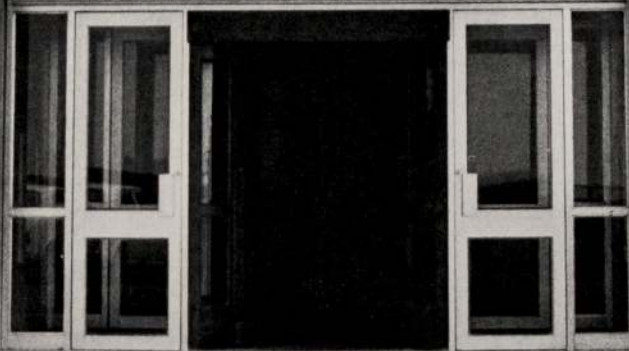


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Ian Fraser House Re-opened

"I have much pleasure in re-opening Ian Fraser House", with these nine words Lady Fraser of Lonsdale C.B.E. dressed in black and looking elegant, handsome and serene, drew aside a curtain covering the commemorative stone on which the following words are inscribed:

"After modernisation and the construction of a new South Wing this building was re-opened by The Lady Fraser of Lonsdale, C.B.E. on the 11th April, 1975".

Mr. Ion Garnett-Orme, Chairman of St. Dunstan's, accompanied by his wife, then spoke to a company of about 100 people assembled in the lounge. They included the Mayor and Mayoress of Brighton, Councillor and Mrs. D. Sheldon, members of St. Dunstan's Council, Sir Edwin Arrowsmith, K.C.M.G., The Rev. F. Darrell Bunt, C.B., O.B.E., M.A., Mr. M. Delmar-Morgan, Lord Hunt of Fawley, C.B.E., M.A., F.R.C.P., F.R.C.S., Air Marshal

Sir Douglas Morris, K.C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O., D.F.C., Mr. Nigel Pearson and Major M. E. M. Sandys, J.P. with their wives, Mrs. Elizabeth Dacre, T.D., J.P., Lady Ellerman, Mrs. Frank Spurway, M.B.E., Miss Frances Ramshaw and Mr. A. D. Lloyds; also Mr. C. D. Wills and staff from Headquarters and Brighton. St. Dunstaners present, in addition to those from Headquarters, were Ted Frearson, Chairman of the Brighton Social Club, Ron Smith, Radio Brighton's presenter of "Listen and See", a weekly programme for the blind and Richard Hall, Chairman of the Red Ball group of companies who are among suppliers to St. Dunstan's.

Having thanked Lady Fraser, Mr. Garnett-Orme said:

"The stone which you have unveiled will be placed in the wall just outside the main entrance, opposite to the Foundation stone of this building which was laid by Lady Arthur Pearson in 1938. It is most appropriate and so very fitting that your name should be permanently associated with Ian Fraser House in this way. I know that all St. Dunstaners will join me in thanking you for performing this ceremony and our great sadness is that Lord Fraser is not with us also. I will now ask our Padre to bless the new Wing".

The Reverend W. Popham-Hosford, O.B.E., M.A., R.D., then blessed the new Wing and, in the course of the prayers which he offered were the following words:

"Thank you Lord for keeping in glad remembrance thy servant Ian who has gone before. He has stood by us and

Left: The Mayor of Brighton, Councillor Danny Sheldon watches as the Mayoress tests the water temperature in the new swimming pool.

COVER PICTURE: *The main entrance with the words Ian Fraser House over the door.*



Lady Fraser unveils the commemorative stone, temporarily placed in the lounge. With her is Mr. Garnett-Orme, who spoke afterwards.

helped us, has cheered us by his sympathy and strengthened us by his presence. May we ever hold his example before us and may his spirit ever be with us as we carry on the work to which he dedicated his whole life."

In a prayer for those who work for St. Dunstan's Mr. Popham-Hosford added:

"Almighty God, Father of all mercies, grant all those who have to care for the blind that they may be given wisdom and skill, sympathy and patience that always bearing thy presence with them they may bring help and comfort to those whom they serve."

"Thank you very much Padre," Mr. Garnett-Orme continued, "for blessing our new Wing and all those who will work in it and enjoy it. It was always planned that this re-opening should be an informal, family occasion and we are delighted to have with us the Mayor and Mayoress of Brighton to join members of the Council and their wives and some

long standing friends and helpers of St. Dunstan's, including Mrs. Opperman who is Chairman of St. Dunstan's, (South Africa). Also with us are representatives of our Architects, Consultant Engineers and Contractors and those of us from Headquarters and Brighton who have special involvements with Ian Fraser House. Here I would like to read a telegram that we have received from South Africa.

"The Chairman, Members of the Board and blinded ex-service comrades of St. Dunstan's (South Africa), send greetings and best wishes to British St. Dunstaners on the occasion of the opening of Ian Fraser House. May its future be blessed and bring happiness to all its residents." Signed Eglin, Deputy Chairman.

"I welcome you all and thank you for coming and I give a special thank you to the Commandant. It has been his tireless planning and organisation, in addition to



Commandant Fawcett presents a Parker Pen and two orchids to Lady Fraser on behalf of the Brighton staff.

all his usual duties which have made this re-opening possible for us to-day, and we are very grateful.

"The building has been refurbished, all the services such as kitchens, lighting, lifts, heating and plumbing, which were worn out have been renewed; and the large dormitories have been converted into single and double rooms, each with its own wash hand basin and new furniture. Considerable thought has been given to protection from fire and also to reduction of noise. A new Wing has been built which contains new workshops; it also contains a gymnasium, bowling area and a number of recreation rooms and a large covered swimming pool.

"Looking back in the *Review*, I see that some years ago we had letters from 13 St. Dunstaners suggesting that a swim-

ming pool should be built here and in the Chairman's Notes of December 1966 Lord Fraser said, 'You may rest assured that this matter is very much in our minds'. I am, therefore, very glad now that this pool has been provided and hope that those who asked for it, all of whom are still active, and many other St. Dunstaners will make much use of it.

"The refurbishing and the new Wing have taken two-and-a-half years to complete and Ian Fraser House, with beds for about 70 St. Dunstaners, will be occupied again on 2nd May.

"After lunch the building is open for us all to walk round and I hope you will approve of what has been done. The inspiration for it came largely from the Commandant and our last Secretary, Mr. Lloyds."

SOUTH AFRICAN UNIVERSITY HONOURS LORD FRASER

Shortly before his death Lord Fraser was awarded an Honorary Doctorate of Philosophy by the University of Stellenbosch, Cape Province, South Africa and on 28th February this degree was posthumously conferred on him by the Vice-Chancellor of the University, Dr. J. S. Gericke, at a ceremony on the Campus.

Mr. Christopher McDonald, a grandson, accepted the degree on behalf of Lord Fraser and in his speech he expressed his and Lady Fraser's thanks. In the Citation Dr. J. N. N. de Villiers, Rector of Stellenbosch University, paid a warm tribute to Lord Fraser.

