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## CHAIRMAN'S NOTES



COVER PICTURE: Young Christopher Wright takes a close interest in his father's trophy; the Archie Brown Cup.

## Memory

I write this on the anniversary of VE Day (Victory in Europe Day)—8th May, 1945. This is 25 years ago.

First War St. Dunstaners are roughly in their seventies, Second War in their fifties, and the latter were mainly married after the War, so that their children had no experience of the War itself, abroad or at home. This emphasises the passage of time. The two generations of St. Dunstaners did not share exactly the same experiences and may have different outlooks, but we all have one thing in common the spirit of St. Dunstan's.

Within St. Dunstan's, the older generation of men and women and staff blazed a trail of inestimable advantage to the Second War men and their families. But the Second War members contributed their own vigour and variety, from which all have benefited.

Over half a century, St. Dunstan's, and St. Dunstaners the world over have not only found a new way of life, but have also set an example of which we may be proud. I have not the slightest doubt that during the next 25 years the younger St. Dunstaners of to-day will enrich our tradition and strengthen our influence. I hope I may say for all St. Dunstaners that our spirit is unconquered and unconquerable.

## Special Recordings

Recently at a meeting of a number of St. Dunstaners, I was asked whether an individual could be supplied with special recordings of books or articles of particular interest to him.

There are in fact three existing services which are available. They are:—

(1) The Talking Book Library has a student section. These are mainly books on law, theology, history, or other subjects required by persons studying for exams. It is possible for a blind person to secure a book, which will be specially recorded for him and will be lent to him for a few months, when he will be asked to return it to the library in case it should interest others. However, this individual service is necessarily strictly limited because priority must always be given to the mass readership.

(2) Mr. Dufton, our Director of Research at Old Marylebone Road, is able to arrange for a special book or article or a series of articles to be recorded on ordinary tape for use in a standard tape recorder. This service is also limited and can only be made available where a St. Dunstaner has a real need or great interest.

(3) There is at the R.N.I.B. Physiotherapy Department a small library of technical material to do with physiology, anatomy, treatments and so on.

I hope it will be of use to those who have a special need to know about these valuable services and Mr. Dufton will be glad to advise anyone who writes to him.

## Choose Your Listening

I am sure radio is one of the most important parts of St. Dunstaners' daily lives and I make no excuse, therefore, for commenting upon it again and even repeating some things I have written before.

Indeed, sound radio might have been invented for the blind because all sound radio listeners are virtually blind. I rejoice to think that every blind person in the land has a radio through the auspices of the British Wireless for the Blind Fund or from St. Dunstan's and a free sound licence, and that the sound element in the combined licence fee is still free and will be when the rates are changed next year.

The radio is the blind man's newspaper and magazine apart from bringing music and plays and a friendly voice into his home. I do not share the complaints made against the B.B.C. for the minor changes which they have made in sound programmes. On the contrary I think it is a splendid service.

The only criticism I have is not directed primarily at the B.B.C., but at the Government for refusing to let local town and city radio develop on commercial lines which would be to a large extent financed by advertisements. The result of this decision by the Government is that the B.B.C. has to try to do more than the licence fee can support. I think it is a fact that has been demonstrated by I.T.V. that the majority of people like a few minutes of advertisements—especially is this the case amongst the blind and the lonely because it keeps them in touch with modern developments and tells them of the many interesting new things they can buy to lighten burdens in the home.

I strongly advise every listener, especially the blind, to choose the programmes to which they wish to listen rather than to keep the radio on all day long and get sick of the noise.

## War Pensions

I thought the time had come to jog the Government's mind about War Pensions, so during the past month I put down a question in the House of Lords. A summary of the question and answer is as follows:—

Lord Fraser asked Her Majesty's Government whether the Chancellor of the Exchequer made provision in the Budget to make possible a rise in war pensions and allowances during this year, which will take account of the present increase and expected increase in the cost and standard of living.



Lord Beswick replied, "No provision was made in the Budget, because war pensions and allowances, together with National Insurance benefits and supplementary benefits, were increased as recently as last November. That increase was the third made by the present Government since it took office in October, 1964."

Lord Fraser: "The cost of living has already risen, and is rising rapidly; and if the Chancellor makes no provision to do something before this year is out he will be neglecting a very important element in the community. Can the noble Lord give an assurance that war pensions will be considered before this year is out, and especially some of the special allowances, which go to men disabled in the highest degree? There are a very small number of them, and they were not all dealt with last time. Is he also aware that the wives' and children's allowances given to these men have not been improved since the First World War?"

Lord Beswick replied: "I can give an assurance that these matters will be watched. . . . as with pensions and other benefits generally, war pensions and allowances will be increased in line with any increase in the cost of living."

Fraser of Lonsdale

### TELEPHONE CHARGES

During Question Time in the House of Lords on April 23rd, Lord Kilmany asked whether H.M. Government was "aware that these increased telephone charges are going to hit old people of moderate means living in remote areas particularly hard . . . and what steps the Government, as opposed to the Post Office, intend to take to lessen the impact of these charges on those persons?"

Lord Bowles, *Captain of the Queen's Bodyguard of the Yeoman of the Guard*, informed the House that this was a matter for the Post Office.

Lord Fraser asked if the Minister was "aware that a number of poor persons and those who are disabled in the highest degree, including some blind people, may receive help towards the provision of a telephone under a Bill now passing through this House, and that the said persons, are grateful to the promoters, the Government and Parliament for giving this consideration?"

Lord Bowles thanked Lord Fraser.

The Bill referred to is called the CHRONICALLY SICK AND DISABLED PERSONS BILL which is shortly to go through its Committee Stage in the Lords. The Chairman will take an active part in its progress.

It appears that it is the intention of the Bill in general to set up a register of disabled persons who need special help in matters such as transport, access to buildings, lavatories and so on, and it will enable Local Authorities to help those, such as the very severely disabled, who need such facilities or who cannot afford them. Some aid towards the provision of telephones

may be included.

Lord Fraser told *St. Dunstan's Review* that this does not mean that St. Dunstaners as a whole, or blind people as a whole, or disabled people as a whole, will receive help but only those who suffer the most severe disabilities in old age, or those who are bedridden etc.

### Coming Events

#### MANCHESTER REUNION

Since the General Election will take place on Thursday, 18th June, the Manchester Reunion fixed for that date has been cancelled. This Reunion will now take place on Thursday, 10th September, at the Midland Hotel.

#### GROCERS' OUTING

St. Dunstaners have been invited to visit the R.A.M.C. Apprentices' Training College at Keogh Barracks, Ash Vale, near Aldershot and coaches will be leaving Ovingdean about 1.30 p.m., 8th July.

A cooked meal will be ready and waiting for you at 4 p.m. and at 6 p.m. the band will entertain you for about 75 minutes, including community singing.

Particulars of the outing will shortly be posted from Sussex Grocers' Association and they will also welcome St. Dunstaners outside the Sussex area who would make their own way to Ash Vale Railway Station, where the Army have promised to lay on transport to and from the barracks. Please send any enquiry you have regarding the outing to Mrs. M. G. Lillie, Secretary, Sussex Grocers' Association, 11, Lancaster Road, Brighton, BN1 5DG, Sussex, not later than the end of June.



At the Southampton Reunion. Sir Neville Pearson, Bt., our President (centre) is seen with (Left to right) Mrs. M. Y. Lyall, William Jones, Wally Thomas and Mrs. Thomas.

## Reunions 1970

### SOUTHAMPTON

Our President, Sir Neville Pearson, Bt., presided at the first of the 1970 regional Reunions held at the Polygon Hotel, Southampton, on Thursday, 9th April. The arrangements were made by Mrs. Lyall, assisted by Miss Meyer, and, with St. Dunstaners, their wives, other guests and members of the staff, the company numbered 70. Of this total 13 men served in the First World War and 15 in the Second World War or subsequent operations. There was a special welcome for Sidney Mortimer, a new St. Dunstaner of First World War vintage, attending his first Reunion.

### Brian Gorman

A variable fog on some of the roads leading to Southampton lifted later to give a clear mild day. The Polygon Hotel with its spacious rooms at ground level, good food, good service and absence of traffic noise is ideal for this function. During the afternoon the piano playing of Mr. Brian Gorman, musical director at the hotel, was much enjoyed. Some readers will remember that Mr. Gorman was in general charge of the St. Dunstaner's dance band when it fulfilled engagements in many places some 40 or so years ago.

