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## CHAIRMAN'S NOTES

### Memorial Service

On Sunday, 6th December, Lady Fraser and I attended the Annual Service at Ovingdean in memory of our founder, Sir Arthur Pearson, Bt.

Some months ago I wrote a note appreciating the work of our former Brighton padre, the Reverend D. M. Harper, who resigned on moving abroad, and I indicated that a new appointment had been made, namely, the Reverend W. Popham Hosford; it was he who took this Memorial Service. Mr. Popham Hosford had spent many years as Senior Chaplain to the Missions to Seamen and he was appointed Priest-in-charge of St. George's Church, which is next door to Pearson House.

This was the first time I had heard Mr. Popham Hosford take a service and we all much enjoyed the way he did it and his charming voice and manner.

The Reverend Denis Pettit, the well-known St. Dunstaner padre, preached an eloquent sermon, which reminded us all of Sir Arthur Pearson's inspiration and of the extent of St. Dunstan's influence and of much of our history, since he came to us in our early years.

We sang three of the familiar old hymns and I thought we sang them very well.

Unfortunately, Sir Neville Pearson was indisposed on that day and the Lesson was read—and very well read—by his son, Mr. Nigel Pearson, the founder's grandson. The chapel was full with men and staff from our homes and a number of Sir Neville's kinsmen were present.

### Accuracy in the Home Workshop

When I had settled down after being blinded in 1916, I followed my natural bent as a craftsman and had a workshop in which I made the crude wireless receivers of that day. I also had a lathe on which I turned wood—I did not try metal.

Mr. A. E. Howlett, our engineer at that time, helped me to devise and make a system of stops on the saddle of the lathe, which enabled me to measure distances down to, say, 1/16th of an inch with accuracy.

I mentioned this to Mr. T. W. Chamberlain, a St. Dunstaner who lives at Reading, when I met him at the Windsor Reunion. He is an extremely clever craftsman and he and our present engineer, Mr. N. French, have made gadgets for his lathe which enable him to do the same thing, but with much greater accuracy. Mr. Chamberlain, himself, did much of the work, which is a tremendous achievement.

If any other St. Dunstaner uses a lathe or indeed any other machine where really accurate work is required, in the course of a hobby in his workshop at home, I suggest he gets in touch with Mr. French and sees if he can help him.

#### COVER PICTURE:

'Sisters'—In the 'Ovingdeanies' revue, Dorothy Williams, Joyce Briant and Enid Lane mime to the song made famous by the Beverley Sisters.

## Close Contacts

St. Dunstan's staff have many contacts with our men and their families through correspondence, by telephone and in talks at reunions or when individuals come to Headquarters or Brighton.

In addition, a most valuable contact arises out of the fact that we have eleven Welfare Visitors, ladies who live in various parts of the country and call on St. Dunstaners in their own homes from time to time and in all weathers. Often they become friends of the family and they not only discuss St. Dunstan's affairs, but frequently are asked for advice on all sorts of other matters. In particular, they are much concerned with the care of older and sick St. Dunstaners and never fail to answer a call that may arise out of some emergency.

At the beginning of a new year, I would like to wish our Welfare Visitors good luck and, both personally and on behalf of all St. Dunstaners, to thank them for their devotion and kindness, which are greatly appreciated.

Fraser of Lonsdale.

## OVINGDEAN WEEKENDS

Chess Instruction Weekend	—	Friday, 12th to Sunday, 14th February inclusive
Bridge Instruction Weekend	—	Friday, 19th to Sunday, 21st February inclusive
Ham Radio Weekend	—	Friday, 12th to Sunday, 14th March inclusive
Sports Weekend	—	Friday, 18th to Sunday, 20th June inclusive. <i>This will be followed by a period of fishing—see note below</i>
Deaf Reunion	—	Thursday, 12th to Monday, 16th August inclusive
Handless Reunion	—	Thursday, 21st to Monday, 25th October inclusive
Chess Tournament Weekend	—	Friday, 12th to Sunday, 14th November inclusive
Bridge Congress Weekend	—	Friday, 19th to Monday, 22nd November inclusive

### Fishing

A limited number of beds will be available for the following periods and application should be made to Commandant:

Saturday, 24th to Tuesday, 27th April inclusive.

Monday, 21st to Friday, 25th June inclusive—following after the Sports Weekend.

Priority for this will be given to those who have taken part in the sports.

Saturday, 9th to Tuesday, 12th October inclusive.

## From the Chairman's postbag

### From Frank Cross of Birmingham.

In 1959, about a year after I was registered blind, I took a course in speech training and drama at the Birmingham School of Speech Training and Dramatic Art, and whilst there I met many young people as fellow students. They would talk to me very freely of their personal triumphs and troubles and often asked my advice. I found this very surprising at first, but later came to realise that the reason for this confidence was the fact that as they talked to me I could not see their faces and they were not, therefore, embarrassed.

It has occurred to me that if blindness serves as a kind of "Oracular screen", then could not this fact be used to give some purpose to some of those blind people who cannot carry out their normal employment, but would be able to use their education and background to help people in an advisory capacity? Many people look for guidance from someone who is both impartial and sensitive, hence the setting up of such organisations as the Marriage Guidance Council, the Prisoners Aid Society, the Samaritans and others.

Blind people are prevented by law from becoming Magistrates but there are many public bodies on which they could serve such as research panels, on education sub-committees of local authorities and so on, and although in many instances this would not provide an income, it would help the blind to find some sort of fulfilment.

#### Lord Fraser replies:

I do not think there is any doubt that many blind people, including myself, can give good advice which carries some weight. I have been doing it all my life as an M.P. and at St. Dunstan's.

What I am not quite so sure about is whether blindness has much to do with this or whether it is due to the accident of the situation you happen to be in and your own personality. While blindness may have the advantage you suggest, that the subject you are interviewing is not embarrassed by being looked at, there is a certain disadvantage in that you do not see his demeanour and reactions. This is the point—and I think it is a valid one—made by successive Lord Chancellors, when they excluded blind men from the Magistracy.

I think your success is not due to blindness, but to your intelligence and qualifications as a person.

I hardly think we can set up a class to teach St. Dunstaners to do this kind of work and, of course, many are already doing it as members of voluntary societies, Local Authorities etc.

#### From Lord Fraser of Lonsdale to Paul Baker of Sidmouth, Devon.

Thank you for your letter of 24th November.

In fact our Committee has given consideration on many occasions to the question whether we should introduce condensed books as for example by recording the B.B.C.'s condensations or dramatised versions.

We have decided not to do this, the reason being that, as the said condensations are available on the radio, it would be duplicating a service for the blind if we were to provide the same material. I think this reasoning is sound and have no doubt the Talking Book Committee will stick to it.

I know of course, that some blind men, who work during the day, cannot readily listen to the condensations, but on the other hand by far the larger number of members of the Talking Book Library are older people, who are not employed.

I personally agree with you that many books are rather long and I prefer books that go into one cassette instead of two. We the Talking Book Committee, have represented this to the Selection Committee and will continue to do so.

*St. Dunstan's does not forget those children whose fathers have died. On the contrary, we send them books every Christmas and when they attain the age of 15 we send them nice pens. The Chairman has received the following letter on this subject.*

#### From John McNamara of Donnybrook, Dublin, 4.

Thank you ever so much for the wonderful pen you sent me. I am writing with it at the moment. It is a beautiful fine pen and I think it improves my writing.

