

JULY REVIEW





SUN SPORTS:

COVER PICTURE:

Stewart Spence, with a helping hand from his escort, starts his 1½ mile walk—a contest with his double disability.

A close race. Breast stroke—Alan Wortley v. Ted Bunting.



(Above, left) Using the launching device developed for the doubly handicapped competitors, Bill Griffiths prepares to throw the javelin.

(Above, right) Ted Bunting gets airborne to win the semi-sighted long jump.

Picking plates in six feet of water.



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CHAIRMAN'S NOTES

War Pensions

As we go to press, the Government has announced rises in War Pensions, which will take place in November next.

As on two previous occasions, Mr. Rice will supply us with a special Supplement, giving all relevant information about War Pensions and other Pensions.

Suffice it for me to say here that for a typical St. Dunstaner, who has a 100% award, is receiving the normal Attendance Allowance and is in employment, the rise in War Pensions and Allowances was 25s. a week in 1965, 27s. a week in 1967 and from November, 1969 will be 22s. a week.

The Unemployability Supplement goes up 11s. 6d. for the husband; by 6s. for the wife and by 3s. for each child. These latter rises are comparable with the previous rises.

There is no change in the Age or Comforts Allowances, or the allowances given to the exceptionally severely disabled and I am asking a Parliamentary Question about this.

I have not had time to study these figures in detail and, at the moment, do not know how far they take account of the rise in the cost of living or the standard of living. However, I am sure St. Dunstaners would wish me to thank the Government.

The Supplement is included in this issue of the *Review*.

Flying and Radio

I wonder if, in this highly developed technological age, we are apt to take modern wonders for granted, especially when they have advanced so quickly in terms of history? I am old enough to remember seeing the front-page picture in, I think, the *Daily Mirror*, of Bleriot, standing with his little aeroplane on the cliffs of Dover in 1909; he had just flown across the Channel, the first time ever.

Lady Fraser and I have just flown to South Africa and back for some urgent business meetings and we were there just under a fortnight. While there, we flew from Johannesburg to Swaziland and back and then down to the Cape. The climate is excellent for flying and the air service is of the highest order. Then we flew back, leaving Johannesburg 9.30 a.m. and arriving London Airport 10.30 p.m., nearly 600 miles an hour.

Meantime, I spoke for a quarter of an hour on the radio on Sunday, 1st June, in the "In Touch" programme and I was at the time 6,000 miles away. Of course, the programme had been pre-recorded. This is all so familiar that we hardly think about it and yet flying by jet and the radio are modern miracles.

Incidentally, let me thank many St. Dunstaners who wrote to me about the broadcast. I was very pleased to hear from them in terms which showed that our policy commends itself to the body of St. Dunstaners.

Those who went to Tembani and some others may like to hear a word about Jimmy Ellis. He is actively engaged as Public Relations Officer and Welfare Officer of St. Dunstan's in South Africa. His name is known throughout the Republic as representing all that is best in the blind world and as exemplifying in a very high degree the spirit of St. Dunstan's. He and his wife, Laura, are well and their elder daughter, Linda Mary, has just returned from a year in the United States where she got a visiting scholarship.

In Swaziland I gave lunch to four Swazi Cabinet Ministers and their wives, together with four European couples with whom I had friendly and business connections. The Swazis spoke English as well as any of us and were very interesting on the subject of their own country, now independent, and also interested in what I was able to tell them about Britain.

"Dr. Hopewell"

Mr. D. G. Hopewell, M.A., LL.B., is one of the best known members of St. Dunstan's Council, as he has visited Reunions over a number of years and takes such a deep interest in so many of our affairs. It will be gratifying to all his friends to learn that he was recently honoured by the University of Leeds, where he had conferred upon him the Honorary Degree of Doctor of Law.

At the ceremony, over which the Duchess of Kent, Chancellor of the University, presided, the Presenter, Professor Jeffares said:—

"... It is not only for his loving care of a unique Museum and Library (he is President of the Brontë Society) that we honour him today, but also for his unselfish public service following upon a brilliant undergraduate career at Cambridge. A First of Firsts in the Law Tripos was no unsatisfactory beginning for a career that has since included thirty years as a Solicitor, a managing directorship of a firm of Millwrights and many governorships of schools in Lancashire and Yorkshire. Mr. Hopewell, whose service with the Sherwood Foresters in the 1914-18 War was terminated by failing sight, has worked ceaselessly for the blind as a member of the Executive Council of St. Dunstan's, the Royal National Institute for the Blind and Newington House, Edinburgh. Service in Local Government, in education and in the Church Assembly have been added to the multifarious load of responsibility Mr. Hopewell has carried with such unselfishness, efficiency and grace over the years. In the words of Charlotte Brontë's Yorkshire novel 'Shirley', the bells of rejoicing for such a man 'clash out again not only through Yorkshire but through England'."

New Playing Cards

In April I commented in these notes upon solid dot Braille and asked our Director of Research, Richard Dufton, whether improved playing cards could be made by the solid dot method or by using plastics. Those who are technically minded, as well as the bridge players, may be interested in the note he has sent me, which reads as follows:—

"I am working on this, and the first approach is to try and laminate the ordinary card by high frequency welding thin transparent plastic strips in the corners.

Attempts to use solid dot nine years ago ended in failure. A problem was to get adequate adhesion. You may be interested to know that solid dot Braille is not approved by the Uniform Type Committee for certain teaching books, as dots can become detached with hard usage and the R.N.I.B. is currently experimenting with improved papers for solid dot Braille.

Little further progress has been made with all-plastic playing cards. The 'KEM' variety, similar to those which you have used in recent years, are now five guineas per pack and it is rather interesting that the American Foundation for the Blind lists this type in their current catalogue of apparatus."

Fraser of Lonsdale

LOYAL GREETINGS

Lord Fraser sent the following telegram to Her Majesty The Queen on the occasion of her official birthday.

On behalf of St. Dunstan's men and women throughout the Commonwealth I am privileged to wish your Majesty many happy returns of the day.

Fraser of Lonsdale, Chairman.

Her Majesty the Queen was gracious enough to reply by telegram to Lord Fraser as follows:

I send you and the St. Dunstan's men and women throughout the Commonwealth my sincere thanks for your kind message on the celebration of my birthday.

Elizabeth R.

REUNIONS

Southampton

Mr. Nigel Pearson, representing the third generation of the Pearson family involved in the conduct of St. Dunstan's affairs, was the member of the Council presiding at the Southampton Reunion held in the Polygon Hotel on Thursday, 15th May.

There were about 80 people from Hampshire and Dorset, including St. Dunstaners and their escorts, at the luncheon. In his speech Mr. Pearson said that there were 31 St. Dunstaners attending, 14 from the 1st World War and 17 from the 2nd World War or later. He paid particular attention to Miss Lettie Webster's presence among the guests and to Miss de Burlet, the Welfare Visitor responsible, and Miss Meyer, who assisted in the arrangements for the Reunion. After mentioning the names of other staff members present, Mr. Pearson went on:—

"It is a very balanced company and that is one of the most important things in keeping St. Dunstan's going forward, to make certain that it keeps all its activities in balance." Mr. Pearson stressed the importance of technical advice to homecraft workers in keeping up with changes in public taste as well as the scientific research that is going on into mobility and reading. After explaining the plans to improve Pearson House and Ovingdean recently announced by Lord Fraser in the *Review*, he concluded: "All this shows that St. Dunstan's really is a living organism. It is constantly developing and its main end is to help all those associated with it to continue to develop."

Proposing the vote of thanks St. Dunstaner W. Jones, from Southampton, in welcoming Mr. Pearson, paid tribute to the help and encouragement he had received from talking with Sir Arthur Pearson at Regent's Park. There was an unexpected and welcome vote of thanks proposed by Mrs. W. Ward, of Portchester who said "I think it is up to each and everyone of the wives of St. Dunstaners to give a real hearty cheer and thanks for all that Miss Rogers and the staff of St. Dunstan's do for us."

Bristol

Lord Fraser, with Lady Fraser, and accompanied by Mr. Delmar Morgan, a member of the Council, took the Chair at the Bristol Reunion held in the Grand Hotel on 17th May attended by about 130 people including St. Dunstaners, escorts, staff and guests.