In his speech Sir Neville remarked on the healthy and tidy appearance of the St. Dunstaners, for which the wives must take a big share of the credit. His father, the late Sir Arthur Pearson, was always well turned out and despite the heavy competitive pressure in the literary and business world in which he moved he was always mindful of the needs of those less fortunate than most. He founded the Fresh Air Fund and sent as many as 100,000 slum kids to the country during the first year of its operation. He conveyed Lady Pearson's regrets at not being able to attend the Reunion and said that Lord and Lady Fraser had recently returned from South Africa looking extremely fit. The move of men from Pearson House to Ovingdean and Northgate House had gone very smoothly and the extensive modernisation of Pearson House was well under way. Some present, said Sir Neville, had been members of the Club for over 50 years; it was a very satisfactory Club. Friendships were built up gently and they became permanent which was very nice. In this connection he specially welcomed Mrs. Spurway and her friend Mrs. McLeod and thanked the hotel management and staff for their attention given so efficiently and so willingly.



### Welfare Report

Mr. C. D. Wills, Welfare Superintendent, first analysed the occupations of the St. Dunstaners present, which gave an indication of the useful part they played in the life of the community. Reunions were an important part of the family life of St. Dunstan's bringing members and wives together once a year to meet each other and to make new friends and renew old acquaintanceships. Although 78 St. Dunstaners died last year, we welcomed 30 new members to our strength. Last year 448 St. Dunstaners visited Ovingdean and 204 went more than once. 351 of these went for a holiday and 97 went for other reasons such as convalescence or family emergencies. Owing to the closure of Pearson House for modernisation, we would only just be able to meet the holiday requirements at Ovingdean this year. Our Medical Officer was available at Headquarters for medical overhauls and he was frequently able to diagnose and arrange treatment for minor discomforts which could sometimes become serious if neglected. All St. Dunstaners were recommended to take advantage of this service every five years or so. Although pensions had been increased during the past year to help meet the rise in the cost of living, we had thought it necessary to help St. Dunstaners to improve their standard of living along with the rest of the community. Consequently we had increased our Heating and Holiday Grants and our special help for men over 60. We had also improved our scheme for assisting to finance the installation of central heating in St. Dunstaners' homes. Generous help was available towards house repairs and decorations and other extraordinary expenses such as the replacement of worn out furniture and carpets. 515 Widows had received help in 1969.

### Vote of Thanks

Giving the vote of thanks on behalf of St. Dunstaners, Bernard Glover, of Purbrook, expressed his gratitude for the help which St. Dunstan's gave to all who needed it. He thanked specially Mrs. Lyall, Miss Meyer and the Welfare staff.

### BRISTOL

Intermittent fog again lay in patches on the approaches to Bristol where the second of the 1970 Reunions was held at the Grand Hotel, on Saturday, 11th April, but here again the fog cleared later leaving a fine breezy afternoon. The arrangements had been made by Miss Meyer for a total of 110 people, which included 20 First World War and 27 Second World War or later St. Dunstaners. Mrs. Spurway was again among the guests with Miss Oliphant and Mrs. Robertson-Glasgow, both old friends of St. Dunstan's. During the afternoon Clem Gardiner's band played for dancing in a most enjoyable manner.

Presiding at the Reunion, Colonel Sir Michael Ansell, C.B.E., D.S.O., D.L., brought the good wishes of the Council of St. Dunstan's from the meeting which he had attended the previous day. He thought the reunions had great value as they gave St. Dunstaners a chance to get together and Mr. Wills a chance to look everyone over. Running through the list of the regiments of the Army represented at the Reunion, Sir Michael said, it was almost inconceivable that so many should be there together, but it was so. He mentioned nicknames of some of the regiments, explaining how they arose. St. Dunstan's was a very fine regiment and although the name had originally no connection with the Saint of mediaeval days yet he thought that St. Dunstan would have been a good Colonel of the regiment. As a metal worker, painter and musician and one who had suffered infirmity St. Dunstan would have been an excellent choice. He took holy orders and was forthright in his condemnation of loose behaviour at the royal court. For a time he was banished to Ireland and later became Archbishop of Canterbury.

After Mr. Wills had reviewed the welfare position the vote of thanks was proposed by Leslie Webber, elected Mayor of Tewkesbury in May, who thanked Colonel Ansell, Mr. Wills and the Welfare Staff and the management and staff of the Grand Hotel. He sent best wishes from all present to Mr. Christopher, Men's Supplies, and to his secretary, both of whom were indisposed at that time.

### IPSWICH

A cool breezy day but with sun at times for the Reunion on Thursday, 23rd April, at the Copdock House Hotel, just outside Ipswich. Almost 100 people attended including 21 First and 19 Second World War or later St. Dunstan's men and one woman, Mrs. Brenda Bates. The hotel is ideally suited to the occasion because, like at the Polygon, Southampton, one walks straight in and the dining and reception rooms are at ground level without any steps up or down. Copdock House is set back from the main road in quiet country surroundings. Miss Newbold was in charge of the arrangements, which were excellent, as were the meals, and she was assisted by Miss Davis. Miss Hensley, known to nearly all St. Dunstaners, was one of the guests. Joe Prior's three-piece band played during the afternoon in a quiet, melodic manner.

### East Anglia People

Presiding, Mr. D. G. Hopewell, M.A., LL.B., said that he last attended the Ipswich Reunion eight years ago. He noticed many changes—larger towns and villages and wider roads, but the people of East Anglia had not changed. They remained sturdy, independent and freedom loving as in the days of Boadicea and Oliver Cromwell. It was, of course, St. George's Day, but, instead of the Saint and the Dragon, Mr. Hopewell chose a certain Christian and Lion on which to base his amusing tale. He welcomed John Wilkin from Cottenham who, at the age of 81, was attending his first reunion. Mr. Wilkin had suffered mustard gas poisoning in France in 1917, but he had only quite recently lost his sight and had been admitted to St. Dunstan's in the Autumn of 1969. Mr. Hopewell thanked St. Dunstaners for all that they did for St. Dunstan's and for the country and he also thanked the wives for their devoted care of their husbands. Praising the meal Mr. Hopewell said that it was everything he liked. He thanked the listeners for all that they had taught him and for "our wonderful family".

Mr. Wills then spoke about the Welfare Department, after which the vote of thanks was proposed by John Hogg of Clacton. He thanked Mr. Hopewell

for his words of wisdom, Mr. Wills on behalf of all St. Dunstaners, Miss Midgley for her work over the past year and Miss Newbold, Miss Davis and the hotel staff for a most successful Reunion.

### BIRMINGHAM

Conveying greetings and good wishes from Lord and Lady Fraser and from Sir Neville Pearson, Mr. Nigel Pearson, presiding over the Birmingham Reunion on Saturday, 25th April, explained that his father would have been at Birmingham but for a clash of dates which made it necessary for them to exchange reunions, Sir Neville going to Southampton and Mr. Pearson taking over Birmingham, "So you are down to the second generation this year," he said.

This was, perhaps, appropriate, as the second generation of St. Dunstaners from the Second World War or later greatly outnumbered the First World War men by 51 to 19. In all a company of 150 people enjoyed the reunion at the Midland Hotel which was arranged by Miss Newbold assisted by Miss Broughton, whom Mr. Pearson thanked in his speech. He also welcomed Miss Wilson, former Northern Area Welfare Supervisor and two St. Dunstaners attending a Reunion for the first time—Arthur Payne of Northampton and Tony Parkinson of Peterborough.

### A Full Life

Mr. Pearson told his listeners that everyone should have some mild eccentricity for without it one is not really an individual. "It is up to each one of us to make life as full as we possibly can," he said. "St. Dunstan's, like other organisations, can only help people to help themselves and by all means do get everything you possibly can out of the organisation which is yours. St. Dunstan's is your organisation, stretch it to get all you can out of it but equally, by all means, put all you can into it. Let the technical staff get some playback from you. They are here, their whole life is to help all St. Dunstaners everywhere but there are many of you who must be able to help them by telling them what has worked for you or that you have found something off your own bat which they can pass on to somebody else. So take from us but also give everything you can to us."



