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CHAIRMAN'S NOTES

Inventions—St. Dunstan's Leads the Way

St. Dunstan's has throughout its life-time paid great attention to devices which can help to overcome the handicap of blindness. There are various categories.

Firstly, there is the highly sophisticated scientific device, such as a mobility aid or instruments which will read print and deliver its message from ordinary type to the blind person in English or possibly a simplified substitute for English. Organisations in the United States and other countries, encouraged by St. Dunstan's Scientific Conference some five years ago, are spending large sums of money on these scientific investigations and St. Dunstan's is playing its part through its Scientific Committee under the Chairmanship of Dr. D. E. Broadbent, F.R.S., aided by Mr. R. Dufton, our Director of Research; Professor A. M. Uttley of Sussex University, Professor R. L. Beurle, Dr. J. A. Leonard and Dr. J. D. Armstrong, all of Nottingham University, and Mr. Walter Thornton, himself a St. Dunstaner and Chairman of the Advisory Committee of the National Mobility Centre, are all taking an active part in these studies. As I have frequently warned, these experiments do not mean that there is an easy way to provide large numbers of blind people with a mobility aid or a print reading device or that such inventions are just around the corner.

However, some progress is being made and, in particular, Professor J. Linvill and his blind daughter, Miss Candy Linvill, from California, have recently demonstrated that she can read ordinary print at 90 words a minute with an optical machine, on which she feels a series of vibrating pin points. It thus appears that this method might be particularly useful for the deaf/blind.

Members of the Scientific Committee and I witnessed her demonstration the other day and were deeply impressed. We were told that Candy is not the only one who can do it, but that there are perhaps a dozen young blind people in the United States who have achieved comparable results. While Candy was reading an unseen passage from that morning's *Times* and a computer card which was entirely strange to her, I got my secretary to type a little letter congratulating her; I gave this to her, she put it in her machine and read it aloud fluently and with only a few seconds' delay. Here again I must warn blind people that at present this device is extremely costly and is only available for research purposes.

There is a hope that some invention, whether from Britain or the United States or Germany or Japan or Russia or arising out of Professor Kay's pioneer mobility aid work, supported by St. Dunstan's, at first in England and now in New Zealand, or an amalgamation of their efforts, may lead to something concrete in a few years' time. We are keeping in the closest possible touch and doing what we can to forward these projects.

Another, field is a much simpler, but very important, one—namely, to provide mechanical, electrical or other gadgets which may help a blind man to undertake a task in a factory on a complicated machine or to overcome some domestic or personal difficulty. Examples of these gadgets are where a device enables a blind operator to measure to, say, 1/10,000th of an inch by touch or by sound, or where apparatus is adapted for use in everyday life. St. Dunstan's has, through its Experimental Devices Committee, with Mr. H. J. Houlgate as Chairman and Mr. N. H. French as our experimental officer, done an enormous amount of work of great value in this field. Perhaps an unusual provision—only applicable to a few—is a mechanical arrangement whereby a St. Dunstaner who has lost his hands can turn his talking book cassette over by himself, instead of having to call for help.



American Reading Machine Demonstrated

Since the Optophone was invented something over fifty years ago it has been the jumping off point for several research projects in Britain and the United States. Miss Mary Jameson, M.B.E. is an expert in translating the musical sound code it emits as it scans a printed page. In the picture above she is trying a new machine, the Optacon, which is the fruit of an American project by Dr. J. C. Bliss and Prof. J. G. Linvill at Stanford University, California. Demonstrating the Optacon is Prof. Linvill's daughter, Candy, when she and her father visited St. Dunstan's to show the new machine to members of our Scientific Committee. (Left) Unlike the Optophone, the Optacon translates the printed letters scanned tactually. This development stems from research aimed at giving alternative methods of communication with astronauts if sight and sound channels should fail at blast off. The result may be a dividend for the blind.

COVER PICTURE: Watched by Dr. Broadbent, Lord Fraser and her father, Miss Candy Linvill demonstrates reading with the Optacon.



In a different category altogether, we have done much to make outdoor sports available to St. Dunstaners, including the doubly disabled. A recent example of this occurred at Brighton when, at our annual sports meeting, a new method of guiding blind men in running and swimming was set up by the Commandant, Mr. L. Fawcett. This consisted of a wire surrounding the running field or pool, enabling the Commandant to talk to the competitor, who had a miniature speech receiver in his ear so that, wherever he was within the "loop", he could receive instructions. At this same sports meeting, horse riding was enjoyed by a few for the first time for many years, again with the help of the guidance "loop".

In all these fields I think I can claim that St. Dunstan's has done more than any other single society and I am very proud of this.

Praise for a St. Dunstaner "Ham"

One of the nicest tributes I have ever received about an old St. Dunstaner reached me the other day. This was an article in *Radial*, the official journal of the Radio Amateur Invalid and Bedfast Club.

It related to Mr. A. V. Law, who died some months ago; he was a successful physio-therapist and a very keen radio experimentalist, who transmitted all over the world. The writer spoke of Tony Law's many activities: the work of his healing hands, daily walks alone in the country, drives with his wife, car maintenance, carpentry, reading, music and, of course, ham radio "with his excellent operating technique and finely developed hearing". He summed up: "He was a good, kind and thoughtful friend with a ready sense of humour. I shall think of him as the chevalier without fear, and without complaint at the vicissitudes of fortune."

Trousers in the Bath

Lady Fraser and I attended the Sheffield Reunion on the 19th June. On another page there is a note about this.

I was very nearly an hour late for the reception because I had only one pair of trousers with me and my wife dropped them in the bath, so that they had to be dried and pressed while I stayed in bed. One of the best ways to get the creases out of a pair of trousers is to hang them in a bathroom full of steam for a few minutes, but it is wise not to hang them over the bath!

Lady Fraser often tells me how very well turned out are the wives and men at our Reunions and I am always pleased to hear this because some people expect blind men to be untidy and unkempt. Knowing how much a wife has to do to help her husband, I am very pleased to be told what a smart looking lot of chaps we are.

Parliamentary Reminder

Ex-service men as such have no trade union to plead their case and Parliament must be reminded from time to time of the facts. (See page 12.)

Fraser of Lonsdale

COMING EVENTS

I.T.V. network, Birmingham. "Women to-day" programme. Friday 13th August—Leslie Webber, Mayor of Tewkesbury. (Verify in T.V. Times or local paper).

August Bank Holiday. See page 11.

Festival of Remembrance. See page 18.

FREE OFFER

MRS. MARY BROWN, widow of St. Dunstaner, the late G. P. "Jock" Brown, has a greenhouse heater, 200 flowerpots and other greenhouse equipment which she would give to any St. Dunstaner interested who can arrange collection. Her address is: **83 Radnor Road, Twickenham, Middlesex. Telephone: 01-892 7007.**

Reunions 1971

IPSWICH

The Copdock House Hotel in its attractive setting, two miles out of Ipswich on the road to Colchester, was the venue for the sixth of this year's regional reunions. Altogether some 83 people enjoyed an excellent lunch, including 18 St. Dunstaners from the First and 16 from the Second World War or subsequent service with the Armed Forces. Mrs. Adkin was the Welfare Visitor responsible for the arrangements and she was assisted by Miss Davis. The date was Thursday, 10th June.

Mr. Ion Garnett-Orme, Vice-Chairman of St. Dunstan's, presided and he was accompanied by Mrs. Garnett-Orme. In his speech after lunch he first expressed the good wishes of Lord Fraser, Sir Neville Pearson and the other members of the council and said what a pleasure it was for him and his wife to be at the Reunion. Time marches on for old soldiers and old sailors, said Mr. Garnett Orme, and most of the men already retired followed hobbies, although some were still at work. He welcomed Mr. F. Grover who retired a few years ago from care of the Boot Department at headquarters and he expressed his gratitude to the staff members present who were ready to help in any way. He congratulated St. Dunstaners and their wives on their bearing and the way they overcame problems, which was so largely responsible for the good esteem in which the name St. Dunstan's was held by members of the public. Mr. Garnett-Orme said that the re-building of Pearson House was coming on well and there were plans to bring Ovingdean up to date after that. He thanked the Welfare Visitors responsible and members of the hotel staff for the arrangements.

Russia

In the June *Review* we reported fairly fully on the speech at earlier reunions in which Mr. C. D. Wills, Welfare Superintendent, described his visit to Russia last September, with Commandant Fawcett and Mr. Dufton. Like all good generals, Mr. Wills had maintained a strategic reserve and, assuming that St. Dunstaners

had either heard or read his previous speech, he had a further series of tales to tell from the vineyards of Souzdal and Pskov.

"There are five airports on the outskirts of Moscow," said Mr. Wills, "and no aircraft is allowed to disturb the peace of the City by flying over it. We landed at the International Airport and were met by the charming secretary to the Blind President of the Society, who acted as our interpreter during the whole trip. She hustled us through the Customs and smoothed our path wherever we went, particularly in the hotels where she was able to obtain rapid service when the need arose. Outside the Airport we were met by a delegation headed by Mr. Boris Zimin, President of the All Russia Society for the Blind, and the wife of the President of the Moscow Section presented each of us with a bunch of irises. We were then driven in a State car to the Leningradskoya Hotel where we were feasted by the whole Board of the Society.

"The next five days were spent visiting factories, schools and technical institutes, all of which impressed us with the major effort being made by the Russians for the welfare of their blind population, which they are doing very effectively on community lines.

Pushkin

"From Moscow we went to Pskov, where the Director of the local branch of the Society was a woman, and she and her staff took us to visit the Estate at Pechroy, which had belonged to the poet Pushkin, maintained as a National Memorial. Our local guide, a most attractive girl student, recited some of his verses in the room he used for his study. We were interested, wherever we went, that a local girl was provided as our guide and they were always University Students, speaking good English, usually with a local accent.

"The next day we visited an ancient fortified monastery in the hills some sixty miles from Pskov. This was founded by a sect of monks who lived at first in caves in the hillside which later became tombs. We



At the Ipswich Reunion, Mr. and Mrs. Ion Garnett Orme congratulate Frederick Harriss who was admitted to St. Dunstan's exactly 55 years ago, also in the picture are James Hancock and Jan Solowiej.

Photo: East Anglian Daily Times

were given lighted tapers and led through these catacombs by an elderly monk. There were hundreds of coffins in vaults seen through small holes in the walls which were lined with small tablets enumerating particulars of the deceased. Strangely enough, the temperature never varies in summer or winter. Afterwards we visited the local blind workers' factory and were greeted with great signs over the doors on each floor in red, white and blue letters which read "Welcome Dear Guests" in English. Here there was a cheerful company and they provided us with an excellent meal with plenty of vodka and champagne to wash it down. About half the journey to this town (we travelled in three cars) was accomplished over a wide sandy track, well soaked with rain, and to keep going the cars had to maintain about 40 m.p.h., slewing from side to side, so that we had to cling on for dear life; but on the return journey we couldn't have cared less.

"Our next destination was Leningrad, where we stayed at the Hotel Astoria, patronised by large numbers of Americans and Japanese, and in the dining room a pop group poured out endless noisy music. Here we were shown the incredible Peterhoff Palace on the Baltic Coast, which was destroyed by the Nazis and is now rebuilt. There are dozens of fountains, illuminated from below, which create a sheen of silver columns of tumbling water wherever one looks across the gardens from the terrace. Our visit to the Winter Palace, or Hermitage, was another awe-inspiring experience for we walked steadily for two hours through chamber after chamber each displaying innumerable paintings and statues and vases in marble and alabaster.

