



St Dunstans
REVIEW
OCTOBER



At Edinburgh Castle, Mr. and Mrs. Ron Ellis and Mr. and Mrs. Wally Thomas with Mr. Webster and Mr. Levett from Ovingdean.

Deaf Reunion

by RON ELLIS

The date 12th August, the password 'Tally-ho chaps' and we are off to a flying start to enjoy a superbly planned deaf Reunion full of wonder and excitement.

On Thursday evening Commandant and Matron gave us a great welcome with sherry in the Committee Room. Our guests this year were Lord and Lady Fraser of Lonsdale and Dr. O'Hara. During the drinks there was a lot of talk and banter and we all had a very interesting talk with Lord Fraser about our occupation and hobbies. To talk to Lady Fraser is such a pleasure, as one can feel her kindness and understanding. Of course, our dear friend the Doc. was in top form nipping around having a natter to all of us.

The sherry having given our tummies a sharp appetite we all made a bee line to the fourth floor dining room where a

wonderfully prepared dinner awaited us. Having filled up to capacity and with smiles of satisfaction we all sat back, lit up our cigs and listened to the speech which Lord Fraser gave, then it was back to more drinks and a talk in the Committee Room. Time soon flew by and we were all feeling a little tired and merry, so it was off to bed to get a good rest in before the great day. Our sincere thanks to Commandant and Matron for such a grand evening.

Friday, the big day! Everyone up bright and early and away from Ovingdean the time being 7.15 a.m. and Matron waiting at the entrance to make sure everything was all in order and to wave us off. On arrival at Gatwick the weather

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COVER PICTURE: At Edinburgh Castle Ron Ellis admires a pikeman's armour from the 15th century.

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CHAIRMAN'S NOTES

St. Dunstan's at Brighton

On the 12th August, Lady Fraser and I went to Brighton to pay one of our routine visits and also to meet our deaf blind St. Dunstaners, who were holding their weekend reunion at Ovingdean. Happily, their numbers are very small. This visit left me with two or three impressions, which I think are worth recording.

Considering the tremendous double handicap when you are both blind and deaf and are thus cut off from normal communication and are deprived of the interest afforded by radio and the talking book, I have nothing but praise for these men and their wives and families. I made a brief speech and this was translated into the hand language by my friends' wives or members of the staff and I marvelled at the speed and efficiency with which this was done. It did not seem to me to take any longer than making a speech to a German, French or Afrikaner audience and waiting for it to be translated.

I am sure every St. Dunstaner, who has his hearing, would join me in admiring the bearing and activity of our colleagues, who have only Braille and the hand language to keep them in touch.

Another impression was at Northgate House, where some 23 St. Dunstaners who require special help are now living during the rebuilding of Pearson House. In the main these men are necessarily of the older generation and Lady Fraser and I were deeply touched by our talks with them and the care and affection shown them by the staff.

I was told that there were 94 St. Dunstaners—men and women—at Ovingdean and thought of its immense value for permanent and semi-permanent residents and for holiday and convalescent visitors. 94 is a large number, but there were still a few vacancies and I urge any St. Dunstaner, who feels a change would do him good, to apply for a holiday period there. I am sure he would enjoy it.

War Pensions

In the August *Review* I indicated that I had written to Mr. Paul Dean, the Minister who deals with war pensions, asking if the Ministry intended to increase the rates a little further to take account of the rise in the cost of living between March, when the first announcement was made, and September, when the payments were to be made,

I have now had a letter from Mr. Dean, explaining that the adjustment upwards, to which reference was made in the House, was related to certain civilian pensions and not to war pensions, because the new war pension rates had already taken account of the prospective rise in the cost of living.

Accordingly, this attempt to get the rates improved even more has not succeeded; but it is always worth having a go. I still think—as I have said before—that the new rates are a good and even a generous improvement and these will, I hope, give satisfaction to St. Dunstaners. I repeat that I have warned the Government that, if the cost of living rises severely and makes the rates inadequate, we will return to the matter again.

By the time this note appears in print, St. Dunstaners will have drawn their war pensions and allowances at the increased rates to which we have previously referred, particularly in the detailed supplement which was included in the June *Review*. If any St. Dunstaner or widow is in doubt as to whether he or she has received the right amount, I suggest a letter should be addressed to the Pensions Officer, Mr. L. Slade, at P.O. Box 58, 191 Old Marylebone Road, London, NW1 5QN.

The Gubbay Bequest

All through its history, St. Dunstan's has confined its objects to helping those who have been blinded through war service causes, but every year we receive a number of requests for admission from servicemen and ex-servicemen who have lost their sight from a variety of causes unconnected with their service in the Forces and for which they are not entitled to a disability pension. We have always felt that such persons, particularly those who had hoped to make a career in one of the Services or who had been regulars for many years, were in an unfortunate position, and would be happier in re-establishing their lives if they could be rehabilitated and trained in an organisation with a service background.

However, a lady called Mrs. Diana Gubbay recently died and left St. Dunstan's a sum of money, not only for blinded ex-service persons in its narrowest sense, but by the terms of her Will also for blind persons who did not specifically lose their sight in a war or warlike operation.

St. Dunstan's Council has given most careful consideration to this bequest and we intend to use it to help—particularly by way of training and settlement in an occupation—ex-service and semi-military persons who go blind from any cause and whom we are unable to admit as St. Dunstaners.

This may mean that in future a few persons who are not specifically war cases may come to Ovingdean for rehabilitation and training where we have some spare capacity. In one sense there is nothing very new about this because—as some older St. Dunstaners will remember—there was a time when we helped the R.N.I.B. by training a few civilians as telephone operators and for many decades the R.N.I.B. have contributed materially to the training of our physiotherapists.

The costs of anything we undertake for this new purpose will, of course, be met from the Gubbay Bequest and not from St. Dunstan's funds, and St. Dunstaners can be assured that they will quite properly continue to have every priority; I am sure that all will appreciate this modest extension to our training numbers, and will welcome any new trainees when they meet them at Ovingdean.

Ireland

I suppose almost every St. Dunstaner will have served with Irishmen, even if not in an Irish regiment, and we recall to mind their cheerful attitude towards life and their warm-hearted comradeship. Now Ireland is in a turmoil and thoughtful people everywhere are very anxious about their Irish friends. St. Dunstaners will like to know that at the time of going to press our men and their families in Ulster, though surrounded by trouble, are nevertheless safe and well and we are constantly in touch with them.

We may all like to pray for a happy issue out of their afflictions.

Fraser of Lonsdale

COMING EVENTS

Chess Week-end

The Chess week-end is to be held at Ovingdean from **Friday 12th to Sunday, 14th November** inclusive. Would any St. Dunstaner wishing to attend please get in touch with **Mr. C. D. Wills, Welfare Superintendent** at Headquarters.

1971 OIVINGDEAN BRIDGE CONGRESS

As has already been notified, the Annual Bridge Congress will take place this year from **Friday evening, 19th November to Monday, 22nd November** inclusive.

Due to accommodation problems it would certainly assist if members of the Bridge Club intending to take part, would send in their names as soon as possible, to the **Bridge Club Secretary, P.O. Box 58, 191, Old Marylebone Road, NW1 5QN.**

Please also give the name of your partner and for those unable to do so all endeavours will be made to find him or her a suitable partner for the Bridge Congress events.

