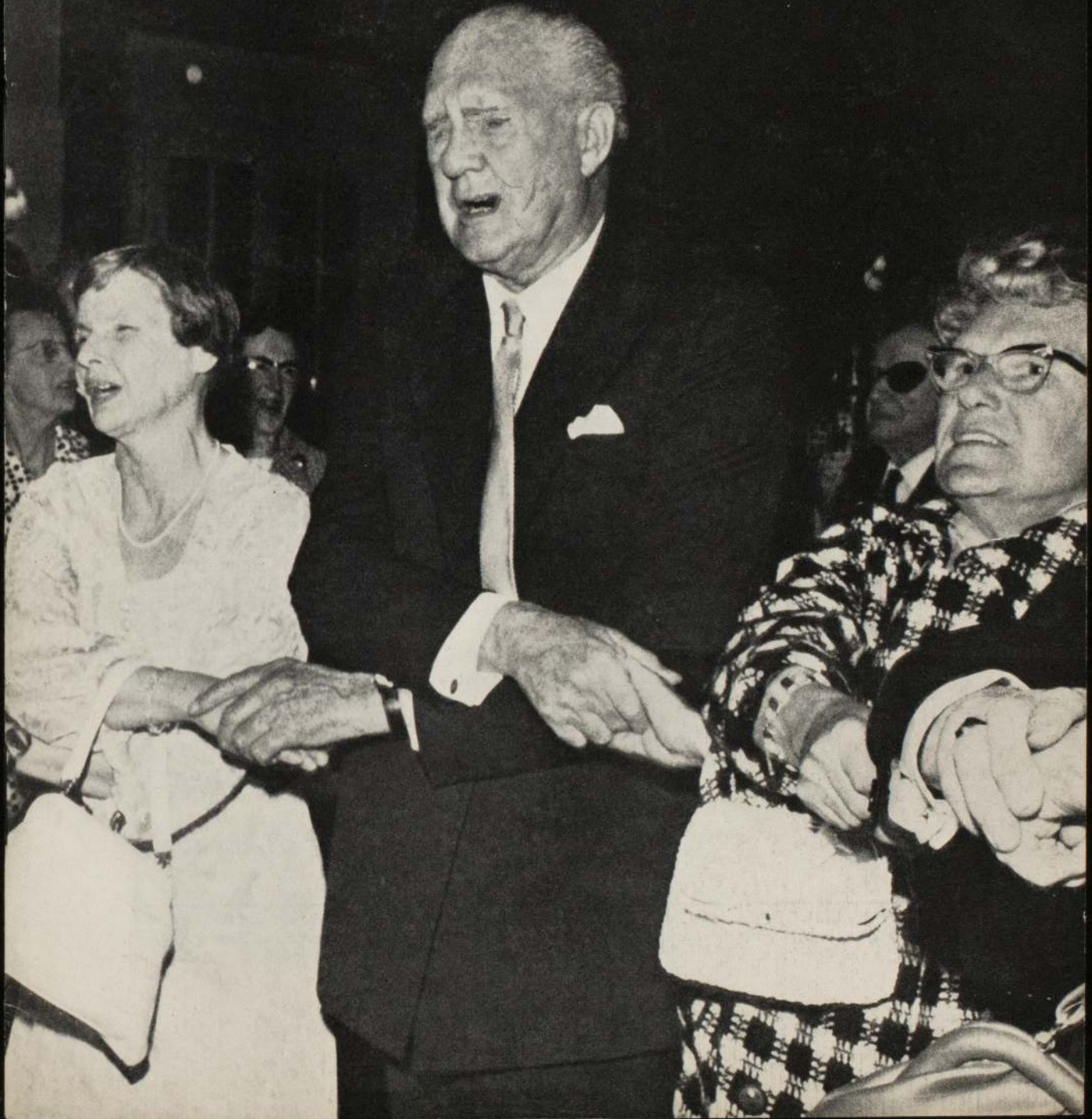


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CHAIRMAN'S NOTES

Our Anniversary Year

A majority of the St. Dunstaners who live in Britain and Ireland attended one or other of the three Reunions held to celebrate my fiftieth year as Chairman, and most South African St. Dunstaners attended a similar Reunion in Cape Town. While this note is addressed to all St. Dunstaners, Lady Fraser and I are thinking very particularly of those who for one reason or another were not at the Reunions; I want them to know that they are much in our minds and that we send them our very best wishes. We should much have liked to attend the Canadian Reunion in Toronto, but we had so many engagements here that we could not give ourselves the pleasure of visiting North America this year; however, I know we were well represented by Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Lloyds and our Canadian friends gave them a wonderful welcome.

In recent months, personal letters, official telegrams, and messages of all sorts have come to us and to St. Dunstan's and Lady Fraser and I would like to acknowledge them and say what very real pleasure they gave us. At the Reunions, of course, there were ceremonies and speeches, which were beautifully carried out by St. Dunstaners and backed by the generous support of all the guests, who included many longstanding friends and helpers, and we were given a most moving reception on each occasion. For the planning and organisation—and indeed for their constant help—I should like here to thank Mr. Ion Garnett-Orme, our Vice-Chairman, who presided at each Reunion, and Mr. Lloyds, Mr. Wills and all the staff concerned.

Now, looking at the matter in retrospect and impersonally, I am particularly delighted at the unity, loyalty and good fellowship amongst St. Dunstaners as a whole, which these celebrations showed. If I may repeat something which I said in my speech at the Reunions, I believe that, even if St. Dunstan's itself has done a great work in the Old Country and overseas due to the dedication and thought of my Council and the overseas Committees and to devoted staff and a generous public, it is nevertheless true that the fame of St. Dunstan's is attributable to the courage, initiative and bearing of St. Dunstaners themselves, whatever their walk of life.

I again thank all those who contributed to the fine presents which were given to Lady Fraser and me and perhaps I may once more repeat myself by saying that the beautiful antique clock, now in our house in London, is very much admired by ourselves and our friends, and its splendid strike at mid-day warms my heart whenever I hear it, because it reminds me of so many things and also because it heralds my morning gin!

I like to think that 1972 is a great year in the history of St. Dunstan's; it is an extremely gratifying and happy one for my wife and me and we thank you all for your friendship.

Fraser of Lonsdale

COVER PICTURE: Lord and Lady Fraser with Mr. Ion Garnett-Orme join in the singing of "Auld Lang Syne" at the Liverpool Reunion. St. Dunstaners in the picture are Barbara Bell and John Yorke.

Coming Events

FESTIVAL OF REMEMBRANCE

It is hoped that we will again be granted an allocation of tickets for the Afternoon and Evening Presentations of the Festival of Remembrance at the Royal Albert Hall on Saturday, 11th November. Any St. Dunstaners who have not previously had the opportunity of attending is invited to apply to me at Headquarters, not later than Friday, 29th September if possible, for inclusion in the ballot for tickets, indicating which Presentation he would prefer to attend.

Those St. Dunstaners allocated tickets who do not live within daily travelling distance of London will be assisted with fares and accommodation for one or two nights at St. Dunstan's expense and will be invited to join the St. Dunstan's contingent attending the Cenotaph Parade in Whitehall on Sunday, 12th November.

C. D. WILLS
Assistant Secretary

Welcome to St. Dunstan's



On behalf of St. Dunstan's we welcome a St. Dunstaner recently admitted to membership. The Review hopes he will settle down happily as a member of our family.

Eric Edward Bradshaw of Northampton, has been associated with St. Dunstan's since last year but became a full St. Dunstaner in July 1972. He served in the King's Royal Rifle Corps from 1945 to 1948 and is now an industrial worker. He is married with a grown-up family.

NO SEPTEMBER REVIEW

As in previous years, we shall be following the usual practice of **NOT** printing a September number of the *Review*. The next *Review* will be the October one and St. Dunstaners should receive copies of this at the beginning of the month.

House of Lords

Speaking to a motion by the Lord Beswick on July 5th—"That this House views with increasing anxiety the Government's failure to maintain the value of money and recognises the consequent threat to full employment, economic expansion and the achievement of a unified society." Lord Fraser put in a word for disabled ex-servicemen and all those on fixed incomes.

Lord Fraser said: "This Government have told us that they will review pensions, war pensions and payments made to the needy each year . . . They will take into account the cost of living . . . They have not said that they will take into account rises in the standards of living, but I hope, nevertheless, that they still may . . ."

Lord Fraser thanked the Government and particularly Mr. Paul Dean the Junior Minister concerned for what is being done for disabled people. "Let us bear in mind, however, that even though it is the intention of Government to review annually the payments made to the dependent categories of people whom I have mentioned, the payments which they will receive will never really make up for inflation; certainly not for galloping inflation, and probably not for the rise in the standard of living which will be enjoyed by most of the strong who can earn a living and can press their claim upon employers or upon Government."

OBITUARY

We much regret to announce the death, on the 4th July, of Jessica, Dowager Lady Forres, who had been seriously ill for some weeks. Walter Thornton and Jimmy Wright, with Mrs. Isobel Preston and Mrs. Gill Morrison, attended the funeral at Brookwood Cemetery.

Lady Forres was made a Governor of St. Dunstan's in 1948, in appreciation of her work for us in the War years, and she always maintained her love of St. Dunstan's and her active concern for all the St. Dunstaners she knew. She was a regular visitor at Pearson House and Northgate House and kept in touch personally with many individuals and families, all of whom will miss her sincere kindness and treasure the memory of a wonderful friend.



