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CHAIRMAN'S NOTES

Captain Cochrane-Barnett Honoured

Captain J. A. D. Cochrane-Barnett, O.B.E., a senior St. Dunstaner who has spent many years as a leading figure in the Council of the Royal National Institute for the Blind and as a Councillor and Alderman of West Sussex County Council, has been appointed Deputy Lieutenant for the County. As I write away from my records, I can only think of two other similar cases; one was when the late Mr. Godfrey Robinson was appointed High Sheriff of Kingston-Upon-Hull and the other was when Colonel Sir Michael Ansell was appointed Deputy Lieutenant of the County and later High Sheriff of Devon.

The office of Deputy Lieutenant in a big county like Sussex—indeed in any county—is a singular honour and a responsible task, for he often has to stand in for the Lord Lieutenant on important occasions.

I express to 'C.B.' as most of his friends call him, the very warm congratulations of St. Dunstaners.

Incidentally, Captain Cochrane-Barnett was a Founder Member and Chairman of the Southern Regional Association for the Blind for nearly 30 years and he is now its President.

Amongst his other activities, he was for many years a member of the General Council of the Guide Dogs for the Blind Association and he is now a vice-president.

Talking Book

I make no excuse for mentioning the talking book again even if some will think I am guilty of plugging it.

It is, in my opinion, the most important invention for the blind since Braille itself, and gives enormous pleasure. There are now over 25,000 talking book readers and our British system has been used in 17 overseas countries.

Although I lead a very full life, I still get great pleasure from the talking book and make full use of the excellent library. I note with some surprise that there are a few hundred St. Dunstaners who do not use this method of securing reading aloud. The books are read by splendid professional readers such as B.B.C. announcers; they are well chosen and are to be had in considerable variety, including biographies and other notable non-fiction and a good choice of fiction, including romantic novels and popular detective stories.

I use a pair of earphones which are very comfortable and easy to use. There are two reasons for this; one is that it enables another person in the same room to listen to the radio or the television at the same time, and the other occurs if I am sleepless at night when I can listen to my book for half-an-hour without disturbing my wife.

As the instrument is provided free from St. Dunstan's and the library is free, I commend it to those St. Dunstaners who have not yet tried it.

Fraser of Lonsdale.

COVER PICTURE: In highland evening dress, David Bell admires his presentation bell. He is wearing the Ancient Stuart hunting tartan.



'You rang Sir?'—At his installation, David, having received his bell, is toasted in liqueur whisky, Bell's, of course!

Photo—The Hinge.

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THE BELL ABUNE THEM A'—David Bell

Just over a year ago, in Scarborough, David Bell took office as President of the Association of Ex-Tablers' Clubs. A year which culminates in April with his Chaining the 25th Annual Meeting of the Association. This is an international organisation of former members of Round Table clubs up and down the country which consist of young business and professional men under the age of 40 whose objects are the performance of various forms of service to their local communities. After the age of forty, ex-Tablers maintain the fellowship they have enjoyed in Round Table in 'Forty-one Clubs'. David Bell was the founder member of the Forty-one club in Edinburgh and instigator of the spread of these clubs in Scotland. In token of his service, on his installation in the premier post of the organisation, he was presented by Scots Ex-Tablers with an oak-mounted brass bell inscribed: *David—The Bell Abune Them A'*, Scots for the Bell Above Them All.

David describes the presentation: "There have been occasions when there have been gimmicks at conferences. My predecessor, Wilf Nicholls, being a little lad only five feet two inches, the Dorset clubs got him a barrel, all polished and

inscribed, to stand on! He used to lug it all over the place to conferences. Then they thought what could they do for me in my year and the Scots lads got together and when I was installed at the Scarborough Conference they held up the proceedings



At Church Stretton, Class of '43, David Bell is third from right, back row. His colleagues: (left to right, front row) Alfred Hurley, Norman Perry, Joseph Purcell, the late Jack Vincent, (back row) Herbert Briggs, the late Peter Clark, Herbert Pownall, Leslie Robinson and Fred Ripley.

for a moment saying that as David would not be able to use a gavel to call the meeting to order perhaps a bell would make them pay attention."

David Bell had come a long way round from Edinburgh, his birthplace, to Scarborough; by way of North Africa, Tembani and Church Stretton. The journey cost him his sight and his hands. In 1938 he was a draughtsman working in Edinburgh and his efforts to join 603 Squadron, R.A.F. were turned down as his was a reserved occupation. "I was really inveigled into the Territorial Army by my friends, you know, a sort of white feather attitude, 'Old David Bell dodging it while we are all going to save our country'. So I wangled my way into the Royal Engineers under false pretences."

After working on coastal defences and starting out for the Norwegian campaign that fizzled out, David found himself back in England. A bout of appendicitis separ-

ated him from his unit: "I was 'Y listed', taken off strength, sent back to base and then re-issued. So I was one of the first volunteers picked out, Army fashion, to go out to Africa. I joined the 1st Field Squadron, Royal Engineers in time for all the Tobruk series of battles up to Benghazi and back to Tobruk in 1941. I was wounded in a minefield there in June 1942. We had to clear a way through the outer defences to let the Guards and the tanks out for a push they were going to make. This was giving trouble so I was sent to clear the minefield. Using what little knowledge I had, being young and stupid, I checked for booby traps and wires and one I had in my hand went off so that meant curtains for David".

David did not regain consciousness until August 1942 and it was a year after he was wounded that he reached Church Stretton: "I came to Stretton in 1943, on June 19th, I came down the usual transit

route from Egypt down to Durban and 'Maritzburg—various operations and down to Tembani, finally back to England in 1943".

Before the War he had planned to go into medicine—his time as a draughtsman he regarded as a stopgap until he could apply to the University for entrance. Now, at Church Stretton, he faced a change of course: "I thought to myself, because of my disability what can I do? Talk was the best thing—my tongue isn't disabled—I thought, perhaps a job as an interpreter or a linguist; I was quick at learning languages. So I started studying at Stretton".

David also started courting in Stretton and by 1944 he was engaged to Sibyl Page from Shrewsbury who was a part-time voluntary worker and escort. "I thought, well, it's going to be difficult to offer the girl just pie in the sky—if and when I do anything we'll eat—I must be more practical about this. My friends said have you ever thought of a business? So I put it to St. Dunstan's and they said let's go into this together because we're sure, David, you would rather be, say, 75% active in your business than 15% active. So they got the Research Department and they built my equipment up".

Pioneer

David opened his small shop in Edinburgh in 1946. He was the pioneer handless shopkeeper: "There was my coin receiving machine. It took advantage of the fact that the coins alternated in size, from the large silver half-crown to the copper penny, silver two-shilling; silver, copper, silver. So, by checking through the stops the third one must be a two shilling piece. I had a change machine—the type they have on the London Underground. You press the button and the change comes down a helter skelter. There were three banks of principal keys—they cut all the surplus buttons off making a reasonable gap between each key so I didn't strike two at once. If you pressed them right you could get any combination of change up to 19s 11½d".

He also had specially made cigarette racks but none of this equipment is in use today. "Nowadays I employ staff. I've no machines down there now and with the range of goods and the brands and the variations I'd be absolutely round the



David and his guests are piped in to Dinner at Painters Hall in London, November 1969. The piper is an old friend of St. Dunstan's sportsmen, Ben Mills. Photo—The Hinge.

twist if I tried it—without hands". The business was expanding into a bigger range of confectionery, wools, clothes and toys. It was a natural growth with the area as houses were built all round for the men returning from the services. "I started out just one little shop in the middle of open fields but by 1950 there were houses and flats by the hundreds round about us. The City built a new shopping area and offered those with temporary premises on the site first opportunity. I took it and moved in".

University

But more opportunity for business meant less opportunity for personal involvement in its day to day work behind the counter for a boss with David's disabilities. He still supervises his shop: "I give as much time as I possibly can. I don't want to interfere with the staff too much. I pop down at least three times a week and I have a chat with the staff. I go through the figures with the manager; it's necessary to keep in fairly close touch". In 1950 David realised that his business was not

going to satisfy him and his mind turned again to a course at University.

