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Royal Silver Wedding

On the occasion of the Silver Wedding of Her Majesty The Queen and His Royal Highness Prince Philip, 20th November, the Chairman sent the following telegram:

On behalf of St. Dunstan's Men and Women throughout the Commonwealth I have the honour to send your Majesty and His Royal Highness our congratulations and affectionate good wishes on the occasion of your Silver Wedding.

Fraser of Lonsdale,
Chairman

Her Majesty sent the following reply:

Prince Philip and I send you and the men and women of St. Dunstan's throughout the Commonwealth our sincere thanks for your good wishes on the occasion of our Silver Wedding.

Elizabeth R.

Ovingdean, Au Revoir

by Peggie Brett

Let all who have stayed at Ovingdean,
Whether 'Holiday', 'Perms' or 'Training',
In blazing sunshine, howling gales
Or sometimes simply raining,
Pause to salute her where she stands
On the Downs by the Sussex coast;
Then wish her the best, a well earned rest,
In a special Christmas Toast.

She's taken a bashing, the old girl has,
Of wear and tear and weather,
And she needs a bit of a breather now
Just to pull herself together.
So charge your glasses with thankfulness,
And pocket the urge to grouse,
Till a smiling Ovingdean welcomes you
back

Into 'Ian Fraser House'.



CHAIRMAN'S NOTES

Remembrance

On Sunday, 12th November, I joined the St. Dunstan's contingent for the Cenotaph Service and March Past and we all lunched together afterwards. Even after fifty years or more, these events move me because I was one of those who took part in the original Armistice Day celebrations and I like to think that the sentiments of that time are remembered.

St. Dunstan's, Brighton

I hope shortly to pay one of my routine visits to Brighton. My first call will be on Northgate House, of which Mrs. Blackford is now the Matron, and I know I shall find, as I always have, that our old comrades who require a great deal of nursing are cheerful and comfortable in spite of their grievous handicaps.

I shall then go on to Pearson House, my first visit since the move. Pearson House is now going strong and we have been able to absorb those of our permanent residents who were at Ovingdean, together with a small number of trainees, who will train partly at Pearson House and partly at Ovingdean in one of our out-buildings there. I shall tell the men at Pearson House how grateful I am for their co-operation and good spirit over the move. I take this opportunity of congratulating the Commandant, the Matrons, senior staff and, indeed, all who arranged and carried out the trek from one house to the other so efficiently.

COVER PICTURE: At Christmas, a memory of decorations at Ovingdean, now in the hands of builders carrying out the improvements which will make it the new Ian Fraser House.



Many St. Dunstaners will have read about Tommy McKay, who lives in Brighton and is a very expert joiner and cabinet maker. He has made a splendid grandmother clock with Westminster chimes, which he has donated to St. Dunstan's and which is now established in Pearson House. I look forward to seeing Tommy and his wife to thank Tommy publicly for his thought and work in making this clock for all of us.

Mobility Aids

It is more than a year since I mentioned the binaural sensor in these Notes. This is a device like a pair of heavy framed spectacles and contains an acoustic/electronic system; it sends out a silent beam which detects objects and returns echoes which are heard as tones, in both ears. Second War men will remember radar; the principle is similar.

Our Research Department and Mr. Walter Thornton have now been testing the device with some 20 blind people for about 12 months, and the final evaluation report shows that persons already skilled in the use of the long cane, and also one or two guide dog users, can take advantage of the spectacles. Scientific tests have also been made at Nottingham University under the aegis of our Scientific Committee, but the results of these will not be available until next year. Walter Thornton himself is expert in its use and we think it is fairly well established that the device can be of use to blind persons who are good at getting about alone and are young or young-minded, but probably only a very limited category of blind persons would be able to take real advantage of the apparatus. The device is extremely expensive and, while it is one thing to undertake the research as we have done, it is quite another to think of supplying it, especially when its use would be so limited.

A much larger test in America will almost certainly give similar results and a total of 200 instruments has been available in little more than prototype form for testing. A more reliable Mark 2 version is now being developed by the manufacturer and at least 18 months will elapse before this is available.

I congratulate Walter Thornton and our instructor, Peter Ryding, and thank them for their considerable effort in training 20 blind people to use the aid and for supervising the trials and producing the final report. Whilst this exercise has added considerably to our knowledge of instrument aided mobility, it should be clearly understood that neither the binaural sensor nor any similar device that is likely to be developed in the next few years will provide the complete answer to independent travel for the blind.

Incidentally, Walter Thornton will be remembered as one of the most advanced and courageous men at Church Stretton who set out to walk alone all over the area and he is totally blind. It was on this account that I asked him to go to the United States a few years ago to find out all he could about the long cane as an aid to mobility and he did a very good job. I continue to hear that quite a few St. Dunstaners of different ages, including a man of 57 and one who was 80 years of age and a woman St. Dunstaner, have found the cane of very real benefit and that they use it regularly. If any St. Dunstaner wants to know more about this, will he please write to Mr. Wills, who will give him good advice.