I have been back in school for nearly eight weeks and in that time I have lost three biros. The tendency was not to care about them because they were cheap. This one I'll keep for ever. It's too good to lose.

I hope things are going very well for you. Once again thank you very much for the pen, I am very grateful.

### British Talking Book Service for the Blind

It has been our custom to publish in the *Review* lists of new talking books sent to us from Alperton. As an economy measure however, we are discontinuing this practice, at least for the time being. These lists are published in the *New Beacon* and in any case St. Dunstaners who have talking books are already given an excellent service by the library. Nevertheless, we will still receive a very limited number of copies of new talking books titles from Alperton each month and St. Dunstaners who are particularly interested should write to the *Review*.

# DECIMAL CURRENCY

## New Pence for Old

D (Decimalisation) Day, Monday, 15th February, 1971, will be with us in six weeks time and every household in the country will receive an illustrated 24 page booklet "Your Guide to Decimal Money" in January. However, we thought St. Dunstaners might like to read in the *Review* about a few salient points before the change-over from the £.s.d. system to the pound, new penny system takes effect.

In value and appearance the £1 note and all other notes of higher denomination remain unchanged. The penny in its old form is replaced by the new penny. The penny is our oldest and it will now become our newest coin. It must be appreciated, however, that the low value old coins will not disappear at once, but will continue to circulate in diminishing numbers during the change-over period of up to eighteen months after D Day. During this period both the old and the new money will be legal tender in ordinary transactions such as buying in the shops.

#### What are the new coins?

We covered this point in a special article in the *Review* for October, 1968, but here again are some facts.

(a) New 'copper' coins (97% copper, 2.5% zinc, 0.5% tin). ½p, 1p and 2p. These coins are in a weight/value relationship to one another, i.e. the 2p piece weighs twice as much as the 1p and four times as much as the ½p. They are circular coins with a smooth circumference.

(b) New 'silver' coins (75% copper, 25% nickel). 5p, 10p and 50p. The 5p and 10p coins are in a weight/value relationship to one another. They are circular with a milled circumference and we are already familiar with them as alternatives to the old 1/- and 2/- coins respectively. The 50p piece is slightly larger and heavier than the 10p. It is seven sided and its shape is known technically as an equilateral curve heptagon. It is NOT in a weight/value relationship to the other two silver coins.

#### What are the values?

There are 100 new pence to the pound so 1 new penny is equal in value to 2.4 old pence. It follows that the new ½p is equal in value to 1.2 old pence and that the new 2p is equal in value to 4.8 old pence. In the range of silver coins 5p is equal in value to a shilling, 10p is equal in value to two shillings and 50p is equal in value to ten shillings.

#### The Old Sixpence

This coin with which we are so familiar is to remain in use for at least two years after D Day. In value it is equal to 2½ new pence.

#### Conversion

Converting the value of the new silver coins to their value in the old currency is quite simple. Multiplying 5 new pence by 2.4 gives 12 old pence, or one shilling. Similarly, multiplying 10 new pence by 2.4 gives 24 old pence or two shillings. Putting this another way, we see that if we divide 5 new pence and 10 new pence by 5 we have the equivalent in the old currency of 1/- and 2/-. Conversely, if we multiply shillings by 5 we have their equivalent value in new pence. Thus 1/- = 5 new pence, 2/- = 10 new pence, 14/- = 70 new pence etc., and 6d (half a shilling) = 2½ new pence. The conversion of the old copper coins into their equivalent value in new pence is more difficult because in most cases there is no whole number equivalent. In practice the solution to this problem is to be found in the conversion tables which will be included in the booklet "Your Guide to Decimal Money". These tables give the value of amounts in the old currency between 1d and 19/11 to their equivalent in the new currency. Fractions of pennies are rounded off (some up, some down) so difficulties should not arise if everybody uses the official conversion table.

### Comparing old and new coins

The new 'silver' and 'copper' coins differ in colour, but obviously blind persons, who may well have coins of both currencies together in their pockets, must depend on their feel. The following remarks may help:—

(a) The new ½p is smaller and lighter than the old 6d and, with its smooth circumference, it is unlikely to be confused with any other coin.

(b) The new 1p is larger in diameter than the old 6d and smaller than the 1/-. Because of its smooth circumference, however, it is unlikely to be mistaken for either of these coins.

(c) The new 2p is larger in diameter than 1/- (5 new pence) and smaller than 2/- (10 new pence). Because of its smooth circumference, however, it is unlikely to be mistaken for either of these coins.

(d) The new 50p has been in use for about 15 months and it could be mistaken for the 10p coin by anybody in a hurry. The circumferences of these coins are so different, however, that confusion should not arise if reasonable care is taken when handling them.

### How to write money sums

The new currency has only two units, the pound (symbol, £) and the new penny (symbol, p). Only one of these signs should be used in any given expression and neither should be followed by a full stop unless the end of a sentence has been reached. When writing a sum in excess of one pound, which also contains new pence, a decimal point must be used to separate the two. If the sum contains a halfpenny this must be written as a vulgar fraction. Example, the sum of one pound, three pence halfpenny, should be written "£1-03½". If the sum to be written is less than one pound, say fifty-three and a half new pence, it can be written "53½p".

### How to write cheques

From D Day all cheques must be expressed in £p. The new halfpenny must not appear on a cheque. The amount of pounds should be written in words in the appropriate place, but here pennies should be expressed in figures. Example, "Twenty-nine pounds 08". When repeating the amount on the cheque in figures a hyphen

(not a decimal point) should be used to separate pounds from new pence. Example, "£29-08". When the cheque is for lesser amounts than one pound the new pence should be written in words in the appropriate place. Example, "Fifty-nine pence" and in that part of the cheque reserved for figures it should be written "£0-59".

*Note:* When cheques are printed or typewritten the rules differ slightly and guidance should be sought.

### Shopping

It seems probable that most shops will turn over to the decimal system on or immediately after D Day, but some will continue to deal in £.s.d. for a while. When you go shopping the conversion table should prove useful, at least in the early days, to compare prices in the old and new currencies without the effort of mental arithmetic. Since both currencies will be legal tender during the change-over period, you may sometimes pay in one currency and receive change in the other. However, this is likely to happen less often as time goes on and the new currency takes over more and more from the old.

### Payments to St. Dunstaners

The majority of pension books have already been printed with the weekly figure in £p as from 15th February, 1971, and the remaining books will be altered as opportunity offers. Payments from headquarters of sums due to St. Dunstaners will be made in the new currency after 15th February.

### Braille

The booklet "Your Guide to Decimal Money", embossed in Braille by the R.N.I.B., will be posted from headquarters about mid-January to all St. Dunstaners who receive the *Review* in Braille. Readers of other Braille periodicals, e.g. *Nuggets*, should apply to headquarters if they wish to have the booklet. We give below a few points to bear in mind in connection with Braille notation:

The "L" and "p" will be the respective unit abbreviations preceding the numeral sign in Braille. The new decimal point, dot two, introduced a few years ago, will be used when an expression is written in "£". Amounts of less than £1 will generally be expressed in pence when the abbrevia-

tion "p" will precede the numeral sign. The "L" and the "p" abbreviation should never appear together in a money expression.

The ½p will be treated as a vulgar fraction. Standard Braille practice will thus remain unchanged, a second numeral sign preceding dots two and three denoting one-half.

## FRANK REVIEWS

Cat. 934

"**The Salzburg Connection**", by Helen MacInnes, read by Michael De Morgan. In 1945 as the Allies advance into Austria and the war in Europe draws to its conclusion, the Nazis hide their secrets in the deep lakes of Austria and Czechoslovakia.