WARMINSTER CAMP

The Warminster Camp was rather later than usual this year, the weather, after a cold, wet June, was glorious. Run as usual by our friends the Warminster Rotarians under the leadership of Vic Harris and following those early West Country Camps started and run for many years by Miss Oliphant, remembered with pleasure and affection by many of the older St. Dunstaners. It was a very happy occasion.

There were about 14 St. Dunstaners attending, most of them Campers of many years standing with two newcomers who were made very welcome. The Rotary Club does a marvellous job of organisation from the moment of arrival of the Youth Centre to the last lunch on the last morning four days later. The accommodation at the Sergeant Student quarters at the School of Infantry are very comfortable, single rooms with running hot and cold. The army certainly

WALKING

Would all walkers please make a note of the following events arranged for the new season.

1971

16th October 1½ miles at Ewell
23rd October 5 miles at Crystal Palace
20th November 3 miles at Ewell
18th December 4½ miles at Ewell

1972

29th January 6 miles at Ewell
19th February 7 miles at Ewell
11th March 7 miles Championship at Ewell

W. MILLER

Football—International Matches

It is possible that in future we may be able to obtain a small number of tickets for International Football matches played at Wembley.

Any St. Dunstaner interested in attending a certain match with his escort should contact me at least two months before the match is to be played, indicating the approximate price he is prepared to pay for tickets.

C. D. WILLS

does you well these days. The Sergeant's Mess all that could be desired.

A word of warning to any St. Dunstaner eager for a very pleasant long week-end in the West Country with jolly and most efficient hosts. Camp membership is only by invitation, all applicants carefully screened!

The days, maybe a shade too hot, though not for the annual garden party at Mrs. Robertson-Glasgow's delightful home. We heard with sorrow of the sudden death of Mrs. Robertson-Glasgow early in August. She has for many years been a good friend to St. Dunstaners and we shall sorely miss her friendship. The lovely day, the lovely garden and the beautiful voice of her daughter Crystal singing will remain a fragrant memory for all of us privileged to be there.

It was a stunning day at the Lansdown Racecourse at Bath on the Saturday, no fortunes made and the losses best forgotten, a very happy occasion.

The surprise of the Camp to find a Black Watch Sergeant in the Sergeants' Mess. Of no good Highland or Lowland blood, a mere Sassenach, but with a fine taste for whisky. Trusting we have not blotted that copy book this year, we look forward to another year, another Camp with sunshine every day and not by any means least, the company of those charming, delightful Rotarians who waited on our every whim and made us feel happy and likeable—no mean feat!

AN OLD CAMPER

SUSSEX GROCERS' OUTING

On Wednesday afternoon 14th July, over 100 St. Dunstaners and their escorts were taken by coaches and a mini-bus from Brighton to Hampton Court Palace where they were entertained for tea at the Greyhound Hotel and Tiltyard Restaurant and also where some local St. Dunstaners joined the party.

After visiting the gardens etc., the whole party embarked on two specially chartered boats for a trip on the River Thames to Richmond where the coaches were waiting for the return journey. On each coach was a "supper bag" for each passenger thoughtfully provided by the Kingston Grocers Association.

A stop for liquid refreshment was made at the White Hart at Beare Green and it would appear that everyone had a thoroughly enjoyable outing despite some mechanical trouble in one of the coaches.

THANK YOU

I would like to thank you all for the very pleasing electric fire and cheque which were presented to me at the Brighton Reunion by Mr. C. Hobbs on your behalf. The fire will always be a reminder of the warm friendship I have shared with you all for so many years.

I would also like to thank my colleagues on the staff for presenting me with a motor mower which is already proving its worth in helping to keep the garden of my new home in Kent neat and tidy.

Good luck to you all and God bless.

H. S. CHRISTOPHER

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.

Thomas Duxbury of Barrow-in-Furness joined St. Dunstan's in July, 1971. He served in the Royal Signals during the 2nd World War as a regular soldier. He is married.

Brinley John Andrew Griffiths of Swansea, joined St. Dunstan's in August, 1971. He served in the 1st World War in the Royal Navy. He is a widower with three grown-up daughters.

Harry Clifton Hedington of London, S.E.19, came to St. Dunstan's in July, 1971. He served with the Royal Artillery in the 1st World War. He is a widower with five daughters and four sons, and he lives with his two unmarried daughters.

Percy Pitkin of London W.14, came to St. Dunstan's on 23rd August, 1971. He served during the 1st World War in the Army Cycling Corps. After the war he worked as a master builder and has now retired. Mr. Pitkin is married with one grown-up daughter.

Daniel Francis O'Sullivan of London, S.E.5 became a full St. Dunstaner in July, 1971. He served in the Royal Field Artillery during the 2nd World War.

Walter Ernest Varnam of Todmorden, Yorkshire, joined St. Dunstan's in August, 1971. He served in the 2nd World War in the Royal Army Pay Corps. He is married with a grown-up daughter.

Calling G4AFV

Congratulations to TOMMY GAYGAN of Harrow, Middlesex, with his call sign G4AFV, who is working 20 metres with great enthusiasm.

Building Costs and Home Insurance

Almost every year since 1939 building costs to the home owner have risen. Unfortunately, during the last few years the rate of increase has accelerated. This means that every year, when the building policy insurance renewal premium arrives through the letter box, thought should be given as to whether or not the cover is sufficient.

Recently a trade journal has shown that, for every £100 of building costs in 1939, the equivalent outlay to cover the same items in 1971 would be £530.

A St. Dunstaner wishing to obtain advice on this particular subject can either get in touch with his local St. Dunstan's staff surveyor or write to the Estate Department at Headquarters. St. Dunstaners who hold a Sun Alliance building policy through St. Dunstan's agency will be receiving with their next renewal notice a calculation showing the amount of the existing cover, the year in which it was fixed and the percentage increase in building costs since that time. The calculation will also suggest a revised figure based on current building costs. Obviously this figure could not take into account any recent improvements to the property that may have been carried out, but no doubt it will prove to be a useful guide.

The other policy which should be examined each year is that covering the contents. Additional furniture may have been acquired since the last time the policy was renewed and replacement costs rise where perpetual inflation exists, in the same way as they do for the building. Again, St. Dunstaners needing advice on this subject should get in touch with the Estate Department at Headquarters.

Someone Somewhere . . .

Mr. Wills has received a letter from **Mrs. Elizabeth Baker** of 57 Bywong Street, Toowong, Brisbane, Queensland 4066, Australia, who at the end of the last War, organised the despatch of food parcels to many St. Dunstaners through the Toowong Branch of the Countrywomen's Association. Mrs. Baker would welcome letters from any St. Dunstaners who remember her.

STAFF RETIREMENT

Miss Howell

After thirty-two years' service Miss EVA HOWELL retired from Head of the Netting Dept. on 31st August. Miss Howell came to St. Dunstan's just after the outbreak of the Second World War as an "improver" in the Netting and Rug Dept., where she helped to get the products ready for sale to the general public. In 1952 she took charge of the Department. Miss Howell was popular with everyone. We send our best wishes to her for a very happy retirement.

REUNIONS 1972

Every St. Dunstaner will be receiving in a few days time a letter from Mr. Lloyds, the Secretary of St. Dunstan's, informing them of the Reunion arrangements for next year when we shall mark Lord Fraser's 50th year as Chairman of St. Dunstan's.

