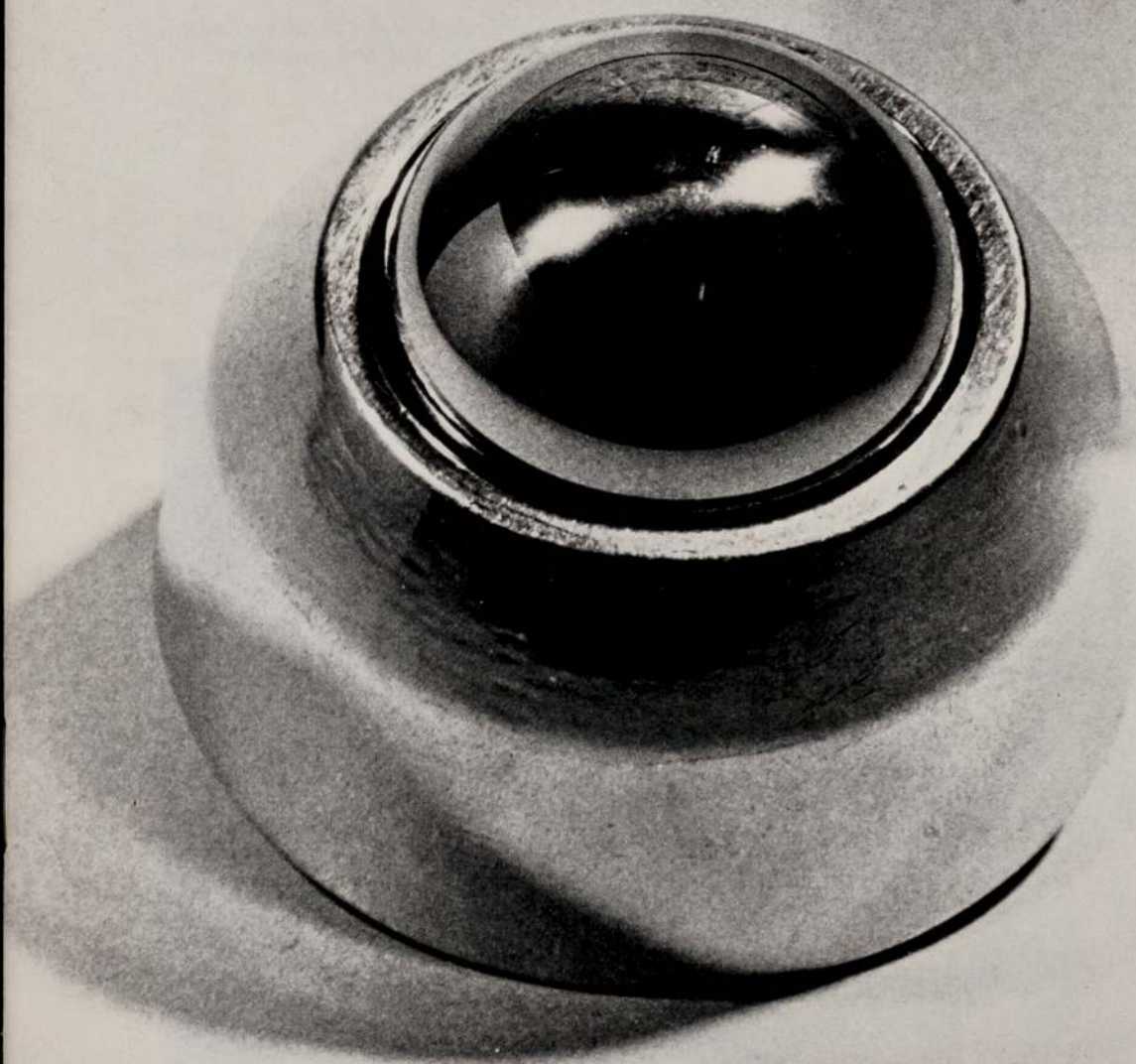


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TELEX FROM LORD FRASER:

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We have attended Reunions Cape Town and Johannesburg.—St. Dunstaners and families well and all send best wishes British comrades, especially those who were at Tembani.—We both well except Lady Fraser tripped up and broke her arm three weeks ago, much hope bandages off to-morrow.—South Africa prospering.—Our good wishes all St. Dunstaners.

EDITOR'S NOTE

St. Dunstaners everywhere will be very sorry to learn of Lady Fraser's accident, and will want to join us in wishing her a speedy recovery with a minimum of pain and discomfort.

REUNION AT CAPE TOWN

Reading from left to right:

Front row sitting: Jeff Ogg; Lord Fraser of Lonsdale; Iris de Reuck.

Middle row standing: James Auld; Keith Branson; Jimmy Ellis; Robert Owen; Roy French.

Back row standing: Jimmy Myron; Richard McGuinnes; Mr. Foster; Leslie Aldridge
The Rev. Michael Norman; Hugh Beswetherick.



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The Ball Point Revolution



One of the first Biro pens writes the title of this article.

Just over twenty-five years ago the Canadian Army Headquarters in London took delivery of a new writing instrument capable of performing in the most extreme climatic conditions, in high flying aircraft or in the wet and mud of the front line. That was the first batch of ball-point pens produced by the Miles Aircraft Company: the birth of the Biro. The man behind the scenes at Miles Aircraft in those days, who has written this article, is now St. Dunstan's Director of Research, Richard Dufton.

In the Spring of 1944 Mr. F. G. Miles, Managing Director of Miles Aircraft of Woodley, or "F.G." as he was affectionately referred to by all who were employed on the aerodrome, astonished his Experimental Department Manager and a small group of planning office men at a special demonstration. F.G. took a pen, hurled it at a dartboard, picked it up from the concrete floor on to which it had fallen and wrote with it on a piece of damp paper. That pen was a rough model, sent by a Hungarian artist and sculptor, Lazlo Biro, of a design for which he had taken out a patent in 1943—the forerunner of all today's ball-points.

It was as long ago as 1888 that the first patent for a pen with a rotary tip was filed, although the inventor did not envisage using the inks that are used today which enable one to write for a period of months

with a single refill. Lazlo Biro had taken up residence in the Argentine when he filed his patent and Miles Aircraft made contact with him there but, apart from the model, little technical information arrived at the factory.

F. G. Miles was probably the most forward-looking aircraft designer at that time for, a few yards away from the demonstration just described, an aircraft with a designed operating speed of 1,000 m.p.h. was taking shape and the Experimental Department was under a double security guard. He felt there was a great future for this new concept of writing with a pen that did not have to be refilled every few days.

COVER PICTURE. Close-up of the business end of a ball-point pen. This one is, in fact, a model one-hundred times larger than the real thing.

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Richard Dufton at work in the early days of development of the ball-point. Photo—David White, Sonning.

The principle of the pen depends largely upon a combination of a number of natural physical laws. The ball-point pulls a fast one over natural laws—a scientific description is a capillary system—the ball seals off atmospheric pressure at the writing tip while the rear end is quite open. Using an ink with, almost unbelievably, 10,000 times the resistance to flow of water or ordinary inks in a narrow bore prevents the column of ink collapsing and leaking unless the pen is mishandled.

Under conditions of complete secrecy, we started our researches and experiments. I was put in charge of the team and was allocated a technician/engineer and the help of the Work's chemist after his normal tasks of the day in the large factory. The justification for even this amount of manpower in those days of labour stringency was the possibility of using such a writing instrument in high altitude flying and a wide range of climatic conditions.

St. Dunstan's had arranged for me to join the Company early in 1942 when no less than five or six St. Dunstaners from

Church Stretton had taken up employment at Woodley. I had now gained two years' intensive experience, mostly in applied metallurgy and the production of components, with the department's aero engine development section.

I did not dream at that moment that every one of my working days for the next seventeen years would be solely concerned with ball-point pens, but that is just what happened. There were many occasions in the years that followed when I was grateful for the valuable experience on the aero-engine section, for we were soon to encounter not dissimilar problems of lubrication and wear that designers, chemists and metallurgists had contrived so effectively to improve as large aero engines of the piston type reached their ultimate stage of development.

I recall standing with the Director of a test laboratory at an international oil company, listening to his description of a flash and a cloud of smoke through the transparent observation panel of a machine for testing one of the main properties of

lubricants: that of the maximum bearing load that they will take. After checking dial readings with a test engineer he commented, "about equal to the best of our back axle oils today"—the lubricant was blue ink. These tests were important for we had found that bearing loads in the ball socket of a pen could be as high as 600 lbs. per square inch in normal handwriting.

This was in 1945 and as I will mention later, castor oil and some of its derivatives were the main solvents for the dyestuffs in the ink. Car enthusiasts may recall that pre-war racing cars were often lubricated with neat castor oil, sometimes resulting in an engine life of one Brooklands event only, for this oil cracks with gummy deposits and, while having many excellent lubricating properties, was not suited to upper cylinder temperatures.

