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Mr. A. D. Lloyds, C.B.E., F.C.A.

Photo: The Times

Cover Picture: Daphne Gilbert shows her St. Dunstaner husband, John how she thinks it should be done. Archery was a sport demonstrated at the Disabled Festival of Sport reported in this issue.

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CHAIRMAN'S NOTES

Mr. A. D. Lloyds, CBE, FCA

Mr. A. D. Lloyds retired from the post of Secretary of St. Dunstan's on the 31st March; he had served for 35 years, 18 of them as Secretary. He came to us before the War broke out, but soon joined up and, after receiving his Commission in the Royal Artillery, fell into the hands of the Japanese, with whom he was a Prisoner of War for some four years. Knowing how badly P.O.W.s fared in many cases, I have always rejoiced that Mr. Lloyds was tough enough to endure the hardships and came back to a full life of increasing responsibility.

Under our Constitution, the Secretary of St. Dunstan's is the head of staff and the principal permanent official of the Executive Council—the equivalent in commerce of a Managing Director. Mr. Lloyds was only the third to occupy this important post in 57 years, following Mrs. Chadwick-Bates and Mr. Askew.

As Chairman, I was naturally in very close touch with him, meeting him frequently in Committee or at the office, and he invariably gave me good advice; but of course responsibility for the day-to-day conduct of St. Dunstan's affairs rests on the shoulders of the Secretary, who must be prepared to act on his own initiative and he never failed to do this with patience and good judgement, very much to the benefit of us all. Apart from showing high qualities in administration, Company Law and procedure, and finance, he always deeply impressed me by his personal kindness to St. Dunstaners, their families and the staff.

Mr. Lloyds also paid much attention to the relationship of St. Dunstan's with the rest of the blind world and will continue to serve as the senior member of the United Kingdom delegation to the World Council for the Welfare of the Blind, in which he has played a leading part for many years. During his career he visited India, Nigeria, the Continent, the United States and Canada, and St. Dunstaners in Toronto made him an Honorary Member of the Sir Arthur Pearson Association as their special mark of appreciation.

A very modest man, somewhat reserved, he nevertheless was regarded with affection and trust by those with whom he worked, and this was clearly shown by the pleasure with which his award of the C.B.E. was greeted last year. These feelings were recently demonstrated again when the staff, present and retired, and St. Dunstaners on their separate occasions made presentations to him at warm-hearted meetings. Finally, the Council of St. Dunstan's is paying its own tribute, and Lady Fraser and I are particularly happy to have been present on all three occasions as our personal acknowledgment of the great help he has been to St. Dunstan's and to us both.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyds, to whom we also pay a warm tribute, have settled in Sussex, not very far from the Brighton coast, and we hope he will visit us there from time to time and also meet his old friends at Reunions and other gatherings.

All of us who knew Mr. Lloyds personally and many others who knew him only by his fine reputation in the blind world generally in this country and overseas will thank him for his exceptional services and wish him and his wife and family the very best of good luck.

Fraser of Lonsdale



P.A.C. Chairman, Eric Rowe, reports to the Conference. Also in the picture Mr. R. Priestley, Physiotherapy Superintendent and Lord Fraser.

Physiotherapy Conference 1973

In grateful recognition of his fifty years interest in the work of St. Dunstan's physiotherapists, Lord Fraser was presented with a case of champagne and two boxes of cigars at a dinner/dance held at the Londoner Hotel on 7th April. The presentation was made by Eric Rowe, current Chairman of the Physiotherapy Advisory Committee and Barbara Bell presented Lady Fraser with a bouquet of flowers. Sidney Tarry, O.B.E., who represented the First World War members, also spoke in praise of Lord Fraser's interest and work for our physiotherapists. This very happy evening's entertainment concluded the week-end conference which had opened on Friday, 6th April with the reception of the physiotherapists and their wives.

The only business of that day was in the Physiotherapy Advisory Committee which met to finalise conference arrangements.

Speaking at the dinner, Lord Fraser thanked Eric Rowe, Sidney Tarry and the members and said:

"It is 50 years since, as head what was then called the 'After Care Department' of St. Dunstan's, I became seriously engaged in settling and looking after St. Dunstaners in their own homes. You have reminded me of this particularly and I call to mind the early placements and activities of many of our earlier colleagues. They blazed a trail which many of you, who came to us as a result of the Second War, have followed so excellently. The success and example set by physiotherapists in Britain has been emulated in Canada, New Zealand, Australia and South Africa and it is one of the brightest pages in St. Dunstan's history".

58 physiotherapists were able to attend to take part in the Annual General Meeting and listen to the lectures on Saturday. The A.G.M. opened at 9.15 a.m. under the Chairmanship of Eric Rowe with Lord Fraser and Mr. R. Priestley also on the platform. Eric Rowe reported on the work of the P.A.C. since the last A.G.M. His report was accepted with

warm praise for the manner of its presentation.

The meeting agreed to a reduction in membership of the Committee from twelve to nine. In the election which followed Bill Shea of Huntingdon, and Norman Perry of Grimsby were re-elected and a new member Ted Bunting of Scarborough was elected.

There was a warm welcome for Professor Sir Ludwig Guttman, C.B.E., M.D., F.R.C.P., F.R.C.S., whose lecture on "Sport and the Disabled" was a history of the development of the Stoke Mandeville Games and international competitions.

Harry Davis, of Stratford-on-Avon, as P.A.C. Vice-Chairman, proposed the toast to the guests during luncheon and replies were made by both the distinguished speakers.

After luncheon, Dr. Hugh C. Burry, M.R.C.P., D. Phys. Med., from Guys Hospital gave the second lecture. As a former "All Black", New Zealand Rugby International, he chose an appropriate subject—"Athletic Injuries and their treatment".



Speakers at the luncheon: above, Harry Davis, Vice-Chairman, who proposed the toast to the guests, Dr. Burry, beside him and Professor Sir Ludwig Guttman, below, seen making his reply.



