

**St Dunstons**  
**REVIEW**  
**JULY**



# Sports 'Seventy



**COVER PICTURE:** Lord Fraser, presenting the team trophies, shares a joke with Bill Phillips and Jock Carnochan.

Alan Wortley throwing the javelin.

The band of 1218 Squadron ATC Newhaven.

Bill Claydon has the help of Cpl. Mandy Goulder of the Girls' Venture Corps in the obstacle race.



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### CHAIRMAN'S NOTES

#### *St. Dunstan's Sports*

During the month I went to the Sports held annually at Ovingdean. In 1968, some European sportsmen joined us and this year representatives of B.L.E.S.M.A. (the British Limbless Ex-Servicemen's Association) were our guests.

Although blind men are necessarily limited in their sporting activities, the performances of St. Dunstaners, most of whom are past their youth, are quite remarkable. I also praise the efforts of all those who organise sporting events at Brighton or in connection with our various Clubs and at the Naval Camp.

In this connection you will all be sorry to learn that Mrs. Avis Spurway, M.B.E., who has done so much for our sports for a lifetime, has broken her leg. However, I am told she is recovering well and we hope it will not be long before we see her at one of our gatherings again.

#### *Artificial Eyes*

The many St. Dunstaners who have benefited during the past quarter of a century from the artistry and skill of Mr. F. J. Stewart, in the matter of artificial eyes and appliances, will be sorry to learn that he has decided to retire at the end of June. Mr. Stewart did, in fact, give up his dental practice some years ago when he moved to Rustington but agreed at that time to continue to meet our plastic eye requirements for as long as possible. Unfortunately, Mrs. Stewart is not in good health and this has a bearing on his retirement.

When Mr. Stewart, who was a dental officer in the R.A.F. during the 1939-45 War, first started working for us, I had a talk with him and became personally interested in his technique for making lifelike dentures. At that time I thought the glass eyes provided by the Ministry of Pensions were inadequate, often giving an unnatural, staring appearance, and I discussed with Mr. Stewart the use of acrylic resin and other materials for plastic eyes. Mr. Stewart became one of the greatest experts in the country in making artificial eyes, which have been praised all over the world. He also developed the art of producing lifelike artificial hands in plastic and fitted several of our hand amputees with them.

The loss of Mr. Stewart's services will be greatly felt and we thank him for all he has done for St. Dunstaners over the years.

We send our very best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Stewart in their retirement.

## Mr. G. E. C. Zipfel

We also say au revoir to Mr. Zipfel, about whom a note appeared in the *Review* last October when he became the first member of staff to have completed fifty years' service with St. Dunstan's. Now, as he retires, a personal appreciation by Mr. Owens, our Industrial Director, appears elsewhere in this issue.

Lady Fraser and I and many old friends amongst St. Dunstaners and staff thank Mr. Zipfel for all he has done and wish him and his wife good luck in their retirement.

Fraser of Lonsdale



## 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.

**Henry Joseph Dilworth** of Warrington, Lancashire, who came to us in June, 1970. He served in the Coldstream Guards in the 2nd World War and was wounded in Italy. He is a bachelor.

**Stanley Edgar** of London, S.E.15, became a full St. Dunstaner on 1st June, 1970. He served with the Royal Berks. Regiment in the 2nd World War and is married with a grown-up family.

**Joseph Lawrence Robinson** of London, S.W.19, came to St. Dunstan's in June, 1970. He is married and served with the K.O.Y.L.I. and the Royal Horse Artillery in the 1st World War. Mr. Robinson has recently retired from the Post Office.

### Death of General Anders

Captain Stanley Sosabowski with his wife represented Polish St. Dunstaners living in Britain at the Requiem Mass for General Wladyslaw Anders held in Westminster Cathedral on 21st May. The General will be remembered best in this country as Commander of the Polish Second Corps serving with the British Forces in North Africa and Italy and in connection with the storming and capture of Monte Cassino in May 1944.

## BIRTHDAY GREETINGS TO THE QUEEN

Her Majesty the Queen  
Buckingham Palace

13th June, 1970

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

Fraser of Lonsdale, Chairman.

—and Her Majesty's reply:

16th June, 1970

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

Elizabeth R.

## QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY HONOURS

In the Queen's Birthday Honours List **Dr. J. H. Hunt, M.A., F.R.C.P., F.R.C.S.**, has been appointed **C.B.E.**, for his services as President of the Royal College of General Practitioners, and **Mr. J. G. Osborne** has been appointed **O.B.E.**, for his services as Chairman of the Edinburgh Savings Bank. We offer our congratulations to Dr. Hunt and Mr. Osborne, both members of St. Dunstan's Council. We also warmly congratulate **Lieutenant Bertie Partington**, St. Dunstaner, awarded the **B.E.M.** for his services as telephonist at Kearsley Power Station, North West Region.

# Reunions 1970

## LONDON

The first of the two 1970 regional reunions to be held in London—and the sixth in the series—took place at the Hotel Russell on Saturday, 16th May. The organisation was in the capable hands of Mrs. Lyall with Miss Blebta assisting her. Altogether about 200 people were present, including 72 male St. Dunstaners and 2 girls, Margaret Patterson and Beryl Sleight. The guests came mainly from Berkshire, Hampshire, Kent, Middlesex and Surrey, since this was the Windsor Reunion of earlier years; but there were also 3 St. Dunstaners from London and 1 each from the Channel Islands, Ireland and Canada. Lord and Lady Fraser joined the company at tea time.

### Falkland Islands

Sir Edwin Arrowsmith, K.C.M.G., was the member of the Council presiding. After praising the work of St. Dunstan's and saying how glad he was to be present, Sir Edwin fascinated his listeners with some most interesting facts and figures about the Falkland Islands where he was Governor between the years 1957 and 1964. He placed the Islands on the map by saying that they were about 300 miles East of Cape Horn in latitude 52° South. Stanley, the capital, is the same latitude South as London is North of the Equator, but we can bless the Gulf Stream because the temperature in the Falklands rarely rises above 60°F. and 70° is considered a heat wave. (The extreme limits of recorded temperature are 77°F in Summer and 12°F in Winter and the Islands are notably windy). In area the Islands are about half the size of Jamaica and the population, half English and half Scottish, numbers 2,100. The people are principally engaged in sheep farming to which almost the whole of the land is devoted. There are about 620,000 sheep and the chief exports are wool, hides, and sheepskins. There are thus about 300 sheep to every man, woman and child and it was hardly a surprise to learn that the staple diet is mutton. Mail arrives by sea once a month, thus enabling much of the correspondence to answer itself.

Dealing with comparatively recent history, Sir Edwin said that the Islands were colonised by the British in 1833, and he referred to the classic Naval actions fought in their vicinity during each of the two World Wars—the Battle of the Falkland Islands in December, 1914, when the German Admiral Von Spee was defeated by Admiral Sturdee, and by a strange coincidence the Battle of the River Plate which led to the scuttling of the German pocket battleship Admiral Graf Spee after the action in December, 1939, with the cruisers Ajax, Achilles and Exeter under Commodore Harwood.