A Few Microns

The Managing Director presided over regular meetings of our small back room group when progress was reviewed. There was no certainty that Biro's principle was scientifically sound or that the ball's running clearances, which our laboratory tests revealed were only a few microns—a micron is a thousandth of a millimetre—could be controlled economically, should large scale production be attempted. It was at these meetings that we decided on the specifications that added to the patents the vitally important clearances, tolerances, and the design of ink reservoir. There was also the wide range of properties both chemical and physical which the ink must possess: for example, the ability to give an even film on the ball; to be stable under extremes of temperature and humidity, and to write on a wide range of surfaces. In collaboration with a newly founded marketing company, patents were filed in the fifty or so trading areas in the Eastern Hemisphere. This enormous task paid dividends for, although challenged by syndicates on more than one occasion, the original design concept plus the data we established at Woodley stood the test, although only after House of Lords Appeal on the major challenge.

Towards the end of 1945 our small pilot manufacturing plant had reached the status of a factory department and a total of some 30,000 pens and refills had been produced to sell at fifty-five shillings and five shillings respectively, while a year later



An example of the first Biro with its refill made of copper tubing.

the weekly total had risen to fifty thousand. At this point we paid the penalty for sticking too closely to Biro's original design of ink reservoir, tortuously bent from a twelve inch length of copper tubing. Scrap rates began to rise in production and purchasers must, in many instances, have experienced poor writing.

Streamlined Pens

I experimented with a much simpler refill and the streamlined double ended laboratory model shown in the illustration demonstrated that a straight bore refill would function as well as the complex metal design and this principle proved to be the prototype of all today's refills and the slimmer pens that thus became practicable. With the availability of transparent plastic tubing for the first time in 1948, production rose to 150,000 a week.

In 1948, a new manufacturing company was formed at Woodley to produce the

Biro Pen and I was appointed Chief Designer. We had some fifty thousand feet of floor space to commence with and a battery of ninety instrument capstan lathes in the machine shop producing the ball socket to tolerances that could only be set using microscopes and optical projectors. All machined components had to be surgically clean; a particle of metal invisible to the eye would be quite sufficient to cause the ball to seize in its housing.

Eight conveyor assembly lines moved in parallel on the production line where the ball was fitted and the ink loaded in a controlled sequence. All inks were X-rayed to ensure consistent flow properties. A snag was the presence of minute bubbles which were eliminated by spinning the pens in high speed centrifuges.

We evolved other basic models in the next year or two. One was the refilling pencil sized model of which tens of millions were produced. A retractable tipped design and a rather unusual transparent refill in the form of a "U" tube, of which about twenty-five millions were turned out and fitted to pens in the 17/6 to 30/- price range.

Our ninety capstans were replaced by

This view of the model shows the micro-engineering of the socket.



Richard Dufton with his double-ended pen. Its straight ink barrel was a design break-through.

automatic lathes . . . on which, working double shift, one million ball tip assemblies a week were achieved by 1952. By then we were also producing the small balls and all the plastic mouldings, while our chemical plant turned out the several colours of ink for the home and export market. Machine tools and assembly plant were designed and built enabling one model to be sold for as little as 1/6d.

For research purposes we built a mechanical writing machine with 24 pens writing simultaneously on continuous paper strip, thirty inches wide. Housed in a temperature and humidity controlled room, it was thus possible to simulate most of the climatic conditions on all markets. There was, however, no shortage of volunteers for field testing and I recall fitting up several expeditions to remote areas, notably the Himalayas and the Transantarctic, with a wide range of models and inks.

Ultimately, once the design had been rationalised, success or failure depended in the final analysis on inks with a quite remarkable balance of chemical/physical properties; inks that were chemically stable

under any conditions of use and storage, that would not, for example, crystallise through galvanic action of the different metals of the ball and socket causing the pen to fail prematurely; inks that would form a lubricating film on the ball to provide the fluid friction conditions so essential to smooth writing.

Smudged!

Although the output figures I have referred to for a single manufacturing unit may seem impressive, the ball-point pen passed through some difficult phases on the market. For example, both the Trade and the public got rather tired of pens that smudged or ink that transferred all too easily to other surfaces or even crept through to the back of the paper written upon. This was solely due to the fact that all inks up to about 1952 were oil-based, castor oil as mentioned earlier, and the oil base never really dried. Although, due to the extremely thin film, only about a twentieth of that of ordinary ink, it seemed to dry very quickly. In fact the oil-based ink would be described by a chemist as fugitive, in other words the ink continued to penetrate between the fibres of most writing papers or rubbed off on hands or cuffs.

The Americans, who had obtained a licence from Biro to manufacture and distribute in the Americas in 1944 in the first instance, had suffered no interruption

in their dyestuffs industry on account of the war and they now had much cleaner and more stable inks based on spirits which, contrary to oil based ink, really dried because their spirit solvents evaporated rapidly, fixing the ink in the paper fibres themselves. Eventually, British dyestuffs, soluble in non-oily bases, became available but the chemical manufacturers encountered great difficulty in maintaining consistency in the early batches of this vital ink constituent.

An innovation which was not a success was the introduction of a pressure diecast socket for the ball which it was hoped would prove more economical in production and more consistent in performance than the original machined component. The diecast sockets, however, lacked the mechanical properties essential to give a good trace and pens using these tips tended to write only moderately well. Today all ball points have reverted to machined tips.

World's Writing Habits

This, then, is an account of a revolution in the world's writing habits. I hope that I have included sufficient information for the technically minded to appreciate the main problems, and for those who are not in the slightest interested in how or why it works, that they were not given to too many picturesque utterances in "those winters of discontent" when their pens failed to write, or worse still, leaked!

DERBY DAY COACH TRIP

It is proposed to run a coach trip for Derby Day, leaving H.Q., Old Marylebone Road, at 9 a.m. on Wednesday, 3rd June, this year.

Any St. Dunstaner wishing to join our party should send his name in not later than Saturday, 16th May, to:—

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

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

I trust that more St. Dunstaners will wish to be included this year than there have been in recent years. This year please include £1 deposit when you send your names in so that a firm booking can be made. Do hurry up and send your names to Norman Smith as soon as possible.

W. MILLER.

Trooping the Colour and Royal Tournament

We hope that we may be allocated tickets again this year for the Trooping the Colour Ceremony on the morning of Saturday, 13th June, and also for the Private View of the Royal Tournament at Earls Court on the afternoon of Wednesday, 15th July.

Any St. Dunstaners who would like to apply for tickets should write to me by Saturday, 16th May, please.

C. D. WILLS, *Welfare Superintendent.*



FRANK REVIEWS

"Death In Captivity" by Michael Gilbert, read by Garard Green. A good British escape yarn, set against the background of a Prisoner of War camp in Italy. A Greek Officer, thought to be a "stooge" is found murdered, and Lieutenant Byfold is falsely accused of the crime. Byfold's friend, Gloyne, starts to investigate and it soon becomes evident that the real "plant" is still in their midst. Although the escape goes through unhindered the mystery remains unsolved until the closing paragraphs.

"Sarah Morris Remembers" by D. E. Stephens, read by Carol Marsh. Here is a book I think the ladies will thoroughly enjoy. Written in the first person, it tells of a young girl's happy childhood, her family life, her love for an Austrian student, and his disappearance when he returns to Hitler's new Germany in 1939. She finds consolation in war work, and in caring for her father and brothers until, in 1944, she and her lover are reunited.

A well-written, easy flowing narrative makes the book pleasant reading. I suspect many blind people are going to spend happy hours listening to this recording.

"Close To Cricket" by Brian Close, read by Eric Gillett. Cricket lovers may be interested in this book by the Yorkshire skipper, Brian Close.

Brian gives his version of the incidents during the Warwick v. Yorkshire match at Edgbaston in 1967. Readers will remember that in that summer Close successfully captained England against the visiting teams of India and Pakistan, but failed to be selected to lead the M.C.C. touring team against the West Indies the following winter.

Close makes the point that if English supporters want the English side to be world champions, they must expect slow play as well as fast. The day of the happy amateur is passing, and the day of the hardened professional has come.

"The Little Lie" by Jean Potts, read by Marvin Cain. An interesting exercise in female psychology told in three tracks, in which the author tells the story of a woman's subterfuge which leads her to disaster. It is not without merit, but like so many American books it suffers from too much "gabble" and too little action, needing more pace and greater economy of words.

Thank You

Dear St. Dunstaners and other friends at St. Dunstan's,

First of all I should like to thank all those St. Dunstaners who so kindly contributed to the cheque which was handed to me by Mr. Billy Miller before the annual meeting of the London Club on 24th January. My husband and I very much appreciated this gesture and it has given us a great deal of pleasure choosing divans for our comfort, which will mean that we are constantly reminded of all our friends.

