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## CHAIRMAN'S NOTES

### *Eric Boulter*

Eric Boulter, an English St. Dunstan, who served in the Royal Engineers in the Second War, is one of the most distinguished and best-known figures in the international blind world. He was, amongst other things, respectively both Secretary-General and President of the World Council for the Welfare of the Blind.

However, St. Dunstaners generally will not have had an opportunity of meeting him, because, after he lost his sight, he did not immediately join St. Dunstan's but went to the Royal National Institute for the Blind's centre at Torquay for rehabilitation. In addition, he has not since then been able to attend our reunions and other gatherings as, after his preliminary training at Torquay, he was employed by the R.N.I.B. in London for a time and then joined the American Foundation for Overseas Blind, first in Europe and then for the last twenty years at their Headquarters in New York, where he was Associate Director of all their overseas activities.

Mr. and Mrs. Boulter have now decided to come back to England. He has applied for and obtained an executive post at the R.N.I.B. as Deputy Director-General. This is actually and potentially one of the most important administrative jobs in the blind world and I wish him the very best of good luck.

### *St. Dunstan's and Country Life*

Today there are about seven hundred St. Dunstaners who are interested in some aspect of gardening or country life. Around seventy are poultry farmers, a few of them in a serious way of business, many pursuing the occupation as a hobby. About three hundred St. Dunstaners have greenhouses and many hundreds are interested in a garden.

The majority of these men do a part of the work themselves; some carry out all the work. I cannot think of a better hobby and occupation, especially for the men who have retired.

St. Dunstan's has a Country Life Department whose business it is to help these St. Dunstaners with their activities and a variety of services is available under the direction of Mr. D. F. Robinson. Apart from assistance and advice in connection with equipment, there is a regular issue of seeds once a year which many hundreds of St. Dunstan's gardeners enjoy to their advantage.

#### COVER PICTURE:

Through a glass darkly—Walter Thornton "looks" at the world through ultrasonic spectacles outside St. Dunstan's. An article appears in the centre pages.

A minority of St. Dunstaners, especially those who are not quite so old, plant vegetables and flowers themselves using two pegs and a line to get direction, sometimes with knots in the line to give them spacing. This is extremely good exercise and gives you a breath of fresh air. If you have a row with your wife—and who doesn't?—you can go and sulk in the greenhouse for a couple of hours and get over it, what could be better than this?

Those who have a little guiding sight can probably do all the work in a greenhouse themselves but those who are totally blind need a bit of help, especially with the planting of small, fine seeds.

Whereas in the First War many scores of St. Dunstaners were poultry farmers and made a modest living, some building up considerable businesses employing labour and making real money, when the Second War came the shortage of feeding stuffs and the establishment of batteries and other modern methods to a large extent ruled out commercial poultry farming for the very small man. That is why at present most of our St. Dunstaners who are interested in this subject regard it as a hobby. This may not be remunerative although it must always be remembered that if you keep a few birds, you eat the eggs and the old hens and, moreover, you eat them tax free.

I am very fond of my food and my trouble is to eat little enough in order not to put on weight but I commend to every gardener and, indeed, to everyone else to eat your vegetables young. Many gardeners will want to grow the biggest cabbage or the largest marrow and if they can get it bigger than a rugby football then they are all the more pleased. This is a very good idea if you want to win a prize and some of our chaps do, and many congratulations to them, but if you want them to eat, then eat them small. I personally eat marrows when they are only as big as my thumb and then can eat the skin and the pips which is not only a much better taste, it is very economical.

Unfortunately I have hardly ever had a garden in my life—I had one for a few months in the war when my house in London was badly damaged—so I have not had much practical experience but perhaps when I retire I shall become a gardener, who knows? One thing I did learn was that almost anyone with hardly any skill at all can grow vegetables for eating in June, July or August but it takes a wise man to grow them in the other months of the year and that is when they are most expensive and all the more to be prized. When I had my patch of garden I devoted two thirds of it to vegetables in January and February and one third for June or July when you can get it all for almost nothing.

Most of the world wants to lend a hand, if they know how to, so it is very important if you are a gardener to make friends with your neighbour even if all you do is to talk things over with him, but very probably he will lend a hand as well! Anyone who is thinking about retiring ought to give this whole subject consideration and, if he is interested, get in touch with Mr. Robinson, at Headquarters at Old Marylebone Road.

Rudyard Kipling once wrote a poem, which I think worth quoting in part. It was called "The Camel's Hump". The words I remember are:

"The Camel's hump is an ugly lump  
Which well you may see at the Zoo;  
But uglier yet is the hump we get  
From having too little to do."

and later he says:

"The cure for this ill is not to sit still,  
Or frowst with a book by the fire;  
But to take a large hoe and a shovel also,  
And dig till you gently perspire;

And then you will find that the sun and the wind,  
And the Djinn of the Garden too,  
Have lifted the hump—  
The horrible hump—  
The hump that is black and blue!"

Fraser of Lonsdale.



Photo: Ed. Lacey

## Miss Lillian Board, M.B.E.

The whole sporting world and a much wider public—those who admire courage, determination and success—felt a deep sense of sorrow and loss at the death from cancer of Lillian Board on Boxing Day, 1970, just two weeks after her 22nd birthday. The fund set up in the desperate hope that her life might be saved as a result of the unorthodox treatment given at Dr. Issels' clinic in Bavaria topped £20,000, which speaks for itself, and Miss Board was honoured with a memorial service held in St. Paul's Cathedral on 21st January.

These facts are still fresh in our minds and it is well known that Miss Board possessed a tremendous sporting spirit, good looks, vivacity and a charm of manner, allied to a ready sense of humour. Perhaps less well known was her willingness to interest herself in those less favoured than she had been in the days before her fatal illness.

The object of this article, therefore, is to let our readers know of the link which she had with us. Miss Board attended our physiotherapist, Ron Ettridge, for treatment to cure a disc inflammation in her back before the 1968 Mexico Olympics, where she won a silver medal and again before the 1969 European Games, from which she returned home with two gold medals.

We had looked forward to Miss Board's presence at the buffet supper held last October as part of the 1970 reunion of handless blind St. Dunstaners and we

16 JUN 1970  
 1/4 Highview Rd,  
 Faling, W.13.  
 11th June, 1970.

Dear Mr. Buckley,  
 Thank you  
 very much for your letter.  
 I would love to accept  
 your invitation for 30th  
 October, to meet some of  
 your people from  
 St. Dunstan's.

Yours sincerely,  
 Lillian Board

print on this page her letter of acceptance written in a brief, charming and straightforward manner. It was our misfortune that illness alone prevented her from being there, for by that time she was already in hospital at St. Mark's in London. From the *Review* we offer our deep sympathy to her parents, to the other members of her family and to Mr. David Emery, her fiancé.

### AUSTRALIAN ST. DUNSTANER HONOURED

Captain E. R. W. "Ted" Blackmore, of Brisbane, was awarded the M.B.E. in the last Birthday Honours List. Many congratulations to this doubly disabled Australian St. Dunstaner, who was trained in England and returned home to become a very successful businessman and devote much of his spare time to working for others; he received his honour for help given to ex-Servicemen.

## REUNIONS — 1971

All Reunions to be held at 12.15 p.m. for lunch at 12.45 p.m.

