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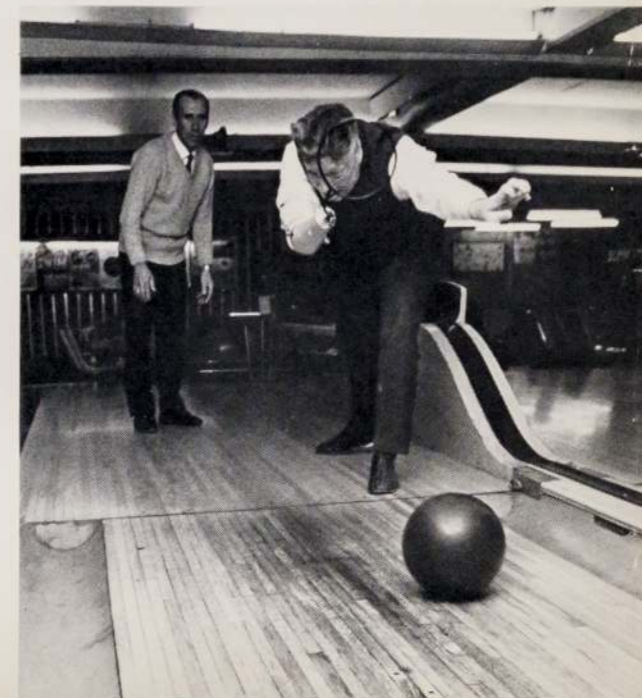
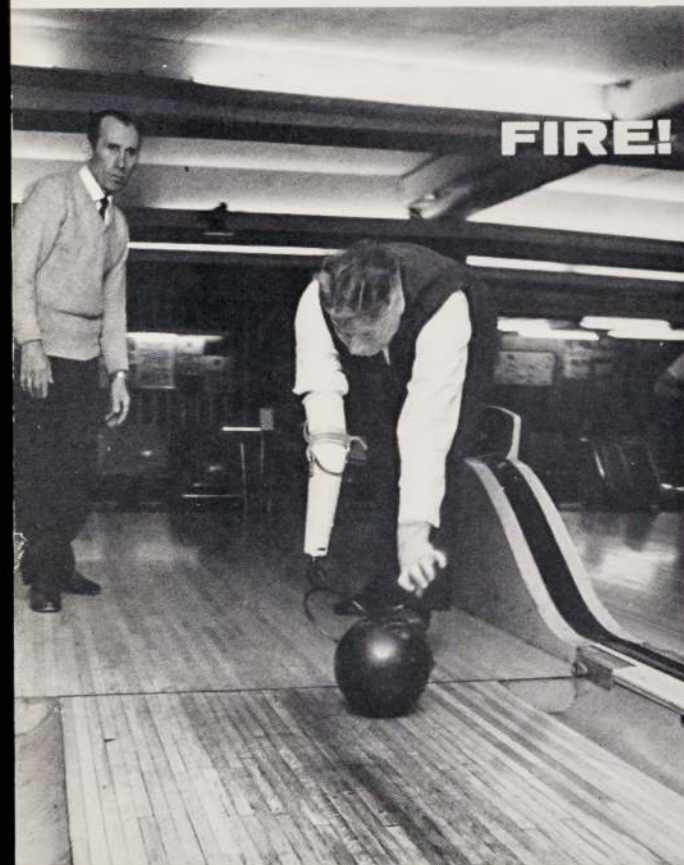
Our St. Dunstaner, Una Greenwood, a regular supporter of Manchester City F.C. shares in the F.A. Cup-winners' celebration. Tony Book, the City captain, brings the cup to her to hold.



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Ten-Pin Bowling

Dickie Richardson, assisted by Jock Carnochan demonstrates the new ten-pin bowling attachment made by Norman French, of the Research Department. This is one of several devices made up at Jock's suggestion to enable doubly handicapped St. Dunstaners to take part in more events during the Sports Week-end.

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CHAIRMAN'S NOTES

Plans for Pearson House

Since I last wrote in the *Review* about our Homes at Brighton, our Architects have been busy with the plans for Pearson House. I said at the time that we were intending to undertake a major modification there which would provide very much better reception and living rooms on the ground floor and some modern bedrooms above; also, that there would be a new block in the garden behind for sick cases and those needing nursing attention. We are now pushing ahead as quickly as possible with the detailed planning.

It is hoped that we shall be able to make a start with the work at Pearson House at the end of the year and it will mean that this Home will be completely out of action for some eighteen months. During this time we shall be making use of Northgate House in Rottingdean—the former Children's Home, which has been occupied by a school for the last four or five years—to accommodate bedridden and nursing cases; twenty-four beds will be available at Northgate on ground floor level and we are making essential alterations at that house for these. The fitter and more mobile St. Dunstaners will be accommodated at Ovingdean.

Obviously there will not be so many beds at Ovingdean available for holidays next year as we have been used to, but we reckon to be able to accommodate thirty to thirty-five holiday men at any one time. This may well mean a wider spread of holiday dates and the exclusion of a second holiday period a year for any one St. Dunstaner; it may also mean that we will not be able to carry out our customary full programme of special week-ends. However, we will do our best.

The reconstruction work at Pearson House will provide a higher standard all round both for St. Dunstaners and for staff; there will, for example, be many single rooms with wash basins in each, modern floor coverings, better heating, more bathrooms and lavatories, etc. The main entrance will be changed and sited in Abbey Road at the side of the present building; the garden will be enlarged with easy and separate access both from the main building and from the new nursing block.

We are also giving considerable thought to the up-dating of Ovingdean, but it will be a couple of years or so before we are able to make a start with work there, as we cannot have both houses out of action at the same time.

I am sure St. Dunstaners will bear with any little inconvenience that may occur during the times one or other of our homes is being altered, and I feel sure the improvements we will be undertaking, will give everyone much better accommodation and facilities, which will be of benefit for some time to come.

Maiden Speech

Bertie McConnell, the new member of the Stormont Parliament in Ulster made his Maiden Speech on Wednesday, 23rd April.

He made a powerful plea for peace in "our beloved country." He called for a moratorium on the part of organised groups so that the hooligan fringes would be isolated.

The Prime Minister, (then Capt. O'Neill) and other speakers congratulated Bertie on one of the best maiden speeches they have had in their House for a long time.

War Pensions

My Question in Parliament about war pensions was answered positively by a Minister, who said that a rise would be announced early in November. So far so good!

At this stage we have no information, and cannot guess, what it will be, but I earnestly hope it will be enough to take account of the higher standards of living now enjoyed by so many people and the increasing cost of living.