The State President of the Republic of South Africa, Mr. J. J. Fouché, and his wife attended the ceremony and among those present were: Lady Ellerman; The British Ambassador, Sir James Bottomley, K.C.M.G., with Lady Bottomley, Admiral H. H. Biermann, S.S.A., O.B.E. with Mrs. Biermann and other dignitaries.

THANKSGIVING SERVICE FOR LORD FRASER

Order of Service and Address available in Braille

A limited number of Braille copies of the Order of Service and the Address by Lord Redcliffe-Maud will be available during next month for those St. Dunstaners who are Braille readers and who would like to have one. Mrs. Dora Penstone (late of the Welfare Dept.) Brailled the master copy, and further copies will be made on the Brailon Machine as required. The book is small, measuring about 7½ ins. x 10 ins. with an elastic binding which enables it to open flat.

A tape recording of the spoken parts of the Service was made and copies in Talking Book cassettes or in Philips cassettes have been provided for Welfare Visitors so that St. Dunstaners may have the opportunity of hearing the recording during a routine visit. The recording includes an introduction spoken by Stephen Jack.

PRESIDENT OF THE EUROPEAN WAR BLINDED ORGANISATION

In the June 1973 *Review* we reported that it had been proposed that Lord Fraser should be President of the European War Blinded Organisation during the next three years. Our Public Relations Officer, Lieut.-Commander Robin Buckley, G.M., has now been nominated to succeed Lord Fraser in this appointment for the remainder of the term.

COMING EVENTS

H.M.S. Daedalus. Camp Week

St. Dunstan's Camp this year will be from **Friday, August 15th to Saturday, August 23rd**. Camp Fee £7.00. Fares over first £3.00 repaid in Camp. Campers being collected by coach, return fare £3.00.

Closing date for entries **10th May**. Please send your entry as soon as possible to **Miss E. Grant, 7 Craven Hill, London, W.2**. Telephone—(evenings) 01-262 2723.

DIARY NOTES

Stoke Mandeville

Annual General Meeting **June 14th** at 2.30 p.m. Anyone wanting to come, let me know. If more than two we must draw.

**Mrs. Spurway,
Mount House,
Halse,
Taunton, Somerset**

The Multi-disabled Games at Stoke Mandeville, **Friday, September 12th to Sunday, September 14th**.

ANY ONE A WINNER

Derby Sweepstake closing date: **21st May**.

Tickets 20p each.

Address: **The Editor, D.S.S. Dept.,
191, Old Marylebone Road,
London, NW1 5QN.**

Draw: London Club, Thursday, 29th May. All those drawing a horse will be notified.

Ski-ing in the Cairngorms

Can ski-ing be regarded as a competitive sport or as an enjoyable recreation for St. Dunstaners?

To find out the answers a pilot scheme was arranged with our old sporting friend Willi Hohm of Austria, who derives great pleasure from ski-ing. The two weeks' visit to Bodental, South Austria, to take part in a ski-ing course for the Visually Handicapped had unfortunately to be cancelled at the last possible minute due to the lack of snow, the first time apparently for forty years, in that part of Austria.

However in our own native Scotland at Aviemore in the Cairngorms there was snow and plenty of facilities for ski-ing and so our party of four St. Dunstaners set off from Heathrow to fly to Inverness on 29th January for a week's ski course. The party consisted of Joe Humphrey, Alan Wortley, Ted Bunting and Ray Peart escorted by Paul James, our Catering Officer and myself.

The principal reason for the expedition was to find out if ski-ing could be an enjoyable and competitive sport for St. Dunstaners without any sighted experience of ski-ing. It should be noted that Winter Sports for the Disabled and Visually Handicapped are now annual events with competition applicable to all grades of skiers.

A week at Aviemore

Our course at Aviemore lasted a week and there was enough snow to enable us to ski, although the condition of the piste or slope was not the best for beginners. However, our team was undaunted and very keen to get cracking irrespective of conditions. The first day was spent on the artificial slope where all beginners get used to the awkwardness of walking on skis and practising the very necessary basic technique of snow plough stops, snow plough turns and walking up the slope.

Our next few days were spent on the actual ski slopes, vastly different from the plastic surface of the artificial one, much faster and less smooth, but under the

expert instruction of the head instructor, Roger Morrison and his colleague, Angus Carlyle, one could observe the steady progress made by our team, in fact it is fair to say that in the initial stages our four St. Dunstaners made better progress than some of the sighted classes. The weather made conditions on the slopes pretty treacherous, with the sun melting the surface of the snow and the hard frost at night freezing it into a skating surface. Our skiers continued with the course even though they did take some hard falls.

My Opinion

My opinion as a sighted observer is that, given further professional instruction with plenty of practice under better snow conditions our team would be capable of competing in the novice section of ski competitions for the visually handicapped. One had to consider that if the person had skied before the loss of sight he or she need only require an accompanying ski-ing escort to guide them on the slopes, whereas it is much more difficult to learn after the loss of sight, bearing in mind that all instruction must be verbal rather than demonstrative and this requires the expertise of specially trained instructors. The course was hard and tough and for anyone contemplating such a venture it is advisable to prepare oneself physically beforehand.

All About it

As a matter of interest the Aviemore Sports and Holiday Centre has many attractive features for those who desire an outward bound type of holiday with some form of activity to suit most. The country setting is ideal, surrounded by the Cairngorms; the accommodation and food excellent, and, whichever interest you decide to pursue, there are qualified instructors to teach you. Activities include ski-ing, skating, curling, swimming, pony trekking, mountaineering, sailing, orienteering, etc., with sufficient thirst quenching facilities to satisfy the most ardent drinkers after a hard day's exercise!

JOCK CARNOCHAN

FORTY YEARS' SERVICE

A member of staff who will be known to many St. Dunstaners celebrated forty years' service with the organisation in March.

George Stevenson joined St. Dunstan's Estate Department on March 25th, 1935. "We were a department of two—Percy Lale was Manager and I was the staff. We had a 'Box and Cox' relationship most of the time. If he was out, I was in and vice versa. We were responsible for maintenance of both Estate and Admin properties. So far as I can remember we had about 250 Estate properties, many of which were smallholdings in various parts of the country. Visiting then meant train and bus journeys—we had no cars".

Regent's Park Days

George Stevenson recalls that Headquarters was then a single storey building in the Inner Circle at Regent's Park. As a result the staff saw more of each other, among them St. Dunstaners Horace Kerr, and the late Bert Crabtree and 'Drummer' Downs.

The lounge was used by staff and St. Dunstaners. In those days, George Stevenson says, the staff association was very active organising a Dinner and Dance, a Summer Outing, and other, shorter outings in evenings and at weekends. Two or three dances were held in the lounge during winter months.