Christmas

I will be in England at Christmas and have been asked to broadcast the usual appeal for the Wireless for the Blind Fund. It was my good fortune to start the general movement as early as 1922, when I arranged for St. Dunstan's to supply all our members with wireless sets; older members will remember searching around a "cat's whisker" to get 2LO on an earphone! Then Sir Beachcroft Towse and I initiated the idea of a British Wireless for the Blind Fund and I became Chairman in its early days and still am. What a lot of progress we have made since then! Every civilian blind person in the land who needs one has a free wireless set from this Fund, whilst St. Dunstan's provides wireless sets for our members from our funds as a way of helping the blind world generally.

This year's Christmas Day Broadcast will be at 6.10 p.m. on Radio 4.

On a more personal note, Lady Fraser and I hope to go to Northgate House and Pearson House to celebrate Christmas with our friends there. We hear regularly from St. Dunstan's societies in other countries and from many individuals; their spirit and way of life are very much the same as ours in the Old Country and we cherish these contacts. To all St. Dunstaners and their families the world over we send a special message of affection and good wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

Fraser of Lonsdale

Coming Events

FISHING 1973

In addition to the St. Dunstan's Fishing Club outings, St. Dunstan's will be organising six week-end outings commencing the week-end January 27th-28th, and thereafter each alternate month. Twenty-four fishermen will be catered for each week-end. It is pointed out that accommodation will not be available in Pearson House but those willing to provide their own accommodation will be assisted with travel and boarding expenses. All those wishing to take advantage of these outings should contact Mr. Carnochan, Sports Organiser at Pearson House, for further information not later than 15th December.

STAFF RETIREMENT

Miss Jane Scott, the Assistant Matron at Ovingdean retires on 2nd December. Miss Scott joined St. Dunstan's as a V.A.D. in 1950 and was particularly concerned with our women St. Dunstaners at Port Hall during her early service. Later, after two breaks in service, she took a major role in the Lounge at Ovingdean and was Assistant Matron from 1968 until the Home closed in October of this year.

Miss Scott had a great capacity for efficiency and helpfulness and will be missed by all those who visited Ovingdean. Many St. Dunstaners have asked to be included in any presentation to Miss Scott and **Matron Blackford**, who is now at **Northgate House, Bazehill Road, Rottingdean**, has agreed to act as Treasurer.

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.

Basil Charles Backhurst of Jersey, Channel Islands, joined St. Dunstan's in October 1972. He served in the 2nd World War in the R.A.F. He is married and has one married son.

George William Coote of Blackpool, Lancashire. He came to St. Dunstan's in October 1972. Mr. Coote served in the 2/19 London Regiment in the 1st World War and is a widower.

John Darg Rowe Linton of Worksop, Nottinghamshire, came to St. Dunstan's at the end of October, 1972. He served in the Royal Scots from 1935 to 1948. He is married.

Philip James D'Hooghe of Gedling, Nottingham, came to St. Dunstan's in September 1972. He served in the 20th Hussars during the First World War and is married with two children—a son and a daughter.

Alfred Parslow of High Wycombe, Bucks., became a full St. Dunstaner on 30th October, 1972. He served in the R.A.F. during the Second World War and since then has been a businessman. He is married and has a grown-up daughter.

Chairman for 22nd time

NORTON CHRISTAL of the Isle of Man reports that he has been elected Chairman of his local Branch of the Royal British Legion for the 22nd time.

KEMPTOWN NOTES

Au Revoir, Ovingdean—Hello, Pearson House! Operation "Shift" has at last taken place and here we all are in our new home. We find ourselves in very different surroundings from the vastness of Ovingdean with its echoing corridors and windswept Downs.

Here we have much smaller public rooms and this was a little disconcerting at first, but we are rapidly getting used to the different atmosphere. Indeed some of our St. Dunstaners were remarkably quick to find their own way around, and most by now are pretty independent. Mr. Carnochan is around to give mobility lessons to those who wish to benefit from them, and the wise ones take advantage of this.

The big shift itself was an enormous undertaking of course, and had to be lived through to be believed. Such quantities of furniture, linen, crockery, cutlery, office equipment, kitchen equipment, medical equipment—you name it! And all had to be heaved and loaded, unloaded and heaved, some into store, some to Pearson House, and some—well, we just can't imagine how it was all dealt with. What we do know is that heroic efforts went on all around us and to some people in particular we would like to hand out medals. Well, we all got here at last and at first all seemed chaos, but a cup of tea works wonders and a day or two of setting up a routine and of constant rescue operations to help lost souls, really made a wonderful difference. Moving house is always a terrible upheaval and this was some move!

Sighted people can tell you that all the rooms everywhere have the most charming colour schemes imaginable, with beautiful curtains, some restful, some gay—fitted carpets in many places which are kind to the feet and pleasing to the eye. All St. Dunstaners have very comfortable accommodation. (See October Review).

Our usual activities have had to be suspended for a little while, needless to say, and only gradually can we get things going again. So apart from a gramophone concert or two, our weekly drives, visits to the Dome and Theatre and a couple of play readings, which all took place before the move, we have little to describe. Now that

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

From George Fallowfield of Durrington, Worthing, Sussex.

"Are Cinemas and Television good for the Blind?"