Sportsmen

I have been to three quite different but interesting parties this month.

There was a common factor in all these parties, namely, the immense amount of voluntary help given to St. Dunstan's and also, in the first two, the keenness of many blind ex-Servicemen for sport.

On Saturday, 3rd May, I went to a buffet supper at Ewell, organised by Micky Burns to enable St. Dunstaners to express their thanks to voluntary helpers at our walks and the Naval camp.

Secondly, I went to the dinner in Brighton which ended the annual Bowls Tournament between St. Dunstan's and our Scottish counterpart, the Scottish National Institution for the War-Blinded.

Details of the Ewell party and the Bowls contest will be found on another page.

A St. Dunstaner's Book

Thirdly, Commander Ellis's book "Under Scott's Command", published by Gollancz at 35/-, was launched at a press party on board H.M.S. "Discovery", one of Captain Scott's Antarctic ships. Newspaper men and broadcasters were there in considerable numbers and I should imagine the book had a very good start with the trade and there have been many favourable reviews. Commander Buckley reviewed the book in our magazine last month. I wish the book the best of luck and congratulate Tony Ellis on having found Chief Stoker William Lashly's diaries, edited them and brought them to light.

Fraser of Lonsdale

Commander Ellis talking to Miss Lashly, daughter of the subject of his book, on board H.M.S. Discovery.



REUNIONS

Newcastle

The Council of St. Dunstan's was represented at the Newcastle Reunion, held at the Royal Station Hotel, on Thursday, 17th April, by Mr. D. G. Hopewell, M.A., LL.B. In his speech after lunch Mr. Hopewell said that, as the first of the 1969 series of Reunions, Newcastle would set the standard for those that were to follow. It was appropriate that the Northerners should do this because Newcastle was the gateway to the North and he realised many of them attending had long distances to travel. Mr. Hopewell welcomed all those present and paid a special tribute to Mrs. Plaxton, the Welfare Visitor responsible for the arrangements, and the hotel staff. He asked that a special message of good will should be sent to Miss Woods, a former Welfare Visitor, who was very ill and unable to be at the Reunion. Mr. C. D. Wills, Welfare Superintendent, mentioned Mr. Le Gros Clark's new book "Blinded in War" in his brief review of his department's work and John Perfect of Roker, expressed the vote of thanks on behalf of St. Dunstaners.

A total of 59 people, including St. Dunstaners, their wives or escorts and members of the staff, attended the Reunion. There were about half as many Second World War St. Dunstaners as First World War men, and two widows were present. The guests came from Cumberland, Durham, Northumberland, Yorkshire and Scotland. There was dancing after lunch and the company was also entertained by songs from our St. Dunstaners, James Miller and Herbert Scaif, from Mr. Dominic Sheridan, the son of Mrs. Sheridan, our late St. Dunstaner's widow and from Miss Marion Lincoln, a home teacher for the blind from County Durham, who was attending as Arthur Cima's escort.

Sheffield

At the Sheffield Reunion, held at the Grand Hotel on Saturday, 19th April, the number of First and Second World War St. Dunstaners or later entries was about equal and altogether 121 guests were

present. Miss Broughton, as Welfare Visitor responsible, made the arrangements and she was congratulated warmly by Arthur Edmunds, who gave the vote of thanks on behalf of St. Dunstaners after lunch. The guests came mainly from Yorkshire, with others from Derbyshire, Leicestershire, Lincolnshire and Nottinghamshire. Mrs. Elrod, widow of the late Dick Elrod, was among the company. John Frearson and Joseph Rains were attending their first Reunion as St. Dunstaners. There was dancing after lunch.

The guests were received by Mr. D. G. Hopewell, representing the Council of St. Dunstan's. In his speech after lunch Mr. Hopewell said that Sheffield was a wise choice for the Reunion. It was easily accessible to those invited and, of course, it had been in the centre of the old English district of Hallamshire. The work of St. Dunstan's said Mr. Hopewell was by no means finished. During the past two years 80 new members had been admitted, a rate of more than three a month. Fifty-five years ago Sir Arthur Pearson, our Founder, gave a pledge that the work of St. Dunstan's would never be done so long as a single war blinded man was alive.

Liverpool

Air Marshall Sir Douglas Morris, K.C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O., D.F.C., "went solo" for the first time when he represented St. Dunstan's Council at the Liverpool Reunion held at the Adelphi Hotel on Thursday 1st May. In his speech he said: "I think I had better introduce myself. The first occasion I attended one of these functions I was under the tuition of Lord Fraser so I am on my own to-day for the first time." Of course, his better half, Lady Morris was there to keep him on the right flight path and Air Marshal Morris made special mention of the presence of Dr. D. L. Charters and paid tribute to his work for St. Dunstaners in the prisoner-of-war camp. Dr. Charters received warm applause from the guests as did Mrs. Avis Spurway.

Bill Griffiths of Blackburn, proposed the vote of thanks to Air Marshal Morris, Miss Everett, the Welfare visitor responsible for

arranging the Reunion, the staff of the Adelphi Hotel and to the staff of St. Dunstan's for their response to St. Dunstan's needs: "This sometimes has surprising results. Not very long ago Miss Everett called to see me on a routine visit and I said to her, 'It is about time we were having a bit more sunshine.' She said, 'Leave it to me,' and whether it was Mr. Wills or Miss Midgley, I don't know, but we had sunshine for weeks and weeks on end!"

Altogether about 120 people attended the reunion including St. Dunstaners, their wives or escorts, members of the staff and guests, who in addition to those already mentioned included Mrs. Harris and Miss Doel.

Manchester

The second generation of St. Dunstaners outnumbered their First War colleagues by nearly two-to-one at the Manchester Reunion. There were 39 St. Dunstaners who lost their sight in the second World War or

later operations and 20 who served in the 1914-18 war. With their escorts, guests and members of the staff there were about 140 people at the Grand Hotel on Saturday, 3rd May, to hear the Rev. F. Darrell Bunt, C.B., O.B.E., M.A., welcome them on behalf of the Council of St. Dunstan's and convey the greetings of Sir Neville and Lady Pearson and Lord and Lady Fraser. He also greeted four St. Dunstaners attending their first reunion: Messrs. T. J. Flaherty, of Bacup, and A. Miller, A. Pickering and H. Williamson, all of Manchester. There was warm applause for the names of Mrs. Harris, Mrs. Eaton and Miss Doel described by the Rev. Darrell Bunt as 'old friends'.