War Service

At the time of the Munich crisis in 1938, George Stevenson joined the Auxiliary Air Force and he was called up in August 1939. After a period in Balloon Command ending as an instructor, he was commissioned and joined a Flying boat squadron in Africa as a code and cypher officer. "During this period I was able to stay in Cape Town for a couple of weeks and met Mrs. Chadwick Bates, Secretary of St. Dunstan's (South Africa), also Hester Pease, who was matron at 'Temban'. It was there that I met several of the new St. Dunstaners".

After the war, in 1945, he rejoined St. Dunstan's under Peter Matthews, who had just formed the new Settlement Department, with the aim of housing new

INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS

Sponsored by the European Regional Committee of the World Council for the Welfare of the Blind, the above Congress will be held in Paris towards the end of May.

Organisations of and for the blind world-wide will send representatives to take part in a two-day programme when papers on a wide range of topics will be presented.

It is the aim of the organisers to give wide publicity to the enormous benefits that the Braille system has bestowed on blind people throughout the world for, as a means of communication, it has, of course, the great advantage that it can be written as well as read.

The Anniversary commemorates the introduction of the Braille system in 1825 when Louis Braille was only 16 years of age. He had already discussed with Captain Barbier the latter's revolutionary tactile code developed as a night communications system in the Napoleonic Wars. However, young Louis Braille felt that he could do better and worked continuously to evolve a code based on 63 permutations of his famous 6 dot cell.

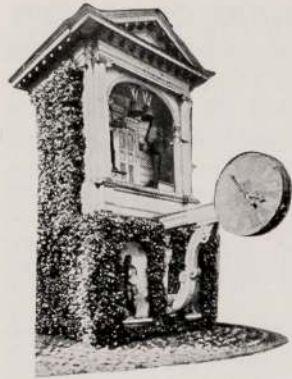
St. Dunstan's will be officially represented at the Congress.

FOR SALE

Mrs. D. Cooke of Peacehaven, widow of the late Cyril Cooke, has a Cima Braille wrist-watch in a gold case with an "Excalibur" expandable bracelet. She has asked for offers of £40 and over. Mrs. Cooke's telephone number is Peacehaven 2068.

FORTY YEARS' SERVICE—Continued

St. Dunstaners. This was the beginning of a partnership that has already covered thirty years. In the early parts of that time George Stevenson travelled the whole of the United Kingdom surveying properties prior to purchase. In 1951, at the forming of the present Estate Department on the retirement of Percy Lale, Peter Matthews was appointed Estate Manager and George Stevenson, withdrawn from the outside staff, became his Assistant.



Book Man's Forty-five Candles

Forty-five candles on a cake were duly blown out by **Bill Kennedy**, with some assistance from his colleagues, at a party at McGraw-Hill, the book publishers in their Maidenhead branch. Each candle represented one year of Bill's service with the Company, since he joined as a boy of 15 in 1930.

Mr. Kenneth Durman, Managing Director, made a presentation to Bill—a portable radio and cassette tape recorder, together with cassettes recorded

IT STRIKES ME

by
Magog

by his colleagues with music to Bill's taste—Mantovani, Glen Miller, Max Bygraves, Al Jolson and Sousa marches.

Mr. Ernest Harris, General Manager, Book Services, spoke of Bill's service with the Company dating from 1930. "When you consider Billy's disabilities and the severe difficulties he suffers through his loss of vision, it is remarkable how cheerful he keeps and how well he does his job year in and year out", he said. "Over the past few years we have introduced a number of different methods of packaging including stapling machines and the latest thing in semi-automatic strapping machines. Billy has tackled these innovations and mastered them all. I must congratulate him on his determination, guts and independence".

Carnation Years

Diamond Wedding anniversary this time, brought an unusual gift for **Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Sayers**, at Birchington, Kent. Sixty red carnations from their ten children, five boys and five girls—all grown up now, of course, and doing well.

"The carnations were glorious," Mrs. Sayers told me, "A blaze of colour, I've never seen anything like it. They were the best present I had." The anniversary date was Boxing Day, December 26th but the Sayers postponed their family party until Good Friday, to include their son from Australia, whom they have not seen for 23 years. In all, four generations came.

Left: With the assistance of two of his colleagues Bill Kennedy blows out the forty-five candles.



Bill Griffiths

"Ah, a St. Dunstan's Badge"

I was chatting to **Robert Forster**, of Leeds, congratulating him on his new grandson when he told me he had the honour of meeting H.M. the Queen last November. He had visited Bradford where his brother-in-law is Assistant General Manager of the Provincial Building Society. The Society's new offices are in the Bradford shopping centre which was opened by the Queen.

Robert and his wife, Joy, were there as guests in the Banking Hall, when the Queen came in to meet the President and the Chairman of the Society. "Afterwards she walked through the hall", Robert told me, "when she got level with our party she said, 'Ah, a St. Dunstan's badge!' She came across and spoke to me, my wife and my brother-in-law. She said it was twenty years since she was last in Bradford and how it had altered. Meeting her confirmed the image of her that I have always had. She is one of the best. She so easily speaks to people. Unless you knew you wouldn't think it was the Queen. She is so charming, she makes it easy for you."

Cross of Nails

Among the many trophies **Bill Griffiths** has held as one of St. Dunstan's outstanding doubly handicapped sportsmen there has been none so strange and, perhaps, so grim as the shield he is seen with in this photograph from the *Lancashire Evening Telegraph*.

The shield has been presented to Bill by the Blackpool and Fylde branch of the Far Eastern Prisoners of War Association. He will keep it for a year. Two large, rusted nails decorating the shield and arranged in a St. Andrew's cross are nails actually used in the building of the infamous 'death railway' in Burma. Other honours were paid to Bill at the branch's annual reunion. He is now a life member and our Honorary Chairman of the branch.

New Zealand Anniversary

More news from New Zealand, the North Island this time: Golden Wedding celebrations for **Ray and Dulcie Masters** in December last.

Ray is a member of the executive of St. Dunstan's, New Zealand, and has taken an interest in its work for many years in addition to working on his two brothers' farms, docking and shearing sheep and grubbing thistles.

The Masters have lived at Sanson nearly all their lives but their anniversary celebration was held in Palmerston North, where their only daughter, Mrs. Elaine Grey, lives. New Zealand born, Ray served through the 1st World War in the Field Ambulance Corps and was wounded just a month before the Armistice. He spent 2½ years at St. Dunstan's in London.

Radio Birmingham

BBC Radio Birmingham, in co-operation with the Warwick Research Unit for the Blind, has produced a Braille guide to the services provided by Radio Birmingham for blind people.

Radio Birmingham's magazine programme, "Foresight", broadcast fortnightly on Sundays at 3.30 p.m. presents news, views and information of particular interest to blind or partially-sighted people in the West Midlands.

The Braille booklet is available free of charge from Dr. J. M. Gill, Warwick Research Unit for the Blind, University of Warwick, Coventry, CV4 7AL.