Brigadier Gerard, Joe Mercer up, winning the Eclipse Stakes last month from Gold Rod, W. Carson, and Home Guard, Lester Piggott. Photo: Sport and General.

'Watchmaker' puts spring back into jockeys' muscles

by David Castleton

Before Robert Evans was born, his father—a keen follower of racing—used to attend meetings at the famous course at Newbury. Now Bob, who has inherited his father's interest in the sport, is an honorary member with a pass into the Members' Stand whenever he wishes to enjoy a day's racing—and all through his profession of physiotherapy, "Frank Osgood, the Manager of the racecourse is a patient of mine".

For a racing enthusiast and a physiotherapist Newbury is such an ideal town to practise in that I found it hard to believe that it all happened fortuitously, as Bob explained, "There was another St. Dun-

staner here in practice. I came here in 1946 because I wanted a good private practice and I wanted to start with someone who had experience. There was this countryman of mine, the late Ivor Nicholas who had a good practice and was looking for some assistance and I came more or less to take over the patients he couldn't cope with".

Later, Ivor Nicholas left Newbury to live in Jersey and Bob Evans took over the practice entirely. "In Newbury you can't go far wrong as long as you discuss racing or bridge. Of course, I was very intrigued to meet racing people and some of my first patients were well-known trainers of

the past. I've found them very kind to me. I have a lot to do with Lord Carnarvon, who is a well-known breeder. He has a very fine stud at Highclere. At the moment he has a horse standing, Queen's Hussar, who bred the brilliant miler, Brigadier Gerard.

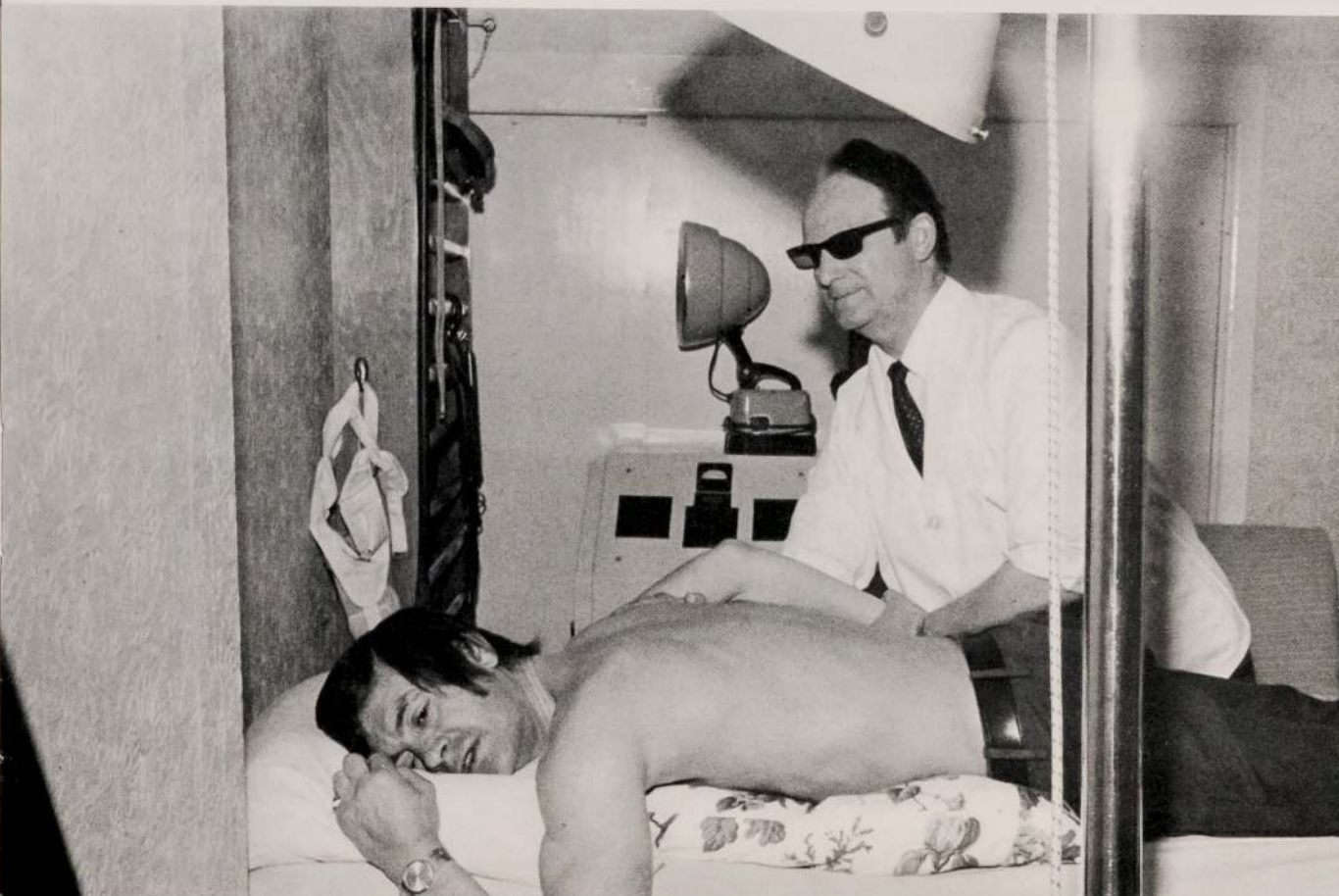
"His son, Lord Porchester, is also a patient of mine. He is a member of the Jockey Club and the Queen's Racing Manager, responsible for the training and placing of the Queen's horses. It is very convenient for him having them here at Ian Balding's and at Major Dick Hern's West Ilsley Stables".

"Among the trainers most of my connections have been with Ian Balding. He was one of the youngest trainers to come into the business and last year he was the leading trainer, in as much as he won the most amount of money. He is a very keen sportsman himself—he played rugby for Cambridge and plays now for Newbury. I treat him for sporting injuries. He encourages sport among his stable lads and if they sustain sports injuries he sends them to me for treatment because he feels responsible for them".

Bob Evans treating Jimmy Lindley.

The Ian Balding Stable is the home of Mill Reef, rival in success to Brigadier Gerard at Major Hern's Stable. When I interviewed Bob Evans, the racing world was still hoping to see these famous horses race over a mile and a quarter in the Eclipse Stakes but Bob, close to the inside stories of the sport, was already saying, "Brigadier Gerard is unbeaten, he beat Mill Reef in the 2,000 Guineas as a three year old and they've never met since. I'm doubtful now that they will meet again". In the event Mill Reef was not fit to run in the Eclipse Stakes and now the racing journalists are echoing Bob's words in their columns.

Bob also has a number of jockeys among his patients who have included Lester Piggott, Joe Mercer, Philip Waldron and Jimmy Lindley, who was coming for treatment the day I visited Newbury. "Lots of them are injuries from falls. Obviously if they have fractures, as many of them do, collar bones damaged, vertebrae, these have to be treated surgically but they sustain quite a lot of damage to soft tissue, bruises, strains and so on and these are the things I treat them





Visiting Mill Reef: Bob Evans with trainer Ian Balding, centre at Kingsclere.

for. Through manipulation, say for subluxation of a joint from a fall, or, for strains, with ultrasonics, followed by heat and massage to get them fit and into the saddle again as quickly as possible.

"I think jockeys, generally, are extrovert characters for the most part—full of life and up to all sorts of mischief. Philip Waldron is an exception. He is rather a quiet serious type. He was a very successful apprentice as Lester Piggott was. Sometimes with these boys early success goes to their heads but Philip Waldron is quite an exception and he is very popular with the trainers and owners for this particular reason."

A more ebullient character, and none the worse for that, is Jimmy Lindley, who came in for treatment of a strained shoulder. I asked him why he came to Bob Evans, whom he, like the other

jockeys around Newbury, calls the 'Doc'. "He keeps us going, like a clockmaker, when the springs wear out he puts new ones in", Jimmy's comparison is an apt one for every day out of the saddle means loss of pay. To a freelance like him time means money.

Old Injury

Bob explained the present strain was a renewal of an old injury, which Jimmy described to me later, "I think it was derived from the time when you fractured that clavicle of yours. You've got a funny little gap. It's not properly united you see and riding, I think probably has strained the muscles again which flared up again when you were riding at Ascot".

"It's a place where you can't have any aches, in the shoulders," explained Jimmy Lindley, "You must be supple. You have got to be loose and have your strength. This was like toothache. It was getting worse and worse. You lose your rhythm but it's getting good now. If your muscles pack up you can't go and this is where the 'Doc' comes in. It is important to find someone like him otherwise you are in trouble if you can't get back in the saddle".

Famous Surgeon

Jimmy first found Bob Evans through a surgeon famous among professional sportsmen, Mr. Tucker, "I had a fall at Newbury, fractured the eighth, ninth and tenth vertebrae and went to Mr. Tucker to get back quickly. Afterwards it was very stiff and he said: 'Now look, we've got a very good man at Newbury. It will waste time coming up to London. Go there'. That's how I came here and I was back riding in about 14 days after he started treating me. It was a very good job he did on my back".

Just how important the injury time saved by good treatment can be to a jockey is illustrated by a story Jimmy Lindley told of his early days riding under National Hunt rules. "I had a fall at Wye and broke my collar-bone—it was my first ride over hurdles. It was quite a bad break. It had gone through the skin. Mr. Tucker took a look at it, put a figure of eight bandage on and I went home. I'd just got to say I was going to have three weeks off. The phone went: the man said, 'Can you ride a horse at Cheltenham?' I didn't say



Back in the saddle: Jimmy Lindley on Blessed. Photo: Sport and General.

anything about my collar-bone. I said, 'I'll ring you back'. I rang up Mr. Tucker and he said it would be all right to ride if I had some treatment round the shoulder first. So I said I could ride the horse and I rode my first winner—I think it was five days after I had broken the collar-bone.