There are no trains on the Islands and transport which used to be by horse is now mainly by Land-Rover supplemented by two Beaver aircraft on skis. Internal communications are by radio and the Falkland Islands were the first colony to have this. All manner of problems are discussed on the radio and medical advice is given. Thus everybody knows everybody else's business and his or her state of health. The people, said Sir Edwin, are very generous and had made a great manpower contribution in both wars. The Argentine myth that the Islands are a colony of Spanish people held firmly in place by British Blimps is a load of rubbish. Sir Edwin said that he felt sure that no British Government would ever contemplate handing the Islands over to a foreign power. Long may the Falkland Islands remain British.

### Amusing Stories

Woven into Sir Edwin's speech was a series of amusing stories which brought his audience into peals of laughter from time to time. Public speaking, he said, always gave him butterflies and someone once said that surely a long period of service as Colonial Governor must have helped him to get over this trouble. Sir Edwin recalled one occasion in the Falklands when he addressed a gathering of 10,002. To the two shepherds he said, "Get your b . . . y sheep out of my garden". He mentioned two surprising messages which came to



At the Newcastle Reunion, Lord Normanby chats with Bertie Dean, Hawick and James Miller, Glasgow.

him in his office. One was an instruction to give a report on the adult population, "broken down by age and sex". He was able to have this message withdrawn. The other was the text of a memorandum which he read with some alarm. It ran "Governor to be stripped, cleaned and examined for wear. If worn out to be replaced". Glancing at the heading he was relieved to find that it referred to the engines of the Research Ship "John Biscoe", then refitting at Port Stanley.

#### Welcomed Everybody

Mr. C. D. Wills, Welfare Superintendent, welcomed everybody with a special word to the guests, Miss Hoare, Lady Onslow, Miss Riley, Mrs. Spurway and Miss Woolrych, and retired staff, Mr. Abrahams, Miss Hensley, Mrs. Penstone, Mr. Roberts and Miss Stevens. He then gave some facts and figures about the work of his department as reported in our *Review* for June.

Ted Chamberlain gave the vote of thanks on behalf of St. Dunstaners, and he reeled off the names of many members of the staff no longer living; these included "Auntie" Read, Miss Pain, Miss Boyd-Rochford, Sister Pat, Miss Morris, Mrs.

Chadwick Bates, Mr. Rose and "Mr. H." On one very hot day in Regent's Park, Ted (then known as Joey) had been rowing on the lake. He came into the building, stripped naked and walked along the corridor towards the bathroom. To his horror he heard the clatter of female footsteps approaching. "It's all right, Joey," said the voice of Sister Pat, "I'm not looking." It had always been a mystery to him, said Ted Chamberlain, how she knew it was he when she wasn't looking! Sir Arthur Pearson, he continued, had laid firm foundations in getting a good company to look after the men blinded on war service. St. Dunstan's was fortunate in the staff, who tried hard. He proposed a toast to them and to the hotel staff and management.

#### NEWCASTLE

The Newcastle Reunion is one of the smaller, but nonetheless enjoyable, Reunions held as it is in the comfortable and airy banqueting room of the Royal Station Hotel. 27 St. Dunstaners with their wives and escorts attended, 10 from the First World War, 17 from the Second War and after.

Making a welcome return to this Reunion held on Thursday, 4th June, as the presiding Member of Council was the Marquis of Normanby, M.B.E., accompanied by Lady Normanby. In his speech, Lord Normanby had a special word for members of the staff present, particularly Mrs. A. I. Plaxton, Welfare Visitor responsible and Mrs. E. M. King, who assisted her in arranging the Reunion. Lord Normanby welcomed Mr. E. I. Buckley, formerly technical visitor and instructor in basketry, now retired, and three St. Dunstaners attending the Reunion for the first time, William Duncan, of Hebburn, Eric Taylor, of Peterlee and George Willey, of Northallerton.

#### Work of St. Dunstan's

Turning to the work of St. Dunstan's, Lord Normanby said: "I now have the longest service on the Council of St. Dunstan's with the exception of Lord Fraser and Sir Neville Pearson and my yardstick for St. Dunstan's has never changed . . . Does St. Dunstan's supply the right thing to the right person at the right time and if it doesn't, why not?"

The wide variety of tastes and demands of different generations of war-blinded men raised problems, he continued, "St. Dunstan's is an organisation of service—service to those for whom it was established. Now to keep an organisation healthy and alive and on its toes one must have information from those who are most directly concerned. This in the end boils down to communication . . . but St. Dunstan's does manage to fulfill most of the demands made on it and I think it is a tremendous tribute to the staff".

Proposing the vote of thanks, Ernest Brown, of Whitley Bay, echoed Lord Normanby's thanks to the Welfare Staff who organised the Reunion and the staff of the Royal Station Hotel, "It is a great thing to come here each year to meet each other as blind people. You are all welcome here to canny Newcastle."

#### SHEFFIELD

64 St. Dunstaners—29 from the First and 35 from the Second World Wars attended the Sheffield Reunion held on Saturday, 6th June, at the Grand Hotel. Here the St. Dunstaners and their wives and escorts were welcomed by Major

Mervyn Sandys, J.P., the Member of St. Dunstan's Council presiding.

In his speech after luncheon Major Sandys expressed the company's pleasure in welcoming St. Dunstaners Wilfred Orange, of Leeds, and Samuel Senior, of Hornsea, who were attending their first Reunion. "I hope they will have many pleasures and much comfort in the fellowship which all St. Dunstaners have for one another," he said.

Major Sandys told his audience that Lord and Lady Fraser had recently visited him and had asked him to convey their greetings to St. Dunstaners at the Sheffield Reunion. "They are both very old friends of my family and they always personify to me the true spirit of St. Dunstan's—kindness and great courage in adversity, which is sustained as so many St. Dunstaners are, by the help and devotion of a very remarkable wife."

Commenting on the pressures and ruthlessness of modern society Major Sandys said, "Now, this is why great organisations like St. Dunstan's, and there are many others in various fields of human welfare, have such an important part to play. We can go on playing our part so long as there are people prepared to come forward and bear the heat and burden of the day. On your behalf I offer a word of grateful thanks to our own staff for all that they do day in and day out for all our members."

Speaking on behalf of St. Dunstaners, Joseph Nicol took up Major Sandys' point about the staff, comparing St. Dunstan's to a wheel, "The rim being the St. Dunstaners, the hub being headquarters, 191, and the spokes, the staff. We cannot do without the staff who are the spokes of the wheel. Without the spokes the wheel would collapse and without the staff St. Dunstan's would collapse". He concluded by thanking Miss K. M. Broughton, Welfare Visitor responsible, and Mrs. A. I. Plaxton, who assisted her, in organising the Reunion. He also had a word of thanks for the staff of the Grand Hotel, "for the wonderful meal we have had".

#### Certificate of Merit

Congratulations to Tommy McKay of Brighton, who has won another Certificate of Merit in the National Homecrafts and Art Exhibition at State House.

## Round the World via Sydney

by  
Margaret Stanway

My sister and I left Southampton on the S.S. *Canberra* one cold damp evening in January last, on a round trip but with an eight weeks' stay in Australia. The object of this visit was to meet a pen friend of some fifteen years' standing, but although we had often said in our letters 'I wonder if we shall ever meet', we never really thought that this would happen one day.