After expressing his pleasure at being in Bristol for the Reunion, a city of which he has many memories, Lord Fraser mentioned the names of staff attending and introduced Mr. Delmar Morgan and other guests who included Miss D. J. Oliphant, Mrs. P. Robertson-Glasgow and Mrs. A. Spurway.

Then Lord Fraser turned to a subject to which, as Chairman, it has been necessary for him "to study and pay very great attention to". He was referring to suggestions in the British Legion and the blind world that St. Dunstan's should apply its funds more widely. He gave three reasons why it was not right and it was not proper that we should share our good fortune beyond a certain minimal limit. Lord Fraser pointed out that to try to share out a measure of wealth too widely would only result in spreading it too thinly to be of practical use.

"The next thing is that St. Dunstan's is in essence and in law a trust for blinded ex-servicemen and it would therefore be illegal and wrong that St. Dunstan's should take into its ken and into its care people who do not belong to the group of blinded ex-servicemen and women."

Thirdly Lord Fraser said that actuaries forecast that the last of present St. Dunstaners would die in 2008 and there would be a great many war-blinded men and widows under St. Dunstan's care at the end of the century. "We, therefore, are prudent about our finances and are sure that any promise that we make to you will be carried out for your lifetime." Lord Fraser explained that the value of the pound sterling had decreased compared with 1938 to the extent that in 1948 it was worth 10s., today it is worth 5s. 9d. and by the year 2000 it will be worth 1s. 4d. "Now you see

that if we are going to carry out our promises, however wealthy St. Dunstan's may be now, we've got to take care of our money for the next 30 years and that we intend to do."

Finally Lord Fraser listed some of the organisations already supported where there is a St. Dunstan's interest: The Talking Book Library, the Braille Library and the Guide Dogs for the Blind Association. "We subscribe to them proportionately, perhaps more generously than proportionately but only within the terms of our duty. It is not our duty to support the whole of the blind world and we should not be asked to."

Lord Fraser introduced Mr. Delmar Morgan, who spoke modestly and amusingly about his joining St. Dunstan's Council.

Jimmy Legge, of Bristol, expressed the thanks of the St. Dunstaners at the lunch to Lord and Lady Fraser, Mr. Delmar Morgan and St. Dunstan's staff members attending, particularly Miss Meyer, the Welfare visitor responsible for arranging the Reunion.

Windsor Reunion in London

St. Dunstaners from the Thames Valley travelled to London for their Reunion on Saturday, 31st May and pronounced the occasion a great success. Normally the 120 St. Dunstaners, escorts and guests meet in Windsor but the hotel normally used could not provide the usual accommodation so that the Reunion had to be transferred at short notice to the Hotel Russell in London.

Sir Neville Pearson, Bt., presided and welcomed guests on behalf of the Council saying that if his father could be present at these meetings he would be very satisfied with what has become of the St. Dunstan's which he made. "I am glad to welcome two St. Dunstaners new to reunions so that they can feel what a St. Dunstan's reunion is like. I always maintain that one of the most important things in the life of St. Dunstan's are these Reunions. It gives you the chance of getting together and keeping old friendships going and having the opportunity to get in touch with some of the members of the staff and generally keep this very remarkable spirit going.

"Although the numbers of men may reduce so that the actual number of re-

unions may reduce, I hope it will always be possible for St. Dunstaners to come to a Reunion even if we have to take a bit more trouble to get them to it because this is part of the life of St. Dunstan's."

Sir Neville concluded by congratulating Miss de Burlet, the Welfare Visitor responsible for arranging the reunion and Miss Picken, who assisted and he mentioned the presence of Mr. Lloyds, Mr. Wills and Miss Rogers.

Proposing the vote of thanks, Freddie Jackson of Malden, expressed the appreciation of St. Dunstaners to the staff and to Sir Neville.

Brighton

The principal guests at the Metropole Hotel on Saturday, 7th June, were the Mayor and Mayoress of Brighton, Alderman F. Masfield Baker and Mrs. Baker. The honour thus paid to St. Dunstan's, combined with a sunny though breezy day, helped to contribute to an excellent attendance of slightly more than 300 people: these included 72 1st World War and 61 2nd World War St. Dunstaners and among the latter were two of our girls, Dorothy and Winnie Edwards. It was a very busy day for the Welfare Staff, particularly Miss Blebta, Welfare Visitor responsible, who is much to be congratulated on the success of a magnificent effort. The guests included Mrs. Dacre, Dr. O'Hara, The Rev. Harper, Mrs. Avison and other retired members of staff.

Presiding at the luncheon, Sir Neville Pearson, Bt., welcomed the Mayor and Mayoress and said that they were near neighbours of St. Dunstan's as they farmed at Ovingdean Grange. Sir Neville also welcomed Mr. B. C. Beard, District Assistant Chief Constable, Mr. A. K. Sharp, Southdown Motors and Mr. K. S. C. Phillips and Mrs. M. G. Lillie, Sussex Grocers' Association, who had done so much for St. Dunstan's over the years. "Indeed", said Sir Neville, "if it were not for the Grocers' Association St. Dunstan's might not be in Brighton at all." Extending his welcome to the staff of St. Dunstan's and the 133 St. Dunstaners attending with their wives or escorts, Sir Neville mentioned that Mr. T. McKenna and Mr. J. Ross, who had lost their sight late in life after

service in the 1st World War, both now permanent residents at Pearson House, were attending a Reunion for the first time.

Sir Neville said that his father, the late Sir Arthur Pearson, Bt., would have been pleased if he were able to see the progress that had been made. He said that St. Dunstan's men and women had two very important advantages. The first was the close comradeship which existed between each other and members of the staff and the second was life-long security. "Once a St. Dunstaner, always a St. Dunstaner," said Sir Neville. At the present time arrangements were in hand to refurbish the Ovingdean building and Pearson House to bring them right up to date to ensure the maximum comfort and convenience of the inhabitants. St. Dunstan's had taken steps to keep up the standard of living of its people despite the falling value of money and he felt they had been successful in maintaining a high standard.

St. Dunstaner Friends

The Mayor said that he and the Mayoress were much honoured to be present. He thanked Sir Neville Pearson and St. Dunstan's. There had always been a Pearson at the head of St. Dunstan's and he hoped there always would be. As near neighbours to the Ovingdean centre, the Mayor said that from his home, Ovingdean Grange, he saw a number of St. Dunstan's men every day. He spoke to some and counted them among his friends. The people of Ovingdean Village were very pleased to have St. Dunstan's close at hand and he hoped it would always be so. Paying a gracious tribute to the sacrifice made by the St. Dunstaners, the Mayor said, "These are the boys who saved my life not so many years ago".

Mr. Le Gros Clark's book, "Blinded in War", again proved helpful to Mr. Wills when he reviewed the work of the Welfare Department and he quoted some interesting figures regarding the activities pursued by 1st World War St. Dunstaners after retirement. The vote of thanks was proposed by our St. Dunstaner, Stanley Pike of Rushlake Road, Coldean, whose speech lost nothing in its impact through its brevity. He thanked Sir Neville, the Council, the Staff of St. Dunstan's and the Hotel Staff for an excellent lunch.

I ASKED FOR IT

by
Alf Field

Board 5
Dealer—South. Score—Love All.
S. A, 7, 4
H. A
D. K, Q, J, 8, 7, 4
C. 10, 7
□
S. Q, 3
H. K, 10, 8, 6
D. A, 6, 5
C. A, Q, 8, 3

Contestants were invited to insert an asterisk on the Bidding Sheet if my comments did not go down too well. This Board was my "Oscar" six asterisk asterisks! Oh well, slams are always contentious. You may wish to bid the Hands before reading on.

SOUTH opens with a routine bid of "One N.T."

NORTH bids "Three diamonds" which is forcing to game (proceed leisurely), with thoughts of a slam showing 16 Points, an unbalanced Hand with a long solid suit.