We are very glad to say that Lord and Lady Fraser will be present at all three Reunions, the dates of which are as follows:

LONDON 29th April Grosvenor House

BRISTOL 20th May Grand Hotel

LIVERPOOL 17th June Adelphi Hotel

UNEMPLOYABILITY SUPPLEMENT

Would St. Dunstaners please note that if your wife or an adult dependant caring for your children and residing with you goes out to work, she may now earn £9.50 per week and still qualify for the full wife or adult dependant allowance of £3.70 per week. If her earnings do not exceed £14.20 per week, the allowance will be paid at a reduced rate.

Claims should be addressed to the Controller, Department of Health and Social Security, Norcross, Blackpool FY5 3TA quoting your war pension reference number.

C. D. WILLS

Christmas Copy

We should be pleased to receive contributions from our readers for the Christmas Review. Stories, poems, letters or quizzes wanted as soon as possible, please.



Trying his hand at Basket-ball shooting, Harry Wheeler comes near to scoring.

Photos: H.M.S. Daedalus

Paddy Humphreys strikes a statuesque pose as he throws the javelin.



H.M.S. DAEDALUS

by
PETER SPENCER

For some, Friday, 13th August may have started with some trepidation, but this was not so for the St. Dunstaners travelling by coach from London and Brighton to start yet another unforgettable week aboard H.M.S. *Daedalus*.

After stopping for Tea "en route" we duly arrived, stepping off the coach into bright sunshine and a greeting as warm as the day from those great friends of St. Dunstan's, Mrs. Spurway and her Committee. Then it was time to be introduced to our personal guides for the week, those truly wonderful boys of the Gun's Crew, known from that moment onwards as "The Dogs."

Off now to the P.O.'s quarters—Hotel-like accommodation here and absolutely marvellous food. The choice is good, in fact you name it and the boys here serve it, and in addition there is early morning tea, mid-morning coffee and afternoon tea and cakes.

The list of varied activities and entertainments for the week is truly extraordinary. Outdoor Sports are quite a feature, and under the persuasive influence of Mrs. Spurway, Ben and Bill Harris, a fair number join in. Young and old, win or lose, it's all good fun. Another outdoor activity which proved enormously successful was the Gliding on Sunday afternoon.



St. Dunstaners and 'Guide Dogs' board the SRN6 Hovercraft for their Solent cruise—one of many varied outings arranged by the Navy.

Photo: H.M.S. Daedalus

This certainly is an experience that shouldn't be missed should the opportunity come one's way.

Hospitality

Now the events are coming thick and fast.—Cruises to the Isle-of-Wight and the wonderful hospitality of the Royal British Legion at Cowes. Sunday morning Service and then in the evening a very well organised Car Rally, a Hovercraft Cruise on the Solent or Sea-fishing trips for the enthusiasts. The choice over the week just seems endless, or instead, you can just sit or lie out on the lawns in front of the P.O.'s Mess and relax the hours away in the sunshine.

Social functions in and around *Daedalus* do indeed add greatly to our enjoyment throughout the week, and one can only be there to appreciate fully the friendship and hospitality extended to us wherever we went.

It could be the Ward Room, Caravan Club, or with our good friends in the Drill Hall at Titchfield. Another evening it would be at the Eagle Club or Lunch at the 106 Club, and of course those many happy hours in the C.P.O.'s Mess where the Lounge and Refreshment Bar never seem to close. There was Music, Dancing, entertainment from professional Singers, a Comedian and an Organist, thanks to the family of the late Dennis Deacon, who provided this as a tribute to his memory and for good measure on the last day, a rousing, foot-tapping Concert given by the Royal Marines Band.—Indeed a wonderful week.

You may say "What, no snags at all?" Yes there is, just one! For the remaining 51 weeks of the year, life just seems to be "Marking time".

EDITOR'S NOTE:

Sports Results—November *Review*.



The Right Hon. The Viscount Head, Chairman of the Royal National Institute for the Blind and a number of members of the Council of the Institute, and of the Talking Book Board attended a ceremony in Bolton, Lancashire, on Tuesday, 7th September, when Lord Fraser unveiled a plaque recording the fact that this library was in future to be called the "Ian Fraser Talking Book Library for the Blind". Lord Head said they were glad to pay this tribute to Lord Fraser who had instigated the talking book project in Britain some 35 years ago and had been Chairman of the Board ever since. Replying Lord Fraser said he was very proud to have his name associated with the talking book enterprise.

Photo: Tillotson's Newspapers

TRIBUTE TO MRS. ROBERTSON-GLASGOW From Harry Perrett

Many St. Dunstaners will learn with deep regret, the death of MRS. ROBERTSON-GLASGOW of Hinton Charterhouse, Somerset, on 15th August. Mrs. Robertson-Glasgow will be remembered by all St. Dunstan's campers, those of the Bath and Bristol area, and who attend the Bristol Reunion.

As a V.A.D. in the early 1920's she first became interested in St. Dunstan's, helping with sport and the Little Gaddesden camp and later with other camps. In 1926 she started an annual garden party for all St. Dunstaners and families, in the

Bath and Bristol area. What wonderful parties they were, with sports and many competitions which were all great fun. In 1937, when the Warminster camp was started, all campers were invited to these parties, which went off with great gusto. She carried on with this until a few weeks before her death.

To all who knew her she will be remembered with her sweet quiet voice and her charming personality. Sadly Mrs. Robertson-Glasgow is no longer with us, but she has left behind to all who knew her, some very happy memories.



IT STRIKES ME

Prime Minister's Plate

Readers will remember Leslie Webber, as Mayor of Tewkesbury, presenting the first of a series of Spode plates commemorating the Tewkesbury Festival to her Majesty the Queen. Number three he presented to Tewkesbury Council and I wondered what would happen to number two. Leslie now tells me he handed it to Mr. Edward Heath after luncheon when the Prime Minister visited the town towards the end of July. "He was going on to a Conservative rally in Gloucester and came to Tewkesbury for a brief reception by the local Conservative Association. Afterwards my wife and I met him outside the Abbey House and accompanied the party into the Abbey where the Vicar conducted him round. Mr. Heath played the organ for a few minutes. He was shown the medieval cottages, visited by the Queen in April, by the Chairman of the Abbey Lawn Trustees. He also visited the new Swimming Baths which were part of Her Majesty's tour. When I took leave of him he said he had greatly enjoyed his visit and I have since received a letter of thanks from him."

"The Wightman"

It may fairly be said that St. Dunstan's aims to assist each blinded ex-serviceman or woman to realise his or her full potential despite all the limitations imposed by the disability. We must all rejoice, therefore, when one of our number, after many years of patient effort in his particular field of interest, rockets into prominence as a result of his individual efforts. This has certainly

happened to journalist Eric Bradburn, from Southport, for whom since his marriage in August, 1970, the sun appears to be shining brightly.

With his wife as co-director and himself as Chairman and Managing Editor, Eric launched a new monthly magazine in April of this year. *The Wightman* aims to interest its readers in all aspects of the affairs of the Isle of Wight. It carries clear and outspoken editorial matter and excellent articles by a number of contributors. The issue dated 21st August, for example, consists of 36 pages including an 8 page Tourist Board Supplement. The magazine carries a number of photographs as well as advertisements to help it pay its way.

On the cover of this August issue is a photograph of the island's Governor, Earl Mountbatten of Burma, who also contributes a most interesting article "My Island." There is an article by a local personality, who combines his work as a butcher with a journalistic career and appears to be something of a philosopher. There are articles on the cash and carry business, a tour of island caterers and of the island shows, a music and record review, other special articles and letters to the editor. And, yes, Lord Fraser's Chairman's Note, "Inventions for the Blind—St. Dunstan's leads the way" is re-printed from our own August Review.