READING TIME

by Phillip Wood

Cat. No. 53

Picture of Japan

by Colin Simpson

Read by Michael de Morgan

Reading time 18¾ hours

This book contains the recorded impressions of four visits to Japan by a foot-loose writer with a sharp eye for detail, an insatiable curiosity about everything—and the staying power of an Olympic athlete!

The result is a kind of Super Guide Book to Japan, its customs and beliefs, its "topsy-turvyness", the gentle beauty of its scenery, and the charm and grace of its people.

I read the book with interest, particularly as my associations with members of the race (1942-1945) were rather less cordial and rewarding than were those of the writer!

A splendidly entertaining book, tailor-made for the armchair traveller and frustrated explorer.

Cat. No. 1494

Counting My Steps

by Jakov Lind

Read by Robert Gladwell

Reading time 7 hours

Jakov Lind was born in Vienna in 1927. He was proud of being Jewish. Had not his race given to the world Jesus Christ, Karl Marx, Sigmund Freud?

With the beginning of Jewish persecution his family escaped to Holland and the young Jakov was boarded out as a child-refugee. With the arrival of the German army, the Jews were once again rounded up for despatch to the death-camps. He eluded capture by hiding in the rafters of a house.

There was, however, one fortuitous circumstance which could mean survival. He had none of the physical characteristics of his race. He could easily pass for a Gentile. He acquired forged papers and as a Dutch citizen, was allowed to work on the barges.

His travels took him deep into Germany but he was never suspected of being anything but a Dutchman with a perfectly valid German-issued Work Permit.

The war over, he once again changed his identity in order to get to Israel. Israel was his spiritual home. There he would re-establish himself as a Jew. He would find peace and an identity.

He found neither. He had lived too long as another person. He felt empty and lost and curiously de-humanised.

This is a fine book, highlighting one of the least-remembered aspects of war, the trauma of the Displaced Person. It is a remarkable work written by a resourceful and articulate man, of the mental anguish of lost identity.

Cat. No. 353

The Man From Moscow

by Greville Wynne

Read by Michael de Morgan

Reading time 9¼ hours

Early in the book the author explodes the widely-held belief that "innocent" businessmen are somehow cajoled or coerced by British Intelligence to spy for them behind the Iron Curtain. In the dangerous twilight world of espionage they wouldn't last a week!

True, Greville Wynne was a businessman, and a very successful one. But he was also a highly-trained agent. He had spent many years preparing for one operation—first to contact and then to work with, Oleg (Alex) Penkovski, the Russian patriot who hated what the Bureaucracy were doing to his people.

After their separate arrests, the two men were given a public trial, with the world's press looking on. In actual fact, the "trial" proved to be the usual carefully-staged farce. Mr. Wynne had been warned that if he did not stick closely to the written script, Penkovski would be executed.

Despite the daily interrogations and the appalling conditions of filth and

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

From Alex Nesbitt, Teignmouth, Devonshire

We recently had the entrance hall to our bungalow re-decorated, and the very small man who came to do the work seemed to be a compulsive chatterer. It was disastrous to say more than "Good morning" to him, for he would be down his ladder in a flash, or get up from his position at the skirting board in the twinkling of an eye, given the least opportunity, and from replying to your remarks on the weather, he would progress from one subject to the other so quickly, that one found oneself discoursing on whale hunting, or the winner of the Derby in 1960 or some such; we became dab hands at making up non-existent people at the back door, or sudden violent calls to the toilet to get away from him without appearing too rude.

He told us one day of a blind person he knew, who was an "absolute miracle". This man was totally blind, an R.N.I.B. member, and there was simply nothing he couldn't do . . . decorating (I felt he must think me an idiot having him in to do mine) gardening, shopping, and never anyone to give him the slightest help, but the highlight came when he told us of his skill with the family car.

This wonderful chap had a winding

Reading Time—continued

systematic starvation, the British agent was never broken. His loathing and utter contempt for his captors kept him alive—and silent.

This is a very well written book (the author acknowledges the professional help he received) with all the ingredients of the classic spy thriller, "bugging" devices, miniaturised cameras, "dead-letter drops", even a "trade show" caravan with a concealed man-sized hiding-place.

The great difference is that, disturbingly, it happens to be true.

drive from his house to the gate of some forty yards, and everyday he went down to the garage, opened up the gates, got in and drove the car down this winding path—it had four bends in it too, and left it just inside the gate, all ready for his wife to get into. On this path it was so narrow that there was only four inches between the car and the grass verge, but he had never, never, gone so much as an inch over the verge.

This was a bit much for me to swallow, I said frankly I didn't believe it and that the man must have some sight, but our little decorator would have none of it. "Totally blind he is, as true as I'm standing here", he said, "He'd be willing to drive the car on to the road side, but his wife says she won't let him do that as he might get into trouble through not having a licence."

Now I had a little guiding vision up until six years ago, and I know what difference there is to having that bit of sight, to being in complete darkness, but I don't think I would have been able to do what this chap is said to do even with my bit of sight.

Perhaps I am just not adaptable, and I'd like to know what other St. Dunstaners think of this. Personally I could no more drive a car down a winding drive, completely on my own, than I could fly the Hampden I was on when I was wounded, I think I might have more success with the latter!

BRILLE LITERATURE

A periodical review of orders of Braille Literature is planned to take place during the year through our Welfare Visitors who will assist readers to complete new Order Forms. Meanwhile, however, in view of the very heavy increase in the cost of Braille Periodicals it would be appreciated if St. Dunstaners no longer interested in receiving magazines ordered for them, would kindly ask Mrs. B. Ross at Headquarters to cancel them.



Ian Fraser House, showing the new wing to the right of the picture.

What's New at Ovingdean?

A Summary of alterations and additions at Ian Fraser House

Our *Review* opens with a description of the ceremony on 11th April, when Lady Fraser unveiled the commemorative stone which is now in place on the front of Ian Fraser House and in this article we will try to give our readers some idea of the changes that have been made over the past two and a half years to bring living conditions and amenities right up-to-date. These can, we think, be considered as a good investment for the next twenty-five to thirty years or so.