SOUTH would imagine North's hand to be somewhat akin to an opening "Two Diamond" Hand. Eleven Pairs actually reached this stage but not one South made the next bid correctly, being the only one in step. I remembered the Sergeant's kindly way of putting it, "Aren't you a little worried about it?"

SOUTH has been urged to consider the Diamond route to Game or slam. If he held minimum 13 Points and no ruffing value, he must bid "Three N.T."

SOUTH however, is maximum, and his spade suit which was a slight weakness in a N.T. contract is now a ruffing value in Diamonds, and with two beautiful aces SOUTH happily bids "Four Diamonds". NORTH launches into "Four N.T." (aces please?). SOUTH bids "Five Hearts" (two Aces).

NORTH now ponders "Six" or "Seven"? He views his five losers to be parked on five winners in the South hand. This would require two Aces, two Kings and a Queen = 16 Points. (South is restricted to 15). Alternatively a Ruff, a finesse on a four

card suit to break. NORTH settles for "Six Diamonds". I do agree with Roy (Asterisk) that "Six N.T." would in this case be the best contract in competitive Bridge, but where both hands are unbalanced and provide ruffing values the suit contract is recommended because it provides extra manoeuvrability in the play.

COVERPLAN

The Sun Alliance & London Insurance Group has now introduced a new contract known as Coverplan. It is intended to embrace within this scheme most of the insurance covers which would be attractive to the prudent householder.

As an example of Coverplan with contents of your home insured at £1,000 the following items are also insured:

Personal liability—World Wide—limit of indemnity £100,000.

Road, Rail, Sea and Air—World Wide—family accident cover.

All risks on clothing, effects, valuables, sports gear, money—anywhere in U.K., Ireland and for visits up to 30 days, elsewhere in the world.

A sum insured of £250 (excludes first 50s.).

Single article and money limit of £50.

Radio, T.V. and Hi-Fi—accidental damage in the home up to £150.

On certain contracts where higher sums insured on contents are involved there are additional bonuses covering contents during transit or household removal and loss of earnings on jury service.

This is a new concept of insurance in this country and our insurance department would be pleased to give you further details should you require quotations.

More Cups for Julie

Julie, daughter of our St. Dunstaner RAYMOND VOWLES, has been successful again this year in the Fareham Festival. She won the Duologue Cup at the Fareham Festival with her partner. In the Portsmouth Festival she won a cup for song and dance and she has now passed her Senior Stage examination for which she has received a gold medal.

Derby Day

Fair weather seemed to augur well for a happy day for the party of St. Dunstaners who, with their wives and friends met on Wednesday, 4th June for the Club's annual Derby outing. The occasional cloud did nothing to diminish the pleasure with which we anticipated this special occasion. We were very sorry indeed that "Grandad" Murray and Charlie Hancock could not be with us owing to illness. They were very much missed and may they both be better soon.

Altogether thirty-nine people boarded the coach from our Headquarters in Marylebone Road and journeyed away in high spirits along the road to Epsom. On arrival it was pleasant to meet our friends from Brighton. To the Brighton folks, too, we are most grateful for the teas and ice cream with which we regaled ourselves. Our thanks to Miss Strang and her Headquarters Canteen staff for the delicious packed luncheons which we all enjoyed so much. We would like to give a special vote of thanks to Roy, our coach driver, who was such a great help to us all.

The highlight of our day was the arrival of the Queen, radiant as always and dressed (I understand) in a charming apple green ensemble with white accessories. Her Majesty was accompanied by the Duke of Edinburgh and their daughter, Princess Anne.

A lovely day, indeed, but I know we were all most reluctant to leave despite the fact that it had not been too profitable day for some of us!

We were indebted, as usual, to Mrs. Smith for providing us with a most reinvigorating cup of tea on our arrival at the Club Rooms prior to taking leave of our friends.

Already we are looking forward to another pleasant Derby Day in 1970 and hope that more St. Dunstaners will take advantage of this outing next year.

W. HARDING.

Gardening News

WALTER RUNDLE of Paignton, Devon, entered the Torbay Institute for the Blind Hyacinth Competition in the Spring of this year and won the 1st Prize—a cup.

FRANK REVIEWS

"The Wanton Princess" by Dennis Wheatley, read by John Dunn. Roger Brook, British Secret agent is nicely placed as Aide de Camp to Napoleon.

In typical swashbuckling style he crosses the channel with vital information as he slips into bed with his many mistresses.

Typical of Wheatley's thoroughness the author doesn't only tell a yarn. He teaches history in doing so.

"Vanity Dies Hard" by Ruth Rendell, read by John Curle. A mystery story set around a rich fanciful woman, her younger husband and a friend of the family. Only a three-track book much bolstered by long narratives. Perhaps I'm being unkind but I think Shakespeare's words "Much Ado About Nothing" are a fitting description of this work.

"March to the Gallows" by Mary Kelly, read by Phyllis Boothroyd. An interestingly written book. We gather that Hester Stanhope has returned to her home to forget one tragedy and come face to face with

another. Readers will be forced to use their imaginations to follow the story and to see the brighter future ahead of her at the conclusion of the tale.

"Never Call it Loving" by Dorothy Eden, read by Duncan Carse. The authoress reconstructs the latter years in the life of Charles Parnell, the Irish Politician, who fought brilliantly and valiantly for home rule for Ireland in the 19th Century.

His love affair with the wife of a playboy member of his own party was generally known.

He continued to hold Irish confidence until, with ambition within his grasp, they turned against him after the affair came to the official notice of the Courts.

While reading the book, I couldn't help feeling that most of the amorous details were quite irrelevant and that a sub-editor's blue pencil could have taken a lot of tedium out of an otherwise interesting work of historical value.

LEAVING PRESENT

Miss D. A. Pallant, who has been in charge at Broadhurst Gardens for the past thirteen years, will be leaving at the end of July for health reasons. A number of St. Dunstaners have expressed a wish to contribute to a leaving present for Miss Pallant and those wishing to do so should send their contributions to Mr. A. D. Lloyds, at Headquarters, (P.O. Box 58) 191 Old Marylebone Road, London, N.W.1.

NOT SO DUSTY

GEORGE MILLER, who is at present taking a Carpentry Course at Ovingdean, found an unusual way of spending a thoroughly wet afternoon recently.

On 9th May, sponsored by St. Dunstaners and Staff, he and his escort, Mrs. Chris Fuller, walked from Rottingdean to the Lagoon at West Hove and back—a distance of thirteen miles. They raised £37 10s. which has been donated to the Christian Aid Fund through St. Margaret's Church, Rottingdean.



Welcome to St. Dunstan's

On behalf of St. Dunstan's we welcome a St. Dunstaner recently admitted to membership. The Review hopes he will settle down happily as a member of our family.

Cyril Gladding of Wickford, Essex, came to St. Dunstan's in May, 1969. He is a retired shop-keeper and a widower. He lives with his sister. Mr. Gladding served in the First World War with the 9th London Regiment as a Rifleman.

Can you beat this?

RONALD ELLIS of Upton St. Leonard, Glos. has a budgerigar which has reached the ripe old age of 18 years. It would be interesting to know if any St. Dunstaner has a budgerigar older than this!

Bridge Notes

TRIBUTE TO CHARLIE KELK

From Roy Armstrong, Bridge Club Captain, of Walthamstow, E.17

If I were to start a personal tribute to the passing of Charlie Kelk with the words "With deep regret" I feel that it would be a little hypocritical.

We, whom he has left, feel sad at his departing, knowing Charlie as we did. He was a great character and an enormous help to the Bridge Club.

Although he had more dealings with the Brighton side, he served on the club committee, giving his time and helpfulness unstintingly. There are also many people who have, through Charlie's help and patience, enjoyed many, many hours with a chess set.

Chess, as in Bridge and life itself, constitutes a great challenge. Charlie liked a challenge.

As we all know, it takes a lot of guts and great courage when the odds are so heavily stacked against us and with all of Charlie's handicaps it could not have been easy, yet he won through all the problems with which he was beset.

We, at the Bridge table, will miss him; those at the Chess table will miss him; we that have known him will miss him, but to Charlie I would say:

I believe that there is a God and in the field of my beliefs we say people are "promoted to Glory". So I say, on behalf of all the Bridge Club members and friends who have known Charlie and will miss him "Congratulations on Promotion, Charlie".