I have never heard Wireless or seen Television but had programmes described to me by both the sighted Deaf and hearing Blind and let me say Television is only fit for those able to both see and hear.

Where plays and films are concerned on TV, the sighted Deaf get hopelessly confused. For example a Deaf friend telling me about a play said "Now his wife has turned up etc. . . ." and later I was told, "that was his sister, not his wife".

Telling me about a film a sighted Deaf friend went on . . . "he is drunk and throwing bricks through his neighbour's windows, now the police have turned up etc." Later my family were amused saying, . . . "he is not drunk that was his dream!"

What has interested me is why do the hearing blind so much criticise Radio calling it "Trash" and "Tripe"? One blind woman said, "Anybody with an ear for good music does not waste their time listening to Radio tripe". Another, "We are not interested in tripe that is served up weeks after being recorded". This last comment amused me because one doesn't read a book while the author is writing it, indeed, such writers as Dickens, Blackmore, Thackeray and Trollope are still being read.

we are getting nicely settled, we hope to take up some of our interests again by degrees, though with so much less room we will have to adapt our ideas to our different circumstances. It is a big change to be situated in the town after the wide open spaces—walks take place mostly along the seafront and there is a great choice of pubs, all within easy reach. Buses pass the door to take us into the centre of the town and there is a good choice of shops just along the road, which makes shopping much easier. So all in all we should soon be feeling quite at home and meanwhile we hear that already Ovingdean looks lost and lorn, that the bulldozers are busy and big changes are on the way.



Those were the days . . .

Christmas is a time for remembering so look back with us to Christmas 1945 at Church Stretton. The pictures are from a St. Dunstan's publication of that time; the account from the Review January, 1946. Can you recognise some of the faces in the photographs?

Church Stretton Notes

Surely our Christmas, 1945, jollities will be a life-memory of gaiety and happiness to all who took part in them. Whether because of our record numbers or because of its being the first peace-time anniversary, or our last Christmas celebration in Church Stretton, it certainly surpassed all previous records.

Then St. Dunstan's "Fol-de Rols" gave a rollicking show, "Treasure Island", on Thursday for the troops, and on Friday to a packed Hall, ourselves and Church Stretton friends. The stage represented a wonderful galley, complete with shields, oars, prow, figurehead (Donald Duck!) and rudder—Mr. Beasley's handiwork—the company appearing as gay buccaneers, with the sepulchral voice of Captain Hook threatening at intervals to sink the ship; this was eventually represented with a terrifying thunder-storm, putting to shame all mere Drury Lane effects! Congratulations to all concerned—organisers, dressers, soloists and chorus.



IT STRIKES ME

A Thousand to One

Following my reference in last month's *It Strikes Me* to John Perfect's part-time studies, it was interesting to see in the first issue of *Open View*, a regional Open University magazine, **Tom Taylor** of Leyland near Preston, writing on his course. The educational term 'course', he says, must have been borrowed from horse racing. "Because of its metaphorical similarities. It has its 'ups' and 'downs', its 'hurdles' and its 'flats'. It has its 'Starting price' and its 'finishing post'."

Tom says that out of thirty thousand second-year students of the Open University no less than thirty one compete with a visual handicap as he does himself.

"Attempting two courses in my second year with the Open University has made demands upon a few people other than myself. Every single word connected with the A 201 course has been read by my wife, sometimes more than once. The Talking Book machine . . . has literally played for hundreds of hours in giving me details of the D 100 course supplemented by Braille diagrams, notes from the study centre and further readings by my wife".

He concludes: "I am one in a thousand amongst all the other students. The odds are shortening but I hope to make the finishing post at even odds, before I am scratched from the race".

Bells at the Palace

David Bell, of Edinburgh, who has survived university degree courses, television's *This Is Your Life* and the *Review's* Ways of Life, found no terrors in being summoned to meet Her Majesty the Queen at Buckingham Palace to receive the M.B.E. he was awarded in the Birthday Honours List. "I wasn't nervous", he told me, "But one chap I spoke to, who was getting the George Medal for gallantry, was sweating buckets".

David received his award for his work for other disabled people through local and



David Matheson feeding a pony near Northgate House

regional hospital boards, the Scottish Council of Social Service and the Disabled Advisory Committee of the Department of Employment. "The Queen asked me where I do this work for the disabled", said David I told her mostly in Scotland, but wherever my advice is asked. She said, "I am very pleased to be giving you this award, Mr. Bell."

Sybil, David's wife, their son and daughter, David and Diana seen with him in our photograph, were at the Palace for the investiture.

Wonderful

Another St. Dunstaner to meet a member of the Royal Family during November was **Sammy Webster**. At the invitation of Lord Luke, the Chairman, Sammy and his wife, Hilda, attended the official opening in Guildford of Luke House, the new headquarters of the United Society for Christian Literature. Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother unveiled a plaque and subsequently spoke to five long service retired members of the staff.