"£400 on this horse"

"When I got to the paddock and he went to leg me up, I said, 'Lift me high because I can't get my arm up'. When he realised I had a broken collar-bone he went spare. He said, 'I've had four hundred quid on this horse!' The little mare gave me a beautiful ride, except that I kept getting an electric shock up my neck every time she sort of reached at me, and she won! That was one of the many things Mr. Tucker has done for me. If I had not ridden that winner I might not have got going jumping. Then, as I say, he put me

on to the 'Doc'. Thank goodness he did because the 'Doc' has done a lot of work for me and I am very grateful".

Of course racing people are not the whole of Bob Evans' practice. Aside of general patients, even in the field of sport he treats others including rugby players and golfers but, as he says, "I used to have a large racing calendar above my treatment couch so that any person could study it as they were having treatment. It was a safe bet that four out of every five would be interested".

So, as a racing enthusiast practising physiotherapy in the heart of racing country Bob Evans is very much the round peg in a round hole. I asked him how important racing is in his life. "Well, racing plays a big part, from what I can judge, in many St. Dunstaners' lives. I follow form through the *Braille Sporting Record* and, of course, I get a lot of extra

information because I treat so many people who are directly connected with racing. This adds a little bit of fillip, really, to get the information. I feel part of the sport and I get a lot of tips—as my friends know to their cost!"

I imagined that betting was not very important to Bob and he agreed, "I think betting is really a matter of vanity. Everyone likes to think they have been successful in spotting a winner. I have never brought off a big win. The point is if you are going to bet and enjoy it then your betting must be small. If you make your bets larger, then what was enjoyment becomes anxiety".

STAFF NOTICE

St. Dunstaners in the Northern Area will be sorry to learn that **Miss M. A. Midgley**, who reaches retirement age in April, 1973, has, for personal reasons, asked to be permitted to leave at the end of July and her request has been granted.

Miss Midgley joined our staff as Northern Area Superintendent in succession to Miss Wilson in 1956 and during the past 16 years has endeared herself to those St. Dunstaners for whose welfare she has been responsible as a firm friend and capable adviser.

All St. Dunstaners and her colleagues on the staff will wish Miss Midgley much happiness in the future.

Miss Cynthia Mosley, who joined the staff of the Northern Area in 1951 under Miss Wilson, and for the past 16 years has been Secretary to Mr. Wills, has been appointed Northern Area Superintendent and will take up her new duties on Monday, 31st July, 1972. Many St. Dunstaners already know Miss Mosley through the work she has undertaken in the Welfare Department and her wide experience of our work generally will be invaluable in her new post. We all wish her the best of luck.

Appointment

TOM TAYLOR of Preston, Lancs., has recently been appointed to the Regional Consultative Council for the North West Region of the Open University as the representative from the Preston Study Centre.

HATHA YOG

by Joe Lynch

On Tuesday, 27th June, in the company of several other St. Dunstaners and Staff, we finished a five week course on Hatha Yog, which we all found extremely interesting and enjoyable. We were under the capable hands of Mr. Frank Burkhill, who kindly offered his services for this course.

All that we attempted during those five weeks were simple exercises and the art of relaxing. I am sure that most of you will agree, that in this day and age, the art of relaxation is not very easy, but if this can be achieved over a period we should all derive some benefit from it.

Some of the easy exercises are not so easy. In the first few lessons I personally was struggling very hard to do some of them, it was only then that I realised how stiff and tense the body is, or has become. Towards the end of the course everybody had made a fair amount of progress. The suggested period for exercise per day is forty minutes; this could be split into shorter periods.

I sit at a switchboard all day, and a number of these exercises can be done in the sitting position. I am particularly interested in the exercise for keeping the back nice and straight.

In conclusion, I would like to say that all those taking part have derived some physical and mental benefit from this course, and also a lot of pleasure, so may I take this opportunity, on behalf of St. Dunstaners, to thank Mr. Burkhill most sincerely for this very happy and beneficial experience.

Editor's Note

Pat, wife of Jim Padley, who has a Teacher's Certificate from the British Wheel of Yoga, has very kindly consented to continue conducting these classes. During July the time was 5.45 p.m. on Mondays for about 1½ hours. Interested St. Dunstaners living in London, may contact Mrs. Padley direct. Telephone 902 9454.

1st Prize

NICHOLAS HENMAN of Feltham, Middlesex, has recently won the first prize in the Middlesex Pastime Handwork with a lamp standard he turned.



Mr. R. Hall and Club Chairman Alf Dodgson, with the winners of the Red Ball Trophy: John Simpson, Ron Hamilton and Bob Young.

St. Dunstan's Fishing Club



Jock Carnochan presents one of the new Fishing Club badges to Bob Cameron.



Old Fishermen Never Die . . .

by Alf Dodgson

Despite the poor Summer, the sun smiled on us for the five days fishing trips arranged by St. Dunstan's starting on 13th June. Every man who wished to take part was able to get four days fishing and as I recall there were no cases of sea sickness!

A splendid quantity and variety of fish were caught thrilling all new members of the Fishing Club and many were waiting for our daily return to Ian Fraser House eager to know what kind of a day we had had and what fish had been caught. We found no difficulty in disposing of any surplus fish.

Men new to fishing realised what a marvellous hobby it is and I can endorse this as I know what enjoyment fishing has brought to me over the past two years providing fresh air and good company. We have a number of jokes on the boats that are not able to be repeated on land

and besides being comics, I can tell what good fishermen they are by the tales they tell of the "big one" that got away. The main thing is that a good time was had by all.

On Tuesday 14th June St. Dunstan's Fishing Club held its Annual General Meeting in the Braille Library and I am glad to report it was well attended and it is evident that there is a growing interest in fishing which can only mean future progress for the Club.

On Wednesday, 15th June, St. Dunstan's Fishing Club held its first social function at the Hare and Hounds Hotel at Preston Circus, Brighton. Amongst our many guests was Mr. R. Hall, who kindly presented the Red Ball Trophy (which is awarded annually for the biggest single fish caught) to the current holder, Mr. R. Young and he was also pleased to meet the previous two winners, Mr. J. Simpson and Mr. R. Hamilton. This handsome trophy would grace anyone's lounge.

The evening continued with dancing to

music provided by a most talented trio, an excellent cold buffet had been laid on washed down by plenty of liquid refreshment.

It was regretted that our President, Lord Fraser and Lady Fraser, were unable to attend the social and that Lord Fraser was also unable to attend the Annual General Meeting owing to pressure of work in the House of Lords but we all hope sincerely that he will be able to be present on some future occasion. We were delighted that Commandant Fawcett was able to be with us.

Events were overshadowed by the sudden illness of our Secretary, Mr. J. Carnochan while out fishing and resulted in him being admitted to hospital for an emergency operation, but I am glad to say he has now been discharged from hospital and is making a gradual recovery.

May I wish all fishermen good catches in the coming year and always remember, old fishermen never die—they only smell that way!

TRIBUTE—MAJOR GENERAL BECKETT

We report the death of General Beckett in the In Memory column and print below a tribute by Brigadier H. E. C. Weldon which appeared in *The Times* on 14th July.

The death of Major-General C. T. (Joe) Beckett, C.B., C.B.E., M.C., cannot be allowed to pass without a fuller tribute being paid to the success with which he commanded the Royal Artillery in Malta during the greatest part of the battle and siege of that island in 1941-43.

He took over a Command that was low in morale and within a matter of weeks he had transformed the whole spirit of the Gunners, both English and Maltese, by his vigorous and offensive approach to the dangers that beset them. A big man in stature and in mind he found time to attend to almost every detail which could be used to strengthen the defences and the morale of those who manned them. As a result when the real crisis came in March and April of 1942 the Gunners were able to earn an unprecedented tribute from the Governor of Malta—Field Marshal Lord Gort, V.C.:

"For two months during Malta's long air siege it was Anti-Aircraft guns alone which bore the brunt of the attack."

When the fury of the battle abated and the long rigours of siege succeeded, it was General Beckett who organized a "toy-fair" for the children of Malta comprising toys made by hand by the soldiers in their little detachments all over the island. He also organized concert parties of a very high standard of performance which toured the military positions and the stricken civilian areas, thus giving immense pleasure and contributing to the maintenance of the spirit which earned the "George Cross" for the people of Malta. It was General Beckett also who helped to organize the "Victory Kitchens" which provided a hot mid-day meal of soup and vegetables for the populace at a time when the means of cooking were non-existent.

It is rare indeed that the appointment of Commander Royal Artillery which is normally that of a Brigadier should be upgraded to the rank of Major-General, but the importance of his Command and the vigour, enthusiasm and skill with which he exercised that Command fully justified his elevation to that rank.

England and Malta owe a great deal to the late General Beckett.

OVINGDEAN NOTES

At the beginning of June came Derby Day, so off we went to Epsom, two coach-loads of us looking forward to a happy day at the Races. We arrived in the middle of a heavy shower, but this did not prevent us from enjoying the delicious packed lunches and the strawberries and cream, traditional fare for Derby Day. The showers continued, and from time to time sent us scurrying to the coach for shelter, however we were not downhearted for the Bank Holiday atmosphere prevailed in spite of the rain. The neck and neck finish to the big race was most exciting and it was a very jolly company who journeyed home at the end of an almost perfect day.