From Sammy Webster, East Saltdean, Brighton, Sussex

Many St. Dunstaners will learn with regret of the passing of Charlie Kelk. Charlie, despite his very serious disability, inspired many St. Dunstaners to participate in various activities. He was responsible for putting on the Chess Congress at Ovingdean. He encouraged a great many

St. Dunstaners in the Brighton area to take up Bridge; he was a very keen player himself and for many years he was captain of a St. Dunstan's Bridge team which played in the Sussex League. He also made the annual journey to Harrogate. A keen member of the Brighton Club he participated in many of the Club's activities including Bowls, Whist, Darts and Swimming.

Yes, Charlie undoubtedly was a very remarkable person. He had a great sense of humour and I am quite sure many of his colleagues will remember him with gratitude. "Rest in Peace, Charlie, we will remember you".

Individual Competitions

Brighton

The fourth Individual Competition of the Brighton Section was held on Saturday, 10th May and the results were as follows:

W. T. Scott and J. Chell ..	75
J. Whitcombe and B. Ingrey ..	68
F. Mathewman and S. Webster ..	64
F. Rhodes and partner ..	62
W. Burnett and partner ..	56
A. Smith and H. Kerr ..	53

N.B.—Regarding the third Individual Competition of the Brighton Section the cumulative total for W. Scott should have read 177 not 167 as in the June *Review*.

The fifth Individual Competition of the Brighton Section was held on Saturday, 31st May and the results are as follows:

J. Chell and W. Burnett ..	78
J. Whitcombe and A. Smith ..	71
F. Rhodes and M. Clements ..	70
B. Ingrey and W. Scott ..	66
F. Griffie and F. Mathewman ..	56
S. Webster and R. Goding ..	51

Bridge Notes

The cumulative positions are as follows:

B. Ingrey	366
J. Whitcombe	358
A. Smith	320
W. Scott	318
J. Chell	318
S. Webster	312
F. Rhodes	311
F. Mathewman	299
W. Burnett	285

After four matches

M. Clements	290
F. Griffie	278
R. Goding	217

After three matches

S. McNamara	179
H. Kerr	168

After two matches

P. Carr	135
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London

The fifth Individual Competition of the London Section was held on Saturday, 7th June.

The results are as follows:

R. Fullard and R. Evans ..	72
P. Nuyens and J. Huk ..	72
E. Carpenter and J. Lynch ..	69
R. Armstrong and F. Jackson ..	63
M. Tybinski and P. Pescott ..	62
Jones	62
R. Stanners and R. Bickley ..	59
Miss V. Kemmish and F. Pusey ..	55
G. P. Brown and H. King ..	52

The cumulative positions are as follows:

P. Nuyens	369
E. Carpenter	341
H. King	331
G. P. Brown	323
F. Pusey	322
M. Tybinski	321
R. Fullard	318
J. Lynch	317
R. Armstrong	316
R. Stanners	302
J. Huk	290
Miss V. Kemmish	252

After four matches

R. Bickley	257
R. Evans	245
H. Meleson	229

After three matches

P. Pescott Jones	168
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After two matches

F. Jackson	132
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IMPORTANT NOTICE

The sixth Individual Bridge Competition which was originally to be played on the 5th July has unfortunately to be cancelled owing to the fact that many of our members will be on holiday during that week. This fixture will now be held at a date yet to be arranged after the August recess. All members, however, will be notified regarding the new date as soon as this can be arranged.

Bridge Drive

It was encouraging to see sixteen of our St. Dunstaners with their wives and friends enjoying the Bridge Drive held at the London Club on Saturday, 17th May.

First on the prize list was **Paul Nuyens**, partnered by **Miss Molly Byrne**, who is no stranger to St. Dunstan's. The second place was taken by Joe Carney (who, it may be remembered, won our first Bridge Drive of the year) and had travelled up from Bournemouth to be with us on this occasion. He played with Mr. K. Craigie. The third prize was won by Ernie Carpenter and his partner Mr. J. Armstrong.

Mrs. Les Douglass graciously presented the prizes to the winners of the day after which the company dispersed—some to go home, or to other social occasions, while the rest stayed at the Club to play a friendly game of Bridge for the remainder of the evening.

R. ARMSTRONG,
Captain.



The three Victors Ludorum with their "Oscars": (left-to-right) Ted Bunting, Bill Phillips and Wally Lethbridge.
Jerry Lynch throws the discus.



Tea interval under Ovingdean's Mediterranean style sun-shades with weather to match.

SUN SPORTS

Brilliant sunshine, gay striped sun shades over the tea tables—Ovingdean put on its most charming and smiling face for the 1969 sports. Maybe it was the sunshine that brought out a very good entry of thirty-six St. Dunstaners competing in what must be rated as a highly successful tournament, Victors Ludorum in the three sections and winners of the attractive statuettes, rather like the film world's Oscars, were Bill Phillips, totally blind; Ted Bunting, semi-sighted and Wally Lethbridge, doubly handicapped.

One event in the sports which, perhaps, did suffer from the conditions was the walking. The enclosed space of the Hove Stadium was shimmering in the morning heat and the cinder track a dust bowl but there was some good walking, notably from Micky Burns and Bill Allen winner and second in the totally blind contest over 3 miles and from Bill Miller and Fred Barratt who filled these positions in the semi-sighted competition. The bravest competitor must have been Stewart Spence who completed the 1½ miles walk—six hard laps—despite his extra disability.

Sir Edwin and Lady Arrowsmith and Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Lloyds were present at the field sports on Saturday afternoon. Two new gadgets for the doubly handicapped were used for the first time to permit these St. Dunstaners to take part in the javelin and shot. In the shot Dickie Richardson threw 16 feet and in the javelin, Bill Griffiths, using a stand rather like a rocket launcher, covered 30 feet

5 inches of space with his winning throw. Good times were put up in the 75 yards sprint. Bill Phillips 10.3 secs in the totally blind section and Ted Bunting 9.5 secs in the semi-sighted. Bill Griffiths, totally blind, in the doubly handicapped section produced 12.7 secs.

More gadgetry for the doubly handicapped in the Ten-pin bowling and Wally Lethbridge mastered the technique best to score 20. Dicky Richardson, who was the 'guinea pig' for the trials of the device, must have been disappointed that he could not repeat some of the shots he made in demonstrating for the *Review* last month. Among the semi-sighted Billy Miller showed fine style to hold off the challenge of Johnny Cope while Stan Tutton had the beating of Jimmy Wright and the other totally blind bowlers.

On Sunday morning, once again, Mike Tetley dominated the swimming events in the totally blind sector although he could not match Bill Phillips at

plate-diving. Seeing the pile of plates he brought up—someone told Bill he should have been a waiter—your correspondent's opinion is that he thought they were silver! The swimming honours went round among the semi-sighted: Johnnie Cope won the free-style, Alan Wortley, the breast stroke and Fred Barratt the dlunge. Wally Lethbridge and Bill Griffiths were first and second in both free-style and breast-stroke in the double handicapped section.

The final event of the week-end was the Braille Car Rally which took seventeen cars driven by members of Brighton Institute of Advanced Motorists and navigated by St. Dunstaners through nearly 60 miles of Sussex lanes. The combination of Col. Walter's Braille and Doug. Jeff's driving won them this event and it was appropriate that Mr. Jeff's car should win as he is Secretary of the Advanced Motorists in Brighton and responsible for the organisation of the event. At the presentation of prizes by Miss Frances Ramshaw in the Wintergarden, Commandant Fawcett took the opportunity of expressing St. Dunstan's thanks to these expert and kindly motorists.