One photograph shows Mr. Bradburn, hand resting lightly on a headlamp of his Austin Princess car, about to set out on a journey to meet Mr. Edward Heath at Cowes. Indeed, the Prime Minister is said to be a regular reader of *The Wightman* and a message from him is printed in this number. "In its short life", says the journal, "*The Wightman* has gained a very steady and consistent circulation among thinking people not only on the Island, but all over Great Britain. We do not claim a mass circulation, neither do we want it, but we can modestly say that the top people are among our regular readers".

At its price of 10 new pence, *The Wightman* does seem to be very good value for money, and we wish continued success in this enterprise to Eric and Mrs. Bradburn.

MAGOG

Ovingdean Re-visited

Mayor and Mayoress of Brighton Call

On July 26th the Mayor and Mayoress of Brighton, Alderman and Mrs. Stanley Theobald were welcome visitors to Northgate House and to Ovingdean where they lunched with Mr. A. D. Lloyds, Commandant Fawcett, Matron Blackford, Matron Hallet and other members of the staff.

Northgate House

Their visit was at the suggestion of the Mayoress who had been disappointed when, due to other engagements, she and the Mayor were only able to spend a short time at the Brighton Reunion. Their first call was to Northgate House where they were welcomed by Matron Hallet and Miss Meldrum and then shown over the wards where the Mayor and Mayoress took the opportunity to chat with a number of St. Dunstaners as well as to the staff.

At Ovingdean before lunch the Mayor addressed St. Dunstaners in the Lounge. "It may surprise you to know," he said, "that during the last war, I was the person responsible for requisitioning this building, after you had all gone, for the Navy, when they were blitzed at Portsmouth. I haven't been inside this building from that day until this and I really felt I wanted to come along and say 'hello' to you here in your home."

A Big Thank You

The Mayor said everything was just as he had known it would be, "I remember this building being built, I know the dedicated attention that is given to you. The Mayoress and I, on behalf of all Brighton townfolk would like to say first of all a big thank you for all you have done for us in the past; another thank

Alderman Theobald talks to Dorothy Phillippo and her pupil, Eddie Allchin, in the Braille room.



A greeting from the Mayoress for David Mattheson at Northgate House.

you also to those who look after you now. We can feel when we go away that you are being looked after—that you are happy and cheerful. It always amazes us how cheerful you always are. We hope that Brighton is being a proper host to jolly good folk like you."

After luncheon, the Mayor and Mayoress toured the Ovingdean building, saw training in progress and watched some of St. Dunstan's bridge players in the Wintergarden.

Ovingdean Notes

Since our last report, two months have gone by all too rapidly, and when we look back over our crowded calendar we wonder (a) if we really can have fitted in so much and (b) how we can possibly write about all of it. The answer is that (a) we did and (b) we can't! So we must be selective and, at the same time, try to give a general idea of our "goings on".

As usual at this time of year, we have had our full quota of guests and there have been constant comings and goings of holidaymakers. Most have taken advantage of the proffered entertainments and, as well as evening engagements in Brighton at the Dome, Theatre Royal and Palace Pier, have enjoyed outings in the daytime. Among these were the Brighton Re-union, already fully reported and the Grocers' Outing to Hampton Court. This proved as popular as ever and, thanks to Mrs. Lillie and all her helpers, a happy afternoon was spent in and around the Palace and steaming up the Thames. Among the afternoon drives, two were of special interest. The first, in July, was to the Bentley Wildfowl Collection at Halland, where we were the guests of Mrs. Askew and had the pleasure of being escorted by her on a tour of this fascinating haven for wild birds. Then in August we visited Michelham Priory at Hailsham—always rewarding with its beautiful interior, its long history of Augustinian Canons, its

medieval moat and peaceful garden. Sussex is full of interesting places and all our special outings of this kind are proving to be enriching experiences, providing us with great topics of conversation.

Two Sunday evenings in the Lounge during July were the occasions for some exciting sounds provided by first, by Mr. V. Henry and R.N.I.B. friend from Southwick who, with some young colleagues, brought his highly sophisticated Hi-Fi equipment and a programme of very enjoyable music, and, later, the Brighton Tape Recording Club, who paid us one of their ever welcome visits. This type of evening listening is exceedingly popular with all our St. Dunstaners and the Lounge was full for the two concerts. Both parties have promised to come again and will find an ever ready place in our programmes. One other evening of note in July was the Southdown Supper, when Commandant accompanied a party of St. Dunstaners to the Brighton, Hove and District Club in Hove for a most enjoyable party given by Mr. Duckworth, General Manager, and all the Staff of Southdown Motor Services. Our friendly association with the Southdown Company goes back very many years and their continued hospitality all this time has been a great source of pleasure to many St. Dunstaners.

Women's Cricket

The Summer Term for trainees came to an end in July, of course, and to round off our Wednesday Group activities we met, paradoxically enough, on a Friday, to greet a special guest. This was Rachael Heyhoe, Captain of the England Women's Cricket Team, who came to talk to us about her travels and Women's Cricket in general. What a delightful girl she is, with her own personal blend of charm, wit and humour! She is the first lady speaker we have had for our Wednesday group and we would welcome more of her calibre. We wonder, incidentally, how many St. Dunstaners were listening on Radio 3 to the Headingley Test Match when, during Saturday's play, Rachael answered listeners' letters. Among these was one sent by Jim Chell, on behalf of himself and several other St. Dunstaners here, and her kindly references to St. Dunstan's delighted us all. We say a big "Thank you" to

Rachael and hope she won't forget to visit us again when she is down this way.

Also at the end of the Summer Term came the Sussex Fortnight. Our regular happy band of racing enthusiasts turned up and philosophically accepted whatever came their way, either with betting or weather. We had no sooner waved a fond goodbye to them, when the Deaf Reunion was with us, and as Ron Ellis has reported fully on this separately, it is sufficient to say that it was, as always, wonderful to have our Deaf Blind friends with us again. Wally Thomas was able to join us for one of the trips to Brighton Museum, as the guests of Mr. Victor Sheppard, Curator of Antiquities, which took place immediately after the Deaf Reunion. Mr. Sheppard makes these visits so very rewarding and we spent a happy afternoon there, examining objects connected with different aspects of folk and country life. The most popular item seemed to be a scold's bridle, a horrid contraption which, when fixed in position around the face and head, must have been highly effective in stopping the most scolding tongue. But, Gentlemen, here let us point out that it isn't always necessarily the ladies who need this kind of discipline!

Bank Holiday

Having begun by saying that this must be a selective report, we seem in the end to have covered a fair amount of ground generally. All the same, with such a wealth of incident upon which to draw, we still have to skip several items. We must just mention one of our play readings which took place during Bank Holiday weekend. This was a sparkling, sophisticated comedy called "Relatively Speaking" by Alan Ayckbourn, and the readers were Mr. and Mrs. Peter Lilley, Mr. Michael Holland and Mrs. Jean Dennis, with narration by Dorothy Williams. Both cast and audience enjoyed themselves tremendously and the standard of performance was very high.

Bank Holiday Weekend also brought "Tramps' Night". This was well publicised beforehand and a number of noble souls turned up in all the old clothes they could muster. It caused a great deal of merriment and well earned prizes went to Mrs. Bob Evans, Mrs. Winnie Dean, Mrs. Dorothy Williams, Mr. Reg Page,

Mr. Arthur King, and Mr. le Roy Bird. Miss Ramshaw and Matron Hallett very kindly came along to judge the costumes and it was such a great pleasure to have them with us.