Party survivors take new identities and jealously guard their secrets. When the Russians uncover some of these in Czech lakes, Western Intelligence agencies begin similar examinations in Austria, and soon find themselves up against the Nazis, the Russians, and the Red Chinese. Innocent lives are at stake and innocent people are caught up in murder and intrigue. Within this category are Bill Matterson, an American lawyer, and Lynn Conway, who works for a publishing concern. This is a good fast-moving story, containing multi-murder and the usual love interest.

Cat. 947

"**Black Easter**", by James Blish, read by Robert Gladwell. A group of priests practise the art of Black Magic, confident that they can redress any ultimate mischief by calling upon God.

When they release fifty demons and give them carte blanche powers from midnight to dawn they find that they have started the third world war. And when they call upon the Saviour for help they get Old Nick himself—who makes it clear that evil has prevailed and that God is dead.

I'm prepared to believe that there are more things in Heaven and Hell than are given to the knowledge of us mortals. But in my humble opinion, this is a load of old cods wallop!

Cat. 616

"**Within the Hollow Crown**", by Margaret Campbell Barnes, read by Colin Doran. An historical novel based on the life of Richard II—the boy king who sympathised with the peasants and faced

alone the Kent and Essex uprising led by Wat Tyler, although jeered at by his uncles, who dubbed him the Peacemaker. Richard's arranged marriage with Anne of Bohemia brought him much happiness; she was his comforter when those friends loyal to him were betrayed by his uncles. Anne's death from the plague shatters the young king—until he makes another arranged match with Isabel, daughter of the King of France—a child for whom he feels a paternal affection.

Before she reaches maturity, Richard is forced to fight an abortive campaign in Ireland, returns to find that his kingdom has been usurped by his cousin, Henry of Bolingbroke, and is eventually murdered.

Cat. 814

"**No Other Tiger**", by A. E. W. Mason, read by George Hagen. Colonel Strickland, travelling through India in the Nineteen Twenties, is asked by a British police officer to rid the area of a man-eating tiger, which is terrorising the local people. Sitting in vigil at night over the tiger's latest kill he hears what he takes to be the approach of the animal

It is no animal, however, which appears in the moonlight, but a giant of a man, holding a bludgeon and with an intense expression of evil on his face. Baffled, Strickland returns to London and to the girl he has been trying to put from his mind.

Need I say that there again he meets with the man of the forests and not only gives the creature his well-deserved comeuppance, but wins the fair maid into the bargain. This is a well-written romance in the old style and I think the author owes the basis of the plot to the legend of St. George and the Dragon.

### ALL BEST WISHES FOR 1971

Christmas cards have arrived by every post at Ovingdean, Northgate House and Headquarters, making the various offices look very bright and gay. Everyone is pleased to be remembered at this season of the year but the cards are far too numerous to be answered personally and so through the *Review* a warm message of greetings, thanks and good wishes to all St. Dunstaners and their families for 1971, wherever they may be, comes from the staff at Headquarters, Ovingdean and Northgate House.

## Bridge Notes

### Ovingdean Congress

*Sir Arthur Pearson Cup*

*Fours Competition*

First: J. Clare, Miss V. Kemmish,

J. Huk, B. Gutowski

Second: W. Allen, R. Freer, W. T. Scott,  
M. Clements

Third: S. Webster, F. Matthewman,  
F. Griffiee, E. Slaughter

*Sir Arthur Pearson Cup*

*Pairs Competition*

First: P. Nuyens, A. Caldwell

Second: J. Lynch, J. Carney

Third: S. Webster, F. Matthewman

*Drummer Downs Cup*

R. Freer, Miss E. Aldred

*Lord Fraser Cup*

*Individuals Competition*

First: B. Ingrey

Second: R. Stanners

Third: F. Griffiee

*Progressive Handicap*

J. Clare, Miss E. Aldred

*Gover Memorial Cup*

Brighton: S. Webster

London: H. King

*First Bridge Drive*

*Sunday morning*

F. Dickerson, W. Lethbridge

*Second Bridge Drive*

*Monday Morning*

M. Tybinski, E. Carpenter

*Final Open Bridge Drive*

*Monday afternoon*

W. T. Scott and Mrs. B. Evans

R. ARMSTRONG

### FROM STAGE I TO THE ULTIMA THULE

By Alf Field

I must commence this month's article with an apology to the Ecclesiastics and would they please return my North Hand in "Prime" I. Now a few words on teaching then on to a problem for the Pros.

A Beginner at Stage I is taught some Golden Rules, one of these is, "That the Trump suit may be nominated provided there are at least eight cards in that suit

in the combined Hands", divided 4-4, 5-3 or 6-2. Another G.R. is, "That the Declarer must lead out trumps at the first opportunity" or the enemy will trump his side suits. At Stage I of learning simplicity is a must. At Stages II or III some of the Golden Rules of Stage I are given an addendum usually beginning with "Unless" or "Providing". An example of this is "Trumps must be played out at the first opportunity unless there is a good reason for not so doing". Thus the Beginner is aware of the Rule and later merely seeks reasons for not leading out trumps wholly or partially.

Here is an example:

♠ A 4 3	N	♠ 9 5
♥ K Q J 10	W <span style="border: 1px solid black; display: inline-block; width: 15px; height: 15px; vertical-align: middle;"></span> E	♥ 9 8 7
♦ 9 4 3 2	S	♦ K Q J 10
♣ 4 3		♣ 10 9 8 6
♠ K Q J 7 6		
♥ 4 3		
♦ A 7 5		
♣ A 7 2		

Spades are trumps.

South's contract is Four Spades and West leads Club King. Mr. Stage I will play Ace of Clubs then dutifully lead three round of trumps. Then comes King of Hearts but West is an ex-graduate and holds off the first round but takes the Queen on the next trick. Declarer is now cut off from the Dummy and can only make eight tricks—five Spades, one Heart, one Diamond and one Club. There are perhaps many Stage I's reading this who have seen a better play following the clue of "Unless"

Let us put a Stage III man at the Helm (even they "Nod" sometimes). He will take out only two rounds of trumps leaving the Ace in Dummy. Then he will commence on Hearts; West will take the second round of Hearts and continue his Club suit. South will now allow West to make two Clubs and will then take the next trick and lead the Ace of Spades extracting the last trump and then gobbling up two Heart tricks, thus making Five Spades, three Hearts, one Diamond and one Club = 10 tricks. The foregoing is meant to illustrate and emphasise that we are quite

happy to see Beginners splash about "in the shallow end"—don't be in too great a hurry for the addendums.

Now I must address myself to the Professors—want a problem? Well:

♠ 2	N	♠ Q 3
♥ A 8 6	W <span style="border: 1px solid black; display: inline-block; width: 15px; height: 15px; vertical-align: middle;"></span> E	♥ K 7
♦ K 9	S	♦ J 6 3 2
♣ 5 2		♣ —
♠ 6		♠ K J 5
♥ J 9 5		♥ 4
♦ —		♦ —
♣ Q J 6 4		♣ K 9 8 3

Spades are trumps.

South is on lead and requires seven tricks for his Contract. Because it is a problem we show all four Hands so that South may vary his play according to best defence. Take your time.

Solution. South must first cash the King of Spades and now East may vary his defences. A or B. (If you haven't solved it, try it from there.) Here are the answers in tabular form.