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.

Bertram Bashford of Malden, Surrey came to St. Dunstan's in March 1973. He served in the First World War with the Middlesex Regiment and is married with a grown-up family.

Alan Kenneth Cotterill of Darlaston, Walsall, Staffordshire, came to St. Dunstan's in March 1973. He served in the Royal Artillery during the 1950s and is married with a ten year old daughter.

Derek Cribben of Leigh, Lancashire, who became a full St. Dunstaner in April, 1973. He served in the Royal Signals during the Second World War. He is married.

Reginald Frank Edwards of Bognor Regis, Sussex joined St. Dunstan's in March, 1973. He served in the First World War in the Rifle Brigade. He is a retired Bank Official and due to temporary ill-health both he and his wife are staying in a Nursing Home in Bognor.

Arthur Reginald Joseph Hopkin of Ely, Cambridge, came to St. Dunstan's in March, 1973. He served in the Suffolk Regiment during the First World War and is a widower.

Gomer John Hopkins of London, S.W.12, became a full St. Dunstaner in March, 1973. He served in the Royal Air Force during the Second World War and is married with one young daughter. He is employed in industry.

Joseph Edwin Lewis of Manchester became a full St. Dunstaner in March 1973. He served in the Royal Artillery during the Second World War and is married.

Edward Philpot of Brentwood Essex, joined St. Dunstan's in March 1973. He served in the Norfolk Regiment during the First World War. Although injured

BRIDGE NOTES

The fourth Individual Competition of the Brighton Section was held on 7th April. The results are as follows:—

R. Goding and S. Webster	78
A. Dodgson and F. Grifflee	72
F. Rhodes and M. Clements	61
J. Whitcombe and R. Bickley	57
J. Chell and R. Fullard	55
C. Walters and W. Scott	55

P. NUYENS,
Secretary.

STOKE MANDEVILLE SPORTS

B.S.A.D. Multi-Disabled Sports will take place from **Friday, 7th September to Sunday, 9th September** at Stoke Mandeville. Entries must be in by 26th July to: Mrs. Spurway, Mount House, Halse, Taunton, Somerset.

H.M.S. DAEDALUS CAMP

H.M.S. Daedalus, Lee-on-Solent, Hants., will take place from Friday, 17th August, to Saturday, 25th August. Please let me have your entries as soon as possible. **Mrs. Spurway, Mount House, Halse, Taunton, Somerset.** Tel. Bishops Lydeard 359.

Welcome to St. Dunstan's—continued

Mr. Philpot was able to carry on his work as a nurseryman for some years after his discharge from the Services. In recent months his sight has deteriorated and he has become at St. Dunstaner. Mr. Philpot is a bachelor.

Harry Roberts of Warrington became a full St. Dunstaner in March 1973. He served as a Despatch Rider in the National Fire Service in Blackpool, during the Second World War. He is married with a grown up son.

Arthur Leslie Young of Harrow, Middlesex, came to St. Dunstan's in March 1973. He served with the Royal Engineers during the First World War and is married.

KEMP TOWN NOTES

These jottings originate nowadays from an office on the top floor of Pearson House with windows looking down to the sea, high up among the roofs and chimney pots of Kemp Town. For a different view of the town this is the place to be. The area surrounding Pearson House at ground level is fascinating enough, but the chimney pots! They march across the rooftops, row upon row, all at different levels, as far as the eye can see! They are all shapes and sizes—some tall and slender, some short and squat, some with hats on, some without. Television aerials abound too, of course, but these always remain just—television aerials. The pots vary in colour from very dark, almost black, through many shades of terra-cotta, burnt sienna and grey, to a deep cream. Here and there one of them leans a little sideways in a slightly tipsy way and a number of them wear pointed crowns, looking exactly like pieces on a chess board. Indeed, a lot of them remind one rather of chessmen lined up for a game. One very attractive grey pot was shaped like a knight in armour with his helmet on and his vizor down, but this brave fellow has, much to our regret, disappeared during the past week, together with a whole row of his brethren, in a conversion project on three of the houses at the top of Portland Place. We wish they could have been left there, even though they served no useful purpose! Most of these chimney pots no longer issue smoke. From here this afternoon we can see just one in action, so someone in the houses opposite has a fire. It leads us to wonder if eventually all our chimney pots will disappear as more and more conversions take place and new houses are built, all with central heating. We hope they don't as we should miss them—they look friendly—each with its own different characteristics, like people in their infinite variety.

From the chimney pots we come down to earth to tell you of a few of our doings during the past month. Now and again among our visiting entertainers we find some of outstanding ability and one such group came to give us an anthology called "Marriage Lines". Mr. John Nicholson,

who is County Drama Adviser for East Sussex, brought the members of his Drama Workshop and with his partner, Vera McKechnie, gave most accomplished readings of various prose and poetry excerpts covering a wide range of characters and emotions. The third member of the group Elizabeth Vernon, accompanied herself on the guitar in a number of very appealing love songs and the whole programme was quite delightful.

Another charming young visitor came to one of our Wednesday Group meetings. This was Miss Caroline Dudley, one of the curators of Brighton Museum. Several of our members who were present wondered how such a young thing could possibly be a curator, no doubt under the impression that museums are all rather stuffy places. This, of course, is something they are not, and Miss Dudley helped us to understand that they are, in reality, very interesting and often exciting places. Her talk was about "Currency through the Ages" and to illustrate it she brought along several items which we were able to pass round and examine for ourselves. This was another of those "different" occasions which remain in our memories and we shall look forward to having Miss Dudley here again.

Our musical evenings continue to flourish and in response to many requests Mr. Tom Eales gave us another recorded programme, this time called "Round the World in Stereo". Music means so much to most of us here, whether we are St. Dunstaners or sighted people, and we do appreciate these fine programmes which are given to us so generously.