Malcolm Jarman proposed the vote of thanks on behalf of St. Dunstaners. He said that he spoke as a youngster in the family and one who had been something of a misfit. "But when I look back over those twenty years in St. Dunstan's, I thank God that there was that helpful hand behind me to assist until I became adjusted." Mr. Jarman stressed the importance of physical fitness and mobility, "I am an advocate of the guide dog but I am pro any means of mobility in this business of getting constant exercise and remaining absolutely fit and it doesn't matter what aid we use as long as we remain fit." He concluded with an expression of thanks to St. Dunstan's Council, the staff both present and retired: "I say on your behalf for the past, for the present and for the future, a very sincere 'Thank you.'"

#### Brighton Reunion

Brighton turned on one of its brighter days for the benefit of St. Dunstan's Reunion held at the Hotel Metropole on Saturday, 9th May. Perhaps this was out of loyalty to the Mayor of Brighton, Alderman E. Masefield Baker, who, speaking at his second St. Dunstan's Reunion during his term of office, commented that it was a very good thing St. Dunstan's picked Brighton because, "We've got good weather in Brighton. I wish Lord Fraser lived down here as well, he would look as sunburned as most of you people. He has to go further afield to get his suntan, I believe. He goes to South Africa". The Mayor went on to tell his audience about a lady in Brighton aged 107 and said to be the oldest person in Great Britain. "If you can live like that in Brighton I am certain all you good people who are here to-day are in for a very good life. I do welcome you all especially to the Metropole. It is wonderful to have the opportunity of coming to see you twice in one year. All I can say is that the next Mayor is going to be unfortunate, he is only going to see you once. In fact if you don't have it in May next year—he has had his chips!"

#### Attendance

128 St. Dunstaners with their wives or escorts attended the reunion drawn almost equally from the first and second wars: 64 from the first, 63 from the second or later operations and one who served in

both wars, Miss B. R. Blebta, assisted by Mrs. M. Y. Lyall, was responsible for organising this most enjoyable reunion.

#### Lord Fraser's Speech

Lord Fraser, who presided, began his speech with a message from Lady Fraser whose health prevented her coming to Brighton. He welcomed three St. Dunstaners attending their first reunion, all of whom served in the Royal Navy, V. Goodwin of Brighton; P. Logan of Worthing and E. Pepper of Bognor. Among members and former members of the staff present Lord Fraser particularly mentioned Mr. G. E. Zipfel, "A very old member of our staff, who had completed fifty years with us starting as a Boy Scout in the very early days at Regent's Park". He concluded his speech with a reference to the rebuilding of Pearson House which, it is hoped, will be completed by the end of 1971. "When Pearson House is finished in 18 months' time, then we shall, I won't say rebuild, but we shall improve the Ovingdean house which itself is over 32 years old and is somewhat below standard in modern terms. We shall introduce there as we are introducing at Pearson House, very many more single rooms, each with a basin in it, and all kinds of new amenities and facilities. I say without hesitation that Pearson House and Ovingdean when they are altered will be the two best homes for blind people in the world".

The vote of thanks was proposed by Samuel Webster.

#### Re-elected

Many congratulations to Frank L'Estrange Fawcett, of Stowmarket, who is nearly 79 years of age, upon being re-elected Alderman for East Suffolk County Council for the next six years and coming second in the poll!

#### Knitting Machine—Free!

Our St. Dunstaner, MISS B. B. SIMON of 38, Clwyd Street, Ruthin, Denbighshire, North Wales, has a knitting machine, (an industrial one) which she is prepared to give away to any one who would like it. She would, however, require them to arrange for the collection of the machine from her, or at any rate to be responsible for the packing and despatch.

## FRANK REVIEWS

"A Cool Day for Killing" by William Haggard, read by Peter Barker. When the wind of change blows through the ex-Crown Colony of Zabardeen, it brings civil strife and the possibility of a racial war between its Chinese and Malayan subjects. The coalition government of Malays and Chinese is soon in disarray, and rioting breaks out in the streets. Red China views the situation with growing appetite, while Whitehall looks on in consternation.

In Zabardeen, however, the opposing factors hear rumours of a hoard of gold hidden somewhere in England. Sheila Raden, heiress to the now defunct title Queen of Zabardeen, is horrified when her cousin turns up in London having been tortured by the Chinese in their efforts to locate the bullion, which so far as the Radens are concerned is mythical—or is it? When they decide to throw in their lot with the Malay faction, Russell, head of British Executive (Secret Service), sees his way clear to act in the matter, and determines to give a little assistance.

I like this author. His is a nice blend of fiction, mixing love interest with Secret Service guff. His characters have the ring of truth about them, which makes reading him thoroughly enjoyable.

"Drinkers of Infinity" by Arthur Koestler, read by John Richmond. This, of course, is not to be confused with Drinking to Oblivion, although while listening to it, a tot or so would have done much to help me along the flights of fancy that I often found my mind taking. Nevertheless, this book contains a great deal of thought stimulant.

The author starts off with an essay on Gallileo, recalling how his theory that the earth orbited the sun was laughed at by his contemporaries. He then takes a good look at Darwin's theory of Evolution, and concludes with his own ideas on the differences between European and Asiatic cultures.

I have often joked to friends that in reading for this column I was in danger of

becoming an intellectual; after hearing this work I can rest content that I have a long way to go.

"The International Brigades", Spain 1936-1939, by Vincent Brome, read by David Bromfield. They came from all walks of life, all nationalities; Conservative, Communist, gentleman, vagrant.

No such war has ever preceded it, nor could ever happen again. German fought German, Italian fought Italian, and Briton fought Briton. A clash of ideals. Liberty versus Tyranny. The stark torrid details of the International Brigades.

Had the free world learned from what it saw, the whole history of the Second World War could have been altered, but instead, while the Nazis practised their blitz-krieg tactics, Britain, France and America performed the 'ostrich act'. Only Russia observed the fate of the Republic before betraying it.

In this book the author gives a vivid account of the volunteers who fought for freedom, vainly sacrificing life and limb for their beliefs and ideals.

At the risk of repeating myself, this work is stark and descriptive in showing war for what it is, and it is worth bearing in mind that numbers of the survivors still suffer the stigma of Communist, although many who started out as Party Members soon lost their illusions in the grimmest possible way.

"The Public Image" by Muriel Spark, read by Peter Barker. A film actress has found stardom playing devoted wife and mother roles. She tries to live up to her public image, but her husband, jealous of her success, decides to ruin her even at the cost of his life.

Not as crazy as it sounds, compared with some of the stories in the sensational press. A short, lucid book, particularly of interest to women readers.



*April at Ovingdean*

During the month of April we have been fortunate in having some excellent entertainers visit us at Ovingdean. Richard Wells and his friends, entertainers from The Bay Hotel, Seaford, gave us an evening of popular music on piano, accordion and drums. Their programme included old favourites as well as modern songs, and everyone joined in the choruses with obvious enjoyment. Mrs. Mary Kennard came all the way from Dorking, on a windy Sunday evening, to give a violin recital. Her beautiful playing delighted the music lovers here, and seemed to quieten the howling Ovingdean gale. Could it be . . . a way to tame the beast at last?

Our Wednesday afternoon "Special Interest Group", which includes discussions, talks and panel games, continues to thrive, and this month saw the launching of our version of "Just a Minute" the B.B.C. radio panel game. The panel consisted of Frank Hicks, David Purches, and two terrified V.A.D.s, namely, Miss J. Meiluss and Mrs. E. Lane. Mr. J. Stokes, who has done so much to help with our games and discussions, was our Chairman and Miss Dagnall kept the score. Our first attempt at this game seems to have been enjoyed by contestants and listeners alike and will be repeated in the future. Another item which attracted a large audience was St. Dunstaner Ron Smith's talk entitled "The Seasons of the Year". Including recorded bird and animal calls and telling the story of the severe Winter of 1963, Ron took us on a fascinating trip through the countryside, describing the fight for survival of wildlife during this time of gales and blizzards. Our discussion this month was well attended. The subject, suggested by Bill Jack, "Is the Pursuance of Moon Travel Questionable?" was, of course, of topical interest following the recent failure of Apollo 13 to reach its destination. Bob Davis opened the discussion and John Gilbert, a new trainee, making his maiden speech, opposed the motion. Again we were fortunate in having Mr. Stokes as our Chairman.