		Variation A				The card in bold wins the trick and leads to next trick. Trick 4. East is given a spade trick but is forced to lead Diamonds up to North's K 9. At trick 6 West is squeezed, holding Heart Jack and Clubs Q J.
Trick		W	N	E	S	
1		S6	S2	S3	<b>SK</b>	
2		H5	<b>HA</b>	H7	H4	
3		H9	H6	<b>HK</b>	<b>S5</b>	
4		C4	C2	<b>SQ</b>	SJ	
5		C6	<b>DK</b>	DJ	C3	
6		?	<b>D9</b>	D2	C8	

		Variation B				Trick 1. East an expert is not going to be "Thrown in." Trick 4. If West discards a Heart South will Ruff North's Heart and lead Club 8 from K 9 8 to West's Q J 6. This gives South three more tricks, two clubs and a trump. If West discards a Club South will lead a club at trick 5 and make two Clubs and one trump.
Trick		W	N	E	S	
1		S6	S2	SQ	<b>SK</b>	
2		C4	C2	S3	<b>SJ</b>	
3		H5	<b>HA</b>	H7	H4	
4		?	<b>DK</b>	D2	C3	

If perchance a Stage I or II Reader is still with me, let me assure him there are only half a dozen experts in the world who would play as above. These problems are engineered to test your wrestling ability.

The Return of the North Hand! (See December Review).

		Prime I	
		♠ K 7	
		♥ 6 5 4	
		♦ A K 6	
		♣ A Q J 10 3	
		N	
W	<span style="border: 1px solid black; display: inline-block; width: 15px; height: 15px; vertical-align: middle;"></span>	E	
		S	
		♠ A J	
		♥ A Q J 3 2	
		♦ 7 5 4 2	
		♣ K 9	

Mr. Alf Field and Mr. Geoff Connell have kindly agreed to run another Bridge Instructional Week-end at Ovingdean—the date will be **20th-21st February, 1970**. Bookings will be from **19th-22nd February**.

Depending on the bed situation it may be necessary to exercise some form of selection. The highest priority will be given to absolute beginners to the game and those who are 1st and 2nd year Bridge players.

Mr. Field and Mr. Connell will welcome any St. Dunstaner interested in "having a go", whether or not they have ever played cards before, and the main object of the Instructional Week-end is to introduce newcomers to this game which has proved such a wonderful and stimulating form of entertainment and relaxation for many St. Dunstaners.

St. Dunstaners' wives who actually take part in the instruction may claim reimbursement of the cost of their fares and reasonable accommodation during the week-end.

If you are interested in attending, please make application in the usual way to Mr. Wills at Headquarters in order to reserve accommodation. Please write soon—before the end of January if possible. If you have never played Bridge before, please indicate whether you have played Whist or Solo.

### CERTIFICATE OF MERIT

SAMUEL LORAM of Brixham, South Devon, was presented with a Certificate of Merit for 48 years' service with the British Legion by his branch at Paignton, on 25th November, 1970.



The 'Ovingdeanies' 'Cotton Pickin' finale.



VICTORIAN MELODRAMA

—The Villain, Alan Noakes, threatens to foreclose the mortgage. Also taking part in the melodrama: Betty Brown, Harry Boorman and Joyce Briant.

## OVINGDEAN NOTES

### Another Smash Hit

The high spot of our entertainments this month was a concert by the Ovingdeanies. After the tremendous success of 'South Pacific' we wondered if our 'very own' concert party could keep up this high standard of performance. It was very soon evident that this was going to be another smash hit. St. Dunstaners Harry Boorman, Alan Noakes and Dave Purches with members of staff, Betty Brown, Dorothy Williams, Joyce Briant, Enid Lane, Phil Barton, Roy Cramer and electrician Bob Fields' young daughters Julie and Tricia, plus the Hove String Orchestra directed by Henry Kerr, presented a fast-moving revue that held the audience enthralled. Music in several different styles, comedy, speciality and chorus numbers were all put over with the enthusiasm we have come to expect from this talented and hardworking team. A comedy sketch entitled "Unhand me Squire" or "Much Ado about Sweet Fanny Adams", gave rise to much laughter, and the grand finale when the cast suitably disguised as coal black mammies (and daddies) sang Negro spirituals that alternately brought a tear to the eye and raised the roof, was appreciated by all and was a superb finish to a wonderful evening's entertainment.

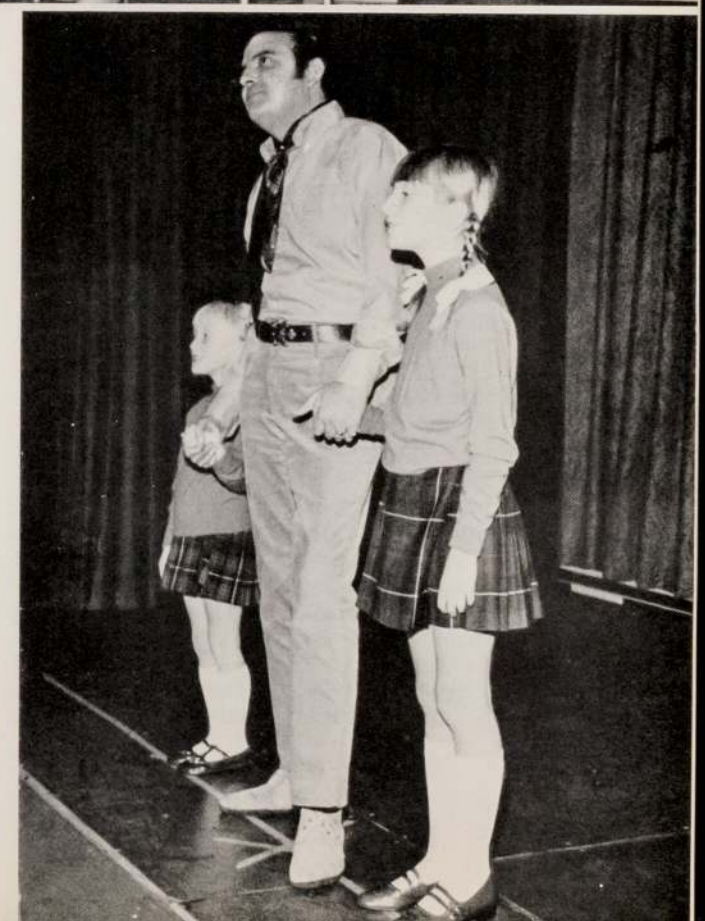
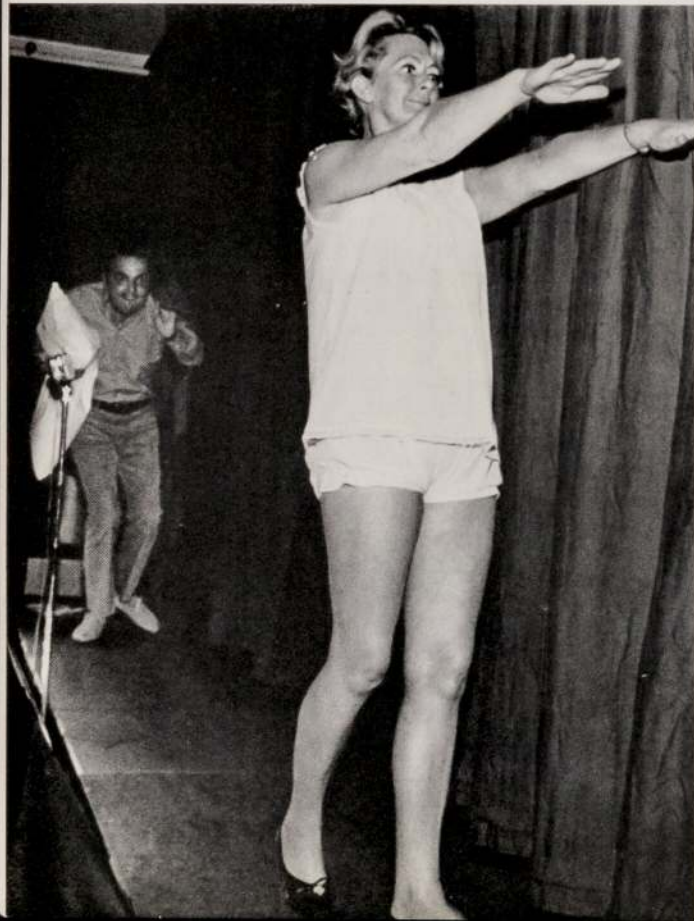
Our 'Special Interest Group' have been fortunate this month in having two very interesting guest speakers. First came Mr. M. B. Sellers, Shipping and Port Manager at Newhaven, to give a talk about Newhaven Port, its history and present-day activities. The following week Mr. Bob Copper, well-known folk singer, writer and broadcaster, entertained us with stories and songs from bygone days. Mr. Copper is a member of the Rottingdean Preservation Society and has a wide knowledge of this historic and picturesque village.