May I also express my thanks to my colleagues at Ovingdean, Pearson House, South Audley Street and Headquarters, which also includes the Welfare Visitors, for the wonderful gift of a Hoover Junior on 31st December last. This gift is making

the cleaning so much easier and will, I know, prove of great service.

The past twenty-three years have been very happy ones for me and during the last twelve of these it has been a privilege to work as Miss Rogers' assistant and so be able to come in such close contact with so many St. Dunstaners. I know I shall miss you all very much in the future but through the medium of the *Review* I shall be able to keep in touch with many things that are happening and also through the means of the friendships which I know will continue with many of my colleagues.

With renewed thanks to you all from my husband and myself.

Yours sincerely,
DORA M. PENSTONE.

OBITUARIES

Hyde Hyde-Thomson

Hyde Hyde-Thomson died at his home in London on the 9th January, the day after his eightieth birthday. He had been seriously ill for some years.

He was called to the Bar in 1916, whilst training with the Rifle Brigade, and subsequently served in France until he was blinded later that year. After about a year at St. Dunstan's, he practised at the Bar for a short time and then succeeded his father as Chairman of the family clay firm, continuing with this work until he handed over to his son in 1961. At the same time he played a very active part in civilian blind welfare circles; he was Chairman of the Greater London Fund for the Blind for over 20 years and also Chairman of the Metropolitan Society for the Blind for five years.

In his successful business career, which included guiding the firm through the difficult years of the depression, and in his work for the welfare of other blind men and women, Hyde Hyde-Thomson was a most distinguished blind man.

He leaves a widow, a son and a daughter, and we offer them our deepest sympathy.

Tribute to the late Peter Harris

With the death on 13th January of Peter Harris we St. Dunstaners have lost one of the bravest and most inspiring of the war blinded of both wars. His grave disabilities were enough to daunt the staunchest spirit but Peter bore it all so lightly that many of us could forget while in his company that he was lying in his chair, or bed, immobile except for his hands, his mind, his voice.

It so happened that I met him on his arrival at Ovingdean and shortly after shared a room in the sick ward with him for several weeks beginning a long friendship that ended only with his death. His lively mind, broad humanity and courageous bearing made a deep and lasting impression on me. He was free from the slightest hint of self pity. Above all was his quality of kindness and generosity. In those few weeks I learnt so much and

benefitted more than I would have thought possible from one individual. It was in that sick room I met his father, the major influence in his life, an ex-corporal major of the Blues who had served with Bill Tovell, so well known to first war St. Dunstaners, and also with Bill Tovell's successor ex-corporal major Dorkin. Many of us also had the opportunity to admire the gay spirit of Peter's mother who entertained many of us at her home in Southwick.

I know I am expressing the thoughts of all who knew him in extending to Peter's wife and mother our deepest sympathy in their loss. Remembering above all the devoted love of his wife, whom he first met at Ovingdean, and the idyllic love story of their seven years of married life. They were a joy to all who met them.

In grateful memory,

BOB YOUNG.

STAFF OBITUARIES

It is with deep regret that we record the death of two retired members of Pearson House Staff.

MR. ARTHUR RICHARD BENGE (Dickie) Nursing Orderly, came to St. Dunstan's in April 1926 and remained with us until he retired in December 1965. He had been very ill for the last six months and died at his home on 9th January. Dickie will long be remembered for his great kindness to our more heavily disabled St. Dunstaners. Our sympathy is extended to his wife and brother.

MR. WILLIAM CHARLES HINDESS (Billie) Lift-man, who was never very strong, came to St. Dunstan's in 1952 and retired on health grounds in October 1969. He died very suddenly on 3rd January.

The funerals were attended by both present and retired staff.

Did he train with you?

TREVOR T. J. BAKER of Wembley, West Australia, has just retired after working for 19 years as telephone operator for the Shell Company of Australia at North Fremantle. He trained at Ovingdean between 1948 and 1950.

Bridge Notes

The first Individual Competition of the Brighton Section was held on Saturday, 24th January. The results are as follows:—

A. Smith and J. Whitcombe	..	73
S. Webster and R. Goding	..	67
H. Kerr and W. T. Scott	..	64
F. Mathewman and B. Ingrey	..	59
Miss B. Simon and M. Clements	..	59
J. Chell and J. Huk	..	56

IMPORTANT NOTICE

May we remind our members that the Annual match v. the London County Contract Bridge Association (the Masters), will be held at Headquarters on Saturday, 20th June at 2 p.m.

I should also be grateful if, as soon as possible, the names of the players representing the various St. Dunstan's teams wishing to play against the "Masters" could be sent to me by their Captains, at Headquarters, P.O. Box 58, 191, Old Marylebone Road, London, N.W.1.

R. ARMSTRONG.

Lawrence J. P. Byrne, F.I.C.

Once again the St. Dunstan's Bridge Club is in mourning, not this time for one of its members but by the demise of one of its greatest and most loyal friends, Lawrence J. P. Byrne, known to all of us by his pet name "Rene". His death occurred on January 25th after a long illness (to which he never gave in). "Rene", aged 68, was a part-time science teacher at Twickenham Grammar School and though this occupied a great deal of his time, he nevertheless devoted himself in giving a helping hand to all our activities by partnering, scoring and bringing members to and from H.Q. Waiving aside in latter months all his personal sufferings he carried on until the bitter end. At the Requiem Mass in his Parish Church a large number of his pupils, along with members of his family and personal friends, were present. Always loving children, it was most fitting and impressive that the local Children's Choir sang the hymns during the service,

so paying their last tribute to one who gave up so much and took so little in return. And so, while the coffin slowly descended in his last resting place, the silent tears from his relations and friends were washed away by those of nature which seemed to join in the general sorrow.

Amongst the many flowers were those from Sam and Hilda, from Freddie Jackson's family, from Paul and from his St. Dunstan's friends and Members of the Bridge Club, which was represented by Paul Nuyens, accompanied by Norman Smith.

A letter of condolence was sent to his beloved sister, Molly, and members of his family.

PAUL NUYENS.

Isolated

by Alf E. Field

In the January *Review* I left you with a Double Dummy problem. Love all. Dealer West.

♠ 4, 3		♠ 5
♥ A, K, 9, 2		♥ J, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4
♦ K, Q, 9, 6		♦ 5, 3, 2
♣ A, Q, 10		♣ 8, 7, 6
♠ K, J, 10, 2	□	♠ A, Q, 9, 8, 7, 6
♥ Q, 10		♥ 3
♦ A, 10, 7		♦ J, 8, 4
♣ K, J, 5, 3		♣ 9, 4, 2

This Board was taken from a Team of Four match. The Bidding in Room 1, was West One No Trumps, North Double, East Two Hearts, South Three Spades, West No bid, North Three No Trumps, East No bid, South No bid, West Double. At this point the bidding was the same in

Room 2 but was removed to "Four Spades" by South also doubled by West. In Room 1 against Three No Trumps by North remember, East dutifully led his Spade 5. Note, when you are on lead and your partner has doubled a No Trump contract, it is your duty to lead the first suit (if any) bid by the opponent on your left unless there is a very good reason for not so doing, the "Double" is lead directing. West took the first trick with Spade 10 and correctly gets off lead with the Heart Queen. North cashes Ace and King of Hearts and leads his top Diamonds. West rightly holds off until the third round otherwise North will have an entry to Dummy with the Jack of Diamonds. West on lead at trick 7 has to lead *from* Spades K, J, 2 and Clubs K, J, 5, 3. North has made four tricks and must now make his fourth Diamond plus two Spades and two Clubs whatever West leads.

In Room 2 West on lead against South's contract of Four Spades doubled correctly leads Heart Queen (his partner's suit). Declarer takes this in Dummy with the King and at trick 2 ruffs a Heart (the Ace of Hearts will do if you want to be spectacular). South now leads a Club to the 10 and then proceeds to lead top Diamonds. West for the same reason as in Room 1, holds off until the third round. West is now faced with this off lead problem.

♠ 4, 3		
♥ 9, 2		
♦ 9		
♣ A, Q		
♠ K, J, 10, 2	□	Immaterial
♥ —		
♦ —		
♣ K, J, 5		
♠ A, Q, 9, 8, 7		
♥ —		
♦ —		
♣ 9, 4		

South has made 5 Tricks and needs 5 from the remaining 7 cards. Which ever way West plays he will be forced to lead twice into South's Spades conceding three Spades and two Clubs. The lesson is (1) that West whilst holding all the defence guns, isolated from his Partner and (2) in Room 2 South uses a trump

reducing play so that ultimately somewhere around the eighth trick West is forced to lead the trump suit towards him. The "Double" is so tempting!

Instructional Week-end

Comments Please

A short note on the February Instructional week-end. I thought it was one of our best so far and Geoff Connell has again demonstrated his all-round ability and understanding. We would be pleased to hear of your reactions or any suggestions for improving the February and November week-ends and also any comments regarding the monthly Bridge article. Please drop me a line.