"Back in Moscow, we saw a ballet performed in the New Palace of Conferences in the Kremlin, which seats 6,000 in the auditorium and that evening it was full of smartly dressed people.

"We were impressed by many things we saw in Russia. The amount of motor traffic—there are 9,000 taxis in Moscow and everyone uses them. The girls in mini-skirts and trouser suits—a crowd in Moscow on a Saturday afternoon could easily have been a West End crowd. But, above all, the warmth with which we were welcomed everywhere we went.

"Before leaving Russia we were charged by the War Blinded Veterans to convey to their British Comrades their warm greetings and good wishes, coupled with their sincere hope that the knowledge of your mutual sacrifices may play some part in bringing home to the people of all nations, and their governments, the folly and the tragedy of war and that this will lead eventually to permanent peace in the world of the future."

Percy Stubbs proposed the Vote of Thanks on behalf of St. Dunstaners. He observed that the numbers of men at this Reunion from the two World Wars were about equal and he wished the best of luck to those who were in old age. "We younger ones", he said, "look up to them for inspiration." Mr. Stubbs thanked Mr. Garnett-Orme and St. Dunstan's staff for making the Reunion possible and he also thanked members of the hotel staff.

BIRMINGHAM

The Lancaster Suite at the Savoy Restaurant in Birmingham is spacious and airy with floor to ceiling windows along one wall. It comfortably accommodated some 140 people attending the Birmingham Reunion on June 12th. There were 61 St. Dunstaners accompanied by their wives or escorts and just two women St. Dunstaners, Miss Elizabeth Hodges and Mrs. Eileen Maynard. They enjoyed an excellent lunch, the highlight of which was roast sirloin of beef carved by a trio of white-hatted chefs.

Mr. D. G. Hopewell, M.A., LL.B., LL.D., a member of St. Dunstan's Council who is always most welcome at Reunions, presided. In a brief speech expressing his pleasure at being among St. Dunstaners at the Birmingham Reunion, Mr. Hopewell welcomed a St. Dunstaner attending his first Reunion, Charles Braithwaite of Banbury. He also referred to the presence of Miss M. Street, Miss M. K. Wilson and Miss N. Gough among the guests.

Despite the brevity of his speech, Mr. Hopewell permitted himself one small joke at the expense of his audience: "The Angels were looking for the site of hell," he said, "They looked down upon Liverpool, Manchester and Sheffield but these



Granville Waterworth mentioned his interest in the Royal British Legion at the Birmingham Reunion. Here he is seen, in his position as President, making a presentation to the retiring Patron of No. 7 Branch, Coventry, Mr. T. A. Witby.

places were not hellish enough. Then they saw Birmingham with the traffic winding in and out of the streets and round the Bull Ring and they said to each other, 'At last we have found the site of hell'."

Mr. C. D. Wills, Welfare Superintendent, brought to the Reunion the greetings of war-blinded members of the All Russia Society for the Blind and recalled some of the interesting and amusing incidents of his visit to Russia last September.

Granville Waterworth, of Coventry, spoke on behalf of St. Dunstaners in proposing the vote of thanks. He referred to the granting of the title "Royal" to the British Legion and pointed out that Lord Fraser was President of the Legion for many years. "Like St. Dunstan's, the Legion finances homes and helps sick and needy ex-servicemen. They help to obtain pensions and they try to increase pensions."

Saying that several St. Dunstaners hold high office in Royal British Legion branches and that St. Dunstaners are always welcome at clubs and branches, he went on, "Many of you are getting towards retiring age. My advice is to turn to your local branch of the Royal British Legion. I have been a member for 25 years, on the Committee for 12 years and for the last four years I have been President of No. 7 Branch, Coventry. I can promise you will find it interesting work."

Granville Waterworth thanked Mr. Hopewell for his speech and Mr. Wills and his staff, "For their personal touch in serving St. Dunstaners". He also mentioned Miss Wilson and Miss Street. He thanked Miss I. Newbold, Welfare Visitor responsible for the Reunion and Miss K. M. Broughton, Welfare Visitor assisting and he complimented the Manager and staff of the Savoy Restaurant for the meal and excellent service. In conclusion he acknowledged the debt owed by Second War St. Dunstaners to, "The senior St. Dunstaners who have carried on the torch and shown us youngsters the way".

NEWCASTLE

The most northerly of the regional reunions, the eighth in the series, was held at the Royal Station Hotel, Newcastle, on Thursday, 17th June. Major Mervyn Sandys, J.P., was the member of St. Dunstan's Council presiding, and he was

accompanied by Mrs. Sandys. The arrangements were in the capable hands of Mrs. Plaxton, assisted by Mrs. King. 8 St. Dunstaners from the First and 21 from the Second World War or later were present, and the total company numbered 70.

Major Sandys began his speech after lunch with an admission. It was, he said, the first time he had ever been to the middle of Newcastle, but he was very glad to be at the Reunion with his wife on that day. He told his audience that he came from Cumberland and Mrs. Sandys from Scotland, and he described the Pennines as a barrier between east and west in the North of England. A short while ago he had seen a television documentary on the sinking of the Bismark and it came as quite a shock to realise that this episode occurred just thirty years ago, ten years longer in fact than the period between the two wars. You can suddenly wake up, said Major Sandys, to the realization that we are living in a vastly different age. Peoples ideas, customs and aspirations had undergone a tremendous change. There was, however, a common factor between the ages, both man's humanity and man's inhumanity to man; for example, the recent civil war in Nigeria and the present trouble in Pakistan. We had been involved in terrible wars in Europe in the past, but Major Sandys hoped that entry into the Common Market would put an end to that for ever.

Tribute to Staff

Helping those who had suffered in war was the purpose of St. Dunstan's, and the staff had striven hard to this end over the past fifty-five years. The public at large had shown great generosity and St. Dunstan's was now blessed with good resources. He was glad that service pensions were soon to be raised and Lord Fraser had a large part in that for he kept reminding the government of the day of the ex-serviceman's needs. Major Sandys was pleased to see three St. Dunstaners at the Reunion who came from west of the Pennines, as he did himself, and three from Scotland. He paid a tribute to the permanent staff at St. Dunstan's, who had striven hard over the years, and he thanked them for all that they did.

After Mr. Wills had spoken about his visit to Russia (see report on Ipswich

Reunion), John Perfect moved a vote of thanks on behalf of St. Dunstaners. He extended an enormously warm welcome to Major and Mrs. Sandys. Speaking for all St. Dunstaners present, Mr. Perfect said that he was intensely grateful for all that had been done over the years, and he was grateful to all members of the public who had given so generously. Speaking of the annual memorial service to Sir Arthur Pearson and to the visits to his grave at Hampstead Cemetery on the anniversary of Sir Arthur's death, Mr. Perfect said that there lay a man who had no knowledge of him, but through his energetic work in the cause of humanity and with his insight and his ability to excite the interest of so many people, Sir Arthur in fact was able to continue helping him personally and all St. Dunstaners; he found this a very moving thought. Mr. Perfect felt a great sense of gratitude towards Sir Arthur and all staff and others working for St. Dunstan's. Finally he expressed the thanks of all to Major Sandys, St. Dunstan's and the management and staff of the hotel.

SHEFFIELD

With a total of 107 people present, including 15 St. Dunstaners from the First and 31 from the Second World War or later, this Reunion, the ninth of the series, was being held at the Hallam Tower Hotel for the first time on Saturday, 19th June. It proved an excellent venue with spacious rooms and the day was sunny though breezy. Miss Broughton was the Welfare Visitor responsible and she was assisted by Mrs. Plaxton and Mrs. King.

Presiding, Lord Fraser accompanied by Lady Fraser, first voiced the good wishes of all present to Henry Wood who was celebrating his Golden Wedding that day. Lord Fraser welcomed everybody and especially two men attending their first Reunion, Willie Barker of Bradford, and Donald Spooner of Sheffield. He then told his listeners which members of the staff were present, mentioning first Mr. Lloyds, then the Welfare staff and others. He made a particular reference to the work of the Public Relations Department. The June Review, said Lord Fraser, contained details of the increase in war pensions, payment of which would begin in September, and he described it as quite a good award. He would raise points on this subject in the

House of Lords. (Lord Fraser spoke on 9th July, and a report appears elsewhere in this issue). Lord Fraser spoke of a mother's letter to her son serving in the Middle East. The letter told of illness in the family at home and those who were not sick were in trouble of some other kind; it was a bad year and the news generally was bad. The son wrote back "Dear Mum. Please do not write again. I hope to go to war in peace."

Greetings from South Africa

Lord Fraser said that he had returned from South Africa two months previously. He had attended the St. Dunstan's Reunions at Cape Town and Johannesburg. The organisation there was almost exactly the same as in England and the spirit was exactly the same. St. Dunstan's (South Africa) combated all difficulties as we did and he brought greetings from them. Lord Fraser suggested that these greetings should be returned and this was received with loud applause. He then turned to the important matter of the technical advances which were being made at several centres to assist the mobility of the blind. (See Chairman's Notes). Few people were left who worked for St. Dunstan's at the beginning, but among them was Lady Fraser (renewed applause). Men and women, said Lord Fraser, were gregarious creatures, particularly if they enjoyed a special kinship such as service with the Armed Forces. We had another common experience binding us together, which was blindness. It was a great pleasure, he said, to come and meet everybody and exchange stories about the past. Since a number of friends were now dead you could tell many highly coloured tales of wartime exploits and get away with it.

Robert Forster moved the vote of thanks on behalf of St. Dunstaners. He said that he had only two hours notice of this, but the bar had proved helpful. It was a great pleasure to thank Lord and Lady Fraser and the staff for all that had been done. He was grateful for the inventions to which Lord Fraser had referred, but he did not believe the scientists could do more for St. Dunstaners than the staff. He thanked them, particularly the lady visitors, and the Council of St. Dunstan's who made possible the work of the staff. He also thanked the proprietor and hotel staff who had prepared and served the excellent lunch.

LONDON

After a decidedly wet June, the clerk of the weather must have resolved to mend his ways and he laid on a warm sunny day for Saturday, 3rd July, when the second London Reunion, attended by St. Dunstaners from the Metropolis and Home Counties north of the Thames, was held at the Waldorf Hotel. The rooms provided were the subject of much favourable comment and no less than 203 people were present, including 22 St. Dunstaners from the First and 62 from the Second World War or later. Miss Davis was in charge of the arrangements, assisted by Miss Newbold. The member of the Council presiding was Air Marshal Sir Douglas Morris, K.C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O., D.F.C., accompanied by Lady Morris.

Introducing nine St. Dunstaners who were attending their first Reunion, Henry Doyle, Stanley Edgar, Martin Franklin, Henry Geller, Henry Haskey, George Hawes, Jaroslaw Majchrowicz, James O'Hara and David Purches, Sir Douglas Morris gave a warm welcome to them and to everybody else on behalf of the Council. The Air Marshal said that he did not propose to make a speech, adding that he would resist the apparent custom of telling a funny story on these occasions. He read out a letter from Lord Fraser asking him to convey affectionate good wishes from himself and Lady Fraser to all the company. He then introduced Mr. Dennis Lloyd, a member of the Committee of St. Dunstan's (South Africa) and Vice-President of the South African Legion, who was attending the Reunion with Mrs. Lloyd.