"I went to Sir Ian about it. He said, 'I would recommend you to hold on to your business—however small, even if it's only a fiver a week it's bread and butter. It may turn out to be a capital asset eventually'. It was sound advice which I took but I did apply to University and saw the Head of Department at Edinburgh. He said, 'Well, in view of the qualifications you have to enter the University there is nothing we can do to prevent you. We'll just point out some of the hazards but we will give you every help and encouragement we can'".

A Student

So Edinburgh had its first blind and handless student reading for his M.A. He found nothing but the fullest co-operation from authorities, staff and students. "Sibyl decided, as she is a wonderful girl, that she was prepared to come to classes every morning with me. My first class was an economics lecture at nine o'clock in the morning and we would dash out with the kids in the car and they would go to a friend or something while Sibyl came to the class with me. This happened for the first two weeks. Each class Sibyl would take with me. She had notebooks and I would say to her 'Yes, that's a point' and she would take notes at my dictation. The other students saw what was going on and being mostly ex-service folk and quite understanding lads and lasses they eventually got around to saying 'Now look Sibyl there's no need for you to come up and go through all this. We are taking notes. David can have our notes, in fact he'll remember more about the lectures than we will, so we will meet afterwards to fill in the gaps and go through the books together'.

"I still had to read the books that were recommended so Sibyl had to give up a lot of her spare time to read to me. This went right through the M.A. course until 1952 when I qualified as Master of Arts". When it came to examination time the University supplied David with invigilators and an amanuensis to write his answers. He was given extra time for the dictating, reading back and double checking imposed by his disabilities. "I worked alone and one of the University staff—usually one of the secretaries of the professors of the

appropriate Department—read the questions and took down my answers. All the time the University invigilators of the Department were sitting by me to make sure I wasn't cribbing. I had a whole week of papers Monday to Friday and with the extra allowance of time I would do eight hours in the day. It was thoroughly exhausting".

For his degree David studied English, Economics, Moral Philosophy, Psychology and Social Anthropology. He was capped Master of Arts on July 4th, 1952, and immediately embarked on a new course of studies for the degree of Bachelor of Commerce which he obtained in 1955. This involved Accountancy, Business Methods, French, German and Law. "I thoroughly enjoyed the language courses. We had *au pair* girls staying with us so I was chatting with them all the time. They helped me by writing notes and dictation and such like and read the set books over".

Then followed, in David's words, "A gap of two years just sitting around and thinking". Although, as well as his business he was a member of Edinburgh Senior Chamber of Commerce from 1949, serving on various committees—he was to become President of the Retail Trades Section from 1964-67—and a member of the Merchant Company of Edinburgh from 1950.

Gateshead Round Table

In 1957 David visited a great friend, Leslie Thomson, who took him to a meeting of the Gateshead Round Table, "They asked me would I like to join and the Gateshead Table put my name forward to Edinburgh Round Table".

David was accepted by the Edinburgh Round Table and began a new phase of his life. He held office in his Round Table and became an Area Councillor, he was Edinburgh's delegate to all the Conferences of the Round Table of Great Britain and Ireland. "We were an active group: We did transport for the disabled, raising funds for old age pensioners, crippled children and other needy folk. If there was a national disaster they would come round with collecting cans and then, round to the cinemas. We used to work from 2 p.m. until Midnight taking it in shifts. I did my stint with the rest—I used to have a collecting box shaking it in front of them as

they came in. Sometimes we would collect £80 or £90."

Outside Table he was appointed to the Scottish Board of the B.B.C. and the Secretary of State for Scotland appointed him to represent the Disabled on the Local and Regional Hospital Board. As time went on he also served the British Limbless Ex-Servicemen's Association as Area Representative and their representative on the Scottish Council of Social Service. He ultimately became Vice-President of the National Federation of the Blind and, nearest to his heart, he was appointed to the Ministry of Labour Disablement Advisory Committee.

He has strong views on the best ways of helping disabled people and he is often in a minority on the Committee: "I feel that we should neglect a lot of the routine decisions that go by the book. We should take the person as an individual and try to assist wherever possible to rehabilitate him. To make him feel like a wanted person not just somebody to whom the Ministry says, 'Under Section 52, you have got both legs off so you can't work'. I would like to see the individual given a chance; to help someone who hasn't got the background or the intelligence or just the fundamental spirit to overcome their disability. You hope that by talking to them and encouraging them that they can do a bit more with their lives".

Founder Chairman

In 1962, after five years in Round Table, David reached the retirement age of forty. He was made an Honorary Member of Table with the task of forming an Edinburgh Branch of the Association of Ex-Tablers' Clubs. In October 1962 he became Founder Chairman of the Edinburgh Forty-one Club.

His account of his progress towards the Presidency of the Association is modest and amusing; what he does not mention is his great experience while in Round Table of international conferences in Europe, the United States and Canada, and his flair for languages—he speaks French, German and Russian and understands Dutch, Afrikaans and Spanish.

According to David he was invited to stand as a member of the Association's Council because, "They saw what an advantage it might be to have a Scot who



A bearded David Bell at his graduation as Master of Arts. Sibyl admires their hard-earned certificate.
Photo—George Outram and Co. Ltd.

was also able to understand English and interpret for them". . . . And the Presidency? "They knew that the 25th Anniversary Conference would be this year in Blackpool and they'd found out that it was our 25th Wedding Anniversary at the same time, in April. I should imagine they thought we'll take the two and groom him for the Presidency. So all unknown to me they got the backing of all the other clubs, the people who knew me at every conference".

So, April 1970 sees a high point in David Bell's career of service. It is, perhaps, a pity that his appearance on the famous T.V. programme, *This Is Your Life*, took place in 1957. What an interesting 13 years Eamonn Andrews could have added to his presentation book. As it was, David, lured on to the stage of the Television Theatre in a bubble car in the belief that he was going to a meeting about a film on St. Dunstan's, thoroughly enjoyed the experience. Those who regard this programme

as a form of exploitation might be interested in his reaction: "With a bit of common sense you'll appreciate the fact that a lot of work has gone into this. The programme I was in was just straightforward facts. The research that had been gone into to obtain people who had a linking point in my life was certainly to be wondered at and appreciated. As each guest came on to speak and I recognised them, it was excitement and interest to me all the way through the programme. Even the *au pair* girls came dancing on to the stage and got everybody's eyebrows and hopes raised!"

Double Anniversary

Eamonn Andrews may have been too soon in saying "This is your Life" but the *Review*, in this double anniversary month can say, "David Bell, This is your 'Way of Life'" and conclude with a tribute paid to him in his Presidential Year by the President of the Round Table, "Thank you, David, your presence makes us humble and is an inspiration to us all".



Eamonn Andrews, compere of the programme "This is Your Life" reminds David Bell of an incident in his past life. Photo—B.B.C.

From the Chairman's postbag

From H. W. Ottaway of Axbridge, Somerset

Your telegram gave me great pleasure.

The service I was called to render St. Dunstan's, in association with many others, was the greatest privilege of my life.

It is a remarkable Community of Fellowship. A random group of men of all ages, ranks, classes and culture, shocked by blindness, accepted it with some grim humour and, with various visions, set about re-shaping their lives helping one another on the way. They welcomed help from all and did much to promote an easier and happier relationship between blind and sighted people while also taking their places as active members of the British Legion.

Bred and based in the Homeland and Commonwealth a gleam of European comradeship was there at the start.

Now the influence of St. Dunstan's has become world wide and its tradition and achievements have inspired many to meet adversity with steadfast courage.

My health keeps remarkably good and I

am well cared for in this handsome and comfortable Home of Old People.

Please convey my sincere thanks and greetings to all who shared in your message.

Coming Events

ST. DUNSTAN'S CAMP

Just a reminder that all entries for the Camp should be sent to: Mrs. Spurway, Mount House, Halse, Taunton, Somerset, Telephone Bishops Lydeard 359, as soon as possible.

REMINDER

Sports and Fishing at Ovingdean

St. Dunstaners are reminded that the ballot for both Sports and Fishing takes place at the end of the 1st week in April and all applications should be in before then.

All applicants will be hearing from Ovingdean during the second week in April advising them of the results of the ballot.