Chairman

Walter Thornton of Birmingham has recently been elected Chairman of the Midlands Council of the Royal Commonwealth Society for the Blind.

Mr. Arthur Weston

St. Dunstaners who kept poultry, will be sorry to learn of the death of MR. ARTHUR WESTON, who was Poultry Adviser for some twenty years before he left in 1955. Mr. Weston died quite suddenly of a heart attack. He leaves a widow.



From bow and arrow to rifle: above, Dickie Richardson, with Norman French, St. Dunstan's research engineer, learns a little about archery and, below, demonstrates St. Dunstan's rifle with the assistance of sports officer, John Carnochan.



Festival of Sport at Worthing

The Festival of Sport displayed at the Worthing New Sports' Centre by the Sussex branch of the British Sports Association for the Disabled on Saturday, 31st March, proved to be very successful. Many disabled people in the area who attended now realise the variety of sport and recreation that are open to them.

Part of this inspiration came from St. Dunstan's contribution in the Rifle Shooting and Carpet Bowls very ably displayed by John Gilbert and "Dickey" Richardson.

The Carpet Bowls was made more interesting by the St. Dunstan's pair playing in a match against two blind bowlers of the Hastings Club, with Mrs. A. Maplesden and Mr. B. Bourne, the Hastings team winning 8-5.

It is worth mentioning that other St. Dunstaners are actively engaged in the B.S.A.D. regions. Ernie Cookson is on the committee of the Surrey Branch as is Peter Spence in Somerset, among others.

J. Carnochan, Sports Officer

Douglas Bader, opening the Festival, seems to be telling his audience to aim high.

John Gilbert bowling in the demonstration carpet bowls match.





Mr. Lloyds with Walter Thornton after the presentation. The silver coffee and tea service is seen in the foreground.

Mrs. Trevor Tatchell presents a bouquet to Mrs. Lloyds.



Presentation to Mr. Lloyds

St Dunstan's gifts at London Reunion

For the second year in succession the Grosvenor House Hotel in London has been the scene of an important event for St. Dunstan's. On 31st March almost a hundred St. Dunstaners met in the Ballroom for the London (Central) Reunion. Together with their wives and escorts, members of the staff and guests some 250 people sat down to lunch with Lord and Lady Fraser of Lonsdale.

But this was more than the first of the 1973 reunions. It was also Mr. A. D. Lloyds' last official engagement as Secretary of St. Dunstan's upon his retirement that day and the highlight of the occasion was the presentation by Walter Thornton of a gift subscribed for by St. Dunstaners all over the world.

Lord Fraser

Introducing Walter Thornton Lord Fraser said: "This is a great occasion and you may be interested to know that there are 96 St. Dunstaners present. They include those who normally come to the first London Reunion and in addition, one representative from each area of the United Kingdom, the West, Wales, the North, the Midlands, Northern Ireland and Scotland to whom we give a very warm welcome. There are present with us a number of members of St. Dunstan's staff and a number of ex-staff. We give a very warm welcome to those elder members of the retired staff who have come to join us today. With us is one particular family: Mr. Lloyds, Mrs. Lloyds and their sons Timothy and Robin. I want to thank four of my St. Dunstan's colleagues for having made a committee which brought about this occasion today and they are Mr. Nuyens, Mr. Rhodes, two representatives of the older generation, Mr. Tatchell and Mr. Thornton. And now, since it is not my business to tell you what the special occasion is, I'm going to call upon Walter Thornton".

Rising to make the presentation, Walter Thornton began,

"It is my privilege to represent all those friends in St. Dunstan's who responded immediately to the suggestion that we should make this presentation. We are presenting to Mr. Lloyds things that he and his wife have chosen and in doing this we take note that he has in the last 35 years been, including war service, a faithful servant of St. Dunstan's. Eighteen years ago he succeeded Mr. Askew as the General Secretary of our organisation. He has, in addition, undertaken many other responsibilities and I will refer only to some of these. He has been the United Kingdom's senior delegate to the World Council for the Welfare of the Blind, and is going to continue placing his vast experience and knowledge at the service of that organisation. He has been the Chairman of the International Committee of the Royal National Institute for the Blind; he is a member of the Blind Persons' Committee of the National Advisory Council on the employment of disabled persons. Last year his services were recognised when he was made a Companion of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire and in this, as in so many other ways, he brought credit not only to himself but to St. Dunstan's.

Man of Character

"For a person who is the secretary of an organisation like St. Dunstan's, it is often impossible to have personal contact with many of the members," continued Mr. Thornton, "But I know that Mr. Lloyds has steadfastly sought this and by diligent attendance at reunions, by constant visits to Ovingdean, and by always being available to those who have a problem or who are seeking advice, has made himself known as an individual to a very large number of our members. If I were asked

to summarise the qualities which I think people would immediately associate with Mr. Lloyds, I'm sure they would refer to his somewhat droll sense of humour, dry not sweet, his concern for other people and his capacity for hiding his light under a bushel.

Family Gift

"The committee were most concerned that the gift which we should present on your behalf to Mr. Lloyds should be something that Mrs. Lloyds could share too. We are delighted that they have chosen something which is going to be a real family thing because we do appreciate that the servants of St. Dunstan's so often give their service as the priority and that many, many times the family take second place. There has never been any question that the commitments of St. Dunstan's have not come first with Mr. Lloyds, and obviously in this he has had the wholehearted support of Mrs. Lloyds. In expressing our wholehearted gratitude to them both may I mention that the gift will consist of a silver coffee and tea service; there is a silver plated tray inscribed:—"To A. D. Lloyds, C.B.E., F.C.A., from his St. Dunstaner friends in grateful appreciation. 31st March, 1973". On your behalf may I make the presentation to Mr. Lloyds and wish him every happiness and fulfilment and many happy years of retirement and associate Mrs. Lloyds with the same good wishes".