Alf E. Field,
60 Gardner Close,
Wanstead,
London, E.11.

Finally, it was pleasing to welcome five newcomers to Bridge—Ken Cole, Alf Dodgson, Len Edwards, Ralph Preece and Marjorie Ball. Hope to see you all again in November.

Examination Results

Hilary, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eric Forster, Leeds, Yorkshire, has passed further dancing examinations. She has obtained her I.S.T.D. Elementary Ballet, I.D.T.A. Modern Stage Gold Bar, and I.D.T.A. Ballet 2nd Gold Bar and has received a statuette for having three Gold bars.

CORRECTIONS

The *Review* offers its apologies for four errors which occurred in our February number. We wish to make the following amendments:—

Page 8. Ovingdean Notes, left hand column, line 30, for "Danny Corbettis" read "Manny Corbettis".

Page 16. Letter from Mr. A. Bradley. For "Mr. Lloyd's" read "Mr. Lloyds".

Page 21. Obituary Notice. Mr. J. W. Culshaw, line 2, for age "84" read "74".

Page 22. Obituary Notice. Mr. P. J. Harris, line 2, date of death should read 13th January, 1970.



**Laughs
at
Fred's
Cafe**

DANGER

British Railways at Work!

I had arrived early at Victoria Station and I decided to wait by a fruit stall just inside the station, that was the usual meeting place for St. Dunstaners, who, like myself, were bound for Ewell for one of our walking races. I stood for a while thinking of nothing special when my attention was taken by a whirring (as I thought) of an electric rail trolley they use for towing lines of luggage trailers.

"Peep, peep" went the electric horn and I stepped back three paces to hear the trollies pass quite close to me. It had not passed but a few moments when I heard the motor returning.

"Peep, peep" went the horn again. I stepped back three paces. Again it passed close. This time I detected no sign on the following journey of trucks being towed. Again it passed but a few yards away on its return trip.

"Peep, peep" went the horn again. Back again three steps—only to go but a few yards and turn back again. I had had enough. This bloke was having a go at me, and as he passed I shouted angrily, "Why don't you push off and play with your engine somewhere else?" He stopped, and made some angry comment to me, to which I returned suggesting he . . .

Later I heard him returning calling me to pieces. I felt for my collapsed white cane in my pocket as the old battle spirit tingled throughout my body. The cane could be used for more than one purpose for clearing a path. My companion, who had just arrived, saw my white cane and understood the situation perfectly and explained to me that I was not being buzzed by an incompetent member of the railway staff. It was only the driver of a mechanical sweeper just doing his job!

March

From "Yesterday's Youth"

by

Harold Swain

When winter's icy power is spent,
March winds chase the cloud,
And mole puts up his earthen tent,
In fields that once were ploughed.

The strutting pheasant, bold as brass,
No longer fears the gun,
With strident voice reminds his lass,
"There's courting to be done."

The ploughmen with their prancing teams,
Toil from dawn till three,
Turning furrows t'ward the riems,*
In line as straight can be.

Our feathered friends from hedgerow,
Flutter at furrow's end,
While plover, rook and greedy crow,
The centre field will tend.

With raucous voice, the alien gull,
Sweeps in from o'er the hill,
Awaits the ocean storms to lull,
And feeds where farmers till.

This rich brown earth of nature's make,
Thus wakens from its sleep,
And to its bosom soon will take,
The seed from which we'll reap.

NOTE

*"Riems" is a word used in Shropshire to describe the 'marker' furrows put in preparation for ploughing.

Birthday Congratulations

Mr. W. H. Ottaway

Many of our readers who remember Mr. Ottaway will be interested to know that he attained 95 years of age on 12th February. He came to St. Dunstan's in February 1918 as Workshops Superintendent in Regent's Park and became Manager of the After-Care Department in 1932 and Welfare Superintendent in 1937. He retired in 1944 and now lives in Somerset.

A telegram was sent to Mr. Ottaway on his birthday, and we add our warm congratulations to him.



ST. DUNSTAN'S CLOCK

It Strikes Me

Please May We Have Our Film Back?

The B.B.C. had something of a scoop when they arranged the second showing of the film "Avalanche" on February 1st. This was only a day or two after the avalanches in Iran and just ten days before the disaster in Val d'Isère in the French Alps. I spoke to St. Dunstaner **Jimmy Wright**, whose company, Cinexsa Films, made "Avalanche", and he told me that the sale of the film was still being negotiated with French television so that it was not available for showing in France at this time. The film has already been sold to Australia, Canada, Denmark, Japan, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Sweden, and now, through its present topicality, Jimmy and his partner, Mike Leeston-Smith, have the break-through they wanted in the United States, where the Columbia Broadcasting System decided to buy. Immediately a print of the film and a music and effects track were flown to New York, but C.B.S. wanted two prints. The only other print available had been loaned to Prince Philip. When I left Jimmy he was ringing Buckingham Palace—within hours the film was on the 'plane.

Miami Mini Orange Tree

Down in Southwick, **Louis Coussins** is a keen gardener. He is a rose man, specialising in perfumed varieties. He also grows tomatoes, cucumbers and melons, but the pride of his greenhouse is a dwarf orange tree, *citrus sinensis*, just under three feet tall which he has raised from a mere seedling only four inches high. The tree came all the way from Miami three years ago. Louis and his wife, Beck, brought it back with them from a visit to friends there—a gift from their hostess. Regulations are tight about bringing plants from overseas and the little tree had to have its own clearance certificate from the Florida Horticultural Authorities.

Orange trees are tricky things to grow, Louis told me: "There are snags. Surprisingly, it doesn't like too much heat and you've got to watch it doesn't lose too much nitrogen." And if it does? "Give it a drop of Epsom salts—but you have to know just how much. The main thing is to develop the root system, like developing your muscles. It's a temptation to grow the fruit in the first two years but it is better for the tree if you pick it off. This year we have had a lot of fruit; my wife had the first one. They are eatable but they could be sweeter. I'll feed different fertiliser to achieve this."

Now Louis has ambitions to have a lemon and a grapefruit tree from Miami—that is providing he can get permission to have them sent.

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Club News

London Club Notes

There were fifteen St. Dunstaners present at the 23rd Annual General Meeting held in the Club Rooms on Saturday, 24th January.

The Chairman, Bill Miller, outlined the activities of the Club during the past year and thanked the committee for its services.

He remarked that the London Club had keenly felt the loss of three of their most enthusiastic members, Jim Murray, Jock Brown and Fred Jackson. Another misfortune hit us in the shape of the long and serious illness of Charlie Hancock, however, we are happy to report that Charlie is now fit and well again and comes along to the Club most Thursdays.

Roy Armstrong, Bill continued, had fully justified his section's confidence in electing him their Captain. The Bridge Section continues to grow stronger. Congratulations and thanks to Roy for all his hard work.

The outdoor section too, had enjoyed a full season of walks, including our first international meeting in France, where we had a most successful time.

In ending Bill thanked all those whose combined efforts make our Club enjoyable, namely Mr. Norman Smith, Mrs. Smith and Mr. Percy Scouse, not forgetting all the people who help with the various sections' activities.

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

On the election of officers, Bill Miller and Roy Armstrong remained on the committee and the retiring member George Stanley was re-elected. The replacement of a fourth member in the place of the late Jock Brown having been left over for the moment.

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

Prior to the Annual General Meeting many St. Dunstaners from the London area came to bid farewell to Mrs. Dora Penstone who was retiring after 23 years with St. Dunstan's. Our St. Dunstaners had known Dora for many years through her work in the Welfare Department and some of their children had known her all their lives.

Mr. A. D. Lloyds, after making a short speech, introduced Bill Miller, Chairman of the London Club, to the assembled company in the Club Rooms.

Bill then presided over the presentation and, after giving a résumé of Mrs. Penstone's work with St. Dunstan's, presented her with a cheque on behalf of St. Dunstan's. Dora gracefully accepted the gift and suitably replied to all their good wishes with an excellent speech.

G. STANLEY,
Committee Member.

Midland Club Notes

Our first club meeting for the Seventies started very quietly. Owing to some of our members being ill with 'flu only a small number attended our meeting which was held on Sunday, 11th January. Even so we were able to make the draw for the Sir Arthur Pearson Domino competition but only one game was played off, this being between Bert Lane and Dennis Beddoes, Bert being the lucky winner.

Plans are being drawn up already for this year's outing and I hope to make an announcement at the next meeting.

Mrs. Kibbler arranged the tea for us this time, and it was a pity only a small number were there to enjoy it. Those who were

at the meeting thanked her for the delicious spread.

There was an excellent attendance at our meeting which was held on Sunday, 8th February. We managed to play off all but one of our first round domino knock-out competition, which means that we have now got a good start to the year's games. Several plans were discussed for outings etc. and also for another concert at the King's Arms, Harborne, which have been so well liked in the past. Our main outing will be at the end of June and we are thinking of other half day outings during the summer.