Early in the month we heard a concert by the Weybridge Male Voice Choir. They are without doubt one of the finest amateur choirs we know and their visit gave us much pleasure.

Blind Artist

For members of the Wednesday Group, the high-spot of the month was the eagerly awaited talk by Flight Lieut. Gordon Stent. F/Lt. Stent, who was introduced by Commander Buckley, is an artist although totally blind. His pictures have been exhibited side by side with the work of sighted painters, sometimes without the selectors being aware that he is blind. He has travelled all over the world giving talks, demonstrating and teaching other blind people to paint pictures. H.M. the Queen, and President Johnson of the U.S.A. both have Gordon Stent pictures in their homes. He has appeared on Television, and has recently completed a series of teaching broadcasts for B.B.C. Radio. Although he had only time to tell us briefly of his painting methods, the simplest being to outline the design on thick cartridge paper with a plastic needle, then fill in the colours with oil-based crayons, F/Lt. Stent will be happy to advise any St. Dunstaner who feels inspired to take up painting. It was a great delight for us to meet him and his wife, who is also his chauffeur, critic, helper and constant companion. In their spare time these charmingly energetic people breed Afghan hounds. Our thanks to them both for finding time to visit us



Gordon Stent with his picture, Irises, which he presented to H.M. the Queen.

and we wish them continued success in all their activities.

The subject for our discussion this month was suggested and proposed by Mr. T. W. Jellis of the Brighton and Hove Debating Society—"That Progress is an Illusion". It was opposed by Frank Hicks, and the Chairman for this very lively debate was Mr. J. Stokes.

A trip to Bentley Wildfowl Preserve pleased the nature lovers among us. On arrival they were greeted by Mrs. Askew and her staff, who all go out of their way to make sure that visitors from St. Dunstan's have a wonderful time.

The Ardur Players Drama Group came to read for us "The Ghost Train", by Arnold Ridley. Many of the players are young people and their enthusiastic reading of the play was much appreciated.

A new friend appeared on our scene this month. Mr. Michael Hayes who is in charge of the record department of a well-known Brighton music shop came to give us a record concert. His choice of tuneful classical music was very well received, and we hope to hear from him again very soon.

By way of rounding off the month's activities there was the Annual Grocers' Association outing. We were taken to the Falaise Hall, White Rock Pavilion, Hast-

ings, by coach. After an excellent high tea we were entertained by the band of the Salvation Army. An unexpected treat was a display by the Red Arrows aerobatic team, who were appearing as part of the Hastings Carnival programme. Our thanks to the "Grocers" and to their secretary, Mrs. Lillie, for a delightful outing.

HERR HANS VOIGT

In a letter written on 27th June to Lord Fraser, Dr. Heinz Voigt, German Ambassador in Australia, who happened to be on home leave at the time, wrote to announce the death of his father Herr Hans Voigt. The latter lost his sight during service with the German Armed Forces in the First World War and was head of their War Blinded Organisation in the inter-war period. In his letter Dr. Voigt said:

"I have the sad duty . . . to inform you that my father passed away on Sunday, 25th June.

He had, until ten days ago, continued working as usual as managing director of the St. Georg organisation of war blind at Hamburg . . .

Only two weeks ago, I had a long talk with him on events in the past, which made one realise, once again, how much he always appreciated your advice, the co-operation with St. Dunstan's and the personal links of friendship with you which went back as far as 1935 . . ."

As Chairman of St. Dunstan's, Lord Fraser sent a Poppy Wreath to the funeral, which took place on 4th July and his letter to Dr. Voigt included the following passages:

"My wife and I learned of your Father's death with sorrow, but it is tempered by the fact that he has led such a long and useful life and was such a fine man.

It was a pleasure to us to know your Father and Mother, and to co-operate with him in discussion about the care of blinded ex-servicemen in those early days and later.

In particular I remember one or two visits your Father paid to us in England and his attendance at a Dinner given for a number of St. Dunstan's who had been engaged in rowing and other sporting events . . ."



Jock Ingram on the way to winning a London to Brighton race. His escort is E. C. Horton, a race-walking record holder in the 1920's.

Three Leading Race Walkers

In the article "Silver Tankard for Bill Harris", which appeared in last month's *Review*, we inadvertently referred to the "late" Jock Ingram, whereas, of course, James (Jock) Ingram is very much alive and living at Maidenhead. The *Review* has already expressed sincere apologies to Mr. Ingram personally, which he graciously accepted, and we now apologise also to our readers.

This does, however, give us the opportunity to remind our readers that Jock Ingram won the St. Dunstan's London to Brighton walk in 1924, 1925 and 1926. As a result of these three consecutive wins, Jock had the right to hold the cup in perpetuity. However, in 1948, wishing to return the Cup to the sport from which he received it, Jock generously presented it to Raymond Glendenning, Radio Sports Commentator and he passed it on to Bill Harris who was, at the time, National Championship Secretary of the Race Walking Association. Now under the name of the Ingram St. Dunstan's Cup, it is competed for annually in the 10 mile National Championship Walk by the top sighted race walkers of this country. The cup thus establishes a permanent link between the Race Walking Association and St. Dunstan's

Frank Reviews

Cat. No. 933

Life With Daktari

by Susanne Hart

Read by Carol Marsh

Daktari is an African native word for Doctor and although both the author and her husband are Vets, to the African they are one and the same thing, so that a Veterinary Surgeon may find himself operating on an elephant one day, and a human child the next.

Many African animal species are in danger of extinction and in order to help in the conservation, the author makes her main work the education of the Kenyan school-children in the wealth of their heritage, while often helping her husband work in the bush. There his main task is to immobilise elephants with a drug injected into the animal by means of a dart. If all goes well the animal will lie down placidly while a collar with a radio transmitter is put around its neck so that its migration habits can be studied. This, though, is far from easy for the rest of the herd immediately come to the assistance of their fellow.

A wonderful book giving not only insight into the nature of the animals, but showing the courage and devotion of the small teams of conservancy experts, and the dangers they daily face in the bush.

Three Leading Race Walkers

(continued)

Another minor correction. Archie Brown was 59, not 58 years of age, as we said, when he became the first St. Dunstaner to cover 100 miles in less than 24 hours. This was in July, 1955.

Bill Miller, also mentioned by Bill Harris in his speech and referred to in our *Review* article, is yet another leading St. Dunstan's race walker with a unique achievement. In 1956 he made the fastest time in the London/Brighton walk—9 hours 7 minutes 52 seconds, a time that has never been equalled before or since by any other St. Dunstaner.

Cat. No. 771

Here Comes A Candle

by Jane Aiken Hodge

Read by Elizabeth Proud

For those who think that women journalists are a hard bitten bunch without a streak of romance this book will come as a shock. For Miss Aiken Hodge has for many years been earning her bread from newspapers and magazines, and wrote her first novel as late as 1964.

Set in the early 19th century this is a purely romantic novel, reminiscent of the writing of Jane Austen.

Kate, impoverished daughter of a village priest is in flight from . . . Ah well, that is the carefully guarded secret . . . We find her in Canada kneeling over the body of a dying old lady shot by the invading American Militia. Rescued by the hero of the book she is taken off to America to become a nursemaid to a distraught child. Not that her troubles end there, for fate brings her face to face with the man she fears and hates, and she has fallen in love with her employer who is of course a married man. One thing that fascinated me about the book was the description of the American way of life at that time.

Journalist she may be, but I can't see the author being much impressed with Women's Lib. for this is literally a re-incarnation of the nineteenth century romantic novel but, oh, what a beautiful piece of writing.

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Forty Odd

by Mary Bard

Read by Bessie Love

An amusing account of a year in the life of an American Doctor's wife, starting on her fortieth birthday. The battle against middle-age is waged with her friends, all of whom are determined to keep their youth, although the way they go about it can only bring about early old age. Her husband persuades her to start a Brownie Pack, while her three young daughters infest the house with their friends. All in all she forgets the sad fact of her age and gets down to enjoying a hectic life.

A very lighthearted and funny little story excellently read by Bessie Love.



Happy ending to the Reunion. Left to right: Mr. F. D. Opperman, Lady Ellerman, Alan Wortley, Mrs. Opperman and Mrs. Wortley.

Bob Coupland proposing the toast "To Lord and Lady Fraser".

HIGH NOTE AT LIVERPOOL

At Liverpool's Adelphi Hotel the series of three reunions celebrating Lord Fraser's 50th Anniversary ended on as high a note as it began. Some 450 people converged on Liverpool on Saturday, 17th June, travelling from towns and villages in the North of England, North Wales and the Isle of Man. The unlucky ones were those travelling in a party from Leeds whose coach broke down causing them to arrive very late. The Hotel staff softened the blow by serving a special late lunch for those St. Dunstaners and their escorts.

Nothing could soften the blow for Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Russell, for it was to have been Ernie's privilege to propose the toast of Lord and Lady Fraser and they arrived with the coach party too late for him to pay his tribute to the Chairman. In an interview with a representative of the *Review* Ernie gave the substance of his speech and this is reported later.

The band of the 1st Battalion, the Lancashire Volunteers played during luncheon and afterwards, for dancing. Mr.

Ion Garnett-Orme, Vice-Chairman, opened the speeches welcoming St. Dunstaners and their wives and escorts. He also welcomed the members of the Council and staff, past and present.

"We are specially honoured", he said, "To have with us today Mr. and Mrs. Opperman from South Africa. Mrs. Opperman is Chairman of St. Dunstan's (South Africa) and under her leadership that is a very active organisation which maintains close and friendly links with us here".