A Gramophone Recital worthy of note was presented this month by Miss M. Dagnall. Entitled "Records and Recollections" the programme of words and music, poetry and memories, was something new and lifted the old "Record Concert" into a more sophisticated class of

entertainment. In a series of Tuesday evening programmes we have heard, among others, "The Trooping of the Colour", this record being lent to us by Alan Noakes, and "An Evening in Old Vienna".

The Tuesday recitals have been given to fill the gap left by the temporary closure of the Dome Variety which we usually visit at this time. However, we have good news for Variety lovers—"The Dome" will re-open on May 5th with the comfort of new seating to add to the enjoyment of the show.

Our one Play reading this month was an undoubted success. Guest readers Miss Eve King, Mr. Gus Tennyson, and Mr. Neil McKellar, joined Miss Feaver, Mrs. Williams, Miss Ransom, Miss Tyzack and Miss Meiluss, all members of the V.A.D. Staff, in presenting "Three's Company", a Comedy by Patricia Gordon. The story of an unrepentant bigamist was well received by a large and appreciative audience.

The Annual Escorts' Tea Party took place on the 18th and was well attended this year. Tea was served in the Winter Garden and each guest was presented with a gift—pomanders for the ladies, and for the gentlemen a phial of after-shave, that, according to the advertisements, attracts not only one "dolly bird", but flocks of them.

After tea there were competitions and in a speech both amusing and sincere, Matron thanked everyone for their help, given so freely, and without which we should not be able to function. Mr. Stokes replied on behalf of the guests and as they took their leave we felt that it had been a very pleasant and successful afternoon. We hope that we were able to show our helpers how much we appreciate them.

**Midland Club Notes**

April has been quite a busy month for club members. On Saturday, 11th April, a small party of us went to the Alexandra Theatre in Birmingham to see the "Miracle Worker", which was about the early days of Helen Keller's life. We all thoroughly enjoyed it.

Sunday, 12th April, we held our usual monthly meeting, which was well attended despite very wintry weather. The last quarter final game was played off and we have now reached the semi-final of the Sir Arthur Pearson domino competition, this should be played off within a few months now. We also held a "Bring and Buy" sale and raised a little money towards our club funds which help to pay for outside activities which are planned for the future. Mrs. J. Cashmore arranged the tea for the meeting and we all thanked her for a very lovely tea.

The big event of the month was a concert held on Saturday, 18th April at the King's Arms at Harborne. We had a good crowd of members with their wives and friends. Three artists had been booked to entertain us, an excellent singer, a very good comedian and a pianist. A buffet supper was put on for us by the "Missus" of the pub and I was told how lovely the table looked with all sorts of goodies on it. Everyone had a very enjoyable evening and I am sure that I shall be asked to arrange another one at a future date.

The month was finally rounded off with the Birmingham Reunion at the Midland Hotel and we all had a very good time. This made me think how very nice it would be to welcome many of these St. Dunstaners at Midland Club meetings! It would certainly make for greater activities in the club, so if you have never attended a club meeting, why not give it a try? You would certainly be made very welcome. All meetings are

held on the second Sunday of each month at the British Legion Headquarters, Thorp Street, Birmingham, which is in easy reach of the Midland Red Bus Terminus and New Street Railway Station.

D. E. CASHMORE,  
*Hon. Secretary.*

**Sutton Club Notes**

The Sutton Club continues to be rather small but very pleasant and friendly. We meet on Saturday, 13th June, Saturday, 18th July and then close for August, re-opening on Saturday, 12th September.

Any St. Dunstaner who cares to drop into Sutton Adult School, Benhill Avenue, Sutton on any of these afternoons will be very welcome indeed.

D. HOARE  
*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.*

**Michael Hunka** of Bramshott, Hants, became a St. Dunstaner in April 1970. He served in the Polish Army during the 2nd World War and is a widower.

**Fred Bullough**, of Bolton, came to us in May 1970. He served in the Lancashire Fusiliers in the 1st World War and was gassed on the Somme. He is a widower and is living with his daughter and son-in-law.



# Walking Club Championships



Mrs. Evelyn Card presents the Championship Cup to Billy Miller.

(below) Mike Tetley finishing in fine style.



The final meeting of the 1969/70 Walking Season is reported by secretary, Bill Miller, whose consistent form as a competitor and organising worker have been an important contribution to this Club. What he does not mention is that the field of six in the championship was achieved despite bad weather, ill-health or injury to some of our keenest walkers.

The number of the St. Dunstaner's who turned up to take part in the seven mile championship was disappointing for only six arrived at Ewell on Saturday, 18th April for this the last of our walks for the session. The weather seemed to be against us also, for it started to rain soon after the start and a torrential downpour lasted for the first half of the race. So heavy was the rain that the drains could not cope with the water and in places the roads were really flooded.

The race was keenly contested with Johnny Simpson doing his utmost to outpace Billy Miller and Stan Tutton and Mike Tetley having a race ding-dong as the result shows. Fred Barratt finished in third position and Jimmy Wright whilst finishing last, walked better than expected and so gained a place in the handicap once again.

## St. Dunstons 7 mile Championship Ewell, 18th April

Order of Finish	Handicap Time	Allowance	Actual Time
F. Barratt	66.42	4.20	71.02
J. Wright	66.55	14.45	81.40
J. Simpson	67.41	2.00	69.41
W. Miller	68.23	scr.	68.23
S. Tutton	68.32	8.10	76.42
M. Tetley	68.58	7.30	76.28

Championship	T.B.	J. Simpson
	S.S.	W. Miller
Sealed Handicap	1st	F. Barratt
	2nd	J. Wright
	3rd	J. Simpson
Archie Brown Cup		J. Wright



Stan Tutton walks through the storm.

Archie Brown Cup-winner, Jimmy Wright during the race.





### Archie Brown Cup

The final result of the Archie Brown Cup showed Jimmy Wright to be a clear leader over Stan Tutton. The overall position of points was thus:—

J. Wright	..	..	..	41
S. Tutton	..	..	..	36
W. Miller	..	..	..	31
F. Barratt	..	..	..	30
M. Burns	..	..	..	26
M. Tetley	..	..	..	24
J. Simpson	..	..	..	16
R. Mendham	..	..	..	8
C. Stafford	..	..	..	6

### The Seven Mile Let Down

It was unfortunate that the 7 mile race against the Tobacco Trades had been arranged for Easter Saturday, for we knew that this was an unpopular day with the walkers, but as so many people were involved, we felt that we could not change it.

As the time drew near, the ladies were busy preparing lots of sandwiches etc., ten escorts were there, and only four of us, when Billy Harris arrived with the news that the Tobacco traders were not coming. So there we were with everything organised. What should we do? A quick survey of the ten escorts showed that we had sufficient policemen to hold a four-a-side match leaving two escorts who wanted to do training over the distance. This we did and although the policemen finished in the first four positions, we had a small but enjoyable race.

### St. Dunstan's 7 mile Ewell 28th March

Order of Finish	Handicap Time	Allowance	Actual Time
L. Taylor			63.15
D. Fotheringham			66.07
E. Leach			66.08
R. Youldon			68.25
W. Miller	68.56	scr	68.56
F. Barratt	69.16	4.00	73.16
S. Tutton	70.06	7.00	77.06
J. Wright	65.55	17.50	83.45

MATCH Police 10 points  
St. Dunstan's 26 points



## St. Dunstan's Fishing Club

### Inaugural Meeting

14 members out of a possible 35 attended the inaugural meeting of the St. Dunstan's Fishing Club held at Ovingdean on Saturday, 18th April.

The club is affiliated to the N.F.S.A., the National Federation of Sea Anglers, and has also entered the Southern Independent Television Sea Angling Championships.

In his report the Chairman, A. C. 'Tiny' Pointon, pointed out that members must not confuse fishing trips organised by St. Dunstan's with Club organised trips. He emphasised that Club trips are at the expense of the Club and individuals participating, although he hoped that when Club funds are healthier it might be possible to subsidise costs of fishing trips by paying for packed meals and bait. The constitution of the Club was adopted unanimously, and two additional members of the steering committee set up at an informal meeting last November, were elected. The full list of officers and committee is:—

**President: Lord Fraser**

**Executive Committee:**

**Chairman: A. C. Pointon**

**Secretary: J. Carnochan**

**Treasurer: S. Spence**

**Standing Committee:**

**R. Young R. Cameron**

**L. Brown W. Richardson**

**Weight Master: J. Kennedy**

**Fishing Adviser: D. O'Kennedy**

Honorary Membership of the Club was unanimously bestowed upon Matron Blackford, Commandant Fawcett, and Mr. Norman French of the Research Department.