St. Dunstons Sports Results

Victor Ludorum Winners

Place	Totally Blind	Points	Place	Semi-Sighted	Points	Place	Doubly Handicapped	Points
1st	W. Phillips	56	1st	E. Bunting	38	1st	W. Lethbridge	30
2nd	W. Claydon	50	2nd	J. Cope	29½	2nd	W. Griffiths	26
3rd	M. Tetley	45	3rd	F. Barratt	29	3rd	W. Richardson	22

Best Beginner. P. Logan

SHOOTING

T.B.	1st R. Williams	45 pts.
	2nd P. Logan	41 pts.
S.S.	1st J. Lynch	42 pts.
	2nd W. Miller } J. Cope }	41 pts.
D.H.	1st D. Bell	29 pts.
	2nd W. Griffiths	23 pts.

1½ MILE WALK (Handicap)

		Time
T.B.	1st R. Williams	15.02
	2nd W. Griffiths	15.24
S.S.	1st J. Cope	17.36
	2nd J. Bailey	18.52

3 MILE WALK (Handicap)

T.B.	1st M. Burns	27.41
	2nd W. Allen	28.43
S.S.	1st W. Miller	28.25
	2nd F. Barratt	28.37

75 YARD SPRINT

T.B.	1st W. Phillips	10.3
	2nd W. Claydon	10.8
S.S.	1st E. Bunting	9.5
	2nd J. Lynch	10.1

SHOTT PUTT

T.B.	1st W. Phillips	29ft. 2in.
	2nd W. Claydon	24ft. 8½in.
S.S.	1st E. Bunting	28ft. 5in.
	2nd F. Barratt	24ft. 9in.
D.H.	1st W. Richardson	16ft.
	2nd D. Bell	15ft. 1in.

DISCUS

T.B.	1st W. Claydon	60ft. 2in.
	2nd W. Phillips	59ft. 10in.
S.S.	1st E. Bunting	62ft. 9in.
	2nd F. Barratt	58ft. 3in.
D.H.	1st W. Richardson	34ft. 7in.
	2nd S. Spence	30ft. 9in.

JAVELIN

T.B.	1st W. Phillips	74ft. 10in.
	2nd J. Simpson	69ft. 8in.
S.S.	1st E. Bunting	82ft. 7in.
	2nd J. Cope	74ft. 6in.
D.H.	1st W. Griffiths	30ft. 5in.
	2nd R. Young	27ft. 7½in.

MEDICINE BALL

T.B.	1st W. Phillips	40ft. 5in.
	2nd W. Claydon	36ft. 5in.
S.S.	1st E. Bunting	39ft. 9in.
	2nd F. Barratt	34ft. 6in.
D.H.	1st W. Lethbridge	24ft. 9in.
	2nd W. Richardson	19ft. 9in.

LONG JUMP

T.B.	1st W. Phillips	7ft. 11in.
	2nd W. Claydon	7ft. 2½in.
S.S.	1st E. Bunting	8ft. 6in.
	2nd F. Barratt	7ft. 9in.

OBSTACLE RACE

T.B.	1st W. Phillips	40 sec.
	2nd M. Burns	48 sec.
S.S.	1st E. Bunting	29 sec.
	2nd W. Miller	33 sec.
D.H.	1st W. Griffiths	65 sec.
	2nd W. Richardson	67 sec.

10-PIN BOWLING

T.B.	1st S. Tutton	32 pts.
	2nd J. Wright	30 pts.
S.S.	1st W. Miller	56 pts.
	2nd J. Cope	46 pts.
D.H.	1st W. Lethbridge	20 pts.
	2nd D. Bell	9 pts.

SWIMMING

FREE STYLE

T.B.	1st M. Tetley	16 sec.
	2nd W. Phillips	17.2 sec.
S.S.	1st J. Cope	18 sec.
	2nd E. Bunting	18.5 sec.
D.H.	1st W. Lethbridge	21 sec.
	2nd W. Griffiths	30.4 sec.

BREAST STROKE

T.B.	1st M. Tetley	23.5 sec.
	2nd W. Phillips	24.4 sec.
S.S.	1st A. Wortley	20 sec.
	2nd E. Bunting	22.2 sec.
D.H.	1st W. Lethbridge	21.5 sec.
	2nd W. Griffiths	30.2 sec.

PLUNGE

T.B.	1st M. Tetley	49 ft.
	2nd J. Wright	43 ft.
S.S.	1st F. Barratt	47 ft.
	2nd A. Wortley	41 ft.

PLATE DIVING

T.B.	1st W. Phillips	9 pts.
	2nd M. Tetley	2 pts.
S.S.	1st F. Barratt	15 pts.
	2nd A. Wortley } J. Cope }	12 pts.

CAR RALLY

1st	Col. Walters [Navigator] and Doug Jeffs. [Driver]
2nd	A. Wortley (Navigator) and Geoff. Voice (Driver)

Ovingdean Notes

Fishing

by

Frank Hicks

Three days at sea out of four was, we hope, a good omen for other St. Dunstan's fishing parties this Summer. A party of seven St. Dunstaners, Dennis Bingham, Tommy Daborn, Stewart Spence, Bob Young, Tiger Martin, Tiny Pointon and myself put out on a millpond sea from Shoreham Harbour on Tuesday, 13th May.

The fishing proved as good as the weather and at the end of the day we had about forty bream on board to say nothing of other minor species which had the misfortune to come our way.

On Wednesday we put out of Newhaven. The weather was overcast but the sea had only a mild chop. We anchored about eight miles off the coast but the fishing was sparse. At half past eleven the heavens opened and down fell a very wet sky. The less hardy stuck it for about half an hour then led by me retired to the shelter of the cabin, until the sky returned to its normal abode. I understood from those equipped with the better oilskins that the fish bit well while the rain came down. I willingly took their word for it.

On Thursday the weather was still overcast and there was a stiff wind blowing. When we first got out there was a trawler near us who communicated his surprise at seeing us by calling up our skipper on the R.T. and asking if we had heard the weather forecast. We replied that we had and just adored Rosea Kemp's Aussie accent. Meanwhile we were fishing and had the distinction of being the only boat out on those waters for the last hour and a half. But eventually the skipper decided that it was getting too rough and we put back to Newhaven at about quarter to three.

On Friday alas we came to early breakfast and the news that fishing was off as the seas were so high. Nevertheless we had all enjoyed three good days and hope that other fishing parties have even better.

We would like to thank the organisers and particularly Jock Carnochan and Roger Moore, our willing aids at sea.

Club News

London Club Notes

As we have now completed our sessions of the Sir Arthur Pearson Aggregate Domino Competition games, it is hoped to start the Domino Fives and Threes and the Cribbage Competitions soon.

Now the better weather is here we hope all our friends at the London Club who have been ill will soon be better and be able to rejoin us again soon.

Winners of the last two of the Sir Arthur Pearson Aggregate Domino Competition Games the best six of eight games were as follows:

May 15th	1	G. P. Brown	7
	2	C. Hancock	6
	3	W. Miller	5
		J. Murray	5
May 22nd	1	G. P. Brown	12
	2	R. Fullard	6
		C. Hancock	6
		W. Miller	6

The ultimate winners of this competition were:

1	G. P. Brown	51
2	C. Hancock	44
3	R. Fullard	39

A very warm "thank you" to St. Dunstaner John Cowan and his colleagues at Boreham Wood British Legion for the splendid evening they gave club members on 7th June. All were highly delighted with their presents.

W. MILLER.

EDITOR'S NOTE.

We hope to print a full report of the evening's entertainment in the August Review.

Midland Club Notes

Yet again we managed to pick a showery day for our annual outing. This year a river trip was the main feature. We left Birmingham at 11 a.m. and arrived in Oxford in time for lunch at the Clarendon Hotel where we were joined by Mrs. Spurway, one of the founders of our club, and whom we were all very pleased to see.

After lunch we went by coach to the boat which was to take us up the river to Abingdon, a journey of an hour and three-quarters. Although the wind was chilly it was an enjoyable trip and quite an experience going through the locks.

On arrival at Abingdon we disembarked and went for a walk to find some tea. It was then time to board the coach for the trip home but we stopped at Stratford-upon-Avon to see our friends at the British Legion whom we hope to meet again in September when we make our annual visit.

Our monthly meeting was held on Sunday, 8th June and we had quite a good attendance and played off the three-quarter final domino matches. We all thanked Mrs. Bilcliff for arranging an excellent tea for us all.