First Reunion in England

Mr. Dennis Lloyd said that this was his first visit to a Reunion in England. He expressed thanks for the warm welcome extended to him and Mrs. Lloyd and said that he brought the greetings of Mrs. Opperman and St. Dunstaners in the Republic. He had visited Ovingdean and was enthralled at the wonderful spirit which he found there. Without discipline there could be no happy spirit, and this spirit had spread all over the world because St. Dunstan's had helped so many chaps. St. Dunstan's (South Africa) held Reunions at Cape Town and Johannesburg on the same lines as those in England and

the most recent Reunion, at Cape Town, had been attended by the State President. Mr. Lloyd then paid a tribute to Tommy Gaygan, who had visited Cape Province five years ago. Everyone there had loved him, his wife and his daughter, Mary. Lastly he expressed his pleasure in addressing so many Londoners. "We think" said Mr. Lloyd "you are the greatest people out".

Next Mr. Wills entertained listeners with an account of his experiences in Russia, after which a vote of thanks was proposed by Bob Pringle, who said that it was a great pleasure to offer thanks on behalf of all St. Dunstaners present to Sir Douglas and Lady Morris. Also to Mr. Lloyds, Mr. Wills, Miss Davis and the Welfare staff who had done so much to make this a happy Reunion. He thanked the hotel management and staff, drawing attention to the gift of Balkan Sobrani cigarettes presented to each guest with the management's compliments.

BRIGHTON

Another sunny and very warm day for the last of the regional reunions held at Brighton on Saturday, 10th July. The Hotel Metropole which was again the venue for this event, was kept cool by the air-conditioning, and this was the largest Reunion with 286 people present, including 54 St. Dunstaners from the First and 69 from the Second World War or later. The member of the Council presiding was The Reverend F. Darrell Bunt, C.B., O.B.E., M.A., accompanied by Mrs. Darrell Bunt.

The list of guests, which included those who had helped St. Dunstan's in various ways and retired members of the staff, was too long for us to give all the names here, but we should mention that among those present at the lunch were Mr. K. S. C. Phillips and Mrs. M. G. Lillie from the Sussex Grocers' Association, and Mr. G. Duckworth and Mr. A. K. Sharp from Southdown Motors. Our new Chaplain to St. Dunstan's, The Reverend W. Popham Hosford, who was attending his first Reunion, said grace before the meal.

In his speech after lunch, Mr. Darrell Bunt said that it was four or five years since he last presided at a Brighton Reunion. He brought greetings from the President, Chairman and members of the

Council and best wishes for a good meeting and for the coming year. He welcomed everyone present with a special word for two St. Dunstaners attending their first Reunion, Michael Hunka and William Medhurst. Unfortunately Mr. C. Bristow, the Mayor's Secretary, who was to have been the principal guest at lunch, could not be present but Mr. Darrell Bunt sent best wishes to him in his retirement, due shortly, and he mentioned the names of the other guests who were there. Mr. Darrell Bunt said that he had attended the annual Grocers' dinner some years ago and had enjoyed it and today he was expressing his thanks. The object of the whole exercise, he said, was for people to meet one another, and Brighton was a very popular Reunion. Pearson House was a talking point, said Mr. Darrell Bunt. He gathered that good progress was being made and St. Dunstaners would be welcome there when it was ready. He had spent thirty years as a Chaplain in the Royal Navy and told two amusing stories collected during a spell of duty in a large boys' training establishment. "I hope," he concluded, "you will have a very very happy day."

Special mention was made of Miss Blebta, Welfare Visitor in charge of the arrangements, by Leonard Howell, who proposed the vote of thanks on behalf of St. Dunstaners. "We gather yearly," he said, "and take it for granted, but Miss Blebta has a lot to do." Most St. Dunstaners looked back to the beginning and to Sir Arthur Pearson. Mr. Howell expressed grateful thanks to the staff at headquarters, at Ovingdean and to the hotel staff.

Presentation

The next event was a presentation to Mr. H. S. Christopher, who retired from his post in charge of Men's Supplies last March. St. Dunstaners had contributed £90.44 out of which an electric Magicoal Fire had been bought and the balance of the fund was in the form of a cheque. Cyril Hobbs, who made the presentation, gave an outline of the main stepping stones in Mr. Christopher's fifty years service to St. Dunstan's, which had been printed in our March *Review*. Mr. Christopher had made many friends over this long period

of years, said Mr. Hobbs, and he wished him a long and happy retirement.

Obviously moved by this tribute to his long and devoted service, Mr. Christopher then expressed his thanks to all St. Dunstaners concerned and said that he hoped he would meet them again in the very near future.

Alderman S. W. Theobald and Mrs. Theobald, Mayor and Mayoress of Brighton, joined the Reunion at tea time. In a brief speech the Mayor said that, on behalf of Brighton Corporation, he had been concerned with the sale of the land in the mid-thirties on which St. Dunstan's, Ovingdean, had been built. He had conducted negotiations with the late Mr. W. G. Askew. Last year he and Mrs. Theobald had called at Cape Town on a sea voyage and he had been surprised and delighted on arrival at his hotel to find an invitation to cocktails from Lord and Lady Fraser, who were also in South Africa at that time. In this he saw the hand of Mrs. Dacre, Lord Fraser's sister, who lived at Rottingdean and seemed to know all that went on. The Mayor said that he was there to bring a message of welcome, but in Brighton they were not likely to forget all that St. Dunstaners had done. In a tribute to the wives, he said that they were wise enough and proud to be married to St. Dunstaners. With a fine Home at Ovingdean, and so many attractive and warm hearted ladies, what more could you ask for, said the Mayor. He explained that he had been unable to attend the lunch because of another engagement, and he and the Mayoress had to go on to a dinner, but they were delighted to be with the assembled company that afternoon. They would carry away pleasant recollections of a memorable occasion.

BANK HOLIDAY, 30th AUGUST, 1971

To all St. Dunstaners who are coming to Ovingdean at the end of August:

The Bank Holiday Dance will be "TRAMPS' NIGHT"!

Dig out your oldest clothes and see if you can be the year's most authentic looking tramp! Ladies too! This is for fun and if you need a little extra courage the bar is open. There may also be a prize or two!

War Pensions

When the Second Reading of the Pensions (Increase) Bill was moved by Earl Jellicoe in the House of Lords on July 9th, Lord Fraser took the opportunity to speak for war pensioners in connection with the provisions under Royal Warrant which paralleled the civilian increases outlined in the Bill. Lord Fraser said:

"For over 50 years all parties in the State, all Parliaments and the People generally have accepted the fact that an increasing burden of responsibility rests upon all the people to see that disabled ex-servicemen—and particularly those disabled in the highest degree—will take a special place in the hearts of the people and that assistance to them out of the pockets of the people will be continued.

"I am glad to think that the pattern set by the nation, the pattern evolved by St. Dunstan's and the pattern of similar other organisations under which very special attention and a great deal of money has been spent on ex-servicemen has found fruit in the civilian field.

"It may well be said that disabled ex-servicemen have done something for others in similar plight by blazing a trail, but I hope that priority for them will go on, because it must be a long time before this nation can afford to up-grade all to the standard of the highest."

Royal British Legion

Lord Fraser associated the Royal British Legion with his thanks to all Governments, including this Government, for the arrangements made for the war pensioner.

"I will deal in brief sentences with the field I know best, of the war-blinded. These men, according to their various degrees of blindness and other disabilities have been granted in the award which parallels with this Bill a rise as from 19% to 28%. That is related to a rise of 11% in the cost of living since the last award was made. So it will be seen as not ungenerous—I will go further, indeed generous. But, of course, the award was made and the rates were set six months ago, there is a gap, the advantage will not be the same in September and will certainly not be the same in two years. The Govern-

ment will, it seems to me, have to consider something more immediate than a two year review if such inflation as we now have persists.

"Here I want to mention one figure only," continued Lord Fraser, "In the three months period from January 20th to April 20th this year the cost of living went up 5 points. It is a valid criticism of the two years period. The noble Earl Jellicoe told us about the gap, the five months gap which he benevolently said that he is going to fill in if I understood him. Is he going to fill it in for the disabled war pensioners?"

The £1 in your Pocket

"May I conclude by giving a very few figures which I feel ought to go on the record. The £1 of the year 1938 was 10 years later worth 51p, practically half. It is now worth 22p—ponder this: under a quarter in half of my life time. If this progression is taken on to the end of the century it will be worth 5p. As everybody knows inflation is the greatest of the problems that faces us. Above all it faces all the categories of whom we are talking and thinking to-day—the old and the disabled".

Lord Fraser concluded by remarking on the increase in the standard of living. "This is something quite different from the cost of living. There has been an increase in the standard of living and what used to be taken as luxuries now become, if not necessities, at any rate enjoyments of life and it is our hope that the old and the disabled, and especially those for whom I speak, may continue to enjoy, each time there is a review, a little of the increase in the standard of living which is the common lot of the British."

NOTE: There was not time in the course of the Friday afternoon debate for Earl Jellicoe to reply to Lord Fraser's important question as to whether the Government intended to include war pensions in the planned addition to the increase of pensions to be awarded in September of a margin to take account of the five month's delay. Lord Fraser has written to Mr. Paul

Dean, M.P., Parliamentary Under Secretary of State, Department of Health and Social Security, the Minister responsible for pensions.

Prime Minister's Statement

Just as we go to press Mr. Heath, the Prime Minister has answered a question about War Pensions. He said: "As I understand it, preferential treatment has been given by Administrations of both parties and it is our intention to maintain that situation." Lord Fraser told the *Review* that this was the very essence and strength of the war pensioner's position.

OVINGDEAN NOTES

On Wednesday, June 2nd, two coach loads of happy punters set off from Ovingdean for Epsom Race Course. Spirits were high for "Derby Day" had arrived at last. The weather, although cooler than last year, was at least dry, and on arrival chairs were unloaded and each person laid claim to a small patch of Epsom turf on which to sit and enjoy the proceedings. As anticipated, the packed lunch and other refreshments provided by the catering staff were excellent, and contributed much to the success of the day. After lunch we moved down to the rails to hear the band march by. Shortly after them came the cavalcade of cars containing the Royal party. The afternoon went by in a pleasant haze of betting, winning (occasionally), losing (frequently), eating, drinking, and wandering round the fairground. Finally we climbed into our coaches again and began the journey home, stopping at a wayside inn to lubricate our throats. The sing-song which followed continued until we drew up at our own front door after a long and happy day.

On Sunday evening following the Derby, members of the V.A.D. staff with guests Mr. Gus Tennyson, Mr. George Farquhar, and Mr. P. Levy, presented a play reading entitled "A Horse! A Horse!" by L. du Garde Peach. This was a comedy about a horse who suddenly began talking. Unfortunately he talked to circus horses who belonged to a Union and learned about strikes and "go slows". I did not hear any of the horses I backed at Epsom talking, but they certainly knew how to "go slow".

For the second Play Reading of the month it was a pleasure to have with us again Mr. and Mrs. Peter Lilley and the Newhaven Amateur Dramatic Society, who presented "Dead on Nine" a spine tingling thriller, full of mystery and suspense.