Mrs. Trevor Tatchell then presented a bouquet of flowers to Mrs. Lloyds.

Replying Mr. Lloyds said: "I'm most grateful to you, Mr. Thornton, and to the members of your committee, Mr. Nuyens, Mr. Rhodes and Mr. Tatchell for organising this presentation to me, this delightful gift of a silver tea and coffee set and tray. It is really most kind of you all and I do thank you very much.



Timothy and Robin Lloyds share a joke as their father chats with Len Curnow, who served with him in the 35th Light Anti-Aircraft Regiment, Royal Artillery. Mrs. Curnow is on the extreme left.

For relaxation you have been kind enough to give me as well some gramophone records and I shall much enjoy listening to those.

"Thirty-five years is quite a time and many changes have taken place during that period. One thing, however, will never change and that is the strength and the spirit of St. Dunstan's. St. Dunstan's continues to be held in great esteem in all parts of the world. And the success of this organisation is due in very large measure to the example which you yourselves have set.

"Looking back over my time at St. Dunstan's I think two events stand out above all others: the Jubilee celebrations of 1965 when we were honoured with the presence of our Patron, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II; the other—Lord Fraser's 50th anniversary, as our Chairman, last year. How much we owe to Lord Fraser's inspiration and leadership and to Lady Fraser for all her help. And I think what has impressed me most during my time at St. Dunstan's has been

the increasing participation by St. Dunstaners from all walks of life in a great variety of accomplishments; such as taking part in community affairs, helping other handicapped persons, following some interesting sport or hobby, mastering a difficult job and in many other ways. And in all these activities you have been helped tremendously by your wives.

"I have enjoyed every minute of my time at St. Dunstan's," Mr. Lloyds continued, "It has been a great privilege, a very great privilege, to work for and to be part of such an organisation, and in fact I could not have wished for a better job. So once again may I thank you all, not only for these most generous gifts but for the thoughts that go with them and for the sentiments expressed from you by Mr. Thornton. I do thank you all for the kindness and help you have shown to me over the years and if in some small way I have been of help to St. Dunstan's and to any of you personally then that is my reward, so good luck and may God bless you all".

Mr. Lloyds Writes:

I do thank you, my St. Dunstaner friends, very much for your generous gift to me on my retirement. My wife and I are delighted with the silver tea and coffee set and tray which were presented to us, from you, at the London Re-union, and which will be a happy reminder of all your kindnesses.

As I said at the Re-union, it has been a great privilege to have worked for St. Dunstan's and with you all. Thank you very much, everyone, for your good wishes; I do trust that much happiness and good fortune will come your way in the future.

Three Useful Books

Two of the books that have come to us recently are intended to give useful information to blind and partially sighted people. In each case the motivation has been the arrival of information about blindness and services for the blind that has come to the authors and has evidently made them feel that this information should be more widely known.

"In Touch", produced by the B.B.C. at 60p, is the work of Miss Thena Heshel, for a number of years producer of the "In Touch" programme, in collaboration with Mrs. Margaret Ford, a professional social worker who has specialised in blind welfare for more than twelve years. This book gives a mass of information on subjects such as—how to get help, money, employment, getting around, reading and writing, everyday living, in the kitchen, leisure, housing and homes, the pleasure of listening, travel and holidays, parents and children, the deaf-blind, and 'finding other ways'. It is of perhaps greatest value to social workers with responsibilities for visually handicapped people and relatives of those who have recently lost their sight.

"Cambridge for the Visually Handicapped" is a book with a somewhat different purpose, which is to give blind people living in the district some useful local knowledge. Chapter headings include—clubs, colleges and education centres, communications, equipment and electrical repairs, interests, libraries and bookshops, local publications, lodgings, medical and health services, organisations, public services, shopping, and transport and travel. The original stimulus here was that Miss Jessica Deed, an almost blind school

teacher, had blind students frequently referred to her for information. She thus perforce enlarged her own knowledge of Cambridge and compiled the book with the active support of the Cambridge Lions Club, two wives who could type and a member who was a printer. Other districts might consider following this example.

"500 Recipes for Cooking for One" by Catherine Kirkpatrick is the third book to mention and it may be of special interest to girl St. Dunstaners. There is also a selection of recipes for two-four people. This book is published in Braille by the Scottish Braille Press as is also the "In Touch" book, both obtainable on application to Mens Supplies at Headquarters.

Scouting

DENNIS JOHN FREEMAN of Wyken, Coventry, Warwicks, has recently been appointed as Assistant District Commissioner for the Venture Scouts, this is in addition to his position as Venture Scout Leader.

Mr. Freeman will be leading a party of 33 Venture Scouts to Wurzburg in Bavaria in July of this year. The trip will include visits to the Mayor and Bishop plus sightseeing. Accompanying Mr. Freeman on this trip will be Mrs. Freeman, who will act as Treasurer for the expedition, his son, Raymond who is an instructor, his daughter Anne who is a Ranger and son Stephen who is a Scout. This is a return visit as last Summer the Coventry Unit entertained a German Scout Group while they were in England.

STAFF RETIREMENT

After ten years service as a visitor for the Basket Department, MR. F. CORCORAN has now retired from his duties.

For some time past he has had indifferent health and both St. Dunstaners and staff hope this will greatly improve on retirement.

V.A.T.

The R.N.I.B. have produced a Braille pamphlet entitled "An Introduction to Value Added Tax (1973)" which summarises the salient features of the new tax as they will affect the consumer. Free copies of this pamphlet may be obtained from Men's Supplies Department at Headquarters.

FAREWELL TO STAFF

A gathering of members of St. Dunstan's staff from all departments, from the Chairman's Office and from Brighton took place at Marylebone Road on 30th March.

