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# St. DUNSTAN'S REVIEW

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## CHAIRMAN'S NOTES

### Blind and Disabled and Parliament

On the 23rd March this year in the House of Commons the Secretary of State for Social Services, the Rt. Hon. Sir Keith Joseph, Bt., announced increases in Social Security Benefits and War Pensions. Full details are not yet available, but Mr. D. J. G. Jones, our Legal Officer and pensions consultant, will be publishing a supplement to the *Review* in due course when these are to hand. The increases, which are of the order of 12-12½% will take effect from the week beginning the 2nd October 1972. The increases, bearing in mind the continuous rise in the cost of living, are most welcome.

This is the first of the annual reviews of Social Security Benefits and War Pensions promised last year by the Government following pressure in Parliament and elsewhere by me and others interested in the welfare of War Pensioners.

### Value Added Tax

It has become fashionable to call almost everything by initials and the latest is V.A.T., which means Value Added Tax and which will become very familiar in a year or two.

In order to simplify the administration and understanding of taxation, the Treasury has decided to abolish Purchase Tax and Selective Employment Tax, both of which are difficult to administer and very complicated, and replace them by a simple single tax at a much lower rate on almost every commodity and service—except food.

Whatever the merits of this proposal for the nation as a whole, it will have an adverse effect upon the blind world, because we are now allowed to supply talking book machines and cassettes, wireless sets for the blind, Braille books, certain apparatus, etc., free of Purchase Tax, but the Budget now being discussed in Parliament will take away this concession. The other day I had a discussion with the Rt. Hon. the Viscount Head, Chairman of the Royal National Institute for the Blind, the Hon. Dr. Shirley Summerskill, M.P., the Hon. John Astor, M.P., and Mr. J. C. Colligan, Hon. Secretary of the British Wireless for the Blind Fund and of the Talking Book Committee, about this matter. It affects the R.N.I.B. more than St. Dunstan's, but I naturally offered all possible help to colleagues in both Houses of Parliament who, under Lord Head's leadership, are pressing the Government to give us back the concession on apparatus for the blind generally.

### British Wireless for the Blind Fund

It is just over 40 years since the Royal National Institute for the Blind and St. Dunstan's started the British Wireless for the Blind Fund with the assistance and representation of regional and other societies for the blind. At our meeting held a few days ago, I was asked to continue in the chair.

The object of this fund has been to make certain that every blind person in the land has a free wireless set and we are proud to be able to say that we have achieved this.

The fund depends upon one appeal annually, a broadcast appeal every Christmas, but there is an important element in this which is not so well known, namely, the contribution made by the Forces programmes, which are conducted wherever British soldiers, sailors and airmen are stationed abroad. In the last 25 years, the Forces have contributed round about £200,000 to this purpose—a magnificent gesture.



*Joseph Swales, on behalf of St. Dunstaners all over the world, makes the presentations to Lord and Lady Fraser at the London and Brighton Reunion*

**COVER PICTURE:** Lord and Lady Fraser enter the Great Room at Grosvenor House to a standing ovation

*Our Overseas visitors, who took part in a Conference following the Reunion, are pictured with Lord Fraser on the opening day. (Left to right) James May, Prof. Ken McIntyre, Lord Fraser, William Luck and Alan Jamieson*



I paid a tribute to Mr. Ian Woolf, the Director of the British Forces Broadcasting Service, and a number of his senior staff and Station Controllers from all parts of the world, who happened to be in London for a conference, by giving them lunch at the House of Lords to thank them and encourage them to go on with the good work.

I also invited to this lunch the four St. Dunstaners and their wives, who had come to London at that time to attend the first of our Jubilee Reunions and who were themselves having a Commonwealth Conference to discuss war pensions, welfare and other subjects of mutual interest. They were Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Luck of Australia, Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Jamieson of Canada, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. May of New Zealand, and Professor and Mrs. K. H. C. McIntyre of South Africa, and we all gave them a very warm welcome.

## Poor Reproduction on the Talking Book

The other day my own Mark IV Talking Book delivered bad speech, that is to say, it was blurry and not clear. Instead of asking a volunteer to come and do something for me or sending it back to the Talking Book Library, I made enquiries and learned the following:

What happens is that the passage of tape past the playback head can leave a deposit of dust and oxide from the tape, thus preventing good contact.

The cure is to take a clean handkerchief moistened with methylated spirit and with the tip of the finger rub the handkerchief against the face of the playback head.

In order to do this you must remove the cassette and the point to be cleaned is to be found near the centre of the machine just under the rear edge of the control panel.

Care should be taken not to use undue pressure on the head or adjacent tape guide for displacement of these could give rise to double tracking.