Mr. Garnett-Orme then read the messages from H.M. the Queen and from the Belgian Ambassador already reported in the *Review*. "Sir Neville Pearson, our President, is very sorry that he cannot be with us today", he continued, "He has sent Lord Fraser a telegram which I will now read you: 'Best wishes to you on this great and well-deserved occasion. St. Dunstan's is very proud of you'." Then Mr. Garnett-Orme read the announcement made by Sir Neville at the London and Brighton Reunion, of the naming of Ian Fraser House, Ovingdean.

Mr. Coupland Helps Out

After explaining Mr. Russell's absence Mr. Garnett-Orme said, "Mr. Coupland has agreed to say a word or two to us and I think that it is very noble of him to speak at this very short notice".

In his speech Bob Coupland, of Hull, first paid tribute to Lady Fraser: "I think we must include Lady Fraser—she has been such a wonderful asset to Lord Fraser; as our own wives have been to us.

"I think that coming from 1922-1972 is, you must agree, a hell of a long time. I was just going to school when Lord Fraser became Chairman but his influence in your and my welfare over that 50 years was never ever relaxed and his activities in the House of Commons and then in the House of Lords, well, we know only too well by our benefits which we receive in our pensions. Not only have we benefited but all other disabled persons in this country have benefited too.

"It would be fair to say 'Thank you' to him. We wish him and Lady Fraser health and happiness in the years to come".

Bob Coupland then introduced the tape recording of the presentations at Grosvenor House, which was relayed over the



Lord Fraser speaking.

public address system, before proposing the Toast of Lord and Lady Fraser.

Replying, Lord Fraser expressed his thanks for the messages from H.M. the Queen, the Belgian Ambassador and Sir Neville Pearson, Bt. He thanked the Vice-Chairman for reading Sir Neville's announcement of the naming of Ovingdean as Ian Fraser House . . .

"The name of St. Dunstan's is there on the building in letters two or three feet high and it is my wish that that name should stay there and predominate. If the house is called by my name then the name must be put in small letters over the front door".

Lord Normanby

Lord Fraser recalled the time, in the Second World War when Lord Normanby, now a member of St. Dunstan's Council, gathered a number of war-blinded men together in a German prisoner of war camp: "There was a famous eye specialist Dr. D. L. Charters, who happens to be with us today. Now there came a time when the British and Germans exchanged severely disabled P.O.W's and a number of St. Dunstaners were brought back by Lord Normanby before the war ended. But Dr. Charters refused to come with them because he wanted to stay and look





St. Dunstaners, Elsie Aldred and Harry Cope enjoying the dancing.

after his other patients. Now that seems to me very much to his credit".

Lord Fraser recalled his first visits to Liverpool as a young subaltern travelling on a motor-cycle, "I used to come here to the Adelphi on my day off, but all I could afford was a cup of tea. I could not afford to come to dinner. The Adelphi must have been built a year or two before. It was one of the most famous hotels in England, possibly in Europe, at that time".

The Better Half

"I want to echo the very kind things that have been said about my wife", continued Lord Fraser, "She is far the better half of this outfit. We have been married over fifty years and I have been Chairman for fifty years. Now, there is a new word come into the language, called confrontation. It means that you have a row. I am happy to report that I have never had a confrontation with Lady Fraser, neither have I had a confrontation with St. Dunstan's Council nor with St. Dunstaners in fifty years. Therefore this

has been for me a very happy time, perhaps I could almost call it a happy lifetime".

Reporting that Mr. A. D. Lloyds was in Canada attending a Reunion there, Lord Fraser expressed his thanks to St. Dunstan's staff through Mr. C. D. Wills, Assistant Secretary. Referring to the presence of Mrs. Opperman, Lord Fraser reminded his audience of the St. Dunstan's centre at Tembani in South Africa during the Second World War.

Concluding, Lord Fraser pointed out that presuming there is not another major war St. Dunstan's will run its course in the early years of the next century. "It seems to me that we should carry on our services. We must do all the things we have promised to do for every St. Dunstaner, past, present or future—remember the door is ever-open, we do not know but that tomorrow some very young fellow may come to us from Belfast. Everyone of us who survives until the last young man goes to his place of rest must carry on the tradition and spirit of which we are so proud and to which you St. Dunstaners have made such an enormous contribution".

During the afternoon Ernie Russell recorded for the *Review* some of the remarks he would have made in his speech. Lord and Lady Fraser have both listened to the recording and warmly appreciated the sentiments he expressed.

Ernie Russell

Ernie Russell said, "I must first of all say how disappointed I was at 25 minutes past 2. I knew my proudest moment had gone by. I could not pay my tribute on behalf of the assembled St. Dunstaners to Lord and Lady Fraser.

"The late Sir Arthur Pearson created St. Dunstan's but Lord Fraser, at the age of 24, accepted the responsibility. He accepted the challenge and in return he acquired greatness. His inspiration and leadership have been a fine example to us St. Dunstaners and blind and disabled persons throughout the world."

Ernie Russell spoke of the help and assistance of Lady Fraser and then commented on the selection of the cities in which the 1972 reunions took place: "The London and Brighton Reunion to cover his activities with St. Dunstan's, Bristol to cover his service with the Glosters—he

is always proud to let people know that his cap badge was back and front—here we are today in Liverpool, where, for 18 years he represented a north western constituency in Parliament".

The Clock

Referring to the words inscribed on the base of the clock, Ernie Russell said, "We gave a great deal of thought to the wording so that when the clock is handed over from the Fraser Clan to the Clan of the McDonalds—which we hope will be a very long time to come—we want them to know that the plaque is a constant reminder of the admiration, love and affection that we, too, share with these two wonderful and very special people.

Sir Neville

"Talking to me at the London Reunion" he concluded, "Sir Neville said that if his father were looking down he would be very proud, indeed, because his estimation was that St. Dunstan's would finish after the First World War. To see this scene of well-being he would surely be very pleased that Ian Fraser had been a marvellous builder and done a worthwhile job".



Ernie Russell.

50th ANNIVERSARY— SIR ARTHUR PEARSON ASSOCIATION OF WAR BLINDED

This year our Canadian comrades have been celebrating the Fiftieth Anniversary of their Association which they formed in April 1922, as the Sir Arthur Pearson Club of Blinded Soldiers and Sailors, this name being changed in 1942 to the Sir Arthur Pearson Association of War Blinded.

Over one hundred Canadian St. Dunstaners came from all parts of Canada with their wives and escorts to Toronto during the month of June, to join in a special Reunion in honour of the occasion. The President of the Association, Mr. D. A. Jamieson (who was in London recently for Lord Fraser's Fiftieth Anniversary Reunion at Grosvenor House) together with their Executive Secretary, Mr. W. M. Mayne, welcomed the guests, and the renewal of old friendships and the making of new ones during the meetings and outings which had been arranged, brought great pleasure to everyone.

One of the main events of the Reunion was a Parade and Service of Remembrance at the Toronto Cenotaph where a wreath was laid; the Parade was led by the Canadian Legion Band, St. Dunstaners wearing Red Berets and Service Medals, being escorted by members of the Air Cadet Force.

Mr. A. D. Lloyds, our Secretary, accompanied by his wife, attended the Reunion and represented Lord Fraser, who was unable to go to Toronto with Lady Fraser for the occasion. At the Anniversary Dinner, Mr. J. H. Lynes, the Association's first President, was the Guest Speaker, and Mr. Lloyds read a message from Lord Fraser conveying the congratulations and good wishes of St. Dunstan's to the Sir Arthur Pearson Association and all its members. In recognition of Mr. Lloyds' service to the blinded veterans of the Commonwealth, he was



Canadian St. Dunstaners visiting England photographed with Lord and Lady Fraser after lunching at St. John's Lodge. Back row left to right: Robin Buckley, St. Dunstan's P.R.O. Kurt Albrecht, John Chatwell, Lord Fraser, Mrs. Chatwell, Harvey Lynes, Frederick Schnell, Mrs. Schnell, Gil Paradis. Front row: Mrs. Albrecht, Lady Fraser, Mrs. Lynes and Mrs. Paradis.

elected to Honorary Membership of the Association.

Founded in 1918

The Sir Arthur Pearson Association works in close co-operation with St. Dunstan's and the Canadian National Institute for the Blind; the latter was founded in 1918 on the initiative of two young war blinded Canadians when they returned to their homeland after receiving training at St. Dunstan's in Regents Park during the First World War. The C.N.I.B. is responsible for the after-care services to Canada's war blinded, the Association being concerned with matters of particular concern to ex-servicemen, such as pensions, and working with other veterans' groups in this sphere.

It has been our privilege to have many Canadian veterans from both World Wars at St. Dunstan's for training and to welcome others on visits to this country. All members of the Sir Arthur Pearson Association, Mr. Lloyds tells us, are very mindful of the help and inspiration

accorded to them by St. Dunstan's and sent greetings and good wishes to their blinded comrades in the United Kingdom.

CONGRATULATIONS AND THANKS JOHN AND EVELYN COWAN

On Saturday, 20th May, the Royal British Legion, Boreham Wood Branch, for the 8th year in succession gave an evening party to Ex-Servicemen with their wives or companions. Our St. Dunstaner, John Cowan, who is Chairman of the Entertainment committee, and his wife, Evelyn, collect at Legion Meetings throughout the year to pay for the party.

The guests were served a splendid dinner by Mrs. Cowan and the ladies section, after which there was dancing and entertainment. This year's guests came from the Royal Hospital, Chelsea, and St. David's Home, Ealing, in addition to our St. Dunstaners.