In the presence of Lord and Lady Fraser, Mr. C. D. Wills made a presentation on behalf of the staff to Mr. A. D. Lloyds. Mr. Wills said:

"Looking back over the years my memories of my association with you are all happy ones. You have always been accessible and ever ready to give friendly help and advice. You are deeply conscious of your responsibilities and have never failed to give the most earnest consideration to the welfare of St. Dunstan's, St. Dunstaners and of the staff".

After mentioning Mr. Lloyds' work for blind welfare outside St. Dunstan's and internationally, his interest in research and some of the areas in which St. Dunstan's had progressed in his time as Secretary, Mr. Wills referred to his personal modesty, "Consequently much of what you have achieved has escaped publicity but there is no doubt whatever that you have left your mark upon the affairs of St. Dunstan's and long will we remember you".

Gifts

Mr. Wills then presented a mantel clock and a gold wristlet watch engraved "1938-1973. St. Dunstan's. To A. D. Lloyds, C.B.E., from the staff". He concluded, "They are given with our heartfelt good wishes for a long and happy retirement in the company of your wife".

Thanking staff members for their company at the presentation, Mr. Lloyds said, "I am deeply touched that many of those who have retired have taken the trouble to come up here to be with me to-day".

He thanked the staff for their loyalty and support over the years, "I have always felt complete confidence that if I wanted any extra help or any special job done by any of you, you would never fail; and you never have".

He ended by saying, "Thank you very much for these delightful and very generous gifts from all of you. I am very grateful to you and I would just like to wish you all the best of luck".

R.N.I.B. Tribute

Friends of Mr. Lloyds at the R.N.I.B. entertained him to lunch at the National Liberal Club on 20th March, and presented him with an onyx cigarette box which bore the following inscription . . . "In appreciation of your many years of devoted service to blind people and wishing you great happiness in your retirement from your friends at the Royal National Institute for the Blind".

HOUSE of LORDS DEBATE

"It certainly is not true that drunkenness is rife in our country or that the pub is a bad and evil place. It is nothing of the kind". Lord Fraser made this defence of that English institution, the Public house, in a debate in the House of Lords on the Erroll Report on Licensing Laws.

The Report, which among other things recommends longer licensing hours including afternoon opening, the lowering of the permitted age to 17 and suggests pub-cafes where families, with children, could eat and drink together, came under criticism from peers and peeresses.

Lord Fraser, after declaring his interest as Chairman of a wine and spirit business, spoke up against some of the criticisms.

"I was a soldier in my young life. I was President of the British Legion for 11 years, a society which promotes, fosters and regulates very many clubs in which a lot of beer is drunk . . . They are places where it is not only the drink that you can have but the comradeship of people who you knew in the Services. These are good things and if there is a tendency to liberalise them and get a little away from straitlaced and overstrict rules, I am inclined to be in favour of them".

Lord Fraser also pointed out that tourists from abroad demand a little liberalisation in the rules which are used in this country. Saying that it will be some time before the Government would be considering the report seriously and that there would be the opportunity for the expression of public opinion before legislation, Lord Fraser praised its principle as a sound one. "I would rather have my modest tot of gin and my health than the health which might have been mine if I had nothing at all. I prefer a free choice", he concluded.

CLUB NEWS

MIDLAND

Since my last report we have held two club meetings, the first on 11th March, and the second on 8th April.

Quite a number of domino games were played off at these meetings and I am pleased to say that we are now getting on very well with this year's competitions.

A lot of thought and discussions have gone into outings for this year and it has now been decided to have two half-day trips, the first one will be to Matlock in May. The second one will probably be to the Cotswolds in September.

Owing to the gas strike we had to cancel our evening out in March, but this is still very much on the calendar of future events.

Our April meeting was mainly taken up with a "Bring and Buy" sale. It went off very well indeed and quite a good sum of money was taken towards club funds. It is hoped to hold another one in September as these are of good financial benefit to the club.

The tea for our March meeting was arranged for us by Mrs. Sallie Bilcliff and the April one by Mrs. Cath Androlia, both these ladies were thanked most sincerely for putting on excellent teas.

We have missed our old friend, Bert Lane, very much, at the last two meetings. Bert has not been at all well and we all hope sincerely to see him turning up again in the very near future.

Our next meeting will be held at the usual place, on **Sunday, 13th May.**

DOUG CASHMORE,
Secretary.

LONDON

It was with great pleasure that the London Club greeted Mr. A. D. Lloyds who visited the Club on Thursday evening, 12th April, to say "Au Revoir" to them. Mr. Lloyds delighted all the St. Dunstaners and their wives by chatting in the Club

Rooms for a considerable time with everyone who was present.

Charlie Hancock rose to express our appreciation of all that Mr. Lloyds had done for our members in the past and in particular for the Thursday Club. He went on to wish Mr. Lloyds a long and happy retirement.

Obviously moved by the tribute Mr. Lloyds expressed his thanks to all St. Dunstaners and wives who were present and hoped he would meet them again in the future.

The football pontoon ending on 14th April was shared by Mrs. Evans, R. Fullard and H. Kerr, their teams being Birmingham, Hull and Brighton respectively.

The Booby prize went to Mrs. Harding, her team being Preston.

The Domino Winners for the month of March were as follows:—

1st March **1 R. Pacitti**
2 R. Cameron
J. Padley
8th March **1 R. Pacitti**
2 R. Cameron
15th March **1 G. Stanley**
2 C. Hancock
J. Majchrowicz
22nd March **1 G. Stanley**
2 J. Majchrowicz
29th March **1 C. Hancock**
2 J. Padley

W. MILLER.

MR. AND MRS. W. HARDING of North Finchley, London, N.3, wish to thank all friends and members of the London Club for the many kind visits, flowers and letters received during Mr. Harding's indisposition. Owing to the very many good wishes Mrs. Harding regrets that she cannot reply individually but they both wish to express their sincere gratitude to all their kind friends.