It is of extra interest that the first prize won by Mrs. Bob Evans for her truly wonderful effort, was a statuette of a tramp sitting upon a bench, which came from the workshop of Reg Page. We much appreciate Reg's kindness in providing this prize, which won a great deal of admiration from all present. It will surely always remind Mr. Evans of a happy and amusing evening.

Frank Reviews

Cat. No. 815

Inspector Ghote Plays a Joker by

H. R. F. Keating

Read by Garard Green

Inspector Ghote of the Bombay Police is not over-delighted when he is summoned to his chief's office and given the task of guarding the life of the last remaining flamingo at the local Zoo. Nor is he any more delighted when the said bird is neatly despatched by a marksman at the very commencement of his duties. Now he sets out with zeal to catch the culprit, but to his further annoyance he is given a most stupid sergeant to assist him.

Ghote, a long-suffering fellow, grits his teeth and gets on with it. On catching his man he finds that he cannot make an arrest. But someone else takes the law into his own hands.

An amusing piece of fiction, well read by Garard Green, who evidently knows how to imitate a Bombay "Welsh" accent.

Cat. No. 958

Goat Song by Frank Yerby

Read by George Hagen

Ariston, a young Spartan lad, is sent to his death at the wars because of false accusations of incest with his mother.

When his comrades, outnumbered and encircled by the enemy, lay down their arms, Ariston prepares to die like a Spartan and charges the enemy. His life is saved by a friend who strikes him from the rear. Sold into slavery Ariston is much

prized by his master, the keeper of the Athenian bath house, who finds him excellent entertainment for his homosexual clients. He is rescued from this by a high-class prostitute who persuades a nobleman to buy his freedom and adopt him as his own son.

Ariston now has wealth and regains his dignity, but is denied Athenian citizenship, which he craves. The gods do not smile on him but he receives inspiration from his mentor, Socrates. It is the execution of Socrates which eventually determines him to take leave of his beloved Athens, for which he has fought, and retire with his bride to a farm in the country, where he finds peace and happiness.

I suppose guts and gore are the main themes of this work, but it is well written and holds the interest throughout.

Cat. No. 841

Honey by Elizabeth Jenkins

Read by Elizabeth Proud

Like its title this book is sickening. Written by a woman for women, I will say no more except that I found this to be six tracks of tripe about a female who knew her onions.

Cat. No. 872

The Dominant Fifth by Audrey Laski

Read by Peter Barker

When a member of a musical quartet learns from his doctor that he has leukaemia and only a few months left to live, it staggers not only himself and his wife and family but also his colleagues. They who have worked as a team with him for twenty years cannot bear the thought of replacing him, and yet they must if they are to survive as a unit.

This book is an excellent work in situation character studies.

Cat. No. 1011

The Quartet by Jean Rhys

Read by Judith Whale

Maria, lonely English chorus girl from a good but impoverished family, meets and marries Stephen a charming Polish art dealer. Living in Paris she arrives home one day to find he has been arrested on a charge of theft. When he is sent to gaol she

is left penniless and is befriended or so she thinks by the English wife of a German. It transpires that the English lady wants her only to satisfy the amorous nature of her husband. Stephen who is deported at the end of his sentence steals back to Paris to visit his wife and finds that she has fallen in love with the German. So he in his turn takes a lover.

That basically is the story. It is written from the woman's angle and will mainly interest the girls.

There are some very nice character studies in it, as the author captures the national traits of each individual very well. The story lacks lustre however and I got the impression that the reader was rather bored while making the recording.

Cat. No. 839

Next Season by Michael Blakemore

Read by Peter Barker

A young actor finds success and failure, romance and rejection in his summer season with a repertory company. He hopes, as do all his colleagues to be re-engaged for the next year, but when his hopes are dashed he decides to give up the stage. Then another offer comes along. The love scenes (off stage), are a bit lurid and the warning at the front of the book is more than justified.

Seven tracks of good entertaining writing, very well read by Peter Barker.

Cat. No. 1023

Think of a Number by

Anders Bodelsen

Read by Peter Barker

A Danish bank cashier finds evidence of a plot to rob his own branch, and determines to turn it to his own advantage. The crook is not pleased however when he hears that the bank has lost a far greater amount than he has gained by his planning and approaches Baulk the bank cashier to split the difference. Baulk outwits him and is quite happy for a couple of years while the robber serves his sentence. Then he finds the tables turned on him dramatically and he is left with a far greater burden on his mind. A nice easy flowing narrative in which the author clearly keeps the sympathy of his reader with the cashier.

CLUB NEWS

SUTTON

The Sutton Club will meet as usual at the Adult School, Benhill Avenue, Sutton, on:—

Saturday, October 16th.

Saturday, November 13th.

Saturday, December 18th (according to present bookings).

We now cancel any meeting when the weather is really bad—last January for instance when the day we should have met provided both black ice and fog. Any new member thinking of coming along and finding the weather bad should telephone either the Chairman, John Taylor at 894-9741 or myself, at 858-3003, to make sure that the meeting is still being held.

In addition to our meeting at the Sutton Adult School we have had some very happy afternoons in the homes of our members—a nice change from a Hall, especially in summer.

DIANA HOARE,
Secretary.

MIDLAND

Although holidays have been thinning out attendances at club meetings we have still managed to have a gathering each month.

Our July and August meetings were both quiet, a few dominoes were played in July but, for a change, we tried our hand at "Bingo", at the August meeting. Some very large money prizes were at stake but no one went home wealthy!

Teas were arranged for us by Mrs. Bilcliff in July and Mrs. Kibbler in August, we all thanked both ladies for a lovely spread.

On Sunday, 5th September we made our annual trip to the Royal British Legion at Stratford-on-Avon to meet old friends once again.

We were made as welcome as ever and an excellent tea had been laid out for us by the Ladies Section of the branch.

It was a beautiful day and so we all went for a walk around before and after tea, some going for an enjoyable trip on the river.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

From Douglas Parmenter of Heathfield, Sussex.

I was interested to hear on the news that a man had been paid £27,500 from public money, for being nearly blinded by an act of criminal violence. This amount properly invested and even allowing for tax, would bring in an income of £8 more per week than an unemployable, married, war pensioner receives even at the new rate coming into force in September. Furthermore, this same amount would be available to his eventual widow. If the Government were to pay over a lump sum to be administered by St. Dunstan's realistic pensions could be paid to its members and their widows, and eventually save the country money. What do others think?

EDITOR'S NOTE

The report referred to by Mr. Parmenter said that:

"A man, aged 37, who lost his right eye and most of the vision of his left eye after being struck with a glass in a public house, was awarded £27,500."

Our Legal Officer, Mr. D. J. G. Jones writes: "The award was made by the Criminal Injuries Compensation Board, a

CLUB NEWS *Continued*

On returning to the Legion after our walks we were greeted with a tot of liquid refreshment—very enjoyable!

This was our last outing for this year, the next event is our Christmas dinner, although we may manage an evening meal one night before that.

The Annual General Meeting is our next item on the calendar, **Sunday, 10th October**. Come along then and air your grievances or hold your peace for another twelve months.

D. E. CASHMORE,
Secretary

HAROLD FRETWELL of Ely would like to thank Frederick Lock of Gosfield, Essex, for the friendly help, advice and equipment he has given him in the planting and setting out of plants in his garden.

body set up to provide compensation for people injured as a result of criminal acts whereas War Pensions are payable under the various Pensions Warrants."