Date	Reunion	Hotel
Thurs. 22nd April	Southampton. (Mrs. Lyall and Miss Meyer)	Polygon
Sat. 24th April	Bristol. (Miss Meyer and Miss Newbold)	Grand
Thurs. 6th May	Liverpool. (Miss Everett and Miss Broughton)	Adelphi
Sat. 8th May	Manchester. (Miss Everett and Miss Broughton)	Midland
Sat. 22nd May	London—Kent and Surrey. (Miss Blebta and Mrs. Lyall)	Hotel Russell
Thurs. 10th June	Ipswich. (Mrs. Adkins and Miss Davis)	Copdock House Hotel
Sat. 12th June	Birmingham. (Miss Newbold and Miss Broughton)	Savoy Restaurant
Thurs. 17th June	Newcastle. (Mrs. Plaxton and Mrs. King)	Royal Station
Sat. 19th June	Sheffield. (Miss Broughton and Mrs. Plaxton)	Hallam Tower
Sat. 3rd July	London—Central, N., N.W., and N.E. (Miss Davis)	Waldorf Hotel
Sat. 10th July	Brighton. (Miss Blebta and Mrs. Lyall)	Metropole

### WEDDING OF COLONEL MIKE

On Thursday, 17th December, 1970, at St. Andrew's Church, Puckington, in Somerset, COLONEL SIR MICHAEL ANSELL, C.B.E., D.S.O., D.L., a member of the Council of St. Dunstan's, married Mrs. Eileen Evans, widow of Major General Roger Evans. For many years there had been a close link between the two families. As a young officer Sir Michael was adjutant to General Evans when he commanded the 5th Royal Inniskilling Dragoon Guards. His daughter, Sarah, recently married Sandy, the youngest of the Evans' sons. The eldest son, Anthony, is Sir Mike's godson and the other son is a close friend of Colonel Mike's son, Nicholas, both having served in the 5th Royal Inniskilling Dragoon Guards. General Evans commanded the 1st Armoured Division in 1940 and there may be one or more St. Dunstaners who served under him.

The *Review* offers its congratulations and sends best wishes to Sir Michael and Lady Ansell for great happiness in their marriage.

### Naval Camp

The Royal Navy have very kindly invited St. Dunstaners to be their guests at H.M.S. *Daedalus* again this year. Dates are: Friday 13th to Saturday 21st August—further details next month.

### BELL'S WHISKY

Having a look around the garret of my new house, I found 19 bottles of whisky and was told to pour it down the sink or there would be trouble. But we agreed I could have one glass out of each bottle so I drew the cork from the first bottle and poured the whisky down the sink with the exception of one glass which I drank myself. I withdrew the cork of the second bottle and repeated the process with the exception of one glass which I drank. I extracted the cork of the third bottle and poured the whisky down the sink which I drank. I poured the cork from the fourth bottle down the glass, which I drank. I pulled the bottle from the cork of the next drank one sink out of it and threw the rest down the glass. I pulled the sink out of the next glass then pulled the cork down the bottle then I corked the sink with the glass, bottled the drink and drank the pour. When I eventually emptied the house with one hand, I counted the glasses, corks, bottles, sinks with the other—which made 21. As the house came by again I counted them again and finally got them into the bottle which I drank. I am not under the influence of incahol as some thinkle peep I am. I am not half as think as you might drick so there—crash.

BILLY BELL

## White Christmas

December, last month of the dying year, means to us at Ovingdean, undercurrents of feverish activity beneath an apparently passive surface, secret plans and preparations, rehearsals in the back room and a general building up to the climax of Christmas. When the trainees have had their celebration dinner and have departed for home pastures, events begin noticeably to warm up. With the glittering decorations comes the Staff Christmas Dinner and Dance which once again this year was a great success and a credit to Miss Jean Colbrook who organises it to such great effect.

We were very pleased to have with us Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Lloyds, deputising for Lord and Lady Fraser, both of whom, we were sorry to hear, had very bad colds. Mr. Lloyds, speaking on behalf of the Chairman, expressed his appreciation of the good work done by all the Staff in so many different ways and spoke of the way in which, over many years now, the right people have been found to fill our needs at St. Dunstan's. Mr. Jock Carnochan, replying for the Staff, thanked Mr. Lloyds for his kind remarks, voiced all our thoughts when he commented on the pleasure we all felt at having Mr. and Mrs. Lloyds with us and asked him to convey to the Chairman our appreciation of his message and our good wishes for a speedy recovery.

**Christmas Eve.** Snowflakes descending softly, silently, shrouding the landscape, laying a thick white carpet over the world outside. Inside, all is warmth and goodwill and we have a goodly company of people gathered round the fire, ready to lend their voices and sing the Christmas songs.

"Once in Royal David's City  
Stood a lowly cattle shed"

The Christmas story has been told and retold throughout the centuries and each year it comes to us fresh and new. It was in the words of this favourite carol that the V.A.D.s opened our Christmas Eve Barbecue and Cabaret, wending their way with lighted lanterns down the length of the Dining Room, through the audience to the fireside of the Lounge. The music of Christmas has an infectious joy that is impossible to resist and the carols which everyone gladly sang, filled the house with happy music, forming the basis of our

entertainment. Between the choruses we had several sparkling contributions from members of the Staff, among whom were: Joan Rokosz, Ann Ford, Betty Brown, Jean Meiluss, Dorothy Williams, Stella Warburton, Joyce Briant, Enid Lane, Ingegard Larsson, Lillemor Stockhaus, Frankie Jarram, Henry Kerr, Phil Barton, John Harlow, Brian McNeely and Roy Cramer, with piano accompaniments played by Mildred Dagnall. Our special star performer was "Nijinsky", the Wonder Horse, who made a surprise appearance in "Two Little Boys" with Jean Meiluss and Enid Lane and nearly caused a riot! Our Horse of the Year was played by John Harlow and Brian McNeely of the Sick Bay staff and a noble effort it was too. When as children we watched the horse cavorting in the pantomimes we visited, we never imagined how difficult such a part might be to play. Now much enlightened, John and Brian said that they enjoyed doing it for one night, but wouldn't care to make a living that way! For this very welcome appearance, "Nijinsky" was awarded a large rosette by Commandant and then once more retired to stud! Hot Dogs, Mince Pies and Wine Punch were provided during the interval, warming hearts and lubricating voices so that the singing during the second half was even more joyful than before!

**Christmas Day.** A real White Christmas—something we rarely have—and through a flurry of snow we went down to Chapel for Holy Communion, followed by Christmas Readings and Carols. Later in the morning, Christmas presents were distributed in the Lounge and we were very pleased to have Mrs. Lillie and Mr.



Jean Meiluss and Enid Lane present "Nijinsky" (John Harlow and Brian McNeely).

Phillips of the Sussex Grocers' Association with us again and to drink a toast in the sherry which the Association so kindly provided for us. The Dining Room, full of colour, was a cheery background for Christmas Dinner and as the weather had made travelling very difficult, the presence of Lord and Lady Fraser was all the more appreciated, especially as they were both recovering from the bad colds which had prevented them coming to the Staff Dinner. Their journey from London on such a cold morning after a very early start cannot have been easy and we hope that the warmth of our welcome to them made the effort worthwhile. Certainly it gave us great pleasure to have them seated at the top of the table for the excellent turkey, Christmas pudding, mince pies and all the traditional trimmings, after which Lord Fraser proposed the toast of "Absent Friends". We hope they will be able to join us again for this very special occasion before very long and wish them well on their journey to South Africa.