The tea for this month was prepared for us by Mrs. Bilcliff and we all gave her our usual round of thanks for an excellent spread.

If you do not already come along to our club meetings why not try it one month, you will certainly be made welcome and you can join in our outings with us, we are always looking for new members, our meetings are held on the second Sunday of each month at the British Legion Headquarters, Thorp Street, Birmingham. If you are interested and would like further details you can contact me at Bromsgrove 3856.

D. E. CASHMORE,
Secretary.



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.

Walking

4½ miles at Ewell—January Meeting

The 4½ miles race, which had to be postponed because of a blizzard in December, was held on January 17th, but all of us were off form, having laid off for so long. Jimmy Wright stood out well, for as limit man, he stayed well in front, and Mike Tetley was still ½ minute behind when Jimmy crossed the finishing line.

Order of Finish	Handicap Time	Allowance	Actual Time
J. Wright	42.16	13.25	55.41
M. Tetley	43.00	6.25	49.25
S. Tutton	43.39	6.25	50.04
F. Barratt	44.00	2.15	46.15
M. Burns	44.02	8.15	52.17
W. Miller	45.02	scr.	45.02 FL
R. Mendham	46.05	.45	46.50
J. Simpson	47.36	.30	48.06

Amended Fixture Dates

March 28 (Easter Saturday): 7 miles v. Tobacco Trades.

April 18: 7 miles Championship.

May 16: S.E. London to Brighton.

CUP WINNER

Congratulations to Betty, wife of George Stanley, of Ilford, Essex, who, as a very keen member of the St. John Ambulance Brigade, has won the Divisional Cup for Home Nursing, and was runner-up in the Divisional First Aid Cup. It took a commissioned officer to beat her, and so Betty's efforts are all the more commendable.

At the time of going to press Betty may be in hospital herself, so we wish her well, and every success with her treatment, but beg her not to be too hard, even if only in fun, on the probationers.

Thomas Arundell Van Zeller of Oundle, Northants., who joined us in January, 1970. He is married and served in the army in the First World War.

Tony Norman Parkinson of Peterborough, became a full member of St. Dunstan's in February, 1970. He served in the Army Catering Corps. from 1953 to 1954.

Letter to the Editor

From A. C. Pointon, Bexhill-on-Sea, Sussex

Among the unusual things done by St. Dunstaners, does a knitting holiday in the West Country in January sound odd? Perhaps knitting needs qualifying, knitting netting and naturally fishing nets.

It is an understatement to say that I enjoyed it, for the people at Bridport-Gundry who held the course and made all the arrangements really went out of their way to be helpful, as did the other six men on the course.

The place where the course was held had an atmosphere of traditional industriousness which is not surprising as netting was probably started there during the time of the Romans. I found a peculiar fascination in the idea of ultra-modern machines, whose subdued growl could be heard all the time, churning out mile after mile of netting and yet when it comes to putting the nets together it has to be done by hand, thus combining the jet age with one of the oldest crafts known to man, and certainly with biblical references.

The range of nets produced there were from those used in the game of blow football, up to a purse-seine net, 270 fathoms in length and 75 or 100 fathoms in depth, which, if stretched out, would cover six football pitches, weighs five tons, and when used to catch herrings, at each scoop takes from the sea three hundred tons of them.

Now that I have learnt how, I hope in coming weeks to make nets to use myself in addition to my other fishing activities.

H.M.S. Daedalus

St. Dunstan's Camp

Friday, 14th August to Saturday, 22nd August inclusive. We have been invited again to a most wonderful happy week, seems better every year and this is our 26th annual visit.

Please write to Mrs. Spurway at Mount House, Halse, Taunton, Somerset, Tel. Bishop's Lydeard 359, to arrange booking etc.



'Tiny' Pointon under instruction during the netting course. Photo—P. E. Payne, Bridport.

Derby Sweepstake

Deadline May 20th

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

Tickets are 2s. 6d. each, and applications for them should be made as soon as possible and will be received up to the first post on **Wednesday, 20th May**. Each application must bear the name and full address of the sender, together with the number of tickets required, and, **with a stamped addressed envelope enclosed**, must be sent to the Editor, D.S.S. Dept., *St. Dunstan's Review*, P.O. Box 58, 191 Old Marylebone Road, London, N.W.1.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Draw will take place in the London Club on the evening of Thursday, 28th May.

British Talking Book Services for the Blind

Non-Fiction

Cat. No.

- 676 LANE, MARGARET
LIFE WITH IONIDES (1963)
Reads by Roy Williamson. Ionides the hunter and Game Warden is now one of the greatest authorities on snakes. The author describes the man as she learned to know and admire him when she shared his lonely existence in Newala.
P.T. 6½ hours.

- 694 LOVELL, BERNARD
(2) *THE STORY OF JODRELL BANK* (1968)
Read by Peter Reynolds. How the Nuffield Radio Astronomy Laboratories grew to their present size and importance, and the story of the man with original ideas and sufficient enthusiasm to bring them about.
P.T. 14½ hours.

- 661 BECKWITH, LILLIAN
A ROPE IN CASE (1968)
Read by Stanley Pritchard. When first settling in Bruach, in the Hebrides, Miss Beckwith was told always to carry a rope—in case. Here she tells some of the adventures she and her rope enjoyed.
P.T. 6 hours.

- 688 BOURNE, ALECK
A DOCTOR'S CREED (1962)
Read by David Brown. The memoirs of a famous gynaecologist. In 1938 his defence in an Old Bailey prosecution resulted in a more humane interpretation of the Abortion Laws.
P.T. 9½ hours.

- 662 BROWN, IVOR
LONDON (1960)
Read by Arthur Bush. The author takes us all round London, and captures for us the spirit of the present day as well as the long dramatic past.
P.T. 9½ hours.

- 678 BARR, PAT
THE COMING OF THE BARBARIANS (1967)
Read by Marvin Kane. A story of Western settlement in Japan from 1853 to 1870.
P.T. 8½ hours.

- 542 RYAN, CORNELIUS
THE LONGEST DAY (1960)
Read by Clive Champney. The first-hand story of people who took part in the Normandy landings in 1944.
P.T. 9½ hours.

- 549 SANSOM, WILLIAM
GRAND TOUR TODAY (1968)
Read by Robert Gladwell. The author sets out on a special tour of Europe—to see what it is like today, what is changed, and what is still the same.
P.T. 8½ hours.

- 503 SARTRE, JEAN-PAUL
WORDS (1964)
Trans. by Irene Clephane. Read by Alvar Lidell. The first part of the autobiography of this remarkable French author recounts his childhood and growing passion for words.
P.T. 8½ hours.

- 651 CHURCH, RICHARD
THE VOYAGE HOME (1964)
Read by David Broomfield. A perceptive appraisal of his search, from youth onwards, for mature understanding and spiritual fulfilment.
P.T. 8½ hours.

Non-Fiction

Cat. No.

- 658 HILLABY, JOHN
JOURNEY THROUGH BRITAIN (1968)
Read by John Graham. The author set off to walk from Land's End to John O'Groats, avoiding roads as far as possible and keeping to out of the way places.
P.T. 8½ hours.
- 697 RAYMOND, ERNEST
THE STORY OF MY DAYS (1968)
Read by Garard Green. Autobiography of the famous author up to the time of the publication of *Tell England*, his most famous novel.
P.T. 7¼ hours.
- 621 BURGESS, ALAN
WARWICKSHIRE (1950)
Read by Eric Gillett. Exploring on a bicycle the charm of Warwick, Compton Wynyates, Kenilworth, and Shakespeare's Stratford.
P.T. 11 hours.
- 618 COLEMAN, TERRY
THE RAILWAY NAVVIES (1965)
Read by Arthur Bush. A lively account of the man who built the railways in Victorian England, their achievements and the conditions under which they worked.
P.T. 8½ hours.
- 612 JACKSON, STANLEY
THE SASSOONS (1968)
Read by David Broomfield. The story of a great family from 1832 to 1961.
P.T. 14 hours.
- 617 MAUROIS, ANDRÉ
THE LIFE OF SIR ALEXANDER FLEMING (1963)
Read by David Broomfield. Trans. by Gerard Hopkins. The life of the quiet, taciturn Scot who discovered penicillin, the first of the anti-biotic drugs.
P.T. 11½ hours.
- 622 THOMAS, EDWARD J.
THE LIFE OF BUDDHA (1927)
Read by Marvin Kane. A fascinating and authoritative account of all that is known of the life of the great teacher.
P.T. 11¼ hours.
- 652 BAKER, DENYS VAL
THE SEA'S IN THE KITCHEN (1962)
Read by Michael Aspel. Life is not easy for a writer, his wife, and six children when they settle in Cornwall, but they have many hilarious adventures.
P.T. 7½ hours.
- 653 BAKER, DENYS VAL
THE DOOR IS ALWAYS OPEN (1963)
Sequel to above. Read by Duncan Carse. Continuing the humorous description of the trials that beset the author and his family in Cornwall, particularly when running a beach cafe and a pottery.
P.T. 6½ hours.
- 792 BUNYAN, JOHN
PILGRIM'S PROGRESS (1678)
Read by Eric Gillett. The dream allegory of Christian's flight from the City of Destruction towards the Celestial City.
P.T. 12¼ hours.