D. A. CASHMORE.

Back to the Battlefields

My wife and I have just returned from a tour of the battlefields in France and Belgium organised by the British Legion, London. It was a most interesting four days and we covered a good deal of ground. The weather was kind and just right for all the walking around involved. It was a strange feeling for me, going over this ground on pleasure after the horrors which took place fifty-odd years ago. Our hotel was in Ypres and on the very spot where I was stationed all those years ago, so maybe you can imagine how I felt when my wife told me our bedroom window was right opposite the Cloth Hall Tower. Here are some of the places we visited, maybe bring back memories to some of you as they did to me.

First day—Boesinghe, Langemarck, St. Julien, Passchendæle, Tyne Cot, Zonnebeke, Sanctuary Wood, Menin Road, Hellfire Corner, Hill 60.

2nd day—Arras, Messines, Ploegsteert, Armentières, Fleurbaix, Neuve Chappelle, Vimy Ridge. At Fleurbaix we had a most unusual welcome. Apparently they were waiting for the coach to turn the corner and as soon as it did the biggest log fire I've ever seen burst into flames; it certainly was a warm welcome and very touching indeed. We will never forget it.

After a marvellous lunch we went on to Albert via Thiepval, Bapaume, Lille, Menin.



John Walker at Sanctuary Wood

3rd day—Visited Poperinghe and went to Toc H Talbot House which is still kept the same after all these years; most interesting going through the rooms. Back in Ypres on the Sunday there was a service in St. George's Church where the Bishop of Fulham gave the address. After the service we all marched with the colours to the Cloth Hall to meet the Burgomaster where drinks and smokes were handed round. We collected outside the hall and with the town band marched to the Menin Gate, where a poppy wreath was laid and the Last Post sounded again—all very moving. Apparently every evening at nine o'clock three buglers sound the Last Post. All traffic is halted till it is over and this is carried out throughout the year and has been since the 1914 War ended; a very touching tribute to our boys who gave their lives. Proves without a doubt they are never forgotten. As for the memorials, they have to be seen to be believed. Just wonderful.

Trenches

I would also like to add that anyone who has lost a loved one during that time can take comfort from the fact that the graves are very well cared for. A good deal of the trenches are still the same and many relics of guns, shells, battered helmets and the like. Alongside this was an old hut which had more photographs and many bits and pieces of the war.

Of course, the surrounding country is now all built up but very surprising that still much remains to revive one's memories. I was so pleased that I was able to go and see it all again and I'm quite sure there are some of the old boys left who would also like to do the same.

I laid my wreath at the Menin Road Cemetery which lies between Menin Gate and Hellfire Corner, where I was one of the many in the thick of it all. There were 250 in our party and I was the only St. Dunstan, but everyone was most kind and a jolly crowd. We made many friends before the time came to part.

JOHN WALKER



Mrs. Jeanette Jarvis

MARRIED DOWN UNDER

Jeanette, daughter of Squire and Betty Brooks of Welwyn Garden City was married in Sydney, on 17th March, to Ted Jarvis. The young couple had known each other at home for some time and emigrated to Australia on board the same ship. They plan to move on to Brisbane in due course. Our warm congratulations to Squire and Betty and best wishes for happiness in their married life to Ted and Jeanette.

BOWLS SONG

This song was sung by Iris Gillett at the R.A.F. Association, Eastbourne, at a party given for the St. Dunstaners and Scottish Bowling teams for 1969.

This is a song of a man gone wrong, whose socks are all in holes.
A man who cursed the day he first took up the game of bowls.
He played No. 1 and thought it fun, a game without a care,
So he rolled a wood as he thought he should, but it didn't get half way there,
The Skip with a snort said "You're always short, you something son of a witch".
So he gave it some more and suddenly saw that it rolled right in the ditch.

CHORUS:

Draw near and shed a tear for the man whom nought consoles,
For he loudly cursed the day he first took up the game of bowls.

At No. 2 he thought he knew the game from A to Z,
But his shots went wide or passed inside, he could never build a head.
Now change your hand was the Skip's command, in case the other fires,
So he rolled a wood that should have been good, but forgot to change the bias.

CHORUS.

At No. 3 he thought with glee at firing he was hot,
So he sent up an ace at a scorching pace, and missed the blooming lot.
Now just a draw did the Skip implore, we're lying 5, I think,
But he hit the Jack an almighty whack and knocked it out of the rink.

CHORUS.

The moment came when he reached the fame of Skipping for his side,
In a snow-white hat he took the mat, his chest puffed out with pride.
But the team he got was a shocking lot of neophytes and dubs,
His luck was out without a doubt and he never got the rubs.

CHORUS.

With guts galore he entered for the singles championship,
He began to grin for his luck was in and it really seemed a snip.
At the 18th end he called to a friend "We're leading 19-8"
The answer came "What an awful shame, your woods are out-of-date!"

CHORUS.

He died one day in the midst of play and bitter is his cup,
He was bound to go to the realms below 'cos he never could be up.
Now this poor old soul bowls lumps of coal to the jack he can't quite see,
On a bumpy rink of red-hot zink and he never breaks for tea!

CHORUS.

Letters to the Editor

From R. Dufton of Twyford, Berks.

If I may comment on the comparison drawn by Lord Fraser in "Chairman's Notes" (May *Review*) on the relative quality of sound reception on Television and Radio, I would say that there are a number of reasons why radio sets generally have a better performance.

Firstly, in Television the picture with its greater complexity is always given priority and particularly in "outside" broadcasting where both telephone lines and radio links are usually involved before the programme is sent out from the main transmitter.

The question of picture priority also comes into the design of the Television set itself where the speaker is usually much smaller than the one fitted in our up-to-date portable radio sets used by blind people. The trend towards slimmer Television sets has also resulted in a restricted speaker space and hence a limitation on audio quality.

It may be of interest to mention that the concealed "neck" or "tie" type of microphone used for many Television interviews results in loss of clarity as the voice does not fall directly upon it.

Finally I have spoken to the Manufacturing Trade Association concerned with these matters and, while they agree that Television sound often leaves much to be desired for the reasons mentioned above, they are not very hopeful about improvement in the immediate future.

From A. G. Bradley of Northwood Hills, Middlesex

Is entertainment all sixes and sevens?

When reviewing the book "Murder in Mind" by Dulcie Gray, Frank left us with the thought that "... it might well be argued that it would be less harmful for children to hear the sexual episodes, than those of the wife plotting to murder her husband".

I don't want to expand this point out of all recognition, but I was aware of the tips of two icebergs. One being the very large proportion of books, films, etc., being circulated as entertainment media which are considered as most unsuitable for children. The other, a great national atti-

tude to let the youngsters find their own way through it, or to resign oneself to the conclusion that if it was too harmful it wouldn't be produced.

I suppose that we all, as parents or guardians, try to exercise some sort of protective screen in the hope that a bit of restraint here and there will have the effect of putting things in their proper perspective.

But after all, there can be no perfect protection, it's rather like trying to keep water in a colander. You put two fingers over holes, to find that the water is streaming out of a hundred more.

The ideal then would seem to be an inner spirit of correct discernment, to help the child to accept, enjoy and follow that which is good and to reject, disown and deplore the bad.

If I ever need a reason for having been associated with the local Junior Sunday School for about the past eight years, this sort of situation supplies it immediately, and completely. In this context of teaching, I find the only mental fulcrum to apply to balance correctly the inner spirit of discernment.

To be quite frank, if a book or play breaks either the sixth or seventh commandment as its theme, do the children (or we) have to accept it as a medium of entertainment?

From Harry Chorlton of Manchester

In reply to the letter of G. Whittaker, Bradford, Yorks. I am surprised that any suggestion of a uniform of any kind should be worn by a St. Dunstaner, particularly a second-hand one, which I am afraid is not very colourful. Oh yes, I was proud to wear my service uniform, and also to wear my St. Dunstan's badge at all times.

If G.W. of Bradford is not happy about the present badge I suggest the following: an enamel badge, in colour, about one-and-a-half inch, depicting a soldier in hospital blue walking with head erect, showing his dark hair, a white bandage covering the eyes, carrying a white stick held at about 30 degrees. The public all know that symbol; there would be no vanity in that as a uniform would be.