Boarding the ship was like entering a new world to us, as neither of us had had much experience of sailing and we were to be on the *Canberra* a total of almost ten weeks. I used my wheel-chair until I became accustomed to the movement of the ship. Then only used it when we went ashore. At all times the crew were helpful and showed us much kindness and consideration. On the outward journey the passengers were mainly British with many young couples emigrating to Australia or New Zealand but on the return it was mainly Australian, then Americans but few British. We made many friends and hope to see some of them later. One passenger lived in the district where I grew up and knows some of the women who taught me at school! It really is a small world!

### Entertainments

There was sufficient entertainment on board to suit all taste—dancing, cards, deck games, bingo, etc. There were special evenings too when we had Casino Night or The Rose and Crown or The Roaring Twenties. The small bar (called the Bonito Club) was dressed accordingly, either with gambling tables, or tropical flowers (made by the female passengers) or as a small English pub. The staff on duty for these occasions donned appropriate garb, and a few of the Bureau girls would give a dancing display dressed as Flappers doing the Can-Can for the Roaring Twenties, or as Hawaiian dancers doing the Hula-Hula on Tropical Night. Dog and horse racing in the Stadium were popular and I am sure the encouragement given to one's favourite was as enthusiastic as that given on a genuine course. During the horse race there was always an objection and the rider (female) was subjected to a "medical".

The doctors dressed in white from head to foot and with a stethoscope—which resembled a piece of rubber tubing—round his neck, would test her reflexes, tickle her feet, ask her to spit (I think) into a glass of fluid, which would then conveniently turn the correct colour, and then announce that everything was in order, and she was the winner!

At Cape Town Jimmy Ellis met us and later we met other St. Dunstaners and friends. Jimmy and his wife took us on a lovely run around the city and the outskirts but as the ship was a few hours late in berthing, due to adverse weather conditions in Table Bay, our visit was rather curtailed. Thank you, Jimmy and Laura and also Mrs. Talbot in Durban.

We liked the little we saw of Australia. We liked the people, the warmth, the lovely golden beaches, the vastness of it all. To travel 50 miles to have dinner with a neighbour or to go 30 miles out of Sydney to spend a couple of days at one's "week-end". We just couldn't take it all in!

### My Pen-friend

In our letters my pen-friend and I found we had much in common and there was no strangeness between us when we met. Her name is Jean Hay, married with a grown-up son and daughter and they live in the inner suburbs of Sydney. Unfortunately, Jean was a very sick woman when we met and she had to go into hospital for a major operation a few days after our arrival. For the remainder of our stay there she was convalescing so we were unable to plan anything which entailed travel outside the house. However, we did have some good talks together.

Like so many married women Jean's world is centred around her home and family but she has a number of pen friends



Margaret Stanway and her sister aboard the *Canberra*.

around the world and is very interested in their activities. We agreed on religion, politics, compared the upbringing of our respective families, exchanged recipes and discussed cooking and the differences, or similarities, of the Australian methods compared to the English methods. I explained the "maxi" as it had been described to me because it hadn't reached Sydney then, and we discussed fashion and how blind women chose their clothes and whether they were interested generally in modern styles.

Jean was very interested in England but thought, and we found many Australians thought this, that everyone in England lives in or around London. She, being a Coronation Street fan, thought we behaved as in that serial—living on fish and chips and running in and out of each other's homes.

### English Flowers

We made quite a number of friends both English and Australian, and the former took us around New South Wales in their station wagon, so we were able to get a good impression of what that part of the continent is really like. We went rather late to see much of the flora and fauna, and in the bush, fires had played havoc with the trees. It was surprising to see so many

English flowers there; dahlias, chrysanthemums, roses and Michaelmas daisies. (These are called Easter daisies because they are in bloom at Easter.) We saw the Princess Highway which is a wonderful feat of engineering because the level of the road was built up by similar shaped pieces of rock and boulder, which gave a sort of honeycomb effect. One day we went fishing with an Aborigine friend on the River Hawkesbury at the small town of Woy Woy, some 50 miles from Sydney. We caught three fish too.

### Royal Visit

The Royal Family visited Sydney while we were there and the route went directly past where we were staying, so my sister was able to take some lovely photographs. We have never seen any of the Royal Family in England.

We met some of the Sydney war-blinded men and we were only sorry we weren't staying longer to meet them again. They, and their escorts, travel free on buses, trains, ferries and planes. Although I think the escort has to pay on the latter; I was able to get a travel warrant and these concessions were given to us in the Sydney area.

We stayed with a shipboard friend for about four days at her "place" in the bush,

where we had to "rough it". This was in the Blue Mountain area, and a neighbour took us around in her car. At one place we went by scenic railway from a mountain top into the valley below—an almost vertical ride for about half a mile. The ascent was almost as frightening as the descent! When a fire warning came over the radio we decided to go back to Sydney. We had heard too much of the havoc they cause.

### *Clean City*

We found Sydney to be almost fly free and windows rarely had to be cleaned. The pavements were rather poor in the part where we stayed and streets off the main roads had lights only on one side. I understand this depended on whether it was a rich or poor district. Although it did not seem poor to us.

Our departure from Sydney was something we shall never forget and I still get

a lump in my throat when I think about it. A naval band played sentimental airs and popular tunes on the quay. Crowds of relatives and friends packed the stands opposite the ship. Ticker-tape was thrown until it was like trying to see through a giant multi-coloured cobweb. Suddenly the ship's siren blew, last goodbyes were shouted, the band struck up with "Waltzing Matilda", and we were away! What a send off!

New Zealand, Tonga, Honolulu, Canada, America, Mexico, through the Panama to Lisbon, then Cherbourg and home! Memories from all over the world. The friendliness of the Tonganese—the charm and courtesy of Japanese shop assistants—the wonderment of Disneyland—the ice cold water provided by the ship awaiting us on the quay in various hot ports! We barely scratched the surface but if the opportunity came to go on another world trip, we would not hesitate for a second.

## INTERNATIONAL BOWLS MATCH AT LINBURN

It was St. Dunstan's turn this year to visit Scotland for the Annual International Bowls Match, which was held this year at Linburn on Thursday, 14th May. The game, however, was, of course, once again an occasion for a programme of interesting events and tremendous hospitality and kindness which no words can adequately express. St. Dunstan's have held the Lord Fraser Trophy for two years in succession so the Scottish bowlers decided it was time they did something about it, and they did! The St. Dunstan's bowlers came home with their tails between their legs (where else would you expect the tail to be?) the score being 17 shots to Linburn and 8 to St. Dunstan's. This will be rectified, however, in 1971.

The St. Dunstan's party consisted of 20 St. Dunstaners, plus Mr. N. Smith, Headquarters, and Messrs. W. Ling, F. Bacon, H. Davenport and Dr. John Rhodes.

The bowls match, as mentioned above, was on Thursday, 14th May, but before that we paid an interesting visit to the Scottish Police College, Tulliallan, where, in addition to meeting a number of very interesting senior police officers, we were privileged to meet some policewomen, and this part of the visit was enjoyed, particularly by Alf Smith and Bruce Ingre. After the visit to the College, we were entertained to a Curry Supper in the Sergeants' Mess in the Castle, and this evening is going to be remembered for many years, not only by both bowling teams but also by the members of the Sergeants' Mess.