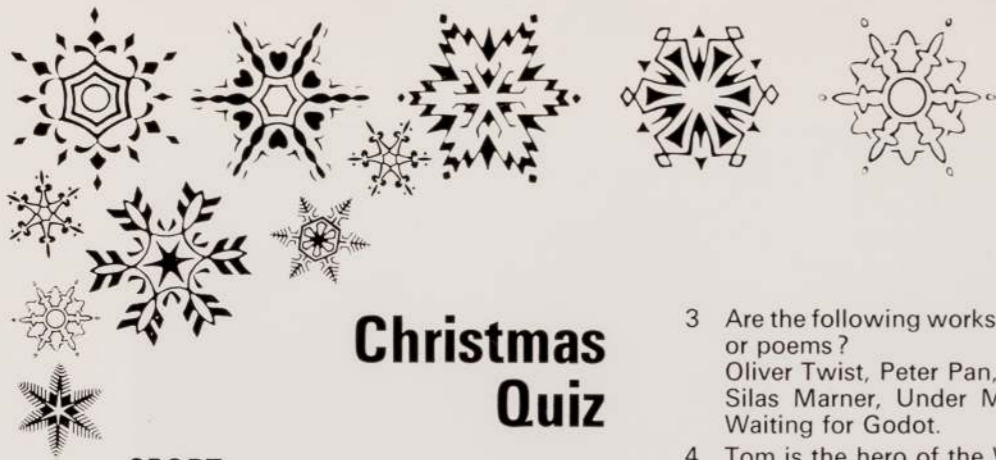
Hilda and Sammy met while working in Bouverie Street then the home of Lutter-

worth Press, the trading side of the Society. Hilda joined in 1916 and Sammy, when his telephony training finished at St. Dunstan's, took over the board in 1918. "We published religious and children's books", he said, "And the Boy's Own Paper, among a number of periodicals".

Sammy told me that at Guildford he and Hilda were among the five former staff members presented. "The Queen Mother was most charming and asked me about my work with the Society and my forty-five years' service, 'That's wonderful' she said".

Happiness

My other happy picture shows St. Dunstaner David Matheson, of Northgate House, with Mrs. Rita Garrod, a part-time member of the V.A.D. staff there. David, who served in both World Wars in the Army and the Merchant Navy, can only get out now in a wheelchair. Matron Blackford tells me it is one of his great joys to be wheeled out on a fine day to a field just up the road from Northgate House where he feeds the ponies.



Christmas Quiz

SPORT

- 1 What is the name of the British woman rally driver who is married to a Swede?
- 2 In what sport do we get the butterfly and the crawl?
- 3 In what sport do we get maidens and wides?
- 4 What is a motor cycle scramble?
- 5 In what game is a puck used instead of a ball?

GENERAL KNOWLEDGE

- 1 Where would you find the Crown Jewels?
- 2 Where is Poet's Corner?
- 3 Who wrote the "Dream of Gerontius" and who composed the music for it?
- 4 Who is the composer of the music entitled "The Planets"?
- 5 What follows the first line of: "It came upon the midnight clear....."?

LITERATURE

- 1 "Here comes the that must be caught with tickling," says somebody in "Twelfth Night". What kind of fish can be caught with tickling? What character in the play is referred to?
- 2 Here are the descriptions of two wastrels in novels by Charles Dickens: one is Sidney Carton and the other is Alfred Jingle. Can you say which is which? In what novels do we read about them?
 - (a) An adventurer who talks in a rapid staccato fashion: he fools the hero of the book but is befriended by him when he is in prison.
 - (b) A drunken barrister who in the end gives his life to rescue someone from prison.

- 3 Are the following works novels, plays or poems?
Oliver Twist, Peter Pan, Kubla Khan, Silas Marner, Under Milk Wood, Waiting for Godot.
- 4 Tom is the hero of the Water Babies by Charles Kingsley. What was the name of his master? What did his master make him do?
- 5 Lars Porsena of Clusium
By the Nine Gods he swore
That the Great house of Tarquin
Should suffer wrong no more.
 - (a) Of what country was Lars Porsena the ruler?
 - (b) What city did he attack as is described in the poem that begins above?
 - (c) What prevented him from capturing the city?

I AM THE HUMAN BODY

- I am pretty wonderful as I am made up of:
- 1 Two fish.
 - 2 Two tropical trees.
 - 3 Two young domestic animals.
 - 4 Two things absolutely necessary for school.
 - 5 A deer.
 - 6 Half a score of Spanish Grandees.
 - 7 Bulbous flowers.
 - 8 Notes at the end of a book.
 - 9 An ordinary measurement.
 - 10 Also one used in measuring horses.
 - 11 Weapons.
 - 12 Many swift wild animals (spelt wrong!).
 - 13 The crest of the hill.
 - 14 Two flowers.
 - 15 A box.
 - 16 A score of things to fasten it with.
 - 17 Things used by slave drivers.
 - 18 Many shellfish.
 - 19 Something much used by school-boys.
 - 20 Heathen places of worship.
 - 21 The start of a cheer.
 - 22 What soldiers have to keep.
 - 23 Seen on most dinner tables.
 - 24 A sign of royalty.