A uniform takes away the pride of

dressing up to one's taste and to suit the occasion, the dark hair would denote that those who made the sacrifice were mostly in the prime of life. I myself was nineteen years of age when receiving my mustard gas burns. That's going back a bit, but still fresh in my memory.

From Mrs. Margaret Stanway of Macclesfield, Cheshire.

Did G. Whittaker write his letter to the *Review* about Civil Defence uniforms for St. Dunstaners with his tongue in his cheek? We know suits are very dear to buy, but those suits are certainly "not with it" and even though the male sex will say fashion is of no interest, this is a bit of a fallacy. If these uniforms were to be worn here at Ovingdean, think what a depressing crowd they would look to the Staff, all dressed like boys at school or prisoners in jail! Think how much pleasanter it is to see brightly coloured shirts and jumpers moving around; the sight must gladden their eyes!

And what about the "girls"? Leave off our pretty dresses for a dark blue uniform. No thank you! We'd rather be seen dead. Of course if Norman Hartnell could be consulted and produced something absolutely feminine, and flattering, we might think again.

The Lansdowne Baptist Church, Bournemouth

Miss V. M. Eades, who has purchased goods from St. Dunstan's for a considerable time, and has now retired after working at the Star and Garter Home for the Disabled and thought that St. Dunstaners might like to know that her church, the Lansdowne Baptist Church, Lansdowne Road, Bournemouth, offers help "any time, day or night, telephone Bournemouth 25441, and listen to the message for the day". There are also copies of sermons of their Pastor, F. W. Dixon, Lansdowne, Bournemouth, in Braille or Moon type, which she feels sure might help someone. There is no charge to the blind. There are also tape recordings. If anyone is in need of spiritual help perhaps they would like to make use of this service.



Sports Weekend

Brighton sports are here at last and a chance to get away from the humdrum of the shop. A chance to show that I am as good as I ever was, at least to myself.

On the sports field I flex my muscles, in short, trying to impress those onlookers. Whilst holding the 16 lb. shot, trying to handle it as if it was made of air, finding my correct stance before putting the shot, my ego was boosted to the heavens when a voice said:

"You look great Fred. You look like Hercules".

My chest swelled up and then went flat when the voice added "Steptoe's horse!"

COME WITH ME!

Miss de Burlet is organising an eight-mile walk across the Downs on Sunday, 24th August. The idea being to walk four miles to an inn and after stopping a suitable time for refreshment, to walk the four miles home again. St. Dunstaners who are interested, please get in touch with **Miss de Burlet, at 4 Weston Road, Petersfield, Hants.** If you would like to bring your own escort he or she will be very welcome but if this cannot be managed would you please let Miss de Burlet know and she will try and arrange an escort for you. Further details will appear in the August *Review*.

National President

Our St. Dunstaner, DAVID BELL of Edinburgh, is National President of the Round Table this year. He is doing a lot of travelling both in this country and on the Continent in connection with his Presidency.

British Talking Book Service for the Blind

Cat. No.

- 492 ARMSTRONG, THOMAS
(2) *SUE CROWTHER'S MARRIAGE* (1961)
Sequel to *The Crowthers of Bankdam*. Read by Stephen Jack. Sue Crowther is a steadfast, gallant young woman who manages to keep her own high standards in the face of harrowing circumstances.
P.T. 21½ hours.
- 527 BATES, H. E.
THE JACARANDA TREE (1949)
Read by Anthony Parker. Fleeing from Japanese invaders, a group of British people make a hazardous journey across Burma with tragic results.
P.T. 10½ hours.
- 539 BRAINE, JOHN
ROOM AT THE TOP (1959)
Read by Eric Gillett. Joe Lampton's ambitions are complicated by his passionate love affair with a married woman.
P.T. 9¾ hours.
- 504 BURKE, DAVID
MONDAY AT McMURDO (1967)
Read by Marvin Kane. A visiting party of V.I.P.s is stranded on a desolate glacier.
P.T. 8¼ hours.
- 545 CHURCH, RICHARD
THE DANGEROUS YEARS (1956)
Read by David Broomfield. Unexpected love comes to disturb the peace of Mary Winterbourne, a widow of 50.
P.T. 9¾ hours.
- 501 COLLINS, NORMAN
(2) *THE GOVERNOR'S LADY* (1968)
Read by Garard Green. A colonial governor in Africa meets a sudden end while on safari, and his lady knows more than she is willing to tell.
P.T. 15½ hours.
- 530 CRICHTON-SMITH, IAIN
CONSIDER THE LILIES (1968)
Read by Stanley Pritchard. This is the story of an old Highland woman about to become a victim of the Sutherland Clearances during the first part of the last century.
P.T. 5¾ hours.
- 525 DEIGHTON, LEN
AN EXPENSIVE PLACE TO DIE (1967)
Read by David Broomfield. A middle-aged English spy is sent to France to deliver a file, and finds himself involved in a macabre operation among the boulevards and back streets of Paris.
P.T. 7½ hours.
- 537 DU MAURIER, DAPHNE
JAMAICA INN (1936)
Read by Duncan Carse. Tells of smugglers and wreckers carrying on their secret activities along the cliffs of Cornwall.
P.T. 10¾ hours.
- 535 DURBRIDGE, FRANCIS
THE DESPERATE PEOPLE (1966)
Read by Garard Green. A London photographer investigates his brother's death.
P.T. 6½ hours.

Birthday Honours

DENIS G. CHURCH, a Principal at the Board of Trade has been awarded the O.B.E. in the Prime Minister's List in the Birthday Honours. We congratulate Denis and his wife Susan on this well-deserved honour.

Derby Sweepstake

We did not sell quite so many tickets this year—172 less than we sold last year. The draw was carried out by Bill Harding of the London Club. After printing expenses had been deducted the prize money was divided in accordance with the published rules.

1st. BLAKENEY. Ticket No. 343 was drawn by H. Pople of Herefordshire and the prize money of £200 19s. 6d. was sent to him.

2nd. SHOEMAKER. Ticket No. 737 was drawn by R. Robinson of Acton, W.5, and the prize money of £80 7s. 6d. was paid out to him.

3rd. PRINCE REGENT. Ticket No. 505 was drawn by J. Hiscock of Pearson House, Brighton, and the prize money of £40 3s. 6d. was sent to him.

After the three placed horses there were 23 runners and the holders of these tickets received £3 10s. 4d.

Family News

Marriage

DODGSON-WARNER. On 21st May, 1969, Alfred Dodgson of Aberdare, Glam. married Mrs. Warner.

Silver Weddings

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. R. N. Beales of Hereford who celebrated their Silver Wedding Anniversary on 3rd June, 1969.

Congratulations to MR. AND MRS. J. A. LEE of Saltdean, Sussex, who celebrated their Silver Wedding Anniversary on 12th June, 1969.

Family News

Ruby Wedding

Warm congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. E. FLYNN of Horley, Surrey, who celebrated their Ruby Wedding Anniversary on 9th June, 1969.

Golden Weddings

Very many congratulations to MR. AND MRS. L. CLARKE, St. Helen's, Lancashire, who celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary on 14th June, 1969.

Sincere congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. A. HAYES of Nottingham, who celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary on 7th June, 1969.

Many congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. B. E. VARLEY of Marks Tey, Essex, who celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary on 4th June, 1969.

Many congratulations to MR. AND MRS. E. J. WEST of Egham, Surrey, who celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary on 19th April, 1969.

Grandfathers

Congratulations to:

JAMES BLAKELEY of Farnworth, Lancs, on the arrival of a grand-daughter, Alexandra Platt, born on 31st May, 1969.

GEORGE COLE of Shoreham-by-Sea, Sussex, on the arrival of his 5th grandchild, Nicola, born on 18th April, 1969 to his son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Christopher Cole.

THOMAS HARRISON of Sheffield, when his daughter, Margaret, gave birth to her first child, Angela Louise Hindle, on 26th April, 1969.

GERALD WOOD of Northampton, who became a grand-parent when his daughter Merle, gave birth to a daughter, Kathryn Jayne, on 19th May, 1969.