St. Dunstaner, Bill Wrigley proposed the vote of thanks particularly mentioning Miss Everett, the Welfare visitor responsible for the reunion arrangements and Miss Broughton, who assisted her. He thanked the staff of the Grand Hotel for their kind and understanding service. There was dancing in the afternoon before tea brought a close to a very lively and gay reunion.

FRANK REVIEWS

"We Met at Bart's" by Geoffrey Bourne, read by David Broomfield. An interesting account of his professional life and work by a consultant at St. Bartholomew's Hospital.

Very amusing in parts, and certainly a good indication that those gentlemen who move from bed to bed probing and poking, either with approval or the reverse (thereupon inviting their entourages to do the same), are themselves only too human. But an effort should be made to ensure that this book does not fall into the hands of a hypochondriac for Dr. Bourne seems to mention just about everything from the cradle to the plague.

"The Case of the Bigamous Spouse" by Erle Stanley Gardner, read by Marvin Cain. Those readers who either listened to, or heard about, the Perry Mason television series will remember that the hero never lost a case.

He is certainly well up to form in this fast-moving book, which will give you some five hours of excellent entertainment.

"I Stayed in China" by William G. Sewell, read by Gerrard Green. The writer, who returned to China after the second world war and his release from a Japanese prison camp, tells of his work in a Mission College before and after the coming of Communism.

It is an interesting and perceptive work, revealing the character of the Chinese people and the changes in their lives and attitudes which have taken place in recent years.

"Murder in Mind" by Dulcie Gray, read by Arthur Bush. An entertaining little book in which the wife—a convincing villainess—schemes the downfall of her husband.

As there are a number of sexual scenes—indeed, it starts with one—it would obviously be advisable to keep this book out of earshot of young children. Although it might well be argued that such episodes would prove less harmful to a child's mind than those in which the wife plots to murder her husband.

THREE ROUTES TO GAME

by
Alf Field

Board 40
Dealer—North Score—Love all
S. 4
H. A, K, Q, 10, 6, 4
D. A, K, Q, J
C. 6, 4
□
S. 10, 8, 6, 3, 2
H. 7, 5
D. 8, 4, 2
C. A, K, 3

You may wish to bid the Hands before reading on. Only two Pairs opened "Two Clubs". Seven Pairs reached "Six Hearts".

A Game Bid in one Hand is not a rarity. There are three types (or Groups) of such a Hand, each has its own route to Game Bid. Assume that Hearts is the suit and that North holds the "Goodies".

Route (A). North opens "Four Hearts" describing a Hand of exceptional distribution and few Points, it is pre-emptive.

Route (B). North opens "Two Hearts", a much more solid affair, forcing for one Round, after which North bids to the limit of his hand.

Route (C). North opens "Two Clubs"—forcing, and then on the next round, bids

Hearts, now forcing to Game (proceed leisurely).

The "C" Route shows 20 Points (18 exceptionally Reese), this Route allows South on the first round to show an Ace or 6 Points, and on the next round to show 2nd round control of a suit (K, Q, or a singleton with two trumps), or even just a Ruffing Value—a Raise in Hearts). North can now assess the slam potential.

Over now to the Board 40 bidding:—
North—"Two Clubs".
South—"Three Clubs". (Ace)
North—"Three Hearts" (the suit)

South—"Four Clubs" showing 2nd Round control of Clubs with at least two trumps if the suit is a singleton. North knowing there is only a spade loser bids "Six Hearts". For the "C" Route imagine North as the wealthy Diner and South as the obsequious waiter, eager to uncover a rare morsel (Ace or 6 Points) on the 1st course or a tasty tit-bit (K, Q, etc.) on the 2nd course, but never to intrude with his own (suit) recommendations. I can visualise so many of the St. Dunstan's partnerships doing the Diner-waiter act! We must get some silver entrée covers!

POST OFFICE AIR LETTER FORMS

Lord Fraser recently asked in Parliament why the Post Office is still selling narrow foolscap air letters, which are not as convenient to use in a typewriter or a file as were the earlier quarto forms. He explained that practically every typist in Britain, including blind typists, found the form difficult to handle. The Minister said there was an international convention to which they ought to adhere, but they would re-discuss the matter at the next conference.

TOPPED THE POLL

Our St. Dunstaner, HAROLD GREATREX of Telscombe Cliffs, Sussex has done very well in the local elections, topping the poll in both the parish and rural district elections.

RE-ELECTED

Peter G. J. White, son of our St. Dunstaner, GEORGE WHITE of Leeds, has been elected again on the Leeds City Council. He is the Conservative Agent for East and South Leeds. His wife, Peggy, is also councillor for the Harehills Ward of Leeds.

Certificate of Merit

TOMMY MCKAY of Brighton, Sussex, has been awarded a certificate of merit for his entry of a bird table in the 1969 National Homecrafts and Art Exhibition.

Tommy's bird table was included in the private Exhibition opened by the Minister of State at State House, High Holborn, London, W.C.1, on 30th April.

Walking

7 miles versus Metropolitan Police and Tobacco Trades

When we met the Police and Tobacco Trades at Ewell on 29th March. St. Dunstan's were so overwhelmed, that one can hardly refer to the event as a match.

Brian Easley of W. D. & H. O. Wills who walked for Great Britain in the recent Olympic Games in Mexico, took under 50 mins. for the 3 lap 7 mile course, and had lapped several of our chaps, before they had completed 2 laps. He finished half a mile in front of his closest rival.

The mass start seemed to suit our St. Dunstaners walkers, for Johnie Simpson put up his best performance for many years. Taking the lead almost from the start, he was pushed, though not seriously challenged by Billy Miller, all the way to a convincing win. Ted Bunting too did his best performance, and gained the Race Walking Associations 6 miles in the hour badge.

With six men a side scoring points, the result of the triangular "massacre" was

Tobacco Trades	28 pts.
Met. Police	50 pts.
St. Dunstan's	93 pts.

Result of St. Dunstan's Handicap

Order of Finish	Actual Time	Allowance	Handicap Time
J. Simpson*	67.03	.50	66.13
W. Miller	67.38	scr	67.38
E. Bunting	69.32	3.40	65.52
R. Mendham	71.18	.40	70.38
F. Barratt	72.03	2.30	69.33
M. Tetley	75.47	8.40	67.07
M. Burns	79.38	16.10	63.28
S. Tutton	79.50	13.55	65.55
C. Stafford	80.15	15.20	64.55
R. Young	82.35	14.30	68.05

7 miles Championship versus Fleet Air Arm

Following our thrashing in the previous race we were rather sceptical when the field gun's crew from the Lee-on-Solent challenged us to a match on the day of our 7 miles championship, for we know that they are very fit men indeed. We accepted the challenge, and the race that followed turned into the most sporty, and often laughable event we have ever taken part in.