As a club affiliated to the N.F.S.A. it is necessary to have a club badge and colours and these were adopted at the meeting. A St. Dunstan's badge with the two outside curved sections replaced by two fish with their heads meeting at the top of the torch

and the words Fishing Club beneath the badge. Colours are: *torch*: brown; *flame*: red; *fish*: silver; the *lettering*—black on white background.

Another week-end trip has been provisionally arranged and members of the club have been circularised privately. We have planned for this fishing party to go out, weather permitting, from Shoreham on 27th and 28th June, a Saturday and Sunday.

### First Fishing Trip

by

A. C. Pointon

The week-end of 18/19th April saw the first of this year's fishing trips from Ovingdean, all participants being members of the recently formed St. Dunstan's Fishing Club.

The Saturday trip was cancelled, the sea being a bit too lumpy, but after an early breakfast on Sunday 19th, we were taken by coach to Shoreham, and boarded the *Iris*. An hour and a quarter later we were about eight miles off the coast and after the hand-brake had been applied, we started dangle-ing in a cold but flat calm sea. The rest were very kind to me, as their Chairman they

allowed me to catch the first fish, a pouting, and seconds later Billy Griffiths showed his intentions by bringing in a bigger pouting. In fact we were all delighted when at the end of the day, it was Billy who had caught the greatest number of fish, four varieties, pouting, dab, spur dog and huss. Billy was sitting next to me and on one occasion I brought up to the surface a spur dog fish, which when it saw it was me, most impolitely spat out my bait and hook. Then dived down and got on to Billy's hook. Choosy that one, had to be caught by the Sportsman of the year! Well, this is a fishing story. The largest fish was taken by John Simpson—a thirteen and a half pound spur dog, in fact, I think we finished up with quite a litter, if that is the right word.

The lashings of hot soup and hot coffee, as well as the packed food supplied from Ovingdean, kept out the cold, but I have an idea that our Hon. Treasurer Stewart Spence had a drop of the wine of his native village.

Up anchor and back to Shoreham in nice time for the coach to get us back to Ovingdean in time for the evening meal. Then for me—back home feeling as though I had had a week's holiday.

About the inaugural meeting of the Club—I leave the Hon. Secretary to comment.

## Bridge Notes

### Mrs. Frank Rhodes

Mrs. Carpenter and I were deeply grieved and members of the London Club shocked at learning of the sudden passing of Dolly, the wife of my friend, Frank Rhodes, whom I have known for over fifty years.

Her loss will be felt in many ways. The funeral service was taken by The Rev. Pettit and the Church was full to capacity with friends of the family who had travelled from far and near to pay their tribute and respect to one who had given much time and thought to the benefit of others. In his address the Rev. Pettit expressed the sympathy and thoughts of us all for the way in which Dolly had acted as Frank's secretary, car driver, his eyes, and through her help he was able to carry on his many interests which have given much pleasure to many.

ERNIE CARPENTER.

The Fourth Individual Competition of the Brighton Section was held on Saturday, 25th April. The results were as follows:—

B. Ingrey and R. Goding	67
H. Kerr and J. Huk	67
F. Mathewman and W. Scott	64
A. Smith and M. Clements	62
S. Webster and F. Griffiee	59
J. Whitcombe and J. Chell	59

The Third Individual Competition of the London Section was held on Saturday, 2nd May. The results were as follows:—

R. Armstrong and Miss Vera Kemmish	74
E. Carpenter and R. Fullard	71
P. Nuyens and R. Stanners	71
F. Pusey and R. Bickley	62
R. Freer and H. King	53
H. Meleson and Partner	51
J. Lynch and W. Allen	48



# Stealing Tricks

By  
Alf. E. Field

This month we recap on simple beginnings of Bridge which might appeal also to newcomers to the game. The position of the top cards of each suit round the table leads to a possibility of stealing tricks, the commonest method is to finesse.

Here are four standard finesse positions each combination has a technically correct method of play for a maximum number of tricks and must be learned and used automatically (let "George" do it) in play.

	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)
N	A Q 10	A 6 5	A 6 5	A K J 5
W	□	□	□	□
E	□	□	□	□
S	4 3 2	Q J 2	K J 10	6 4 3 2

(A) is called the "Double Finesse"—we play 2 to the 10, and later play 3 to the Queen hoping that West holds the K, J. If so, we make three tricks. If West holds either the King or the Jack we make two tricks (B). This is a variation of the "Forcing Finesse" but the principle is the same, we play Queen to the Ace but play the 5 if West does not play the King. We can only make two tricks but it is the correct way to play this 6 card combination. If we change the 2 into the 10 however, we can possibly make three tricks. (C) is the "Two way Finesse". We can catch the Queen in either East or West Hand and make three tricks. We delay taking this Finesse until we can find out perhaps who is most likely to hold the Queen. (D) is the "Postponed Finesse". There is a chance that the suit is distributed 4-4-4-1 and a smaller chance that the "1" is the Queen. We play King on the first round and later then 3 to the Jack hoping to make four tricks.

We now meld those four combinations of cards and actually play them. Here are the complete Hands as dealt:

	♠ 4 3 2			
	♥ A. 6 5			
	♦ A. 6 5			
	♣ A. K. J. 5			
	N.			
♠ J. 9 8 5	W. □	E.	♠ K. 7 6	
♥ K. 10 7 3			♥ 9 8 4	
♦ Q. 9 8 7			♦ 4 3 2	
♣ 7			♣ Q. 10 9 8	
	S.			
	♠ A. Q. 10			
	♥ Q. J. 2			
	♦ K. J. 10			
	♣ 6 4 3 2			

North and South have "contracted" to get "Three No Trump"—9 tricks and there is no trump suit. West leads his singleton 7 of clubs and North's hand is now exposed on the table and South (called the "Declarer") plays the two Hands. Declarer pauses and thinks "I have six certain tricks. I must steal three tricks, possibly two from clubs and one from another 'finesse position'. As the tricks are played I will name the one who leads, then the suit, and then the cards as they play, going round the table clockwise."

## Trick 1

West, Clubs, 7, King 9, 2. Declarer executes the "Postponed Finesse". He does not know yet that West has led a singleton but is suspicious.

## Trick 2

North, spades, 2-6-10-Jack. Declarer has operated the first leg of his double finesse—no luck.

## Trick 3

West, Spades, 8-3-K-A. Note that West's J 9 8 are "Equals" now the 10 has been played and the lead gives nothing away.

## Trick 4

South, Hearts, Queen-King-5-4. The "Forcing Finesse". Now we address ourselves to the advanced players for a moment. (1) West must cover the Queen with the King so that his 10 may be promoted to a possible trick (2) Declarer must, in this instance, refuse to win with the Ace, reason (a) he can only ever make two tricks and they are still there if he ducks but he must be in full control of the other suits. The Golden Rule is "never lose control of a suit unless there is a good reason for so doing". Note if Declarer plays Ace there is only J 2 left to defend the suit.

## Trick 5

West, Spades, 5-4-7-Q.

## Trick 6

South, Diamonds, Jack, Queen, Ace, 2. Declarer has considered West to be the danger Hand and was prepared to "duck" (play small in North Hand) if West did not play Queen. West with Q, 9 8 7 must cover the Jack with the Queen. Declarer now pauses and thinks "I have got my contract—Two Spades, Two Hearts, Three Diamonds, and Two Club tricks", and he must now take all his tricks except the King of Clubs, and leave himself on lead in South Hand at trick 10 so:—

**Trick 7.** Hearts, North, Ace-8-2-3.

**Trick 8.** Hearts, North, 6-9-Jack-7.

**Trick 9.** South, Diamonds, K-7-6-3.

**Trick 10.** North, Diamonds, South, 10-8-5-4.

**Trick 11.** Declarer is on lead with this position,

♠ A. J. 5
♥ □
♦ Q. 10 8
♣ 6 4 3

and leads the Club 3 towards the ace for the 9th trick of his contract and West discards the Diamond 9. The less experienced Declarer will play Ace from North Hand for his contract, but the better player will play the 5 and allow East to win knowing for certain that East holds Q 10 8 of clubs. Remember Declarer was suspicious of West's Club lead at Trick 1, thinking it might be a singleton and nobody has played a Club since! East takes Trick 11 with the Club 8 and has no alternative than to lead a club back to the A J in North's Hand giving Declarer an extra trick.