The result is very surprising because it immediately produced clear good speech from my machine.

Should you have any doubts about carrying out this task letterpress instructions are available from the library and a sighted relative or friend would be able to assist in locating the point to be cleaned in the first instance.

Fraser of Lonsdale

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

From Frank N. Cross of Handsworth Wood, Birmingham 20

As one who has taken some fourteen years to 'get mobile' may I pay tribute to the work of Dr. Kay, the inventor of the binaural sensory aid. I can remember the first faltering steps I took with the short cane just after being registered blind in 1958. They served only to sap any confidence I might have had so that I became a furtive short cane user preferring to go out very early in the morning so that no-one would see my pitiful attempts to get about.

The long cane training which I took in 1969 helped me considerably but like many other blind people I was sensitive about the head and tended to walk like an

anxious tortoise; firm about the feet but wavering about the upper parts.

The binaural sensory aid took away the fear of bumping my head and now I can walk with confidence and in a relaxed manner, for the aid warns the user of any impending obstacles.

I know that a lot has already been written about this aid, but I thought a few comments from one who was an absolute 'duffer' in mobility might help more people to realise how useful it could be to them.

I would like to say that my training was made so much easier by the practical advice and help given to me by Mr. Walter Thornton and the relaxed and competent training I received from the instructor, Mr. Peter Ryding.

## 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 Frederick Aldridge**, of Birmingham, who came to St. Dunstan's in May 1972. He served in the First World War and was wounded in Mesopotamia. He is married.

**Arthur David**, St. Athan, Glamorgan, who joined St. Dunstan's in April 1972. Mr. David served in both the Merchant Navy and the Royal Navy during the Second World War. He is married and has a family.

**Charles Jones** of Bolton, Lancashire, joined St. Dunstan's in May 1972. He served in the 1st World War with the Lancashire Fusiliers. He is a widower and lives with a relative.

**Norman Bertram Maries**, of Redditch, Worcestershire came to St. Dunstan's in May 1972. He served in the Royal Navy from 1949 to 1953. He is married and has three children.

## Frank Reviews

Cat. No. 1105

**I Want It Now**

by Kingsley Amis

Read by Michael de Morgan

Ronnie Appleyard Television interviewer, is on the way up with his own show, in which as a hatchet man he carves up everybody to his own self glorification. A womaniser, he is greatly attracted to a young girl he meets at a party. Finding her frigid, he is about to break off the association when he finds her mother is high in gold mine stakes. That lady sees a use for Ronnie in her design of things, and throws her daughter at him, though not figuratively, in another sense physically. Ronnie however, finds himself getting fond of the girl and is breaking down her resistance when Mum decides it's time for him to depart. Now out in the cold he finds he is a changed man but when presented with the opportunity to do a hatchet job on Mum he bares the meat from the bone, to the delight of the T.V. viewers.

Although granny might not approve of the language or the morals it is a most interesting piece of reading.

Cat. No. 1028

**World's Best Science Fiction**

edited by Wollheim and Carr

Read by Peter Reynolds

Here is a nice little collection of short science fiction stories, most of them ideal light reading of about half-an-hour in duration. For my money the first one is the best though all are most enjoyable, if like me you enjoy this type of writing once in a while.

## PILGRIMAGE TO ALAMEIN

The Royal British Legion is considering arranging a pilgrimage by charter flight to El Alamein for those who served in the Battle. Any St. Dunstaner who did so and who would like to take part should contact me. The cost is likely to be £60 per head. Each St. Dunstaner must be accompanied by an escort. St. Dunstan's will consider some assistance with cost.

C. D. WILLS,  
Assistant Secretary.

## OVINGDEAN NOTES

After jumping the gun and including Easter in last month's report, we were afraid that there would be nothing to shout about this time. Of course, we could always rave about the daisies and the little birds building their nests and singing all over the place. Then there is always the weather. How about that Spring weather, then? You will, we think, be relieved to hear that these aimless burlblings will not be necessary. After all, didn't we have that most enjoyable concert given by our dear friends from the Not Forgotten Association? Yes, once again Miss Seeley brought a happy band of entertainers for our pleasure. As always, the lounge was crammed with St. Dunstaners and their wives and friends. The place fairly rocked with their applause. We must mention too how pleased we were to have with us on this occasion, Colonel W. J. Shoolbred, O.B.E., Director and Treasurer of this Association, and Mrs. Shoolbred.