From Alf Bradley of Northwood Hills, Middlesex.

"NOW READ ON . . ."

Although I've not yet read right through The month of August *Braille Review*, So far, to command my attention, Three times I've noticed people mention Such things as Prayer and Righteousness, And where to place hell for the best. Oh yes, I know it's said in jest, But still it roused my interest. Quite carelessly each generation Has joked about The Man, The Nation, To mention nothing of The Book, Inside whose page we never look, That now, we use imagination, And in our shallow contemplation, Accept, and blissfully deceive, By many things which we believe. Why not, with real hilarity, Consult the True Authority? Open the Book before we're dead, Beginning at the place, "Thus said . . ."

Hilariously yours. . . .

GARDENING NEWS

The results of various Horticultural shows held all over the country during the Summer months have begun to come in and we have pleasure in announcing the following prize winners:—

William Harding of Finchley.

In this year's Finchley Horticultural Society's Flower Show Mr. Harding gained four prizes—two first and two seconds for roses.

Thomas Wilson of Grimethorpe, Nr. Barnsley, Yorks.

In his local show Mr. Wilson obtained: 1st Prize. Any Cut Flowers. 3rd Prize. Any Cut Flowers. 1st Prize. Best Allotment and received a Cup for this.

Tom Taylor of Leyland, Lancs., broadcast on B.B.C. Radio Blackburn on 4th August and 8th August on the Radio Programme "Off the Cuff".

BRIDGE NOTES

The Seventh Individual Competition of the Brighton Section was held on Saturday, 24th July. The results were as follows:—

J. Chell and Partner	83
F. Griffiee and A. Dodgson	75
S. Webster and J. Huk	66
M. Clements and W. Scott	60
P. Pescott Jones and Partner	58
A. Smith and J. Whitcombe	57
F. Rhodes and H. Kerr	55
F. Mathewman and R. Bickley	53

The Eighth Individual Competition of the London Section was held on Saturday, 4th September, and the results are as follows:—

H. King and W. Allen	71
P. Nuyens and R. Fullard	71
M. Tybinski and R. Evans	65
Mrs. King and Miss Scott	64
V. Kemmish and R. Stanners	56
R. Armstrong and W. Miller	51

AVERAGES FOR MATCHES PLAYED

Position	Name	Average per Match
1	M. Tybinski	70.50
2	H. King	68.833
3	J. Lynch	68.50
3	F. Pusey	68.50
5	R. Armstrong	67.666
6	R. Evans	66.666
7	W. Allen	65.666
8	R. Fullard	65.00
9	R. Stanners	64.50
10	P. Nuyens	61.00
11	V. Kemmish	59.40
12	H. Meleson	57.333

Last year's winner: H. King. Average 70.20.

R. ARMSTRONG

NEVER ENDING BRIDGE SUCCESSES

We learn from the *Brighton and Hove Gazette* that, at a Bridge Duplicate of set hands, Sammy Webster, Treasurer of the Bridge Club, and partnered by Mrs. Buttimore, playing North-South, were a very good first. Nine tables took part.

SUIT COMBINATIONS

By Alf Field

Here is another "Actual" Hand which came my way and has some interesting features. I played in "Four Hearts" and West led the Club 10.

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

I am opposed to leading "Doubletons" against a Trump Contract but this story is factual. I will give you the actual play and you may wish to check the defence with your own at each Trick and mentally register your own play up to Trick 5.

Trick 1. Clubs 10-Jack-King-Ace. South wins.

Trick 2. 3 and 4 take out three rounds of Trumps (North and East discard small cards).

Trick 5. South leads Club 7. West plays 8. North Plays 3! and East plays 2. West is on lead and South needs 6 out of 8 tricks.

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

South has no difficulty in making 6 tricks—check me. Should East have overtaken with the 9 at Trick 5? It does not matter, but check me please. Let's go back to trick 1, most of you know the Golden Rule—"Cover an Honour with an Honour

if you think you or your partner can gain by so doing. It is not so easy to decide on the spur of the moment but a guide for newcomers in cases such as this is—where there are two touching honours in Dummy it is usually right to wait and cover the 2nd Honour when it is led. Thus East holds off at Trick 1. plays Club 4 (a slightly encouraging thump of the tail).

Trick 2-3-4. Take out trumps.

Trick 5. South leads Club Ace, West 8, North 3, East 2! (Noted by West and South)

This is the position now:—

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

Can South make 5 tricks? Note that (1) South has lost his Club entry into Dummy (Trick 1) and (2) that his spade and Diamond suit combinations need the enemy to lead them. If you study these problems you appreciate the standard plays for various suit combinations. May I leave you with this problem—Can South now get his contract?

BRIDGE DRIVE

On Saturday, 24th July, fifteen St. Dunstaners and their partners took part in a Bridge Drive at our London Club Rooms in Old Marylebone Road. A pleasant afternoon's game was enjoyed by everyone.

The prizes were graciously presented by Mrs. Ann Watkins, wife of Danny Watkins, our St. Dunstaner. The winners were as follows:—

1st Paul Nuyens and Mrs. Molly Byrne
2nd Roy Armstrong and Miss Sheila Lyons
3rd Joe Carney and Mrs. S. Horstead

In his speech R. Evans expressed his gratitude to our friends from other Bridge Clubs who had come to partner the St. Dunstan's members. He also thanked the ladies for the splendid tea they had served.

R. ARMSTRONG

LADY ANSELL

In *The Times* of the 1st September, the following item appeared:—

"Lady Ansell, aged 62, of Bideford, Devon, died yesterday after being knocked down by a lorry which mounted the pavement at Mere, Wiltshire.

"Lady Ansell was the second wife of COLONEL SIR MICHAEL ANSELL, organiser of the International Horse Show and chairman of the British Show Jumping Association."

The Council of St. Dunstan's and all St. Dunstaners and staff express their deep sympathy with Sir Michael and his family.

STAFF OBITUARY

Mr. S. C. Hall

Readers will be sorry to learn of the sudden death of MR. S. C. HALL on 20th July, 1971. Since his retirement in 1966, after 47 years with St. Dunstan's he had been living at St. Leonards-on-Sea.

Mr. Hall came straight from the Mercers School to St. Dunstan's in 1919 and his work was always connected with the distribution of raw material and marketing of goods made by St. Dunstaners. He became Home Industries Superintendent in 1956. Mr. Hall had a keen appreciation of music and whilst living in London he used to play the organ at St. Mary's Church, West Hampstead.

The funeral took place in Hastings on 28th July, 1971 and St. Dunstan's was represented by Mr. P. Townsend and Miss E. Howell, both retired, but long service members of the staff who knew Mr. Hall. He leaves a widow and two sons.

Well Played

St. Dunstan's chess players will be pleased to know that the British Blind Players' Chess Championship was won by **Reginald Bonham** during the British Chess Federation's Annual Congress held in Blackpool in August. Mr. Bonham, formerly head of mathematics at Worcester College for the Blind, has been a great benefactor of chess in St. Dunstan's, instructing and adjudicating at chess weekends at Ovingdean. At Blackpool he scored 5½ points out of a possible 7 finishing half a point ahead of the runner-up, Geoffrey Carlin of Leicester, who was the holder of the title.

FAMILY NEWS

Births

TO MR. AND MRS. ALAN WORTLEY of Lincoln, the birth of a daughter, Sian, on 8th August, 1971, a sister for Richard and Rachel.

Marriage

FRANCIA—CHARLEY. Paul Francia of Portsmouth married Miss Thelma Charley on 16th August, 1971.