TEMBANI WEEK-END

It has been suggested that those St. Dunstaners who were admitted through the Centre at Tembani in South Africa would welcome an opportunity of meeting together and in order to make this possible a number of beds are being reserved at Ovingdean for the week-end Saturday and Sunday, 2nd and 3rd May next, which they are invited to use.

Any St. Dunstaner wishing to take advantage of this opportunity of renewing old acquaintances from Tembani should write to me as soon as possible. St. Dunstan's will, of course, be responsible for travelling expenses in the usual way.

I am writing individually to those St. Dunstaners known to have been at Tembani and they will have received a letter from me about the proposed get-together by the time this *Review* is published. We are, however, printing this announcement just in case we have omitted to contact any St. Dunstaner to whom it applies.

C. D. WILLS,
Welfare Superintendent

SPORTS DATES

Mrs. Avis Spurway has informed us that the annual games of the British Sports Association for the Disabled will be held at Stoke Mandeville New Stadium, on Friday October 2nd to Sunday, October 4th. St. Dunstan's deadline for entries: April 29th—to Mrs. Spurway.

In addition B.L.E.S.M.A. Sports will be held at Stoke Mandeville New Stadium on Saturday, 6th June, and the Northern Sports at R.A.F. Lindholm, Doncaster, on Saturday, 11th July.

St Dunstaners wishing to take part in any of these Sports should apply direct to: The British Limbless Ex-Service Men's Association, Frankland Moore House, 185/187 High Road, Chadwell Heath, Essex.

Gold Braille Watch

CLIFFORD HOYLE of Chadderton, Lancs., was presented with a gold Braille watch by Hawker Siddeley Ltd., on 6th March, 1970, at a cocktail evening and his wife was specially asked to accompany him. He will have completed twenty-five years service with the firm in September.



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.

William John Gilbert of Hengoed, Glamorgan, became a St. Dunstaner in February, 1970. He is a single man and served in the Royal Engineers from 1958 and in the Royal Corps of Transport from 1965.

Sidney George Mortimore of Bournemouth was admitted to St. Dunstan's in February 1970. He served in the Royal Artillery in the 2nd World War and is married.

Richard O'Donnell of Bury, Lancs., became a St. Dunstaner in February 1970. He served in the Lancashire Fusiliers from 1914 to 1918. He is married.

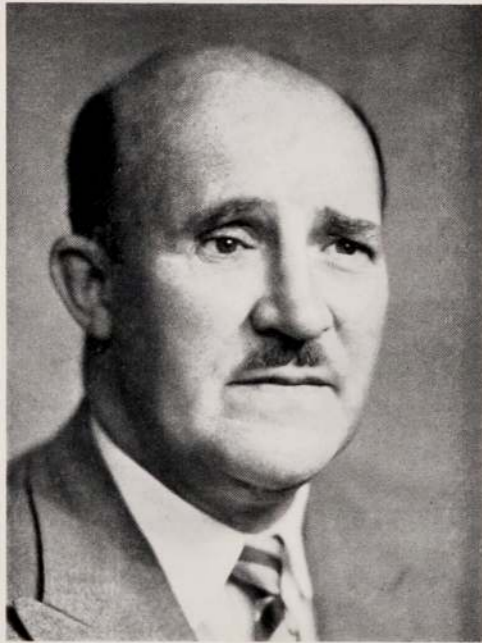
MRS. MARJORIE AUSTIN

Mrs. Marjorie Austin retired from the Ovingdean Training Staff last year and a write-up appeared in our October number of the *Review*. From members of the staff and St. Dunstaners at Ovingdean she was presented with a Russell Hobbs Electric Automatic Coffee percolator and a Phillips hair-dryer. A number of past trainees expressed a wish to be associated with a token of appreciation to Mrs. Austin and we now print below her thanks to them for their present.

Thank You

I should like to express my sincere thanks to all the past trainees who contributed to my retirement present.

I have chosen a lovely leather handbag which will be a tangible reminder of the many happy years I spent with you at Ovingdean. Your interest and kindness to me during those years will always remain a very pleasant memory. My good wishes to you all.



Fred Woodcock.

Photo—Canadian National Institute for the Blind.

CAPTAIN F. J. L. WOODCOCK

Captain Fred Woodcock, known to many St. Dunstaners in various parts of the Commonwealth, retired on 28th February from the post of National After-care Officer for War Blinded with the Canadian National Institute for the Blind

University Appointment

Many congratulations to JOHN DAVIES, B.A., who has been appointed Director of Extra Mural Studies at University College, Cardiff, after 21 years at Coleg Harlech, Merionethshire. He and his wife and their four sons will be moving to Cardiff, where he takes up his new work at the beginning of June.

A French Widow in Every Bedroom?

"The number of bedrooms in our new club house will be reduced from 14 to 8 and lady guests will only be admitted on special occasions".

From a letter to the Leeds Club from another with which it has reciprocal arrangements.

and Executive Secretary of the Sir Arthur Pearson Association of War Blinded. He is succeeded by Mr. W. M. Mayne, another war blinded Canadian.

Dieppe Raid

Captain Woodcock, a Canadian Army Regular, served with the Royal Hamilton Light Infantry in Britain during the 2nd World War. He took part in the raid on 19th August 1942 at Dieppe, was severely wounded and taken prisoner by the Germans. He was repatriated to this country with other blinded prisoners of war in October 1943, and went to St. Dunstan's at Church Stretton for rehabilitation and training. Subsequently he returned to Canada and took up employment with the C.N.I.B. in 1945.

Fred Woodcock gave outstanding personal leadership and assistance to the war-blinded of Canada. His thought, energy and determined efforts brought substantial improvements over the years in the pensions and allowances to which Canadian veterans are entitled because of war service.

Not only did Fred Woodcock make outstanding contribution to his fellow war-blinded but also to the total programme of C.N.I.B. He represented his country at meetings of the World Veterans Federation for many years. We wish him and Mrs. Woodcock health and happiness in their retirement.

Derby Sweepstake

The Closing date of the Derby Sweepstake is Wednesday, 20th May.

Tickets are 2s. 6d. each, and are limited solely to St. Dunstaners or St. Dunstan's trainees.

Each application must be accompanied by a stamped addressed envelope.

The name and full address of the sender, together with the number of tickets required, should be sent, with the stamped addressed envelope, to the Editor, D.S.S. Dept., *St. Dunstan's Review*, P.O. Box 58, 191 Old Marylebone Road, London, N.W.1.

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

All those drawing a horse will be notified.

FRANK REVIEWS

"Shark Island" by Maurice Engleman, read by *Anthony Parker*. The small population of a Caribbean Island is basically a peaceful, happy community, and the British Administrator loves the people as he loves the island. Faced with economic pressures which bring much unemployment, he seeks help from the United Kingdom, which, in response, sends out a Parliamentary delegation.

To the London men the solution is simple—lease land to American business interests, and the problem will be solved, and money will flow into the Island.

But the Administrator, like the Islanders, is not too sure, knowing the nature of the Americans who seek to invest. In the face of personal troubles and pressure from Whitehall, and being totally opposed to the so-called "Progress" envisaged for the Island, he feels regretfully forced to resign and leave it to its fate.

Somehow or other this book awakes memories of a little Caribbean Island called Anguilla.

"The House of the Arrow" by A. E. W. Mason, read by *Eric Gillett*. Written in 1919, this is one of the old time detective novels, which, in its technique, is as interesting to-day as when it was first published. True it lacks the swift movement of action and narrative that is prevalent in modern fiction. You may find the early deliberations of the French detective, Monsieur Hannaux, a little frustrating, also the young English lawyer rather naive. However, so cleverly does the plot twist and turn that most readers will bear with this 'Oh so conceited' detective, until not only is the true murderer identified, but Monsieur Hannaux has explained to his English "Watson" exactly how he, the master-mind, spotted the villain.

"Let me show you the way" by Peter de Vries, read by *Marvin Cain*. I suppose I could make a brief synopsis of this book in the two words "Cause and Effect" But that would be grossly unfair to both the author and the readers, so I must go further.

When the joint offspring of an atheistic father and an Evangelistic mother is bombarded in his childhood by their opposed doctrines, it is not to be wondered at that he grows up into a "Nut". True, an intellectual, humorous "Nut", nevertheless, a "Nut" and the capital "N" is justified.