Roger, son of our St. Dunstaner, GEORGE COLE of Shoreham-by-Sea, was married to Miss Judith Carter of Sompting, Sussex, on 3rd May, 1969.

Hilda Mary, daughter of GEORGE JAKINS of Guildford, Surrey, married David John Morris at St. Mary's Church, Guildford, on 29th March, 1969.

Phyllis, daughter of our St. Dunstaner, DAVID MORGAN of Tredegar, Monmouth, married George Clarkeson on 24th May, 1969, in Cardiff.

Honor Mary, elder daughter of FREDERICK DICKERSON of Bristol, married Gerald Robert Neilson at St. Joseph's Church, Fishponds, Bristol, on 7th June, 1969.

Sylvia, daughter of PHILIP BAGWELL of Salisbury, Wilts, has passed the Intermediate examination for Chartered Accountancy.

Vivienne, daughter of FRED BARRATT of West Ham, E.15, has passed her examination into the Grammar School.

Arthur, son of HERBERT FROST of Manchester has obtained his Bronze Medal for Ballroom Dancing and is hoping to take his Silver Medal examination soon.

Susan Thompson, grand-daughter of HENRY WOOD of Doncaster, has won a Silver Medal for swimming, and a Bronze Medal for Ballroom Dancing.

Deaths

We offer our very sincere sympathy to:

F. BARRATT of Barking, Essex, on the death of his mother a few weeks ago.

R. G. FIELD of Potters Bar, Herts, who mourns the death of his sister on 26th May, 1969, in hospital.

JOCK MACFARLANE on the tragic death of his son, Neil Stewart, on 21st April, 1969, at the age of 41. Jock and his wife thank all those kind friends who wrote or telephoned to express sympathy.

ARTHUR TOWNSEND of Birmingham, who mourns the death of his wife on 8th June, 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.

Walter George Aries. *Royal Field Artillery.*

Walter George Aries, late of Crawley, and temporarily residing at Pearson House, died on 6th June, 1969. He was 76 years of age.

He enlisted in 1914 in the Royal Field Artillery and served with them until his discharge in 1917. He did not come to St. Dunstan's until 1964 when he had already retired but he took an interest in learning typewriting and as a hobby made sea grass stools. He also took an interest in playing Bridge. He was a widower and leaves a married son and a sister.

Norman Abraham Coates. *Royal Navy.*

Norman Abraham Coates of St. Leonards-on-Sea, died on 28th May, 1969 at the age of 61.

He served in the Royal Navy from January, 1940 until January, 1941 and came to St. Dunstan's in 1952. When he came to St. Dunstan's his health was seriously impaired but prior to his war service he had been Editor of the Bladen Courier and had been a journalist and he carried on with these interests as a hobby for the rest of his life. Mr. Coates spent a considerable time in and out of hospital and lived for a short while at Ovingdean until his marriage in 1959. Mrs. Coates has nursed her husband devotedly.

Charles Thomas Kelk. *Royal Field Artillery.*

Charles Thomas Kelk of Rottingdean, Sussex, died on 21st May, 1969, at the age of 74 years.

He served with the Royal Field Artillery from 1911 to 1915 and came to St. Dunstan's in 1952. In addition to his blindness Mr. Kelk's injuries necessitated the amputation of both hands and consequently when he was admitted to St. Dunstan's it was not possible for him to undertake training, but Mr. Kelk was a keen bridge and bowls player. He also initiated the Chess Club at Ovingdean and remained one of the leading players and although he felt very unwell recently Mr. Kelk led the players at the Chess week-end meeting at Ovingdean and will be sadly missed by all members of the Chess, Bridge and Bowls Clubs. Despite his war injuries Mr. Kelk led a very active life until two years ago when his health began to deteriorate and although he made a remarkable recovery from a serious operation last year he has needed careful

nursing which he had at home by his wife but of recent weeks his condition had deteriorated noticeably.

He leaves a widow, young daughter and two sons by a previous marriage.

Thomas Plant. *2nd Leicestershire Regiment.*

Thomas Plant, who was living permanently at Pearson House, died on 27th May, 1969. He was 77 years of age.

He served as a Private in the 2nd Leicestershire Regiment from 1915 to 1923. He was gassed at Ypres in 1917 but his sight did not fail until 1956 when he came to St. Dunstan's. He was a widower.

Alfred George L. Ricketts. *Royal Engineers.*

Alfred George L. Ricketts of Plymouth, died on 14th May, 1969, at the age of 62 years.

He enlisted in the Royal Engineers and served with them from 1941 to 1944 and came to St. Dunstan's in 1958. He did not undertake a full training course but undertook hobby training in rugs, but did not carry on this work for very long. He made numerous visits to Ovingdean between 1962 and 1965 but he had not been recently. Up to this year he enjoyed fairly good health, but in March he became seriously ill and his death on 14th May was not unexpected. He leaves a widow.

P. A. P. Webberley, M.B.E., Order of St. John of Jerusalem. *Royal Army Medical Corps.*

Philip Webberley, of Farnborough, Hants., died on the 7th June, 1969, at the age of 69 years.

He was a regular soldier, who served a total of 39 years, his last appointment before he relinquished his Commission being that of Registrar of a large hospital in Singapore. His sight ultimately failed and he came to St. Dunstan's in 1959. He did not take up any new career, but did some training at Ovingdean and was always a very keen gardener. He had operations and long spells of treatment in Moorfields Eye Hospital, when specialists tried to save his guiding sight in one eye, and he was known for the wonderful example he set the other patients by his courage and cheerfulness. He had recently been very seriously ill and he died in the Cambridge Military Hospital, Aldershot.

He leaves a widow and daughter, and two sons and a daughter by a previous marriage.

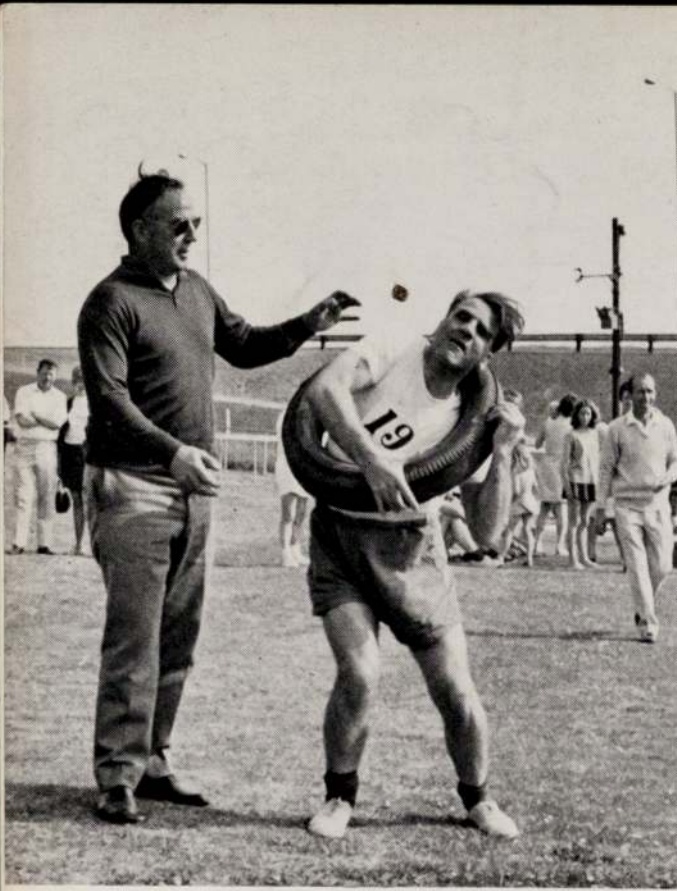


SUN SPORTS: A final check over their clues and answers for Braille car rally winners: Col. Walters and his driver Doug. Jeffs.

Special device used by Dickie Richardson, putting the shot.

Fred Barratt reaches the tape in the sprint.





SUN SPORTS: St. Dunstaners put through the hoop in the obstacle race found life had its ups and downs but Micky Burns got down to the flour tray and bounced back at the finish.