The gun's crew, all in identical green kit, walked mostly in groups and from the

word "Go" realised they were outclassed, and so went to work on us with their very good humoured wit. Using the 3 lap course, our faster boys were lapping these groups, who would let out a stream of funny remarks, and then refuse to walk any further. Walking times generally were a little slower, but the afternoon far more enjoyable.

St. Dunstan's 7 mile Championship Ewell 3rd May, 1969

Order of Finish	Actual Time	Allowance	Handicap Time
J. Simpson	67.58	scr	67.58
W. Miller	68.29	.35	67.54
R. Mendham	69.28	2.30	66.58
E. Bunting	69.45	2.30	67.15
F. Barratt	73.48	4.30	69.18
M. Tetley	76.49	9.20	67.29
Mr. Woodall	78.24		
Mr. Wright	78.24		
S. Tutton	78.50	13.50	65.00
R. Young	80.58	16.20	64.38
C. Stafford	81.45	14.00	67.45
M. Burns	81.54	13.10	68.44
Mr. Tubbs	85.35		
Mr. Wellington	85.35		
Mr. Booth	85.35		
A. N. Other	87.40		
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Thank-You Party

We held a thank-you party after the race for all who help us in our walks, and at the Lee-on-Solent camp.

Lord Fraser joined the Walking Club members at the buffet supper at Ewell Court House. The occasion was informal but after the presentation of prizes Lord Fraser took the opportunity of expressing St. Dunstan's thanks to those whose help enables our walkers to 'keep on the road'. Mr. Bill Harris, who has been connected with St. Dunstan's walking both as an escort and an official for nearly fifty years; Inspector Fotheringham, Secretary of the Walking Section of the Metropolitan Police Athletic Association whose members along with members of the Race Walking Association, provide the escorts for St. Dunstan's races; Mr. Plant, Superintendent of Priest Hill Playing Fields, where facilities are extended for our meetings and finally the Ewell Branch of the British Legion

whose hospitality is regularly extended to St. Dunstaners after their races.

Particularly welcome were members of the Fleet Air Arm Field Gun's Crew under their officer Sub-Lieut. Hitchins and Chief Petty Officer Jock Scott. Lord Fraser hoped they would win the Royal Tournament event and break the record.

Joint Master of Ceremonies were St. Dunstaners, Bill Miller, Captain of the Walking Club and Ben Mills.

The Archie Brown Cup

With the end of the season comes the totting up of the points scored throughout the season for the Archie Brown Cup, and here we offer heartiest congratulations to Ted Bunting who won the trophy outright in his very first full season of walking.

The full points and positions are as follows:—

T. Bunting	57 pts.
J. Simpson	51 pts.
R. Young	46 pts.
C. Stafford	44 pts.
W. Miller	42 pts.
S. Tutton	40 pts.
M. Burns	37 pts.
F. Barratt	35 pts.
M. Tetley	35 pts.
R. Mendham	15 pts.

Note to all Walkers

Don't hang your shoes up completely for I am trying to arrange one or two small races between now and the start of the next season in September. A possible at the moment is on the 26th July, 3,000 metres track race at Croydon. Further details later.

W. MILLER

SPORTS AND FISHING

St. Dunstaners are reminded that the closing date for the Sports weekend entries is 2nd June and that for the August Fishing party is 6th June. Entries are lower than usual and we urge anyone who has forgotten to make application to do so at once. If you have filled in your Entry Form you should have received a confirmation of your booking at Ovingdean by the time this reminder appears in the *Review*.



Summer is here at last and the children, Viv, Olwen and Peter have taken up fishing for a pastime.

The other day was a great day for Olwen. She caught her first fish. She named it Paddy and showed it to one and all with pride. Then one afternoon my wife found it had died, and fearing Olwen's reactions, told her quite sorrowfully that Paddy had died. To her surprise the news did not distress Olwen in the least but later on that evening, hearing sobbing coming from her bedroom, my wife enquired of Olwen, "Why are you crying now over Paddy, yet when I told you this afternoon, it didn't seem to move you at all?"

"I thought you said DADDY, this afternoon" sobbed Olwen.

Hastings Bowls

Hastings Blind Bowlers Tournament has been fixed for the week commencing 8th September, 1969; the event to be held at White Rock Gardens, Hastings. Two trophies have been donated; one by the Royal National Institute for the Blind for Singles, and one by St. Dunstan's for Rinks. There is also the Hastings Trophy for totally blind Singles.

Each competitor will pay a fee of 2/6d. for each competition entered. The total amount of fees received will be used for prizes.

Sighted friends will be welcome to accompany the competitors, and they may assist should they be required.

The normal English bowling rules will apply. No partially sighted player will have visual assistance when playing against a totally blind player. Sighted assistance only to be given at the mat end of the rinks.

Please send name and address of bowler, with 2/6d. for each entry, as soon as possible, and by not later than the 1st August, 1969, to E. H. Holmes, 1 Park Close, Hastings.



Bowling for "England" and "Scotland"—these photographs were taken during play on the rink competing for the Fraser Cup.



Players in the pictures are St. Dunstan's: W. Megson, W. Chitty, H. Boorman, R. Fearnley. Linburn: W. Hardie, D. Wilkie, M. Elkan, W. Edwards.

England v Scotland

Bowls for Fraser Cup at Hove

St. Dunstan's won the tenth annual bowls international match on 7th May at St. Anne's Well Gardens, Hove, when they beat Linburn Bowls Club by 82 shots to 71 in the aggregate and by 18 shots to 11 in the competition between fours of totally blind players for Lord Fraser's silver cup. This is the third time St. Dunstan's has won the cup and the first time on their 'home' green.

Lord Fraser said:—

"The Scots are still ahead of us having won seven of the ten matches but I congratulate St. Dunstan's on winning this round." He was speaking at a dinner held at the Bedford Hotel, Brighton on 8th May, for the twenty war-blinded Scottish bowlers and their officials. Lord Fraser said how fortunate the Scottish ex-service blind were to have the splendid service given to them by the Scottish National Institution for the War Blinded at Newington House, Edinburgh and Linburn, Midlothian. "St. Dunstan's, South of the Border, and the Scottish National Institution for the War-Blinded in the Northern Kingdom, share the honour of looking after blinded ex-

servicemen and their families and work in the utmost harmony".

Frank Rhodes, St. Dunstan's Captain, sent this account of the Scottish visit:—

On Tuesday, 6th May, 1969, the Scottish bowlers, together with Mr. Horn and Mr. Findlay, were met at Gatwick Airport and proceeded to Ovingdean just in time for lunch.