TRIBUTE TO MIKE DELANEY

Mike Delaney died suddenly at work on Wednesday 11th April. The news of his sudden and untimely death will have come as a great shock to his physiotherapy colleagues who, only a few days previously had been renewing acquaintance with their colleagues during the St. Dunstan's Physiotherapy Congress. I count myself fortunate that much of my time during this reunion was spent in the company of my old friend and his wife, Vi.

For many years after completing his training as a physiotherapist Mike, as a bachelor, had many difficulties to overcome both in his work and everyday life, but he rapidly acquired a degree of independence and self reliance which commanded the respect and admiration of all who came in contact with him.

As all Mike's friends know so well his main recreation was contract bridge, a game in which he excelled, and loved to play, and when not playing loved to

discuss. It is in this field that we wish to remember him here.

Some years ago Mike strengthened his association with Mrs. Vi Formstone as she was then known, when they teamed up to form a brilliant partnership in our own bridge club. This happy and successful combination became later on, a still more successful partnership in marriage. From then on, "The Delaneys" became outstanding personalities, not only in the St. Dunstan's bridge club but also in the world of bridge outside, where their names are as well known as they are to us for their skill, enterprise and courage.

Although Mike's face will not be seen again by his sighted friends, nor his voice heard by his St. Dunstan's colleagues, wherever and whenever bridge is played in St. Dunstan's circles it is certain that his name will always be on the lips of his old friends.

R.W.E.

DISCS FOR SALE

Readers may be interested to learn that L.P. records ordered from the R.N.I.B. and not taken up, are available at prices quoted below. These can be ordered through Mr. Paul Nuyens (please send money with order) to: St. Dunstan's, P.O. Box 58, 191, Old Marylebone Road, London, NW1 5QN. The list of records is as follows:

The Sound of Music (2 records available)	£2.03
Two Renaissance Dance Bands	£1.13
Gerard Souzay Henri Duparc 12 Melodies	£1.13
Edmundo Ros and his Orchestra Dance Again (2 records available)	£1.70
The Melos Ensemble of London Beethoven Octet, Sextet, Rondino & March	£1.74
The Moody Blues Seventh Sojourn	£1.88
CASSETTES	
Overtures of Old Vienna Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra	£1.90
The World's Most Glorious Melodies Reginald Kilbey	£1.90

SPECIAL OFFER!

Coriolanus by William Shakespeare
Recorded by the Marlowe Society Only £7.00

Sporting Tribute

The late Alfred Walker, whose death we reported last month received a fine tribute from the Secretary of Roxeth Bowling Club, Mr. W. C. Lawrence who wrote in a Harrow paper:—

"Johnnie had been a member of the Roxeth Bowling Club for over 50 years, President from 1928-1959 and a committee member until shortly before his death. He presented the championship cup to the club in 1923 and was the first winner. He also over the years won all other club competitions.

He presented a Hunting Horn for competition between Roxeth and Harrow Weald, and this is still competed for annually. He played for Middlesex on several occasions."

Pick the Winner!

Derby Sweepstake closing date: Wednesday, 23rd May.

Tickets: 15p each plus stamped and addressed envelope to: Editor, D.S.S., 191, Old Marylebone Road, London, NW1 5QN.

The Draw will take place at the London Club on the evening of Thursday, 31st May. All those drawing a horse will be notified.

Frank Reviews —

MY SHADOW

by T.C. McKay

Cat. No. 1169

by J. B. Priestley

The Prince of Pleasure and his Regency

Read by William Jack

A reconstruction of the life and times of the Prince Regent, later George the Fourth.

As might be expected from this author this is no glossy romantic account of court life. Although he gives credit where credit is due in that the Regency has left us many historical and artistic buildings, these were largely paid for by the exchequer while the poor starved. To stop civil war the government put an agent provocateur into any social group which sought reform, then having led them into revolt betrayed them to the government who dutifully saw that the reformers were hanged.

Cat. No. 1199

The Husband

by Sol Stein

Read by Robert Gladwell

Peter has been a one woman man since his early High School days. Now in his mid-fifties he finds he is thoroughly bored by his wife and the only consolation in his marriage are his two children. Then into his life comes Elizabeth. Peter is a first rate copy writer with an advertising firm and Elizabeth a colleague from the art department.

When Peter decides to leave Rose he finds her lawyer and old family friend has him so firmly tied up that all he is likely to be left with is his false teeth. Being something of a sexual athlete Peter is intimidated by his boss, a sexual pervert who threatens him with the sack unless he co-operates.

Another title for this book might well have been "Variations on a Sexual Theme", and yet I cannot condemn it as pornography because it has a good plot and is most constructive. Peter retains his job but loses his home, his kids, and his beloved painting. Certainly not a book to be listened to within the hearing of children grandmothers or maiden aunts. Even our cats left the room while certain sections of this book were being read. But then the wife was cooking fish in the kitchen!

A most persistent fellow he,
Sticking ever close to me
Whether by accident or design
His feet are always touching mine
Yet never pushing in a crowd
And never, never talks out loud,
And when I stop to have a chat,
He is content to lie quite flat.

In early morning when I go out,
He is a giant, without a doubt,
But I am never scared of him
Though I'm rather small and slim,
Because he follows each step and tumble
Without as much, as even a grumble.
Ever faithful and ever true,
Always black but never blue.

By the middle of the day,
He has almost passed away,
Shrunken now so very small,
Very nearly not there at all,
Sticking ever closer still
On easy road or heavy hill.
Could any love more constant be
Than this fellow is to me?

In the evening's gentle fall
Again he is a giant tall,
Following my weary footsteps home,
Silently as any gnome,
Close beside me to the door,
I step inside, he is no more . . .
In the morning when I step out
He'll be there again, without a doubt.

EDITOR'S NOTE

Tommy McKay won 1st prize with this poem in the Edwin Dickinsen Literary Competition organised recently by the Queensland Society of Blind Citizens in Australia.