- 779 BARKER, RALPH
TEN GREAT INNINGS (1964)
Read by Alvar Lidell. Recalls some fine cricket by Hobbs, Constantine, McCabe, Bradman, Gimblett, Hutton, Edrich, Compton, Edean, and Washbrook during the period 1926 to 1956.
P.T. 7½ hours.
- 777 BURNFORD, SHEILA
THE INCREDIBLE JOURNEY (1961)
Read by Peter Bryant. About three domestic pets who travel alone many miles through very rough country, determined to reach their old home.
P.T. 3¼ hours.
- 796 HATHAWAY, SIBYL
DAME OF SARK (1961)
Read by Phyllis Boothroyd. The Dame's story of her life and efforts to maintain her island with all its traditions, laws, and customs in time of peace and war.
P.T. 7½ hours.
- 788 HEMINGWAY, ERNEST
DEATH IN THE AFTERNOON (1932)
Read by Duncan Carse. Describes the art of bullfighting and the technical and emotional appeal of the 'corrida', with stories of famous Spanish matadors and picadors.
P.T. 10 hours.
- 760 KENNEDY, ROBERT F.
13 DAYS (1968)
Read by David Broomfield. An account of the Cuban Missile Crisis of October 1962, written by the late Senator Kennedy, brother of the President of the United States who brought the whole world to the brink of nuclear warfare.
P.T. 3¼ hours.
- 766 LEWIS, C. S.
MERE CHRISTIANITY (1952)
Read by Martin Muncaster. A statement of the Fundamentals of Christianity, and a discussion of the meaning of the universe, faith, morals, behaviour, and the doctrine of the Trinity.
P.T. 8½ hours.
- 776 MIKES, GEORGE
BOOMERANG (1968)
Read by Brian Perkins. Unlike the conventional boomerang, George Mikes did not go straight there and back, but deviated from the course, and travelled all over Australia getting to know and love the country, the people, and their traditions.
P.T. 6¼ hours.
- 798 PEISSEL, MICHEL
MUSTANG (1968)
(2) Read by Garard Green. The author refers to Mustang as 'A lost Tibetan Kingdom', where the soul of man is still considered to be as real as the feet he walks on, and beauty and happiness abound!
- 782 RUSSELL, BERTRAND
AUTOBIOGRAPHY. Volume III (1969)
(2) Read by John Richmond. The final volume of the autobiography, in which we hear of the struggle for World Peace and Nuclear Disarmament.
P.T. 13 hours.

Non-Fiction

Cat. No.

- 557 WILLIAMS, ERIC
THE WOODEN HORSE (1949)
Read by Alvar Lidell. An exciting account of one of the most ingenious and daring escapes from a German prison-camp during the last war.
P.T. 9½ hours.
- 587 FITZGIBBON, CONSTANTINE
THE BLITZ (1957)
Read by John Dunn. The bombing of London described by people who endured it and the A.R.P. workers and firemen who fought it.
P.T. 10¼ hours.
- 588 FREWIN, LESLIE (ed.)
THE BOUNDARY BOOK (1962)
Read by Corbett Woodall. An anthology for cricket lovers. Stories of great batsmen and bowlers and memories of famous matches.
P.T. 11½ hours.
- 765 TROLLOPE, ANTHONY
AN AUTOBIOGRAPHY (1883)
Read by Eric Gillett. After having been educated at Harrow and Winchester, his father's debts forced Trollope to take a job as a Post Office Clerk; in this autobiography he reveals the amazing tasks he set himself in his determination to write as well as work in the Post Office and how, later, his novels brought him fame and fortune.
P.T. 12 hours.
- 824 BELL, ADRIAN
CORDUROY (1930)
Read by Stephen Jack. Vivid descriptions of the Suffolk country scene, mingled with the thoughts which spring from close contact with nature.
P.T. 7¼ hours.
- 825 BELL, ADRIAN
SILVER LEY (1932)
Sequel to above. Read by Stephen Jack. After a short training a young farmer takes over Silver Ley Farm, where later his town-bred family join him.
P.T. 8¼ hours.
- 826 BELL, ADRIAN
THE CHERRY TREE (1932)
Sequel to above. Read by Stephen Jack. Continuing the story of life in rural Suffolk and the events of field and farm.
P.T. 7¼ hours.
- 811 SHEPPARD, DAVID
PARSON'S PITCH (1964)
Read by David Broomfield. Reminiscences of his early life as a Sussex, University, and Test cricketer, and his religious and social club work as vicar of a London East End parish.
P.T. 9¼ hours.
- Fiction**
Cat. No.
- 704 DE VRIES, PETER
LET ME COUNT THE WAYS (1965)
Read by Marvin Kane. An American novel of a father's and then a son's attempts to find a reason for life, and to "count the ways" of love.
P.T. 9½ hours.

- 675 SCOTT, PAUL
(2) *THE DAY OF THE SCORPION* (1968)
Read by Robert Gladwell. Sequel to *The Jewel in the Crown*. The lives and fortunes of Indians and British at this troubled time; specially the Laytons, a family who had lived and served in India for generations.
P.T. 23½ hours.
- 665 SMOLLETT, TOBIAS
(2) *RODERICK RANDOM* (1748)
Read by Gabriel Woolf. Roderick Random, a selfish, unprincipled rogue, tells of his extraordinary adventures in the Navy and in civilian life.
P.T. 21¼ hours.
- 666 YERBY, FRANK
(2) *THE DEVIL'S LAUGHTER* (1954)
Read by Anthony Parker. Jean is a man of great passion and high ideals, but his enthusiasm for the French revolution is shattered by the sickening scenes of cruelty here described in some detail.
P.T. 17 hours.
- 647 LORRIMER, CLAIRE
A VOICE IN THE DARK (1967)
Read by Phyllis Boothroyd. Timid Helen and her young, handsome, blind employer are in danger of their lives, and the discovery of the identity of the would-be murderer leads them into a new race against death.
P.T. 9 hours.
- 640 MAUGHAM, W. SOMERSET
ASHENDEN (1928)
Read by John Richmond. A collection of stories based on the author's personal experiences in Secret Service affairs.
P.T. 9¾ hours.
- 636 MAUGHAM, W. SOMERSET
(3) *OF HUMAN BONDAGE* (1915)
Read by Robert Gladwell. Philip finds himself tied by bonds of conscience, as well as those of the flesh, when he becomes a student after a sheltered start to his life.
P.T. 26¾ hours.
- 631 PRIESTLEY, J. B.
(2) *LONDON END* (1968)
Sequel to *Out of Town*. Read by Eric Gillett. Continuing the story of Professor Saltana and Dr. Tuby at the University of Brockshire.
P.T. 16¼ hours.
- 648 SMITH, WADE
BIG CACTUS (1957)
Read by David Bauer. A thrilling Western which starts with the trouble caused by Lingo's interference when Dog-leg Davis tries to insist on Miss Stoddart's accompanying him to Big Cactus.
P.T. 5 hours.
- 655 STEVENSON, R. L.
TREASURE ISLAND (1883)
Read by Gabriel Woolf. The famous story of Jim Hawkins, who sailed as a cabin boy on an 18th century voyage in search of a pirate's buried gold.
P.T. 7½ hours.
- 632 SYMONS, JULIAN
THE MAN WHOSE DREAMS CAME TRUE (1968)
Read by David Broomfield. To make his ambitious dreams come true, Tony embarks on an ever more disastrous trail of crime.
P.T. 8¾ hours.

Fiction

Cat. No.