When evening came we tried a new idea, "Chiefly Yourselves", a St. Dunstaners' "Do-it-yourself" Party, was planned to give St. Dunstaners an opportunity to do the entertaining themselves for a change. We always feel that there must be a lot of hidden talent around and how right we are! Ted Garthwaite, Peter Sumner, Tiger Martin, Harry Boorman, Randall Williams, Margaret Stanway, George Stanley, Elmer Richards and Dorothy Edwards all showed their paces, and the response to the whole occasion was so encouraging that we shall build on the idea and use it again in the future, with even more success we hope. Frank Hicks, George Stanley, Margaret Stanway and Winnie Edwards formed the committee which arranged the party. St. Dunstaners' wives, guests and members of the Staff were present and much enjoyed being entertained instead of doing the entertaining. Thank you, St. Dunstaners, for "having a go" and being so game to try out something new.

**Boxing Day.** The snow is deep and crisp and even and here we are again with our Carnival Dance. This was very successful though we did have the worry of how to get the wives and escorts home safely and therefore had to finish a little earlier than usual. Mrs. Elizabeth Dacre and Vice-Admiral Sir Aubrey Mansergh kindly officiated as judges and the prizewinners, in alphabetical order, were as follows:

“Nun of this, Nun of that, & Nun of the other”: **Marjorie Ball, Winnie Edwards and Frank Hicks.**

“The Witch”: **Joyce Briant, V.A.D.**

“Working to Rule”: **Alf Dodgson**

“Power Cut”: **Mrs. Alf Dodgson**

“Sit-Down Strike”: **Ted Kirman**

“Miss World”: **Tommy McKay**

“Beside the Seaside”: **Blodwen Simon and Thelma Meredith**

“D. Day”: **Sam Worthington**

Between Boxing Day and New Year's Eve we enjoyed a Play Reading in which Commandant, Matron, Miss Dagnall, Miss Feaver and Mrs. Williams took part, a Whist Drive, a Domino Tournament and a Grand Bingo Night with very stimulating prizes. Shows in the town remained in business and we paid visits to the two pantomimes and to the good old Dome Variety.

**New Year's Eve.** Still the snow falls. Will it ever stop? Our New Year's Eve Party is always the greatest fun and culminated in Highland fashion with the entry on the stroke of midnight of “Scotty” Wilson, well known to many St. Dunstaners, playing the bagpipes, Jock Carnochan beating the (A.T.C.) drum and Alec Freel first-footing the New Year in. Round the crowded lounge, with kilts swinging, bagpipes skirling and drum tapping away, they gave 1971 a most stirring welcome and once started no-one wanted to stop. After a wee dram, the last that was seen of Scotty and Jock was as they wandered down to Ovingdean Village, still manfully piping and drumming, with the sound floating away on the cold night air. We understand that the Village has not quite recovered from this experience as yet!

During the whole of the Christmas period this year we were all very much “confined to barracks” due to the wintry weather and it would have been easy to sit

around and feel bored. How pleasant it is to remember that none of us allowed this to happen. We enjoyed the comfort of the fire, forgot the cold outside and Quizzed, Bingo'd, listened to gramophone records and so joined in the fun that staying indoors became a pleasure instead of a penance. We were sorry that a lot of escorts and friends who usually join us for our Christmas parties were unable to be with us and we missed them but hope for an easier time weatherwise next year. We have had days when the white contours of the Sussex Downs have glistened in the December sunshine and this has been very beautiful to see, but most of us seem to prefer to dream about a White Christmas.

In all our junketings we couldn't manage without our helpers and we have been nobly backed up as always by Mr. Ridge and the Catering Staff, the Dining Room Staff, the Maintenance Staff and many others. Thank you, All.

At the end of every year we all look back and take stock of the progress of events and at Ovingdean we seem to have kept the flag flying pretty well in 1970. Our big events, special weekends and re-unions have come and gone with enjoyment and with high hopes for next time. We have been happy to have some of our Pearson House residents with us and have greeted with pleasure many old friends visiting on holiday. With good weather during the summer, our holiday-makers made the most of their stay and had lots of fresh air and sunshine. Brighton is an interesting, pleasant town, with a good theatre and concert season, and many St. Dunstaners have availed themselves of the facilities offered. The sun smiled on us for the big racing events and most of the smaller ones too which keeps our racing fans happy, and some of us even dip a toe in the ocean now and then! Something happens all the time and we need have few dull moments.

Now, in the January doldrums, we shall be looking soon for the first snowdrops and hoping for an early Spring; so on a wet, wet day, with the snow fast disappearing, and with the grey sea lapping coldly at the pebbles, we send our greetings to all St. Dunstaners, their families and all friends of St. Dunstan's for 1971. In the words which we all sang on Christmas Eve, “May each day of the year be a good day”.

## DECIMAL CURRENCY

### Post Office Plans

Since we published the article “New Pence for Old” in January's *Review*, we have received some important information concerning the manner in which decimal currency will affect Post Office plans in such matters as stamps, telegrams, postal orders, telephones, National Savings and Giro. In this brief article we mention only what we think most people will want to know. Further information can, of course, be obtained from any Post Office. The rates given are in £p and apply on and after 15th February, 1971.

#### POSTAGE RATES

*Inland letters:* Weight not over 4 ozs. 1st class—3p; 2nd class—2½p.

The rate increases with increased weight of letters.

*Inland parcels:* Weight not over 1½ lbs.—15p.

The rate increases with increased weight of parcels.

*Registered letters:* Fee 20p in addition to ordinary postage.

*Recorded delivery:*

Fee 4p in addition to ordinary postage.

*Express services:*

Fee 20p in addition to first class postage.

#### OVERSEAS RATES

*Surface:*

Foreign letters. Weight not over 1 oz.—4p. The rate increases with increased weight of letters.

Commonwealth letters: Weight not over 1 oz.—2p.

The rate increases with increased weight of letters.

*Air:* The charges vary with destinations to which letters are being sent by air and it is suggested that advice should be sought from a local Post Office. A further complication is that most overseas postage rates will be increased on 1st July, 1971, as a result of international agreement.

#### STAMPS

New decimal stamps are being issued in two stages. There are four high-value stamps, the same number as at present, but with slightly different values: 10p, 20p, 50p, and £1.

There are twelve low-value stamps: ½p, 1p, 1½p, 2p, 2½p, 3p, 3½p, 4p, 5p, 6p, 7½p, 9p.

*Note:* £sd stamps will not be sold after 12th February, 1971, but those bought previously may be used during the change-over period by converting the total £sd value to £p by the Shoppers' table and adding any £p stamps necessary to make up the new postage rate.

#### TELEGRAMS

*Ordinary telegrams:* 12 words for 25p (minimum), for each additional word, 2p.

*Overnight telegrams:* 12 words for 12½p (minimum), for each additional word, 1p.

#### POSTAL ORDERS

Decimal orders for various denominations will be on sale from D Day. Poundage on decimal postal orders will be 2½p on orders from 5p to £1 and 5p on orders from £2 to £5.

#### TELEPHONES

All coinbox telephones will be converted to accept 2p and 10p coins only. Conversion will start on 16th February and is expected to be completed in about six weeks.

*Note:* The Post Office have where necessary rounded charges both upwards and downwards, but it is of interest to note that the overall charges for calls from coinboxes are reduced.

#### NATIONAL GIRO

From D Day all Giro business will be conducted in decimal and the new half-penny will be ignored.