## Regular Readers

I hope regular readers will bear with me this month. I thought we might provide an interest perhaps for the non-Bridge players?

The "Professors" will have noted the niceties of the "Duck" at Trick 4? ("rectifying the count") which now permits the "Throw in" at Trick 11! for the extra trick.

## British Talking Book Service for the Blind

### Fiction

#### Cat. No.

- 875 ARMSTRONG, THOMAS  
(2) *PILLING ALWAYS PAYS* (1954)  
Read by Stephen Jack. A novel of Yorkshire life telling of the lives of prosperous Sam Pilling and the children he loved but too often indulged.  
P.T. 16½ hours
- 871 CLINTON-BADDELEY, V. C.  
*ONLY A MATTER OF TIME* (1969)  
Read by Stephen Jack. Two murders at an East Anglian music festival.  
P.T. 5½ hours.
- 877 HEYER, GEORGETTE  
*SPRING MUSLIN* (1956)  
Read by Arthur Bush. Amanda, a spirited 17 year-old girl, runs away from home and compromises Sir Gareth Ludlow, one of the Prince Regent's friends.  
P.T. 11¼ hours.
- 870 KITCHIN, C. H. B.  
*CRIME AT CHRISTMAS* (1934)  
Read by Brian Perkins. The festivities at a large Hampstead residence are shattered by the murder of one of the invited.  
P.T. 6¼ hours.

- 872 LASKI, AUDREY  
*THE DOMINANT FIFTH* (1969)  
Read by Peter Barker. The death of Stewart Gillis is not only a tragic loss for his wife and daughter, but also for the three remaining members of the quartet of which he was a member, for it shows them very clearly the extent of their involvement with one another.  
P.T. 7¼ hours.
- 878 RATHBONE, JULIAN  
*WITH MY KNIVES I KNOW I'M GOOD* (1969)  
Read by Robert Gladwell. Aziz has only his skill with his juggler's knives, and a great amount of determination to help him when he finds himself unexpectedly in a world of spies where Americans and Russians try to bribe and kill him.  
P.T. 7½ hours.
- 876 WALLACE, EDGAR  
*THE RINGER* (1927)  
Read by John Webster. An exciting thriller showing Scotland Yard at grips with a super-criminal whose identity remains obscure until the end.  
P.T. 7½ hours.



- 835 INNES, HAMMOND  
*THE STRODE VENTURER* (1965)  
(2) Read by Anthony Parker. London and the Equator: tense boardroom struggles against elemental forces, and one shareholder's fanatical idealism combine to effect the lives of an isolated sea-faring people.  
*P.T.* 13 hours.
- 841 JENKINS, ELIZABETH  
*HONEY* (1968)  
Read by Elizabeth Proud. Brian, a young man of 17, goes to live with his father, whom he resents, and Honey, his very young step-mother, who embarrasses him.  
*P.T.* 11½ hours.
- 849 JENKINS, GEOFFREY  
*THE RIVER OF DIAMONDS* (1964)  
Read by Robert Gladwell. A daring quest for undersea diamonds in which the searchers are pitted against the forces of nature and the cunning of a dangerous man.  
*P.T.* 10½ hours.
- 828 MANNING, OLIVIA  
*THE SPOILT CITY* (1962)  
(2) Sequel to *The Great Fortune*. Read by Robin Holmes. Continuing the story of Guy and Harriet Pringle and their friends against the background of wartime Bucharest, haunted by the fear of invasion.  
*P.T.* 14¼ hours.
- 829 MANNING, OLIVIA  
*FRIENDS AND HEROES* (1965)  
(2) Sequel to above. Read by Robin Holmes. After escaping from Rumania, the Pringles arrive in Athens, but Greece also is threatened by invaders and the growing tragedy of war.  
*P.T.* 15½ hours.
- 851 MONSARRAT, NICHOLAS  
*RICHER THAN ALL HIS TRIBE* (1968)  
(2) Read by Andrew Timothy. The Island of Pharamaul, off the south-west coast of Africa, is full of pride and joy, and above all hope for the future on the day of its independence, when this book begins. But we witness its gradual deterioration, its leader's fall from his high ideals, and the sad results of a nation which acquires too much, too soon.  
*P.T.* 15 hours.
- 855 MOORE, JOHN  
*SEPTEMBER MOON* (1957)  
Read by Laidman Brown. A story of Herefordshire, where in September come the hop-pickers—Welsh miners, factory folk, and gypsies.  
*P.T.* 11¼ hours.
- 858 PETERS, ELLIS  
*THE HOUSE OF GREEN TURF* (1969)  
Read by Arthur Bush. A singer wakes in hospital, convinced of her guilt for a death, sets out to investigate her fears.  
*P.T.* 7¾ hours.
- 836 SACKVILLE-WEST, V.  
*THE EDWARDIANS* (1930)  
Read by Jack de Manio. A novel of the 'smart set' of 1905—extravagant, scandalous, yet with a strong sense of keeping up appearances.  
*P.T.* 9¼ hours.
- 852 URIS, LEON  
*TOPAZ* (1967)  
(2) Read by Anthony Parker. An exciting story of spies, counterspies, and diplomatic deception at the time of the Cuban crisis.  
*P.T.* 14½ hours.
- 860 WELLS, H. G.  
*ANN VERONICA* (1909)  
Read by John Curle. For Ann Veronica, an intelligent young girl struggling to escape from the stifling home atmosphere, the Votes for Women movement is an inspiring symbol.  
*P.T.* 11½ hours.
- 834 WHEATLEY, DENNIS  
*THE ISLAND WHERE TIME STANDS STILL* (1954)  
(2) Read by Anthony Parker. Death and treachery accompany Gregory and his Chinese friends on their 10,000 miles journey from a South Sea island to remote China in search of a princess.  
*P.T.* 17½ hours.
- 868 WHITE, ALAN  
*THE LONG DROP* (1969)  
Read by David Strong. A specially trained squad of ruthlessly efficient men is to be sent to Liege to get possession of the ciphers kept there in the strong room. PARTS OF THIS RECORDING MAY BE CONSIDERED UNSUITABLE FOR FAMILY READING.  
*P.T.* 7¼ hours.
- 702 GORDON, RICHARD  
*DOCTOR IN THE HOUSE* (1952)  
Read by Franklin Engelman. An amusing book about a group of young medical students whose uproarious behaviour gives cause for alarm to the hospital authorities.  
and  
GORDON, RICHARD  
*DOCTOR AT LARGE* (1955)  
Read by Franklin Engelman. The young doctor, newly qualified, continues his humorous adventures in a variety of situations.  
*P.T.* 10¼ hours.
- 703 GORDON, RICHARD  
*DOCTOR IN LOVE* (1957)  
Read by Franklin Engelman. In spite of the unhelpful assistance of his well-meaning friends, the young doctor eventually marries a charming girl.  
*P.T.* 4¼ hours.
- 727 GOUDGE, ELIZABETH  
*THE BIRD IN THE TREE* (1940)  
Read by Arthur Bush. The first of three novels about the Eliots, and the wise and beloved grandmother who is the central figure of the family.  
*P.T.* 11½ hours.
- 728 GOUDGE, ELIZABETH  
(2) *THE HERB OF GRACE* (1948)  
Read by Arthur Bush. Sequel to above. Continuing the story of the Eliot family in their charming Hampshire home Damerosehay.  
*P.T.* 13¾ hours.