'Sleep walking'—Joyce Briant and David Purches in one of the sketches.

A most interesting discussion took place this month. The subject "That every Man is an Island Entire Unto Himself" was suggested and proposed by Mike Pirrie. Mark Kingsnorth opposed and Mr. J. Stokes was chairman. The motion was defeated, as everyone (even the proposer) expected it would be, but we felt that it had been a worthwhile subject in that it gave us food for thought. After all, what is an island, and how much should it be self-sufficient?

### *A Happy New Year*

'Everything is Beautiful' sings David Purches with Julia and Patricia Field.



## SIR ARTHUR PEARSON MEMORIAL SERVICE

*In the first of his Chairman's Notes, Lord Fraser writes about this annual service held in the Chapel at Ovingdean. We give below a shortened version of the Rev. Dennis Pettit's address.*

"This service to our late esteemed founder, Sir Arthur Pearson is known as a Memorial. I would suggest rather it is the concluding Reunion for 1970: a Reunion with a difference, spiritual, timeless, eternal, yet infinitely intimate. We may feel this takes us into deep waters, but who will deny the fact of the existence of the Spirit of St. Dunstan's. Such a working is clearly recognisable from Sir Arthur, transmitted to his Staff and vibrating through every St. Dunstan's house and the men therein. No 40 hour week; no line of demarcation; no double-time for overtime.

"This then is our Memorial to Sir Arthur Pearson and our Great Reunion. Let us then to use an old gunner's words, 'Raise our angle of sight, lengthen our range', and extend our horizons. I am sure our Founder would not choose to stand isolated; let us surround him with his work, let us gather round him the wonderful team he assembled for helpers, and the no less wonderful team whose lot it has been to be his successors. Thoughts like these lead us to buildings; Bayswater Road, the House, the College, Cornwall Terrace, the Bungalow, Sussex Place, Blackheath and Brighton West House and others; or move on to Ovingdean, Church Stretton, Longmynd, Battlefields, Deanhurst, Brockhurst, Tiger Hall, Blackpool and Tembani: names which come to mind.

### VISITING ST. PAUL'S

"Buildings remind me of a story: 'Two Visitors had done a tour of great St. Paul's Cathedral, built by Sir Christopher Wren after the fire of London in the reign of Charles II. They had noted the monuments and tombs of our great men buried there. As they were about to leave, one said to the other, "and where is His memorial?" The answer is recorded in a simple tablet; "If you would see His memorial, look around you."'

"Houses — Men — Women — the Proposer of a vote of thanks at one of our Southern Reunions mentioned with some

sadness, time's toll on old friends. He named Auntie Read for one. I humbly mention Mr. Askew, Mr. 'H', Miss Thellusson, Miss Boyd-Rochford, Miss Pain and you will have many on your own lists.

"Sir Arthur surrounded by his work and his associates, to quote Holy Scripture, 'Seeing we are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight and run with patience the race set before us'. I think of the holiday crowds who pass by this building and Chapel of Ovingdean, and also the immensity of St. Dunstan's to those newly entering it.

### THE MONK'S WORK

"Another little story: 'Two anglers were arranging their gear for a day's fishing on a glorious morning. They had chosen a pitch by a lovely lake, surrounded by trees in the grounds of an old abbey. Over on the other side of the lake a view to gladden their eyes, a lovely grassy slope, dotted by magnificent oaks into which blended the fine old abbey. Gazing at it all, one said to the other: "You know; those old monks knew what they were about. They picked out the finest spot". "No", replied the other, "They made it. They built the abbey, planted the trees, laid out the grounds and built this fine lake out of an untidy stream". So with St. Dunstan's—order out of chaos.

"I wonder if any of my St. Dunstaners look back on their lives and note its familiar pattern in this family. Training — work — play — mobility — sent out — back to our home-towns, the same people with a difference, doing new work, the same fellows and maybe bigger fellows. Training — up the line — and now for those of you here permanently, back to Base. Sir Arthur could not be expected to see thus far, but surely this later development would rejoice his heart. Loose him! Set him free! Sir Arthur Pearson initiated this redeeming work in his own way,

by going to St. Mark's Hospital in the earliest days of St. Dunstan's. He laid his hand of hope on the knees of our first St. Dunstaners.

"The work goes on still here and now. Let us put it in the form of a Prayer:  
*O Lord Jesus Christ, the Master-Carpenter,  
Who through wood and nails didst purchase  
man's salvation,  
Wield well Thy tools in this workshop  
of thine;  
That we, coming rough hewn,  
May be fashioned to a finer beauty  
by Thy Hand,  
To the glory of God the Father. Amen."*

## GROCERS' CHRISTMAS PARTY

By  
Mrs. Margaret Lillie

Wednesday, 2nd December, was the night when so many St. Dunstaners within travelling distance of Brighton made the journey to the Grand Hotel; it being the Christmas Party organised by Sussex grocers on their Federation's behalf.

Owing to the large number present, 341 in all, the banqueting room was filled to overflowing with more tables put up in the adjoining public dining room. Each table was beautifully decorated with flowers and crackers and promptly at 7 p.m. the company sat down to dinner, which consisted of prawn cocktail, turkey with appropriate vegetables and Christmas pudding with rum sauce and mince pies, beers and fruit cups were provided with the meal, followed by coffee.

The chief guest speaker was Col. Sir Michael Ansell, C.B.E., D.S.O., D.L., a Vice-President and member of the Council of St. Dunstan's, who voiced the thanks of his fellow St. Dunstaners for the Grocers' hospitality both on this occasion and in the Summer and reminded them of the generosity of their National Federation towards St. Dunstaners since the very earliest days. Afterwards Col. Ansell had great pleasure in meeting and chatting to some of the St. Dunstaners present. The Grocers' Federation National President, Ken Warne and his wife had made the long journey from Darlington, Co. Durham and he stated that the party was one of the most outstanding successes of his presidential year.