The Bowls Dinner was held in the Carlton Hotel, and once again we had Earl Haig as our guest of honour. I was privileged to have his Lordship on my left and Mr. J. G. Osborne, Scottish War-Blinded Chairman, on my right. It was a most informal occasion, attended by both teams and a number of Scottish War-Blinded Directors and guests, and our very highly esteemed Mr. A. G. Vallance.

Finally, on the Friday after all the excitement of the other two days, we were taken shopping by the Linburn men's wives, and perhaps in the end this was the highlight of our visit to Scotland. We were finally piped on board the B.U.A. aircraft, and arrived at Ovingdean at 10.30 p.m. on the evening of Friday, 15th May.

FRANK RHODES

# Sports 'Seventy

## BLESMA our Visitors

St. Dunstan's 9 points, British Limbless Ex-Servicemen's Association 6. That was the scoreline in the team match which formed part of the Sports Championships at Ovingdean on June 13th and 14th. A success for St. Dunstan's team but also a success for a new ingredient in the sports week-end. The BLESMA team, all leg amputees so the athletics was confined to throwing events, took to St. Dunstan's like ducks to water and, like ducks, they took their revenge on Sunday morning, when after a slow start, they overtook St. Dunstan's swimmers to win the 4x50 yards free style relay by 9 seconds. So honours are even until next time. Lord Fraser, who was accompanied by Lady Fraser, presented trophies to the members of both teams at the conclusion of the field events.

Our own Championships turned into a triumph for the cockneys. Two of the three Victors Ludorum came from East London, **Bill Phillips** winning the Totally Blind section with 39 event points and that Welsh cockney, **Fred Barratt** winning the Partially Sighted section with 17 points. A popular winner in the Doubly Handicapped section was **Wally Lethbridge**, who with 22 points was just 2 points better than his fellow Lancastrian **Bill Griffiths**.

The 28 St. Dunstan's competitors and their 6 visitors from BLESMA found almost ideal conditions with bright sunshine but a sea breeze to keep the temperature down. There were some individual efforts worth singling out: **Peter Spencer**, at his first attempt, finished fourth in the Totally Blind section with 25 points including a good win in the 50 yards breast-stroke swimming in 53.6 seconds, a competition best this year including the Partially Sighted section. Peter earned his tankard award as Best Beginner in fine style. Another outstanding performance was **Bill Phillips'** 10.2 seconds in the 75 yards sprint, again the best performance this year in all sections.

In the walking events at Hove Stadium **Jimmy Wright** as holder of the Archie

Brown Walking Cup, confirmed his form by winning the Totally Blind 3 mile event with a handicap time of 23 mins. 5 secs., while another experienced walker, **Fred Barratt** won the companion event for Partially Sighted with a handicap time of 27 mins. 23 secs. The Doubly Handicapped 1½ mile event was won by **'Dickie' Richardson**, whose handicap time was 14 mins. 50 secs. **Stewart Spence's** great effort in completing the 1½ miles did not win him a trophy but he had the satisfaction of carrying off the Partially Sighted Rifle Shooting prize with a score of 45 points.

Once again competitors in the Braille car rally on Sunday afternoon had the services of some of the best drivers in Sussex in the persons of the members of the Brighton Institute of Advanced Motorists. The winning team was **Mike Tetley** and his driver **Mr. J. Murdoch**, who received their prizes, including a bottle of champagne for Mr. Murdoch, from Matron Blackford at the prize presentation in the Winter Garden which traditionally closes the Sports Week-end. Once again the prizes went around fairly well with 13 different winners on the results sheet although it must be recorded that one or two individuals seemed to be having difficulty in carrying their trophies away!



The swimmers at the start of this race are (left to right) Bill Phillips, Jimmy Wright and John Simpson

## Sports 'Seventy

A dinner party for the competitors from St. Dunstan's and BLESMA was held in the canteen on Saturday evening. Presiding at the dinner, Lord Fraser, in his speech, first thanked the Commandant, Matron, Mr. Carnochan and the staff for all the arrangements. The programme had gone off wonderfully well and he expressed gratitude to Bill Harris and all those officials who had participated. Also to the cadets of the 1218 Squadron A.T.C. Newhaven, whose smart appearance and splendid band had been so much admired. Lord Fraser toasted our guests, the competitors from BLESMA. The British Legion, he said, had a general responsibility as an organisation of ex-service men and women and it was affiliated to similar bodies in the Commonwealth and South Africa. In their good welfare work the British Legion were joined with St. Dunstan's, BLESMA and other organisations in Committees to chase up Governments. It was true to say that the maintenance of priorities was due to these bodies and it was still the case that no Government could go to the country without giving a pledge to the ex-service organisations. St. Dunstan's and BLESMA both had large, though different problems, and there was very good co-operation between them. Two years ago at the Ovingdean International Games an

Austrian had won against the best war-blinded competitors from the other European countries participating even though most of the events were quite new to him. However, we had now recovered our pride and managed to beat BLESMA, but what really mattered was not to win, but the enjoyment of the games.

The Commandant, Mr. L. Fawcett, then read out a telegram from Mrs. Spurway, who is in hospital after a road accident and a get well card was signed by all present which would be sent off to cheer her.

Replying to the toast on behalf of the six competitors from BLESMA, Mr. Leonard Softley expressed thanks and said that it had been a wonderful meeting. Of blinded men he had often thought in the past "there but for the grace of God go I", but the performance of St. Dunstaners at Stoke Mandeville Games had proved a shattering experience for the other competitors, their relatives and friends. He had looked forward to the swimming events next morning. He and the other guests from BLESMA were thoroughly enjoying themselves and looked forward to meetings on many other occasions.

Bob Young and David Bell then expressed thanks on behalf of the First and Second World War St. Dunstaners respectively.



A reunion for the successful Kerpage team: (left to right) Bill Phillips; Bob Young; Bill Claydon; Granville Waterworth; Bill Miller; Charles Stafford; Fred Barratt; John Simpson; Bill Griffiths.

Wally Lethbridge in the 75 yds. sprint.



Colin Ireland of BLESMA winning the relay swim.



INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

EVENT	Totally Blind	Partially sighted	Doubly Handicapped
SHOOTING ... ..	<b>W. Phillips</b> 47 points	<b>S. Spence</b> 45 points	<b>W. Richardson</b> 37 points
3 MILE WALK ... ..	<b>J. Wright</b> 23 mins. 5 secs.	<b>F. Barratt</b> 27 mins. 23 secs.	—
1½ MILE WALK ... ..	<b>W. Phillips</b> 14 mins. 32 secs.	—	<b>W. Richardson</b> 14 mins. 50 secs.
75 YARDS SPRINT ... ..	<b>W. Phillips</b> 10.2 secs.	<b>W. Miller</b> 11.0 secs.	<b>W. Griffiths</b> 12.0 secs.
SHOT ... ..	<b>W. Phillips</b> 33 ft. 11 inches	<b>F. Barratt</b> 24 ft. 5 inches	<b>S. Southall</b> 23 ft. 7 inches
DISCUS ... ..	<b>W. Phillips</b> 70 ft. 9 inches	<b>F. Barratt</b> 51 ft. 6 inches	<b>W. Richardson</b> 36 ft. 10 inches
JAVELIN ... ..	<b>J. Simpson</b> 81 ft. 3½ inches	<b>A. Wortley</b> 77 ft. 8 inches	<b>W. Griffiths</b> 40 ft. 3 inches
MEDICINE BALL ... ..	<b>W. Phillips</b> 35 ft. 3 inches	<b>F. Barratt</b> 30 ft. 10 inches	<b>W. Richardson</b> 28 ft. 8½ inches
LONG JUMP ... ..	<b>W. Phillips</b> 8 ft. 4½ inches	<b>F. Barratt</b> 8 ft.	<b>W. Griffiths</b> 7 ft. 4 inches
THROWING CLUB ... ..	<b>W. Phillips</b> 128 ft. 3 inches	<b>A. Wortley</b> 105 ft. 5½ inches	<b>W. Lethbridge</b> 56 ft. 9 inches
OBSTACLE ... ..	<b>W. Phillips</b> 63 secs.	<b>A. Wortley</b> 62 secs.	<b>W. Griffiths</b> 72 secs.
SWIMMING: BREAST STROKE	<b>P. Spencer</b> 53.6 secs.	<b>A. Wortley</b> 61.3 secs.	<b>W. Lethbridge</b> 54.8 secs.
SWIMMING: FREE STYLE ...	<b>M. Tetley</b> 43 secs.	<b>F. Barratt</b> 57 secs.	<b>W. Lethbridge</b> 53.4 secs.
DIVING: PLUNGE ... ..	<b>M. Tetley</b> 49 ft. 6 inches	<b>F. Barratt</b> 37 ft. 8 inches	<b>W. Richardson</b> 32 ft.
BRILLE CAR RALLY ...	Navigator: <b>M. Tetley</b>	Driver: <b>J. Murdoch</b>	

TEAM MATCH: St. Dunstan's, 9 points. British Limbless Ex-servicemen's Association, 6 points.

VICTORS LUDORUM

Totally Blind		Partially sighted	
1st <b>W. Phillips</b>	39 points	1st <b>F. Barratt</b>	17 points
2nd <b>M. Tetley</b>	35 points	2nd <b>W. Miller</b>	12 points
3rd <b>J. Simpson</b>	28 points		
Doubly Handicapped			
1st <b>W. Lethbridge</b>	22 points		
2nd <b>W. Griffiths</b>	20 points		
Best Beginner: <b>P. Spencer</b>	25 points		

London

The fourth Individual Competition of the London Section was held on Saturday, 16th May. The results were as follows:—

H. King and Miss V. Kimmish	69
W. Allen and R. Bickley	67
R. Armstrong and E. Carpenter	63
R. Freer and Partner	63
R. Stanners and F. Pusey	60
R. Evans and R. Fullard	56

The Fifth Individual Competition of the London Section was held on Saturday, 6th June. The results were as follows:—

H. King and J. Lynch	76
R. Armstrong and W. Allen	64
E. Carpenter and F. Pusey	63
R. Freer and R. Stanners	59
P. Nuyens and H. Meleson	59
R. Evans and Miss V. Kimmish	57

Brighton

The Fifth Individual Competition of the Brighton Section was held on Saturday, 30th May. The results were as follows:—

M. Clements and B. Ingrey	74
F. Griffiee and Partner	65
F. Rhodes and S. Webster	65
R. Bickley and Partner	63
F. Matthewman and J. Huk	62
J. Chell and H. Kerr	60
W. Scott and J. Whitcombe	58

Bridge Drive

The Summer Bridge Drive was held on Saturday, 13th June, at the London Club, Headquarters, Old Marylebone Road. Twelve St. Dunstaners with their partners took part and thoroughly enjoyed a very pleasant afternoon.

The results were as follows:

1st <b>L. Douglass and Mr. Deeley</b>
2nd <b>F. Pusey and Mr. P. Power</b>
3rd <b>R. Evans and Mr. Woods</b>

The prizes were graciously presented by Miss Vera Kimmish and as always the guests were appreciative of the prizes of various items made by St. Dunstaners.

R. ARMSTRONG.

Distant Relations

by  
Alf. E. Field

The fascination of Bridge is that even away from the "Table" one can find so many interesting problems. Here is an example.

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

You, as South, arrive at the correct contract of Four Spades (10 Tricks) and West leads Heart Queen. How do you plan your play? Try it first with the East West Hands covered up and then with all the cards exposed. Take your time.

As Declarer (South), you count your losers—one Spade, one Heart and three Diamonds=5! You plan to lead a small Diamond to the Queen hoping West has the King and then later Ruff a Club and a Diamond, thus losing one Spade, one Heart and one Diamond. Should you lead trumps at once? No. Please bear with me for a second. You will remember the groups of Finesses and you will have met "Mr. Eachway". A.J.2 opposite K.10.3 where you can make three tricks if opponents lead the suit and save you guessing where the Queen is. There is a Relative in the Group—A.9.8 opposite K.10.7, there are only two tricks for you but if the Queen and Jack are divided and East and West lead that suit it is possible to make three tricks. Now back to our spade suit we find



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another "Distant Relation"—try it! Please note especially, in reverse, should you hold East West Spades—you must make a trick if North and South lead the suit. Now the Play. As the tricks are played I will name the one who leads, then the suit, and then the four cards as they are played, going round the table clockwise.

**Trick 1.** West, Hearts, Queen, King, 4, 6, a safety play in case West has a six card suit and East might ruff the King on the second round.

**Trick 2.** North, Clubs, 4, 2, King, 3. Declarer comes to Hand in order to lead Diamond to the Queen, delay leading Trumps.

**Trick 3.** South, Diamond 4, 5, Queen, King. No luck!

**Trick 4.** East, Hearts, 9, Ace, 2, 3, the passive return of Partners suit is best.

**Trick 5.** South, Diamonds, Ace, 7, 3, 2.

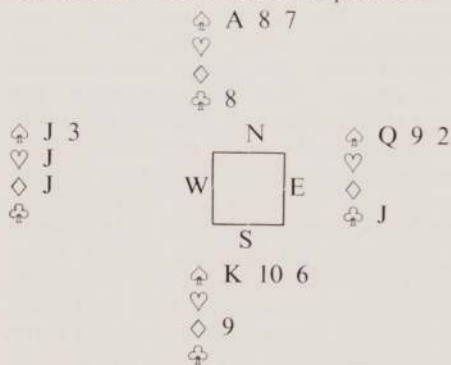
**Trick 6.** South, Diamonds, 6, 8, Spade 5, Diamond 10. The first Ruff.

**Trick 7.** North, Clubs, Ace, 7, 6, 9.

**Trick 8.** North, Clubs, 5, 10, Spade 4, Club Queen. Another Ruff.

Declarer now takes stock. He has won two Ruffs, two Hearts, one Diamond and two Clubs=7 and needs three more from 5 cards. Because the Heart is a certain loser he gets off lead with it.

**Trick 9.** Hearts, 8, 10 5, 7, and for your convenience here is the end position.



**Trick 10.** West leads Diamond Jack, how do you play? If you Ruff with Spade 7 East will over Ruff and will return a Club—one light. You must discard 8 of clubs and then whatever West leads you must make the last three tricks—it needs nerves of steel! The play stems from the recognition of a "Distant Relation". The Spade loser actually disappeared but I will concede the ice is very thin. If you play Ace, King of trumps early, East will play Spade Queen when he gets in with King of Diamonds and Declarer can make only two Spades, two Ruffs, two Hearts, one Diamond and two Clubs=9 tricks.