As a lecturer in his local college, his activities are such as to cause his immediate superior to pass the way of all flesh, and the President of the Faculty to be removed to the care of the local hospital for nervous disorders. The readers are left to guess whether he is eventually saved by either a miracle or the love of a good woman, naturally his father believes in the woman angle, but even he becomes open minded on the matter.

A good, dry, humorous piece of writing, describing as I said before, "Cause and Effect."

"The Park" by Margaret Forster, read by *David Broomfield*. Winter and summer alike, a number of mothers walk in the park with their children, and one woman walks alone, envying them. Some chat together in the small cafe, others merely share a nodding acquaintance, until suddenly tragedy strikes. To us the author shows the private life of each of these characters; their pleasures, sorrows, fears and frustrations.

This is a well-written story which will be mainly of interest to women readers. My one criticism being that too many personality studies make for confusion, particularly for those who can only pick up the story at odd times.

PEARSON HOUSE

This Home has now been closed for the reconstruction work to be carried out, starting in April and which it is expected will take eighteen months.

St. Dunstaners who were accommodated at the Home and who are nursing cases have moved to Northgate House, and the others to Ovingdean; they have now all settled in happily in their new surroundings.



ST. DUNSTAN'S CLOCK

Poetic Argonaut

If we need convincing about **Anthony Naumann's** stature as a poet we can find confirmation in the fact that one of this country's foremost fiction magazines, *Argosy*, has just published another of his poems "Thank God for the Green Again," in its April issue. This is not the first Naumann poem published by this magazine which described his work as 'poetry for everyone' in an editorial note which also said that 'his poems . . . show that he has a unique and original talent'. Praise indeed from a journal whose contributors include such famous names as H. E. Bates, Nigel Balchin, Alistair Maclean, Peter Ustinov and John Wain. Incidentally, Braille readers might like to be reminded that an edition of *Argosy* printed by the Scottish Braille Press, has been published for about two years now and is distributed all over the world. "Thank God for the Green Again" is reproduced in the *Review* by permission of Anthony Naumann.

Thank God for the Green Again

For A.C.

*Thank God for the green again,
The warm south-west, the breath that is April sun,
May showers, that drip from the blossom I welcome.
The green again is here, and now,
The black-bird in my apple tree sings his head off silverly
And thrushes crack the backs of snails and gobble slugs.
Thank God for the green again, the warm wet sun,
The gossamer still spun but unseen
Because frost has ceased to be a go-between
Linking the thin thread and the pattern elaborate, cruel, beautiful,
Inscribed in my mind's eye.*

It Strikes Me

Well Met

*There was a very strong St. Dunstan's background to the story in the Birmingham newspapers last month of a £1,000 gift to the Guide Dogs for the Blind Association. Employees of the Midlands office equipment firm, Kalamazoo, raised this sum because they were so impressed by St. Dunstaner **Douglas Cashmore**, the firm's telephonist, and his guide dog, Curtis. They formed a committee to raise £250 for a guide dog and began by collecting tinfoil but the 1,500 employees became so enthusiastic that they were soon organising other money-raising events. Within eighteen months they had raised enough for four guide dogs. The Association sent along their Midlands area organiser with his guide dog, Zing, to collect the cheque and, of course, Douglas and Curtis were there to meet them . . . and who was the Guide Dogs man? Why, another St. Dunstaner, **Malcolm Jarman!***

Blind Justice

The National League of the Blind and Disabled have helped to chip away a bit of that old obstacle, the disqualification of the totally blind from sitting on the Bench as J.P.s. This was behind a brief news item last month which stated that **Mr. David Ennals, Minister of State, Department of Health and Social Security**, had told a delegation from the National League that totally blind people can now be appointed to the 200 local National Insurance Tribunals in Britain. This represents a partial relaxation of the regulations but blind people still cannot serve on the 150 Supplementary Benefits Appeals Tribunals. A spokesman of the Department told me that these regulations were based on the ruling of the Royal Commission on Justices of the Peace, 1946 that no totally blind person should be appointed to judicial positions, "so it followed that this should be applied to other administrative tribunals," he said. He could not say what factors had persuaded the Minister of State to depart from this precedent now. Perhaps the Lord Chancellor may one day be swayed to relax the much more important ban on blind J.P.s.

MAGOG

Bridge Notes

The second Individual Competition of the Brighton Section was held on Saturday, 14th February. The results are as follows:—

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F. Rhodes and J. Huk ...	55

The Brighton Section of the Club concluded their programme in the Sussex C.C.B.A. on Sunday, 15th February. It was a very closely contested match, the team consisting of J. Whitcombe, A. Smith, F. Mathewman and S. H. Webster, (Captain).

It was a very enjoyable season throughout and the experience against first class players has been of great benefit to our men. We are extremely grateful for the help given by the folks at Ovingdean, especially Miss Mildred Dagnall and our very staunch friends, Mrs. E. Gover, Mrs. H. Smith and Cliff Ling.

S. H. WEBSTER,
Captain.

The first Individual Competition of the London Section was held on Saturday, 7th March. The results were as follows:—

R. Armstrong and R. Evans	73
P. Nuyens and Miss V. Kemmish	66
E. Carpenter and R. Freer	65
F. Pusey and W. Allen	64
H. King and R. Bickley	63
R. Stanners and H. Meleson	50
G. Lynch and R. Fullard	44

Fortunately the weather on Saturday, 14th March though cold, turned out to be reasonably dry for more than forty St. Dunstaners, wives and friends who came to the Club Rooms in Marylebone Road for a pleasant afternoon at our first Bridge Drive of the year. There were nine tables for Bridge.

We were happy to see so many old friends and to greet new friends, with a special welcome for those who had travelled some distance to be with us for the afternoon.

Mrs. Les. Douglas (wife of our St. Dunstaner who spends many Saturday afternoons helping to prepare the refreshments which we so enjoy at the end of each Saturday afternoon's Bridge) graciously presented the prizes to the winners, who were as follows:—

1. Michael Tybinski and Mr. Palmer
2. Robert Fullard and Mr. S. Medcraft
3. Samuel Webster and Miss M. Byrne
4. Harry Meleson and Mrs. Meleson.

Our Bridge Drive ended on a cordial note with those who wished staying behind to play friendly games for the rest of the evening.

ROY ARMSTRONG,
Captain.

BRIDGE PLAYERS "AHOY"

Dear St. Dunstan Bridge Players and Friends,

I am sure you will be interested in a Bridge Cruise. On May 8th M/V Aurelia will be leaving Southampton for a 14 days' cruise around the Mediterranean, calling at interesting ports. The Bridge activities will consist of groups—instruction for novices and advanced players, and an open competition for anyone who cares to enter.

I will be going with a group of friends from Paignton. Any St. Dunstaner who intends going and would like to join my group when they arrive on board, would be most welcome to do so, and perhaps would drop me a line so that I can let my friends know.

Any other information regarding fares and passports etc., can be obtained from our St. Dunstaner, Mr. J. F. Proctor at 2, Marine Drive, Brighton, Sussex, Tel. Brighton 33448.

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I hope I will have the pleasure of your company and look forward to many exciting days,

Yours sincerely,
TOM WOODS.

"Bryn Alyn",
1, Stabb Close,
White Rock,
Paignton,
Devon.

JXXX!

by Alf E. Field

After a survey of the 60 Boards bid last February by 13 Pairs each session, I am very pleased to report a marked improvement on last year's performances. In the preparation of these bidding situations (like playing with "H" Bombs) I endeavour to pinpoint certain technicalities in use with the system and using "simple Acol" to illustrate my points. Well, we come to Board 2 when—I think the apt expression is—"the ground rocked under my feet", I gathered some B's and C's. (disagreements)

Board 2	
Dealer South	Love All
	♠ 10, 8, 7, 6
	♥ A, 5, 3
	♦ 7, 5
	♣ A, J, 7, 5
	☐
	♠ Q, J, 9, 2
	♥ 7, 6
	♦ A, K, J, 6
	♣ K, Q, 10

12 out of 13 Pairs duly opened "One Diamond"; 6 out of that 12 responded "One N.T." and the bidding ceased in 5 of that 6. 3 Pairs responded "One Spade"

and duly reached Game Bid of "Four". My suggested Bidding and comments were:

Bidding		Comments
South	North	
1D	→	Routine Bid — 16 Points and LTC of 5, <i>non-touching four card suits are bid upwards.</i>
	15	Do not go past a four card suit if it can be bid at the "One" level. I will comment further on that later.
25	→	After a rush of blood to the head, South appreciates that North's bid is "Tentative" and could be only 5 Points. It would not be a sin to bid three spades.
	2NT	This bid shows approx. 10 Points and a "stopper" in each of the unbid suits, also is slightly ashamed of his spade suit. An attempt to channel the bidding into a N.T. contract.
43	→	With 16 + 10 Points there should be a Game bid made. The LTC 6 + 9 = 15 is one short. South knows that the partnership holds only 5 cards in Hearts. (North did not bid them) and sees the danger of 3 NT. Most players with all this information available would prefer Four Spades.