### Wreath Laying

A party of St. Dunstaners accompanied by Mr. A. D. Lloyds, visited the Hampstead Cemetery on the morning of Wednesday, 9th December, to lay a wreath on Sir Arthur Pearson's grave.

First World War St. Dunstaners were represented by Mr. F. O'Kelly, M.M., of Roehampton Estate, London, S.W.15, and Mr. F. Roche of London, W.C.1., and Second World War St. Dunstaners were represented by Mr. J. Perfect of Roker, Sunderland.

The company then gathered in the Grand Ballroom for dancing and a 20 minute cabaret. Some beautiful raffle prizes were won by lucky ticket holders; one lady who having drawn a 2lb box of chocolates said that she was on a diet; also a bottle of Moët & Chandon champagne was presented to "the gentleman with the happiest face!" Spot prizes of chocolates and cigarettes were also awarded to the dancers and the evening ended at 11.30 p.m. with the joining of hands and singing of "Auld Lang Syne".

## FIFTY YEARS VOLUNTARY SERVICE TO WAR PENSIONERS

SIDNEY TARRY, O.B.E., was guest of honour at a luncheon given by Wandsworth War Pensions Committee at The Ram Inn, Wandsworth, on 3rd December. Major Ernest Millard presided and, besides the Committee members, those present included Mr. J. McGowan, Assistant Controller (War Pensions), Department of Health & Social Security, Mr. H. F. Marshall from the Department, who is an old friend of Sid's, and Lieut.-Comdr. and Mrs. Buckley.

The occasion marked Sid Tarry's retirement after 50 years' voluntary service with the Wandsworth War Pensions Committee, of which he has been Chairman for the past 28 years. Sid's 81st birthday fell on 26th December, and his award of the M.B.E. in 1953, followed by the O.B.E. in 1962, was made in connection with his work for war pensioners.

Our readers will wish to join us in our admiration of this splendid record of voluntary service to others and in wishing continued good health, long life and happiness to Mr. and Mrs. Tarry, who now live at Brighton.

## Club News

### Sutton

The following dates have been booked for early 1971, at the **Sutton Adult School, Benhill Avenue, Sutton, at 3 p.m.**

**Saturday. January 2nd.**

**Saturday. February 13th.**

**Saturday. March 13th.**

In addition we are planning a Theatre Party in January—probably the Pantomime at Wimbledon Theatre on a Saturday afternoon. Anyone interested in joining such a party whether they intend to join the Club or not will be very welcome and should contact either our Chairman, **John Taylor at 21 Milwood Road, Hounslow, Middlesex, Tel. 01-894 9741**; or myself at—**The Haven, 64 Coleraine Road, London, S.E.3, Tel. at home 01-858 3003, or at work 01-437 5113.**

DIANE HOARE,  
*Secretary.*

### Brighton

Owing to difficulties resulting from electricity cutting the Annual General Meeting of the Brighton Club did not take place on 10th December. The new date is 14th January, 1971.

FRANK A. RHODES  
*Chairman/Secretary*

### The Dancing Heather

Heather Richardson, the talented daughter of DICKIE RICHARDSON of Peacehaven, Sussex, has sent us some more examination results. She has now obtained the following:

**All round efficiency. 3rd Gold Bar and Statuette—Commended.**

**Latin-American as man. 2nd Gold Bar.—Highly Commended.**

**Modern Ballroom as man. 2nd Gold Bar.—Highly Commended.**

## Chess Notes

On Friday the 27th November, eleven chess playing St. Dunstaners, presided over by the genial genius Mr. Bonham, met in the Winter Garden at Ovingdean, to begin their annual battle for the Cup. Two Cups, in fact, as there are two sections. Section A for experienced players and Section B for the slightly less expert.

In Section A, Ralph Preece, John Cruse, Wally Lethbridge, Roy Hyett, Roman Donald and Harry Boorman, each played five games. Roy Hyett came first, winning all five of his games. John Cruse was second with four, then came Roman Donald three, Wally Lethbridge two, Harry Boorman one, and Ralph Preece, who only moved up this year after winning Section B last year, nil. A very good win for Roy against strong opposition from last year's winner, John Cruse.

As there were an uneven number of players in Section B, Stan Coe, Jim Chell, Phil Duffee, Ernie Lee and Dave Thomas, each played four games and had one "Bye". This, for the benefit of the uninitiated means that each man in turn sits out a game and is given one point. Dave Thomas, who has not been to Ovingdean for some years, came out on top with four points. Phil Duffee and Ernie Lee were in second place with three each, followed by Stan Coe and Jim Chell, with two and a half each, their last game being a draw.

On Sunday afternoon when play was complete and the scores were totalled, Mr. Bonham congratulated the players, winners and losers alike on their high standard of play and urged them to keep up the good work. Mrs. Kelk presented the prizes and was in turn presented with a box of chocolates. Mrs. Bonham also received chocolates and Mr. Bonham was given tobacco along with the grateful thanks of all present.

Tea was served and afterwards Mr. and Mrs. Bonham left for London amid cries of "See you next year" and so ended a highly successful and smooth-running weekend.

## Welfare News

### Holiday Bookings at Ovingdean

All St. Dunstaners employed in industry wishing to take their holiday at Ovingdean from June to September are asked to kindly make application for this as soon as possible and not later than 1st March.

Other St. Dunstaners wishing to take holidays during this period should also apply early but it will not be possible to confirm their bookings until March, when we trust the requirements of St. Dunstaners with fixed holidays will have been satisfied.

Requests for second holidays during the summer cannot be confirmed until the end of May.

C. D. WILLS

### Chess Instruction Weekend

As will be seen in the list of coming events at Ovingdean published in this *Review*, another Chess Instruction Weekend is to be held from Friday, 12th to Sunday, 14th February inclusive.

Mr. Bonham, our instructor, is very keen to welcome beginners to the game of Chess and if there are any St. Dunstaners thinking of taking it up perhaps they will kindly write to Mr. Wills.

### Rail Travel Bargains for Senior Citizens

We are informed by British Rail that the sixties and seventies are a great time to enjoy life. They are therefore offering new "Senior Citizens Tickets" from Mondays to Thursdays on a considerable number of selected services to holders of Retirement Pension Books or Certificates of Entitlement. St. Dunstaners aged 65 or over and their wives or widows aged 60 and over who have retirement pensions should be entitled to these tickets, which offer very substantial fare reductions, in some cases return for the price of a single journey.

Full details can be obtained from your nearest British Rail Station.

C. D. WILLS

## RETIREMENT OF MR. C. J. ROBERTS

With the close of 1970, another long serving member of our staff, Mr. C. J. Roberts, has left to enjoy a well earned retirement. Joining St. Dunstan's in November, 1920, Mr. Roberts has been employed in our Mat Department ever since, apart from a four-year spell in Civil Defence (Heavy Rescue) during the war.

Better known as "Charlie" Roberts to his mat-making friends he has given much practical help to many over the past fifty years and will often be remembered for his cheerful personality and dry humour.

We are sure that all his old friends will wish him and his wife a long and happy retirement.

## Walking to Africa

A St. Dunstaner, whose hair has not yet turned grey, tells an amusing story about his grandson. One day the little lad said to his father, "Daddy, could I walk to Africa?"

Somewhat doubtfully the father replied, "Well, I suppose you could; but if you did you would be a very, very old man by the time you got there".

The four-year-old pondered for a few moments, and then, looking up at his father, he said,

"Daddy, did Grandpa walk to Africa?"