#### NATIONAL SAVINGS BANK

From D Day all National Savings Bank transactions will be conducted in decimal currency. Balances will be converted by the Banking and Accounting table, and deposits and withdrawals will be in decimal form. The new halfpenny will not be included in accounting records.

£sd coins will be accepted for deposit provided they are in lots of 6d so that a decimal amount can be recorded and if necessary a ½p change will be given. (6d equals 2½p).



The inventor, Prof. Leslie Kaye, shows the power pack; part of the "spectacles" set worn by young Ivan Pivac. Photo: Fox Photos

## THE ULTRASONIC SPECTACLES

### *An Electronic Mobility Aid*

by *Walter Thornton*

For the past ten years St. Dunstan's has supported the work of Professor Leslie Kay, who since 1964 has been head of the department of electrical engineering at Canterbury University, New Zealand. His aim has been to produce an instrument which would help blind people to perceive more of their environment. His interest in this subject was stimulated when he was a lecturer at Birmingham University, and lived in the vicinity of Lickey Grange, the school for the Blind. The direction of his work was shaped by a careful study of bats.

Its first result was his invention in Birmingham of the ultrasonic torch, now known as the sonic aid. Like the bat, this device transmits ultrasonic energy, which is reflected back from the objects in its path. Only a few blind people are making regular use of this device, but the number is increasing slowly, and the interest which it has aroused in the subject of mobility has been tremendous, and has had far-reaching effects.

#### **Signals**

The sonic aid is known as a monaural aid, because its signals are fed into one ear. Professor Kay had always considered that a binaural device would be much more effective, since, by feeding its signals into both ears simultaneously, it could make use of a person's natural ability to localise the origin of sources of sound, if it could be matched to the individual's

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hearing. He had already produced such a device before he left for New Zealand, but it was a long way from being one which a blind person would want to use. Over the past five years his work and that of his team, particularly Dr. Derek Rowell and Mr. Greg Martin, has resulted in such an instrument.

#### **Neat and Compact**

The ultrasonic spectacles, or binaural sensor, is a highly sophisticated electronic aid. It requires training in its use, but is easy to learn and simple to understand. Neat and compact, it consists of three principal parts—the spectacle frame; the connecting cable housing the microleads; and the control box. The spectacle frame is up to date in design, and conventional in appearance, apart from the three discs, half an inch in diameter, of stainless steel gauze, mounted in the bridge of the frame,

which protect the transmitting and receiving transducers. The sides of the frame house miniature earphones, from which signals are fed into the ear through flesh-coloured moulded tubes which also permit the unimpeded passage of ambient sounds. The circuitry and 12 volt battery weighing 4 ozs. are housed in the control box. The total weight of the aid, is just under fifteen ounces. The spectacle frame is lighter than most pairs of spectacles.

At this stage, the binaural sensor is used in conjunction with the long cane, or with the guide dog. It has proved acceptable to all save one of the fifteen blind people who to date have been trained in its use in New Zealand or Australia. Having now used the binaural sensor myself, for more than 200 hours, I would summarise the benefits as: extension of mobility capacity; lessening of strain; enhanced awareness of the environment; and increased stimulation to visualise one's surroundings.

These first trials are to be continued on a much bigger scale during 1971 and 1972. St. Dunstan's is sponsoring British participation in this programme, and will have co-operation from the Birmingham Royal Institution for the Blind and the R.N.I.B. Its participation will be based on the National Mobility Centre in Birmingham. Professor Kay and his team will set up instructor-training courses at Boston College, Massachusetts, and at the University of Western Michigan, Kalamazoo, and will monitor a major evaluation programme involving nearly three hundred blind people from the most progressive agencies for the blind in Britain, New Zealand, Australia and the U.S.A.

Any St. Dunstaner interested in taking part should write to me, care of the Director of Research at Headquarters in Old Marylebone Road.

#### **Married in the New Year**

On 4th January, at St. Peter's College Chapel, Oxford, THE REV. G. L. TREGLOWN of Cricklade, Wiltshire, officiated at his son's wedding, assisted by the Rev. W. L. R. Watson. The marriage took place between Mr. Jeremy Dickinson Treglown, only son of the Rev. Treglown and Miss Rona Mary Bower, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alan Bower of Stone, Buckinghamshire.

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Walter Thornton using his ultrasonic spectacles in conjunction with the long cane, threaded his way through this department store without once touching counters, customers or displays.

Some people on the street one does well to avoid. Walter had no difficulty on this occasion.



## SNOW-SHIFTING CAN BE SUCH FUN!

By  
Phillip Wood

I don't like snow. Nasty chilly stuff. It gets into my turn-ups and then down into my shoes. I am rather less than my best when suffering from frost-bitten feet.

It's different when you are a kid. You can *do* things with snow. You can ride on it, slide on it. You can make things out of it. You can compress it into little balls and throw it.

But I'm not a kid any more. I am approaching, more or less gracefully, what someone once called "the sere and yellow". When you are grown up, there's not much you can do with snow.

... Except shift it. The other day, I surveyed our little lot from the dining-room window. Silly, chilly stuff. I speculated gloomily on just how much of my grudgingly-paid rates the council would squander on getting rid of it.

Maggie joined me at the window and together we looked at it, just lying there, deep and crisp and even... Maggie has a very tidy mind. She doesn't like things left lying around. Not even snow. I guessed what was coming.

"You know, darling," she said, "we could do with shifting the snow from the paths." (I liked that "we"!)

I do not like shifting snow. I'm so unlucky, anyway. I remove every vestige from the paths and what happens? Next morning, I look out of the window. And it's all back again.

"It's a bit pointless, really!" I protested, "It's bound to snow again!"

"Oh, come on," Maggie coaxed, "Don't be so lazy! A little mild exercise will do you good!"

I don't like exercise—particularly the "mild exercise" of snow-shifting. I wind up with blistered hands, an aching back and so stiff that I can scarcely struggle out of the chair to turn down the T.V. commercials.

"Besides, it can be very dangerous if it's just left there," persisted Maggie. "If the paper-boy were to break his neck or anything on *our* snow, we'd be liable, you know."

I didn't know. Come to think of it, I

didn't like the paper-boy very much, in any case.

Maggie launched into a grisly story of how Mrs. Porter had run out of tea and had popped over to Mrs. Drake's to borrow some, and of how Mrs. Porter had slipped on the Drake's uncleared snow and broken something fairly useful, like a leg, and of how the Drakes had had to pay out a pop-singer's ransom in damages, and of how—

—but I am half-way to the shed for the shovel and my wellingtons.

I don't know just how I came to fall. Well you never do, really, I suppose. One second you're vertical and the next you're horizontal. You never do work out satisfactorily just how you managed to change positions.

It wasn't my wellingtons, that's for sure. The soles are cruelly gashed to the bone to prevent you slipping. Like the tyres on the T.V. commercial—"Wellingtons You Can Trust In Weather You Can't!"

Maggie says I tripped over the shovel, but that's just her little joke.

Anyway, here I am on the sofa with my foot up. The doctor says I'll be up and about in a few days. But he gave me hell when he ripped the Elastoplast off. I always thought he was a bit of a sadist.

And so is Maggie, too, it seems—though I never suspected her. She breezes into the room and proclaims brightly, "It's thawing like crazy and beginning to rain! You needn't have bothered with the snow, after all, darling!"

