



**MARCH
REVIEW**



Welcome to St. Dunstan's

Charles Edward Cole of London, E.12, came to St. Dunstan's in December 1968. He is married and served in the Royal Artillery in the Second World War.

John James Hamson of Rochester, Kent, came to St. Dunstan's in December 1968. He is married with a grown-up family and served with the Royal Artillery and then with the Royal Army Service Corps during the First World War.

Edwin Sturgess of High Wycombe, Bucks, came to St. Dunstan's in January 1969. He is married with a grown-up son and served with the 52nd Oxford and Bucks Regiment in the Second World War. Mr. Sturgess is continuing with full-time employment in industry.

Albert Joseph Wallage of Exmouth came to St. Dunstan's in December 1968. He is married and served in the Royal Artillery during the Second World War.

On behalf of St. Dunstan's we welcome St. Dunstaners recently admitted to membership. The Review hopes they will settle down happily as members of our family.

Samuel Harney of Stockport, Cheshire, came to St. Dunstan's in January, 1969. He is married with a grown-up family. He enlisted with the Royal Dublin Fusiliers and transferred to the Welsh Fusiliers, during the 1st World War.

Major Eva Thorpe of Bexhill-on-Sea, Sussex, joined us in January, 1969. Miss Thorpe served in the Queen Alexandra Royal Army Nursing Service from 1939 to 1961, when she retired.

Douglas G. Marshall of Fulbourn, Cambridge, joined St. Dunstan's in February, 1969. He served in the R.A.F. in the Second War and now lives with an aunt.

Frank Whitehead of Liverpool, joined St. Dunstan's on 31st January, 1969. He served in the 1st World War in the Lancashire Fusiliers and the Royal Field Artillery. He is married with a grown-up family.

Percy Alvey came from a shop he had in Byfleet and Bill moved into his shop from his smaller shop. Joe took Bill's shop. Charlie took Joe's house and they all moved on the same day. The housing problem was acute then and they were pleased in the Settlement Department.

Percy Alvey must have been one of the earliest guide-dog owners because I made a huge dog-bed for him. I went to the South coast in 1932 and never met or heard of Percy Alvey again until I read of his passing in the February *Review*.

COVER PICTURE

The late Mr. Stephen Swingler, accompanied by his wife, inspects Jim Blakeley's work in the carpentry shop, and meets Jim's guide dog Smiley, during the Ministers' visit to Ovingdean in January.

Letter to the Editor

From G. Fallowfield, Welling, Kent

I lived in Leytonstone 40 years ago and used to go to a tobacconist who learnt to talk to me. He was elderly and had no family. One day he asked if I would like to buy his business as he was retiring.

"No good to me, I'm a craftsman but may I tell St. Dunstan's?" He agreed and I wrote to the late Mr. V. Hegarty and a few days later the settlement representative came to see me and then went along to see the tobacconist and an hour later returned to slap me on the back. "He wants over £1,000 for the freehold property but it is a good business and I have a scheme", he said.

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REUNIONS 1969

All Reunions to be held at 12.15 p.m. for lunch at 12.45 p.m.

| Date | Reunion | Member of Council Presiding | Hotel |
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| Thurs. 17th April | NEWCASTLE (Mrs. Plaxton) | Mr. D. G. Hopewell | Royal Station Hotel |
| Sat. 19th April | SHEFFIELD (Miss Broughton) | Mr. D. G. Hopewell | Grand Hotel |
| Thurs. 1st May | LIVERPOOL (Miss Everett) | Air Marshal Sir Douglas Morris | Adelphi Hotel |
| Sat. 3rd May | MANCHESTER (Miss Everett) | Major M. E. M. Sandys | Grand Hotel |
| Thurs. 15th May | SOUTHAMPTON (Miss de Burlet) | (To be arranged) | Polygon Hotel |
| Sat. 17th May | BRISTOL (Miss Meyer) | Lord Fraser | Grand Hotel |
| Sat. 31st May | WINDSOR (Miss de Burlet) | Sir Neville Pearson | Ye Harte & Garter Hotel |
| Sat. 7th June | BRIGHTON (Miss Blebta) | Lord Fraser | Hotel Metropole |
| Thurs. 19th June | IPSWICH (Miss Newbold) | Col. Sir Michael Ansell | Copdock House Hotel, Copdock, Ipswich |
| Sat. 21st June | BIRMINGHAM (Miss Newbold) | Sir Neville Pearson | Grand Hotel |
| Sat. 28th June | LONDON (Miss Picken) | Lord Fraser | Hotel Russell |

Dramatic Reading Productions

A Stimulating Avocation

A challenging dramatic programme has been developed by the Elbee Audio Players of New York City. Now in its 7th season, this independent troupe of blind amateur Repertory Players, has presented full-length dramatic reading productions for the community. The name of the group is taken from the initials of Louis Braille. Directed by David Swerdlow, who is blind and his sighted wife, Lilian, Elbee is believed to be the first of its kind in the United States. More than thirty plays, English and American—either in actual production or preparation—are in Elbee's repertoire. Each season more than twenty performances are given, usually during weekends, at temples, churches and hospitals in the New York area.