Grocers' Summer Outing

Sussex Grocers' Association are organising an outing for St. Dunstaners on the afternoon of Wednesday 20th June to the Spa Hotel, Tunbridge Wells. Coaches will leave Pearson House, Abbey Road, Brighton, at 2.30 p.m. getting back about 9.30 p.m.

Any St. Dunstaners who may be holidaying in Brighton at that time and who would like to go on the outing are advised to write or telephone:

Mrs. M. G. Lillie,
Sussex Grocers' Association,
11, Lancaster Road,
Brighton BN1 5DG.
Tel. Brighton 554 648

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

From Mrs. Eva Scrivener, London, N.21

Many readers of St. Dunstan's *Review* may at times wonder what happens to retired members of the staff.

I would like to tell you if I may, one of the things that is happening to Ernest George of Felsted, Essex. He conducts a choir of Senior Citizens, some over 80! They go around singing the most delightful songs of this day and age and of the distant past.

How do I know this? Mr. George invited my sister (Miss E. R. Abbiss, who was his secretary for many years) and myself (also ex-staff of the Netting Dept.) to a concert in Kensington last week. It is a long time since we spent such a pleasant afternoon.

One can but admire Mr. George, he could sit at home and dwell on the past but no, he gives his time and energy to bring joy to others.

On the day we heard the Felsted Choir Mr. George had arranged a coach outing for the day picking up choir members and others (who came for shopping) en-route through the village where they live. How they must have enjoyed a day trip to town.

Twenty Five Years Service

JOHN JOSEPH MOONEY of Chadderton, Lancs., attended a reception with his wife at Hawker Siddeley Aviation Ltd., where the Managing Director, Mr. J. Wood presented our St. Dunstaner with a gold wristlet watch for twenty-five years' service.

FAMILY NEWS

Marriage

NOBBS-HURSEY. On 24th March, 1973, ROBERT E. NOBBS, who lived at the Royal Air Force Association Home, Storrington, Sussex, married MISS PRISCILLA HURSEY at Torch House Chapel, Hurstpierpoint, on 24th March, 1973. We wish them every happiness in their married life together.

Silver Weddings

Congratulations to MR. AND MRS. JOHN BAILEY of Guildford, Surrey, who celebrated their silver wedding anniversary on 17th April, 1973.

Many congratulations to MR. AND MRS. ROBERT OSBORNE of Saltdean, Sussex, who celebrated their silver wedding anniversary on 24th April, 1973.

Sincere congratulations to MR. AND MRS. ABDUL (BRIAN) RAHIM of Perivale, Middlesex, who celebrated their silver wedding anniversary on 24th December, 1972.

Warm congratulations to MR. AND MRS. JESSE SALT of Morecambe, Lancs., who celebrated their silver wedding anniversary on 21st April, 1973.

Many congratulations to MR. AND MRS. TREVOR TATCHELL of Cardiff, who celebrated their silver wedding anniversary on 27th March, 1973.

Golden Weddings

Many congratulations to MR. AND MRS. PERCIVAL PEACEY of Saffron Walden, Essex, who celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary on 31st March, 1973.

Grandparents

Congratulations to:

HARRY BLUNDELL of Warrington, Lancs. who has a second grandchild. Philip John arrived on 21st March, 1973, to carry on the Blundell line. He was born to Mr. and Mrs. John Blundell.

GEORGE DENNIS of Enfield, Middlesex, is pleased to announce the arrival of his first grandchild, born to his son Alan and his wife, on 20th January, 1973. She is to be called Nicola Jane.

George's daughter Patricia, then gave birth to her first child, a son, Graham James, who was born on 28th February, 1973.

REGINALD NEWTON of Salfords, Surrey, is pleased to announce the birth of his sixth grandchild, Daren Newton, born to Derek and Dorothy Newton on 26th November, 1972.

CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT of Windsor, Berks., is pleased to announce the birth of his first grandchild, Stephanie Christina Newton, on 4th May, 1972, to their only daughter.

GEORGE SALTERS of Liverpool, on the arrival of another grandchild, born to his daughter-in-law, Irene, a son, who is to be called Kerry John. He arrived on 22nd January, 1973, and is a brother for Paula.

PATRICK SUTTON of Audenshaw, Manchester, is delighted to announce that Mary, wife of his son Stephen, gave birth to a boy on 22nd January, 1973. The baby is to be named Stephen James, and his father is at the moment serving in the Far East with the Royal Navy.

MRS. SADIE STOKES of Salford, Lancs., is proud to announce the arrival of another grand-daughter, her daughter Carol having given birth to a baby girl on 11th March, 1973. The baby is to be called Rebecca.

KEN WARD of Exeter, Devon, is pleased to announce the arrival of two new grandchildren.

His second son, Ken Ward, a sailor in the Royal Navy, and his wife, presented our St. Dunstaner with a grand-daughter, born on 26th March, 1973, at Gosport, Hants.

His third son, Ronald and his wife are pleased to announce the birth of a son on 12th December, 1972.

Ken now has 18 grandchildren.

Great Grandparents

Very many congratulations to:

GEORGE FALLOWFIELD of Worthing, Sussex, is pleased to announce that he now has six great grandchildren. Three boys belonging to his eldest grandchild, William Armitage, and three girls belonging to William's brother, Steven Armitage. Both wives, Mavis and Heather Armitage, are sisters and both families are now living at Brighton, Queensland, Australia.

MRS. LILIAN WEST of Egham, Surrey, who is proud to announce the birth of her second great-grandchild, Stephanie Jane Tubman, born on 2nd February, 1973.

Long Life and happiness to:

Alex, son of JAMES MILLER of Glasgow, who married Miss Susan Ayres at the Wallington Register Office, Surrey, on 16th December, 1972.

Yvonne, daughter of STANLEY FOWLER of Beeston, Notts., who married Kevin Molyneux on 21st March, 1973.