### DUTCH AWARD

The new Chaplain to St. Dunstan's, the Rev. William Popham Hosford, has been awarded a high Dutch honour by Queen Juliana of the Netherlands. It is the much coveted Chevalier in the Order of Oranje-Nassau presented to him for unceasing work in Holland to further Anglo-Netherlands friendship and co-operation. The Rev. Popham Hosford was Rural Dean and Chaplain for 25 years at St. Mary's, Rotterdam and Senior Chaplain to the Missions to Seamen in Holland.

## Club News

### London

The Football Pontoon ending for the period of the 26th December was equally shared by **E. Carpenter, L. Douglass and H. Meleson**. Their teams were Hull, Swindon and Manchester City respectively. Our "booby" prize went to **Mrs. Lynch** and her team Stoke only registered two goals during the entire six weeks of the Pontoon.

Winners of our Christmas Domino Competition were as follows:

1. G. Stanley
2. C. Hancock
3. W. Miller

We of the Domino Section as well as some walkers and swimmers were very pleased to join the Bridge Section for their Christmas Bridge Drive in the London Club Rooms which had been gaily decorated in rainbow colours.

During the afternoon as the Bridge Drive progressed, those who did not play Bridge engaged in a game of Dominoes. Later we all joined together for a sumptuous tea. Noteworthy were the beautiful Christmas Cakes, one a golden basket filled with edible fruits and another as a snow-clad forest of angelica pines and holly bushes amongst which could be seen a life-like marzipan deer.

We were pleased to see Lady Fraser, accompanied by Mr. A. D. Lloyds, who later graciously presented the Bridge Prizes to the winners. After which all St. Dunstaners were handed a present by Commander Buckley who was accompanied by Mrs. Buckley.

Would all members of the London Club please note that our **Annual General Meeting** will be held in the Club Rooms on **Saturday, 6th February, at 1.15 p.m.**

W. MILLER  
Hon. Secretary

### Midland

December was another active month for our club, with a Christmas club party and Christmas dinner.

On Sunday 6th December, we held our Christmas party and prize giving. The tables were all gaily decorated and it all looked and tasted very good indeed. After tea was over we all assembled in the lounge and awaited the arrival of Father Christmas. All the children received a present from him and he also presented the prizes for domino competitions to all the recipients. The prize winners were as follows:

SIR ARTHUR PEARSON COMPETITION

1st **D. Cashmore**, *Garden Tools*

2nd **E. Humphries**, *Braille Wrist Watch*

Runners up

**G. Bilcliff**, *Dinner Service*

**B. Tomporowski**, *Money Prize*

DOUBLES COMPETITION

**Mr. and Mrs. L. Kibbler**, *Pyrex Tea Service*

**Mr. and Mrs. L. Androlia**, *Money prize*

**E. Humphries and escort**, *Travelling Clock*

**Mr. and Mrs. Bilcliff**, *Money Prize*

**Mr. and Mrs. Tomporowski**, *Money Prize*

**D. Beddoes and B. Lane**, *Nylon Shirts*

On Saturday 19th December, we held our annual Christmas dinner at the British Legion, Northfield, Birmingham. This meal was arranged for us by the stewardess of the Legion and was a delicious meal. Our guests included the Vice-Chairman and Treasurer of the Branch as well as other Committee Members. After the dinner a vote of thanks was given to the British Legion, the stewardess, and her waitresses. Then the room was cleared and prepared for dancing in which we all took part and enjoyed ourselves.

Now we look forward to another good year of club activities. If we can do better than the year we have just completed we shall be very satisfied.

All Midland club members take this opportunity of wishing all St. Dunstaners and staff a very happy and prosperous New Year.

Please note dates of the next two club meetings. **Sunday, 14th February and Sunday, 14th March, at 3 p.m.**

D. E. CASHMORE,  
Hon. Secretary.

## Bridge Notes

### CHRISTMAS BRIDGE DRIVE 1970

There was an air of real festivity at St. Dunstan's Headquarters when the Christmas Bridge Drive took place there on 12th December.

In spite of added difficulties and anxieties this year, arising from cuts in electrical power, last minute re-arrangements but stirring work carried out by Mr. and Mrs. Norman Smith ensured that everything ran smoothly.

The attractions of this annual function were once again clearly indicated by the attendance of twenty-one St. Dunstaners who, together with their wives and friends made up ten and a half tables for Bridge.

This number included some competitors who found it well worth their while to make long journeys from the North, from the West Country and from the South Coast.

We had the added pleasure this year of the company of Lady Fraser, who presented the prizes, and of Mr. Lloyds; but we were most disappointed that illness had prevented Lord Fraser from attending.

When the Bridge Drive was over, we were able to relax over a splendid tea interval when we were joined by members of the dominoes section of the London Club. Lady Fraser mingled freely among the tables, chatting to the players.

Immediately after tea, the lucky prize-winners were doubly fortunate when Lady Fraser honoured us by presenting the prizes. Miss Vera Kemmish, in her own inimitable style, then presented Lady Fraser and Mrs. Norman Smith with a bouquet of flowers and a potted plant respectively.

Those St. Dunstaners, unsuccessful in the Drive, were adequately compensated in the raffle which followed, a raffle in which every ticket guaranteed a prize. The raffle was presided over by the Club Captain, Roy Armstrong, who described in detail the nature of each prize as it was drawn. The prizes were certainly well varied and carefully chosen, and Mr. Armstrong rightly commended his wife

for the time and care she had taken in this responsible undertaking.

Tribute was then paid on behalf of St. Dunstan's Bridge Club to members of St. Dunstan's staff and all those friends whose loyal co-operation had done so much to help us in all our functions throughout the year.

The day ended on a happy note when Mr. Lloyds, replying for St. Dunstan's, wished everyone present a happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

### THE PRIZE WINNERS

1st R. Fullard and S. Medcroft  
 2nd R. Armstrong and Miss S. Lyons  
 3rd W. Lethbridge and Mrs. MacDonald  
 4th F. Pewsey and Mrs. Wiltshire  
 Parity Prize J. Chell and Mrs. R. Evans  
 Booby Prize F. Dickerson and Mr. Dealey  
 R. W. EVANS

The first Individual Competition of the London Section for 1971 was held on Saturday, 2nd January. The results were as follows:

R. Armstrong and Partner	72
R. Fullard and W. Allen	66
R. Stanners and F. Pusey	66
H. King and R. Evans	64
Miss V. Kemmish and Partner	58
H. Meleson and Partner	52

### HARROGATE 1971

Please note that this year's visit to Harrogate will take place from **Saturday, 18th to Saturday 25th September** and not the 21st September as announced in error at the end of our Bridge Congress in November last.

The management of the Dirlton Hotel have just informed me that they are able to fix us up but that they have had to increase their charges as follows: £17 17s for a single room and £15 15s each for a double room. I was also told that they have obtained a licence for the bar.

Those interested in joining our party should let me know in writing as soon as possible so that the necessary accommodation can be booked. Although not stated,

I take it that the usual service charge of 10% will be added to the bill. If you would like to attend but cannot be certain at present if this will be possible, it is better to book now as it is easier to cancel at a later date than to obtain additional accommodation.

PAUL NUYENS  
*Bridge Secretary*

## Beginners Ahoy!

by  
 Alf Field

Last month I wrote a few words on teaching Beginners and concluded with a puzzle for the Professors. Nora (my critic in general), commented "Its a bit lop-sided". I conducted my own defence and pointed out I was writing for two groups of Players—the reply was "Beginners need more help and don't forget its the February Review.—Women!"