## Walking

### Stock Exchange London to Brighton Walk

Congratulations to Johnny Simpson on being the only St. Dunstaner to complete the London to Brighton walk on May 16th. With Freddy Barratt retiring with blisters at Crawley, John had no competition in the race. His time of 12 hrs. 8 mins. may not be a record breaker but to complete the 52 $\frac{3}{4}$  miles is no mean achievement. Well Done.

### BLESMA Sports

Four St. Dunstaners competed in the BLESMA sports on June 6th at Stoke Mandeville. These sports, like most other disabled sports have a points scoring system based on personal achievement, and so it is not strictly competition against each other as we in St. Dunstons know it.

We do not know as yet what the actual points were that our four competitors scored but BLESMA at the prize-giving presented:—

<b>F. Barratt</b>	Gold Medal
<b>J. Simpson</b>	Silver Medal
<b>C. Stafford</b>	Bronze Medal
<b>W. Miller</b>	Bronze Medal

W. MILLER

## Club News

### Derby Day, 1970

It was a beautiful day for the party of St. Dunstaners who, with their wives and friends, met on Wednesday the 3rd of June for the London Club's annual Derby outing.

Altogether forty five people boarded the 'Epsom flier' from our Headquarters in Marylebone Road to journey forth in high spirits along the Epsom road. On arrival it was pleasant to meet our friends from Brighton. To our Brighton friends, we were grateful on this sunny day for the ices and teas with which we regaled ourselves. Our thanks, too, to Miss Strang and her canteen staff for the delicious packed luncheons which we all enjoyed so much.

The highlight of our day was the arrival of the Queen accompanied by the Duke of Edinburgh. I understand Her Majesty wore a charming green ensemble. A lovely day, indeed, but I know we were all reluctant to leave despite the fact that Dame Fortune had not smiled on all of us. We were very happy to have with us, Jimmy Ellis with Mrs. Ellis and their daughter Beverley from South Africa.

We were indebted as usual to Mrs. Smith for providing that welcome cup of tea upon our return to Marylebone Road.

Already we are looking forward to another Derby Day in 1971 and it was most encouraging to note the number of St. Dunstaners who took advantage of the outing this year.

W. HARDING

### Epsom Derby Results

It was a small field in the Derby this year but in the St. Dunstan's Derby Sweep-stake this means more money to be shared out amongst the lucky few! We sold 3,268 tickets and after printing costs had been deducted the prize money was divided as follows:

1st. **NIJINSKY—G. Poole of Warrington, Lancs.** Ticket No. 2944 and he received a cheque for £201 3s. 6d.

2nd. **GYR—R. Finch of Solihull.** Ticket No. 2546 and a cheque for £80 9s. 6d. was posted off to him.

3rd. **STINTINO—F. Thame of Luton.** Ticket No. 300 and he received the third prize of £40 4s. 8d.

There were eight other runners in the race and the St. Dunstaners holding tickets for these each received £10 1s. 2d.

### London Club Notes

It was with great regret that the St. Dunstaners of the London Club heard of Mrs. Spurway's recent accident, but we are all delighted to hear that she is now making splendid progress and will be leaving St. Thomas's hospital on approximately the 15th or 16th of June. So by the time our readers peruse these notes we hope that Mrs. Spurway will have made a complete recovery.

A happy celebration was held in the London Club Rooms on the 25th of May, the occasion being Bill Harding's 80th birthday. We all enjoyed the sherry and deliciously tasty bits supplied by Mr. and Mrs. Harding.

Charlie Hancock also celebrated his birthday on the 11th of June in which has become the traditional way of our London Club members—with a sherry party. This happily coincided with Bill Miller's 22nd wedding anniversary.

Our Domino winners in May were as follows:

7th May	1	<b>W. Harding</b>
		<b>W. Muir</b>
	2	W. Miller
14th May	1	<b>C. Hancock</b>
	2	W. Harding
21st May	1	<b>W. Harding</b>
	2	C. Hancock
28th May	1	<b>C. Hancock</b>
		<b>W. Miller</b>
	2	W. Harding
		W. MILLER

### Sutton Club Notes

This Club meets next July 13th and September 12th. As we are a small and very scattered Club we have decided not to attempt coach outings for the moment but instead to arrange an occasional theatre party, the first one being on Thursday, July 16th to "Sing a Rude Song". We hope to have other theatre visits later on.

MISS D. HOARE

## OVINGDEAN NOTES

### Out and About

The merry month of May—an apt title for a busy month.

The trip to the Hotel Metropole for the Brighton Reunion was only the beginning. Congratulations and best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. "Taffy" Jones, who were married in the Chapel on the 12th. There were outings to Lingfield, Fontwell, Goodwood and Brighton Races. Do we hear subdued cheers from the bookies?

Three Sunday evening concerts by "The Not Forgotten Association", "The Cecilian Singers" and "The Weybridge Male Voice Choir" were very much enjoyed.

Frank Vosper's play—"Love from a Stranger"—read by no fewer than six guest readers, plus two V.A.D.s—Miss P. Ransom and Mrs. D. Williams, was most exciting. The script called for a barking dog, and the use of recordings provided by Bob Cunningham and the Brighton Tape Recording Club proved much more effective than a member of the cast sitting under the table shouting "Wuff Wuff".

The "Wednesday Afternoon People", our Special Interest Group, gave an enthusiastic welcome to Mr. Henry Blyth, author and historian, when he came to give a talk entitled "Smugglers' Village". Apparently in the 17th and 18th centuries

most of the local people were involved with smuggling and even now Rottingdean village is honeycombed with underground passages.

Other activities included a session of "Just a Minute", the game introduced last month, and "Question Time"—to quote the programme, "an open discussion on questions of topical interest", submitted by those present. Some of those questions were real highbrow stuff, ranging from "why do dustbins go bump in the early morning, when respectable people are trying to sleep?" to something quite incomprehensible to your correspondent, about friction in space vehicles. I thought this meant two astronauts fighting over the last can of concentrated beer, or whatever they take on these trips but, luckily, Chairman Mr. Stokes and the rest of the company knew better.

The Spring Bank Holiday festivities included a Whist Drive, Domino Tournament and special Holiday Dance.

Last but not least, came a visit to the Bentley Wildfowl Collection where we were shown the birds (sit down that man, these are the feathered variety), and entertained to tea by the owner, Mrs. Asker and her associate Mrs. Horton.

## FRANK REVIEWS

"The New Year" by Pearl S. Buck, read by Garvin Caine. A young, happily married American lawyer, fighting for election as State Governor, can afford no hint of scandal. Suddenly a letter arrives from a young boy in Korea, an illegitimate son, whose fathering he had long ago forgotten.

This is a lucidly written story of divided loyalties; on the one hand the happiness of a small boy, on the other, the possible shattering of a man's domestic life and public career. The author also graphically depicts the lives of the children of mixed race, despised by the Asiatics, deserted by

the Europeans. She calls them the "New People"—the inhabitants of tomorrow's world.

I could write at some length about this book, instead I will just recommend you to read it.