Let us first say that St. Dunstaners who know the building will not find themselves unduly disorientated because, apart from the new South Wing, the principal living rooms and bedrooms are in the same position as they were before the work began, but with detailed changes of layout and furniture. Thus, for example, the lounge, the dining room, the main offices, the winter garden, and the bedrooms are where they have always been so St. Dunstaners who know the

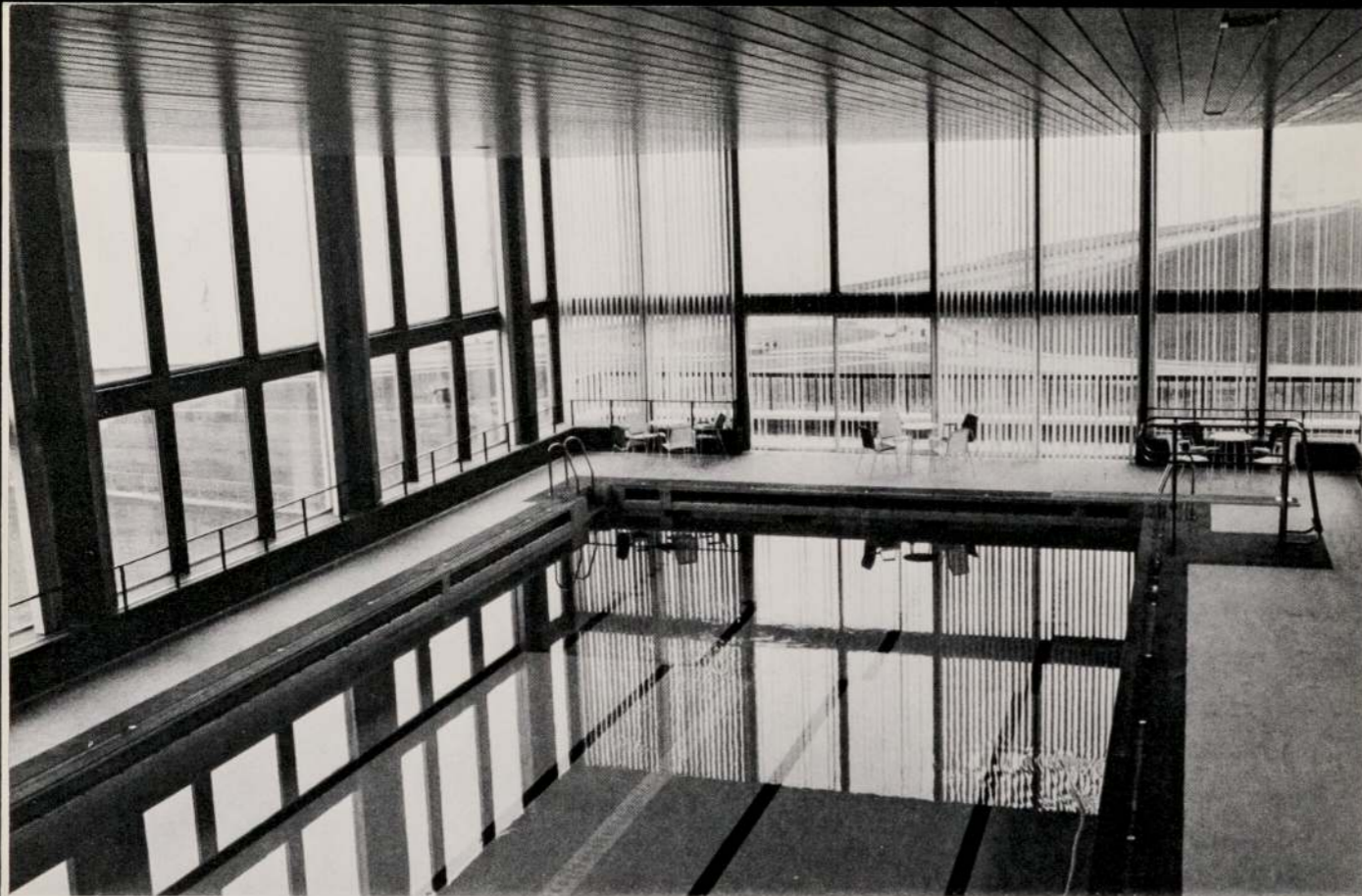
building need have no fear when walking about alone although it would certainly be advisable in the first instance to have the alterations pointed out by a sighted member of the staff.

It will thus be appreciated that the Home has not been rebuilt but refurbished. 'Time expired' services, such as lifts, plumbing, heating systems, etc., have been renewed and each bedroom has a fitted washbasin and full length wardrobe. Most of the accommodation is in single rooms although the general layout remains as before.

'Dormitories' become 'Wings' but retain the same numbers—e.g., Bed 8-Dormitory 3 becomes Wing 3 Bed 8. Toilets, baths, showers are now sited midway on each

Wing on the Downs side, away from the sea.

On the Main Floor all the rooms at the front of the building have been brought forward into the Terrace areas and a 'circulation corridor' created so that the Talking Book Rooms and other rooms on that side are reached without braving the outside elements. Similarly, the new sun lounge, quiet lounge, Braille library and typing rooms can be reached without going through the lounge where, incidentally, the 'Desk' has been re-sited between the entrance and the fireplace and changes have been made in the seating arrangements. Along the corridor which is also reached by doors from the lounge, there are now ladies' toilets, in addition to



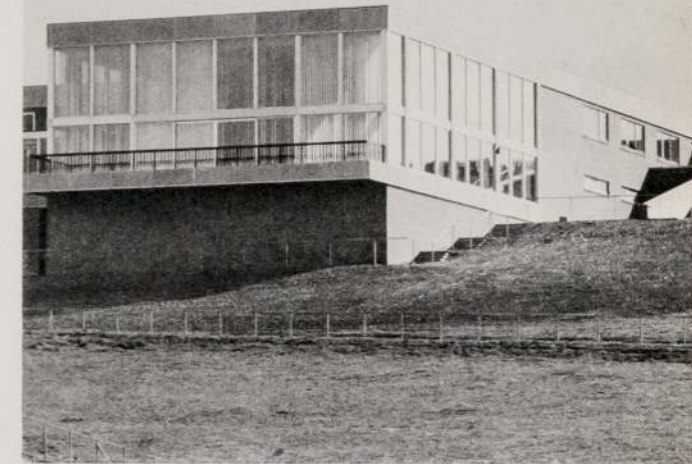
A view of the swimming pool from the pool lounge.

surrounds. It is 60 feet long and 27½ feet wide and shelves from 3 feet to 9 feet 6 inches at the deep end where there is a diving spring-board. The sides and seaward end of the pool area are in double-glazing 17 feet 6 inches high. Sliding windows at the seaward end open on to a small terrace. On the floor above there is a very large room and a smaller one which can be used for a variety of gatherings. Another room overlooks the whole of the pool. Two rooms are allocated for staff use—a recreation room and sitting room—a facility lacking hitherto, also toilets and a telephone call box. Provision is being made for future requirements of light catering in the annexe.

The Main Kitchen

The main kitchen and servery have been re-designed and all equipment replaced with up-to-date appliances.

Except for stair-landings, all bedrooms and corridors on the 1st, 2nd and 3rd floors are carpet covered. Other areas, for example the Quiet Lounge, are similarly furnished. Whilst every effort has been



A closer view of the new wing. The balcony opening off the swimming pool area can be seen.