A treat for gardening enthusiasts (and for those who enjoy the atmosphere of a garden, but not the digging) was a trip to Borde Hill Gardens near Haywards Heath. On arrival the party were met by the owner, Mr. Robert Stephenson Clarke. Mr. Clarke accompanied us on a short tour of the beautiful old house, which dates from 1600 and contains many interesting pictures and a collection of china. Afterwards we were able to stroll round the extensive grounds. After having tea we returned to Ovingdean to tell of the rare and beautiful plants to be found at Borde Hill and of the kindness shown to us by Mr. Clarke and his staff.

The Wednesday Group

The Wednesday Group is still meeting regularly, sometimes to listen to good music or to hear a talk by a visiting speaker. The main activity however, is still to try and set the world to rights with our discussions. The latest of these took the form of an open discussion in which each person was invited to choose an article, custom, building, way of life, law, or what have you, that he would like to see preserved and give reasons for this choice. This type of discussion is always popular as it gives everyone a chance to speak on a subject near to his heart. On this occasion the chair was taken by Mr. M. Guthrie. Mr. J. Stokes was Chairman earlier in the month when Peter Sumner proposed "That the Motor Car has proved to be a Curse rather than a Blessing". Tony Ellis came over from Northgate House to oppose this motion. In spite of the efforts of both speakers to get a clear vote on this issue, there was so much to say on both sides that many members abstained from voting. Maybe the motion should have been re-phrased "That the Motor Car has become a Mixed Blessing", in which case the voting may well have been in favour.

Some months ago St. Dunstaner Frank Hicks spent a holiday at Ovingdean and met V.A.D. Lorna Clarke. It seems Cupid

was lurking around with a spare set of darts at the time, for Frank and Lorna were married on June 16th.

Indeed, weddings seem to have been in the air in June, as our V.A.D. Miss Meiluss became Mrs. Dennis at the end of the month. Happily she will still be working with us at Ovingdean in her capacity as Assistant Escort and Entertainment Sister. We wish a long life and great happiness to both pairs of newly weds.

TELEVISION SOUND RECEIVER

(reprinted from *The New Beacon*, May 1971)

The manufacture of a television sound receiver designed especially for blind people is at present being negotiated by the RNIB. The set will be similar to the usual kind of portable radio except that it will not receive normal radio programmes but only the sound part of BBC 1 and 2, ITV and a fourth TV channel when it becomes available. Tuning will be push-button, and there will be provision for ear-phones, tape-recorder and hi-fi connections. The set will be usable in any area which can receive UHF transmissions, viz. most places where BBC 2 is available (an aerial will be mounted on the set, and should be sufficient for normal reception, but there will be a socket for an external aerial if this is needed).

The set could be made either in a mains-operated version (which would cost something like £26) or in a battery version (which would cost about £25, with batteries costing 50p a set and lasting about 70 hours, or about a month at 2½ hours' use a day). Unless the demand for both versions is considerable, it is most likely that one version only will be produced. A television licence is unlikely to be needed.

Whether and when the set is produced will depend upon the response from potential customers, for the manufacturers need a minimum order if the project is to be feasible, and the Institute asks that those interested should write as soon as possible, stating which version, mains or battery, would be preferable.

St. Dunstaners interested in this project are requested to write to the **Technical Officer, Royal National Institute for the Blind, 224 Great Portland Street, London, WIN 6AA.**

THE EDWIN DICKINSEN LITERARY COMPETITION

The Queensland Society of Blind Citizens, 247, Vulture Street, South Brisbane, 4101, Queensland, Australia, for the Blind and Partially Blind, invite entries for their annual world wide competition.

Category	1st Prize	2nd Prize
Short Story (max. 1,000 words)	\$25	\$10
Essay (max. 1,500 words)	\$25	\$10
Original Poem:		
Humorous	\$25	\$10
Serious	\$25	\$10

All competitors must be of amateur status and they must use a nom-de-plume and give full name and address, also title of entry, in sealed accompanying envelope.

Section and category must be clearly marked on each entry. All entries become the property of the Society, and will not be returned unless specially requested.

Closing date is 31st October 1971.

There is no entry fee.

MY WHITSUNTIDE IN BRITTANY

by Margaret Stanway

It took us eight and a half hours by road to travel from Paris to Pornichet in Brittany, a distance of about 350 miles. With only a cup of coffee at 4 a.m. and breakfast of two croissants and a cup of coffee in a little cafe "somewhere in Normandy", we were more than ready for a meal when we reached our destination.

The object of our visit was to enable me to meet my son-in-law's parents for the first time and this had become possible when he and my daughter bought a car.

The one-floor house was typical of Breton houses; one large living room cum kitchen cum dining room, and numerous bedrooms. The small bathroom contained a washbasin and w.c. but there was no running water and it all had to be carried from a pump outside. The bedroom floors were stained and polished to a lovely golden brown, and everywhere was spotlessly clean. The mattresses on the beds were made of some hard material—prob-

ably horsehair—and the pillow was similar to a bolster, but filled with this same kind of filling. The bottom sheet was very long and covered over the bolster completely, thus cutting out pillow-cases such as we have in this country. At the rear was a large vegetable garden, and we did in fact, have our first new potatoes from there. In the front garden stood a stone-built well and a plant grew up one of the triple "handles". It looked like a large ornamental basket like those used in florist shops for floral displays. No doubt it served a very useful purpose in days gone by!

Made Very Welcome

Because of language difficulties it was hard to converse with Andre's parents, but my daughter Pat was always there to translate. I was made very welcome and I think there was a mutual liking between Madame and myself. She was a wonderful cook and only a minute amount of the food we ate was bought. For example, a Caramel Meringue was entirely home-made and this was served with pieces of a large plain cake she made the previous day. We had Fish Salad as a starter to one meal, and only the fish had been bought. The mayonnaise she made that morning was delicious. Sometimes the new potatoes were boiled in the skins, and these peeled off very easily when they were cooked. Burned the fingers a bit though! Tea was made by adding a teabag to boiling water, and served with hot milk. I tasted fresh sardines for the first time in my life too. (Like the evacuees during the war who did not know milk came from a cow and not from bottles, I had never considered sardines as being real live fish swimming about in the sea!)

A meal can consist of four or five courses, each one served on the same plate (apart from the one occasion when we had a sweet) and the plate being cleaned with bread before the next course. Tossed lettuce was a course on its own, and so were raddish, but crusty bread and delicious butter were always eaten in large amounts. (I often left a little soup or oil and vinegar on my plate to intermingle with the next course. It gave a sort of added piquancy). Breakfast consisted of a bowl of coffee and bread. The French break the bread up and immerse it in the liquid, then spoon it out, but to me it was near sacrilege to

soften this crusty bread, so I ate it separately with chunks of butter. (The French people eat copious amounts of bread, so why are they not all Billie and Bessie Bunters?)

Saint-Nazaire is only a matter of miles from Pornichet, and to those who last saw it during the war when it was nearly razed to the ground, it would be unrecognisable. Wide tree-lined streets, large modern shops, white painted buildings, and a long two-storey Town Hall with gardens and fountains in the forefront. The German submarine pens remain though, and even though the Americans bombed them systematically, they were not able to penetrate one wall. Many of the Bunkers remain around the countryside but the French have put them to good use and use them for storage. People have been known to make their homes in some.

I was taken through villages with their narrow cobbled streets to a small fishing village, where the fishermen in their blue and white striped jerseys and flat hats, busied themselves around the boats. At stalls on the quay women dressed in traditional Breton costume, sold their hand-made lace gloves, table mats, and tablecloths. I sat on the sea wall and in my mind's eye could see vividly pictures of similar fishing villages and women in their mantilla-like head-dress seen in a travel book many many years ago, and here I was, having first hand experience, and with the possibility of visiting Brittany many more times in the future. And I would like that. Very, very much!

DECIMAL CURRENCY

H.M. Government has decided that the changeover period from the old to the new currency shall end on 31st August, 1971. This means that the old one penny and old threepenny coins will be demonetised from 1st September. Members of the general public thus still have one month in which to dispose of old penny and old threepenny pieces, this can be done in one of two ways. The coins can be used to make purchases in £sd shops in amounts of six old pence, or banks will accept them in amounts of one shilling. After 31st August, these coins will have no value except as collector's pieces. The old 6d, 1s and 2s coins continue as legal tender at the value of 2½p, 5p and 10p respectively in the new currency.



Bob Young just holds off Jimmy Wright's challenge at the finish of the 3-mile walk.

Bright Period

St. Dunstan's Sports Week-end

In the wettest June for some years it says much for the righteousness of St. Dunstaners that the sun shone on the competitors at Ovingdean for the Sports Week-end from June 18th-20th. Sharing a place in the sun were five welcome visitors from the British Limbless Ex-servicemen's Association who repaid their welcome by soundly beating St. Dunstan's team in the field sports by 18 points to 6 (Aggregate 186-139). In the pool at the King Alfred Centre, Hove on Sunday morning St. Dunstan's swimmers took revenge, winning by 22 points to 14 (Aggregate 69-38).

St. Dunstaners were honoured to receive their trophies after the Sportsmen's Dinner on Sunday evening from Mr. Derek Boosey, a member of the British Olympic team in Mexico and now Assistant Director of Sport at Sussex University.

In a year of innovations the first was that there was no Victor Ludorum, although readers who are interested can calculate an overall winner by analysing the event results published in table form. Jock Carnochan, Sports Officer, had grouped competitors according to the degree of their athletic achievement as well as disability. This gave groups in which competitors were on fairly level terms. So there were seven groups including BLESMA who had their own individual

competition in which, like St. Dunstaners, their results counted in the team match.

Group winners and runners up were:

Group A (T.B.) W. Phillips 30; J. Simpson 16
 B (T.B.) S. Tutton 33; J. Wright 31
 A (P.S.) E. Bunting 25; J. Cope 13
 B (P.S.) A. Wortley 25; W. Miller 20

Best beginner D. Purches 11

Doubly handicapped W. Richardson 32; W. Griffiths 26
 BLESMA C. Ireland 26; A. Barber 23

Swimming

Group A (T.B.) P. Spencer 12; W. Phillips 10
 B (T.B.) J. Wright 6; C. Stafford and R. Fullard equal 5
 A (P.S.) E. Bunting 10; D. Purches 7
 B (P.S.) W. Miller 8; F. Barratt 4

Doubly handicapped W. Lethbridge 10; W. Griffiths 8
 BLESMA C. Ireland 15; K. Williams 7

Loop Radio System

Another innovation was the direction of some of the runners in the sprint and swimmers in the pool by means of an induction loop radio system. This experiment was most successful and it is referred to by Lord Fraser in Chairman's Notes on another page. The system, which employs a miniature radio receiver tucked behind the athlete's ear, enables him to hear instructions relayed to him through microphone, amplifier and a closed loop aerial, known as an induction loop, laid out around the area of the sports field or swimming pool. The robustness of the equipment was amply demonstrated when Bill Griffiths' energetic dive dislodged the radio receiver which sank to the bottom of the pool. Salvaged, the tiny radio receiver was still functioning perfectly. It may be of some psychological interest to report that Bill, with his radio guide lying on the bottom, pursued a dead straight course up the pool!

Sportsmen's Dinner

On Sunday evening at the Sportsmen's Dinner, Commandant Fawcett referred to the induction loop guidance system, "We think it may have a number of possibilities in a number of directions." Commandant credited Miss Guilbert with discovering an article in the press describing the system and bringing it to his attention, ". . . and then jogging my memory over it again and again. Another thing Miss Guilbert suggested was horse riding and I am very glad that she has had her way and we did a bit of horse riding at the Brendon Riding School at Pyecombe this afternoon."