## GARDENING NEWS

GEORGE MATTHEW ALLEN of Hull, has won a cup for the best carnations in a local show and several 1st prizes during the Summer at various shows.

ARTHUR HILL of Bothenhampton, Nr. Bridport, Dorset, has obtained 1st prize for his onions and for his tomatoes in the local show.

GORDON WATTS of Norwich obtained two second prizes in the Norfolk and Norwich Exhibition and Competition for the Handicapped. One was for a pot plant and the other was in the vegetable section.



## GEORGE DACRE

### —A Tribute

Lord Fraser gave an address at All Saints' Church, Hurstmonceux, Sussex, on Sunday, 22nd November 1970, on the occasion of a service of thanksgiving for the restoration of the Dacre Tomb and the dedication of a tablet in memory of Air Commodore George Dacre, C.B.E., D.S.O.

The Dacre Chapel was added to the Church in 1450 and the Gothic Monument was erected in 1534, both in memory of members of the Dacre family, who had rendered signal service in Sussex.

Lord Fraser said, "I am honoured to be invited by the Rector to take part in this service, more particularly because Mrs. Elizabeth Dacre, J.P., who paid for this renovation, is my sister.

"A plaque on the wall of the Chapel has just been unveiled in memory of her husband, the late Air Commodore George Dacre. The wording on the plaque tells you that he served his country in both World Wars and, after his retirement, was a Deputy Lieutenant, a High Sheriff and a leading citizen in Sussex.

"I knew him also as Commandant at St. Dunstan's, during the latter part of the Second World War, a duty which he undertook with the highest ability and devotion.

### *Flying—1911*

"You may be interested and perhaps amused to hear that George Dacre was flying in 1911 and was one of the earliest licensed international pilots. When he was serving with the Royal Naval Air Service, he flew what would now be called an extremely old fashioned aircraft over the Sea of Marmora with a torpedo lashed underneath his craft. Then he sank a Turkish warship in circumstances of great danger—almost, one might say, a suicide job—but he got away and was awarded the D.S.O. This was the first time anyone in the world had dropped a torpedo from an aeroplane.

"Apart from administering St. Dunstan's in war-time, Dacre took a great interest in the men themselves who were coming back from the war and, in particular, the doubly handicapped—the handless and the deaf-blind", said Lord Fraser, and he welcomed

five St. Dunstaners who were at the service with their wives: Bill Griffiths, Bob Osborne, John Proctor, "Dickie" Richardson and Wally Thomas, escorted by Mr. J. Jarrold.

### Ian Fraser Court

On November 28th Lord Fraser, who was President of the British Legion from 1947-1958, opened a new block of flats at Rochdale, Lancashire, which the Legion has named "Ian Fraser Court" in his honour. There are twenty-one single flats and nineteen double flats and amenities such as a communal sitting room, laundry and guest room and there will be a resident warden.

Lord Fraser said that in the short space of six years the British Legion had already constructed 275 flats and a further 707 were being built so there would shortly be a total of 980 flats in 30 different towns and cities in England and Wales. The flats were for the use of disabled or older ex-servicemen and women and widows.

"These flats, which the Legion are building under the Government's Housing Association plan, are attracting a substantial subsidy", said Lord Fraser. "They are ideal for the disabled and old people for they give them an assurance in their old age or sickness, of comfort, companionship and care. More than that, they are releasing sorely needed accommodation for younger people and thus the Legion is showing once again that it helps the whole community".

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### Letter to the Editor

From George Emerson of Leigh, nr. Reigate, Surrey

I am not the sort of bloke who goes to church for the sole reason of doing what a lot of people do, going to show off new clothes, or new hats. Not me—I go when I feel like it.

I felt just this way last Sunday when I went to pay tribute to Sir Arthur Pearson's memory. It was the most wonderful service I have ever heard and I wish you to thank those concerned.



### 'A Bash at Anything'

When H.R.H., The Duke of Edinburgh, visited Blackburn on 11th November, 1970, Bill and Alice Griffiths were presented to him by the Mayor, Alderman Albert Lord. The Duke chatted with Bill for several minutes and he first asked him whether he went to St. Dunstan's at Brighton. Bill replied that he went there five or six times a year and considered Ovingdean to be his second home. He added that we were much honoured by the visit which the Queen, as patron, and Prince Philip had paid to Ovingdean.

"Oh yes" the Duke replied warmly, "we know St. Dunstan's" and he then asked Bill, as Disabled Sportsman of the Year, what his sporting activities were. Bill replied that he was an all-rounder, walking, running, long jump, swimming, discus throwing, rifle shooting, etc. Said the Duke, after a moment or two's reflection, "Do you go in for weight-lifting or boxing as well?" He roared with laughter when Bill replied that he was willing to have a bash at anything.

Bill also met Lord Rhodes, Lord Lieutenant of Lancaster, who won the D.F.C. and Bar when serving in the Royal Flying Corps during the First World War

and that day Bill and Alice lunched with members of the Council.

### THANKS

Dear Editor,

May I through the columns of the *Review* say thank you to my many St. Dunstaner friends for so generously contributing to my Presentation Fund and for the good wishes you have sent me on my retirement as Legal Officer of St. Dunstan's. It was most kind of you all and I am truly grateful.

The money has been expended in the purchase of a "Teasmade" to provide our morning cup of tea and a gold expanding bracelet which has been affixed to the gold wrist watch presented to me by the Council of St. Dunstan's so that now I am the proud possessor of a very fine watch and bracelet presented to me by St. Dunstan's and by St. Dunstaners. I shall cherish it during my lifetime and it will be handed down in my family as a reminder of my association with such a wonderful Organization.

Thank you once again for your many kindnesses. I send you my best wishes for 1971. May it be a happy year for you all.

H. D. RICE

## Family News

### Marriage

GRIMWOOD-SINGLETON. On 2nd December 1970, WILLIAM GRIMWOOD of Fleetwood, Lancs, married MRS. SINGLETON.

### Silver Weddings

Many congratulations to MR. AND MRS. JAMES HANCOCK of Ipswich, Suffolk, who celebrated their Silver Wedding Anniversary on 21st November 1970.

Warm congratulations to MR. AND MRS. STANLEY SOUTHALL of Smethwick, who celebrated their Silver Wedding Anniversary on 1st December 1970.

Congratulations to MR. AND MRS. GRANVILLE WATERWORTH of Coventry, Warwicks., who celebrated their Silver Wedding Anniversary on 19th November 1970.

### Golden Weddings

Warmest congratulations to MR. AND MRS. FREDERICK RODWELL of Tring, Herts., who celebrated their Golden Wedding on 7th September 1970.

### Grandfathers

#### Congratulations to:

CLAUDE BEARD of Hove, Sussex, when his daughter Freda, gave birth to a boy in September 1970 and his daughter Yvonne, presented him a with granddaughter in November 1970.

SQUIRE BROOKS of Welwyn Garden City, Herts., whose daughter Jeanette, gave birth to a daughter on 17th August 1970, in Sydney, Australia. She is to be called Tracey Jane Jarvis and is Mr. Brooks' first grandchild.

JOHN CASWELL of Earley, Reading, Berks., has become a grandfather for the second time, when his daughter Jaqueline gave birth to a son, Mark, on 25th November—a brother for Julie.

ALFRED DEMBENSKI of Cheltenham, Gloucestershire, announces the arrival of his twelfth grandchild, Tracey, who was born on 22nd October 1970.