The afternoon was a free period but in the evening, thanks to Mrs. Dacre, we were all royally entertained by the R.A.F. Association, Eastbourne.

Wednesday was a red letter day for St. Dunstan's bowlers, for in addition to retaining The Lord Fraser cup we also won

the aggregate for the five rinks. This is the first time St. Dunstan's have achieved the distinction of pulling off the double—winning the cup and the aggregate.

The Scottish team for the cup were represented by **W. Hardie, D. Wilkie, H. Elkan** and **W. Edwards**, and the St. Dunstan's team being **W. Megson, W. Chitty, H. Boorman** and **R. Fearnley**.

British Legion

Wednesday evening was one of those occasions when everyone "let their hair down". To say that we were the guests of The British Legion, Marine Parade, Brighton, will, to most, be self-explanatory. We arrived a little earlier than expected and put the time table a bit out of gear, this difficulty was soon surmounted and all went well until 11 p.m. when there were some moans such as "Frank, we are just beginning to enjoy ourselves."

Thursday was the final day of the social activities, leaving Ovingdean at 10.15 a.m. Scots and St. Dunstaners proceeded to Portsmouth dockyard, the main objective being H.M.S. "Victory".

Our first port of call in Portsmouth was at the "Sailors' Home" where a most excellent lunch had been arranged, then on to the dock-yard and H.M.S. "Victory".

Thursday was the *grande finale*, with dinner at the New Bedford Hotel, when we had the great pleasure of The Lord Fraser of Lonsdale presiding. Lord Fraser got a magnificent ovation and all were delighted that he could spare the time to be with us. Then we had a very rousing and humorous few words from the wonderful captain of the Scottish Bowlers, Bill Kay. The great event of the evening was when Lord Fraser presented his own cup, to me, as Captain of the St. Dunstan's bowlers.

Generally it is a case of "who wins, who cares", but I was particularly pleased and proud that Lord Fraser, on this occasion, could present the Cup to the St. Dunstan's team, thereby, as it were, keeping it on home ground.

During the dinner our star character "Tiger" A. Martin, who had to drop out owing to an accident, telephoned to congratulate us on winning the cup.

We were delighted to have a very special guest, in the person of Mr. A. G. Vallance, Superintendent of Linburn. We also had the ever-ready ever-stalwarts without whom St. Dunstan's bowlers could not exist. They are W. Ling, F. Bacon and H. Davenport.

In the course of Bill Kay's speech he paid a glowing tribute to the hospitality and kindness bestowed upon them by the Commandant and Matron and all members of the staff.

On Friday morning Lord Fraser came into the lounge quite early when Bill Kay made a presentation of a lovely handbag made at Linburn, to Matron.

To make sure they got on the right 'plane, the St. Dunstan's Committee and friends travelled to Gatwick Airport when fond salutations were given with the hope to meet North of the Border in 1970.

FRANK A. RHODES,
Captain.

TALKING BOOK—STUDENT TAPE LIBRARY

Readers may be interested to know that in addition to the catalogued cassette titles, there are cassettes produced specially for the Student Tape Library. A number of these cassettes have now become available for general circulation. The subjects covered include:—

Economics	Foreign Languages
Geography	Politics
History	Philosophy
English Literature, etc.	

The tapes have not been professionally recorded, or recorded in a sound studio, as in the case with the ordinary Talking Book cassettes.

A request for the list of titles should be sent to your Talking Book Library. If your equipment handles the small cassette, titles prefixed by the letter "S" must be selected, as the catalogued list includes a number of large cassette titles prefixed "LS" for machines that have not been adapted.

Club News

London Club Notes

We, in the London Club, are very sorry indeed that Jim Murray (Grandad to us all) has not been so well of late and has had to undergo medical treatment at Ovingdean for the past seven weeks. We miss his cheerful voice throughout the Club Rooms here, and that of Bob Bickley, too. So get well again both of you and come back to us. We hope to see you soon, 'Grandad and Bob'.

The final Football Pontoon Sweepstake of the 1968-69 season was won by G. Stanley, who drew Liverpool. R. Stanners won the 'booby' with Wolves.

Now that the better weather has appeared with the merry month of May, we hope all our Club members will join us each week. I wonder what picture we all visualize in connection with May Day. Our gardening friends no doubt associate it with the origin of the word Maia, the goddess of growth and increase—and again, we English did consecrate May Day to Robin Hood in the old days, as our favourite outlaw was said to have died on that day. In Roman days the youth used to celebrate by singing and dancing to Flora, goddess of fruits and flowers. Perhaps the majority of us see it as a day of Countries marching their might past a saluting dais or as students protestations! I personally think the most pleasant origin of May is the Dutch 'blou-maand' (blossoming month).

Winners of the Sir Arthur Pearson Aggregate Domino Competition (the best six scores of eight games) are as follows:—

April 24th	1	C. Hancock	9
	2	W. Fullard	6
		W. Miller	6
	3	W. Harding	4
May 1st	1	C. Hancock	7
		G. P. Brown	7
	2	W. Miller	6
	3	W. Harding	5
May 8th	1	W. Miller	9
		C. Hancock	9
	2	W. Harding	7
	3	R. Fullard	6

W. MILLER.

Cardiff Club Notes

We held our meeting on 3rd May and although the weather was bad quite a few members and their wives attended.

Dominoes were played and won by Rufus Jones and Frank Bell and the winner of the game of Crib was Reg Parsons.

A delightful tea was prepared for us by Mrs. Parsons and Mrs. Bell, to whom all members of the Club join me in saying "Thank you".

The meeting ended with Bingo, the caller being Mrs. Rufus Jones.

D. STOTT,
Hon. Secretary.

Midland Club Notes

Our club activities are still going along quite well and our monthly meetings are still quite well attended. At our meeting held on Sunday 13th April, we completed the first round of our domino knock-out competition. Several plans were discussed for outings this year and two dates were fixed. 1st June for our annual outing, this year to Oxford and Abingdon, including a river trip, and 28th September for our visit to our friends at the British Legion at Stratford-upon-Avon. A proposal for an evening run by Mini-bus was also put up and it was suggested that costs of such an outing should be looked into. All this discussion took place after a very excellent tea which had been prepared for us by Mrs. Kibbler for which we all thanked her.

Our meeting held on Sunday, 11th May was very active. The ladies enjoyed a "Bring and Buy" sale, which was very successful and brought in quite a nice contribution to club funds. The draw was also made for the quarter finals of the domino competition. The final list of names were taken for our outing on Sunday 1st June and details were given out of departure. During the week prior to our meeting I had received a letter from the secretary of AJEX inviting five St. Dunstaners to join them on their annual outing and, as all club functions left this particular Sunday free, five names were easily available.