Imagination is the key concept of Elbee's audio productions. Taking two old forms—dramatic readings and radio drama—they have combined and given them a richer, fuller dimension for players and audience alike. This audio technique is similar to radio plays which are broadcast by the BBC and directed by such greats as Tyrone Guthrie, the late Charles Laughton and others.

Audio is an ideal dramatic medium for those who cannot see. For one thing, it avoids the necessity for mobility in a strange auditorium for each performance. It is not necessary for the blind who travel about independently, with a cane or guide dog, continually to prove their mobility. Moreover, dramatic-reading productions are a most flexible art form—a kind of portable theatre. Actually, it is an exciting extension of the theatre—one which always appeals to the imagination.

Not Mere Readings

"Our productions are not mere readings", pointed out David Swerdlow, "but full-length adaptations of major plays—theatrical performances in every sense of the word. We may be amateurs but we all have a very professional attitude towards our work".

"This season we had the pleasure of re-introducing to American audiences, three fascinating stories by that great English storyteller—W. Somerset Maugham. We adapted them from the motion pictures *Trio* and *Quartet*. Our show is called 'An Evening with Somerset Maugham'. It has been received with great delight wherever we have played it", added Lilian Swerdlow.

As the Elbee players work on a production, they do not necessarily have to

memorise lines. They use Braille scripts and large-type scripts for the partially sighted. Through their voices alone, they must create a warm and convincing character. They must, in fact, become that character. In repertory, each player takes not one role, but many, during the course of a season.

No Scenery

No scenery, costumes or props are used. To make the story move more dramatically, special music and sound effects are recorded on tape. Music is carefully chosen to enhance the mood of the play. Changes of scenes are just a music break away.

Elbee players strive to achieve the closest possible rapport with its audience—which finally becomes so identified with the characters in the story—that it is sure the cast is moving across the stage. Actually, the players are seated on floor level, directly in front of the audience at a long table—their fingers racing over the Braille scripts. A glowing sense of illusion and movement is created.

Most of the Elbee Players are totally blind. They are graduates of the New York Institute for the Blind and are expert Braille readers. Several have gone on to earn college degrees in speech therapy, drama, social work and rehabilitation. All are employed in full-time jobs during the day. Performances and rehearsals are held in the evenings and week-ends.

Because they are constantly looking for new talent, Elbee invites sighted players to join them. Quoting one of their players: "It would be pointless obviously, to discriminate against a player who performs well, merely because he's not blind. After all it is a blind and sighted world in which we live. Why not a blind and sighted amateur dramatic repertory group?"



ST. DUNSTAN'S CLOCK

It Strikes Me

"P.B.I." in the Garden

It may sound drastic to keen gardeners to suggest using the P.B.I. to attack weeds and pests—but this P.B.I. is not the one St. Dunstaners will immediately think of. **Bill Phillips**, of Plaistow, has put me on to a clever idea by the Waltham Cross firm, Pan Britannica Industries: A series of weedkillers and pest sprays made up in neat sachets bearing those famous initials as a trade mark, they contain just the right ready-measured doses eliminating bottles, measuring spoons or scales. They are called medipacks and cost 1/6d each. Toprose, a series of rose fertilizers, disease and pest sprays also come in sachets at 1/9d. They might well be worth a try, not only for convenience but for safety's sake—no measuring containers to be left about.

Wrong end of the Stick

Pity the poor journalist faced with unfamiliar specialised words and techniques to be digested and described by a deadline as his paper goes to press. That philosophical thought was prompted by a Yorkshire Post reporter's effort in February. The heading "Chain idea may aid the blind" caught my eye and I read on

"It is called 'the long chain technique' Instead of a stick the blind person uses an 8ft long thin but rigid chain . . ."—or are they just trying to pull the reader's 'lugs'?

Father of the Bridge Club

The oldest member of the Bridge Club celebrated his eightieth birthday on February 5th. Despite his years **Freddie Jackson** of Malden, Surrey often visits Headquarters for a game of Bridge. As President of the Malden and Coombe Branch, British Legion, of which he was a founder member, he takes part in all their activities. I also hear he sings regularly for old people at a local club. As a retired physiotherapist he is looking forward to attending the Physiotherapy Conference later this year. Heartiest congratulations Freddie.