Commandant continued, "This is always an occasion when I can pay tributes to people who do things for us. This year we have operated a group system to make a fair competition between people of similar capacities, Jock Carnochan has spent a lot of his own time over this." He mentioned Mr. Bill Harris, Mrs. Avis Spurway, The Brighton Institute of Advanced Motorists and Miss Dorothy Phillippo, who prepared all the Braille for the car rally. Finally he welcomed Mr. Boosey to Ovingdean and introduced him as speaker.

Mr. Boosey said: "It is a pleasure to be here. I did not realise how many different sports you go through here. Now that I



A flying start in the sprint by John Cope.

know what happens I would like to come here and help some of you in improving techniques. You must have a goal in sport or life, and sport is life really," he continued, "We are moving into a time when leisure is becoming as important as work, as working hours decrease. If you don't know what to do with your time you will be stuck. I don't think you will be." Mr. Boosey concluded by expressing his thanks, "It is certainly a new experience in my life and I assure you I have enjoyed it."

Peter Spencer replied, "On behalf of all the boys who have been down for this week-end I would like to thank all the staff. On Friday it was raining so much I did not think the sports could take place. I don't know who was praying. Perhaps it was Matron!" He thanked the visitors from BLESMA, "Who have competed so sportingly," and concluded by reiterating St. Dunstaners' appreciation of the staff, "Particularly Jock Carnochan".

The next *Review* will be the October one and St. Dunstaners should receive copies of this at the beginning of the month.

ST. DUNSTAN'S SPORTS

Group Event Winners and Performances

Event	A(TB)	B(TB)	A(PS)	B(PS)	D/Handicapped	TB Beginners
RIFLE points	W. Phillips 34	J. Carney 43	J. Cope 39	D. Purches 44	W. Richardson 33	A. Dodgson 44
3m WALK minutes	J. Simpson 29.00	R. Young 27.30	F. Barratt 30.35	W. Miller 28.53	—	—
1½m WALK minutes	P. Spencer 17.12	—	J. Cope 16.44	D. Purches 16.34	W. Griffiths 16.36	—
SPRINT seconds	W. Phillips 9.9	S. Tutton 11.8	E. Bunting 8.9	W. Miller 11.0	W. Griffiths 12.1	—
SHOT feet	W. Phillips 32'	S. Tutton 24' 9"	E. Bunting 27' 9"	A. Wortley 22' 11"	W. Richardson 18' 8"	A. Dodgson 22' 8"
DISCUS feet	W. Phillips 77' 10½"	S. Tutton 34' 4"	E. Bunting 63'	A. Wortley 49' 11"	W. Richardson 41' 7½"	R. Hamilton 45' 7"
JAVELIN feet	W. Phillips 67'	J. Wright 42' 2"	E. Bunting 68'	A. Wortley 57'	W. Richardson 35'	R. Fullard 43' 2"
M/BALL feet	W. Phillips 36' 10"	C. Stafford 29' 4"	E. Bunting 37' 1"	A. Wortley 31'	W. Richardson 26' 8"	A. Dodgson 27' 5"
L/JUMP feet	W. Phillips 8'	S. Tutton 6' 9"	E. Bunting 8' 7"	W. Miller 7' 1"	W. Lethbridge 6' 10"	—
CASTING feet	J. Simpson 141'	J. Wright 127'	E. Bunting 204'	A. Wortley 161'	—	R. Hamilton 167'
C/RALLY position	P. Spencer 7th	J. Carney 1st	E. Bunting 3rd	A. Wortley 2nd	—	R. Fullard 4th
SWIMMING FREE ST.	W. Phillips	R. Fullard	E. Bunting	W. Miller	W. Lethbridge	—
seconds	15.4	22.8	17.4	F. Barratt 19.0	16.3	—
BREAST S. seconds	P. Spencer 21.2	C. Stafford 26.3	D. Purches 20.2	W. Miller 30.4	W. Lethbridge 22.2	—
PLUNGE feet	P. Spencer 41'	J. Wright 32'	E. Bunting 43' 8"	W. Miller 37'	W. Griffiths 41'	—

TEAM EVENT: ST. DUNSTAN'S v. BLESMA

ST. DUNSTAN'S	Rifle	Shot	Discus	Javelin	M/Ball	Casting	Total Points	Final Place
W. Phillips	34	32'	77' 10½"	67'	36' 10"	120'	6	Second
J. Simpson	21	25'	59' 10"	63'	27' 11"	141'		
P. Spencer	31	23' 7"	56'	40'	27' 4"	—		
J. Wright	20	19' 10"	28'	42' 2"	24' 4"	127'		
C. Stafford	1	22' 4"	32' 4"	36' 2"	29' 4"	—		
Aggregate	15	27	27	26	20	24		
Points	1	1	1	1	1	1	6	Second
BLESMA								
C. Ireland	37	28' 7"	63' 1"	59' 2"	39' 1"	78'	18	First
L. Softley	36	24' 4"	56' 11"	49'	39' 6"	135'		
A. Barber	41	25' 7"	54' 10"	64'	27' 5"	124'		
L. Page	31	19' 9"	47' 2"	36' 5"	32' 3"	—		
K. Williams	36	22' 11"	47' 1"	59'	33' 11"	180'		
Aggregate	38	28	28	29	35	28		
Points	3	3	3	3	3	3	18	First

SWIMMING: ST. DUNSTAN'S v. BLESMA

ST. DUNSTAN'S	Free S.	Breast S.	Plunge	Relay	Total Points	Final Place
W. Phillips	15.4	21.4	32' 6"	—	22	First
P. Spencer	22.3	21.2	41'	—		
J. Cope	19.2	23.8	35'	—		
W. Lethbridge	16.3	22.2	39' 6"	—		
Aggregate	20	24	25	1m 19.2		
BLESMA						
C. Ireland	14.9	22.3	33' 8"	—	14	Second
L. Softley	24.6	27.6	30' 6"	—		
L. Page	23.9	24.3	30'	—		
K. Williams	17.4	23.4	28' 2"	—		
Aggregate	16	12	11	1m 22.2		

Note: Aggregate points are awarded according to the number of competitors in each event. The winner receiving maximum points equal to the number of competitors plus 1, second one less than the number and so on. E.g., in an event with 6 competitors winner receives 7 points, second 5, third 4, etc.



St. Dunstan's Fishing Club

The five days fishing following Sports Week End was well supported, perhaps not by hungry fish but at least with fine sunny weather and enthusiastic fishermen. The following St. Dunstaners attended: W. Richardson, R. Fullard, W. Lethbridge, W. Phillips, W. Griffiths, J. Cope, R. Young, J. Simpson, D. Bell, R. Goding, A. Dodgson, R. Hamilton, F. Barratt with J. Kennedy and J. Carnochan in attendance.

Monday was a choppy start to the week's fishing with a force 4 to 5 cool wind from the NE and a heavy swell, otherwise it was sunny, but this did not deter us from going out. The cool wind kept the usual Mackerel shoals away and although we were about five miles out from Newhaven little luck was with us as everyone settled down bottom fishing and so the first day ended with only a couple of small Huss and two or three small Dabs, hardly enough for the ship's cat.

Tuesday morning presented us with a force 6 to 7 and so fishing was cancelled, although it did flatten out by the afternoon when it was too late to go anyway.

However Wednesday proved to be ideal, very little wind a flat sea and plenty of sun and we steamed out of Newhaven by 9.30 a.m. to the same mark we were at on Monday. Some were feathering for Mackerel and others bottom fishing, all with a little more success than on Monday. Quite a few Mackerel were caught by Dodgson and Hamilton, with once again the Double Disabled leading the field with the best fish of the day, a nice 5½ lb. Turbot by W. Griffiths. At least those who didn't catch anything got well and truly sun tanned and every one thoroughly enjoyed the day.

Thursday was as good weather-wise, again not a lot of fish, R. Fullard a novice to the game, beating Bill Griffiths' 5½ pounder with a 6½ lb. Turbot, and once again not to be outdone David Bell decided to keep the Double Disabled end up with a 13 lb. Spur Dog and Dickie Richardson pulled in a nice Channel Whiting and a few reasonable Mackerel, so all in all the best day so far for fish.

Friday saw the last day of the expedition, again a little bit on the choppy side, so we decided to run along the coast towards Peacehaven and anchored due South of Dickie Richardson's house about two miles out, not quite close enough for Dickie to go home for Lunch. Every one tackled up for a days Dabbing as we were over a sandy bottom and true to its reputation

we all managed to catch a fair amount of Dabs with the odd Mackerel thrown in for good measure. I think it would be fair to say that despite the lack of big catches we all had a pleasant week.

Wednesday evening gave us the opportunity to hold our Club's first A.G.M. details of which are being published and will be promulgated shortly. Sixteen members attended and many interesting topics were discussed, the newly elected Officers and Committee for the year 1971/72 are:

Chairman A. Dodgson
Sec/Treas. J. Carnochan
Weigh Master J. Kennedy
Fishing Adviser D. O'Kennedy

Committee
 W. Richardson
 M. Golding
 R. Hamilton
 D. Bingham

J. CARNOCHAN
Honorary Secretary

ALIVE, ALIVE OH!

So you don't like fishing. Have you ever tried it? I always thought it was no hobby for a blind man. How wrong I was.

A day at the sea means, amongst other things, no traffic noises, plenty of fresh air and best of all, fresh fish. It is another world "away from it all".

Since I started this hobby I have enjoyed the good company of many fellow anglers who are only too willing to assist when any difficulty arises. I spend many absorbing hours at home preparing my tackle and thinking up different methods of luring the fish on to my hook, and not on to the other chap's hook. I urge you to give fishing a try and I feel sure that you will get the same pleasure from it as I do.

Anyone visiting Ovingdean who would like to try a day sea-fishing please contact me at Peacehaven 2290 or Jock Carnochan at Ovingdean and we will make the necessary arrangements for you and advise you as to the cost etc.

ALFRED DODGSON,
Chairman

P.S. You might even contemplate joining the Fishing Club at a later date.

FESTIVAL OF REMEMBRANCE

It is hoped that a limited number of tickets will again be available for the Afternoon and Evening Presentations of the Festival of Remembrance at the Royal Albert Hall on Saturday, 13th November. Any St. Dunstaner who has not previously had the opportunity of attending is invited to apply to me at Headquarters, not later than Friday, 1st October if possible, for inclusion in the ballot for tickets, indicating which Presentation he would prefer to attend.

Those St. Dunstaners allocated tickets who do not live within daily travelling distance of London will be assisted with fares and accommodation for one or two nights at St. Dunstan's expense and will be invited to join the St. Dunstan's contingent in the Cenotaph Parade in Whitehall on Sunday, 14th November.

C. D. WILLS

ST. DUNSTANER'S LONG SERVICE

Twenty-five years ago ALBERT STROUD started his first job after losing his sight in the second World War. He began with Electrical Transmitting Equipment, a subsidiary of the Philips Group and he has been with the group ever since. Appropriately on 25th June, the Directors of MEL Equipment Company gave a reception for Albert at their Crawley Factory. He received a gold watch, a presentation cheque and he invited 40 guests of his own choice who included his colleagues on the shop floor, his sister and brother-in-law with whom he lives at Gossops Green, Crawley and, from St. Dunstan's, Mr. A. D. Lloyds and Mr. L. T. Wiggins.