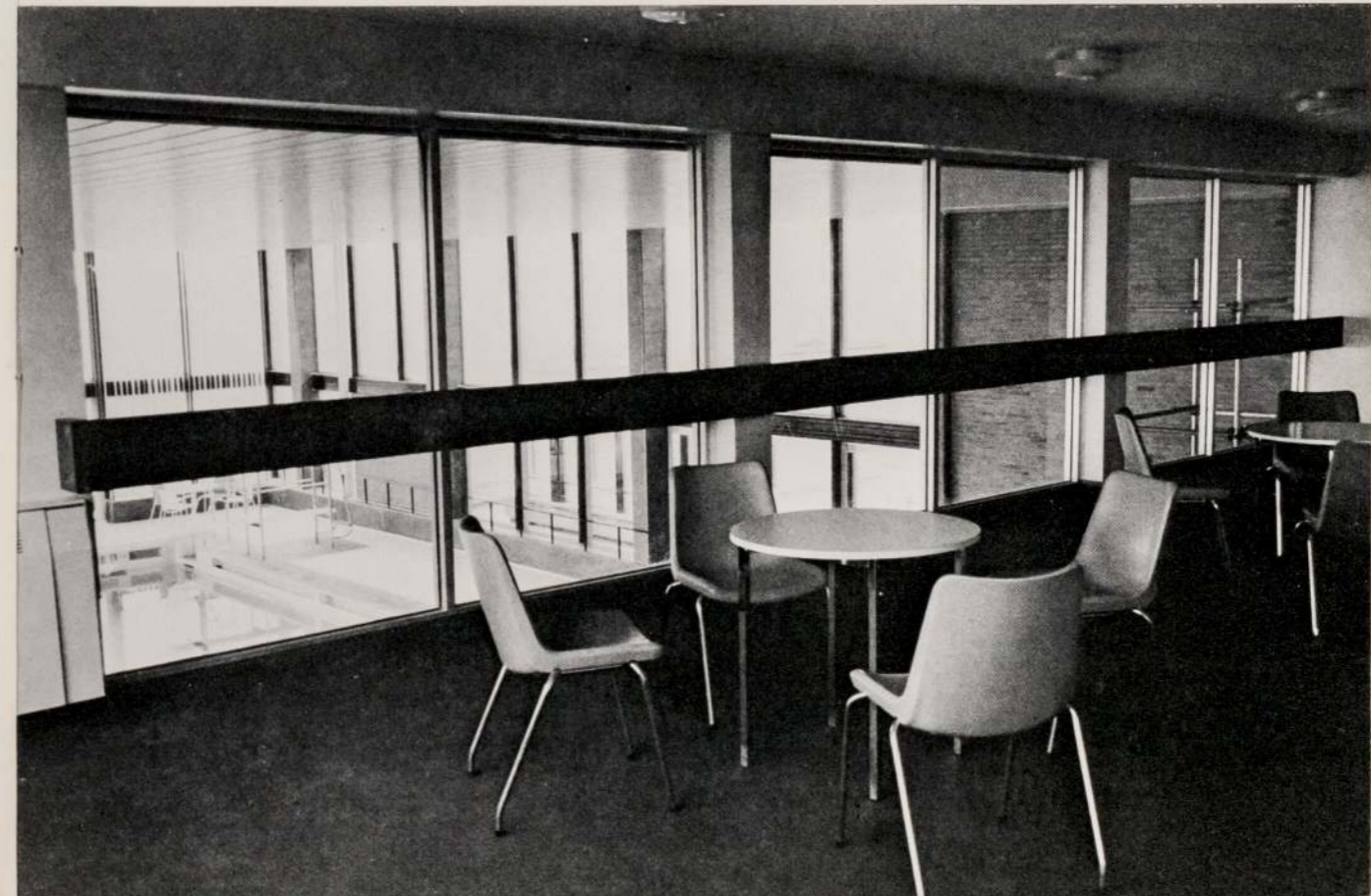
The Pool lounge has a window wall overlooking the swimming pool.

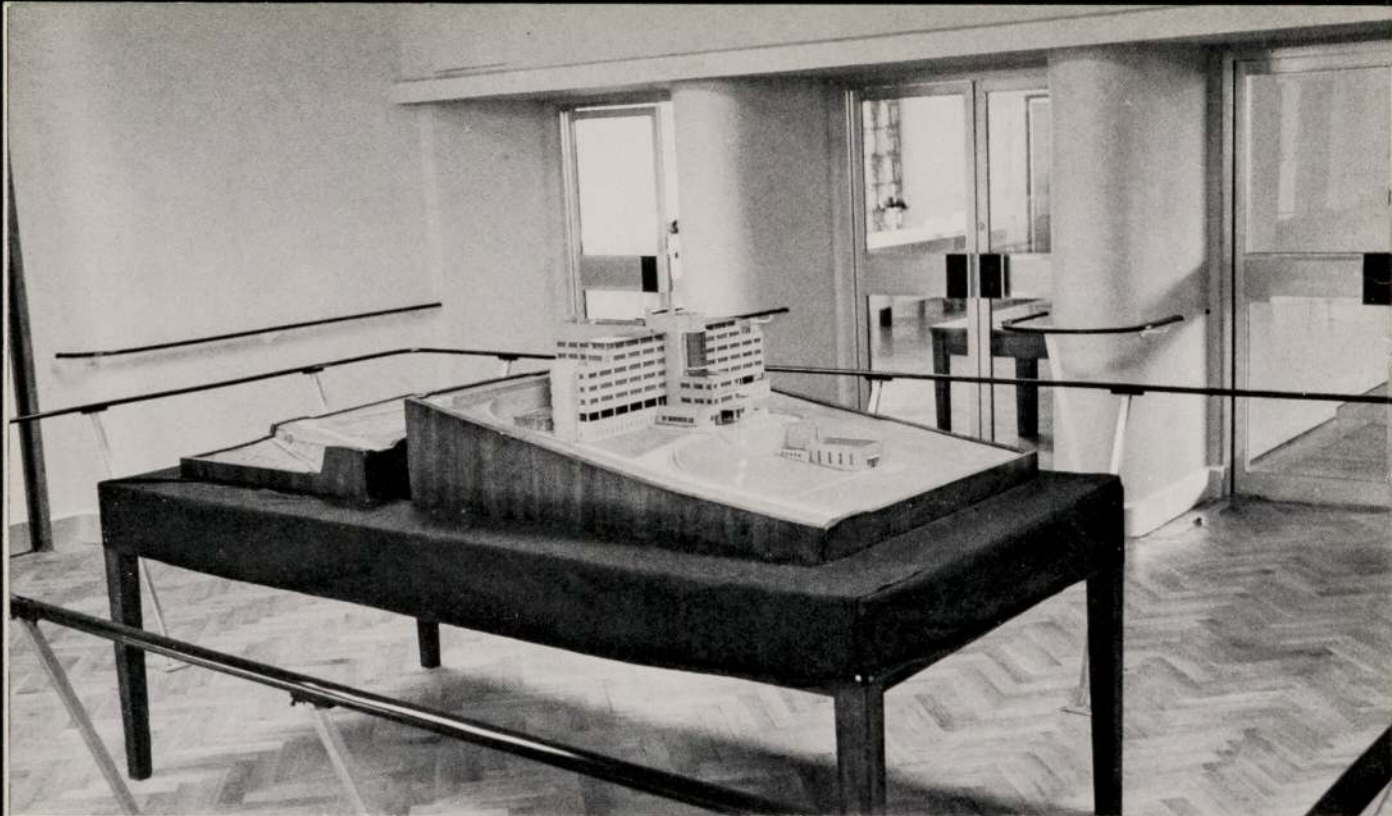
gentlemen's toilets. The end of the corridor gives entrance across the fire-escape stairway to a link corridor into the new annexe.