MAGOG



Forthcoming Attractions

Derby Sweepstake

Applications are once again invited from St. Dunstaners and St. Dunstan's trainees for tickets in the *St. Dunstan's Review* Derby Sweepstake. The attention of everyone is drawn to the rule that every application for tickets made in the British Isles must be accompanied by a stamped addressed envelope.

Tickets are 2s. 6d. each, and applications for them should be made as soon as possible and will be received up to the first post on **Wednesday, 21st May**. Each application must bear the name and full address of the sender, together with the number of tickets required, and, with a stamped addressed envelope enclosed, must be sent to the Editor, D.S.S. Dept., *St. Dunstan's Review*, P.O. Box 58, 191 Old Marylebone Road, London, N.W.1.

Cheques and postal orders should be made payable to St. Dunstan's and crossed. Loose money should not be sent unless it is registered.

Derby Day Coach Trip

It is proposed to run a coach trip for Derby Day, leaving H.Q., Old Marylebone Road, at 9 a.m., on Wednesday the 4th of June this year.

Any St. Dunstaner wishing to join our party should send his name in not later than Saturday the 10th of May to:

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

This outing is an unqualified success for the price charged. This includes the coach fare, a packed luncheon and either soft drinks or beer. We still hope to be able to keep the charge at £1 per person this year, but details will be published as soon as available.

I trust that more St. Dunstaners will wish to be included in this trip to the Derby, than there has been in recent years. So hurry up, and send your names in to Norman as soon as possible.

W. MILLER.

Tickets will be issued consecutively, and are limited to twenty-four.

The total money subscribed, less the cost of printing and expenses, will be distributed as follows:

50 per cent to the holder of the ticket drawing the winning horse.

20 per cent to the holder of the ticket drawing the second horse.

10 per cent to the holder of the ticket drawing the third horse.

20 per cent to be divided equally among those drawing a horse which actually starts in the race.

No prize won in the Sweepstake will be paid to any person other than the person to whom the winning ticket was sold.

The Draw will take place in the London Club on the evening of Thursday, 29th May.

The Royal Tournament and Trooping the Colour

It is hoped that we may once again be allocated tickets for the Trooping the Colour Ceremony on the morning of Saturday, 14th June, and the Private View of the Royal Tournament at Earls Court on the afternoon of Wednesday, 9th July.

Any St. Dunstaner wishing to apply for tickets should write to me by Saturday, 24th May, please.

C. D. WILLS.

H.M.S. Daedalus

St. Dunstan's Camp

August 15th—23rd. Camp fee £2. Fares over first 30/- refunded in Camp. Entries close—April 3rd.

Mrs. Spurway,
Mount House,
Halse,
Taunton,
Somerset.

Telephone. Bishop Lydeard 359.

OVINGDEAN WEEKENDS

Bridge Instruction Week-end. Friday 7th to Sunday 9th March.

Ham Radio Week-end. Friday 14th to Sunday 16th March.

Fishing Weeks. Two separate weeks will be organised, the first from Monday 12th to 16th May and the second from Monday 18th to 22nd August. Accommodation will be from Monday/Friday with departures on Saturday morning. (N.B. In addition 3 days fishing will follow the Sports Week-end for those who have taken part in the other sports only.)

Sports Week-end. Friday 13th to Sunday 15th June. (followed by 3 days fishing—see above.)

Deaf Reunion. Thursday 14th to Monday 18th August.

Handless Reunion. Thursday 16th to Monday 20th October. (Provisional)

Chess Tournament Week-end. Friday 7th to Sunday 9th November.

Bridge Congress Week-end. Friday 14th to Monday 17th November.

BRaille READING COMPETITIONS

National Library for the Blind, 35 Great Smith Street, Westminster, S.W.1. announces the fortieth E. W. Austin Memorial Reading Competition will be held on Saturday, 3rd May, 1969.

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.)

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 verse by C. Day Lewis.

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.)

Class E.

Deaf-Blind Readers

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, 21st April, 1969, stating whether or not they will be staying to lunch and whether they will be bringing a friend.

Congratulations

Leonard, eldest son of our St. Dunstaner, R. G. FIELD of Potters Bar, Herts, has been elected a Fellow of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors. He has also been made an associate partner in his firm for the work he has carried out on the new Euston Station.



Mr. Swingler watching Danny Parker operating a lathe in the workshops.



Our Deputy-Chairman, Mr. Ion Garnett-Orme and Mrs. Garnett-Orme with Mr. Swingler.



Randall Williams talks to the Minister about his audio-typing training.



Mr. Swingler meets Australian St. Dunstan, Trevor Lynch, in the Braille room.

MINISTER OF STATE AT OVINDEAN

Mr. Stephen Swingler, P.C., Minister of State, Department of Health and Social Security, visited Dunstan's, Ovingdean, on Tuesday 14th January. He was accompanied by Mrs. Swingler and three members of the Department's staff. The Minister and his party arrived at 1 p.m. and were met by Mr. Ion Garnett-Orme, Deputy-Chairman of St. Dunstan's, who was accompanied by Mrs. Garnett-Orme.