### Escorts' Tea Party

Then there was the annual Escorts' Tea Party. A real occasion this year, graced by the presence of Lord and Lady Fraser. In his address, Lord Fraser paid tribute to our voluntary escorts, and all the many ways in which they help St. Dunstaners and staff to maintain a happy and efficient establishment. He also said that during the coming move and later when Ovingdean is reopened, our "Good Companions" would be needed more than ever before. Mr. J. Stokes, walker, reader, founder member, and hard-working Chairman of the Wednesday Group, replied for the guests, saying what a great pleasure it is to them to be associated with St. Dunstan's in this way.

Mentioning Mr. Stokes reminds us that the Wednesday Group have not been idle. Bill Edwards and Fred Barratt opened a lively discussion entitled "That the Complete Freedom of the Individual is Not Possible". The definition of the word freedom seemed to be the keystone of this subject. Although the motion was carried, we were left thinking of the freedom of the spirit which can never be taken away from us.

Good news for music lovers . . . we now have a magnificent stereo recordplayer. To

move this precious piece of equipment, which has separate playing-deck, amplifier and two large speakers, we needed a trolley. Maintenance man Bob Field, who is really a magician in disguise, has managed to pack all this gear into the old cabinet. So when you hear the familiar rumble of the old "Gram" being wheeled through the Lounge, don't let it fool you. The "works" are all new and the sound quality is out of this world.

### Brighton Races

The first trip of this year to Brighton Races took place during April. Rather a disappointing day as it was quite cold and according to one report, the horses were all "running to rule". Knowing our racing fraternity, we feel that this will in no way deter them and that we shall have many more jaunts up the hill before the Season is over.

On Sunday, 23rd April, Miss Dagnall, Mrs. Dennis and Mrs. Williams presented "Journey into Springtime". This programme, an anthology of poetry and music, compiled and arranged by Miss Dagnall and Mr. Eales, was first presented last Easter. Then the arrangers and participants were in fear and trembling in case "They" did not like it. Luckily it went down very well and this time the members of a very much more relaxed trio were able to enjoy themselves, confident that their reception would be favourable.

There were two Music Lovers sessions, which, since the advent of the new record player, appeal to an ever increasing number of listeners.

Members of staff, and guest readers Mr. Les Harris and Mr. E. Dennis presented three one-act plays, two comedies and a drama.

Surely we cannot have forgotten anything?

Wait a minute—what about "The Event of the Season". Thought you had us there, didn't you? As if we would forget Saturday, April 29th the day when coachloads of St. Dunstaners converged on Grosvenor House in London for the Reunion. No doubt this "Happening" is reported fully elsewhere in this issue, but we must just say how much the Ovingdean contingent

enjoyed the day. The combination of a good meal and a chance to meet with old friends, is always a pleasure, and on this occasion there was the added joy of celebrating Lord Fraser's 50 years as Chairman of St. Dunstan's. This was a Reunion that we shall never forget.

And that seems to be a happy note on which to end this month's epistle. . . . Unless anyone wants to talk about the weather?

## STAFF NEWS

This month marks the retirement of Mr. FRED MOORE who for the past sixteen years has been employed in the Basket Department at Headquarters.

Mr. Moore had previously served for many years with the Royal London Society for the Blind, Salusbury Road, N.W.6. In the last four years of his service with us he took over the administration and running of the Basket Department.

The many St. Dunstaners whom he has served over the years would wish to join in expressing their appreciation of his efforts and to wish him a long and happy retirement.

May we at the same time take the opportunity of welcoming Mr. Moore's successor, Mr. JAMES INSH from Aberdeen. We wish him every success in his new duties with us.

## Obituary

Readers will be sorry to learn of the death of Miss E. Graham Doel on 4th April, 1972. Miss Doel was appointed Welfare Visitor for Lancashire and the North West in May 1946, where she will be remembered for her energetic and lively personality. On her retirement in May 1956 Miss Doel moved from Birkenhead to Windermere, where she took a keen interest in local affairs. She regularly attended the Manchester and Liverpool Reunions until her health began to fail about two years ago.

We offer our sincere sympathy to her relatives and particularly to her sister, Miss F. Doel, whose home she shared in Windermere.

## WALKING

### SEVEN MILE CHAMPIONSHIP

On 6th May the walking section held the last of this season's walks at Ewell. This was the 7 mile championship in which eight St. Dunstaners took part, and each one had to do his best, as the result of the Archie Brown aggregate points cup was at stake. Being a championship event we all started together and as the race progressed it became obvious as to who were the champions with Roy Mendham well ahead of the rest, and determined to stay so, but the sealed handicap kept everybody guessing until after the race had finished as to who had won the coveted Archie Brown cup. On this occasion R. Young had achieved his goal.