The New Annexe

The new annexe or South Wing is on two floors. From the link, the circulation corridor turns sharp left. On the right is the window walling of the swimming pool and on the left the industrial and wood-work training workshops. The corridor ends opposite the entrance to the two 100 ft. rink indoor bowls area. Turning right, there are toilets on the left, a staircase to the upper floor, and ahead the gymnasium. The male and female changing rooms are on the right and lead into the swimming pool through foot-baths. The pool is in attractive blue tiling with black terrazo window columns and

Left: Lady Fraser, Mrs. Opperman, Lady Ellerman and Mrs. Garnett-Orme in the corridor leading to the workshops and swimming pool.





Above: The model of the building in its new position on the main floor. The picture, showing the area between the offices and the dining room and the lounge, also captures the brightness of the building in the new decor.

Left: A single bedroom showing wardrobe unit, a hand basin with taps adapted for the handless.



made to use flame-resistant materials in both floorings and curtains and furniture, all must exercise great care to avoid the risk of fire. Recent tragic fires in residential homes have resulted in a much more rigorous approach to fire prevention and compulsory planning requirements have been greatly increased. Door closers, double swing doors, fire resisting doors and their positioning, are obligatory. This means that we have many such doors which, for ease of movement and less confusion, we would rather not have.

The grounds and paths lay-out remains the same as before. A path, with hand-rails, has been added and follows the boundaries of the new Annexe and joins the path at high level above the inner garden wall which leads from the 1st floor fire-escape exit. The inner garden is retained with an extended paved area up to the new Annexe. A car parking area now extends the whole length of the main drive on the left as you drive in.



The swimming pool is approved by Mr. Garnett-Orme, Miss Guilbert, Lady Fraser, Mr. Harding, Lady Frances Pearson and the Mayoress of Brighton, who is talking with Mr. Peter Avey, our new Lifeguard.

The attractive furnishings on the entrance floor.



Honour for Tynwald Member

The Isle of Man is governed by legislature called the Tynwald. It consists of two branches, the Legislative Council and the House of Keys. After 18 years service in the House of Keys, *Howard Simcocks M.B.E.* has been elected by the Members to the upper house, the Legislative Council, where he will serve for another eight years.

Only seven members appointed by the House of Keys serve on the Council with the Lieutenant-Governor, the Bishop of Sodor and Man, the First Deemster and the Attorney-General. A well-earned honour for a St. Dunstan who has given outstanding public service in the Tynwald, one of the most ancient legislative assemblies in the world.

Orange Badge Scheme

Motoring St. Dunstaners will be interested to learn that under the new regulations effective from 1st June 1975, the orange badge parking scheme for disabled persons is to be extended. "Any blind person registered under the National Assistance Act 1948 will be eligible for a badge for use in vehicles in which he is travelling as a passenger. This concession is for a one-year trial period, after which there will be a review of its effect on road safety.

"Except when there is a ban on loading or unloading or in a bus lane, cars displaying the orange badge will be able to park even on yellow lines for an unlimited period (as at present) in Scotland and for two hours in England and Wales. The period will be measured by the setting of a special orange parking disc at the time of arrival at the kerbside. The only other change is that a new and brighter orange badge for display on windscreens and on the rear of vehicles will be available from county councils and London borough councils. The only areas outside the new regulations are the cities of London and Westminster, the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea, and part of the London Borough of Camden but each of these will continue to operate their own concessionary schemes for disabled people who live or work in their areas".

BRIDGE NOTES

BRIDGE CONGRESS 1975

On Thursday 13th March, 1975, a party of St. Dunstaners, with their wives and escorts, arrived at Victoria Station to travel to the Ocean Hotel, Saltdean, to take part in their Annual Bridge Congress and Instructional Class. On arrival at the Hotel, they were met by the rest of the party, who had travelled from various parts of the country, which included a strong contingent from Brighton, making approximately a total of 60 people.

After settling in, the Congress began on Friday morning with all the usual events taking place, with the results as shown at the end of this Report.

Saturday evening the 36th A.G.M. of the Bridge Club took place, with the Commandant in the Chair. After a lively discussion, during which views were aired to a considerable extent, the election for the Officers and Committee took place, with the following results:

Jerry Lynch Captain
Sammy Webster Treasurer
Harry Meleson Secretary

with a Committee of Les Douglass, Harry King, Bill Allen, Bob Fullard, representing the Brighton area.

Bob Evans and Paul Nuyens were warmly thanked for all their help in the past.

The Meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Commandant for presiding.

On Monday afternoon the Mayoress, Mrs. Sheldon, arrived to present the prizes to the lucky winners, which duty she carried out most graciously. Vi Delaney, on behalf of the Club, then presented the Mayoress with a bouquet of flowers, after which tea was served.

None of these events could have taken place without the able assistance of Mr. Alf Fields and Mr. Jeff C. Connell both very good friends of St. Dunstan's.

H. MELESON
Secretary

Bridge Congress Results

The list of winners is as follows:

SIR ARTHUR PEARSON CUPS

TEAMS OF FOUR

1st J. Lynch—W. Miller
A. Smith—T. J. Simmons
2nd W. Allen—R. Freer
R. Bickley—F. Dickerson

PAIRS

1st W. Lethbridge—W. Claydon
2nd J. Lynch—W. Miller
3rd W. Allen—R. Freer
4th W. Phillips—R. Evans
5th P. Nuyens—A. Caldwell
6th A. Smith—T. J. Simmons

DRUMMER DOWNS CUP

1st R. Freer—J. Padley
2nd A. Smith—H. King
3rd R. Bickley—R. Armstrong

LORD FRASER CUP—INDIVIDUALS

1st J. Lynch
2nd W. Allen
3rd W. Claydon
4th R. Freer
5th W. Miller
6th W. Lethbridge

GOVER MEMORIAL CUPS—INDIVIDUALS

Brighton R. A. Fullard
London W. Freer

BRIDGE DRIVES

FIRST BRIDGE DRIVE

1st E. Carpenter—F. Rhodes
2nd Mrs. Claydon—Mrs. Phillips
3rd Mrs. Smith—Mrs. King

SECOND BRIDGE DRIVE

1st H. King—Mrs. King
2nd R. A. Fullard—Mrs. Fullard
3rd H. Ward—J. Carney

THIRD BRIDGE DRIVE

1st H. King—Mrs. King
2nd Miss V. Kemmish—Partner
3rd W. Allen—Partner

Brighton

The fourth Individual Competition of the Brighton Section was held on Saturday, 5th April. The results were as follows:

R. A. Fullard and F. Griffee	76
J. Simmons and C. Walters	72
E. Bedford and M. Clements	71
W. Lethbridge and W. Scott	68
W. Claydon and R. Goding	61
S. Webster and R. Bickley	55
A. Smith and A. Dodgson	54
J. Whitcombe and W. Burnett	47

CLUB NEWS

LONDON

The Football Pontoon which ended on 29th March, 1975, was shared by W. Allen and W. Miller, whose teams were Newcastle and Leicester respectively. Our "booby" prize was won by Mrs. Pacitti with Hull.