On arrival the visitors were shown a model of Ovingdean on the Ground Floor and they met Mr. Lloyds, Commandant Fawcett, Matron Blackford, Dr. O'Hara and a few members of our staff at headquarters and Ovingdean. After lunch the Minister made a brief tour of the establishment in order to obtain some idea of the training which is in progress, the accommodation arrangements and facilities generally. The Minister seemed well satisfied with the visit and was impressed by what he saw. He asked a number of questions of both Mr. Swingler with the other members of the party made their way down through the building. They visited the Winter Garden and Canteen. They saw and spoke to members undergoing training in Braille, typewriting, handicrafts and telephony and conversed with members of the staff. We learn with great regret that Mr. Swingler died on 19th February, after a brief illness.

On arrival the visitors were shown the living quarters for St. Dunstan's men and women before going outside to the workshops where they saw men at work on the lathes and at carpentry. Then they returned to the main building to see the Braille library, typing room and physiotherapy treatment room, before making a visit to the Chapel prior to their departure at 3.30 p.m.



Mrs. Swingler shakes hands with John Sugden.

**Larceny
at
Fred's
Cafe**



Fred inspects the villains' axe.

I "axed" for it

When I asked for a handy man to do me an occasional job for a packet of fags, reported in last month's *Review*, I never dreamt that the need for a few fags was so great, or to what limits people would go to prove their suitability for the job—or maybe my phraseology was not quite right. I wanted an early starter but not the 2 a.m. crittur that came, I wanted a handy man—not handy with the axe he used to break into the cafe. I wanted him to help me—not help himself to £800 worth of my stock. I meant a packet of 10 or 20 fags—not the 10 or 20 thousand cigarettes that he took. I guess summing it all up—I 'axed' for what I got. Oh! he took one 3d box of matches too!

Conquest of Kilimanjaro

The *Review* offers many congratulations to seven young blind African climbers who reached the top of Mount Kilimanjaro, 19,565 feet, on 20th February, and to the organisers of the expedition, the Royal Commonwealth Society for the Blind.

A woman who called at a police station in Sidcup, Kent, said she had called because the only policeman she had seen on the beat was blind. The sergeant protested that there were no blind policemen but she replied: "Yes, you have one, I have just seen him with his guide dog".

FRANK REVIEWS

"A Long Way to Shiloh" by **Lionel Davidson**, read by *Peter J. Reynolds*. An excellent book which is beautifully read. The story concerns the hunt for an ancient treasure of the Jewish faith in Israel. That the hero, Professor West, finds a treasure of his own to aid him in his search, adds it's own interest to the narrative. On six tracks, it should provide a good week-end's listening.

"Murder London, South Africa" by **John Creasey**, read by *Alan Lime*. A well written, enjoyable book, full of fast action. The hero, 'Handsome' Chief-Superintendent West of the Yard, investigates the disappearance of a South African businessman in London, and finishes by sorting out a bunch of international diamond thieves and smugglers in South Africa. He further adds to his reputation by resisting the charms of the women newspaper reporters, no mean feat in itself.

In this day and age it is relaxing to read a book on South Africa which is not overburdened by race prejudice.

"His Weight in Gold" by **Maurice Proctor**, read by *Arthur Bush*. The aftermath of a daring Post Office raid. Told in an almost documentary manner in the earlier chapters, which makes the narrative appear a little humdrum. However, the book certainly starts moving towards the end, and the reader's sympathy is drawn to the chief crook, Tyrell, a really likeable fellow, who manages to make the best of a bad job, at the same time leaving the police feeling satisfied that justice has been done.

"The Case Book of Sherlock Holmes" by **Sir Arthur Conan Doyle**, read by *John Cole*. A nice little collection of stories written by that master of all detective yarns. I was delighted to find I had not read any of them before.

Each one shows Holmes at his sleuthing best, and the fifty-six chapters last in all around eight hours. Probably ideally suited for your own "Book at Bedtime"

Club News

London Club Notes

There were sixteen St. Dunstaners present at the 22nd Annual General Meeting held in the Club Rooms on Saturday, 25th January.

The Chairman, Mr. W. Miller, outlined the activities of the Club during the previous year and thanked the Committee for their services. In his remarks he noted that our new Bridge Captain, Mr. R. Armstrong, had a very high standard to maintain as that section had been so successfully run by Paul Nuyens in the past and to whom he could only say, "thank you for doing so much, so well, for so long".

The accounts were read by Mr. A. D. Lloyds and approved by the members present.