Silver Weddings

Congratulations to MR. AND MRS. ERNEST ALEXANDER of Moordown, Bournemouth, Hampshire, on the occasion of their Silver Wedding Anniversary on 6th August, 1971.

Warm congratulations to MR. AND MRS. JOHN DAVIES of Braunton, Devon, who celebrated their Silver Wedding Anniversary on 14th September, 1971.

Many congratulations to MR. AND MRS. ROBERT FORSTER of Leeds, who celebrated their Silver Wedding Anniversary on 14th September, 1971.

Sincere congratulations to MR. AND MRS. JOSEPH HAMILTON of Nottingham, who celebrated their Silver Wedding Anniversary on 5th September, 1971.

Hearty congratulations to MR. AND MRS. JOHN PERFECT of Sunderland, who celebrated their Silver Wedding Anniversary on 14th September, 1971.

Ruby Wedding

Congratulations to MR. AND MRS. WALLACE SCOFFIELD who celebrated their Ruby Wedding Anniversary on 16th July, 1971. They had to celebrate their day at Alton General Hospital as Mr. Scofield has been a patient there since 1964.

Golden Weddings

Warmest congratulations to MR. AND MRS. HAROLD ACTON of Cleveleys, near Blackpool, who celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary on 23rd July, 1971.

Many congratulations to MR. AND MRS. WILLIAM CLAMP of Stony Stratford, Wolverton, Bucks., who celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary on 10th September, 1971.

Many congratulations to MR. AND MRS. GEORGE CROYDON of Highcliffe, Christchurch, Hants., who celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary on 29th August, 1971.

Sincere congratulations to MR. AND MRS. ARTHUR HAZEL of Caversham, near Reading, Berks., who celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary on 15th August, 1971.

Hearty congratulations to MR. AND MRS. GEORGE LEE of Hingham, Norfolk, who celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary on 1st September, 1971.

Grandfathers

Congratulations to:—

WILLIAM GLOVER of Bristol, on the arrival of another grand-daughter born to their daughter on 3rd June, 1971. The baby is to be called Dawn Michele.

HENRY HASKEY of Harrow, on the arrival of a second grandchild, born on 5th April. He is to be called Steven James.

TOM HIGGINS of Halfway, Nr. Yeovil, Somerset, is delighted to announce the arrival of his first grandchild, born to his son Peter and his wife, on 16th June, 1971. He is to be called Ian Peter.

HORACE KERR of Ovingdean, Brighton, Sussex, on the arrival of a second grandchild. His son's wife has given birth to a second boy, born on 9th May, 1971. He is to be called Gareth Edward and is a brother for Andrew.

HAROLD KING of Dunstable, Beds., is proud to announce the birth of a grandchild, Susan Carol on 8th August, 1971, born to his daughter, Janet.

JOSEPH HAMILTON of Nottingham on the arrival of his first grandchild on 10th August, 1971, when Susan gave birth to a boy, Neil David.

JAMES MINTER of Ruislip, Middlesex, became a grandfather for the first time when his daughter, Gillian Thorn, gave birth to a girl on 8th July, 1971, who is to be called Tracy.

ALBERT SERDET of Staines, Surrey, is pleased to announce the birth of a second grandchild born to his elder daughter Rosemary on 12th June, 1971. The baby is to be called Naomi Claire Freegard and is a sister for Rachel.

DANIEL MCCARTHY of Northampton, who is pleased to announce the arrival of a grand-daughter on 12th July, 1971, his daughter Susan having given birth to a girl.

Great Grandfathers

Many congratulations to:—

ROBERT FINCH of Solihull, Warwickshire, who is pleased to announce the arrival on 30th June, 1971, of his first great grandson, to be called Duncan.

EDWARD WEST, D.C.M., M.M., of Egham, Surrey, on the arrival of a great grandchild, Caroline Lesley, who was born on 9th July, 1971.

Paul, son of WILLIAM CLAYDON of Morecambe, was married to Barbara Dray on 24th July, 1971.

Peter, son of the late SIDNEY DOY of Ashford, Kent, married Gillian Churcher on 3rd April, 1971.

Elizabeth, daughter of FREDERICK LIPSCOMBE of Exeter was married to Graham Dick on 4th September, 1971.

Brian, younger son of WILLIAM GLOVER of Bristol, was married on 25th September, 1971, to Barbara Cox of Keynsham. The wedding took place in Bristol.

Marian, daughter of MICHAEL LAWTON of Edgware, Middlesex, married Ronald Chesington, on 18th September, 1971, at St. Anthony's Church, Edgware.

Jane, daughter of WILLIAM SHEA of Brampton, Huntingdon, married Robert Carlton Boyd of Stonely, Huntingdon, in August, 1971.

At Dulwich College Chapel on 27th August, 1971, Pat, elder daughter of EMRYS TUCKER of Dulwich, married John Simpson. The bride recently obtained a degree in Classics at the Leicester University.

Marie, daughter of MRS. WATSON and of the late David Watson of Newry, married Christopher Coffey, B.A., on 30th July, 1971.

Christine, daughter of JOHN BLACK of Shiremoor was recently presented with her Queen's Guide badge and certificate by the Northumberland County Commissioner. She is a member of the 1st Holywell (St. Mary's) Guide Company.

Leslie, son of ERNEST BUGBEE of Harefield, Middlesex, has successfully completed a three year course and gained a diploma in the Institute of Marketing.

Amongst visitors to the United Kingdom in recent months were the Reverend Michael Norman and Mrs. Norman from Cape Town; they also visited relatives in Canada and Europe. Their elder son, Nicholas, has been working for the past year in an insurance company in London and has returned to South Africa with them.

Jonathan, 20 year old son of TED BARTON of Ambleside, Westmorland, graduated in June, 1971, with Double First Class Honours in the English Tripos examinations at Emmanuel College, Cambridge. After a term of post-graduate Teacher Training at Exeter College, Oxford, he will be going, under Voluntary Service Overseas, to lecture in English Literature for a year at the University in Cuttack, Orissa, India.

This is a double "Double First" in this family. Ted Barton, Jonathan's father, left Emmanuel College, Cambridge, in 1940, with a similar distinction, but in his case in the Mechanical Sciences Tripos.

WILLIAM CARR of High Wycombe, Bucks., reports that his son, William, has continued his studies and recently received a degree with honours in English and Drama at Reading University.

JOHN DOUGLAS of Barking, Essex, is pleased to announce that his son Frank has obtained his B.Sc. (Economics) with Honours Class II(i). This was obtained at Leicester University and Mr. and Mrs. Douglas attended the ceremony.

ROBERT FORSTER of Leeds is pleased to announce that his son Ian has now obtained an Upper Second Class Honours in Chemical Engineering and is now entitled to call himself Bachelor of Technology. He is taking up his first post as a trainee manager with a Leeds firm.

His daughter Hilary, has now passed ten major examinations in connection with training to be a dancing teacher and will be taking her advanced examinations in 1972.

ERNEST SAYERS of Birchington, Kent, tells us that his grand-daughter Stephanie Fraser, now aged 20 years, has obtained her B.Sc. at Aberdeen University and is now working in the Criminal Courts in Aberdeen.

David, son of JOHN PERFECT of Sunderland, has recently passed out of Dartmouth College with very good results and an excellent final Report.

Deaths

We offer our very sincere sympathy to:—

AUGUSTUS HENRY RODGERS of Barrow-in-Furness, Lancashire, who mourns the death of a sister on 28th July, 1971.