Mainly for Women

"Lord, forgive us that we feast whilst others starve", is a Grace said to have been used by Bishop Charles Gore at Banquets. At Christmas it certainly seems rather like a never ending banquet and when it is all over it can be a real pleasure to have quite a change of menu. In the past, Christmas Recipes have been printed in the *Review* and I am glad to say no one has written to say any recipe has turned out a failure. This year we are printing one or two quite different recipes to brighten up the dull days in January. Here are some Chinese recipes, all quite easy to carry out and the ingredients can be found in large Super Markets these days, and some will also be found in the larder after Christmas.

SWEET AND SOUR CHICKEN

Ingredients

- 1 cold cooked chicken—about 4 lbs.
- 2 eggs
- Deep pan of frying oil
- 4 teaspoons Soy sauce
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 2 rounded dessertspoons cornflour
- 2 bottles Chinese sweet/sour sauce

Method

Beat the eggs lightly and work in salt, Soy sauce and cornflour. Skin and remove all bones from cooked chicken. Cut flesh into 1 in. cubes and turn the cubes into the egg mixture and then deep fry, a few at a time, until nicely brown and hot.

Heat two bottles of Chinese sweet/sour sauce—pour it into a roomy shallow dish, stir in the cubes of chicken and serve immediately with plain boiled rice mixed with 1 oz. butter and two tablespoonsful of cooked peas.

SAVOURY SLICED PANCAKES

These are delicious. Make up the filling 24 hours before using the mixture. Make up the pancakes, fill and fry immediately before using.

Ingredients. 8 very fine pancakes

- 2 oz. lard
- 2 oz. bean sprouts
- 2 spring onions finely chopped—the white and trimmed green
- 4 oz. minced raw pork
- 1 small tablespoon Soya sauce
- Salt and pepper
- 1 small teaspoon castor sugar
- 1 rounded tablespoon unskinned chopped mushrooms and the same of shrimps
- A little raw beaten and strained egg
- Deep pan of frying oil

Method

Dissolve and heat lard in pan, work in pork, add pinch of salt and stir as you fry with a wooden spoon over brisk heat for two minutes. Add all remaining ingredients and continue to stir and fry and turn for another three minutes. When cooked leave to cool on dish and keep for 24 hours.

Then make the pancakes:

Ingredients for batter

- 9½ oz. sifted flour
- 1 small egg
- 5¼ fluid oz. cold water
- 1 teaspoonful of salt

Method

Place the sifted flour in a bowl and make a well in the centre. Tip in the water and lightly beaten egg and work up with a wooden spoon to form a pastry-paste consistency rolling dough. Lay out on lightly floured surface and roll out as thinly as possible. Cut into eight 8 in. squares. Divide the filling between the pancakes. Lay filling just over one edge and roll up to centre, fold in ends, brush well with egg and continue rolling, brush remaining edge with egg and press in.

Slide rolls carefully into hot oil and fry until well-crisped. Drain on absorbent paper, set on heated dish and slice each one through slantwise every 1 in.

CHINESE HONEY SHORTBREAD

Here is a slightly unusual sweet and it has the advantage that it can be made a day or so in advance.

Ingredients

4½ oz. thick honey

8 oz. preferably unsalted butter

11 oz. three times sifted flour

Method

Rub the butter into the flour and when every grain has been rubbed down to extreme fineness, use the honey to bind to a smooth paste. Roll out to a thickness of ¼ in. and cut into small fan shapes. Place on a lightly floured baking sheet. Bake at 350 F. (Gas No. 4) on the middle shelf, until just set and lightly brown on the top. This takes about 15 minutes. Serve with tinned lychees.

Jasmin Tea

The serving of Jasmin Tea is very simple and also slimming! Heat the pot, put in a teaspoon of tea for every person. Fill with freshly boiled water and serve in little china tea bowls or small coffee cups. No sugar, milk or cream!

To bring you safely back to Great Britain again, here are two useful recipes sent in by Margaret Stanway of Macclesfield.

A Taste of Lemon

Make a Victoria Sponge (the same weight of butter, flour, castor sugar and eggs. Allow to cool. Mix the juice of half a lemon with granulated sugar to a smooth paste and spread over the cake. When set it is like icing. Or as an alternative—make a Victoria Sponge as above, and whilst it is still hot spread over it a mixture of lemon juice and castor sugar. This will sink into the cake giving it a lovely lemon flavour.

Christmas Quiz Answers

Sport

- 1 Mrs. Pat Moss Carlsson. *Score 1 point.*
- 2 Swimming. *Score 1 point.*
- 3 Cricket. *Score 1 point.*
- 4 It is a motor cycle race meeting held in open country with natural hazards. *Score 1 point.*
- 5 The puck is a small rubber disc used in ice hockey, which glides over the ice. *Score 1 point.*

General Knowledge

- 1 In the Tower of London. *Score 1 point.*
- 2 In Westminster Abbey. *Score 1 point.*
- 3 The poem was written by John Henry Cardinal Newman and the music was composed by Sir Edward Elgar. *Score 2 points.*
- 4 Gustav Holst. *Score 1 point.*
- 5 "The glorious song of old". *Score 1 point.*