Isabel, daughter of JOSEPH BAKER KELLY WALTON of Sunderland, married John Corner on 24th March, 1973.

Sally, daughter of HERBERT FREDERICK BOUGHTON of Northampton, has recently won a Queen's Guide Award. Sally is 14 years of age.

Deaths

We offer our very sincere sympathy to:—

ALBERT GEORGE BRIGGS of Norwich, who mourns the death of his wife Mrs. Ada Briggs, who died suddenly on 20th March, 1973.

ROBERT CAMERON of Wembley, Middlesex, who lost his mother, Mrs. Laura Cameron when she died on 9th April, 1973 at the age of 83. Mrs. Cameron lived in Portsmouth.

WILLIAM HART of Chichester, Sussex, who mourns the death of his brother, Mr. Henry Lionel Hart on 2nd March, 1973. Mr. William Hart is a bachelor and has lived with his brother and his wife for many years.

WILLIAM F. KENNEDY of Maidenhead, Berks., whose wife, Mrs. Minnie Frances May Kennedy, died suddenly on 8th April, 1973.

HARRY PIERREPONT of Boston, Lincs., mourns the death of his wife on 17th March, 1973.

LIONEL FRANK TANNER of Stroud, Glos., mourns the death of his wife, Elsie which occurred in Cash's Green Hospital, Stroud, on 2nd March, 1973, where Mrs. Tanner had been a patient for the last four years.

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.

Michael Patrick Delaney. *Anti-Aircraft Battalion.*

Michael Patrick Delaney of Mossley Hill, Liverpool, Lanes., died suddenly at the hospital where he worked as a physiotherapist, on 11th April, 1973. He was 54 years of age.

He enlisted in an Anti-Aircraft Battalion in November, 1939 and served with them until his discharge in 1942 when he came to St. Dunstan's. He was injured whilst practising mine laying.

Mr. Delaney trained as a physiotherapist and continued working in the profession right up until the time of his death which occurred very suddenly.

He married our St. Dunstaner, Mrs. Violet Formstone, in 1966, and both he and his wife were enthusiastic bridge players, taking part in competitions in many parts of the country.

He leaves a widow, Mrs. Violet Delaney, Mr. and Mrs. Bushell, sister and brother-in-law, and a sister, Mrs. Sheila Ward, a widow of Edward Ward, who was himself a St. Dunstaner.

Alfred Albert Dembenski. *18th County of London Regiment*

Alfred Albert Dembenski of Cheltenham, Gloucestershire, died on 3rd April, 1973 in hospital where he had been admitted whilst he was staying at Pearson House. He was 78 years of age.

He enlisted in 1916 in the 18th County of London Regiment and served with them until his discharge in 1918 when he came to St. Dunstan's. He was wounded in September 1917 in Peronne and after his admission to St. Dunstan's he trained in mat making. Mr. Dembenski continued with his mat making until 1942 when he took up factory employment, in which he worked until 1956, when he retired due to poor health. He kept fairly well at home until last March, when he was admitted to Northgate House, Brighton. Unfortunately his condition deteriorated and he had to go to hospital, where he died.

He leaves a widow, Mrs. Irene Elizabeth Dembenski, and four grown-up children.

William Mahoney. *Grenadier Guards and Royal Artillery*

William Mahoney of Birmingham, died on 31st March, 1973. He was 72 years old.

He enlisted in the Grenadier Guards in 1921 and served with them until 1933. He enlisted in the Royal Artillery in 1941 and served with them until 1946. He did not come to St. Dunstan's until 1967, when he had already retired, and as his health was rather poor he did not take up any hobby occupation.

Eric James Laker. *1st London Regiment*

Eric James Laker of Cambridge, died in hospital, on 4th April, 1973, having been admitted from Northgate House, where he had been staying since February. He was 76 years of age.

He enlisted in the 1st London Regiment and served with them from 1914 until his discharge in 1918, when he was wounded in France. He came to St. Dunstan's in 1919 and was trained in basket and rug making. He continued with basket making until a few years ago, when his health began to fail. He went to Brighton in February and was subsequently admitted to hospital for an operation. He seemed to make a good recovery but unfortunately this was not maintained and his death came suddenly. His wife died in 1959 as a result of a motor accident and after this Mr. Laker made his home with his son and daughter-in-law.

He leaves a son, daughter-in-law and grandchildren.

William Andrews Perrin, O.B.E., A.I.F.

William Andrews ("Bill") Perrin, of Melbourne, Australia, died on the 10th March, 1973, at the age of 79 years.

He enlisted in Australia in 1915, served abroad with the Army and was Commissioned; he was mentioned in despatches three times and awarded the M.B.E. On his return home after the War, he became an Insurance Broker and continued with the same firm until he retired because of ill health in 1953. His sight gradually failed and, in 1936, he came to St. Dunstan's for training, returning home again in 1937.

Throughout his life he was actively engaged in public and social work, including Melbourne Legacy (which cares for the widows of ex-Servicemen and their children), the Red Cross and other welfare interests; he was awarded the O.B.E. in 1950 for his services to the community. His wife died in 1966 after a long illness and his own health deteriorated seriously through the years, but he was cared for devotedly in his own home. He was an outstanding Australian St. Dunstaner, who will be remembered with pride and gratitude for his varied public activities and service to others.

He leaves a brother and sister with their families, and many friends.

Charles William Titcombe. *Royal Artillery*

Charles William Titcombe of Swindon, Wilts., died on 1st April, 1973, at the age of 83 years.

He enlisted in the Royal Artillery in 1914, and served with them until 1919, but he did not come to St. Dunstan's until 1971. He had already retired from work when he joined St. Dunstan's, but his great interest was his garden and greenhouse. He was surrounded by an affectionate family, who have helped him considerably in every possible way, and our sympathy is extended to his daughter, Miss Joan Titcombe, who lived with her father. Mr. Titcombe was a widower and also leaves other married sons and daughters.