On this Board I gathered 3 C's and 2 B's. So my further comments:— For some time I have pondered over this "Biddable" suit

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of four cards and concluded:- It is right to insist that Opener should have JXXX at least because he proclaims it as a Trump suit. The Responder, however, is communicating a Hand Pattern and may, providing he has the Points in the Hand bid a four card suit at the "One" level irrespective of its texture. Contrary to previous teaching which insisted on JXXX. Thus assuming he has no five card suit to bid he should, as in our example, bid his lowest ranking four card suit at the "One" level and if he bids "One NT" it denies that holding. Both partners must remember it is a "Tentative" bid. It ensures finding a 4-4 fit at the One level. I wonder if you would test this point by arranging or dealing a few Hands, yourself.

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Cardiff Club Notes

We held our meeting on 7th March but only a few members were present. Dominoes were played and won by **Reg Parson** and **Frank Bell**.

All wish our Chairman, Mr. Bert Evans a speedy recovery from his illness and do hope he will be feeling much better by now.

On Friday, 13th March, we had a farewell dinner for Mrs. May Caple who was the very first Chairman of the Cardiff Club. Mrs. Caple is sailing to Australia on April 30th to see her son Donald and his family and we all wish her a very safe journey. We hope she will continue to keep in touch with her friends at the Cardiff Club. A presentation of a travelling clock was made to Mrs. Caple from all her friends at the Club.

D. STOTT,
Secretary.

Miss Pauline Webster

On 21st March, at the St. Peter's Church, Harrogate, the wedding took place of Miss Pauline Webster and Mr. Rein Venekamp. Members of our Bridge Club, who visited Harrogate in the past, will always remember her wonderful "At Home" bridge parties she gave us on each visit and so will be very sorry to miss them in the future as her husband is whisking her away to his native country, Holland.

A telegram wishing them both our fervent good wishes for their future happiness together with a memento wedding present of a Ronson, Queen Ann, table lighter were sent on behalf of her St. Dunstan's bridge friends.

PAUL NUYENS.

Brighton Club Notes

Commencing with the club meeting on the second Thursday in April (9th April), the Sir Arthur Pearson games, dominoes, "Fives and Threes", crib and darts will start.

PLEASE NOTE.

The club meeting for May will be on Thursday 7th May, NOT the second Thursday.

FRANK A. RHODES,
Chairman/Secretary.

Sutton Club Notes

The Sutton Club had a pleasant meeting on Valentine's Day although owing to very bad weather our numbers were small.

We have arranged the following further meetings at Sutton Adult School, Benhill Avenue, Sutton, on Saturday afternoon from 3-6 p.m. Saturdays, April 11th, May 9th and June 13th.

We should still be willing to move to another neighbourhood if this proved easier for members old and new.

MISS D. HOARE,
Secretary.

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London Club Notes

Due to the inclement weather in February, which seemed to be at its very worst on Thursday evenings, which is our usual Domino evening at the London Club, unfortunately prevented many of our members from attending.

However, as the Spring is just around the corner, it is hoped that we shall be back to our usual numbers. We are pleased to hear from Norman Smith and Paul Nuyens that their recent contact with St. Dunstaners in the London area who are not yet members of the Club may bear fruit as several St. Dunstaners have promised to come along.

The football Pontoon Sweepstake which ended on 14th March was shared by William Muir and Roy Armstrong with the teams Arsenal and Hull respectively. The "booby" was won by Ernest Carpenter with Liverpool and Robert Evans whose team was West Ham and Mrs. Stanley with Birmingham.

W. MILLER

Midland Club Notes

Despite very wintry conditions we had a very good attendance at our March meeting which was held on 8th March. We played off three of our knock-out domino games, which means that we are getting on very well with this competition this year.

Details were given of a get together which is to be held on Saturday evening 18th April, at the King's Arms, Harborne, we have already engaged some artists for this and a buffet is arranged. Any St. Dunstaner and his wife who would care to join us will be very welcome, the cost will be 6/- per head. Anyone interested can obtain details by ringing Bromsgrove 3856.

Mrs. Androlia arranged the tea for us at this meeting and we all thanked her for the splendid meal.

Our next meeting will be a "Bring and Buy" sale.

D. E. CASHMORE,
Hon. Secretary.

Walking

With three of our regular walkers on the sick list, and missing Ted Bunting who has moved to the North of England, the section was rather depleted when we met at Ewell on 21st February for the six mile handicap race.

For the St. Dunstaners that did turn out, it was a welcome outing, for we are all unable to do any training because of the persistent wintry weather. All walked very much as the handicapper had anticipated and Billy Harris was justly satisfied with the closeness of the finish. Mike Tetley, back amongst the prizes at long last, was a clear winner.

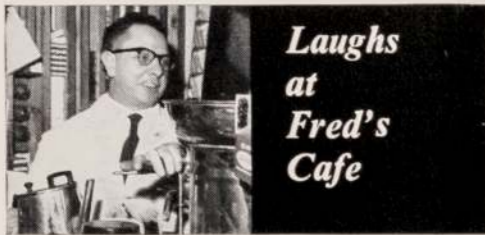
SIX MILE AT EWELL

Order of Finish	Handicap Time	Allowance	Actual Time
M. Tetley	58.38	6.40	65.18
S. Tutton	59.03	7.30	66.33
W. Miller	59.16	Scr.	59.16
J. Wright	59.26	15.10	74.36
M. Burns	59.56	10.45	70.41
F. Barratt	60.30	2.20	62.50
J. Simpson	60.40	.45	61.25 FL

W. MILLER

NORTH WALES GRADUATE

David, son of "DICKY" BRETT of Lancing, Sussex, having passed his final examinations on his 21st birthday, graduated from the University College of North Wales, Bangor with a B.Sc. in Electronic Engineering. He is now employed as Design Engineer for Rank Strand Electrics, London.



Going Home

It was time to shut up for the day. Everything had been put away and locked up. All there was to do was to take the bag which my wife had filled and told me to bring home with me before she left for home two hours earlier. The bag contained two bottles of lemonade and two bottles of milk. On top of these bottles I put a paper bag containing several pounds worth of loose change from the till.

I boarded the Tube train rather hastily and reached for the long seat near the door. I was told later that the seat was occupied by a young lady and two young boys. I discovered immediately that she wore a mini skirt when reaching to find my seat. I apologised most sincerely and backed away

to find refuge in the opposite seat. There I sat red-faced with the shopping bag on my lap. The Tube had not gone far when I heard one of the young lads opposite say "Mum . . ." and whisper something. I thought he had witnessed the mini skirt incident and wanted to talk about it. A little later the other boy broke the heavy silence with "Oi Mum, that man . . ." I felt very hot under the collar. Then the lady's hand on my knee brought me out into a cold sweat.

"Excuse me, Sir," she said quite pleasantly. "I believe you are having an accident." Removing the shopping bag from my lap I revealed a large dark wet patch. Furthermore, there on the floor was a puddle of liquid. A frantic search in my bag revealed that the stopper on one of the lemonade bottles had worked loose thereby causing the liquid to escape.

I babbled to the lady and everyone else for that matter. "It's lemonade" but I could not get the bottle out to prove it without spilling all the loose change in the paper bag.

Barking Station took years to come and when I rose to leave, I knew every eye was on me.