Literature

- 1 The trout. Malvolio. *Score 1 point for each answer.*
- 2 (a) Alfred Jingle in the Pickwick Papers
(b) Sidney Carton in A Tale of Two Cities. *Score 1 point each answer*
- 3 *Novels.* Oliver Twist, Silas Marner.
Plays. Peter Pan, Waiting for Godot, Under Milk Wood.
Poem. Kubla Khan. *Score 1 point each answer.*
- 4 Mr. Grimes, Tom's master, made him climb up chimneys in order to sweep them. *Score 2 points.*
- 5 (a) Etruria, to the north of Rome.
(b) Rome.
(c) The stand made by Horatius and his two friends to prevent the Etruscans from crossing the bridge that led to Rome, before it was hewn down. *Score 1 point each answer.*

I am the Human Body

1. Soles; 2. Palms; 3. Calves; 4. Pupils; 5. Heart; 6. Tendons; 7. Irises; 8. Appendix; 9. Foot; 10. Hand; 11. Arms; 12. Hares; 13. Brow; 14. Tulips; 15. Chest; 16. Nails; 17. Lashes; 18. Muscles; 19. Cheek; 20. Temple; 21. Hip; 22. Instep; 23. Joints; 24. Crown.

Score 1 point each correct answer

SCORE

- 40-50 High degree
30-40 Low degree
20-30 A level
10-20 O level
0-10 Dead level

BRIDGE NOTES

The ninth and final Individual Competition of the London Section for the Gover Cup for 1972 came to its final conclusion on Saturday, 4th November. The results were as follows:

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| P. Nuyens and R. Fullard | 76 |
| H. King and W. Allen | 65 |
| R. Evans and F. Dickerson | 64 |
| J. Lynch and H. Meleson | 63 |
| W. Phillippo and W. Lethbridge | 61 |

Best five—cumulative results:

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| R. Evans | 372 |
| W. Lethbridge | 360 |
| R. Fullard | 360 |
| P. Nuyens | 359 |
| H. Meleson | 331 |
| W. Allen | 325 |
| F. Dickerson | 325 |
| J. Lynch | 322 |
| W. Phillippo | 310 |
| W. Miller | 299 |
| H. King | 274 (after 4 matches) |
| Miss V. Kemmish | 190 (after 3 matches) |
| R. Stanners | 165 (after 3 matches) |
| R. Armstrong | 137 (after 2 matches) |
| F. Pusey | 122 (after 2 matches) |
| M. Tybinski | 117 (after 2 matches) |

October's attraction was the Bridge Drive held in the Club Rooms on Saturday, 14th. Altogether there were forty happy players making up a total of ten tables on the bright autumnal day. As usual many of our competitors had travelled some distance to be with us on this occasion.

First on the prize list was **W. Allen**, partnered by **Mr. Woods**, one of our oldest friends. The second place was taken by R. Armstrong and Miss Sheila Lyons, who also needs no introduction. R. Fullard was in third place with his partner Mrs. M. Johnston. J. Lynch and Mrs. Lynch won the "booby" prize.

After we had relaxed over a delightful tea, Mrs. J. Carney presented the prizes to the winners. Some of the company dispersed while the rest stayed at the Club to round off a most satisfactory day with a friendly game of rubber bridge.

R. ARMSTRONG,
Captain

CLUB NEWS

BRIGHTON

The Annual General Meeting of the above club will be held on Friday AFTERNOON, December 8th, 1972, in **St. Ann's Hall, St. George's Road, By Burlington Street**, at 2.15 p.m. for 2.30 p.m.

On the 25th October, the club had enjoyed their annual dinner at the Dudley Hotel, Hove, when our President, Mrs. Dacre, presided, the principal guests being Mr. A. D. Lloyds, C.B.E., accompanied by Mrs. Lloyds. A party of sixty-five partook of an excellent dinner and it was a most convivial evening.

FRANK RHODES,
Chairman/Secretary

LONDON

In the troublesome days of strikes, wage freezes, worrying over the Common Market and the Value Added Tax, it is heartwarming to know that the weather has been wonderful for this time of year and so helped our members to keep up their exceptional attendance at our Thursday evening Club during the month of October.

Our winners for the Domino Sessions held during the month were as follows:

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| 5th October | 1 W. Miller 2 C. Hancock |
| 12th October | 1 C. Hancock 2 W. Miller |
| 19th October | 1 J. Majchrowicz 2 M. Sheehan |
| 27th October | 1 M. Sheehan 2 } J. Padley } R. Fullard |

Soon the merry season will be with us again and it only remains for me to wish all our friends of the St. Dunstan's Club... "Good Fortune, Good Health, Good Cheer, Not only at Christmas But all through the Year".

W. MILLER

MIDLANDS

Quite a good and well attended meeting was held on Sunday, 5th November. We were able to play off the finals of our doubles domino competition, the final result is as follows:

1 Doug and Joan Cashmore

- 2 { Guy and Sallie Bilcliff
 { Marjorie Hordyniec and Bill Green

The tea for this meeting was provided for us by Mrs. Connie Faulkner and we all thanked her for a fine spread.

The big talking point after tea was the forthcoming presentation to Miss M. A. Midgley which is to take place at the Christmas meeting of this Club on Sunday, 3rd December. Our wives soon had their heads together arranging the catering and with the aid of Miss Newbold who was present at this meeting, I think that all should be very grand.

