars and was severely wounded. His sight eventually failed and he became a St. Dunstaner in 1966, but his poor health prevented him from attending Reunions or visiting Ovingdean. He was a well-known local personality with a proud record of service to others through his work for ex-servicemen's organisations and the Boy's Brigade.

**James Leslie Brooke.** *Royal Air Force.*

James Leslie Brooke died at St. Dunstan's, Ovingdean, on 22nd June, 1968, at the age of 68 years.

He enlisted in the Royal Air Force in 1917 and served with them until his discharge in July 1918. He came to St. Dunstan's in the following year and trained as a boot repairer and clog maker. He and his wife carried on with this trade until 1927 when he undertook training in telephony and in 1928 accepted employment in Leeds as a telephonist. He continued with this type of work for the rest of his working life. His first wife died in 1940 and he re-married a few years later. He retired in 1947 and he and his wife went to live in Bournemouth. His second wife died in 1965 and his sister looked after him for a while but he decided to give up the house and in October 1966 he went to live in Ovingdean. He leaves a son.

**John Alfred Dix.** *Royal Navy.*

John Alfred Dix of High Wycombe, Bucks., died on 24th June, 1968, at the age of 63 years.

He enlisted in the Royal Navy in 1923 and served until 1947. He was wounded in an explosion at sea in 1942 but did not come to St. Dunstan's until 1949 when he entered Ovingdean for training. He and his wife moved to High Wycombe, Bucks, in 1950 when Mr. Dix was settled as a poultry farmer. He and his wife appeared on a Television programme and were shown working on their farm. They worked extremely hard until Mr. Dix's health began to deteriorate and it was necessary for him to give up the farm and he transferred to garden and greenhouse work which he carried on as a hobby. He leaves a widow and a son by his present marriage and three sons by a previous marriage.

**William Girling.** *5th Yorkshires.*

William Girling of Bournemouth, died whilst staying temporarily at Pearson House, on 21st June, 1968, two days before his 76th birthday.

He enlisted in the 5th Yorkshires in 1914 and served with them until his discharge in 1916. He came to St. Dunstan's in 1915 and trained as a telephonist. He continued with this work until his retirement in 1947. His health began to deteriorate in 1964 and Mr. Girling has remained at Pearson House ever since his discharge from hospital in November 1965. Mrs. Girling has not enjoyed very good health, so Mr. Girling stayed on at Pearson House and Mrs. Girling spent part of the time with members of her family. A sister who lives in Brighton was a frequent visitor to Pearson House.

**Reginald Frederick Gosling.** *Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment.*

Reginald Frederick Gosling died at Pearson House on 23rd June, 1968, five days before his 77th birthday.

He enlisted in the Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment in 1914 and served with them until 1919. He came to St. Dunstan's in 1963. By the time he came to St. Dunstan's he had retired and after the death of his wife in 1965 he became a permanent resident at Pearson House until his death which took place quite suddenly on 23rd June. He leaves a son and a daughter, who is living in Canada.

**J. A. Oriol, C.B.E., M.C., M.A., F.R.I.C., M.I.Chem.E.** *Royal Artillery.*

J. A. Oriol of Brailes, near Banbury, died at his home on 16th June, 1968, at the age of 71.

He served in the First War and eventually lost his sight as the result of mustard gas; he came to St. Dunstan's in 1950.

In civilian life, John Oriol had a most distinguished career as a chemical engineer. He had already reached the top of his profession when his sight failed and, after training at Ovingdean, he went on with his work and was President of the Institute of Chemical Engineers in 1955. Later, he became the first Life Fellow of Churchill College, Cambridge, and was also an active member of the Executive Council of the Royal National Institute for the Blind, a Governor of Worcester College for the Blind, and Deputy Chairman of Warwickshire Association for the Blind. In private life, he and his wife greatly enjoyed their retirement and the company of their daughters and their families.

**John Gullene Rose.** *Royal Field Artillery.*

John Gullene Rose of North Berwick, East Lothian, Scotland, died on 6th July, 1968, at the age of 77 years.

He served in the 124th Brigade of the Royal Field Artillery from 1915 to 1918. He was wounded in France and lost an arm. He came to St. Dunstan's in 1918 and trained in basket making and carried on this occupation for some considerable time. He has been in poor health latterly, his wife predeceased him 1965. He leaves a daughter, Mrs. M. Sutch, with whom he lived.



The Mayor of Brighton, Alderman T. J. L. Taylor, greets Otto Schäfer. Other competitors shown are Fritz Kosmehl and Willi Hohm. Also in the picture are Frau Schäfer and Frau Kosmehl.

### *International Sports*

Hans Zevart (Austria) just holds off Bill Claydon's challenge as they finish the three mile walk.