- 633 ASHTON, HELEN
(2) *PARSON AUSTEN'S DAUGHTER* (1949)
Read by Garard Green. A novel about Jane Austen.
P.T. 15½ hours.
- 641 BATES, H. E.
THE WILD CHERRY TREE (1968)
Read by Anthony Parker. A collection of ten short stories.
P.T. 6¾ hours.
- 660 BINGHAM, JOHN
I LOVE, I KILL (1968)
Read by John Curle. An exciting thriller in which a publicity agent is suspected of the murder of the actor-husband of a girl with whom he had once been in love.
P.T. 7½ hours.
- 634 BRAINE, JOHN
THE CRYING GAME (1968)
Read by Arthur Bush. A young journalist comes from a small suburban town to work in Fleet Street, and becomes entangled in the competitive social life of Chelsea. *Parts of this recording may be considered unsuitable for family reading.*
P.T. 10 hours.
- 643 BRIDGE, ANN
THE DANGEROUS ISLANDS (1964)
Read by Stanley Pritchard. An exciting tale of love and adventure, espionage and danger.
P.T. 10 hours.
- 645 BROMIGE, IRIS
THE LYDIAN INHERITANCE (1966)
Read by Gretel Davis. Beth leaves her sheltered home life and takes a post as a secretary in order to prove to herself and to her family that she is capable of standing on her own feet.
P.T. 8 hours.
- 637 BURGESS, ANTHONY
TREMOR OF INTENT (1966)
Read by Michael de Morgan. A British agent detailed to bring a former schoolfriend, now a Russian agent, back to England. *Parts of this recording may be considered unsuitable for family reading.*
P.T. 10 hours.
- 657 CHRISTIE, AGATHA
THE MIRROR CRACK'D FROM SIDE TO SIDE (1962)
Read by John Curle. Elderly Miss Marple assists Inspector Craddock to unravel a twisted skein of evidence surrounding a murder in a film-star's country house.
P.T. 8½ hours.
- 656 DICKENS, MONICA
(2) *THE HAPPY PRISONER* (1946)
Read by Arthur Bush. Oliver, recovering from war-wounds, is quite happy to be a prisoner in his own home, and to watch the family of which he is a much-beloved member.
P.T. 13½ hours.
- 668 BAWDEN, NINA
THE GRAIN OF TRUTH (1968)
Read by Peter Barker. Emma, her husband and their friend Holly tell their story, and gradually the hidden truth about their lives emerges, and we find that they are not as uncomplicated as had first appeared.
P.T. 8½ hours.

- 667 BENTLEY, E. C.
TRENT'S LAST CASE (1936)
Read by Clive Champney. A classic detective story in which Philip Trent solves the mystery of Sigsbee Manderson, Wall Street financier.
- 693 BOOTHROYD, BASIL
THE HOUSE ABOUT A MAN (1959)
Read by the author. In this book the author presents the domestic scene in terms of a man against life.
On the same cassette as:
BOOTHROYD, BASIL
LET'S STAY MARRIED (1967)
Read by Phyllis Boothroyd. Low down on the jokers and slangers, and why, in spite of all, they stay married and like it.
P.T. 8 hours.
- 669 CECIL, HENRY
NO FEAR OF FAVOUR (1968)
Read by Stephen Jack. The judge's indignation at the thought that he might be the subject of blackmail turned to horror when he found himself confronted by this situation.
P.T. 4¾ hours.
- 683 CHURCH, RICHARD
(2) *THE PORCH* (1937)
Read by David Brown. An Edwardian novel about the struggles of ardent, poverty-stricken young men facing a materialistic world.
P.T. 14½ hours.
- 684 CHURCH, RICHARD
(2) *THE STRONGHOLD* (1939)
Sequel to above. Read by John Richmond. The hero of *The Porch* falls in love and finds his personal life and hopes threatened by the outbreak of the 1st war.
P.T. 14½ hours.
- 685 CHURCH, RICHARD
(2) *THE ROOM WITHIN* (1940)
Sequel to above. Read by Michael de Morgan. A social comedy centred around a young girl of fifteen who achieves womanhood before the story ends.
P.T. 14¼ hours.
- 682 COLLINS, NORMAN
(2) *CHILDREN OF THE ARCHBISHOP* (1951)
Read by Andrew Timothy. The story of two children at the Archbishop Bodkin Hospital early this century.
P.T. 20 hours.
- 696 DICKENS, CHARLES
(3) *CHRISTMAS STORIES* (1850-1867)
Read by George Hagan. A collection of short stories written by Charles Dickens, sometimes alone, sometimes in collaboration with Wilkie Collins, for the Christmas numbers of magazines to which he contributed.
P.T. 34½ hours.
- 699 FORESTER, C. S.
THE AFRICAN QUEEN (1935)
Read by Anthony Parker. A religious spinster and a cockney engineer are inevitably drawn closer together when they are forced to journey down a treacherous river together aboard the African Queen.
P.T. 7¾ hours.

Fiction

Cat. No.

- 691 MAUGHAM, W. SOMERSET
THE RAZOR'S EDGE (1944)
Read by David Bauer. A modern American, returned from World War I, travels the globe in search of his personal security, and partially achieves it as the expense of his more conventional friends.
P.T. 11½ hours.
- 673 MURDOCH, IRIS
BRUNO'S DREAM (1969)
Read by Robert Gladwell: A very old man in failing health peevishly observes all the people who move around him.
P.T. 11¼ hours.
- 689 PACKER, JOY
THE MAN IN THE MEWS (1964)
Read by Michael de Morgan. An English-born woman returns home from South Africa to ensure her daughter's happiness, but their lives are soon threatened by the revelation of a past secret.
P.T. 8¾ hours.
- 686 PARKINSON, C. NORTHCOTE
MRS. PARKINSON'S LAW (1968)
Read by Peter Barker. Lighthearted studies in domestic science.
P.T. 6½ hours.
- 670 READ, MISS
THE MARKET SQUARE (1966)
Read by Elizabeth Proud. All the life of Caxley is centred round its market square, in particular that of two of its oldest families—the Norths and the Howards.
P.T. 6½ hours.
- 723 FLEMING, IAN
MOONRAKER (1955)
Read by George Hagan. Another of Bond's extraordinary adventures, set this time in England in early Summer.
P.T. 8¾ hours.
- 801 CHESTERTON, G. K.
THE INNOCENCE OF FATHER BROWN (1910)
Read by Adrian Waller. Eleven stories in which Father Brown, priest-detective, solves plots of murder and mystery.
P.T. 8 hours.
- 802 CHESTERTON, G. K.
THE WISDOM OF FATHER BROWN (1914)
Read by Peter Bryant. Twelve stories about Father Brown's further detective adventures.
P.T. 7¼ hours.
- 806 COOPER, EDMUND
SEA-HORSE IN THE SKY (1969)
Read by David Broomfield. A Science Fiction story about a journey that starts innocently enough, and ends in a macabre alien world.
P.T. 6 hours.
- 820 GASKIN, CATHERINE
(2) *THE TILSIT INHERITANCE* (1963)
Read by Robert Gladwell. A family inheritance influences the life and loves of a young girl from the time she leaves her Caribbean school to the moment of truth in an English mansion.
P.T. 19¼ hours.

- 810 GODDEN, RUMER
AN EPISODE OF SPARROWS (1958)
Read by Stephen Jack. Two children from a poor back street make a garden in a bombed churchyard; their attempts to steal earth lead to events which change several people's lives.
P.T. 7½ hours.
- 821 GRANT, JANE
COME HITHER NURSE (1957)
Read by Rosemary Matthews. A hospital romance telling of the training days of a young nurse and her student friends.
P.T. 5¼ hours.
- 822 GRANT, JANE
COME AGAIN NURSE (1960)
Sequel to above. Read by Rosemary Matthews. In which Jane, now a qualified staff nurse with a more mature outlook, continues her hospital life among patients, friends, and doctors.
P.T. 7 hours.
- 809 HARDY, THOMAS
UNDER THE GREENWOOD TREE (1872)
Read by Robin Holmes. A country idyll in which we read the story of Dick Dewy and Fancy Day, at last happily united, against a delightful background of village life.
P.T. 6¾ hours.
- 808 INNES, HAMMOND
THE MARY DEARE (1956)
Read by Eric Gillett. The story of a freighter three times torpedoed and twice wrecked, and of desperate men fighting against danger and death.
P.T. 9¾ hours.
- 818 KAVANAGH, P. J.
A SONG AND DANCE (1968)
Read by Carol Marsh. Beatrix thought she was happy in her marriage to carefree Simon, until she meet Colm and discovered the true meaning of being in love
P.T. 8½ hours.
- 815 KEATING, H. R. F.
INSPECTOR GHOTE PLAYS A JOKER (1969)
Read by Garard Green. In which Inspector Ghote's strange assignment is the protection of a flamingo at the Bombay Zoo.
P.T. 7¾ hours.
- 805 LEES, JAMES
THE BIG SHOT (1960)
Read by John Curle. An amusing tale of Sandy MacSporran, of Muggleton United, and how he brought the "Mugs" from 4th Division to meet the "Spurs" at Wembley Cup Final.
P.T. 6¾ hours.
- 807 MARSH, NGAIO
SINGING IN THE SHROUDS (1958)
Read by Arthur Bush. A cargo ship sails from London with nine passengers, one of whom is a murderer. This mystery provides Superintendent Alleyn with an unusual case.
P.T. 8¾ hours.
- 819 WODEHOUSE, P. G.
FROZEN ASSETS (1964)
Read by David Broomfield. Concerning the fortunes of Billy and the attempts of his friends to save him from a cunning plot.
P.T. 6¼ hours.