"Gideon's River" by J. J. Marris, read by Arthur Bush. Another of those books which is hard to switch off once you have started reading it. Following in the Gideon Saga, Chief Superintendent Gideon has many problems to juggle with in this latest volume of the story of his work; gangsters, murderers, diamond smugglers and child abductors, to say nothing of troubles with his junior colleagues.

In these circumstances it is not surprising that sometimes he fails to get his man, but having put paid to the majority, he can then hand over to his assistant, and spend a restful day with his wife Kate. Unless, of course, as Kate always fears, the telephone recalls him to the Yard.

A good gripping yarn, and not too far-fetched.

"The Howards of Caxley" and "Fairacre Festival" by Miss Reid, read by Elizabeth Proude. In the first of these the author tells the story of the Howards, a family who live in a small Cotswold town, their hopes and fears during the years of the Second World War, and the remodelling of their lives in the post-war period.

The second, though brief is, I think, the better of the two stories. It deals with the attempts and eventual success of a small country village to raise funds for extensive repairs to their church, following calamitous damage which an Insurance Company considered to be an "Act of God".

A prolific writer, Miss Reid is at her best when her work pivots round the village school, the schoolmistress and school

activities. These are two mediocre pieces of fiction, although many of the author's followers will disagree with me.

"Odds Against" by Dick Francis, read by John Richmond. Halley, a professional jockey of repute, takes the accident that ended his racing career very badly. Given a job in a Detective Agency, he mooches around with little enthusiasm, forever hiding his shattered left hand in his trouser pocket.

It takes near death from a bullet wound to shake him out of his apathy. He then embraces his new career with an enthusiasm equal to that which made him a champion rider on the turf.

This author certainly knows how to hold his readers' interest. In a fast moving narrative he tells how Halley outwits a gang of ruthless property speculators, who are sabotaging a race track in order to acquire it cheaply for housing development. As the chief villain is a sadist, it would be as well to keep certain parts of the book from the ears of young children; otherwise a first-class piece of entertaining fiction.

## Letters to the Editor

From Douglas Warden of Southall, Middlesex

There must be two versions of the *Review*—the one which Mr. Tonge finds so much out of touch and dreary, and the one which gives me so much pleasure each month.

In his letter he says: "The St. Dunstaner has disappeared from its pages altogether". No longer "is space given to correspondence. We have been pushed into the background".

Seeing that his contribution was right there in dot and dot for me to read, the statement would seem to be a contradiction of the obvious facts. As for his bland assertion that nearly all articles neither emanate from nor are of interest to the magazine's readers, I would point out that of the twenty-four items in this particular issue, only one could, even remotely, be described as outside majority

concern. I refer to "Stealing Tricks", of course.

He finds Bridge boring. So do I. But I am quite sure many St. Dunstaners would find some of his and my activities equally dull. Moreover, lots of our chaps love Bridge.

We cannot air our grouses, Mr. Tonge complains. Well, we have both succeeded in disproving that one.

The great bulk of our *Review* is made up of Chairman's Notes, news about the various clubs and reunions, sport, books in Braille or disc or tape, to list just a few subjects, all of which are relevant and of interest to all of our large and unique family. To me, even boring Bridge is preferable to Mr. Tonge's version so full of dullness and despair, so long may I continue to enjoy your wide ranging coverage of the affairs of St. Dunstan's and St. Dunstaners.

## More Letters to the Editor

From Bob Cameron of Wembley

I enclose a photograph of "Topper" Brown and myself showing part of our catch during a fishing week-end at Walton-on-the-Naze.

Aboard his boat *Beachcomber* skippered by a local friend, Peter Marvel, we enjoyed a most successful day's fishing.

Our catch consisted mainly of cod, and

although cod are not considered to be a fighting fish, I soon discovered that retrieving a fifteen pounder against a strong tide was no easy task. It felt like hauling a kitchen table from the sea bed.

I understand that the standing British record for the heaviest cod, rod caught, is forty-seven pounds—I'm in no hurry to break it.



Bob Cameron with "Topper" Brown aboard the "Beachcomber"

From Mrs. Margaret Stanway of Macclesfield, Cheshire

I heard Lord Fraser's comments concerning having a few commercials on the B.B.C. on the ship's radio whilst passing the Azores and I am afraid I feel very concerned about the idea. While in Australia I listened to the radio and was nearly driven round the bend with the continuous interruptions for these commercials. Incidentally, out of four television channels, three are commercial,

with over twice as many of these infuriating "two minute (or more) breaks".

Just "one or two" would eventually lead to "many, many"! These things snowball.

From Mrs. Avis Spurway in Hospital

Thank you sportsmen and campers for all your cards, messages and telegram. They made me feel I was almost at the sports. Thank you also to all St. Dunstan's friends for 'phone calls, flowers and cards—meet you all in camp.

## STAFF NEWS

Mr. Owens, Industrial Superintendent, writes as follows:

"This month marks the retirement of Mr. G. Zipfel and readers will remember an article in last October's *Review* about his fifty years devoted, and in many ways unique experience and service with St. Dunstan's. Chatting with him, he brought back to mind many of the personalities and events of those early days at 'The House'. As an impressionable youngster joining various departments there, he came under the inspiring influence of Miss Dorothy Pain in the Braille room, Mr. Ottoway in the workshops, and many others. In 1924/25 he was in charge of the St. Dunstan's stand at the British Empire Exhibition at Wembley. These were naturally exciting days, important in continuing to build up and familiarise the public at home and abroad of our aims, work and ideals. Thereafter as Exhibition Manager, he toured the British Isles promoting sales of St. Dunstan's goods, and he has a fund of stories of meeting Royalty and other outstanding and influential personalities of those years.

Following war service in the R.A.M.C., he returned to play a very important role in the expanding work of the Industrial Department until taking over the post of Homecrafts Manager in 1966.

Bridging such a span of years, his experience and accumulated knowledge had been valuable in passing on to newer colleagues and staff something of the enduring history and spirit of St. Dunstan's. Many St. Dunstaners I know have valued over many years his very practical help and assistance and his cheery and familiar voice, and will join in wishing him, with his wife, a very happy retirement".

Mr. Matthews, Estate Manager, writes:

"As many St. Dunstaners in the North-West will know already Mr. John F. Brady, F.A.I., the St. Dunstan's Surveyor in that area, resigned at the beginning of the year in order to take up certain private interests.

On finishing four years' service in the Royal Artillery, Mr. Brady took up his post as Surveyor in the Estate Department shortly after World War II. Having

trained and qualified prior to 1939 with a firm of professional Surveyors, Valuers and Estate Agents in the Manchester area, he was well equipped to set about the task of acquiring and later maintaining a large number of properties in the North-West which were then urgently required to house St. Dunstaners as they began their new careers.

Over the years Mr. Brady has rendered tireless service to many St. Dunstaners in all kinds of property matters and I am sure everyone will miss him and will wish him well in his new venture.

The area formerly administered by Mr. Brady has now been taken over by Mr. J. Armstrong, A.R.I.B.A., who started working for St. Dunstan's on 22nd May 1970. We hope that Mr. Armstrong will enjoy his work and will obtain from it much satisfaction."