After he completed his training at St. Dunstan's in 1946, Albert joined Electrical Transmitting Equipment. Later he moved to Crawley to work with MEL where he is at present working on the assembly of plastic inserts to Norbit Logic blocks which are used for the automatic control of machinery. In a quarter of a century of service Albert has never been late. His employers paid tribute to his efficiency and his loyalty to the firm and as a personal gesture Mr. R. R. C. Rankin, Plant Director presented him with an inscribed tankard.



ST. DUNSTAN'S CLOCK

Stewart Survives

They once told Stewart Spence he would not walk again and, indeed, as a result of his war-service in Africa he does find walking difficult. Despite this he completed the 1½ mile walk during our Sports a year or two ago and now he has been showing the same spirit in tackling another challenge—the Bronze Award for survival in swimming. Stewart said there were some spastic children undergoing the test when he was at the pool recently, "and I thought if they can, why shouldn't I?"

The test involves swimming three lengths in pyjamas, treading water for three minutes, taking the pyjamas off and swimming 16 lengths including a surface dive and swimming under water for five yards. After an hour and ten minutes in the water Stewart had finally to climb out over the side unaided. Those who know him personally will appreciate what an achievement this was and understand why he describes the test as a milestone for him.

Domino Champ

The All Devon Domino Champion for 1971 is a St. Dunstaner, Walter Rundle of Paignton, Devon. He won the title on Saturday, 18th June, at Exeter. He holds the silver cup for a year but has a replica to keep. Representing the Paignton Blind Club he scored 127 points which was enough to put him ahead of thirty other competitors from all parts of Devon.

The Moving Pencil

Two items from one St. Dunstaner—but I do not apologise for telling this strange story concerning a poem written in highly unusual, even dramatic circumstances.

It Strikes Me

by Magog

Mr. and Mrs. Rundle brought the poem for me to read and I reproduce it below. The author, who had never written any poetry before, is Brian Passmore, aged 27 and is Mr. Rundle's stepson. His mother, Mrs. Betty Rundle told me how the poem came to be written.

"Last March, while Brian was in hospital, he woke up at five to one in the morning. He got out of bed. It was as if someone was telling him to go to his locker. He took out his writing pad and pencil, sat on the bed and began to write. It didn't seem to him he was writing—the pencil seemed to just move. The poem was finished, without alteration or hesitation within ten minutes."

Later Brian Passmore entitled his poem "Inspiration". Mrs. Rundle told me it has been a great help to him and to others to whom he has given copies.

INSPIRATION

If you feel defeat at hand,
 Just remember how you stand,
 So much to lose, much more to gain,
 So when your confidence is on the wane,
 Think of the future, not of the past,
 The joy when you reach your goal at last.
 A rocky road, it well may be,
 It won't be easy, but you will see,
 The satisfaction, that day will bring
 When you have conquered everything.
 So think awhile before you leap.
 Don't throw your hopes into the deep.
 Bear with it, for I am sure,
 Success, one day, will be yours,
 So to your tasks please, please remain,
 And your efforts, I know, will not be in
 vain,
 So to others give, what you have to give,
 Love, Happiness, the reason to live.



Mrs. Elizabeth Dacre presenting the trophy. Photo: R.A.F. Binbrook

The Dacre Trophy

BY DICKIE RICHARDSON

Some weeks ago Mrs. Elizabeth Dacre invited me to accompany her to Lincolnshire where she was to present the Dacre Memorial Trophy to No. 5 Squadron Royal Air Force, Binbrook. The bronze trophy with three archers in the kneeling position firing arrows which depict first flight is presented annually to the best Squadron in the British Isles for efficiency and all round smartness. It is dedicated to her son, Flying Officer Kenneth Fraser Dacre who was killed in action in the Royal Air Force in 1943.

We travelled to London on Thursday, 1st July to be met at Victoria Station and driven by staff car to Bentley Priory, Stanmore Park where I was introduced to a Flight Lieutenant Davis, whom I later knew as Sandy, and his wife Ann. I stayed with them overnight, while Mrs. Dacre stayed with Air Officer Commanding No.

11 Group, Air Vice-Marshal Bourne and his wife. In the evening I stayed and talked with Sandy comparing the up to date things in the R.A.F. compared with the days when I was in the service 27 or 28 years ago. It was a very pleasant evening as he brews his own beer and, of course, we had quite a few jars in the process.

Next morning a staff car came to pick us up and take us to Northolt Aerodrome where we boarded a De Havilland Devon aircraft. I was given a set of earphones so that I could listen in to everything that was going on while we were in flight. I forgot for the time that this was the first trip I had made for 27 years. The last one being when, after being a Prisoner of War, I was flown back under protest. They gave me a shot of morphine and the next thing I knew I was in the air being flown back. With the earphones I forgot all about this

and it was a very pleasant flight. Even smoother than travelling on most of our main roads.

When we touched down at Binbrook, we were met at the aircraft doors by the Squadron Commander, Wing Commander White and other officers. The parade was brought to the salute and the band played the Royal Air Force March. I was then introduced to Flight Lieutenant Laurie Anderson who I knew as the son of a fellow member of the Guinea Pig Club. Now Laurie was there to escort me for the day.

March Past

Mrs. Dacre presented the trophy to the Squadron Commander and then inspected the parade. During the march past I sat with Laurie and the other officers. After this we adjourned for coffee and met quite a lot of the officers and their wives. I then went across with Laurie to the Lightning fighter aircraft which were lined up on the tarmac. I was allowed to examine the wings and missiles on one of them. Then they were warmed up which, believe me is a terrific noise when they all get going and they took off to give a fly past and an aerobatic display.

As this was not very useful for me, not being able to see it, they had other arrangements and took me to another part of the airfield to the Lightning simulator which allows a trainee pilot to experience the controls of the Lightning without leaving the ground. They sat me in the cockpit and got me to take off and go up to a height of 55,000 feet travelling at 1,000 miles an hour. Then later I primed a missile and fired it hitting an "enemy aircraft". When we got down to 1,000 feet they said, "Carry on. Land it yourself." I played with the throttles and the stick, brought it down very gently and crashed it on the aerodrome! Thank goodness it was a simulator and not the real thing! I don't wish to go through that lot again.

From this wonderful experience we were then taken to the officers' mess where we had drinks and met the chairman of the local Council and all the other officers and wives that we had not met previously. They were very, very friendly and most interested in St. Dunstan's and how we all over-came blindness. We were then given an excellent lunch and then the Squadron



"Dickie" Richardson poses with Flt. Lieut. Anderson in front of one of No. 5 Squadron's Lightnings. Photo: R.A.F. Binbrook

Officer gave a speech in which he presented to Mrs. Dacre a framed picture of her presenting the Memorial trophy, only a matter of two or three hours before. I think this was rather quick and efficient work on the part of the R.A.F. Mrs. Dacre thanked the Squadron Commander very much and went on to refer to the generous financial help St. Dunstan's work for war-blinded men and women has received from the R.A.F. A world-wide collection raised the sum of £130,000 for a special fund to provide holidays and convalescence for the children of St. Dunstaners and the provision of St. Dunstan's Clubs in London and provincial cities.

Return to Northolt

After dinner we were taken to our aircraft which was waiting near the runway and returned to Northolt. Once again I had the earphones on, and the discussion was most interesting because as we got to Northolt there was a smoky haze and we had a talk down which was quite a wonderful experience to hear as they brought us within a mile and a half of the runway.

It really was a great day and I am most grateful to Mrs. Dacre for this opportunity of spending a few hours with the R.A.F. again.

Bridge Notes

The seventh Individual Competition of the London Section was held on Saturday 10th July. The results are as follows:

H. King and R. Stanners	73
W. Allen and H. Meleson	65
R. Fullard and R. Evans	64
J. Lynch and M. Tybinski	64
F. Pusey and R. Armstrong	61
P. Nuyens and Partner	51

DOUBLE DUMMY PROBLEM

BY ALF FIELD

In the May *Review* I left you with a problem for your quieter moments. West was in a contract of 3NT after North had opened "One Heart" and East had over-called with "One Spade". My query was, which suit should North lead and what card, and, can the contract be defeated with best play from both sides? This was the complete deal.

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

I suggested the Lead of the Club King and I do recommend this kind of exercise if you wish to improve your strategy technique. I find that a tabular statement of tricks played helps me, also I need the whole deal handy for quick reference. Perhaps I can help some newcomers if I explain in detail. First examine West's problem after the King of Clubs has been led. He can make 7 tricks for sure and the 2 extra must come from Hearts and Diamonds. Now we erect the tabular statement of tricks as they are played and my running comments.

Trick	N	E	S	W
1	CK	C4	C8	C5
2	CJ	C10	C3	C9
3	C2	H2	C6	CA
4	S5	S2	S8	SQ
5	S7	SK	S10	S6
6	DQ	DJ	D5	D2
7	H10	H5	H7	HJ
8	H3	SA	SJ	S9
9	H4	S4	C7	H6
10	HQ	S3	H8	H9
11	D7	D10	DK	DA
12	D9	D3	D6	D8
13	HA	D4	CQ	HK

COMMENTS

The winning card is in Bold Capitals

Trick 1. North leads Club King, West must not play Ace or N.S. will take 4 Club tricks.

Trick 2. North continues with Club Jack, Ace is still held up. Note East's encouraging reverse discards—akin to a dog wagging his tail.

Trick 3. Clubs are continued and West now wins but has to discard from Dummy—Heart 2 is best—check this.

Tricks 4 and 5. West now counter attacks by leading two rounds of spades finishing in Dummy preparatory to leading Diamonds. Note two things (1) North is reduced to only 2 suits and (2) there were only 2 entries to Dummy, so West does not "run" the Spade suit yet. Now the Diamond suit is the centre of interest so for convenience here it is, prior to trick 6.

	Q 9 7	
A 8 2	□	J 10 4 3
	K 6 5	

Trick 6. The Diamond Jack is led declarer hopes South will cover with the King and if he does, West will play Ace and continue Diamonds to make three Diamond tricks. So South ducks and North must win with his Queen, otherwise E.W. will make 3 Diamond tricks.

Trick 7. North has only two suits, a Diamond continuation would give West 3 tricks—try it—so he sets off lead with the Heart 10 (best).

Trick 8. West has gained a Heart trick but cannot lead diamonds (South would love to get the lead), cannot lead Hearts, so must now "run" his spades hoping for a slip by N.S.

Tricks 8 and 9 are taken by Spades Ace and 4 which now leaves this end play of 4 cards.

♠ —		♠ 3
♥ A Q		♥ —
♦ 9 7		♦ 10 4 3
♣ —		♣ —
♠ —	N	♠ 3
♥ K 9	W	♥ —
♦ A 8	□	♦ 10 4 3
♣ —	S	♣ —
♠ —		♠ 8
♥ 8		♥ K 6
♦ K 6		♦ Q
♣ Q		♣ —

Trick 10. West leads spades from Dummy. South discards Heart 8, Declarer will be forced to lead Diamonds at Trick 11 so he must discard Heart 9. North must retain Diamonds 9 and 7 so he discards Heart Queen.

Trick 11. Whether Diamond 10 or 3 is lead N.S. will now make two more tricks which, plus two club tricks and Queen of Diamonds, defeats the contract. I did mention the important card of the deal was the Diamond 9!