December should prove to be quite a busy month within the Midland Club as we now have this special occasion on the 3rd, and it is our Christmas dinner on 16th of the month.

All members of this Club and our wives join together in wishing all St. Dunstaners everywhere and their families, plus all the St. Dunstan's staff, the Compliments of the Season and may 1973 be a good year for everyone.

DOUG CASHMORE,
Secretary

Frank Reviews

Cat. No. 1060

Evil in a Mask

by Dennis Wheatley

Read by Michael de Morgan

Here we are back again with the fictional character of Roger Brook the James Bond of the Napoleonic Wars. Serving as Colonel de Breuc aide-de-camp to the great Emperor, Roger is in it purely for the kicks. For since the death of the British Prime Minister Pitt, Roger has little faith in the integrity of the British War Cabinet. Nevertheless he remains on the lookout for the chance to serve England. On hearing

news that Canning has become Foreign Secretary Roger decides to re-establish contact but is foiled by Napoleon who sends him on a mission to Turkey and Persia.

In Persia Roger meets his Waterloo in the shape of a beautiful young Portugese lady for whom he puts his career in the French Army in jeopardy and thus his use to British Intelligence. The lecherous Roger is hooked but little realises how fierce is the barb by which he is secured.

I don't think this book is as good a novel as Wheatley's former portrayal of his hero, but as usual the author manages to teach history while spinning a devious yarn.

Cat. No. 1057

North Cape

by Joe Poyer

Read by Marvin Kane

An escape story set in the frozen northern wastes of Norway. Telemann, a spy plane pilot, has been tumbled from the sky by the enraged Russian Air Force who badly want to lay hands on him. They come after him, having no scruples over invading Norway's neutrality to pick him up. Fortunately the American Navy has its own ideas on this matter.

An amazing amount of research has gone into the writing of this book and, in his concluding chapters the author pays tribute to the many specialists who advised him. Of course such a plane is a possibility and that is what makes the story so feasible.

FAMILY NEWS

Marriage

CRONK : READ. On 21st October, 1972, at Lewisham Registry Office, WILLIAM JAMES CRONK of Ramsgate, Kent, married MISS MARIE ANN READ, and we wish them every happiness.

Golden Weddings

Many congratulations to MR. AND MRS. CLAUDE ROUGHTON of Exmouth, who celebrated their Golden Wedding on 31st October. They met in the 1st World War and then when Mr. Roughton was discharged he returned to Canada. They were married 50 years ago when she went out to his home in Canada.

Many congratulations to MR. AND MRS. WILLIAM BAKER of Llanrug, Nr. Caernarvon, N. Wales, who celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary on 22nd August 1972. There was a small family party at their home to mark the occasion which was also attended by close friends and a photo of Mr. and Mrs. Baker appeared in their local paper.

Grandfathers

Congratulations to:

EDWIN BEDFORD of Brighton, Sussex, announces the birth of his first grandchild, a boy, Nathen, born recently to his son Stuart and daughter-in-law Susan, who are now living in Australia.

SQUIRE BROOKS of Welwyn Garden City, Herts., is pleased to announce the birth of his first grandson, born to his daughter Jeannette and her husband who live in Sydney, Australia. The baby is to be called Michael Edward.

WILLIAM DUNCAN of South Shields, is pleased to announce the safe arrival of his fourth grandchild with the birth of Sandra Michelle on 25th July 1972. The baby is the first child born to William's son, Keith and daughter-in-law Norma.

Long Life and happiness to:

John, son of HARRY BLUNDELL of Penketh, Warrington, who married Miss Irene Major on 7th October, 1972.

Pamela, daughter of KEN COOPER of Havant, Hants, who married Dennis Roy Johnson at St. Clement's Church, Sheppey, Kent, on 28th October, 1972.

Linda, only daughter of JOHN COWAN of Boreham Wood, Herts., who married Denis Davidson at Caxton Hall Registry Office on 25th November, 1972.

Paul Crocker, grandson of MRS. DAISY GRIFFIN and our St. Dunstaner, the late PADDY GRIFFIN, who married Miss F. Campbell in Leeds on 27th August, 1972. Both the bride and bridegroom are studying at Kent University.

EDWARD MILLER of Leamington Spa, is pleased to announce that his daughter, Susan, was married to Christopher Elton of Nottingham, on 31st August, 1972, at St. Mary's Church, Leamington Spa.

Michael, son of our St. Dunstaner, GEORGE JOHN SALTERS, of Liverpool married Miss Irene Barnes on 28th October 1972.

PHILIP BAGWELL of Salisbury, Wilts., is pleased to announce that his daughter Sylvia has passed her final Accountancy Examination. She is now a Chartered Accountant.

Kay Tatchell, elder daughter of our St. Dunstaner, TREVOR TACHELL, of Cardiff, celebrated her 21st birthday on 31st October 1972 and is in her third year at London University reading Zoology.

Helen Tatchell, younger daughter of TREVOR TACHELL is now 18 years old and has gained a place at the Department of Geography, Manchester University. She started a three-year Honours Degree Course in Bio Geography on 1st October last.