### RESULT 7 MILE WALK

Order of finish	Actual time	Allowance	Handicap time
R. Mendham	70.55	scr.	70.55
W. Miller	73.25	00.30	72.55
J. Simpson	74.44	01.50	72.54
M. Tetley	80.50	06.35	74.15
S. Tutton	81.30	08.15	73.15
R. Young	81.55	11.45	70.10
C. Stafford	82.57	12.40	70.17
J. Wright	86.40	09.30	77.10

The champions were T. B. J. Simpson  
S. S. R. Mendham

Each receiving Sir Arthur Pearson prizes.

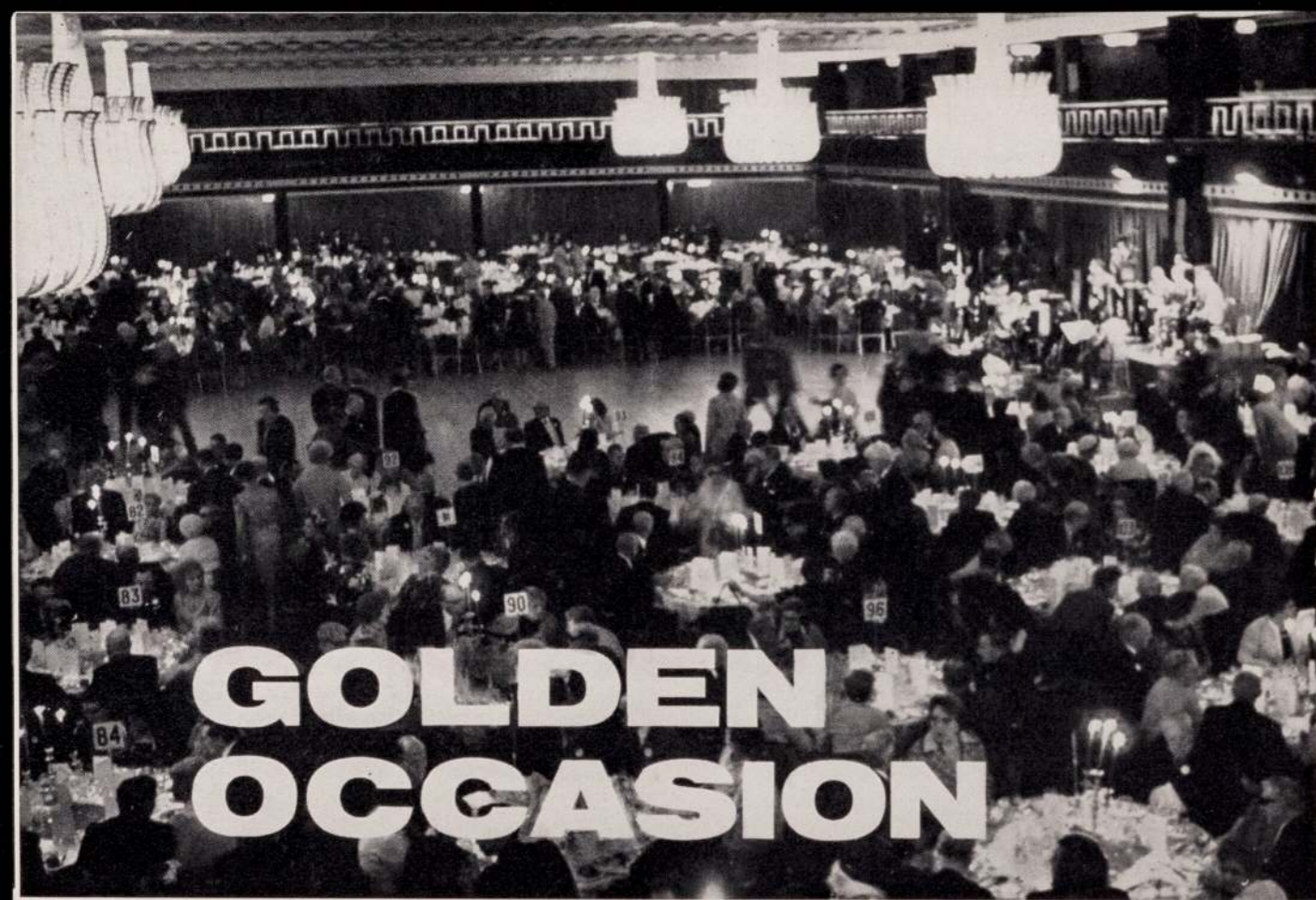
Handicap result	1st	R. Young
	2nd	C. Stafford
	3rd	R. Mendham
	F.L.	W. Miller

The final results in the Archie Brown cup were:

R. Young	32 points
R. Mendham	29 points
C. Stafford	28 points
S. Tutton	24 points
M. Tetley	23 points
W. Miller	20 points
J. Simpson	19 points
J. Wright	13 points

W. MILLER

GEORGE OWENS of Burnley, is proud to announce that his son Jim and his wife, who run a dancing school in Burnley, have organised a Charity Ball in aid of the local blind and raised £246.