FRED WAREHAM of Poole, Dorset, who announces the death of his mother on 6th July, 1971. Mrs. Tubbs was well known to many St. Dunstaners.

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.

William Eaton. 3rd Battalion, 14th Highland Light Infantry.

William Eaton of London, N.17, died on 21st August, 1971 at the age of 75 years.

He enlisted in the 3rd Battalion, 14th Highland Light Infantry and served with them from 1915 until his discharge in 1919. He did not come to St. Dunstan's until 1962. Since the death of his wife in 1967 Mr. Eaton made his home with his married daughter, Mrs. Jackson and her family and followed his hobby of gardening. We particularly express our sympathy and thanks to Mrs. Jackson who looked after her mother during her last illness and then cared equally for her father.

John Henry Bishop. South Staffordshire Regiment.

John Henry Bishop of Cannock, Staffordshire, died on 26th August, 1971 at the age of 73.

He enlisted in the South Staffordshire Regiment and served with them from 1915 to 1918 and was the victim of a Mustard Gas Attack but his sight did not deteriorate until later in life and he came to St. Dunstan's in 1969. Mr. Bishop did not enjoy good health but nevertheless his death was sudden and unexpected. He leaves a widow and family.

Eric West. Yorkshire and Lancashire Regiment.

Eric West of Sheffield, Yorkshire died on 28th July, 1971 at the age of 75 years.

He served in the Yorkshire and Lancashire Regiment from 1914 to 1918. He was wounded on active service but his eye-sight did not deteriorate until later and he came to St. Dunstan's in 1969.

When Mr. West became a St. Dunstaner he was already in poor health and there had been a gradual deterioration over the last year or so. He died, however, very suddenly. He leaves a widow and grown up family.

Deaf Reunion

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was dull and a little rain falling but who cared, this was the big day and there stood the B.A.C. 1-11 jet ready to take us up into the blue. We all climbed aboard and settled in our seats but there was just one little sad note here, we were all so very sorry because Billy Bell was not able to travel with us on this day owing to a slight illness. With a roar from the engines and a bumping from the wheels we were off, seconds later we were floating on a cushion of air, up, up, and away through the black clouds and rain then suddenly

it was blue skies and sunshine. While in flight we were given a lovely breakfast and coffee made more enjoyable by the sunshine coming in through the windows. A short while after we felt the plane dip and it was "Tally-ho Scotland, here we come."

We were met at the airport by Mrs. King who was to be our hostess for the day. We all boarded the transport which was waiting for us and whisked away to Edinburgh Castle where we were just in time to see the changing of the guard. Our guide took over from here and did a marvellous job going to great lengths explaining everything to us and giving us the real joy of handling and touching the historic items on display. While walking around, it gave us the feeling of living back in time which added all the mystery to the great halls and rooms. Even the touch of the swords, the lances and the coats of armour seemed to send a tingle through one. The only sorrow was, that there was not enough time to see more! It is such a vast place and must surely be the most beautiful Castle ever built. The wonders of the past explored, we made our way back to the transport and whisked off to the Roxburghe Hotel where Mrs. King had arranged to have lunch and tea, a first class lunch here, with veal so tender it almost melted before you could get it to your mouth. With bodies refuelled and happy we were off again to that other place of beauty, the Palace of Holyrood House. It was still raining cats and dogs, we thought what would Scotland be without a drop of rain. Some bright spark told us it was not rain, but a Scotch mist. Hey, well!

Holyrood House

On arrival at Holyrood House we were met by our guide, who was to show us round. He was really great; as we walked from room to room he took the rope barriers down so that we and our escorts could actually touch and examine the rare and beautiful furnishing and tapestries and to trace the beautiful carvings on the wood panels lining the rooms. It was a sheer joy and thrilling—we must have touched millions of pounds worth of historic articles. The biggest thrill was to touch and hear the harpischord which was over 300 years old. Another item was the grand piano belonging to Princess

Margaret. Time was now running out and having thanked the guide for his excellent service we left to return to the Roxburghe Hotel for tea and a talk over what we had seen. Then off to the airport for the return journey home. Our sincere thanks to Mrs. King for a superb day in Scotland, which we all thoroughly enjoyed and will never forget.

The flight back to Gatwick was very delightful, back up among the blue again and the sun. A very nice dinner was served to us en route. We arrived back at Gatwick at 8.15 p.m. On arrival at Ovingdean Matron was there to greet us and to see that we were all safe and sound. We were all a little weary but very happy with the thoughts of the day's events.

Saturday morning saw the lads on the rifle range after each others' blood and trying to hit the centre of the bullseye out. The scores of the competitions were given out later. After lunch we boarded the transport and away to Northgate House, to have tea with Matron Hallett and staff. A most enjoyable time was had by all with lots to talk about of our big day out to Scotland and a pleasant walk round the garden. Our sincere thanks to Matron Hallett and staff for a very nice tea and a most enjoyable afternoon—it is always a pleasure to see them when we are down at Brighton.

'Go Go Go'

Sunday and still 'Go Go Go', on the move again, the afternoon proved to be a very enjoyable visit to Bateman's, Rudyard Kipling's House, Burwash, Sussex. Here again our escorts were kept busy with the manual while our guide gave us the history of the house and explained the items on show. Here again were more lovely and beautiful things which we were very kindly allowed to feel and touch, to give us some idea of how the craftsmen did their wonderful work of art. After the tour of the house, we were given a very pleasant supper there before returning to Ovingdean.

Time was flying by so quickly, and the last day was with us but a very busy day it proved to be. We were whisked off once again, this time to the factory of Jaycee Furniture Ltd., Brighton. Here the guide was waiting for us to show and to explain just how they make Reproduction Furniture. Again we were allowed to feel every-



Wally Thomas takes a close interest in an early 18th century mortar.

thing that came into our path, from the rough wood to the beautifully finished article. All the men are skilled at their jobs and work hard. We found that the finished articles had a beautiful finish to them; we did not hear a nail or a screw mentioned as everything is done with plugs and joints. It looked as if there were no bruised or battered thumbs here. Time was marching on now so we thanked our guide for a most enjoyable tour and for making us so much wiser. We only hoped that our wives would not nag us too much about wanting some of the beautiful furniture which was on display.

During the afternoon we had a very pleasant tea with the welfare staff in the fourth floor committee room, everyone talking about the experiences we had had during the last four days. After thanking them for their kindness and understanding we departed to the lounge to rest up for a while before we set off once again to the farewell dinner.

At six-thirty sharpish there they were, the lads all dressed up like new pins and

looking as if they had all come up on the football coupons. This time Billy Bell was able to accompany us, which pleased us all, and with escorts at the ready we all boarded the transport, destination Stroods for the Farewell Dinner, our guests this year being Mr. C. D. Wills, and Matron Hallet. Also there was Miss Scott, whom we are always pleased to have with us. After drinks in the lounge we had worked up quite an appetite, then to the dining room where a good dinner awaited us. Feeling full and happy, we lit our cigars and sat back while coffee and liqueurs were being served. During coffee Mr. Wills gave a short speech and announced the winner of the rifle competition, the winner being Ron Ellis with highest number of points. Then Ron Ellis gave a speech of thanks for the superbly organised Deaf Reunion which we had had.

We sincerely thank Commandant, Matron, Miss Dagnall, the Welfare Staff and all those responsible, for giving us a wonderful and happy time. It was truly a memorable Reunion.