CYRIL WOOD of Petersfield, Hants., who became a grandfather for the first time when his daughter, Jennifer, gave birth to a son, Gareth Paul, on 29th October 1970.

PERCY APPLEBY of Luton, is pleased to announce the marriage of his granddaughter, Diane Appleby, to Anthony Sear on 7th November 1970.

Shirley, daughter of DOUGLAS GRIMES of Eastbourne, Sussex, married Mr. John O'Dell on 19th December, 1970.

TOM HIGGINS of Yeovil, Somerset, announces the marriage of his youngest son Peter to Miss Pamela Bray of Bletchley, Bucks, on 28th November 1970.

RICHARD JONES of Port Talbot, Glamorgan, announces the marriage of his daughter, Megan, to Jeffrey Jones on 21st November, 1970.

GILBERT STANLEY of Gloucester, is pleased to announce the marriage of his son, Glyn, to Miss Lynne Welford of Hampshire, in April 1970, and also his daughter Julie, to Andrew Coughlin of Gloucester, on 21st November 1970.

FREDERICK TRENDELL of Hazlemere, High Wycombe, Bucks., tells us that his grandson, Jeffrey Trendell, aged 22 years, obtained his B.Sc. with honours, at Bath University last July. He is now articled to a firm of Chartered Accountants in London.



Josephine, daughter of Fred Broomfield with her tennis trophies. She is Ladies singles champion of Vickers Armstrong (Weybridge), Woking and District, and Weybridge tennis clubs, having won all three trophies for three years running they are now hers to keep.

FREDERICK RODWELL of Tring, Herts., has devoted nearly all his spare time for some years to the local Cricket Club. He helped towards a bonfire night celebration at the Club on 5th November and nearly four thousand people turned up, which must have contributed towards the funds of the Club. Mr. Rodwell was President of the Cricket Club for a long time and opened a cricket pavilion several years ago. It was largely through fund raising that the money was collected to build the pavilion.

Mrs. M. Kennedy, the wife of our St. Dunstaner WILLIAM KENNEDY of Maidenhead, Berks., does a great deal of voluntary work for "Meals on Wheels" and local Old Peoples' Clubs. She cooks voluntarily for five hours a day and has done this for some years. Mr. Kennedy has celebrated forty years' service with his firm and a full report of this was in the *May Review* of last year.

Mrs. Brenda Williams-Wynn, daughter of ARTHUR HAZEL of Reading, Berks., has recently obtained a Diploma of Librarianship and a Distinction to her B.Sc. Mrs. Williams-Wynn has also been appointed Assistant Librarian at Rhodes University Library, Grahamstown, South Africa.

We have heard from the Constable family who used to live in Crawley, Sussex, and emigrated to Australia in December 1967.

They have moved from Whyalla Playford to Hillcrest, Adelaide, where our St. Dunstaner, LESLIE CONSTABLE, is employed in the blind workshops and he has just completed his training with a Guide Dog. The children are also happily settled. Bob is working as a bus conductor, the elder daughter Ann, is a nursing aid and the youngest daughter, Mary, is attending school very near the family home.

PERCY SAYWELL of Leamington Spa, Warwickshire, tells us that his daughter Cheryl has become a State Registered Nurse and is now working as a Staff Nurse at Shrewsbury. His daughter Julie has passed her examinations and is now a cashier with the Midland Bank, Warwick.

David, the 8 year old son of TONY PARKINSON of Peterborough, attends dancing classes twice a week and has obtained a Bronze Medal for the Waltz.

His brother, Timothy, aged 10, has been accepted as a probationary pupil of the Peterborough Cathedral Choir and if he proves a willingness to learn will be made a full pupil.

### Deaths

#### We offer our very sincere sympathy to:

JOSEPH BRITTON of Hove, Sussex, on the sudden death of his wife, Edith, in hospital on 5th December. We also offer our condolences to relatives of the late Mrs. Britton.

ROBERT FORSTER of Leeds, who mourns the death of his mother in November 1970.

CECIL FAWCETT of Bournemouth, Hants., on the death of his wife, Evelyn, on 18th November, 1970. She will be remembered by many people for her acts of kindness and help.

GEORGE JESSUP, late of Enfield, Middlesex, who has been for some time at Northgate House, on the death of his wife on 13th November 1970, in a Brighton Hospital.

ALBERT TAYLOR of Stourbridge, Wores., who mourns the death of his brother in October 1970.

ROBERT THORNE of Allenton, Derbys., who mourns the death of his brother in December 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.**

**Richard Harker Charlton.** *Royal Army Service Corps.*

Richard Harker Charlton of Sunderland, died in hospital on 14th November 1970. He was 80 years old.

He served with the Royal Army Service Corps in the First World War but did not come to St. Dunstan's until August of this year. He was a widower, who was devotedly cared for by his only daughter to whom we send an expression of deep sympathy in her double bereavement, Mrs. Charlton having died at the beginning of the year.

**John Henry Gardner.** *Royal Irish Fusiliers.*

John Henry Gardner of Heswall, Cheshire, died on 12th November 1970. He was 64 years of age.

He served in the Royal Irish Fusiliers from 1943 to 1944 and came to St. Dunstan's in that year. He trained in making wool rugs, and string bags and carried on this occupation until ill health compelled him to give up. He was also a very keen gardener. He was a regular visitor to Ovingdean and North Country Reunions, where he will be much missed.

He leaves a widow and family.

**William Albert Foulkes.** *Bedford Regiment.*

William Albert Foulkes of Woburn Sands, Bletchley, Bucks., died on 23rd November 1970. He was 80 years of age.

He served in the Bedford Regiment from 1914 to 1919 and was wounded at Fricourt. He came to St. Dunstan's in 1922 and was trained in basket making and poultry keeping. He was very keen on his poultry work and only gave it up a short time ago. He took great delight in his garden and was a very keen walker.

He leaves a widow and grown-up family.

**Reginald Huntley.** *Labour Corps.*

Reginald Huntley of Hawkinge, Folkestone, Kent, died suddenly on 29th November 1970, having been admitted to the Royal Victoria Hospital a few hours previously. He died within two days of his 79th birthday.

He enlisted in the Labour Corps and served with them from 1912 to 1919 but did not come to St. Dunstan's until 1962, when he had already retired from his previous employment. Mr. Huntley was employed as a barber at a London hospital where he had worked practically ever since he was discharged from the Army. He was a frequent visitor to Ovingdean and had lived at Folkestone for the last two years, having moved from his home in Surrey.

He leaves a widow and family.

**Arthur John Lane.** *4th Cheshire Regiment.*

Arthur John Lane of Sale, Cheshire, died on 2nd December 1970 at the age of 58 years.

He served in the 4th Cheshire Regiment from 1940 to 1944 and came to St. Dunstan's in 1955. He trained for industry and carried on in this occupation until ill health compelled him to give up in 1967. He was then able to do a little basket work and he took great pleasure in his garden. He always enjoyed visits to Ovingdean and attending North Country Reunions. He was a widower, his wife predeceasing him just a year ago. He leaves grown-up sons.

**Eric Taylor.** *Black Watch.*

Eric Taylor of Peterlee, Co. Durham, died in hospital on 25th November 1970, at the age of 53 years.

He served in the Black Watch from 1940 to 1943 and was wounded during an air raid on Gibraltar. His sight did not deteriorate until much later and he came to St. Dunstan's less than twelve months ago. He had been ill for some considerable time and his death was not unexpected.

He leaves a widow and family.