Lunch in the Great Room, Grosvenor House

The Banqueting Hall at Grosvenor House Hotel in London is called the Great Room and this was an appropriate name for the setting of the reunion held on 29th April to honour Lord Fraser's fiftieth anniversary as Chairman of St. Dunstan's.

Lit by huge glass chandeliers the Great Room is surrounded by a balcony and entrance is made across the balcony and down two sweeping staircases to floor-level. As a fanfare was sounded by trumpeters of the Grenadier Guards, some 1,150 people gave Lord and Lady Fraser a standing ovation as they descended one of the staircases and made their way to their table.

The company included members of the Council, St. Dunstaners with their wives or escorts and members of the staff. Presiding was Mr. Ion Garnett-Orme, our Vice-Chairman. Mr. Garnett-Orme welcomed all St. Dunstaners and their escorts including our overseas visitors William and Joyce Luck, Australia; Alan and Marian

Jamieson, Canada; James and Nancy May, New Zealand and Ken and Billie McIntyre, South Africa.

"We are celebrating Lord Fraser having been our Chairman for fifty years. There must be very few organisations which can rival such a happy occasion and we count ourselves doubly blessed because Lady Fraser has been with him and helped him and us through all these fifty years."

#### H.M. The Queen

Then he read a telegram from H.M. the Queen, Patron of St. Dunstan's: "From Windsor Castle. Please convey to all St. Dunstaners in the United Kingdom and throughout the world my warm thanks for their kind and loyal message of greeting which, as Patron, I received with great pleasure. On the occasion of celebrating the Fiftieth Anniversary of the Chairmanship of Lord Fraser, I send my congratulations and very best wishes for the future success of the important work carried out by St. Dunstan's."

Another telegram read by Mr. Garnett-Orme was also warmly applauded. From the Belgian Ambassador, this read: "... my warmest congratulations and my thanks for the great service you have rendered to my compatriots. It is also my pleasure to inform you that H.M. King Baudouin has been pleased to promote you to the rank of Commander in the Order of Leopold. I am also directed to offer you the congratulations of the King."

Mr. Garnett-Orme then introduced Sir Neville Pearson, "This year also marks the fiftieth year that our President, Sir Neville Pearson has been a member of our Council and of those fifty years he has been our President for twenty-five."

#### Sir Neville Pearson

"It is with very deep pleasure that I make this announcement to you," said Sir Neville. "It has been decided with the approbation of everybody that, in view of the wonderful service which Lord Fraser has rendered to St. Dunstan's for all these years that our Ovingdean House should be named 'Ian Fraser House'."

The gifts subscribed for by St. Dunstaners all over the world were presented to Lord and Lady Fraser by Mr. Joseph Swales, M.B.E., M.C., of Saltburn-by-Sea. Mr. Swales explained that the response of some 2,000 St. Dunstaners at home and abroad to the presentation fund had been, "Both spontaneous and gratifying so that I can reasonably claim today to be speaking for the whole St. Dunstan's family throughout the world."

#### Mr. Swales

After referring to Lord Fraser's careers in politics, in business and in research for the blind, Mr. Swales recalled the early days of St. Dunstan's when he first met Lord and Lady Fraser, "When Sir Arthur Pearson met his untimely death in December 1921 many of our well-wishers were apprehensive about the future of our organisation but those in authority promptly resolved the problem by appointing Ian Fraser, then only 24 years of age, as our Chairman. After fifty years to-day we look back and pay our tribute to him for the courage and skill with which he has guided our affairs."

"In my opening remarks I coupled the



Sir Neville Pearson, Bt., announces "Ian Fraser House"

Norman and Mrs. Perry admire the St. Dunstan's badge and flags





Mr. and Mrs. Ion Garnett-Orme greet Tommy Milligan and escort

There was no shortage of dancers at the Reunion. Here John and Daphne Gilbert enjoy the "Gay Gordons"



name of Lady Fraser with that of our Chairman. A charming and gracious lady, she has given devoted service to St. Dunstan's from its foundation in 1915. But to-day we particularly pay tribute to her for the part she has played at the side of our Chairman."

Mr. Swales explained that with this in mind his Committee decided to provide three gifts: An antique chiming clock for Lord and Lady Fraser, jointly; a gold necklace of her own choice for Lady Fraser and a gold Braille watch for Lord Fraser.