If you want something for to-morrow, try the opening lead of Spades 5 or Hearts 3.

RETIREMENT

MR. P. SCOUSE

After 11 years of service Mr. Percy Scouse retired from Front Hall duties on 3rd July.

Percy, as we all knew him, first operated the lift and collected the post. Later he took on the job of hall porter from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. and his cheery "Good night" as we all left Headquarters for our homeward journey sped us on our way whatever weather awaited us in Marylebone Road.

He also gave willing help to St. Dunstaners on the London Club nights and on the Bridge Saturday afternoons.

We offer our best wishes to Percy in his retirement.



Welcome to St. Dunstan's

On behalf of St. Dunstan's we welcome St. Dunstaners recently admitted to membership. The Review hopes they will settle down happily as members of our family.

William Ernest Brown of Ilford, Essex, came to St. Dunstan's at the end of June, 1971. He served in the 13th London Regiment in the First World War. He is a widower and shares his home with his daughter who is a teacher. Mr. Brown has retired from his occupation of upholstery.

William Green of Birmingham joined us in June, 1971. He served in the Royal Engineers in the Second World War and was a prisoner of war. He has a son who is married.

CHANGE IN STAMPBOOKS

Changes in the way in which stamp-size advertisements are included in stampbooks are being introduced by the Post Office to help blind people. This follows approaches by the Royal National Institute for the Blind and *In Touch*, the BBC programme for the blind.

The familiar British stampbook, which has been in use for 80 years, was designed to fit the wallet or purse. Made up four or six stamps to the page, stampbooks are sold at even prices for customers' convenience, according to the mixture of stamps.

As postage rates change, it is sometimes necessary to make up pages with fewer stamps, to maintain round prices for the books. To simplify production, since 1906 this has been done by printing and perforating blank "stamps", in the sheet with valid stamps. Since 1924, these spaces have been used for notices and for advertisements that help to hold down prices by bringing in extra revenue.

On decimalisation the Post Office issued a new series of stampbooks—at 10p, 25p, 30p and 50p. To make up convenient

prices, the 25p book (with 2½p and ½p stamps) the 30p book (of 3p stamps) and the 50p book (3p, 2½p and ½p stamps) contain stamp-size small advertisements.

For blind people, it is difficult to distinguish these from real stamps and, as soon as this was pointed out, the Post Office ordered changes in the books.

All the small advertisements are carried next to the sewn edge of the stampbooks. Now they will not be perforated at this edge, and blind people will be able to detach stamps and identify the "stub". And in the 25p book where two advertisements appear one above the other, their edges will be smooth-cut. The new books will begin to go on sale in post offices in the Autumn, as stocks of the present books are used up.

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"The Best of Intentions," by Firth Haring, read by Marvin Kane. *Cat. No. 970.*

When the lady on the hill decides to tutor the son of an ex-servant in French she soon finds herself infatuated with the handsome young teenager. He for his part is only too ready to cut another notch in his tallystick of conquests. Her own indiscretions soon put the boy's high school friends wise to the fact that "Leroy is not just boasting." Deciding to end the association she invites him to dinner with her husband and thereby sets the scene for her final humiliation.

A realistic job of work by an American author on three tracks. Not my meat—nor from the sound of it—Marvin Kane's, but that depends on one's taste. Mutton might mix with lamb but shouldn't try to mate.

"All on a Summer's Night," by Maurice Edelman, read by John Richmond. *Cat. No. 1019.*

Jonathan, son of Levi, stepson of Levinson, a wealthy business tycoon, is giving a party in the grounds of his stepfather's luxury home. Levinson has other plans for the same evening. He plans to take over a giant engineering firm and has arranged a meeting with its board of directors.

Isobel Levinson dutifully goes with her husband but slips away as soon as possible to join her son's young friends. Levinson is successful at his business meeting. However, on returning home he seeks out his wife and finds her in a compromising position.

A smoothly-told story, mixing big business with pleasure, and a book which certainly owes much to its reader, John Richmond.

"The Assassin," by L. W. Robinson, read by Derek Chandler. *Cat. No. 1109.*

Summers, assistant to the chief of the American Secret Service, is worried about his boss. Summers is not alone in his anxiety. The chief's Sicilian-born secretary shares his concern, but being a determined woman, intends to protect her boss from the charming schemer with whom he has recently been associating. To this end she calls up her gangster uncle who, being a good citizen and adoring his niece, deals with the matter simply and humanely.

Meanwhile, a maniac is loose in Washington. Perry, a brilliant engineer and explosives expert, is determined to kill the President. But for his chief's negligence Summers could have laid hands on Perry twenty-four hours before he left his home town to come on his bombing mission. The chief regains his equilibrium and of course, pays with his life for his previous inefficiency. Nevertheless, Summers himself has qualms when asked to take over the chief's job.

A nice piece of dramatic writing, ideal for the quiet weekend. One cassette on six tracks.

"Zoo Quest to Madagascar," by David Attenbrough, read by John Graham. *Cat. No. 1017.*

An interesting account of a zoological expedition to the Island, once part of the African mainland, the party's main purpose being to find and study the lemurs—a group of creatures extinct in all other parts of the world, but which still exist in Madagascar, protected by the French administrators.

These creatures are an important link in the chain of evolution which led to man. For they have developed hands and feet which, like the apes, they use to feed themselves and jump from tree to tree. Also



Blind Painter Down Under

Our photograph shows Flt. Lt. Gordon Stent with two girl students at East Preston Technical School, Melbourne, and his picture "On the Road to Damascus." He is the blind painter whose technique we described in the February 1968 *Review*. Gordon Stent, whose home is at Bourne-mouth, made a lecture tour in Victoria, Australia, earlier this year, to explain his method of painting to schools and clubs and at many civic receptions. Nine of the paintings were used on Christmas Cards for sale in Australia to help pay for the tour. The picture "On the Road to Damascus" is believed to be the only painting in the world that has been exhibited alongside sighted work in England and America without disclosing to the organisers that the artist is blind. Both Her Majesty the Queen and Mr. L. B. Johnson when President of the U.S.A. have accepted pictures by Gordon Stent as gifts.

FRANK REVIEWS

found in great abundance were remains of eggshells from a now extinct bird, not unlike the ostrich but much bigger.

As one can expect from the author, a lucid and highly descriptive account.

"Richer Than All His Tribe," by Nicholas Monsarrat, read by Andrew Timothy. *Cat. No. 851.*

When an island off the coast of Africa is handed its independence David Bracken, the British administrator, is pleased to stay on as Chief Secretary to the Premier, the former island chieftain.

The Premier, a cultured young man, once sent into exile by the British, seems the ideal ruler. Until he is struck with megalomania. Bracken, who has given his life to the island and her peoples, is dismayed by the corruption of the police and civil administration. He flies to London for help but is met with bureaucracy, who, even though they have intelligence reports which lead them to suspect that the Russians are installing missile bases, refuse pointblank to interfere. Bracken returns to find that tragedy has struck in his own

home. He reports to the Premier, now President and Lord Protector, and indicts him as a maniacal murderer. For which he is sacked, and after Bracken has departed the chief gets down to his new hobby—planning to take over the Russian missile sites and make himself Lord and master of Africa. Nobody could say that Monsarrat does not know how to tell a story, and here he indicts the Western powers for giving the new countries too much power too soon.

Unfortunately for liberal thinkers like myself, what he says has only too often proved true. A wonderfully-constructive piece of writing, and exceptionally well read.

For St. Dunstan's read St. Bernard

A St. Dunstaner, who shall be nameless, decided while having a shower to wash his hair. "Is the shampoo the one in the big bottle?" he called to his wife. It seemed a very antiseptic shampoo but he got a good lather. Later his wife asked him if the bottle left on the back of the bath was the one he had used. It was. "You might like to know its 'Bob Martin's Germicidal shampoo for dogs'."

Club News

Midland

Considering that our June meeting was on the day following the Birmingham Reunion it was very well attended.

It was good to have our old friend Teddy Mills there and he seemed to thoroughly enjoy himself.

We were able to play off the semi-finals of our domino knock out and the final should be played off next month between Bruno Tomperowski and Stan Southall. The losing semi-finalists were Guy Bilcliff and Doug Faulkner.

The tea for this meeting was arranged for us by Mrs. Hordyniec, and we all thanked her very much not only for an excellent tea but for going to the trouble of arranging and getting the food together on the day of the Re-union.

The next meeting will be on Sunday, 8th August.

D. E. CASHMORE,
Secretary.

GARDENING NEWS

We have news of two Certificates for Gardening which have been obtained by MR. AND MRS. HENRY HASKEY of Harrow, Middlesex.

Our St. Dunstaner, Henry Haskey received a Certificate from the Greater London Council for Front Garden Competitions and was Highly Commended for Front Garden Cultivation on the Headstone Lane Estate.

Mrs. Haskey has received an Amateur Gardening Diploma for excellence in Horticulture for the best rose exhibit at Headstone Horticultural Association Show

ASK NOAH!

HAROLD FRETWELL of Ely says that he has 45 nephews and nieces, 74 great nephews and nieces, 40 great, great nephews and nieces and seven great, great, great nephews and nieces. Is this a record?

Brighton

Please note that the August meeting of the Club has been arranged for Thursday, 26th August, 1971 and NOT 19th as originally fixed.

FRANK RHODES
Chairman Secretary

London

The June prize winners of dominoes at our Thursday club night were as follows:

June 10th **1 R. Armstrong**
2 W. Harding
June 17th **1 J. Padley**
2 W. Miller
June 24th **1 C. Hancock**
2 W. Miller

May I remind you that the London Club will close down from 31st July until 2nd of September to enable our genial Club Manager, Norman Smith to have his well earned holiday.

I would like to thank all members for their continued support, and hope to see you all again in September.

I would like to take this opportunity of wishing you all a happy holiday and my wish is that the sun will shine brightly all through the month of August.

W. MILLER

Family News

Marriages

HICKS-CLARKE. Francis (Frank) Hicks of Teddington, Middlesex, married Miss Lorna Clarke on 16th June, 1971.

GILES-MOLYNEUX. Theodore Giles, late of North Walsham, Norfolk, and latterly living at Ovingdean, married Mrs. Molyneux on 9th July, 1971.

Silver Weddings

Congratulations to MR. AND MRS. STANLEY COE of Ashford, Middlesex, who celebrated their Silver Wedding Anniversary on 20th July, 1971.

Sincere congratulations to MR. AND MRS. ROLAND PILON of Upper Warlingham, Surrey, who celebrated their Silver Wedding Anniversary on 20th July, 1971.

Golden Weddings

Many congratulations to MR. AND MRS. J. HALSALL of High Park, Southport, Lancs., who celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary on 20th July, 1971.

Many congratulations to MR. AND MRS. HENRY PERRETT of Devizes, Wilts, who celebrated their Golden Wedding on 16th July, 1971.

Many congratulations to MR. AND MRS. JOHN H. SMITH of Handsworth Wood, Birmingham, who celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary on 2nd July, 1971.

Very many congratulations to MR. AND MRS. LESLIE E. VANSELOW, of Canterbury, Victoria, Australia, who celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary in August, 1970. They were married whilst Mr. Vanselow was at St. Dunstan's, training in physiotherapy, in 1920.

Grandfathers

Congratulations to:

HENRY DAKIN, of Layton, Blackpool, Lancs., is delighted to announce the arrival of a grand-daughter born on 11th June, 1971, to his son, Arthur and his wife.