Well, if the Editor of the *Review* and the Pros will forgive me this month, I will attempt a thumb nail sketch of Beginners' Bridge. I will not attempt the "Play of the cards", only to say that we have a special way of teaching the "Play of the cards" which, modestly, (did I write that?) has been successful. So we press on to the 'Bidding' part of Bridge. As at Whist, we have a Partnership, but we (the Partnership) say before the Play, what the trumps are, and also, how many tricks we hope to make, this is called the "Contract". There is an Auction for the "Contract" and each player in turn makes a Bid (or Passes) which is binding in the Partnership. Thus we come to a blending of two Hands to obtain the best contract suitable to the combined hands. We use a simple shorthand code of Bidding (called a "System") to communicate certain features and the two features that really matter are, "Top cards" and the "Trump Suit". For simplicity we convert the top cards into Points, i.e. Ace=4, King=3, Queen=2, and Jack=1. Total=10. Four suits=40. For a suit to be agreed as Trumps the Partnership needs to have eight cards usually divided 4-4, 5-3, or 6-2, at least four of these must be held by the Player who first names the suit as the suggested trump suit. In the auction, suits have priorities in this

order, No Trumps, Spades, Hearts, Diamonds and Clubs. I.e. the Spade suit is superior to Hearts, Diamonds and Clubs. The level of the contract must be raised (say from "One" to "Two") if your suit is inferior to the one previously bid. A "Contract" is any number of tricks in excess of six, thus a Contract of "One" is seven tricks. Logically, to Bid for the "Contract" a Partnership should have more than their share of the Points, i.e. at least 21 of the 40 Points. It will be agreed that the Player who opens the Bidding should have a little more than his share of Points in case his Partner has less than his share, so we make it at least 12 Points to open and at least four cards in a suit if it is suggested as the trump suit (You see, the "System" is emerging?) Partner accepts this minimum and bids on the combined Hands. There are a few more "Bits and Pieces" but the foregoing is basically and briefly Beginners' Bridge (lot of "B's" about!). Let's try an example:

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

### Notes.

1. All the Hands are shown for your information and suits are in priority order.
2. For easy reference we give the players a compass Point.
3. South in this case is the Dealer and opens the Bidding with "One Heart" conforming with the "12 Points" and at least "4 cards" in the suit named. West who is next to bid also has 12 Points and a long suit. (Superior Suit) so he may bid at the "One" level bids "One Spade" on behalf of his side (E.W.). North who is next to bid combines his Hand with 12 Points and a 4-card Heart suit, agrees the Trump suit as "Eight" by raising the bidding level to 10 tricks—He bids "Four Hearts" This is the appropriate moment to mention



scoring (you learn details later). Suits have values and if you bid and get your contract you gain Points, (£). The Game is so arranged that you are encouraged to bid to the limit because Bonuses are offered at certain Bidding Levels. In our case above there is a Bonus for 10 tricks in Hearts which North Bids. You will note he did not mention his Clubs because he was sure that the Partnership had at least 8 Hearts. East with only 4 Points must Pass. South and West also Pass and South is now the Declarer. West leads the Queen of Spades and North puts his cards face upwards on the table. South now plays both Hands. This may appear a difficult obstacle for a blind person but surprisingly after a few practice Hands and with our methods you are playing Bridge of a kind—"ground floor" or "Shallow end" stuff if you like but its the stepping stone we each have to take. In the Play, South, who had read last months *Review*, made 12 tricks! He took

the first trick with the King of Spades and then at once played three rounds of trumps continued with the Clubs and discarded two small diamonds on the fourth and fifth Club trick, thus losing only One Diamond.

If there are any Pros still with me here is a quickie:

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

Spades are Trumps. South to lead and make seven tricks—answer next month.

## Letters to the Editor

**From Tommy Tonge of Flixton, Manchester**

The article on Decimal Currency in the January *Review* was very informative and I was particularly interested in the remarks about "Conversion". The details given, however, did not take into account the odd coppers but there is a method of converting any amount by simple means from one system of coinage to the other.

The method is this. To convert New Pence to the old coinage, double the number of New Pence, add 1, then place a shilling downstroke before the last figure, and you have the equivalent in the present coinage.

For example: Take 27 New Pence, double this number—54, add 1—55, and place the shilling stroke before the final figure and you have 5/5d, which is the correct equivalent. In the reverse direction it is just as simple. For instance, take, say, 7/4, deduct 1d—7/3, call this 73 and halve it, giving 36½ New Pence, which is the correct figure.

This process seems more complicated in writing than it really is, and will be

found to be quite easy after one or two trials.

### EDITOR'S NOTE

*When asked for comment on the system described by Mr. Tonge the Decimal Currency Board replied:*

The method of "rapid" conversion between currencies described by Mr. Tonge has been published elsewhere on a number of occasions, but has not been promoted by the Board because it is not absolutely accurate to the Shoppers' table without more complicated corrections. The Board have always said that the easiest and best way to convert is to use a conversion table, and have tried to avoid any suggestion that proficiency in mental arithmetic is necessary to cope with decimal shopping.

However, your readers may wish to make occasional use of this system as a check on prices, but should remember that it provides only a rough guide to the nearest 1d or ½d—for accuracy they should consult the Shoppers' table.

**From Margaret Stanway at Ovingdean, Brighton**

On behalf of all the girls in Dormitory 2 who have spent Christmas at Ovingdean, I wish to thank all the staff for a really wonderful time and especially to Mr. Ridge, of the Catering Staff, who provided such excellent food. Our Christmas Dinner would have done credit to a five-star hotel.

**From George Fallowfield, Welling, Kent**

I wrote a letter to our *Rainbow Magazine* for the Deaf-Blind and then sat back to see the result as I touched upon our trip to Canada and sure enough I have been asked in letters, who paid for the trip? How do I manage to get round Mr. Wills? Why don't I say who paid for it? It must be nice to be deaf-blind and in St. Dunstan's. Where are you going to next? And in a card I am asked why I do not write to the *Review*? Well, I think you know I'm a damned good advertisement for St. Dunstan's, but I have been enabled to smoke a cigar or two and sit and do some hard thinking.

Following the 1914-18 war there was a lot going on about levelling up fleets and aircraft and other armament until Robert Blatchford wrote that stinging article in a Sunday newspaper, in which he quoted the populations of the countries involved in this discussion on levelling up, and said that in the event of war the Americans would be in a position to put some millions more people into the building of more ships than we did, so he suggested levelling up populations and poisoning off a few million Americans!

You know that Walter Thornton writes articles in the *New Beacon* which I read with much avidity about the Typhlonaut and his travels and I wonder why doesn't he write in our *Review*? Well, you see Pal, Walter Thornton claims that he is on equal terms with the sighted and I think it's high time the simple blind population were put on equal terms with him, as it were. There's been a lot of brag about the advantage of his Long Cane and it's advantage over the guide dog! So I think you should have free dog biscuits and a free comb and brush and if you go abroad and have to stable your dog that should be paid for and that all of us who cannot

be so darn clever with the Long Cane should have a concession enabling us to travel with our escort for one fare.

If you wish to use this letter for the *Review*, I have no objection. It might produce something exciting!

### EDITOR'S NOTE:

*George, you will be glad to find an illustrated article by Walter Thornton on another page.*

**From Miss H. Pease of Knaresborough, Yorks**

I want to thank you all for your letters and cards this Christmas and tell you how sorry I was not to return them but I have had a bad accident and smashed up my hip. I was taken to a Nursing Home in Harrogate where a surgeon put me in a new hip so I can walk again but it was too early days to get to the Christmas shops so I enjoyed your letters and cards at home and now send you every good wish possible for 1971.