Letters to the Editor

From Alfred Bradley of Northwood Hills, Middlesex

Platform Etiquette

I was very grateful for this quality in a Stationman at Baker Street Station the other week, when he politely stepped up to inform me that I had positioned myself to wait for my train, right beneath a pigeon which was perching on one of the lower girders of the station roof. I said a very sincere "thank you" to this indoor bird-watcher.

From Mr. A. J. F. Jolly of Fulham, London, S.W.6.

Thank you for the long list of Talking Books in the *March Review*.

British Talking Book Services for the Blind

Non-Fiction

Cat. No.

- 649 LANCASTER, OSBERT
ALL DONE FROM MEMORY (1953)
Read by Richard Baker. Conjures up the author's Edwardian childhood in historical and social perspective.
P.T. 4 hours.
- 638 REID, CHARLES
(2) *MALCOLM SARGENT* (1968)
Read by Alvar Lidell. An affectionate biography of the great conductor whose art and personality captures the imagination of music lovers the world over.
P.T. 22½ hours.
- 659 ROWSE, A. L.
BOSWORTH FIELD AND THE WARS OF THE ROSES (1966)
Read by Colin Doran. The transition from Medieval to Tudor England as portrayed in History and reflected in Literature.
P.T. 14½ hours.

- 654 SHAW, A. L. G.
THE STORY OF AUSTRALIA (1955)
Read by Timothy Gudgin. The story of the continent with the first settlements, convict transportation, the squatters' movement, and the gold rush, to the present day.
P.T. 10¼ hours.
- 644 TANGYE, DEREK
THE WAY TO MINACK (1968)
Read by David Broomfield. The autobiography of a well-known author who gave up his London job to settle on a remote flower farm in Cornwall.
P.T. 6 hours.
- 646 VAN DER POST, LAURENS
PORTRAIT OF JAPAN (1968)
Read by Alvar Lidell. The author has paid many visits to Japan, but writes here mostly of his visit in 1960, because that was the occasion on which the country made the biggest impact.
P.T. 4 hours.
- 707 ADAMSON, GEORGE
BWANA GAME (1968)
Read by Derek Chandler. The story of George Adamson's life; his childhood in India, move to Kenya and search for a way of life and discovery of his vocation as a Game Warden.
P.T. 12¼ hours.
- 700 BRICKHILL, PAUL
THE DAM BUSTERS (1951)
Read by Corbett Woodall. The story of 617 Squadron, R.A.F., one of the most effective and daring units Britain possessed in World War II.
P.T. 9½ hours.
- 716 BROME, VINCENT
THE INTERNATIONAL BRIGADES (1965)
Read by David Broomfield. An account of the volunteers who fought with the Republican Army during the Spanish Civil war, 1936-1939.
P.T. 12 hours.
- 124 EGREMONT, LORD
WYNDHAM AND CHILDREN FIRST (1968)
Read by Alvar Lidell. The fascinating and amusing autobiography of the man who was for many years Private Secretary to Harold Macmillan, and who describes himself as a 'Lucky Amateur'.
P.T. 6¼ hours.
- 725 HATCH, ALDEN
(2) *THE MOUNTBATTENS* (1966)
Read by Duncan Carse. An outspoken account of the lives and personalities of Prince Louis, Lord Louis, and Prince Philip.
P.T. 19½ hours.
- 722 KOESTLER, ARTHUR
DRINKERS OF INFINITY (1968)
Read by John Richmond. A selection of essays and papers delivered to learned societies, revealing the enormous breadth of the author's interests.
P.T. 11¼ hours.
- 714 OWEN, HAROLD
(4) *JOURNEY FROM OBSCURITY* (1963/1965)
Read by Eric Gillett. The memoirs of the Owen family, covering the childhood, youth, and final chapters in the life of Wilfred Owen, poet, killed so tragically in the last month of the 1st war.
P.T. 42¼ hours.
- 721 PAPE, RICHARD
BOLDNESS BE MY FRIEND (1953)
Read by Clive Champney. Shot down over Germany, Pape endured torture and hardship in Gestapo prisons, from which he finally escaped.
P.T. 11¼ hours.
- 706 WHEELER BENNETT, SIR JOHN (ED)
ACTION THIS DAY—WORKING WITH CHURCHILL (1968)
Read by Alvar Lidell. Memoirs of Working with Churchill by Lord Normanbrook, John Colville, Sir John Martin, Sir Ian Jacob, Lord Bridges, Sir Leslie Rowan, with an introduction by the editor.
P.T. 8¼ hours.
- 701 WILLIAMS, J. H.
ELEPHANT BILL (1950)
Read by Michael de Morgan. Adventures in Burma, living and working with elephants and their riders in the great teak forests.
P.T. 10½ hours.

Fiction

Cat. No.

- 674 FRANCIS, DICK
FORFEIT (1968)
Read by Neil Durden-Smith. What Tyrone thought to be routine uncovering of a minor racing fraud turned into a major hunt involving ruthless international crime and much violence.
P.T. 7¼ hours.
- 677 GORDON, RICHARD
SURGEON AT ARMS (1968)
Read by Michael de Morgan. A serious novel about an illustrious plastic surgeon in and out of the hospital where he worked.
P.T. 8 hours.
- 690 GOUDGE, ELIZABETH
THE SCENT OF WATER (1963)
Read by Judith Whale. Mary Lindsay, middle-aged Londoner, settles in a country village; her kind heart and wisdom exercise great influence on the lives of her new neighbours.
P.T. 10½ hours.
- 680 MACLEAN, ALISTAIR
(2) *THE GUNS OF NAVARONE* (1957)
Read by Peter Reynolds. An exciting war story in which five men set out on a dangerous mission to demolish the German guns which threaten the British soldiers on a lonely Greek Island.
P.T. 12¼ hours.