It was decided that an evening trip by Mini-bus would be too expensive so it was dropped and the possibility of a small number going out by private cars is to be considered.

The tea, which was provided by Mrs. Faulkner, was thoroughly enjoyed and we all thanked her for all her hard work.

D. E. CASHMORE

British Talking Book Service for the Blind

Fiction

- Cat. No.*
- 480 ATHILL, DIANA
DON'T LOOK AT ME LIKE THAT (1967)
Read by Gretel Davis. A study of damaged self-confidence.
P.T. 8½ hours.
- 488 BLOOM, URSULA
THE DRAGONFLY (1968)
Read by Lorenza Colville. The dragonfly is Claire's husband—gay, romantic and rich, but her thoughts are with André, a previous flame of her student days in Paris.
P.T. 7½ hours.
- 482 DUNCAN, JANE
MY FRIEND MY FATHER (1966)
Read by Stanley Pritchard. Janet's childhood and youth, throughout which her father remains the centre of her life.
P.T. 9 hours.
- 486 SALKEY, ANDREW
THE LATE EMANCIPATION OF JERRY STOVER (1968)
Read by Robert Gladwell. Jerry's emancipation is his break-away from the group of disgruntled young people seeking release in violent bouts of drinking and love making.
P.T. 7¼ hours.
- 481 TURNER, E. S.
HEMLOCK LANE (1968)
Read by Eric Gillett. A sudden police raid on the lovers' lane of an ordinary town leads to embarrassing and uproarious situations.
P.T. 6¼ hours.
- 489 WEST, MORRIS
THE TOWER OF BABEL (1968)
Read by Marvin Kane. An exciting story of people concerned in the recent 6 days war in the Middle East.
P.T. 12¼ hours.

- 479 WILSON, ANGUS
(2) *NO LAUGHING MATTER* (1967)
Read by Robert Gladwell. The story of the development of the six children of feckless parents from 1919 to present day. PARTS OF THIS RECORDING MAY BE CONSIDERED UNSUITABLE FOR FAMILY READING.
P.T. 22½ hours.
- 490 WYNDHAM, JOHN
CHOCKY (1968)
Read by Peter Reynolds. The story of a small boy, apparently normal, until the incursion of a strange influence from another planet.
P.T. 6 hours.

Non-Fiction

- Cat. No.
- 483 CITRINE, LORD
(2) *MEN AND WORK* (1964)
Read by Arthur Bush. A vivid picture of life as a working class boy on Merseyside, member and secretary of the T.U.C., and work up to 1939, the outbreak of the war.
P.T. 18½ hours.
- 484 CITRINE, LORD
(2) *TWO CAREERS* (1967)
Sequel to above. Read by Arthur Bush. The second volume of Lord Citrine's autobiography; his life since the outbreak of the war.
P.T. 18 hours.
- 485 FULFORD, ROGER
THE TRIAL OF QUEEN CAROLINE (1967)
Read by Colin Doran. A historian's account of the trial in 1820 of Queen Caroline, consort of George IV, which was ultimately abandoned through fear of popular tumult.
P.T. 11 hours.
- 487 PAGE, LEITCH & KNIGHTLEY
PHILBY (1968)
Read by Michael de Morgan. The fantastic story of Kim Philby, his penetration of the British Secret Service and his betrayal of his country, his service, and his friends.
P.T. 12½ hours.

"He gave us a long talk about poverty and the over-sixties," an elderly char told her employer after listening to an M.P., "and I must say I really envied him."

"Was he so good?"

"Lord, no, mum. But I kept wishing I knew as little about the subject as he did."

Linda Mary, daughter of our St. Dunstaner, JAMES ELLIS of Cape Town, South Africa, was awarded a medallion as an Honour student at her graduation at the Mission San Jose High School in California where she spent a year as an American Field Service scholar. She also gained membership of the California Scholarship Federation. She is now a trainee in Radiography at Groote Schuur Hospital.



Welcome to St. Dunstan's

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.

Edwin Sturgess of High Wycombe, Bucks came to St. Dunstan's in January, 1969. He is married with a grown-up daughter, Edwina, and served with the 52nd Oxford and Bucks Regiment in the Second World War. Mr. Sturgess is continuing with full-time employment in industry. (We regret the error in our announcement in the *March Review*).

Sidney Victor Roberts of Pulborough, Sussex, was admitted to St. Dunstan's on 21st March, 1969. He is married and served in the 15th Hussars in the 1st World War.



Letters to the Editor

From G. Whittaker, of Bradford, Yorks.

I have been asked a few times why St. Dunstaners do not wear a uniform as the Chelsea Pensioners do. I think it would be a good idea if St. Dunstan's bought the Ex Civil Defence Uniforms and issued them to members. I think it would save a great deal of money because suits are so expensive now.

From R. G. Sheriff of Gloucester

"Globe Trotters"

I personally, consider the symbol of the "White Stick" adequate to identify the blind who travel throughout most countries of the world. For the remainder, it would not, in my view, warrant the complexities involved—i.e. the finances of printing and distribution—to attempt an international standard symbol.

Quite honestly, I don't fully appreciate

P. Baker's true source of embarrassment. I assume that P.B. travels the Continent unaccompanied. If this assumption is correct, then I feel that any barrier or embarrassment would stem mainly from linguistic difficulties. Being armed with a stick—white, black, or red, white and blue, would not make the slightest difference.

If on the other hand, the blind person is accompanied then surely embarrassments are greatly minimised, in fact, to carry a stick of any colour whilst accompanied, in my view, proves rather an embarrassment to the escort. I prefer, where humanly possible, to remain unidentified; the more inconspicuous, the happier I feel. I realise, of course, that this is an individual idiosyncrasy. One must accept some degree of embarrassment, this goes hand in glove with all handicapped people—home or away, with or without symbols of recognition.

Bad Luck Comes in Threes!

by

John Martin

I had been in Addington Hospital, Durban, with Congestive Cardiac Failure. I had recovered and was on my way home when I saw three nurses trying to move their car, which was parked correctly, away from another car which had parked right in front of them. The only way for them to get out was by lifting the car in front bodily a few inches, and so, like a mug, I suggested I lifted the offensive car out of the way. I did so and re-fractured my spine at the base. The nurses asked me if I was all right and I said 'yes'. Then they drove away.