## Family News

### Golden Weddings

Congratulations to MR. AND MRS. GEORGE OWENS of Burnley, Lancashire, who celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary on 1st January, 1971.

### Grandfathers

#### Congratulations to:

HARRY MELESON of Hendon, N.W.4 on the arrival of a third grand-daughter, his daughter, Mrs. Preston, having given birth to a girl on 11th January, 1971. The baby is to be called Amanda Gail and is Mr. and Mrs. Preston's third daughter.

## Family News

RICHARD HORNER of Holmfirth, Yorks, announces the marriage of his daughter, Mildred, to Karl Philip Courtney on 12th December, 1970.

JAMES WHITE of Chilwell, Nottinghamshire, announces the arrival of a granddaughter, Sally Amanda Heath, on 18th September, 1970.

JOSEPH HUMPHREY of Belfast, announces the marriage of his daughter Angela to Andrew Carnson on 18th December, 1970.

R. D. "BERTIE" MCCONNELL, M.P. of Co. Down, announces the marriage of his son, Michael, to Myfanwy Williams on 24th October, 1970, at Bontnewydd Parish Church, near Caernarvon.

REGINALD PARISH of Littlehampton, Sussex, announces the marriage of his son Roger Martin Everett Parish, to Doreen Marion Lewis of Ontario. The marriage took place in Windsor, Ontario on 19th September, 1970. Mrs. Parish was able to attend the wedding but unfortunately Mr. Parish was unable to be there.

LESLIE CONSTABLE of Adelaide, South Australia, who emigrated to Australia in December 1967 and news of him and his family appeared in the January *Review*, now tells us that he has been successful in obtaining an industrial job with Holden General Motors in Adelaide and is very happy in his work.

WALTER LEONARD of Hove, Sussex, is very proud of his grandson, Lawrie, who has recently obtained his B.Sc. (Second Class), with Honours in Electrical Engineering at Aston University, Birmingham.

Graham, 15 year old son of JOHN SHORTER of Hove, Sussex, has recently obtained 10 "O" levels and is now studying for three "A" levels.

Penelope, John's daughter, has passed Grades 2 and 3 for Ballet Dancing in nine months with Honours. She has also won the Youth Diving at Hove and is in the School Gymnastic Team for which she has a certificate.

## Deaths

### We offer our sincere sympathy to:

WINSTON HOLMES of Hove, Sussex, who received a telegram from his family in Canada just before Christmas to say that one of his brothers has passed away quite suddenly.

GEORGE NUTTALL of Tamworth, Staffordshire, who mourns the death of his sister on 8th January, 1971.

ALFRED PALFREY of Cardiff, whose wife died on 17th December, 1970.

JOHN LOVELL of Gloucester who mourns the death of his wife, Sarah, on 29th December, 1970.

HERBERT SMITH of Lowestoft, Suffolk, on the death of his wife on 3rd January, 1971.

THOMAS O'CONNOR of Birmingham who mourns the death of his wife on 6th January, 1971.

## In Memory

**It is with great regret we have to record the death of the following St. Dunstaners and we offer our deepest sympathy to their widows, families and friends.**

**Archibald Robert Aldridge.** *Queen's Royal West Surrey Regiment.*

Archibald Robert Aldridge of Ealing, W.5, died on 31st December, 1970 at the age of 75.

He served with the Queen's Royal West Surrey Regiment from 1914 to 1916 when he came to St. Dunstan's. Mr. Aldridge trained as a Masseur and was very quickly given an appointment at St. David's Home, Ealing, where he continued as a Physiotherapist for all his working life. In more recent years Mr. Aldridge also had a Private Practice. In 1966 the Pope awarded Mr. Aldridge, the Bene Merenti gold medal and a scroll for his work among the severely disabled ex-service men at St. David's. The name of the medal, which is rarely given to those who are not Catholics, means "merited well". Since his wife's death in 1955 Mr. Aldridge has lived alone and the domestic affairs have been taken care of by Mrs. MacKay but more recently a married son and his wife have come to stay with Mr. Aldridge and our sympathy is extended to all concerned and to other members of the family.

**Walter William Bailey.** *1st Royal Guernsey Light Infantry.*

Walter William Bailey of Guernsey, Channel Islands, died on 23rd December, 1970 at the age of 71.

## In Memory

He enlisted in the 1st Royal Guernsey Light Infantry in 1916 and served with them until his discharge in December 1917. He did not come to St. Dunstan's until 1970. After his discharge from the Army in 1917, Mr. Bailey worked for many years as a farmer. His sight gradually deteriorated and he was admitted to St. Dunstan's in the summer of 1970 by which time he had already retired. Mr. Bailey was taken ill and died suddenly on 23rd December. He leaves a widow.

**William George Chapman.** *Machine Gun Corps.*

William George Chapman, late of Dagenham, Essex, and who has been living at Ovingdean, died on 31st December, 1970 in hospital at the age of 86.

He enlisted in the Machine Gun Corps in 1915 and served with them until his discharge in 1919. He did not come to St. Dunstan's until 1949 when he had already retired, and had been looked after by a friendly neighbour. When the neighbour died Mr. Chapman decided to give up his home and to live at Ovingdean, in 1963. He leaves a brother Mr. Douglas Chapman who lives in the U.S.A. and a niece, Mrs. F. Worswick, who lives in Essex.

**Anthony Victor Law.** *9th Lancers.*

Anthony Victor Law of Gotherington, Nr. Cheltenham, Gloucestershire, died on 16th December, 1970, at the age of 73 years.

He served in the 9th Lancers from 1914 to 1915, and was wounded at Ypres in 1914, coming to St. Dunstan's in the following year. He trained in Poultry Keeping, Joinery, and was also a Masseur. He carried out these occupations until 1949. He derived great pleasure from his garden and was a very keen walker in the lovely countryside near his home. He was taken ill suddenly in the second week of December and died in hospital. He leaves a widow and grown-up family.

**Douglas George Marshall.** *Royal Air Force.*

Douglas Marshall of Cherry Hinton, Cambridge, died at his home on the 1st January, 1971, at the age of 52 years.

He was a regular R.A.F. Officer, who lost one eye as the result of a flying accident, the vision in the other eye deteriorated, deafness developed and he had very poor health. He came to St. Dunstan's early in 1969 and went to Ovingdean for training. He became interested in metalwork and hoped to carry on this home handicraft when he was settled in Cambridge. Unfortunately his health continued to be difficult and he had had spells in hospital, but he was home again for Christmas and seemed to be doing well, when he died very suddenly.

He leaves an aunt, Mrs. E. Fisher, with whom he shared his home, elderly parents and other relatives.

**Henry Stanley Miller.** *6th Suffolk Regiment.*

Henry Stanley Miller of Skegness, Lincolnshire, died on 31st December, 1970. He was 80 years of age.

He served with the 6th Suffolk Regiment from 1914 to 1918. His eye-sight did not deteriorate

until 1930 when he came to St. Dunstan's. He took up poultry keeping in rather a large way and carried on this occupation for a considerable number of years. When he gave up his poultry he took great pleasure from tending his beautiful garden until ill health compelled him to give up. He had been in very poor health for some time but his death was sudden and unexpected. To his family and Mrs. Blewitt, his housekeeper, we tender an expression of sincere sympathy.