- 698 GRAHAME, KENNETH
THE WIND IN THE WILLOWS (1908)
Read by Phyllis Boothroyd. A book of sunshine, running water, woodlands, and the creatures that inhabit them.
P.T. 7½ hours.
- 692 GREENE, GRAHAM
BRIGHTON ROCK (1938)
Read by Clive Champney. A murder is committed in Brighton, and the events that follow from one woman's determination to learn the truth make up a swift moving story.
P.T. 11¼ hours.
- 672 HALL, PATRICK
THE INDIA MAN (1968)
Read by Richmond. The life of Harry, a regular soldier, after the return of his regiment from India, where he had done most of his service. *Parts of this recording may be considered unsuitable for family reading.*
P.T. 9¼ hours.
- 695 MCLIVANNEY, WILLIAM
A GIFT FROM NESSUS (1968)
Read by Stanley Pritchard. A man's struggles to restore some sort of honesty to the fragments of his shattered life.
P.T. 8¼ hours.
- 814 MASON, A. E. W.
NO OTHER TIGER (1927)
Read by George Hagan. Strickland had many strange adventures while safeguarding the woman whom he loved from the terrible danger threatening her, about which he had accidentally heard while in Burma.
P.T. 11 hours.
- 823 ROBINS, DENISE
WE TWO TOGETHER (1959)
Read by Arthur Bush. A moving story of a girl made unhappy because she was plain and too plump. She learns the joy and sorrow of love and makes her own way to happiness.
P.T. 8¼ hours.
- 816 SILLITOE, ALAN
(2) *A TREE ON FIRE* (1967)
Read by Arthur Bush. Sequel to *The Death of William Posters*. Frank's wife returns to England with her baby son, and lives with Frank's painter friend and his large family while she awaits the return of her husband. *Parts of this recording may be considered unsuitable for family reading.*
P.T. 16 hours.
- 813 SNOW, C. P.
THE NEW MEN (1964)
Read by Eric Gillett. This portrays the reactions of scientists and politicians during the development of the atom bomb in Britain.
P.T. 10 hours.
- 812 TAYLOR, ELIZABETH
THE SOUL OF KINDNESS (1964)
Read by John Richmond. The effects on her husband and friends of the thoughtless selfishness of a beautiful girl, brought up to expect admiration from everyone.
P.T. 7½ hours.
- 817 TROLLOPE, ANTHONY
(3) *CAN YOU FORGIVE HER?* (1964)
Read by Eric Gillett. The first of the Palliser Novels, described by the author as "a series of semi-political tales" in which we first meet Plantagenet Palliser, Duke of Omnium, a very noble gentleman.
P.T. 33¼ hours.
- 803 TWEEDSMUIR, SUSAN
A STONE IN THE POOL (1961)
Read by Anthony Parker. This story of Rachel, a scholar's daughter who eventually settles in a great country house, recaptures the spirit of the Victorian age.
P.T. 10½ hours.
- 804 WHEATLEY, VERA
THE TIME OF ROSES (1959)
Read by Judith Whale. Set in London in the early nineteen-hundreds, this describes the love, joy and sorrow in the lives of a young girl and her friends.
P.T. 9¼ hours.
- 799 AVERY, GILLIAN
THE ELEPHANT WAR (1960)
Read by Elizabeth Proud. The year is 1875, and Aunt Louisa was busy in London organising the Elephant War that was to save Jumbo of the London Zoo from being sent to a circus in America.
P.T. 6¼ hours.
- 763 BALZAC, HONORÉ DE
OLD GORIOT (1834)
Trans. by Ellen Marriage. Read by Robin Holmes. In a Boarding House in Paris we meet old Goriot and his daughters, and hear of the intrigues of the ambitious Rastignac, and the criminal Vautrin.
P.T. 12 hours.
- 791 BARK, CONRAD VOSS
MR. HOLMES AND THE LOVE BANK (1964)
Read by David Geary. A story in which earth tremors, dead fish, and the ancient diary of Captain Love, preceded a spectacular physical phenomenon in mid-Atlantic.
P.T. 6½ hours.
- 761 BARSTOW, STAN
A RAGING CALM (1968)
Read by Stephen Jack. To the domestic life of Tom and his mistress Norma, the news of her husband's death brings recriminations, betrayal, and conflicting loyalties.
P.T. 12 hours.
- 784 BEEBY, OTTO
BLANK CHEQUE FOR MURDER (1968)
Read by Stephen Jack. Anthony Spencer was a con-man who wanted money the easy way, but he had not anticipated getting involved with murderous racketeers.
P.T. 6 hours.
- 800 BELL, JOSEPHINE
JACOBEAN ADVENTURE (1969)
Read by Stanley Pritchard. The exciting story of two young Scotsmen in London at the time of the Gunpowder Plot.
P.T. 9¼ hours.
- 790 CARTLAND, BARBARA
LOVE HOLDS THE CARDS (1965)
Read by Arthur Bush. To save her guardian's fortunes Tina Croome is presented to the gay London society surrounding George, Prince of Wales, where she encounters heartbreak, danger, and eventual happiness.
P.T. 7¼ hours.
- 768 CHRISTIE, AGATHA
THE PALE HORSE (1962)
Read by George Hagan. Attempting to uncover a secret organisation, a writer poses as a client with sinister intentions.
P.T. 7½ hours.
- 773 DICKENS, CHARLES
OLIVER TWIST (1838)
(2) Read by Andrew Timothy. The famous story of the workhouse boy and his adventures with Fagin, Bill Sykes, the Artful Dodger, and many other well-known characters, showing many of the social evils of the 19th century.
P.T. 15½ hours.
- 770 DROIT, MICHEL
THE RETURN (1966)
(2) Trans. by Olwyn Hughes. Read by Robert Gladwell. Following independence, an Algerian-born Frenchman settles in Paris where he achieves success as lawyer and lover. His happiness is soon marred by violent threats from political opponents.
P.T. 13¼ hours.
- 787 FORESTER, C. S.
HORNBLOWER AND THE ATROPOS (1953)
Read by John Dunn. Further exploits of the gallant naval officer and his crew during the Napoleonic Wars.
P.T. 10¼ hours.
- 797 GRAVES, ROBERT
I. CLAUDIUS (1934)
(2) Read by George Hagan. A biographical novel about Claudius, covering the years from 10 B.C. to 41 A.D. when he was unwillingly made Emperor.
P.T. 19½ hours.
- 772 GREY, ZANE
RIDERS OF THE PURPLE SAGE (1949)
Read by Marvin Kane. An American romance set in the South-west in the days of gunfighting, rough living, and hard riding.
P.T. 11¼ hours.
- 771 HODGE, JANE AIKEN
HERE COMES A CANDLE (1967)
Read by Elizabeth Proud. In spite of the hatred of all Americans for the English, a young English widow joins an American family in 1813, and has great need of her courageous spirit.
P.T. 10½ hours.
- 786 ILES, FRANCIS
MALICE AFORETHOUGHT (1931)
Read by George Hagan. A country doctor plans to poison his domineering wife and a dramatic court scene is followed by an unsuspected climax.
P.T. 10¼ hours.
- 764 INNES, MICHAEL
MONEY FROM HOLME (1964)
Read by Peter Reynolds. A critic's bargain with a painter to produce fashionable masterpieces provides an intricate plot, satirising many aspects of modern art.
P.T. 7¼ hours.
- 778 PORTER, JOYCE
DOVER TWO (1965)
Read by David Broomfield. Inspector Dover, Scotland Yard's worst detective, investigates murder in a town where Protestants and Catholics are still fighting a religious war, and provides a 'whodunit' with many comic episodes.
P.T. 7½ hours.
- 762 RAYMOND, ERNEST
LATE IN THE DAY (1964)
Read by Eric Gillett. An elderly ex-army officer suddenly decides to reform his character and enthusiastically supports the Quakers—until he is confronted with pacifism.
P.T. 8¼ hours.
- 769 RYDER, ELLEN
THE FOREST POOL (1968)
Read by Carol Marsh. Gaynor loves her doctor husband, but is in love with the local draper and is torn between the two.
P.T. 8 hours.
- 775 SCOTT, SIR WALTER
KENILWORTH (1821)
(2) Read by Stanley Pritchard. A story of the Earl of Leicester, favourite of Queen Elizabeth I, and his secret marriage to the beautiful Amy Robsart.
P.T. 20 hours.
- 789 SETON, ANYA
AVALON (1966)
(2) Read by Stephen Jack. Rumon the dreamer sets out in search of the Islands of the Blessed. His travels take him to many lands and he encounters love and tragedy and eventually peace and fulfilment.
P.T. 17 hours.
- 774 SIMENON, GEORGES
MAIGRET IN SOCIETY (1962)
Read by Richard Baker. In which Maigret finds himself with the strange mystery of the apparently pointless assassination of an ex-diplomat.
TOGETHER WITH:
SIMENON, GEORGES
MAIGRET'S FAILURE (1956)
Read by Richard Baker. An old school companion of Maigret's, having asked for police protection, is shot, apparently right under their eyes.
P.T. 8¼ hours.
- 783 SOLZENITSYN, ALEXANDER
THE FIRST CIRCLE (1968)
(3) Read by Anthony Parker. This is a novel about Mavrino, a Russian technological research establishment employing qualified political prisoners.
P.T. 32¼ hours.

- 794 SPRING, HOWARD
WINDS OF THE DAY (1964)
(2) Read by Gretel Davis. An orphaned servant girl, with an indomitable spirit, meets life bravely, helped and hindered in her struggle by a rich assortment of characters.
P.T. 17½ hours.
- 793 STEAD, CHRISTINA
THE PUZZLEHEADED GIRL (1968)
Read by Marvin Kane. Four separate stories in each of which we meet a strange and unusual woman.
P.T. 10½ hours.
- 785 SYMONS, JULIAN
THE BELTING INHERITANCE (1965)
Read by Anthony Parker. Greed leads to murder when another claimant confronts a family only held together by their expectations of a large inheritance. A Paris nightclub provides a vital clue.
P.T. 8¼ hours.
- 795 WILLIAMS, GORDON
FROM SCENES LIKE THESE (1968)
Read by Robert Gladwell. The decline and hopeless collapse of a farm apprentice.
PARTS OF THIS RECORDING MAY NOT BE CONSIDERED SUITABLE FOR FAMILY READING.
P.T. 11¼ hours.
- 767 WOOLE, VIRGINIA
TO THE LIGHTHOUSE (1927)
Read by Duncan Carse. Their desire to row to the Lighthouse becomes the subject of much self-conscious and deliberate discussion for Mrs. Ramsey and her family, and the lighthouse itself is a symbol carrying different meanings for all the members of the party.
P.T. 7¼ hours.