ERNEST JENSEN of Eastcote, Middlesex, has another grand-daughter born to his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Oliver. The baby is to be called Nina Elaine.

EDWARD KING of Southend, Essex, became a grandparent on 29th June when his daughter gave birth to a girl.

FREDERICK MORTON of Peterborough is very proud to announce the arrival of a grand-daughter on 6th June, 1971, his daughter, Gillian, having given birth to a daughter.

HARRY WEBSTER of Liverpool, is delighted to announce that he is now a Grandfather for the first time, his son's wife, Margaret, having had a daughter, Michele Catherine, born on 12th June, 1971.

WILLIAM UNDERWOOD of Worcester who is proud to announce the arrival of his first grandchild, his daughter-in-law, Mary, gave birth to a girl in June, 1971.

Great Grandfathers

Very many congratulations to:

FREDERICK WESTAWAY of Yeovil, Somerset, who is delighted to announce the arrival of his first great grandson, born to their grand-daughter in Germany on 23rd February, 1971.

LESLIE WEBBER, Mayor of Tewkesbury, in company with his wife, attended a Royal Garden Party at Buckingham Palace on Thursday, 15th July, 1971.

Joan, daughter of ALFRED BRADLEY of Northwood Hills, Middlesex, married David Tait at the Emmanuel Church, Northwood, on 26th June.

Stephen, eldest grandson of MRS. L. BUSH and the late Frederick Bush, of Northowram, Halifax, married Catherine Marsden, on 5th June, 1971.

Mary Louise, grand-daughter of PERCIVAL PEACEY of Saffron Walden, married Jeffrey Cheyne on 15th May at Cockfosters. A pretty church wedding which both Mr. and Mrs. Peacey attended.

Nesta, daughter of PERCY BLACKMORE of Cardiff married Graham James on 4th June, 1971.

HENRY PERRETT of Devizes, Wilts., is very proud of his grand-daughter, Christine Perrett who has obtained her degree in English at Leicester University. She now goes on to get her diploma in Education and hopes to teach eventually.

Heather Richardson, daughter of "DICKIE" RICHARDSON, has now taken her Adult examinations in Ballroom Dancing. In Modern Ballroom dancing as man she obtained her first Gold bar, commended, and in Latin-American, as man she obtained her third Gold bar—highly commended.

Her brother, Corporal Keith Richardson of the A.T.C. has passed his examinations as a Staff Cadet which now entitles him to wear a yellow lanyard on his shoulder.

Deaths

We offer our deepest sympathy to:

JACK BARKBY of Houghton-on-the-Hill, Leicestershire, who mourns the death of his father early in June, and also the death of his mother-in-law who died in the same week.

EDWIN BRADFORD of Sheffield, who mourns the death of a brother in July, 1971.

WILLIAM JONES of Southampton, who lost his wife after a long illness on 14th June, 1971.

ERNEST RUSSELL of Leeds, who mourns the death of his mother on 20th June, 1971.

The Late Harry Simpson

Mrs. Simpson has asked us to publish the following additional information about her late husband whose obituary appeared in the June Review:—

“Before he re-enlisted in the Royal Engineers in 1938 he served 17 years in the 3rd Battalion, Coldstream Guards. He was always a Guardsman to his St. Dunstan's friends

He left a son and a daughter.”

In Memory

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

Samuel Christopher Enefer. *Royal Engineers.*

Samuel Christopher Enefer of Druids Heath, Birmingham, died on 1st July, 1971. He was 78 years of age.

He served in the Royal Engineers from 1916 to 1919 but his eye-sight did not deteriorate until late in life and he came to St. Dunstan's in 1962. On account of his age Mr. Enefer did not undertake any occupational training but enjoyed frequent holidays at Ovingdean. He leaves a daughter, Mrs. Maisey, with whom he lived, and members of his family.

Ian Napier Scott Galloway. *Royal Artillery.*

Ian Napier Scott Galloway of Paignton, Devon, died on 1st June, 1971. He was 57 years of age.

He served with the Royal Artillery during the 2nd World War and came to St. Dunstan's in 1943. Owing to injuries received during his war service Mr. Galloway was unable to train for remunerative employment. He shared a house with his sister, Miss Katherine Galloway who was a professional photographer in Paignton for many years; unfortunately his sister died in 1969 and from then onwards he was cared for in hospital and more recently, a nursing home in Devon where he died. He leaves members of his family.

William Campbell Gibson. *15th West Yorkshire Regiment.*

William Campbell Gibson, late of Newcastle-on-Tyne and latterly at Ovingdean, died suddenly on 11th July, 1971. He was 78 years of age.

He served in the 15th West Yorkshire Regiment during the 1st World War and was gassed in

France in August, 1918, but his eye-sight did not deteriorate until later in life, and he came to St. Dunstan's in 1959.

He was a bachelor and lived with his cousin, Mrs. Nickols, before going to live at Ovingdean. He was of a very independent nature and loved the North East countryside. He leaves relations and friends.

John Hopwood, M.C. *Royal Field Artillery.*

John Hopwood, of Cranleigh, Surrey, died on the 7th July, 1971, at the age of 83 years.

He served in the First War and was commissioned and mentioned in despatches. He was a Chartered Mechanical Engineer and for many years he lived and worked abroad. He had suffered from mustard gas during the war, his sight ultimately failed and he became a St. Dunstaner in 1965. Over the years his health had gradually deteriorated and he died peacefully whilst he and his wife were staying at Worplesden. He also leaves two daughters, who are married and living abroad.

Claude Moon. *The King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry.*

Claude Moon of Guernsey, Channel Islands, died on 3rd July, 1971, at the age of 74 years.

He served in the King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry from 1914 to 1918 but did not come to St. Dunstan's until 1949. Owing to indifferent health Mr. Moon did not undertake any vocational training but settled in St. Peter Port, Guernsey, where he enjoyed many years of retirement bringing up his family and taking a keen interest in his garden. He leaves a widow and family.

In Memory

Ernest James Flynn. *2nd Battalion Cameronians.*

Ernest James Flynn of Horley Surrey, died on 25th June, 1971. He was 69 years of age.

He served with the 2nd Battalion Cameronians from 1920 to 1924 and was a custodian at the Ministry of Works for a time. He came to St. Dunstan's in 1955 and after initial training was placed in industrial employment. After approximately seven years successful work Mr. Flynn was forced to retire owing to ill health but returned to Ovingdean for hobby training and for a time carried on with homecrafts. In recent years Mr. Flynn did not enjoy good health and in 1967 moved to Horley where he and his wife led a quiet life. His interests were mainly gardening and enjoying visits from his family. Although far from well, Mr. Flynn was able to come to a Reunion in central London this year. He leaves a widow and grown up family.

Patrick Andrew Rice. *Royal Engineers.*

Patrick Andrew Rice, formerly of Manchester, and latterly living at Northgate House, died on 30th June, 1971.

He served with the Royal Engineers from 1916 to 1918 but his eye-sight did not deteriorate for a considerable number of years and he came to St. Dunstan's in 1952. Mr. Rice was a bachelor of a kindly, quiet and retiring nature who came to live at Northgate House permanently a couple of years ago and enjoyed the companionship of his fellow St. Dunstaners.

Charles Edward [Eddie] Roberts. *Royal Engineers.*

Charles Edward Roberts, of Crowborough, Sussex died on 25th June, 1971 at the age of 53.

He served with the Royal Engineers from 1940 to 1944 and came to St. Dunstan's in the same year. He trained for Industry and continued with this occupation until 1955 when, due to ill-health, he had to retire, and continued to live with his parents in the Midlands. On the death of his father in 1960 Mr. Roberts went to stay at Ovingdean but frequently went on holidays to his brother and other relatives. In 1961 he married Mrs. Windibank and they settled in Sussex moving later to Devonshire but did not settle there and returned to Sussex. He leaves a widow and step-daughter who helped Mrs. Roberts with the nursing during Mr. Robert's last illness.

William John Sansom. *Royal Navy.*

William John Sansom of Colyton, Devon, died on 30th June, 1971 at the age of 79 years.

Mr. Sansom was a Chief Petty Officer in the Royal Navy and enlisted in 1911 and he also served in the 2nd World War, was on the reserve in 1939 and was finally discharged from war service in 1945. He came to St. Dunstan's in 1954 and trained in handicrafts.

Mr. and Mrs. Sansom celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary in 1967 and have enjoyed a happy retirement, with their married son and daughter with their families being able to visit them frequently. He leaves a widow and members of his family.

John Shirlaw. *Parachute Regiment.*

John Shirlaw of Charing, Kent, died on 26th June, 1971 after an emergency admission to hospital. He was 56 years of age.

He served with the Parachute Regiment from 1939 to 1947 and joined St. Dunstan's in 1952. Soon after this Mr. and Mrs. Shirlaw were employed jointly as house parents in childrens' homes and carried on with this worth-while work in child care for many years. Mr. Shirlaw then changed his occupation to become a market gardener and in recent years moved to Kent where he specialised in greenhouse work. He was only recently taken ill and leaves a widow and family—Karen and Paul.

Jan Solowiej. *Polish Army.*

Jan Solowiej of Ipswich, Suffolk, died in hospital on 25th June, 1971, at the age of 59 years.

He served in the Polish Army in the 2nd World War and was wounded at Monte Cassino, and was admitted to St. Dunstan's in 1945. He trained in Industry and carried on with this work until 1965 when ill health compelled him to give up. He then undertook a Hobby Training Course and derived pleasure from this. Latterly he did not enjoy very robust health but his sudden death was very unexpected. He leaves a widow.

Archie Edgar Steele Whiting. *Royal Flying Corps, Royal Air Force and Royal Army Service Corps.*

Captain A. E. S. Whiting, of Finchley, London, died on the 10th June, 1971. He was 74 years of age.

He served in the First War, worked as an engineer and had business interests between the Wars and was called up from the Reserve in the Second War, when he was mentioned in despatches. His sight ultimately failed through diabetes and he became a St. Dunstaner in 1953. He did not then take up any serious training, but he and his wife ran their large house as flatlets for business-women and its organisation gave them a great deal of interest. He had been very seriously ill for some months but, after a short time in hospital, was able to be at home, where he died very peacefully. He leaves a widow and step-son, who is married with children and grandchildren.

George Whittaker. *Royal Artillery, West Yorkshire Regiment and the King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry.*

George Whittaker of Ravenscliffe, Bradford, Yorkshire, died in hospital on 18th June, 1971, at the age of 63 years.

He served in the Royal Artillery, the West Yorkshire Regiment and also the King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry from 1928-1939. His eye sight did not deteriorate until later and he came to St. Dunstan's in 1967, when on account of his age did not undertake any vocational training. However, he was a keen member of the Royal British Legion, was very fond of music and also enjoyed holidays at Ovingdean.

His health had been very precarious of late and he was admitted to hospital gravely ill at the beginning of the month. He leaves a widow and members of the family.



SPORTS FLASHES

St. Dunstan's winning swimming team with Derek Boosey after the presentations: (L to R) Peter Spencer, Wally Lethbridge, Johnny Cope, Derek Boosey, Bill Phillips.

At the Brendon Riding School John Simpson is thoroughly enjoying being in the saddle.

In a close finish in the swimming events, David Purches just beats Ted Bunting.