On the election of officers, Mr. G. Stanley remained on the Committee and Messrs. G. P. Brown and W. Miller were re-elected. Mr. R. Fullard declined re-election. Mr. Miller proposed that Mr. R. Armstrong be elected and this was seconded by Mr. R. Bickley.

A vote of thanks from the floor was accorded to Mr. A. D. Lloyds and Miss Carson for their work in the Club, as the meeting ended.

Winners of the January Football Pontoon Sweepstake were **F. Jackson** and **J. Huk** who tied with Southampton and Sheffield United respectively. The "booby" was won by **Bob Fullard**. His team was Bury.

The Domino Prizes for January were as follows:

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|--------------|---|-------------------|
| January 9th | 1 | G. Stanley |
| | 2 | W. Miller |
| January 16th | 1 | R. Fullard |
| | | G. Stanley |
| January 23rd | 1 | W. Muir |
| | | W. Miller |
| January 25th | 1 | C. Hancock |
| | 2 | W. Harding |
| January 30th | 1 | J. Murray |
| | 2 | W. Miller |
| | | W. Harding |

The highlight of the interval of our domino evening on Thursday, 16th January, was the sherry given by Mr.

W. Harding to celebrate his good fortune in winning the Sir Arthur Pearson Fives and Threes Domino Competition. Delicious too, were the appetising sausage rolls and the beautiful assortment of cream cakes which he also provided on this occasion.

Apropos to the saying that the last three days of March are borrowed from April ("March borrows three days from April—and they are ill"—Ray). We may now hope for less wintry weather in the coming months and trust that this will encourage more club members to attend the London Club.

Talking of April—or of April fools, in Hindustan similar tricks are played at the Huli Festival which is on the 31st March. So watch out all you good people who travel by London Transport.

W. MILLER
Chairman

Midland Club Notes

Our first meeting of 1969 was held on Sunday, 12th January, a wet and cold day and attendance was rather low. Instead of our usual domino games we tried our hand at Bingo using strips of five numbers so that everyone could join in. We all enjoyed the change and look forward to playing it again when more members are present. An excellent tea was provided by Mrs. Androlia for which we thanked her very much.

Our February meeting had to be cancelled owing to very bad weather so our next meeting will be on Sunday, 9th March. Should the weather again be very bad on that week-end, I would be most grateful if members would contact me by telephone as to whether the meeting is cancelled or not. My number is 021 - 472 - 1432.

My wife and I would like to take this opportunity of thanking all club members for the beautiful bouquet of flowers which was presented to us at the Austin British Legion on your behalf on 25th January—the occasion of our silver wedding anniversary. It was very kind of you all and we were both deeply touched.

D. E. CASHMORE.
Secretary.

Bridge Notes

The second Individual Competition of the London Section was held on Saturday, 1st February and the results are as follows:—

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| G. P. Brown and P. Nuyens .. | 85 |
| R. Armstrong and R. Stanners .. | 77 |
| H. Meleson and Partner .. | 67 |
| M. Tybinski and R. Fullard .. | 65 |
| E. Carpenter and F. Pusey .. | 58 |
| H. King and J. Lynch .. | 58 |
| P. Pescott Jones and R. Bickley | 54 |
| Miss V. Kemmish and J. Huk .. | 40 |

For reasons explained in the January Review the first Brighton Individual Competition held on Saturday, 4th January, was cancelled. This now took place on Saturday, 1st February, and eight more competitions will be held. The results are as follows:—

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|--------------------------------|----|
| M. Clements and B. Ingrey .. | 81 |
| W. Scott and S. Webster .. | 76 |
| J. Whitcombe and F. Griffie .. | 76 |
| P. Carr and F. Matthewman .. | 73 |
| A. Smith and R. Freer .. | 56 |
| H. Kerr and Partner .. | 52 |
| R. Goding and J. Chell .. | 45 |
| W. Burnett and F. Rhodes .. | 45 |

Owing to the weather conditions the Bridge Drive which should have been held in Brighton on Saturday, 8th February had to be postponed until Saturday, 22nd March. Will all members please make a note of the date.

TO ALL ST. DUNSTANERS.

One of our Bridge players asked me the other day if I would put on tape for him the Tartan Two Bid, which I did. On Saturday afternoon I took it up to the London Club for him and was surprised to find that so many of our people have a tape-recorder.

Thinking of this, one thing led to another until a whole idea began to take shape which, I would like to pass on to you for your thoughts and comments.

Would you be interested if we were to start a Bridge Library on tape? This could include things like "An Introduction to Bridge," for any St. Dunstaner wishing

to find out what Bridge is all about. He would only have to give us his name and address in order that we might send the tapes or series of tapes to him to study in the warmth and leisure of his own home. There could also be a complete course for beginners, plus tapes for those who would like some revision and also some for the more advanced.