Family News

Marriage

DUNN-VENESS. On 28th February, 1970, Dennis Dunn of Pearson House, Brighton, married Miss Jill Veness.

Silver Wedding

Warm congratulations to MR. and MRS. JOHN SUMMERSON of Gateshead, Co. Durham, who celebrated their Silver Wedding Anniversary on 6th January, 1970.

Ruby Wedding

Congratulations to MR. AND MRS. THOMAS COX of Egham, Surrey, who celebrated their Ruby Wedding Anniversary on 22nd February, 1970.

Grandfathers

Congratulations to:

ALFRED BRADLEY of Northwood Hills, Middlesex, who has become a grandfather for the first time when his daughter, Eileen gave birth to a daughter, Rachel Anne Griffiths, on 21st February, 1970.

CYRIL "PADDY" COOKE of Saltdean, Sussex, on the arrival of a grand daughter, Amanda Jane Davey, born to Paddy's daughter Gillian on 17th February, 1970.

LEONARD HOLLAMBY of Oldham, Lancs., who announces the arrival of a second grand daughter, his daughter Kathleen having given birth to a daughter on 5th March, 1970. Our St. Dunstaner now has three grandsons and two grand daughters.

GEORGE SALTERS who announces the arrival of a grandson, Norah having given birth to a son on 10th February, 1970.

PATRICK SPRING of Chessington, Surrey, on the arrival of a second grandchild, born to their daughter Imelda on 20th October, 1969. The baby is to be called Gina Mary Grasso.

FRANCIS WHYTE of Misterton, Nr. Gainsborough, who announces the arrival of a grand daughter, Karen Fere Owney, born to his daughter Anne, on 5th February, 1970.

Diana, daughter of DAVID BELL of Edinburgh married Roger Bransbuy, B.A., on 21st March, 1970 at St. Mary's Parish Church, East Molesey, Surrey.

John Allen Cook, son of LEONARD COOK of Folkestone, Kent, married Susan Denise Achurch on 24th January 1970.

Patricia, daughter of EDWARD QUINN of Eltham, London, S.E.9, married Thomas O'Reilly on 21st March, 1970.

Doreen, grand daughter of EDWARD HALL of Didcot, Berks, married Colen Thompson on 17th January, 1970.

John, son of STANLEY FOWLER of Beeston, won two silver cups in the Boys' Brigade recently.

DENNIS FREEMAN of Coventry received his warrant as venture scout leader at a small ceremony on 9th February, 1970.

His son Raymond has just completed his Duke of Edinburgh Silver Award.

Michael, schoolboy son of NORMAN HOPKINS of Cardiff, has recently won an Angling Times Competition for catching the largest fish in a given week and his prize was a beautiful rod and line.

Elaine and Diane, 12 and 11 year old daughters of ROY NEWTON, of Oldham, are active members of Lees Paris Church. Elaine sings in the choir and is a Sunday School teacher whilst Diane is the first girl bell ringer at the Church.

Deaths

We offer our very sincere sympathy to:

FRED BARRATT of West Ham, E.15, on the death of his father on 18th February, 1970.

HENRY WALTER BRAMLEY of Manchester who mourns the death of his mother on 2nd February, 1970. She had been gravely ill since Christmas.

PETER SUMNER, B.A., B.S.C., of Tunbridge Wells, Kent, on the death of his wife on 27th February in hospital after a long illness.

In Memory

It is with very 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.

Alfred Abram. *Royal Army Service Corps.*

Alfred Abram of Reddish, Stockport, Cheshire, died on 2nd March 1970. He was 78 years of age.

He served in the Royal Army Service Corps from 1915 to 1919 and was admitted to St. Dunstan's in 1918. He trained in mat making, basketry and the making of trays and carried on these occupations for a considerable number of years until ill-health compelled him to give up. He was very interested in music of all kinds and played the clarinet, himself. Accompanied by his wife, he was a good attender at North Country Reunions and will be very much missed at these gatherings in the future. He leaves a widow.

In Memory

John Ball. *Royal Navy Division.*

John Ball, who spent the last ten years of his life living at St. Dunstan's, Ovingdean, Brighton, died on 21st February, 1970. He was 77 years of age.

He served in the Royal Navy Division from 1915 to 1917 and was wounded on the Somme in 1916. He became a St. Dunstaner in 1916 and lived with his family in Co. Durham until 1960 when he went to live at Ovingdean. He was a single man and leaves a brother.

Arthur William Gadd. *Royal Army Service Corps.*

Arthur William Gadd of Hastings, died on 25th February, 1970 at the age of 79 years.

He enlisted in the Royal Army Service Corps from 1915 to 1919 but did not come to St. Dunstan's until 1940. After preliminary training Mr. Gadd secured temporary work in the Post Office but he was unable to carry on with this owing to the indifferent health of his first wife as his presence was needed at home. His wife died in 1948 and for some years Mr. Gadd was a resident at St. Dunstan's, Brighton. In 1957 he re-married and moved to Hastings where he and his wife enjoyed many happy years of retirement. During this time he became a keen gardener, continued with his joinery work and took part in many social activities. In recent months his health deteriorated and he was admitted to hospital a few weeks prior to his death. He leaves a widow and grown-up family of his previous marriage.

Alexander Arthur Gemmel. *1st Canadian Division.*

Alexander Arthur Gemmel of Southampton died on 22nd February, 1970 at the age of 75.

He served in the 1st World War from 1914 to 1916 but did not come to St. Dunstan's until 1953. He was injured in the 1st World War but fortunately was able to carry on with his work as a Supervisor in an Industrial Factory where he had worked for over thirty years. When Mr. Gemmel was admitted to St. Dunstan's in 1953 he continued with his Industrial Employment until his retirement in 1959. During his years of retirement, Mr. Gemmel had many interests particularly in public speaking and he also took an active part in local political affairs. In 1968 he was elected President of a local political association. His years of retirement were spent very happily in Southampton but about three years ago his health gradually declined and he died at his home. Throughout his membership with St. Dunstan's Mr. Gemmel was a frequent visitor to Ovingdean. He leaves a widow and a daughter.

Harold Newall. *Royal Artillery.*

Harold Newall of Burnage, Manchester, died suddenly on 5th March, 1970. He was 55 years of age.

He served in the Royal Artillery from 1940 to 1945 and was wounded at Tobruk. He came to St. Dunstan's in 1945 and trained for industry and was still employed at the time of his death. He leaves a widow.

Alfred Pink. *Royal Garrison Artillery.*

Alfred Pink of Monkton, Kent died on 8th March, 1970, at the age of 75.

He served with the Royal Garrison Artillery from 1912 to 1916 and came to St. Dunstan's in 1917. He trained as a poultry farmer, netting and other handicrafts but for the time being he continued with his coal business and with a sighted assistant was able to deliver coal in horse drawn wagons. In 1928, Mr. Pink sold his coal business and purchased a motorcoach which necessitated employing a driver but Mr. Pink increased the number of home hobbies for himself and increased the size of his poultry holding. In 1940 Mr. Pink and his family moved from Kent to Devonshire where he continued with his poultry farming. For a short while in 1943 Mr. Pink worked in a carpet factory but a few months later he returned to Thanet in Kent where he remained ever since and continued with his poultry farm and also had quite a number of fruit trees. Throughout his life Mrs. Pink and family have helped in every way and Mr. Pink and his wife were able to celebrate their Golden Wedding in 1966 by going abroad for a holiday. His wife died in 1968 and since then Mr. Pink has been looked after by his daughter with the help of a resident housekeeper.

Henry Roberts. *1/5 Cheshire Regiment.*

Henry Roberts of Dukinfield, Cheshire, died on 28th February, 1970 at the age of 72.

He served in the 1/5 Cheshire Regiment from 1915 to 1919 and was wounded in France in 1918. He came to St. Dunstan's in 1919. He trained in mat making and poultry and pig keeping and carried on keeping poultry until 1968 when he moved home. He always maintained a keen interest in his garden. He and his wife celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary last September. He was taken ill about six weeks ago suffering from influenza and chest trouble. He leaves a widow.