## British Talking Book Service for the Blind

### Fiction

#### Cat. No.

- 929 ASHFORD, JEFFREY  
*PRISONER AT THE BAR* (1969)  
Read by Arthur Bush. A barrister, accused of a murder he did not commit, learns the hard way how easily the innocent may appear to be guilty, and to what lengths they may be driven to prove their innocence.  
*P.T. 6½ hours.*
- 912 AUSTEN, JANE  
*NORTHANGER ABBEY* (1818)  
Read by Derek McCulloch. In which the author pokes fun at the romantic thrillers of her time, and compares their situations with a real-life love story.  
*P.T. 9 hours.*
- 911 BELLOW, SAUL  
(2) *HERZOG* (1961)  
Read by Marvin Kane. Alone in his Massachusetts country house, Herzog appears mad to some as he writes and remembers episodes as lover, cuckold, and sufferer.  
*Parts of this recording may be considered unsuitable for family reading.*  
*P.T. 16 hours.*
- 921 BELLOW, SAUL  
*MOSBY'S MEMOIRS AND OTHER STORIES* (1951-68)  
Read by Marvin Kane. The mystery and fascination of human experience are the subject of these stories.  
*P.T. 6¼ hours.*

# Family News

## Golden Weddings

Warmest congratulations to MR. AND MRS. WILLIAM BRAMSON of South Woodingdean who celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary on 24th May, 1970. Their married daughter and husband came over from Canada for the celebration and a party held at the Downs Hotel, Woodingdean, was attended by guests from Lancashire, Kent, Slough, Watford and London.

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

## Grandfathers

### Congratulations to:

BILL GRIFFITHS of Blackburn, Lancs., who has become a grandfather for the second time when the wife of his stepson Bob, gave birth to a daughter, Kim Michele on 5th April, 1970, a sister for Shaun.

STANLEY SOUTHALL of Warley, Worcs., on the arrival of a grandson, Jason, born on 6th May, 1970, to Michael's wife.

## Great Grandfathers

### Many congratulations to:

EDWIN MARSDEN of Manchester who has become a grandfather for the first time, on the arrival of Andrew James, born on 24th March, 1970 to his grand-daughter, Margaret.

HARRY PRIOR of Portchester, on the arrival of his first great grandchild, Louis Badlow, born on 22nd May, 1970.

Paul James, son of our St. Dunstaner, WILLIAM COWING of Basingstoke, Hants, married Sylvia Christine Hedges on 30th May, 1970.

Christopher, son of THOMAS DONNELLY of Walsall, Staffs, was married to Maureen Hewins on 30th May, 1970.

Lynn, daughter of WILLIAM STICKLAND of Oxford, married John Edyvean of St. Columb, Cornwall, on 3rd April, 1970.

Christine, daughter of JOSEPH WALTON of Sunderland, married David Carns on 16th May, 1970.

Robert, son of our St. Dunstaner, ROBERT WOOD of Colindale, London, N.W.9, married Miss Beverley Nobles on 2nd May, 1970, at St. John's Church, Sydney, Australia. The couple returned to this country for their honeymoon on 4th June.

EDWARD JINKS of Oldham, Lancs., tells us that his family are very Judo minded. Father has a yellow belt and in the Junior Section, John has gained a yellow belt and Janet and Jane each have a white belt.

Arthur, son of our St. Dunstaner, ARTHUR HOLMES of Southampton, has passed his Final Examination and is now a Chartered Accountant.

Carol, grand-daughter of BERNARD PARKER of Little Bytham, Grantham, Lincs., has passed her 11 plus examination and will be going to Stamford High School for Girls in the Autumn.

## Deaths

### We offer our very sincere sympathy to:

WALTER MACKAY of Caithness, Scotland, who mourns the death of a sister in May, 1970.

HENRY ROBERTS of Swindon, Wilts., on the death of his wife, Frances Louise Roberts, on 20th May, 1970.

GEORGE WELDRICK of North Hull, East Yorkshire, on the death of his wife on 30th May, 1970.

## 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.

### Sidney Alex Cooper. Royal Fusiliers.

Sidney Alex Cooper of Hastings died on 17th May, 1970 at the age of 75 years.

He enlisted in the Royal Fusiliers in 1915 and served with them until his discharge in 1919. Mr. Cooper did not come to St. Dunstan's until January 1969 when he was already in poor health and unable to undertake training of any sort. During the latter part of his life he was housebound and was nursed devotedly by his wife, Mrs. Rachel Cooper. Mr. Cooper was spending a brief period of convalescence at Northgate House, Brighton, where he died. He leaves a widow and five grown-up sons and daughter of his first marriage. Three sons, who live near Hastings, were constant visitors to his home.

### Arthur G. Fletcher. Royal Field Artillery.

Arthur G. Fletcher of Rotherham, Yorkshire, died in hospital on 16th May, 1970. He was 76 years of age.

He served in the Royal Field Artillery in the First World War but his sight did not deteriorate until later in life. He was only a St. Dunstaner for a few weeks, having been admitted to St. Dunstan's in April 1970. He was gravely ill when he came to us and his death was not unexpected. He leaves a son, Mr. G. A. Fletcher, and daughter-in-law, who cared for him devotedly.

### Gerald Bertie Wood. Nottingham and Sherwood Rangers.

Gerald Bertie Wood of Abingdon Park, Northampton, died on 23rd May, 1970. He was 60 years of age.

He served in the Nottingham and Sherwood Rangers from 1932 to 1944 and came to St. Dunstan's in that year. He trained in industry, carrying on his occupation right up to his death. He leaves a widow and two grown-up married daughters.

### Ronald Frank Gray. Royal Air Force.

Ronald Frank Gray of London, S.E.12, died very suddenly on 26th May, 1970 at the age of 47.

He joined the Royal Air Force in 1941 and served with them until his discharge in April 1944. Mr. Gray was able to return to civilian life but his sight deteriorated and he was admitted to St. Dunstan's in 1957. At his own request he attended a Polytechnic and was trained in piano tuning and went on with this work until 1960 when he began his studies for a degree in Musical Instrument Technology. He passed his examinations and became a Graduate Associate of the Institute of Musical Instrument Technology and was employed as an Instructor at the London College of Furniture, Shoreditch. He carried on with his work until his health deteriorated in 1964 but after a period of rest he was able to return to the Polytechnic. Unfortunately in 1969 Mr. Gray had to resign from his appointment due to ill-health. He leaves a widow and three children.

### George Hadfield. Royal Army Service Corps.

George Hadfield of Ottery St. Mary, Devon, died on 14th May, 1970, at the age of 77.

He enlisted in the Royal Army Service Corps in 1914 and served with them until his discharge in 1919. He came to St. Dunstan's in 1924 and trained as a boot and mat maker. He opened a shop where he also sold tobacco and sweets.

In 1931 they moved houses in Ottery St. Mary and Mr. Hadfield carried on with his mat making until his retirement in 1953. Unfortunately for the past two years his health has gradually deteriorated and Mr. Hadfield died at Northgate House, Brighton, on 14th May. He leaves a widow who has been his constant helpmate and nursed him devotedly and also a grown-up family.

# Sports 'Seventy



Commandant Fawcett, Matron Blackford and Miss Guilbert check the answers of the winning car rally team, Mike Tetley and Mr. J. Murdoch

Bill Phillips making a good throw to win the shot while Cpl. Glynis Herriott, Girls 'Venture Corps, guides Fred Barratt.