There could be tapes on various systems and parts of systems, useful hints, end plays, the playing of hands, defensive play, and quizzes that would test your ability . . . , etc. Who knows, we might even be able to persuade one or two of the better players to contribute to the collection.

It would mean a lot of hard work and several delays at the start but still, all obstacles are made to be overcome and your enthusiasm could provide the cure to that one.

Well all you good people, what are your thoughts?

Over to you and out,

R. ARMSTRONG.

MIDDLE AGE

by

HAROLD SWAIN

Youth is youth, and age is age,
Both will have their say,
But I'm that awkward "in-between",
Who tries to see each way.

Still young enough to hear my voice,
Say, "Age speaks from the box",
"Youthful limbs propel the boat,
But always, age is cox".

Yet old enough to know that I,
Have found no way as yet,
Where youthful aspirations and
The "wealth" of age, be met.

Family News

Births

On 31st January, 1969, to MARGARET AND BRIAN LANG of Liverpool, a son, Mark, a brother for Paul.

Marriage

SAXBY-GREEN. On 8th February 1969 Wilfred Saxby of Sible Hedingham, Essex, married Miss Doris Green.

Silver Weddings

Congratulations to MR. AND MRS. E. ASHBY of Styvechale, Nr. Coventry, who celebrated their Silver Wedding anniversary on 27th January, 1969.

Sincere congratulations to MR. AND MRS. D. E. CASHMORE of Selly Oak, Birmingham, who celebrated their Silver Wedding Anniversary on 22nd January, 1969.

Many congratulations to MR. AND MRS. J. W. CULSHAW of Peacehaven, Sussex, who celebrated their Silver Wedding anniversary on 29th January, 1969.

Congratulations to MR. AND MRS. J. WHEELER of Cricklewood, N.W.2, who celebrated their Silver Wedding Anniversary on 25th December, 1968. As Mr. Wheeler had only recently returned home from hospital they have postponed the celebrations and hope to have a family party when he has completely recovered.

Golden Wedding

Very many congratulations to MR. AND MRS. F. TRENDELL of Hazlemere, Bucks, who celebrated their Golden Wedding anniversary on 13th January, 1969.

Grandfathers

Congratulations to:

A. BOARDMAN of Acton, London, W.3, who became a grandfather for the second time on 15th January, 1969, when his daughter Susan, gave birth to a little girl who is to be called Donna Marie.

L. COPELAND of Bournemouth, on the arrival of a grandson, Neil Craig, born to his daughter on 1st February, 1969. This is our St. Dunstaner's first grandchild.

W. GLOVER of Bristol, on the arrival of a granddaughter, Lisa, born on 25th January, 1969, to his daughter Joan.

H. PETTY of Leeds announces the arrival of another grandchild, born to his daughter Christine, in January, 1969.

Great Grandfathers

Many congratulations to:

E. W. HALL of Didcot, Berks, on the arrival of his third great grandchild on October 14th, 1968, who is to be called, Michael-Mitchard.

E. WOODCOCK, of Selsey, West Sussex, who announces the birth of his first great-grandchild, Alison Woodcock, born on 12th September, 1968.

Anthony, son of E. G. ANDERSON of Woodthorpe, York, married Rebecca Critchley of Portsmouth on 28th December, 1968.

David Gee, grandson of our St. Dunstaner, L. ACOTT of Portslade, Sussex, married Miss Elizabeth Anscombe on 15th February, 1969, at Mile Oak.

Family News

Dennis, eldest son of D. E. BINGHAM, Shoreham-by-Sea, Sussex, was married on 28th October, 1968 in Worthing.

Vivienne, youngest daughter of R. G. CAMERON of Wembley, Middlesex, was married on 13th January, 1969, to Kevin Joyce of Uxbridge, Middlesex. Vivienne and Kevin are both hairdressers and will continue to work in the same salon, and will be living in Sudbury.

C. CHADWICK of Kirkham, Preston, announces that his daughter Margaret Mary, married Instructor Lieut. C. J. Gardener, B.Sc., R.N. of H.M.S. Daedalus, on 21st December, 1968.

William Armitage of Kyneton, Victoria, Australia, grandson of our St. Dunstan, G. FALLOWFIELD of Welling, Kent, and home after a year's active service with the 3rd Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment in Vietnam (he celebrated his 21st birthday there in July) married Miss Mavis Ogden of Brisbane, Australia, at the Roman Catholic Church, Kyneton, Victoria, in January, 1969.

Deaths

We offer our very sincere sympathy to:

C. DUCKETT of Reading, Berks, on the death of his wife, Mrs. Annie Duckett on 24th January, 1969, in the Royal Berkshire Hospital, Reading, after a short illness.

J. INGRAM of Maidenhead, Berks, on the death of his wife, Mrs. Frances M. Ingram, on 31st January, 1969, after a long illness.