#### Presentation

Presenting these gifts he said, "We hope that when the clock chimes at St. John's Lodge and the necklace and the watch are worn you will remember this special day of celebration and particularly the warm sentiments with which these gifts have been presented to you. These are aptly expressed in an inscription on a small slide at the base of the clock which reads: 'Presented to the Lord Fraser of Lonsdale, C.H. to mark his Fiftieth Anniversary as Chairman of St. Dunstan's with the affection and admiration of the war-blinded of the United Kingdom, Australia, Canada, New Zealand and South Africa. In gratitude to him and to Lady Fraser for their dedication in our service. 29th April, 1972.'"



Many St. Dunstaners at the Reunion took the opportunity of a brief personal word with Lord Fraser. Here he receives Michael Oliver's congratulations

St. Dunstaners' gifts at St. John's Lodge



Thanking St. Dunstaners for their gifts Lord Fraser said, "This is indeed a wonderful party and I don't believe any man could be more marvellously honoured than you have honoured me and my dear wife on this occasion."

Lord Fraser thanked Sir Neville Pearson for his help and advice over the fifty years of their association on St. Dunstan's Council and for his announcement of the naming of Ian Fraser House. He recalled Sir Arthur Pearson and the fact that his inspiration is still with St. Dunstan's to-day.

Thanking Mr. Swales, Lord Fraser said, "Great as is the value of these gifts what is much more important is the fact that it is the almost unanimous gift from St. Dunstaners the world over. That really moves me very much indeed."

Lord Fraser said the company could guess his age with a "very little bit of arithmetic," but, "It is one of my observations that you are as old as you are and not as old as the years condemn you to be. I would like to say that it is not my intention to retire from this Chair so long as I feel I can put in a word in Parliament and command the confidence of St. Dunstan's Council or, more important still, of St. Dunstaners."

## CLUB NEWS

### LONDON

A hearty welcome to Joseph Majchrowicz of Shepherd's Bush who celebrated his entry into the London Club by winning the first prize at Dominoes. We hope to see lots of Joseph in the future.

We were also pleased by a visit to our Club by Scottish Sydney Scroggie son of our own well known mountaineering St. Dunstan, W. S. Scroggie. Perhaps Sydney will visit our Club again when he settles down to his further studies in London.

Then came our own popular Janet who is grand-daughter of member W. Harding. Janet is a great favourite with all the "Boys" of the London Club. It was nice to see you looking so well, Janet.

So a happy April month, despite the April showers, was spent at our Thursday evening sessions with so many members, wives, and visitors attending.

Our Football Pontoon which ended on 15th April, 1972 was won by Mrs. Padley with the team of Blackpool. The booby won by Mrs. King with Sheffield United.

For the two weeks ending on 29th April, it was decided to give a first and second prize for the two highest scores in that period. First prize was won by Mrs. Allen with Blackpool, and Mrs. Armstrong was second with Aston Villa.

The Domino games during April were won by the following Club members:

6th April	1	W. Phillips
	2	W. Harding
13th April	1	C. Hancock
	2	R. Pacitti
		M. Sheehan
20th April	1	W. Miller
	2	R. Pringle
		M. Sheehan
27th April	1	J. Majchrowicz
	2	S. Scroggie

As April showers always remind me of "fresh flowers" the words of a contemporary poet of 1971 come back to me:

*"Cowslips, violets arrest cool air  
Upon rides the scented wafts,  
And hawthorn crowds the hedgerow."*

Kate Dunston

One could smell the fragrant scent of many flowers which wafted through the Club Rooms in the month of April. Flora wishes to thank you all for the many gifts of flowers.

### SPORTS CLUB

Now that summer is with us and we all hope for better weather to come, thoughts turn to outdoor activities and a chance to enjoy the sunshine. One organisation offering many opportunities to blind people to enjoy such outdoor activities is the Sports Club for the Blind, for amongst their many pursuits they offer regular rambles on Sundays throughout the summer months.

Swimming which we at St. Dunstons already join in at Seymour Baths from 7-8 p.m. on Monday evenings.

Boating on the lake at Regents Park on Thursday evenings from 6.30 p.m.-dusk.

Tandem cycling outings are arranged throughout the year.

Football for semi-sighted people throughout the winter months.

Cricket for both totally blind and partially sighted is arranged throughout the summer months often in Regents Park.

There is a club room at Victoria where whist drives, dances and talks on various subjects and many other forms of indoor entertainments are organised throughout the year.

An annual outing to the coast and a dinner/dance at a West End hotel form the highlights of the clubs activities for the year.

Membership of the Sports Club for the Blind is open to all totally blind and partially sighted persons, and the annual subscription is a mere 30p. The officials are most amiable people.

I recommend membership to any St. Dunstaner who likes a social life.