It took me about a quarter-of-an-hour to hobble over the road and up the steps into the lift and reach my flat. It would normally have taken about four or five minutes at the most. On the Monday, I went back to Addington Hospital to be X-rayed—it showed a fractured spine, where it had been fractured before and so it was a case of going back into hospital. As it was not possible to apply traction, I lay on bed-board for two and a half weeks. I was then discharged and allowed to go home to my flat.

A week later I went into the St. Augustine's Private Hospital with Congestive Cardiac failure and was almost better when I caught pneumonia!

I have now moved my flat and am going to live with my daughter, Merle, my son-in-law, Lloyd, and grandson, Cameron. My new address is:—9, Linnett Place, Yellow Wood Park, Durban, Natal.

Holiday Accommodation

22ft. 4-berth Caravan on coastal site near Folkestone. Fully equipped except for bed linen. Shop on site and Children's Recreation Ground. Bus stop at site entrance with buses every 8-10 minutes to Folkestone and Dover.

Terms:—May, June and September, 8 gns. per week. July and August, 10 gns. per week.

Please apply to:—C. E. Tibbit, 67, Latimer Road, Wimbledon, S.W.19.

Bridge Notes

LONDON

The fourth Individual Competition of the London Section was held on Saturday, 3rd May, and the results are as follows:

G. P. Brown	and R. A. Fullard	74
E. Carpenter	and M. Tybinski	73
F. Jackson	and Partner	69
P. Nuyens	and H. Meleson	68
F. Pusey	and G. Lynch	67
R. Armstrong	and H. King	58
R. G. Stanners	and Miss V. Kemmish	56
R. Evans	and J. Huk	39

The cumulative positions are as follows:

P. Nuyens	297
H. King	279
E. Carpenter	272
G. P. Brown	271
F. Pusey	267
M. Tybinski	259
R. Armstrong	253
G. Lynch	248
R. A. Fullard	246
R. G. Stanners	243
H. Meleson	229
J. Huk	219
Miss V. Kemmish	197

After three matches:

R. Bickley	198
R. Evans	173

After two matches:

P. Pescott Jones	106
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After one match:

F. Jackson	69
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BRIGHTON

The third Individual Competition of the Brighton Section was held on Saturday, 19th April, and the results were as follows:

A. Smith	and B. Ingrey	82
M. Clements	and F. Griffie	77
R. Goding	and J. Whitcombe	68
J. Chell	and H. Kerr	63
F. Rhodes	and S. Webster	59
F. Mathewman	and S. McNamara	49
W. Scott	and W. Burnett	48

The cumulative positions are as follows:

B. Ingrey	232
F. Griffie	222
M. Clements	220
J. Whitcombe	219
S. Webster	197
A. Smith	196
F. Mathewman	179
F. Rhodes	179
S. McNamara	179
W. Scott	167
R. Goding	166
J. Chell	165
W. Burnett	151

After two matches:

P. Carr	135
H. Kerr	115

ROY ARMSTRONG.

GARDENING NEWS

Our St. Dunstaner, THOMAS WILSON of Grimethorpe, Nr. Barnsley, Yorks, won the National Dahlia Society silver medal for the best bloom in the Barnsley area show in December, 1968.

Dog Breeder's Success

Our St. Dunstaner, John Davies of Braunton, Devon, breeds dogs in his spare time and has won prizes with them in Shows.

His black bitch has won two cups for "Obedience" and one cup in the field for the most points in a whole year at the "Obedience School". His yellow bitch has won three prizes in open shows.

Visiting

R. F. WALTERS of East Brighton, Victoria, is an Australian St. Dunstaner, who was blinded when serving with the R.A.A.F. in the Second War. We welcome him and his wife on a short visit to this country.



ST. DUNSTAN'S CLOCK

It Strikes Me

Golden Jubilee

This month Sidney Tarry, who is 80 next birthday, celebrated a rather special Golden Jubilee. For fifty years he has been a member of the Battersea and Wandsworth War Pensions Committee and its Chairman for 27 years.

One of the earliest St. Dunstaners, he qualified as a physio-therapist and has been in practice ever since. For 16 years he combined a private practice with his work at Queen Mary's Hospital, Roehampton.

From 1923-28 he was a member of Battersea Borough Council. He was a pioneer member of the British Legion and President of the Battersea and Wandsworth Branch. He is also a member of the local Unemployment Committee and joined it when it was the Labour Exchange Committee in 1924.

Sidney Tarry's fifty years show a record of which any man might be proud. It has been recognised by the award of the M.B.E. in the Coronation Honours of 1953 and subsequent promotion to O.B.E. in 1962.

As Others See Us

Our readers who attend the Reunions organised by the Welfare Department appreciate the jokes and humorous stories which usually form part of the speech by the presiding member of the Council. Mr. Donald Hopewell has an engaging habit of making his jokes appropriate to the district from which his listeners come. He likes to pull their legs and it may be added, without disrespect, we hope, and mixing our metaphors, that he keeps his audience on their toes by twisting their tails.

At the Newcastle Reunion, attended by St. Dunstaners from Scotland, Mr. Hopewell told a story of an elderly Scottish doctor whose age his two younger colleagues had never been able to find out. At last the doctor died. Only one colleague was able to attend the funeral and when he returned the other asked him what age was to be engraved on the tombstone. Said the one who attended the funeral, "The coffin bore a plate 'Dr. John McTavish—surgery hours—6 to 7'."

At the Sheffield Reunion, Mr. Hopewell gave the definition of a skeleton as "a stripper who has gone too far" and he went on to quote the wisdom of the Yorkshire people in the following words:

"Hear all and say nowt,
Sup all and pay nowt,
Tak all and gie nowt
And it tha' doest owt for nowt
Do it for thysen".

MAGOG

Family News

Grandfathers

Congratulations to:

E. E. FLYNN of Horley, Sussex, on the arrival of his sixth grandchild, Benjamin, born on 24th February, 1969, to his son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Flynn.

Great Grandfathers

Many congratulations to:

T. Kirk of Lancing, Sussex, who announces the birth of his fourth great grandchild, Arthur Emil George, who arrived on 5th, April, 1969, in Boston, Massachusetts.

Gillian Dorothea, daughter of our St. Dunstan, C. P. COOK of Saltdean, Brighton, married Roger William Davey on 3rd May, 1969, at Our Lady of Lourdes Chapel, Rottingdean, Sussex.

Hazel, daughter of B. DUNKLEY of Northampton, married Terence Ashley Maycock at St. Luke's Church, Durston, on 3rd May, 1969.

Susan Dorothy, daughter of our St. Dunstan, A. C. MITCHELL of Guildford, married Jeremy Patrick Heath on 12th April, 1969.
(We regret the error in the announcement in last month's *Review*.)