IT STRIKES ME

'Lifer' writes Braille

Ken Revis, who works as a Supervisory Training Officer for British Leyland in Oxford, gives much of his spare time to work for crime prevention and aid for discharged prisoners. He has just been elected Chairman of the Crime Prevention Committee in Oxford. "Our job is to co-operate with the police to educate people in security and at least looking after their own houses, cars and belongings," he told me.

Incidentally, Ken, through his biography "Blinding Flash" by John Frayn Turner, has been able to help a prisoner serving a life sentence in Parkhurst the top security prison on the Isle of Wight. Inspired by the book the prisoner wrote to Ken.

"He asked me could he learn Braille to help blind people," explained Ken, "So I got through to the Prison Authorities and to Oxford Social Service Department. We organised Braille manuals, a writing machine and six months ago he qualified as a Braille transcriber passing a special, very stringent examination. I think he may be the only prisoner so qualified."

Ken Revis tries to visit his protege at least once a year and recently went to the Isle of Wight in company with Mrs. Elizabeth Dacre, J.P., Lord Fraser's sister who is herself deeply concerned with prisoners' welfare.

"I spent an hour with Jim" said Ken, "I feel proud of him, He has stuck to his

Braille so long. From his letters to me, in Braille, of course, I know this has been a help to him as a person. He told me it had opened new worlds for him and if only he had read my book before his fourth crime, he would not be serving this sentence."

'New Boys' Make Good

I have been reading about two St. Dunstaners who joined in the 1960s, **John Black** and **Paul Gibbins**, in magazines published by their employers. Both reports turn into tributes to their subjects. In a long article in *Private Wire*, ITT Creed's house journal, John Black is described as a skilled drill operator turning out parts, "which have been drilled with an accuracy that would leave most dentists standing."

In *Lynlec News*, published by the Lyndhurst District of the Southern Electricity Board, Paul Gibbins was congratulated on the way he has overcome his handicap. Incidentally I read this article again in *Southern Electricity*, the main staff magazine of the Board—only here it was illustrated by photographs of telephonists in training at St. Dunstan's.

John and Paul are good examples of St. Dunstaners maintaining the name and fame of our organisation.

Distinguished Company

The Distinguished Conduct Medal League held its Rally at Chelsea Barracks in June, Some fifty holders of the D.C.M. attended and among them was **James Greenwood**, of Worthing, with his wife.

After a Church Service H.R.H. the Duke of Kent inspected the parade. He spoke to everyone including James, who served with the Grenadier Guards in the First World War.

"The Duke mentioned this and asked me if I had ever met the, then, Prince of Wales," James Greenwood told me. "I said 'Yes, several times'. The Duke said he believed the Prince of Wales always wanted to be in the front line and I told him, it was very difficult to keep him out of it!"



Academic Successes Around the World

A high honour was conferred on Frederick le Gros Clark, an officer of the First World War, on 12th July when he was given an Honorary Degree of Doctor of Science in the Social Sciences at Bristol University. Our photograph shows him shaking hands with the Chancellor, Mrs. Dorothy C. Hodgkin, O.M., F.R.S. Miss Meyer, who represented St. Dunstan's, told us "Clarkie" received a tremendous ovation and that it was a terrific occasion.

In South Africa, Maurice Aldridge has been promoted to Senior Lecturer in Linguistics at Rhodes University, Grahamstown, and he is acting head of his Department until January whilst the professor is on leave.

Moving North West to British Columbia in Canada, we learn that Captain John Windsor, who was blinded in the Second World War, graduated in June with a B.A. honours degree in history. He did remarkably well and won a fellowship to help him carry on next year towards his M.A.

CORRECTION

We apologise for an error in the July issue of the *Review* when RON HAMILTON's name appeared in the Partially Sighted list in the Rifle Shooting Section. Ron's name should of course, have appeared in the Totally Blind Section.

CLUB NEWS

MIDLANDS

Quite a good meeting was held on Sunday, 11th June, and we were pleased to welcome Walter Jones and Nellie back again after a long absence.

One or two domino matches were played off and in one of the doubles games Stan Southall and Maisie, last year's winners, were beaten by Guy and Sallie Bilcliff.

We also discussed future outings, including a possible trip to Church Stretton in August and Stratford on the 1st October.

Mrs. Connie Faulkner arranged a very lovely tea for this meeting and we all thanked her for a grand spread.

On Sunday, 18th June, we had our annual outing, this year to Weston-Super-Mare. We left Birmingham at 9.30 a.m. stopping at Gloucester for coffee. Lunch had been arranged at the Melrose Café, and we were met at the café by our old friends, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Shakspeare and their two sons, we had invited them to lunch with us and we were all delighted to have their company again.

We were served with a very excellent lunch which everyone thoroughly enjoyed. When this was over everyone was free to do as they pleased.

During lunch our coach driver, a very helpful chappie named Pat, had met up with another coach driver from Birmingham and between them they made arrangements for the two coach parties to join forces on the return journey home and stop at a public house, with a very nice club room, which was near Droitwich. We arrived there about 7.45 p.m. and spent a very enjoyable couple of hours there. With the help of a pianist from the other coach we were able to have a good sing song and some of our members had a dance.

After rather a dismal day this evenings entertainment was certainly a good lift and we all thanked the two coach drivers for planning it for us.

Our next meeting will be on *Sunday, 13th August.*

DOUG CASHMORE,
Secretary.

LONDON

The Sir Arthur Pearson Aggregate Domino Competition will have come to a satisfactory conclusion by the time we break for our August recess. At present it would be very difficult to prophecy the winner of this popular game as it is such a close competition among our members.

We are pleased to see that, despite the fact that Summer has now come, attendance at our Thursday evening sessions remains at its peak.

Domino winners during June were as follows:

1st June	1. C. Hancock W. Miller
	2. D. Watkins
8th June	1. W. Harding J. Padley W. Miller
	2. D. Watkins M. Sheehan
15th June	1. R. Pacitti
	2. D. Watkins W. Miller C. Hancock
22nd June	1. J. Padley
	2. C. Hancock R. Pacitti
29th June	1. M. Sheehan
	2. W. Miller G. Stanley W. MILLER

Bridge Drive

Fortunately the weather was fine and sunny for the St. Dunstaners, wives and friends, who came to the Club Rooms in Old Marylebone Road, for a pleasant afternoon's game at our Bridge Drive on 15th of July. There were nine tables for Bridge.

We were happy to see so many of our friends with an especially warm welcome for those who had travelled a distance to be with us for the afternoon.

Mrs. L. Douglass graciously presented the prizes to the winners, who were as follows:

1. **W. Allen and Mr. Woods**
2. Mr. and Mrs. H. King
3. Mr. and Mrs. Meleson

Booby Prize. Mr. and Mrs. J. Padley

On behalf of the St. Dunstaners, Roy Armstrong thanked the guests for a pleasant afternoon's play and the voluntary helpers for the tea provided.

P. NUYENS

BRIDGE NOTES

The Sixth Individual Competition of the London Section was held on Saturday, 1st July. The results are as follows:

R. Evans and J. Lynch	72
W. Lethbridge and H. Meleson	68
F. Pusey and W. Allen	64
W. Miller and Partner	62
R. Fullard and R. Stanners	56
F. Dickerson and W. Phillips	56

The best five results up to date are:

W. Lethbridge	359
R. Evans	354
R. Fullard	348
W. Allen	322
H. Meleson	322
P. Nuyens	321
F. Dickerson	304
W. Phillips	301
W. Miller	289
J. Lynch	249 after 4 games
H. King	209 after 3 games
R. Stanners	165 after 2 games
R. Armstrong	137 after 2 games
F. Pusey	122 after 2 games
M. Tybinski	117 after 2 games
Miss V. Kemmish	116 after 2 games

The eight Individual Competition of the Brighton Section was held on Saturday, 24th June. The results are as follows:

J. Chell and A. Smith	76
W. Scott and R. Goding	69
S. Webster and C. Walters	62
A. Dodgson and F. Mathewman	59
R. Bickley and J. Whitcombe	56
F. Rhodes and W. Burnett	56

Cumulative positions with one session to play. The best five results out of eight up to date are:

W. T. Scott	373
C. Walters	371
J. Chell	368
R. Goding	364
S. Smith	355
R. Bickley	345
A. Dodgson	342
F. Mathewman	341
J. Whitcombe	340
F. Rhodes	339
F. Griffiee	330
S. Webster	301
W. Burnett	286
H. Kerr	210 after 4 games
M. Clements	177 after 3 games

THE MASTERS MATCH

The annual match versus the members of the London County Contract Bridge Association (The Masters) was held on Saturday, 10th June at St. Dunstan's Headquarters in London. Five teams from each Club took part and the match was decided by the total net aggregate score on four hands played against each team, the winning team from the L.C.C.B.A. being the team with the highest plus score and for St. Dunstan's the one with the lowest minus score.

Mrs. V. Delaney presented each member of the winning visitors' team with prizes made by St. Dunstaners from which there were a wide variety to choose. Miss V. Daly kindly presented the St. Dunstan's top team with a bottle of port each, and all St. Dunstan's members with a bottle of sherry.

Bob Evans in his speech thanked the members of the L.C.C.B.A. for coming along and stressed how much we appreciated this annual match as we deemed it a great honour to be on the Master's fixture list. He offered our sincere thanks to Miss V. Daly for the organisation of this fixture and to Mr. Percy Charteris for the arrangements of the actual match play.