- 729 GOUDGE, ELIZABETH  
*THE HEART OF THE FAMILY* (1953)  
Read by Arthur Bush. Sequel to above. Lucilla Eliot and her daughter Margaret have retired to Lavender Cottage, while Grandson David lives at Damerosehay with Sally and little Meg.  
*P.T.* 13¼ hours.
- 718 HOCKING, MARY  
*THE SPARROW* (1964)  
Read by Eric Gillett. A London vicar's devotion to the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament leads him to neglect other responsibilities until several dramatic events force him to make an important decision.  
*P.T.* 8¼ hours.
- 711 JACOB, NAOMI  
*THE WIND ON THE HEATH* (1956)  
Read by Stephen Jack. A sensitive study of love between a married woman and a boy just grown to manhood.  
*P.T.* 10 hours.
- 720 LE CARRE, JOHN  
*THE SPY WHO CAME IN FROM THE COLD* (1963)  
Read by Maurice Turner. Cold war between spy and counter-spy, played between the Berlin Wall and British Control in London.  
*P.T.* 7¼ hours.
- 709 MACLEAN, ALISTAIR  
*THE GOLDEN RENDEZVOUS* (1962)  
Read by David Broomfield. A story of modern piracy on the high seas, in which we hear of dangerous and violent happenings aboard the luxury cruiser Campari.  
*P.T.* 11 hours.
- 705 READ, MISS  
*THE HOWARDS OF CAXLEY GREEN* (1967)  
Read by Elizabeth Proud. The Adventures of a young R.A.F. pilot, against the background of a small country town in wartime and after.  
And.  
READ, MISS  
*FAIRACRE FESTIVAL* (1968)  
Read by Elizabeth Proud. Fairacre Festival is organised by the parishioners to raise the money needed by their damaged church.  
*P.T.* 9 hours.
- 719 READ, MISS  
*OVER THE GATE* (1964)  
Read by Judith Whale. The schoolmistress at Fairacre loves the children and knows all their parents. She has to keep a firm hand on Miss Pringle, school cleaner and village gossip.  
*P.T.* 7¾ hours.
- 712 STEVENSON, D. E.  
*BEL LAMINGTON* (1961)  
Read by Arthur Bush. Bel, an orphan, takes a job as a secretary in London, and falls in love with the junior partner of the firm.  
*P.T.* 8¼ hours.
- 713 STEVENSON, D. E.  
*FLETCHER'S END* (1962)  
Read by Arthur Bush. Sequel to above. In which Bel, now married, lives at Fletcher's End, a country house in the Cotswolds.  
*P.T.* 10½ hours.
- 726 STEVENSON, D. E.  
*SARAH MORRIS REMEMBERS* (1967)  
Read by Carol Marsh. The story of a family forced to face the turmoil of a world war.  
*P.T.* 13 hours.
- Non-Fiction**
- 874 BLACKHALL, DAVID SCOTT  
*THIS HOUSE HAD WINDOWS* (1961)  
Read by David Brown. The author describes his boyhood in the Black Country, and his life until at the age of 46 he lost his sight; and how he learned to interpret the teachings of the Gospel and to apply them.  
*P.T.* 5½ hours.
- 879 GREEN, GRAHAM  
(2) *COLLECTED ESSAYS* (1969)  
Read by George Hagan. Reflections over the years on some novels and novelists, some characters, and a personal prologue and postscript.  
*P.T.* 12¼ hours.
- 873 SITWELL, EDITH  
*TAKEN CARE OF* (1965)  
Read by Judith Whale. Dame Edith's rebellion against the artistic conventions of the nineteen-twenties produced poems of elaborate style and originality.  
*P.T.* 7 hours.
- 887 BAILEY, TREVOR  
*CHAMPIONSHIP CRICKET* (1961)  
Read by Michael Aspel. The rise and fall of many county cricket teams, including Glamorganshire, Hants, Middlesex and Surrey.  
*P.T.* 6¼ hours.
- 888 BELL, MARY HALEY  
*WHAT SHALL WE DO TOMORROW?* (1968)  
Read by Phyllis Boothroyd. The charming autobiography of an author, wife and mother of famous stars of the stage and screen.  
*P.T.* 10¾ hours.
- 909 BLYTHE, RONALD  
(2) *AKENFIELD* (1969)  
Read by John Graham. A portrait of an English village as told by the man who discovered its cruelty and its peace, its harshness and its beauty during many conversations he had with its inhabitants.  
*P.T.* 13 hours.
- 931 CAMERON, DONALD  
*SONS OF EL DORADO* (1968)  
Read by Derek Chandler. At the age of 17 the author joined the Merchant Navy, and here tells some of his adventures.  
*P.T.* 10½ hours.
- 913 DUNCAN, ALEX  
*IT'S A VET'S LIFE* (1961)  
Read by John Curle. A recently qualified veterinary surgeon is offered a partnership in his uncle's practice, and discovers life with his patients and their strange owners is varied, exciting, and often hilarious.  
*P.T.* 6¼ hours.



## Letters to the Editor

### From Thomas Tonge of Manchester

In perusing the *Review* in past months, it has occurred to me that the magazine has lost the homely character that used to be such a feature in years gone by. At one time, the publication was not only for St. Dunstaners, but largely by St. Dunstaners, which made for more intimacy and caused St. Dunstaners to feel that the magazine was "theirs." To-day the *Review* is more professional, some of the articles and photographs being excellent. But, and it is a very large but, the St. Dunstaner, as such, has disappeared from its pages altogether. No longer is space given for correspondence, no opportunity is given for St. Dunstaners to make suggestions, air their views, make general comment or even give vent to their grouses. We have been pushed into the background and the space once devoted to St. Dunstaners, themselves, is now taken up by dry, matter of fact reporting.

If it is a matter of space, some economy could be made in the amount of room given to certain pursuits—Bridge, for instance. I have no wish whatever to impose any kind of restriction on this pastime, but I do think that too much space is devoted to it in the *Review*. In the May issue, for instance, one and three quarter pages are given over to Bridge and in the same issue you report that eighteen players attended the Bridge Drive. Obviously a very minority pursuit, getting more than its fair share of space.

Also, the special features are usually very good indeed, but often rather too long and I have sometimes had the feeling that they have been puffed out in order to fill up.

I am aware that in the past, St. Dunstaners have been invited to contribute to the pages of the *Review* but this is not quite what I have in mind. The pages of the magazine would be an excellent medium for St. Dunstaners to discuss things amongst themselves, also to make their feelings

known to the governing body of St. Dunstan's. I am sure that at present you must receive many letters on all kinds of subjects, letters which never again see the light of day. This, I think, should be altered.

### From George Fallowfield of Welling, Kent

I have very much enjoyed recent copies of the *Review* and sincerely trust you will be able to continue these splendid articles about our handless friends.

### From Ernest H. Carpenter of Kings Langley, Herts.

#### *Five Generations*

With reference to a note in the May *Review*, I feel that I must join the ranks of the five generations which at the time of the birth of my great grand-daughter, I thought would be unique and all our ages top those of Mr. Sayers' family.

My mother is 95 years old, myself, 76, my son, 53, my grandson, 27, and my great grand-daughter, 2.

#### *Round-the-World*

Major D. R. BRIDGES, who works in Malaysia for the American Foundation for Overseas Blind, recently spent four days in London. He was on a round-the-world business trip, having left Kuala Lumpur by air on the 29th March and being due back on the 12th May, visiting about a dozen countries on the way.

#### *Death of an old Friend*

Some of our 1st World War men may remember Miss Gladys A. Clements who nursed at St. Dunstan's as a Red Cross V.A.D. in the very early days and they will be sorry to hear that she died last November. We have the information from her daughter Mrs. Fielder of Salhouse, Norwich, to whom we express our condolences.



ST. DUNSTAN'S CLOCK

## It Strikes Me

### *Royal Chat*

"I asked her if she was having an interesting time. She said she was. She said it was nice to be there." Harry Meleson, recalling to me the day he met Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother. It was at the Southern Regional Association for the Blind Exhibition of Handicrafts at Central Hall Westminster on May 12th. Harry had won a fourth prize for an exhibit he originally entered for a Jewish Blind Society exhibition. "They asked me if they could put the ironing board forward to this main exhibition but I didn't expect to win anything."

Mrs. Meleson was with Harry among the crowds of exhibitors near the entrance of Central Hall when the Queen Mother came over to them during her tour of the exhibition. "She looked delightful. She wore a multi-coloured silk outfit, dress and coat—a green hat of tulle and carried a spray of tea roses. It suited her beautifully."

### *Dawn Patrol*

I heard at the Birmingham Reunion how Frank Cross, a respectable schoolmaster, was stopped in the early hours of the morning by a police Panda car driver who wanted to know why Mrs. Cross was coasting their car, without lights in one of the more prosperous suburbs of Birmingham. It was all quite innocent, really, and due to Frank's hobby of recording birdsongs and calls. Their small party, including a friend and his wife and Frank's young nephew, went to record the dawn chorus in Sutton Park. Mrs. Cross had switched off the engine and lights as they approached the Park to avoid disturbing the neighbourhood when a car roared up the road with headlights blazing.