The secretary of the club is: **Miss Eileen Wright, Flat 4, 27 Underhill Rd., Dulwich, London S.E.22. Phone 01-693 5619 (evenings).**

W. MILLER

## FAMILY NEWS

### Silver Weddings

Congratulations to MR. AND MRS. JOHN DOUGLASS of Barking, Essex, who celebrated their Silver Wedding on 10th May, 1972.

Many congratulations to MR. AND MRS. JOHN MULLIGAN of Derrygonnelly, Co. Fermanagh, Northern Ireland, who celebrated their Silver Wedding Anniversary on 16th April, 1972.

Sincere congratulations to MR. AND MRS. JOHN LOACH of Russells Hall, Dudley, Worcestershire, who celebrated their Silver Wedding Anniversary on 15th March, 1972.

Hearty congratulations to MR. AND MRS. ALEC GUYLER of Hayes, Middlesex, who celebrated their Silver Wedding Anniversary on 3rd May, 1972.

Very many congratulations to MR. AND MRS. WILLIAM STANLEY of Seven Kings, Ilford, Essex, who celebrated their Silver Wedding Anniversary on 5th April, 1972.

### Golden Weddings

Many congratulations to MR. AND MRS. ALFRED WALTER LINCOLN of Liverpool, who celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary on 19th April, 1972.

Many congratulations to MR. AND MRS. ERNEST W. LOVE of Chelmsford, Essex, who celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary on 16th April, 1972.

### Grandparents

#### Congratulations to:

GUY BILCLIFF of Sutton Coldfield, Warwickshire, who announces the arrival of twin grand-daughters, Dawn Louise and Juliet Ann, born on 8th April, 1972. He now has seven grandchildren.

## BRIDGE NOTES

The fifth Individual Competition of the Brighton Section was held on Saturday, 25th March. The results are as follows:

J. Chell and F. Rhodes	78
W. T. Scott and F. Mathewman	71
A. Dodgson and J. Whitcombe	67
R. Goding and Partner	63
R. Bickley and C. Walters	57
A. Smith and F. Griffee	54

The sixth Individual Competition of the Brighton Section was held on Saturday, 22nd April. The results are as follows:

C. Walters and Partner	80
F. Mathewman and J. Whitcombe	66
R. Bickley and Partner	66
F. Griffee and A. Dodgson	65
R. Goding and W. Burnett	63
F. Rhodes and A. Smith	61
A. Scott and J. Chell	55

P. NUYENS,  
Hon. Sec.

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

W. Lethbridge and R. Evans	71
R. Fullard and H. Meleson	69
W. Phillips and P. Nuyens	64
F. Dickerson and W. Allen	62
Miss V. Kemmish and Partner	56

R. ARMSTRONG

### FAMILY NEWS—continued

WILLIAM FESTER of Gravesend, Kent, who is pleased to announce the arrival of two grandchildren born within two days of each other. His eldest son, Sydney, became a father of a girl on 18th February 1972, and his daughter Lindsay gave birth to a boy on 20th February.

CYRIL WOMACK of Leicester is delighted to announce the birth of his first grandchild, a grand-daughter, born to his son Roger and his wife, on 4th May, 1972. She is to be called Nadine.

### Great Grandfather

Very many congratulations to:

HENRY BAKER of Billericay, Essex, who became a great grandfather for the first time when his grandson's wife presented him with a great grandson, born on 15th March, 1972.

### Great Great Grandfather

Very many congratulations to:

THOMAS GIBBINS of Radway, Warwick, who is pleased to announce the arrival of his second great great grandchild, a girl, born on 31st December, 1971.

### Long life and happiness to:

STANLEY FOWLER of Beeston, Notts., announces the marriage of his daughter Valerie to Richard Alan Pynegar on 29th April, 1972.

Sub. Lieutenant David Maxwell Perfect, R.N., elder son of JOHN AND AUDREY PERFECT of Roker, Sunderland, married Ursula Joyce Norman, younger daughter of Mrs. and the late Mr. C. E. Norman of Coventry, on 15th April, 1972.

The bride was given away by her brother, Dr. John Norman and the couple were married by the bride's brother-in-law, the Rev. John Waller, at St. Saviour's Church, High Green, Yorkshire.

After the honeymoon in France, David and Ursula will live in Blackheath.

STANLEY FOWLER of Beeston, Notts., is very proud of his son John, who recently acquired a medal for Captaining the Boys' Brigade five-a-side football team, which scored five goals against Nottingham University.

### Deaths

We offer our very sincere sympathy to:

ROBERT CHANDLER of Richmond, Yorkshire, who mourns the death of his brother on 29th April, 1972.