I would like to add on behalf of the committee and members of the St. Dunstan's players a hearty vote of thanks to our steward, Norman Smith, who with his habitual hard work and cheerful ways, was certainly the main spring of this successful meeting. We are also more than grateful to Mrs. Smith and last but not least to her kind helpers for providing us with the hard earned refreshments after the great concentration of the afternoon which ended on a most successful and happy note.

The results were as follows:

FOR THE LONDON COUNTY CONTRACT BRIDGE ASSOCIATION

1. Mr. and Mrs. Fox, A. Compoli, V. Sadler	+ 5340
2. C. Leighton, M. Leighton, Mr. and Mrs. Abrahams	+ 3420
3. G. Cooke, W. Dodd, Mrs. Garfield, A. Attaullali	+ 3070
3. Miss Daly, Mrs. Addison, Mrs. Jenkins, J. Cooker	+ 1610
4. J. Marx, J. Amsbury, M. Wade, C. Brenner	+ 1470

ST. DUNSTAN'S

1. P. Nuyens, R. Armstrong, Mr. and Mrs. M. Delaney	- 2040
2. J. Lynch, H. King, H. Ward, R. Evans	- 2120
3. W. Allen, R. Freer, E. Carpenter, L. Douglass	- 2130
4. F. Dickerson, W. Lethbridge, R. Goding, R. Bickley	- 4200
5. J. Whitcombe, W. Phillips, R. Fullard, M. Tybinski	- 4420

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

From George F. Grainger, Glenorchy, Tasmania, Australia

In your issue of February, 1972, there was a most interesting article on new switchboard equipment as used by Douglas Cashmore, Kalamazoo, Northfield, Birmingham.

The Ericsson equipment certainly has some interesting and novel features which make it possible for totally blind operators to perform satisfactorily all that is required in modern big business.

In the hope that it may be of interest to your readers, I am enclosing a photograph of the switchboard of which I operate the master console. It is a two-position unit and from my master position I can and often do run both boards simultaneously.

The switchboard shown herein is the Standard Telephones and Cables *Pentaconta* cross bar switchboard modified by the manufacturers for the use of totally blind operators. This model has provision for 50 incoming exchange lines and 1000 extensions of which 35 exchange and over 900 extensions are in regular use. The incoming traffic is duplicated on both manuals so that from my position I can control both units.

The equipment is provided with direct in-dialling facilities and night switching may be manual or automatic.

The modifications for my use include a separate tone in the headset for each line of incoming call buttons; these are four in number. The bottom two rows have twenty buttons each and the top two have ten



each. This includes ten revertive or outgoing exchange lines direct from the switchboard.

By identifying the tone given in the headset I set my photo-electric cell light probe to scan the particular button row, pick up the sound of the glowing lamp, press the associated button and am in contact with the caller. Normally the caller can be in conversational contact with the required extension in ten seconds from the time his call is answered. The required extensions are keyed out on a ten button system in two rows of five so that upon my digiting buttons 4010, the extension of that number commences to ring. With the p.e. probe I can monitor the supervisory lamps which indicate the state of the call: *ringing*, *busy*, or *not answering*.

Dialling Internally

For dialling internally I can use either the digital keys or the standard dial which is dimpled at the figure 5 and that is the only modification I use on dialling. The light probe has two controls *brilliant* and

volume, it does not admit ambient light.

So far as work logs are concerned I prefer the use of the Perkins Braille Writer so that I can scan previous information quickly without having to unravel yards of shorthand paper tape.

We send and receive many telegrams, have a great volume of Australian inter-State calls and many overseas from and to New Zealand, Indonesia, Japan, Europe, the U.K. and the U.S.A. We are housed in the headquarters of the Tasmanian Hydro Electric Commission in two adjacent buildings one of 13 storeys and the other of 5 storeys with a wide frontage. There are over 1,100 on the staff. Next year I shall have been with this Commission for twenty years the last eleven as Senior Operator.

COMMUNICATION

1st Old Lady. "Isn't it windy?"

2nd Old Lady. "No, I think it's Thursday."

3rd Old Lady. "So am I. Let's have a cup of tea."

FAMILY NEWS

Silver Weddings

Many congratulations to MR. AND MRS. JOHN BEATTIE of Mobberley, Cheshire, who celebrated their Silver Wedding Anniversary on 21st June, 1972.

Warm congratulations to MR. AND MRS. ALBERT MITCHELL of Guildford, Surrey, who celebrated their Silver Wedding Anniversary on 28th June, 1972. They went to Rome on an eight day pilgrimage as a celebration and thanks offering for twenty-five years of happy marriage and were fortunate to obtain an audience with the Pope.



Herbert Frost of New Moston, Manchester, has sent us this photograph taken in March when he was presented with a testimonial and gold watch by the Managing Director of Hawker Siddeley Aviation for 25 years service.

Many congratulations to MR. AND MRS. LESLIE CONSTABLE of Adelaide, S. Australia, who celebrated their Silver Wedding Anniversary on 26th June whilst on holiday visiting their family in England.

Sincere congratulations to MR. AND MRS. WILLIAM CHITTY of Hove, Sussex, who celebrated their Silver Wedding Anniversary on 24th May, 1972.

Hearty congratulations to MR. AND MRS. TOMMY GAYGAN of North Harrow, Middlesex, who celebrated their Silver Wedding Anniversary on 9th July, 1972.

We send belated greeting to MR. AND MRS. ALFRED FRANKLIN of Edmonton, N.9 who have just let us know that they celebrated their Silver Wedding Anniversary on 8th June, 1971.

Ruby Wedding

Heartiest congratulations to MR. AND MRS. BARTHOLOMEW CULLEY of Caterham, Surrey, who celebrated their Ruby Wedding Anniversary on 2nd July, 1972.

Golden Wedding

Very many congratulations to MR. AND MRS. TOM MELBOURNE of Hornsby, New South Wales, Australia, who celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary on 12th July, 1972. Tom Melbourne was Hon. Secretary/Treasurer of the Australian Blinded Soldiers' Association from 1961 to 1963.

Grandfathers

Congratulations to:

EDWARD MILLS of Bloxwich, Walsall, Staffs., who announces the arrival of a Grandson, Jonathan David, who was born on 8th June, 1972.

BILL PHILLIPS of Plaistow, E.13, who is pleased to announce the arrival of a grand-daughter, Denise Mary, on 5th July, 1972, born to his son and daughter-in-law, Bill and Susan Phillips.

TOM TAYLOR of Leyland, Preston, Lancs., announces the arrival of a second grandchild, a second son born to his daughter, Susan on 24th June, 1972.

REGINALD THEOBALD of Ipswich, is pleased to announce he has become a grandfather for the first time on the arrival of a grandson born on 5th June, 1972 to his daughter Elizabeth.

BERNARD JOSEY of Windsor, Berks., who is pleased to announce the arrival of a grand-daughter, Sarah Marie, born on 11th June, 1972.

RAYMOND VOWLES of Portsmouth, who is happy to announce the arrival of his grandchild. A daughter was born to their married daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Nuttall, on 3rd May, 1972 and she is to be called Samantha.

LEONARD COOK of Rodbourne, nr. Swindon, Wilts., on becoming a grandfather when a daughter was born to his son and daughter-in-law, on 5th June, 1972. She is to be called Joanne Susan.

HARRY FOSTER of Farnham, Surrey, on the birth of his third grandchild, born to his son Barry and his wife, Linda, on 15th March, 1972. Julian Foster is the new arrival's name.

Great Grandfathers

Many congratulations to

WILLIAM BRAMSON of Brighton, Sussex, who is pleased to announce the arrival of two more great grandchildren, both girls, one born in Manchester and one born in Canada. He has now eight great grandchildren.

Long Life and happiness to:

LESLIE CONSTABLE of Adelaide, S. Australia, is pleased to announce the marriage of his elder daughter Ann Roselyn Constable to Horst Eric Neubauer on 13th October, 1971. The young couple are living in Adelaide.

WINSTON HOLMES of Hove, Sussex, is pleased to announce the marriage of his son David Holmes to Barbara Hurst on 11th March, 1972.

JOHN READ of Weybridge, Surrey, announces the marriage of his daughter Sheila to Eric Bonner of Woking, on 20th May, 1972. The young couple will be making their home in Ashby de-la-Zouch.

MRS. PHYLLIS DURKIN of Worcester, widow of our late St. Dunstaner, Charles Durkin, is very proud that both her son and grandson, are Flight Engineers with B.O.A.C.

HARRY FOSTER of Farnham, Surrey, is pleased to announce the marriage of his son, Clifford to Barbara Brown on 10th June, 1972 at St. Michael's Church, Aldershot.

JOSEPH HUMPHREY of Belfast, is very pleased to announce that his daughter, Marilyn is now a qualified Teacher of Business Studies and History.

JOSEPH MOSLEY of Solihull, is very proud of his son Paul, who is a lecturer at Letchworth Technical College.

LESLIE THOMPSON of Gateshead, County Durham, is delighted to announce that his son Phillip has obtained his B.Sc. in Civil Engineering, and equally delighted to tell his friends that his son Robert has been promoted as Manager of a large self-service shop, and has passed the first examinations of the National Federation of Grocers City and Guilds.

Hugh, son of IVOR TURNER of Skipton, Yorkshire, received his Economic Degree at Hull University last month.

Deaths

We offer our very sincere sympathy to:

WALTER BICK of Leamington, who mourns the death of his mother on 28th May, 1972, at the age of 83, after a short illness.

JAMES LAFFEY of Bradford, Yorkshire, who mourns the recent death of his brother.