**Leslie Robinson.** *Royal Artillery.*

Leslie Robinson of Rothesay, Isle of Bute, Scotland, died on 30th December, 1970. He actually died at Northgate House where he had been staying for some time due to ill health. He was 57 years of age.

He served with the Royal Artillery in the Second World War. Until his health precluded it, he derived great satisfaction from making trays, dog leads and string bags, and he always enjoyed vacations at Brighton. He leaves a widow and family.

**Alfred Rushton.** *Royal Army Service Corps.*

Alfred Rushton of Levenshulme, Manchester, died on 10th January, 1971 at the age of 64 years.

He served with the Royal Army Service Corps from 1941 to 1945 but his eye-sight did not deteriorate until 1965 when he came to St. Dunstan's. He derived great pleasure from his hobbies especially rug making, and he also very much enjoyed his annual visits to Ovingdean. He had been in failing health latterly and his death was not unexpected. He leaves a widow.

**John William Taylor.** *Yorkshire and Lancashire Regiment.*

John William Taylor of Brighton, Sussex, died on 22nd December, 1970. He was 56 years of age.

He enlisted in the Yorkshire and Lancashire Regiment in 1932 and served with them until 1950. He came to St. Dunstan's in 1951 and was given full training and placed in employment. Unfortunately Mr. Taylor's war wounds made it impossible for him to remain in industry and he continued with joinery work for many years. Since moving to Brighton in about 1956, Mr. Taylor had not been able to follow any gainful employment due to indifferent health. He was taken ill very suddenly and admitted to the Royal Sussex Hospital, Brighton, where he died. He leaves a sister and two sons as well as Mr. and Mrs. Cork with whom he lodged for the last several years to whom we offer our sympathy.

## AUSTRALIAN ST. DUNSTANERS

**Oscar Charles Beggs.** *Australian Machine Gun Corps.*

Oscar Charles Beggs of Sydney, New South Wales, died on 20th September, 1970, aged 72 years.

Mr. Beggs enlisted in April, 1917 and served with the 15th Australian Machine Gun Corps. He was wounded in June 1918 and discharged from the Army in October 1919. He leaves a widow.

## In Memory

### **Mark Benjamin.** *2nd L.R.O.C.*

Mark Benjamin of Mt. Yokine, West Australia, died in August 1970, aged 81.

He enlisted in October, 1917 and served with the 2nd L.R.O.C. He was wounded in October, 1918 and discharged from the Army in June 1919. He leaves a widow.

### **Valentine F. T. Crew.** *13th A.S.C.*

Valentine F. T. Crew of Turramurra, New South Wales, died during 1970, aged 77 years.

Mr. Crew enlisted in 1914 and served in the 13th A.S.C. He was wounded in May 1915 and discharged from the Army in 1918. He was a widower.

### **Donald B. Edgell.**

*First World War. 1st Machine Gun Corps.*

*Second World War. 2/2 Machine Gun Corps.*

Donald B. Edgell of Greenslopes, Brisbane, Queensland, died on 28th August, 1970, aged 72.

Mr. Edgell served in both World Wars—from 1916 to 1919 with the 1st Machine Gun Corps in France and Belgium and from 1940 to 1945 with the 2/2 Machine Gun Corps in the Middle East and New Guinea. He leaves a widow.

### **Frederick A. Mayo.** *A.I.F.*

Frederick A. Mayo of Stockton, New South Wales, died on 22nd April, 1970, at the age of 79 years.

He enlisted in August 1914 and served with the 2nd Battalion A.I.F. He was wounded in July, 1916 and discharged from the Army in May 1917. He leaves a widow.

### **George Meredith.**

George Meredith of Belmore, New South Wales, died on 13th March, 1970, at the age of 76.

He served in the First World War from April 1916 to August 1919 and lost his sight through mustard gas poisoning. He leaves a widow.

### **John C. Morgan.** *Royal Australian Air Force.*

John C. Morgan of Beaumaris, Victoria, died on 19th April, 1970, at the age of 49 years.

He enlisted in April 1942 and served with the Royal Australian Air Force until his discharge in November 1944. He leaves a widow and two children.

### **James G. Reid.** *A.I.F.*

James G. Reid of Coff's Harbour, New South Wales, died on 21st September, 1970, aged 78 years.

He enlisted in 1915 and served with the A.I.F. seeing service at Gallipoli.

He leaves a widow and a large family of five sons and five daughters.

### **Oswald R. J. Sinclair.** *33rd Battalion, A.I.F.*

Oswald R. J. Sinclair of Oyster Bay, New South Wales, died on 6th March, 1970, at the age of 75 years.

He enlisted in October 1915 in the 33rd Battalion of the A.I.F. and served with them until his discharge in December, 1919. He leaves a widow.

### **Albert G. Tullett.** *A.I.F.*

Albert G. Tullett of Ormond, Melbourne, Victoria, died on 31st August, 1970, at the age of 76 years.

He enlisted in May 1918 and served with the A.I.F. until his discharge in March 1919. He leaves a widow.

## NEW ZEALAND ST. DUNSTANERS

### **John Brunskill.**

John Brunskill of Cambridge, New Zealand, died on 24th March, 1970 at the age of 75. He served as a Trooper in the First World War. He leaves a widow.

### **Harold F. Clark.** *Home Service.*

Harold Clark of Onehunga, Auckland, died on 22nd January, 1970. He was 63 years of age. He served with the Home Service in the Second World War. He leaves a widow.

### **Daniel M. Doutherty.** *15th North Auckland Regiment.*

Daniel M. Doutherty of Mount Eden, Auckland, died on 9th July, 1970, at the age of 84. He served with the 15th North Auckland Regiment from April 1917 to July 1918. He was a bachelor.

### **Ivan E. W. Isaac**

Ivan E. W. Isaac of Maeroa, Hamilton, died on 16th November, 1970. He was 69 years of age. He leaves a widow.

### **Hugh Kernaghan.** *2nd Battalion Royal Irish Rifles.*

Hugh Kernaghan of Cambridge, New Zealand, died on 30th July, 1970 at the age of 72. He served with the 2nd Battalion Royal Irish Rifles from 1915 to 1919. He was a married man.

### **Eugene C. Loughran.** *Royal New Zealand Air Force.*

Eugene C. Loughran of Invercargill, New Zealand, died on 18th October, 1970, aged 46. He served with the Royal New Zealand Air Force from September 1942 to November 1945. He leaves a widow.

### **Fergus F. Marshall.** *4th Field Artillery.*

Fergus F. Marshall of Miramar, Wellington, died on 13th May, 1970, at the age of 58. He served with the 4th Field Artillery for five years in the Second World War. He was a bachelor.

### **Harold J. Quirk.** *2nd Battalion New Zealand Rifle Brigade.*

Harold J. Quirk of Papanui, Christchurch, died on 19th July, 1970, at the age of 80. He served with the 2nd Battalion of the New Zealand Rifle Brigade in the First World War and was wounded on the Somme in 1916. He leaves a widow.

### **Isaac G. Sykes.** *4th Australian Infantry Battalion and 7th Field Ambulance.*

Isaac G. Sykes of Masterton, Wellington, died on 6th May, 1970, at the age of 78. He served from 1914 to 1919 with the 4th Australian Infantry Battalion and 7th Field Ambulance. He was wounded at Gallipoli in 1915. He leaves a widow.