MISS M. ELIAS of Aberdare, Glamorgan, who mourns the death of her eldest brother, Evan, on 4th May, 1972.

HAROLD HOLDEN of Hindley, Lancs., who mourns the death of his mother on 26th March, 1972, at the age of 94.

MRS. EMILY McCLARNAN of Poulton-le-Fylde, Lancs., who mourns the death of a sister, Anne, who died on 18th April, 1972.

Mrs. GEORGE TORRIE, wife of our St. Dunstaner of Perranuthnoe, Cornwall, who lost her mother in a road accident in Penzance on 15th January, 1972. She was 84 and very active for her age.

RONALD SWANNELL of Wellingborough, Northants., who mourns the death of his mother in April, 1972.

JOHN WHEELER of London, N.W.2, who mourns the death of his father, John Wheeler, senior, who died at the age of 75 on 14th April, 1972.

CHRISTOPHER C. WILLIAMS of Beckenham, Kent, on the death of his wife, Mrs. Kathleen Williams, who died, after a brief illness, on 12th April, 1972. Our sympathy is extended to Christopher's young son and daughter on the loss of their mother.

## In Memory

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

**Thomas Niccol.** 86th Hon. Artillery Company, Heavy Anti-Aircraft.

Thomas Niccol of Harrogate died on 9th April, 1972 at the age of 52.

He served in the Hon. Artillery Company, Heavy Anti-Aircraft, from 1940 to 1944 and was injured by enemy action in Normandy. He came to St. Dunstan's in that year and trained as a physiotherapist which occupation he carried on almost to the time of his death. He had been gravely ill since the Autumn of 1971 and his death was not unexpected. His wife pre-deceased him in 1968.

**James Williams.** Royal Army Medical Corps.

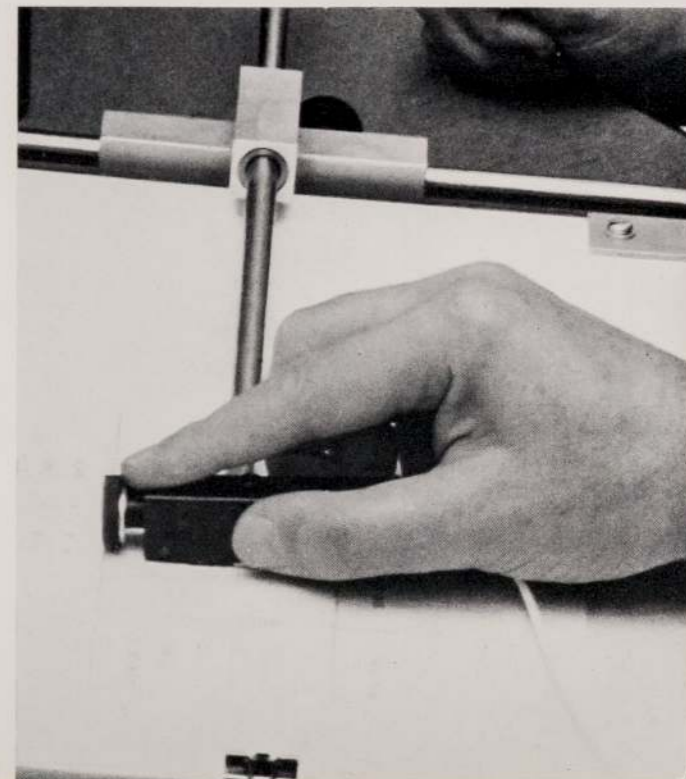
James Williams of Sheffield, Yorkshire, died in hospital on 22nd April 1972 at the age of 78 years.

He served in the Royal Army Medical Corps from 1914 to 1919 but his eyesight did not deteriorate until later in life and he came to St. Dunstan's in 1956. He trained to make rugs and string bags for our stores. He enjoyed visits to Brighton and attending Reunions until his health gave cause for concern and he has been in hospital since March of this year. He was devotedly cared for by his wife who survives him, and he was very proud of his family of six daughters and a son, the latter is a doctor in New Zealand.



The Optacon evaluation began at St. Dunstan's H.Q. in April. Here Dr. James Bliss and Mrs. Bliss supervise the first session with pupils and instructors. Visiting London were the team from Birmingham.

Close-ups of the Optacon and its miniature camera mounted on the tracking aid







*Dr. Bliss assists St. Dunstaner David Clark and his instructor, Mr. W. R. K. James of the Research Centre for the Visually Handicapped, Birmingham*



*Part of the Conference of Overseas visitors was a demonstration of the Optacon. With Miss Alison McVeigh is Alan Jamieson from Canada*

*Mrs. Bliss and Miss Alison McVeigh watch the visual display as Dr. Henry Heath reads*