WALTER JAMES RODEN of Chorley, Lancashire who mourns the death of his wife in hospital on 14th June, 1972.

GROYSWYN STARK of Yatton, nr. Bristol, who mourns the death of his father on 7th June, 1972, at the age of 86.

FREDERICK WELCH of Dudley, Worcs., who mourns the death of his father on 7th June, 1972.

MISS THELMA MEREDITH of Chester, who mourns the death of her sister, Mrs. Cook, on 6th July, 1972.

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.

Louis Frederick Henry Acott. *Royal Navy.*

Louis Frederick Henry Acott of Portslade, Sussex, died on 30th June, 1972, at the age of 76 years.

Mr. Acott served in the Royal Navy from August 1912 to June 1946 and was taken P.O.W. in the Far East during the Second World War. His gradual loss of vision meant that he was not admitted to St. Dunstan's until 1953, when he had already completed his Naval Service, but on coming to St. Dunstan's was trained in joinery, an occupation which he continued until 1964, when he retired on medical advice.

Unfortunately in recent years Mr. Acott's health had given considerable cause for concern and he had been nursed devotedly by his wife and by their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Gee.

Major-General Clifford Thomason Beckett, C.B., C.B.E., M.C., Chevalier de la Legion d'Honneur. *Royal Artillery.*

General Beckett, of Putney, S.W.15, died in hospital on the 8th July, 1972, at the age of 80 years.

He was a Regular Officer, who served in both World Wars and had a most distinguished career (especially in Malta), until he retired in 1946. His health and sight ultimately deteriorated and he became a St. Dunstaner in 1970.

He was a widower and leaves a son and two daughters.

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William Bell. *Northumberland Fusiliers.*

William Bell of Seaton Sluice, Northumberland, died on 22nd June, 1972, at the age of 74 years.

He served with the Northumberland Fusiliers from 1915 to 1918 and was wounded in France. His eyesight did not deteriorate until later and he became a St. Dunstaner in 1951.

After joining St. Dunstan's he set up as a small scale farmer and kept poultry and carried on this occupation for a considerable number of years. When he gave up this occupation he concentrated, until his health deteriorated, on his garden and greenhouse, and was renowned for his chrysanthemums and carnations. Mr. Bell enjoyed frequent visits to Brighton and also attended North Country Reunions, and Deaf/Blind Reunions, as he himself, had this double handicap. He will be much missed by his friends.

He leaves a widow, Mrs. Lilian Bell.

William Charles Bruggemeyer. *Post Office Rifles.*

William Charles Bruggemeyer, of London, S.E.24, died at his home on the 9th July, 1972, at the age of 73 years.

After being commissioned and serving in the First World War, he was a school teacher for many years until his sight failed and he became a St. Dunstaner in 1938. He trained most successfully as an osteopath and had his own practice, in which his elder son ultimately joined him. In recent years he had helped St. Dunstan's physiotherapists by giving them special instruction, and his kindness and skill benefited many patients. He had been in very poor health for some considerable time, but his wife's devoted care made it possible for him to remain at home right up to the time of his death.

He leaves a widow, two sons and a daughter and grandchildren.

Bert Harold Derges. *Machine Gun Corps.*

Bert Harold Derges of Exeter, Devon, died at Ovingdean, Sussex, on 3rd July, 1972, at the age of 81 years.

He served in the Machine Gun Corps from 1914 to 1918, but did not come to St. Dunstan's until 1936. When he became a St. Dunstaner Mr. Derges and his wife had a business which they continued to run until 1942 when his home and shop were demolished due to enemy action—Mr. Derges himself, narrowly escaped injury.

After this experience Mr. Derges decided to give up the business and moved to Exeter. Employment was then found for our St. Dunstaner in Industry in 1943, but he retired a year later.

During his retirement Mr. Derges took a keen interest in his garden. He and his wife celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary in 1966 and his wife died towards the end of that year.

Since the death of his wife Mr. Derges spent many long holidays at Ovingdean and has resided there permanently since 1970. His health deteriorated in recent months and he died at Ovingdean.

He leaves a daughter and family.

George Lee Douglas. *Nelson Battalion.*

Royal Naval Division.

George Lee Douglas of Osterley, Middlesex, died on 4th July, 1972, at the age of 76 years.

He enlisted in the Nelson Battalion, Royal Naval Division, and served with them until his discharge in 1917 when he came to St. Dunstan's.

He trained as a telephonist and also in boot making. He was employed as a telephonist in the Admiralty and in 1923 started work as a telephonist at the British Empire Exhibition in Wembley.

He held this post for a number of years and in 1941 was transferred to the Board of Trade which suited him admirably as he had meantime settled in Osterley. He lived in the same house for over 40 years. Mr. Douglas continued with his employment of telephony until 1954 when he decided to retire. He and his wife had a happy retirement together until her death in 1965. Since her death he had been nursed devotedly by his daughter Jean to whom our sympathy is extended.

Joseph Hamilton. *3rd Durham Light Infantry.*

Joseph Hamilton of North Shields, Northumberland, died on 2nd July, 1972, at the age of 88 years.

He served with the 3rd Durham Light Infantry from 1915 to 1919 and was wounded in 1918, but his sight did not deteriorate until later in life and he did not come to St. Dunstan's until two years ago. Due to his age and indifferent health he was not able to take advantage of holidays in the south nor attend Reunions. His wife predeceased him in May of this year.

He leaves a family to whom we send an expression of heart-felt sympathy in their double bereavement.

Ernest Charles Jager. *Royal Army Service Corps.*

Ernest Charles Jager of Saltdean, Sussex, died on 2nd July, 1972, at the age of 68 years.

He enlisted in the Royal Army Service Corps in 1939 and served with them until his discharge in 1942. He came to St. Dunstan's in 1947 and became a shopkeeper in London and carried on with this occupation until the health of both he and Mrs. Jager showed considerable strain and they retired from the business in 1953.

In 1954 Mr. Jager entered Ovingdean for re-training with a view to taking Industrial employment. He found employment in a joinery factory but due to ill-health was unable to continue with this resettlement.

A few months later they moved to Sussex and Mr. Jager used his joinery training to work at home which he did successfully for some time. In more recent years Mr. Jager's health had given considerable cause for concern and on medical advice he retired and he and his wife enjoyed a quiet and happy retirement together.

His death came unexpectedly whilst staying at Northgate House. Mrs. Jager met with an accident recently which caused a broken arm and is in a Nursing Home.

He leaves a widow and a daughter by a former marriage, Miss Ann Jager.

David George Morgan. *12th South Wales*

Borderers.

David George Morgan of Cardiff, died on 4th June, 1972. He was 84 years of age.

He served in the 12th South Wales Borderers from 1916 to 1917 and he was wounded at Hendicourt in 1917. He came to St. Dunstan's that same year, and trained in boot repairing and netting and carried on both these occupations for a considerable number of years. During the Second World War he went into industry.

He leaves a widow, Mrs. H. M. Morgan, and a grown-up family.

Wyndham Pitt. *South Wales Borderers.*

Wyndham Pitt of Bridgend, Glamorganshire, died on 19th June, 1972, at the age of 75 years.

He served in the South Wales Borderers from 1914 to 1917 and was wounded in 1916. His eyesight did not deteriorate until later in life and he came to St. Dunstan's in 1970.

Because of his age and ill-health Mr. Pitt was not able to undertake any training or occupation, but he was able once to have an enjoyable holiday at Ovingdean.

He leaves a widow, Mrs. R. G. Pitt, and family.

Joseph Raines. *Grenadier Guards.*

Joseph Raines of Nottingham, died at his home on 17th June, 1972. He was 75 years of age.

He served in the Grenadier Guards from 1914 to 1919 and was wounded in 1915, but his eyesight did not deteriorate until later in life and he became a St. Dunstaner in 1968. Previously before coming to St. Dunstan's he had been a Charge Electrician.

He became gravely ill latterly and his death was not therefore unexpected.

He leaves a widow, Mrs. I. M. Rains, and a grown-up family.

Douglas Caley Watterson. *Royal Garrison*

Artillery.

Douglas Caley Watterson of St. John's, Isle of Man, died in hospital on 17th March, 1972. He was 76 years of age.

He served in the Royal Garrison Artillery during 1917. His eyesight did not deteriorate until later in life and he came to St. Dunstan's in 1949.

He first made string bags and rugs for our Stores whilst he was living in Lancashire. He moved to the Isle of Man and there took great pleasure in his garden and greenhouse. His last illness was of brief duration and his death was unexpected.

He leaves relations.

Frederick John William Westaway. *King's*

Royal Rifle Corps.

Frederick John William Westaway of Yeovil, Somerset, died on 1st July, 1972, at the age of 81 years.

He served in the King's Royal Rifle Corps from February 1916 to September 1916 and came to St. Dunstan's that year.

He trained as a boot and mat maker and was regarded as one of the most able blind workers in these trades. Mr. Westaway carried on with his full-time repairing and mat making until 1970 and during his long career tackled the most difficult jobs successfully.

For some time Mr. Westaway was an active member of the British Legion and served on the British Legion Council in Yeovil for a number of years. His wife helped in the Women's Section of the Legion. They celebrated their Golden Wedding in 1967.

Unfortunately they suffered a sad bereavement in the loss of their only son in November 1971, but their daughter-in-law and grandson have at all times been most attentive and continued to help our St. Dunstaner and his wife, as they live nearby.

He leaves a widow, Mrs. Westaway, daughter-in-law, two grandsons and other members of the family.