Family News

SALTDEAN FRENCH CIRCLE

We reprint below an extract from the local paper concerning Miss Susan Kelk, daughter of our late St. Dunstaner, Charlie Kelk.

Miss Susan Kelk, a member of the Saltdean Community Association, made a welcome reappearance at the Saltdean French Circle on Wednesday, January 21.

She gave a very interesting talk on one of her visits to France. She showed slides of the Pyrenees, the Basque country and the valley of the Loire, Versailles and Paris.

Whether it was scenes of natural beauty or of historic buildings, her vivid commentary made us feel we were there.

Her talk was given in such a way that it was useful for beginners as well as the advanced members. She described each slide in English, and then in French.

Anybody interested in joining the French Circle, which is a subsection of Saltdean Community Association, can get further particulars from the organiser, Mrs. Ray (Telephone: Brighton 34521).

Marriage

FOYLE-MATTHEWS. On 10th January, 1970, Stanley C. Foyle, late of Southampton, who has been living temporarily at Ovingdean, married Mrs. Matthews, a widow.

Silver Weddings

Many congratulations to MR. AND MRS. DOUGLAS PARMENTER of Brighton, who celebrated their Silver Wedding Anniversary on 20th January, 1970.

Ruby Wedding

Many congratulations to MR. AND MRS. ALLAN GWYN of Lowestoft, Suffolk, who celebrated their Ruby Wedding Anniversary on 12th December, 1969.



Prize-winning labradors bred by St. Dunstaner, John Davies at Braunton, Devon.
Photo—S. H. Bath, Barnstaple.

Golden Weddings

Warm congratulations to MR. AND MRS. REGINALD GREENACRE of Dunstable, Beds., who celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary on 20th January, 1970.

Sincere congratulations to MR. AND MRS. ERNEST GREEN of Whittlesey, Nr. Peterborough, who celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary on 20th December, 1969.

Grandfathers

Congratulations to:

HARRY FOSTER of Farnham, Surrey, on the arrival of a grandson, Richard Charles Lester-Smith, on 26th January, 1970, born to his daughter, Anne.

HAROLD NEWALL of Manchester, who became a grandfather for the first time when his daughter Janet gave birth to a son, Matthew Brandon Paul on 10th December, 1969.

BILL PHILLIPS of Plaistow, E.13, became a grandfather on 28th January, 1970, when his daughter Ann gave birth to a son, John Michael, and he is Bill's first grandson. Bill already has two granddaughters.

ALBERT SERDET of Staines, Middlesex, who announces the birth of his first grandchild born to his eldest daughter, Rosemary. Rachel Dawn Freegard was born on 10th October, 1969.

Great Grandfathers

Congratulations to:—

ARTHUR BRAMSON of South Woodingdean, Nr. Brighton, Sussex, on the arrival of another great grandchild, born on 13th January, 1970. The baby's name is Robin James Greasley and this is Arthur's fifth great grandchild.

JOHN ILLINGWORTH of Rochdale, Lancs., on the arrival of a second great grandchild, Marcus, who was born on New Year's Eve, 1969.

HUGH MCQUEEN KNIGHT of Newcastle, New South Wales, Australia, who tells us that with the birth of three boys last year—Jamie Robert, Russell John and Craig Robert—he now has 13 great grandchildren.

Carol Westaway, grand-daughter of FREDERICK WESTAWAY of Yeovil, Somerset, was married on 15th November, 1969 to Raymond Pitman, who is serving in the Army in Germany.

Deaths

We offer our very sincere sympathy to:—

HENRY GOODLEY of Diss, Norfolk, who mourns the death of his only brother which occurred just before Christmas 1969.

FREDERICK HARRISS of Colchester who mourns the death of his only brother on 21st January, 1970.

JAMES MCGUIRE, late of Sanquhar, Dumfriesshire, Scotland, and now staying at St. Dunstan's, Ovingdean, Brighton, mourns the death of his wife on 28th January, 1970.

GEORGE W. PIPER of Dagenham, Essex, whose mother, Mrs. E. H. Piper died on 11th January, 1970. Mr. Piper is a single man and lived with his mother during her life time.

MRS. BETTY J. SMITH of Portslade, Brighton, daughter of our late St. Dunstaner, Patrick Garrity, on the death of her widowed mother, Mrs. Bessie Mary Garrity of Vale Avenue, Patcham, Sussex, who died on 1st February, 1970, in hospital after a long illness patiently borne, at the age of 87 years.

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.

Jan Adamczuk. *Polish Army.*

Jan Adamczuk of Shrewsbury, died on 6th January, 1970 at the age of 54 years.

He served in the Polish Army during the 2nd World War and came to St. Dunstan's in 1944.

He was of a quiet and retiring disposition and he derived considerable pleasure from making string bags for our Stores and also from his hobby of pigeon keeping. He was a bachelor and was looked after by his landlady, Mrs. Aston.

Albert George Cole. *3rd Hampshire Regiment*

Albert George Cole, late of Hove, and latterly resident at Pearson House, died on 1st February, 1970 at the age of 78 years.

He enlisted in the 3rd Hampshire Regiment in 1915 and served with them until July 1916 coming to St. Dunstan's in the same year.

He trained as a joiner but later on in life, when his health was less robust, he gave up his shop where he had carried on a steady business in picture framing and other joinery work and ran a small poultry settlement. Mr. Cole lived for some years in Yorkshire but after the death of his second wife, he returned to Sussex and re-married. Following the death of his third wife, Mr. Cole lived with friends in Hove until in recent years when he became a permanent resident at Pearson House. Our sympathy is extended to Mr. Cole's sister, brother and other relatives and close friends.

Guy Raymond Cyril Collendavelloo. *Mauritius Coast Regiment.*

Guy Raymond Cyril Collendavelloo of London, S.W.9 died on 14th January, 1970 at the age of 45 years.

During the 2nd World War he enlisted with the Mauritius Coast Regiment, Mauritius Artillery, under British Command and served with them from 1943 to 1945. He was injured whilst serving under British Command and was admitted to St. Dunstan's in 1969. After a short period of training at Ovingdean Mr. Collendavelloo worked in Industrial employment. He was taken ill suddenly and died in hospital.

He leaves a widow, a son and a daughter.

Albert Victor Hall. *11th Reserve Battalion, Machine Gun Corps.*

Albert Victor Hall of Alresford, Hants, died on 27th December, 1969 at the age of 71.

He enlisted in the 11th Reserve Battalion of the Machine Gun Corps and served with them from 1917 until 1920. Mr. Hall was a retired Farm Worker and a late entrant to St. Dunstan's, he therefore, did not undertake occupational training. He was taken ill and died suddenly in the Royal Hants County Hospital, Winchester.

He was a widower and leaves a married son.

Robert Hyde Hyde-Thomson. *9th Btn. Rifle Brigade—Special Reserve.*

Hyde Hyde-Thomson of London, W.8, died on the 9th January, 1970, at the age of 80 years.

A full obituary notice appears on another page.

Sidney Green Smith. *Royal Army Medical Corps.*

Sidney Green Smith, late of Rottingdean, Sussex, and latterly a resident at Pearson House, died there on 8th February, 1970 at the age of 84 years.

He served in the Royal Army Medical Corps from 1916 to 1920 but did not come to St. Dunstan's until 1952 when he had already reached retiring age. He, therefore, did not undertake any occupational training but proceeded with his Braille becoming a proficient Braille Reader, his interest in books increasing during his years of retirement. On the death of his wife in 1966 he became a permanent resident at Pearson House. He leaves a niece, Mrs. P. Broadhurst, who lives in Australia.

Patrick Long. *Labour Corps.*

Patrick Long of Cork, Eire, died on 23rd January, 1970 at the age of 79 years.

He served in the Labour Corps from 1916 to 1919 but his eyesight did not deteriorate until 1941 when he came to St. Dunstan's.

He trained in rug making and carried on this occupation for a considerable number of years. He had not been too well recently but he seemed to be making a good recovery and his death was sudden and unexpected. He leaves a sister-in-law, Mrs. J. Long, who cared for him.

Robert Tredenick. *A.I.F.*

Robert Tredenick, of Brisbane, Queensland, Australia, died on the 17th January, 1970, at the age of 80 years.

He was commissioned with the army in the First World War and later worked in a shipping office until his sight failed in about 1926. He never came to England, but kept in friendly touch by letter. He was a widower with a family and his daughter wrote to say that, after a year of failing health, he died in hospital after only ten days' serious illness.

Samuel Wilson. *Royal Irish Rifles.*

Samuel Wilson of Rathfriland, Co. Down, Northern Ireland, died on 8th January, 1970 at the age of 72 years.

He served in the 1st World War in the Royal Irish Rifles and was the victim of a gas attack in 1918.

His eyesight did not deteriorate until later in life and he came to St. Dunstan's in 1964. Due to his poor health he did not undergo any training.

He leaves a widow.