SIDNEY TARRY of Brighton is pleased to announce that his grandson, Brian Ottway has obtained the degree of B.Sc.

Congratulations to Mrs. Patricia Simpson, daughter of EMRYS TUCKER of Dulwich, S.E.24, who has succeeded in obtaining her Diploma of Education at the London University. Both Mr. and Mrs. Simpson are school teachers.

Deaths

We offer our sincere sympathy to:

BERNARD GLOVER of Widley, Hants., whose wife, Mrs. Iris Glover, died on 22nd August, 1972.

EDWARD SLAUGHTER of Salisbury, Wilts., who mourns the death of his wife in a Nursing Home where she had been seriously ill for some time, and where she died on 13th October, 1972. Mrs. Slaughter will be remembered for her voluntary work for many good causes.

KENNETH WARD of Exeter, on the death of his grandson Stephen, aged 11 years, who died in hospital on 7th November after a long illness.

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.

William Edward Cunningham. *Royal Engineers*

William Edward Cunningham of West Derby, Liverpool, Lancs., died at his home on 7th November, 1972. He was 63 years of age.

He enlisted in the Royal Engineers in January 1940 and served with them until his discharge in 1943. He was wounded in the Middle East and went to St. Dunstan's, Tembani. He trained for industrial employment and continued to work in industry until July last year when he became ill. Unfortunately Mr. Cunningham's illness proved to be a serious one and he spent a short period in hospital earlier this month and was discharged home on 4th November. His health deteriorated very quickly and he died three days later.

He leaves a widow, Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Cunningham and a son who is married.

John Edward "Shoan" Davies. *8th Royal Welch Fusiliers*

John Edward Davies of Llandyssul, Cardiganshire, died on 3rd November, 1972 at Northgate House. He was 77 years of age.

He served with the 8th Royal Welch Fusiliers from 1914 to 1916, when he came to St. Dunstan's and trained in mat-making and poultry-keeping. He kept both poultry and cattle for some time but in recent years he gave up his livestock and became interested in his garden and greenhouse. Unfortunately his health began to fail about two years ago. Mr. Davies went to Northgate House in September, while his wife entered hospital for an operation, from which she has since made a good recovery, but regrettably his own health deteriorated, and he died on 3rd November.

He leaves a widow, Mrs. Katherine Davies and a grown-up son.

James Basil Robins. *Military Medal and Bar 5th Battalion Dorset Regiment.*

James Basil Robins of Shefford, Bedfordshire, died at Northgate House on 5th November, 1972. He was 76 years of age.

He enlisted in the 5th Battalion Dorset Regiment in 1914 and served with them until his discharge in 1919.

Mr. Robins was the victim of a mustard gas attack in 1918 but it was not until later in life that his sight failed and when he joined St. Dunstan's in 1969 he had already retired. Since his death we have learned from one of his sons that Mr. Robins was awarded the Military Medal and Bar in 1916. Unfortunately his health began to fail in 1971 and in December of that year he was admitted to Northgate House where he has been nursed ever since.

He leaves a widow, Mrs. Mary Ann Robins, three sons and a daughter.

William Robinson. *13th King's Liverpool Regiment*

William Robinson, late of Patcham, Sussex, and recently living at Northgate House, died there on 22nd October, 1972. He was 74 years of age.

He served in the 1st King's Liverpool Regiment from 1914 to 1917, and joined St. Dunstan's in that year.

After preliminary training Mr. Robinson opened a general shop specialising in selling baskets. Later he transferred to a greengrocery shop, but he found it difficult to manage this type of business with his total loss of sight and he retrained as a telephonist. He moved to London from the north of England and found employment as a telephonist, and he then married. He continued with his work in London until his retirement in 1956. He and his wife then moved to Sussex. His wife died in September 1967 and Mr. Robinson moved to Pearson House and later to Northgate House where he died.

He leaves a sister, Miss Robinson, relatives and friends.

Luke Sheridan. *5th North Staffordshire Regiment*

Luke Sheridan of Stourbridge, Worcestershire, died at Northgate House, on 26th October, 1972. He was 80 years of age.

He served with the 5th North Staffordshire Regiment from 1917 to 1919 and joined St. Dunstan's in 1927. Mr. Sheridan trained in poultry keeping but later transferred to basket making and continued with this work until his ailing health caused him to give up in 1966. Mrs. Sheridan died in January of this year and Mr. Sheridan went to live in Northgate House in August.

He leaves nieces and a nephew.

Samuel Stinson. *Highland Light Infantry*

Sammy Stinson, recently of Glasgow, died there on the 14th October, 1972, at the age of 48 years.

He served in the Second World War in the Highland Light Infantry and was blinded whilst in action in N.W. Europe. He came to St. Dunstan's in 1945, trained as a physiotherapist, and held hospital appointments in a number of places. His wife died in 1969, when they were living in Lydney, Glos., and he subsequently moved to Northern Ireland. His own health had not been good for some time, but this summer he went to Glasgow to be with his mother, who was very ill and died at the beginning of October. His only son, Bob, was on leave from the R.A.F. and was with his father when he collapsed and died very suddenly.