"A Police Constable got out", said Frank, "Excuse me, Sir, I saw your car from the bridge. It's a bit early to be out, isn't it?" Feeling like the last of the English eccentrics, Frank explained the purpose of their expedition and showed his tape recording equipment—"Carry on, Sir, that's quite all right," he said. Then he got back in his car and carefully shut the door but we could still hear him laughing as he reported in on his radio, 'Believe it or not, they've come to listen to the Dawn Chorus'."



# Family News

## Marriage

JONES-CLEGG. On 12th May, 1970, in St. Dunstan's Chapel, Ovingdean, Sussex. John (Taffy) Jones of Ovingdean, married Mrs. Mary Louise Clegg.

## Silver Wedding

Congratulations to MR. AND MRS. JAMES D. WHITE of Chilwell, Nottinghamshire, who celebrated their Silver Wedding Anniversary on 2nd April, 1970.

## Golden Weddings

Many congratulations to MR. AND MRS. GEORGE BURNETT of Stevenage, Herts, who celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary on 3rd April, 1970.

Warm congratulations to MR. AND MRS. FREDERICK CRABTREE of Scarborough, Yorks., who celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary on 28th April, 1970.

Sincere congratulations to MR. AND MRS. FREDERICK MATTHEWS of Soberton, Hants, who celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary on 5th May, 1970.

Very many congratulations to MR. AND MRS. CHARLES MILLS of Newington, Kent, who celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary on 13th March, 1970.

Heartly congratulations to MR. AND MRS. WILLIAM C. SCOTT of Winsford, Cheshire, who celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary on 20th May, 1970.

## Grandfathers

Many congratulations to:—

GUY BILCLIFF of Sutton Coldfield, on the arrival of a grand-daughter, Helen Tracey, born to his daughter Pamela in April 1970.

ISAAC DUDLEY of Kingswinford, Brierley Hill, Staffs., on the arrival of his first grandchildren, when his daughter-in-law, Jean, gave birth to twins—Martyn and Jason on 5th May, 1970.

FREDERICK GALWAY, of Sandbach, Cheshire, who announces the arrival of his first grandchild, when his daughter-in-law gave birth to a son, Sean Peter, on 10th April, 1970.

ALFRED OUTTRIM of Hertford, on the birth of a grandson, Christopher Wallen on 29th April, 1970. The parents are Alfred's son David and his wife.

## Great Grandfathers

Many congratulations to:—

GEORGE FALLOWFIELD of Welling, Kent, who became a great grandfather on 3rd May, 1970, when a daughter was born to his grandson Steven Armitage and his wife, in Brisbane, Queensland, Australia.

David, son of GUY BILCLIFF of Sutton Coldfield, Warwickshire, married Kathleen Bruce on 9th May, 1970.

Daphne, only grand-daughter of GEORGE BURNETT of Stevenage, Herts, was married to Geoffrey Wake on 25th April, 1970.

Richard Eddy, only grandson of JOHN MARTIN of Goldsithney, Cornwall, married Angela Thomas in Camborne, Cornwall on 28th March, Easter Saturday, 1970.

Arthur, son of our St. Dunstaner, HENRY DAKIN of Blackpool, is touring South Africa accompanying the Bachelors as their drummer.

Patrick, son of JOSEPH 'LES' DENNIS of Hastings, has obtained his City and Guilds Certificate in printing.

Robert, aged 14 years, son of EDWARD JOHN of Wallasey, Cheshire, has been appearing in a play performed by the Birkenhead Dramatic Society. The part, though small, was an important one to the production and he gained an honourable mention in the local paper.

Derek, son of MAURICE LINACRE of Wallasey, Cheshire, plays football for the Wallasey Boys' Football Club and will be going with them to play football in Dublin.

We congratulate Derek, son of LESLIE ROBINSON of Isle of Bute, who is top of his class and has two gold medals to collect this year for History and Chemistry.

Peter, son of LESLIE WEBBER of Tewkesbury, is to be congratulated on obtaining a pass in all seven subjects of his Law Society Final Examinations, and we wish him every success in his career.

WALTER J. RODEN of Chorley, Lancs., is very proud of his grandson, Neil, aged 19, who took part in a Charity Walk from Kendal to Chorley, a distance of fifty-five miles.

## Deaths

We offer our very sincere sympathy to:—

PERCY APPLEBY of Luton, Beds., who mourns the death of his sister, Mrs. Lily Hotson, on 19th April, 1970. Her husband died at Christmas, 1969.

RONALD BELCHER of Birmingham who mourns the death of his mother in the U.S.A. on 1st April, 1970. She was aged 88 years.

DAVID BELL of Edinburgh who lost his mother on 20th April, 1970. She was 83 years old and until the last three months was a wonderfully active old lady.

WILLIAM FLOWERS of Birmingham, whose mother died on 24th April, 1970.

GEORGE CATTELL of Northampton who mourns the sudden death of his mother on 28th April, 1970.

FRANK RHODES of Brighton, Sussex, on the death of his wife, Doris, on 22nd April at a Nursing Home in Hove. An obituary appears elsewhere in this number.

GEORGE SALTERS of Liverpool, who mourns the death of his grandson who was born on 10th February, 1970, and died on 22nd April, 1970.

STANLEY SOUTHALL of Smethwick who mourns the deaths of his father just after Christmas and his brother on Christmas Eve, 1969.



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## 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.**

**Frederick Charles Seymour Hilling.** *Tank Corps.*

Frederick Charles Seymour Hilling of Folkestone, Kent died at Northgate House, Rottingdean, on 8th May, 1970. He was 79 years of age.

He enlisted in the Tank Corps in 1915 and served with them until his discharge in 1918 when he came to St. Dunstan's. He trained as a shorthand typist and returned to work in the office of his old firm. He also took up joinery as a spare time hobby and enjoyed this occupation.

In 1934 Mr. Hilling began studying Physiotherapy and took up his first appointment a few years later commencing in private practice in Herne Bay, and then he moved and settled in Somerset. In 1946 he moved to Folkestone where he and his wife and daughter lived for many years. Mr. Hilling's wife died in 1953 and his daughter married and settled in the United States. She has been able to make several visits home to Folkestone to see her father including a recent visit last Christmas.

Mr. Hilling's domestic affairs since 1957 have been most ably looked after by a housekeeper, Miss Walker, who has remained with Mr. Hilling until his death on 8th May at Northgate House, and our sympathy is extended to his daughter, Mrs. Heiman and to the housekeeper, Miss Walker.

**Leonard Ollier.** *Lancashire Fusiliers*

Leonard Ollier, of Blackpool, died on the 16th April, 1970, at the age of 78 years.

He served in the First World War, having been mobilised with the Territorials in August, 1914. He was employed in Local Government Service

for 30 years, but his sight ultimately failed as the result of mustard gas and he came to St. Dunstan's in 1951. He went to Ovingdean for basic training and returned there for holidays, and also attended local Reunions. His wife died in 1967 and he had since lived with his daughter. His health had been failing for some considerable time and he died in hospital.

He leaves a married daughter and grandchildren.

**Arthur Charles Payne.** *53rd A.I.F.*

Arthur Charles Payne of Catherine Hill Bay, New South Wales, Australia, died on 18th January 1970 at the age of 86.

He enlisted in January 1916 and served with the 53rd A.I.F. He was wounded in France in September 1918 and came to St. Dunstan's in December of that year. After training in poultry farming and netting Mr. Payne returned to Australia in November 1919. He was a widower and the news of his death was sent to us by his daughter, Mrs. L. Segelow who lives in Catherine Hill Bay.

**John Yuill.** *Scots Guards*

John Yuill died at Northgate House, Rottingdean, on 8th April, 1970 at the age of 86 years.

He served with the Scots Guards from 1914 to 1916 but did not come to St. Dunstan's until 1930. He made rugs for our Stores until ill-health forced him to give this up and he was also a very keen gardener with a great interest in bulbs and vegetable growing. His wife died in 1950 and he then went to live permanently at our Brighton Home. He leaves a grown-up family.