Anne Castledeane, step-daughter of our St. Dunstan, W. VENESS of Edgware, Middlesex, was married to Charles Bustarde on 10th May, 1969, at St. Lawrence's Church, Edgware.

Hilary, daughter of R. FORSTER of Leeds, has now passed her I.D.T.A. Gold Medal Modern Stage and her I.D.A.T.A. Gold Bar Ballet, both highly commended.

Miss Nest Stephens, daughter of D. J. M. STEPHENS of Ferryside, Carmarthenshire, is Chairman of the Carmarthen and Ferryside Ladies' Life-Boat Guild and she was recently presented with the R.N.L.I. Silver Badge for her work over many years. Unfortunately, John Stephens was ill and had to miss the party at which the presentation was made, but he was soon better again.

Deaths

We offer our very sincere sympathy to:

D. JUNER of Narborough, Leics, on the recent death of his mother.

CAPTAIN M. C. ROBINSON of Vancouver, British Columbia, on the death of his wife on the 1st May, 1969, after a brief illness. "Robbie" and Babs Robinson had celebrated their Golden Wedding anniversary just a fortnight previously.

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.

William Abbott. Royal Army Service Corps.

William Abbott of Saltdean, Sussex, died on 1st May, 1969. He would have been 90 at the end of the month.

He enlisted in the Royal Army Service Corps in 1914 and served with them until his discharge in 1919. He came to St. Dunstan's in 1935, where he trained in basket making and continued this occupation until the early 1950's when his health began to give cause for concern and he and his wife moved to the South Coast. Mr. and Mrs. Abbott enjoyed their years of retirement but unfortunately Mr. Abbott's health necessitated several visits to hospital and Pearson House for convalescence. His recent admission to hospital found him to be seriously ill and he was transferred to Pearson House where he died on 1st May. He leaves a widow and two married daughters.

Sidney Walter Avis. Hampshire Regiment.

Sidney Walter Avis of Southampton, died in hospital on 5th May, 1969. He was 53 years of age.

He enlisted in the Hampshire Regiment in 1934 and served with them until his discharge in 1945. He came to St. Dunstan's in 1953 and trained for industry, obtaining a job towards the end of 1964. Unfortunately Mr. Avis's health did not permit him to continue in this work and after a period of sick leave he returned to Ovingdean to train in hobby-craft. On returning home he continued in retirement due to indifferent health. He was admitted to Southampton General Hospital in March 1969 and died there on 5th May. He leaves a widow, two sons and a daughter and their families.

Albert Drew. Labour Corps.

Albert Drew died on 12th May, 1969, at Pearson House where he was having an extended stay. He lived in Manchester and was 74 years of age.

He served in the Labour Corps from 1913 to 1918 and was wounded at Gallipoli. His sight did not deteriorate until 1955 when he came to St. Dunstan's. He trained to make baskets and string bags and produced both these articles for our Stores until ill health compelled him to give up this work. His wife pre-deceased him in November 1966. He had been residing latterly with his son and daughter-in-law.

Thomas Duncan. 5th Scottish Rifles.

Thomas Duncan of Maesbrook, Nr. Oswestry, Shropshire, died on 11th May, 1969. He was 71 years of age.

He served in the 5th Scottish Rifles from 1915 to 1917 and came to St. Dunstan's in 1930. He trained as a telephonist and carried on this occupation for some time. When he gave up he had a shop but he retired from business some time ago. He had not been in very good health recently but his death was sudden and unexpected. He leaves a widow.

Selwyn Dyson. Yorkshire Regiment.

Selwyn Dyson of Bilton, Harrogate, Yorkshire, died on 21st April, 1969 at the age of 69 years.

He served with the Yorkshire Regiment from 1917 to 1919 and came to St. Dunstan's in 1931. At first he made mats and carried out boot repairing, and then started joinery, which occupation he carried on until illness compelled him to give it up recently. He was an excellent worker and he made goods for our Stores and also furniture for his own home. He always enjoyed holidays at Ovingdean, where he will be missed by his friends there. He had been ill since the beginning of the year and had recently been in hospital, and his death was not therefore unexpected. He leaves a widow.

In Memory

Alfred James Jones. Royal Army Ordnance Corps.

Alfred James Jones of Penrhynedraeth, Merioneth, died on 17th April, 1969, whilst staying at Pearson House, Brighton. He was 78 years of age.

He served in the Royal Army Ordnance Corps from May to November, 1917. He came to St. Dunstan's in 1920 and trained in boot repairs and mat making. He carried on these occupations for some time in the South of England until he returned to Wales in 1947. He was a regular attender at Reunions and greatly enjoyed holidays at Brighton. His wife, who had been ill for some time died very recently.

George Frederick Lofty. Hertfordshire Regiment.

George Frederick Lofty of Thorpe St. Andrew's Norwich, Norfolk, died at his home on 26th April, 1969. He was 71 years of age.

He served in the Hertfordshire Regiment from 1914 to 1919 and came to St. Dunstan's in 1949. He trained in basket making and carried on this occupation for some time, doing excellent work. He had been in poor health latterly, his illness being the result of being gassed in 1918. His death was therefore not unexpected. He leaves a widow.

William Shayler. Border Regiment.

William Shayler, late of Liverpool, and latterly a permanent resident at Ovingdean, Brighton, died in hospital on 18th April, 1969. He was 81 years of age.

He served in the Border Regiment from 1914 to 1918 and came to St. Dunstan's in 1932. For a short time he had a shop but gave this up for home crafts. When at home in Liverpool he always attended the North Country Reunions. His wife pre-deceased him in June 1961 and he went to live at Ovingdean later in the same year. He was admitted to hospital a week or so before he died.

Thomas Walter Webb. Royal Army Medical Corps

Thomas Walter Webb of Maidstone died on 15th April, 1969. He was 72 years of age.

He served in the Royal Army Medical Corps from 1915 to 1919 and did not come to St. Dunstan's until January of this year when he was already a sick man. Nevertheless his death was sudden. He leaves a widow.

J. C. Williams. Royal Engineers.

J. C. ("Jerry") Williams died at Pearson House on the 1st May, 1969, at the age of 74 years.

He came to St. Dunstan's in 1921 and trained in carpentry and farming, both of which occupations he followed to a certain extent for many years. His wife died in 1961 and some time later he became a permanent resident, first at Ovingdean and then at Pearson House. Recently, he had been very seriously ill.

He leaves two married daughters.



INTERNATIONAL BOWLS: Two of the St. Dunstan's bowlers who contributed to our first "double" over the Scots: Above, Bruce Ingrey, below, Alf Smith in action during the match.