A. PALFREY of Cardiff, who mourns the death of two brothers, one on Christmas Eve and the other on 17th January, 1969.

G. RICHARDS of Manchester who mourns the death of his sister.

A. ROWE of Burslem, Staffs, who mourns the death of his wife on 7th February, 1969.

In Memory

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

George Chapman. *1st Northants Regiment.*

George Chapman of Northampton died on 27th January, 1969 at the age of 82 years.

He served in the 1st Northants Regiment from 1915 to 1916 and he was wounded in France in 1916 coming to St. Dunstan's in that year. He trained in boot repairing and mat making and carried on the mat making right up to the time of his death. In his younger days he was interested in keeping pigs and poultry. He and his wife celebrated their Diamond Wedding Anniversary in May 1968 which was announced in the July number of the *Review*. Only latterly did Mr. Chapman's health fail and he was in hospital ten days before his death. He leaves a widow and grown-up family.

George Dunwoodie. *12th Cumberland Fusiliers.*

George Dunwoodie of Newcastle-upon-Tyne died on 11th January, 1969 at the age of 72 years.

He served with the 12th Cumberland Fusiliers from 1915 to 1916 and was wounded at Fricourt. He came to St. Dunstan's in 1918 and trained in string bag and mat making which occupations he carried on for some considerable time. He has been in very poor health for some considerable time and his death therefore was not unexpected. He leaves a widow and grown-up family.

In Memory

Melville Manners. *Royal Engineers.*

Melville Manners of Brighton Sussex died on 26th January, 1969 at the early age of 39 years.

He enlisted in April 1948 in the Royal Engineers and served with them until November 1949 when he was discharged. He came to St. Dunstan's in early 1950 and trained for industry. He had various industrial jobs but due to his injuries he was unable to maintain steady employment. Towards the end of 1968 he was made redundant from the firm at which he worked and his ill-health necessitated hospital treatment. He leaves a widow and children; and children by a previous marriage who live in Wales.

Andrew Northcott. *6th Yorkshire Regiment.*

Andrew Northcott, who had lived permanently at Pearson House, Brighton, for many years, died on 15th January, 1969 at the age of 78.

He served in the 6th Yorkshire Regiment from 1915 to 1917 and was wounded in France in 1917. He came to St. Dunstan's later that year. He trained in boot repairing and mat making, carrying on these occupations for some considerable time. He was a widower, his wife having died in 1943.

Jack Redvers Shread. *2/5 Warwickshire Regiment.*

Jack William Redvers Shread of King's Lynn, Norfolk, died in hospital on 13th January, 1969. He was aged 68 years.

He served with the 2/5 Warwickshire Regiment from 1915 to 1918 and was wounded at Merville in 1918. He entered St. Dunstan's later that year. He trained in basket making and wool rugs, carrying on these occupations for some considerable number of years. His health had been poor for some time so his death was not unexpected. He leaves a widow and grown-up family.

Arthur Palmer. *Labour Corps.*

Arthur Palmer of London, S.E.12, died on 21st January, 1969 at the age of 73.

He enlisted in the Labour Corps and served with them from 1915 until his discharge in 1917. He came to St. Dunstan's in 1957 when he was nearing retirement age and he, therefore, only took up hobby training. Mr. and Mrs. Palmer had eight children and were a very united family. Various members came to look after their parents from time to time and Miss Kathleen Palmer, daughter, gave up her own employment in order to care for her parents, neither of whom have enjoyed very good health of recent years. He leaves a widow and grown-up family.

Frank Juggins. *Labour Corps.*

Frank Juggins of Bromsgrove, Worcestershire, died in hospital on 9th February, 1969, at the age of 71 years.

He served in the Labour Corps from 1917 to 1919. His eye-sight did not deteriorate until later in life and he came to St. Dunstan's in 1966. His hobby was basket work and he took great pleasure in this. He also enjoyed visiting Ovingdean twice a year for holidays. He leaves a grown-up family.

George Alfred Prince. *West Riding Regiment.*

George Alfred Prince of Newcastle-upon-Tyne died in hospital on 11th January, 1969. He was aged 72 years.

He enlisted in the West Riding Regiment and served with them from 1915 to 1917 but his sight did not deteriorate until 1938 when he came to St. Dunstan's. He trained as a telephonist and carried on this occupation until his retirement in 1961. His wife pre-deceased him in December 1968 and he never fully recovered from the shock of her death.

Arthur Alfred Boxall. *1st Australian Corps.*

Arthur Alfred Boxall of Elwood Victoria, Australia, died on 14th June, 1968, at the age of 54.

He enlisted with the 1st Australian Corps in 1940 and served with them until his discharge in 1942. He was a bachelor.

Harold T. L. Brady. *2nd Brigade.*

Harold Brady of Neutral Bay, New South Wales, Australia, died in September, 1968. He was 77 years of age.

He enlisted in the 2nd Brigade in 1915 and served with them until his discharge in 1917. He was married.

Barnard J. Carland. *2/21st Battalion.*

Barnard J. Carland of Pascoe Vale, Victoria, Australia, died in October, 1968. He was 63 years of age.

He enlisted with the 2/21st Battalion in 1941 and served with them until his discharge in 1946, and was an ex-prisoner of war. He was married and had two children.

Cyril M. Clements. *54th Battalion. A.I.F.*

Cyril M. Clements of Tomerong, New South Wales, Australia, died during 1968. He was 72 years of age.

He served with the 54th Battalion A.I.F. from 1918-1919. He was married.

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.

Percy George Alvey. *1st/15th London Regiment.*

Percy George Alvey of Leytonstone died on 15th December, 1968. He was 78 years of age.

He enlisted with the 1st/15th London Regiment in 1915 and served with them until the end of 1916 when he came to St. Dunstan's.

He trained as a telephone operator and worked in a well-known London store, but in 1920 he gave up telephony and went into business with his family. They ran a sweet, tobacconist and newspaper shop and this had continued through until the present day. Mr. Alvey remained single all his life. He leaves a brother and sister to whom we extend our sincere sympathy.

J. C. Bartholomew, M.C. *Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve.*

J. C. Bartholomew of Hove, Sussex, died at his home on the 12th December, 1968, at the age of 74 years.

He served in the First World War and was wounded and suffered from mustard gas, but was able to serve again in the Second World War. He came to St. Dunstan's in 1960 and had very poor health in recent years, but always remained actively concerned in his family business in Chichester. He leaves a widow and grown up family.

Stanley Barton. *Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve.*

Stanley Barton of Bootle, Lancs, died on 24th December, 1968. He was 54 years of age.

He served in the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve from 1939 to 1942 and was wounded in 1941 by a shell exploding when he was serving with a bomb disposal squad. He became a St. Dunstaner in 1942. He trained as a telephonist and worked until his retirement a few months ago. He leaves a widow.

Arthur Frederick Bendel. *Labour Corps.*

Arthur Frederick Bendel of Shoreditch, London, N.1, died on 18th December, 1968, at the age of 69.

He enlisted in the Labour Corps in February 1918 and served until his discharge in May 1919. He came to St. Dunstan's in 1965. Owing to his age and late admission to St. Dunstan's Mr. Bendel did not undertake any form of vocational training. Although he was receiving hospital treatment he kept fairly well and his passing on 18th December was quite sudden. He leaves a widow and five grown-up daughters.

William Chester Dies, M.S.M. *50th Battalion, Canadian Expeditionary Force.*

On 11th December, 1968, William Chester Dies, died in Canada, at the age of 81. A full obituary will be found on page 7.

George Chisholm. *Gordon Highlanders.*

George Chisholm of Newcastle-on-Tyne, died on 28th December, 1968. He was aged 47 years.

He served in the Gordon Highlanders from 1942 to 1943 and was wounded in Tunisia. He came to St. Dunstan's in 1951 but only became a full member in 1954. He trained as a telephonist and was still working at the time of his death. He leaves a widow and son, George.

Dixon Brown Elrod. *Liverpool Regiment.*

Dixon Brown Elrod died on 26th December, 1968, at Dronfield, Nr. Sheffield, aged 69 years.

He served as a Lance Corporal in the Liverpool Regiment from 1916 to 1919 and suffered from a mustard gas attack in 1918. His sight did not fail until 1954, when he became a St. Dunstaner. He worked as a civil servant until his retirement in 1955. Mr. Elrod underwent training with the Guide Dogs for the Blind Association and spent much of his 14 years in retirement travelling in Yorkshire and adjacent counties giving talks about St. Dunstan's, accompanied by his guide dog, Dianna, recently replaced by a second dog, Cinders. He leaves a widow.

Alan Fairbridge McElligott. *6th City of London Regiment.*

Alan Fairbridge McElligott of Bridport, Dorset, He was 83 years of age.

He enlisted with the 6th City of London Regiment in 1914 and served with them until his discharge in 1918. He came to St. Dunstan's in 1934. During the Second World War he worked in the N.A.A.F.I. in Gloucester, where he worked very long hours willingly. After the war although he followed no paid occupation he was always busy helping others. He collected firewood and distributed it free to old people in the district. He did little services for trades people on a voluntary basis because he never liked being idle. He had several sisters with whom he kept in contact over the years but when only one was left, Miss L. McElligott, he shared his home with her. She is also blind.

To Mr. and Mrs. Conway, who were neighbours, and looked after Mr. McElligott for many years, we would like to offer our thanks for all their kindnesses to him.