Our winners of Domino Games in March were as follows:

6th March C. Hancock; W. Miller

20th March C. Hancock; W. Miller

W. MILLER

ST. DUNSTAN'S LEAVES SOUTH AUDLEY STREET

On 22nd April the Chairman's office and staff at 1, South Audley Street moved into St. Dunstan's Headquarters at 191, Old Marylebone Road. Letters and other communications including those for Mr. Garnett-Orme and Lady Fraser, should, therefore, in future be addressed to Headquarters.

ENTERTAINMENTS

Owing to the heavy increase in postal charges, it is impossible to write individually to St. Dunstaners living in the Brighton area. However, may we take this opportunity of extending to all of you the warmest of welcomes to the Dances, Concerts, Discussions etc., which will take place at Ian Fraser House from 5th May, 1975. Details will be published each month in the "Ovingdean Notes".

Mrs. D. E. WILLIAMS
Entertainments Officer

BRIDGE NOTES—Continued

London

The third Individual Competition of the London Section was held on Saturday, 5th April. The results were as follows:-

W. Allen and J. Huk	77
P. Nuyens and J. Padley	73
Miss Vera Kemmish and Partner	61
F. Dickerson and H. Meleson	56
J. Lynch and J. Majchrowicz	50

H. MELESON
Secretary

ROUND THE WORLD

by C. E. Johnston

In 1959 I returned to Australia with my wife and two sons, having completed my training with St. Dunstan's in physiotherapy. I vowed then that some day I would go back to St. Dunstan's, and finally the opportunity came last year when I decided to attend the World Congress of Physical Therapy in Montreal, continuing on to England and Europe.

Arrive—Sunday

It was a Sunday evening when we arrived in London from Spain. Within the first hour Lord and Lady Fraser telephoned to welcome us back! It was fifteen years since my wife and I had left, but immediately we felt at home again, as if we had never been away. Everyone seemed the same (though I was told that we all looked just a little older) and old friendships were resumed so easily and warmly. So it was unbelievable, that only four months after leaving England we were told of Lord Fraser's sudden death. We were privileged to be entertained by him and Lady Fraser at the House of Lords, and also in their home, and I am deeply grateful that the fulfilment of our hoped for trip allowed me to be in the company of this great man again.

Round-The-World-Ticket

In planning our four months away, we took advantage of a round-the-world air ticket, enabling us to stop-over at any point, and travel by other means when it suited. From Melbourne and Sydney we flew to Vancouver, which made us realise how vast the Pacific Ocean is. In all we had three weeks in Canada. Vancouver and the Canadian Rockies were highlights, also a visit to Niagara Falls, on the way to Montreal and the Physiotherapy Conference.

The conference was reported in the August *Review* by Bill Shea who was a member of the St. Dunstan's group from U.K. I was delighted to meet Mr. Priestley again, also members of the party which included our old friends, Mike and Thelma Tetley.

In our travels in Europe one memorable experience was a four day trip down the Rhine in one of the river boats, or better described as a miniature luxury liner. It

was very restful but most interesting too, as there is always something happening on that crowded river.

Everywhere in England it was tremendous to renew friendships with many St. Dunstaners. We were so pleased to be invited to the London Reunion and were delighted to meet Mr. and Mrs. Garnett-Orme, also Mr. Wills, at whose table we sat. At the Lee-on-Solent camp it was David Bell, Jimmy Wright and Stewart Spence, who supervised my initiation into this unique event. Some had warned I would not survive the week. I did, and what is more I enjoyed all the activities, and have many fond memories of Mrs. Spurway and her wonderful team of Camp helpers.

Return Journey

The final two weeks in U.K. was a touring trip of Scotland, which we shared with Jane and Charles Williamson, and a brief stop-over with David and Sibyl Bell in Edinburgh.

The return to Australia was via South Africa where we were able to visit Hluhluwe and Kruger Game Reserves between Durban and Johannesburg. Having been in South Africa and Southern Rhodesia during the war, I was keen to go there again, and meet some old friends. The tour of the Game Parks was one of the unforgettable features of our whole trip.

And so home to Melbourne early in October, and back to work in my practice—hard to believe we are thirteen thousand miles from England and our friends in St. Dunstan's.

OBITUARY

St. Dunstaners who trained at Church Stretton will be sorry to learn of the death at Portsmouth Royal Infirmary of *Jacques Brown* on 3rd April, following a motor accident. Starting his career as a musician, he turned to radio comedy and, as producer, he was responsible for the series in which Kenneth Horne and Richard Murdoch starred, "Much Binding in the Marsh", "Beyond our Ken", and "Round the Horne". He retired from the B.B.C. in 1960. During the war, while still working for the B.B.C., Jacques Brown was responsible for arranging for many famous broadcasting stars to visit and perform at St. Dunstan's, Church Stretton.

KEMP TOWN NOTES

To paraphrase an old saying—March came in like a lion and went out like a Polar bear. On Good Friday snow mantled the landscape and, although it looked attractive, it spelled disaster to the weekly Drive, which had to be cancelled.

At the start of the month, our first guest entertainer was our good friend, Mr. Michael Hayes. He entertained us with a most varied collection of records, ranging from the glorious voice of Joan Sutherland to the splendidly world-weary tones of the late Tony Hancock. Literally, from the sublime to the ridiculous.

Our next guests were the Rottingdean Drama Society, who gave a dynamic, fast-moving reading of the comedy "Fools' Paradise". It was good to hear the hearty laughter of the audience.

Record concerts were given this month by V.A.D.'s Mrs. Wright and Mrs. Biggs, who presented contrasting programmes, both of which were much enjoyed.

A small party of men and escorts visited Roedean School at the invitation of the Headmaster for a performance by the girls of "Oh! What a Lovely War!" We were intrigued by the choice of a satire on war, a far from easy subject for young people to interpret. However, they performed very well, some of the songs being particularly moving. A sweet, young voice singing "Keep The Home Fires Burning" brought a lump into many a throat. The audience was quick to appreciate the talents of the cast and orchestra, and the excellence of the production as a whole.

On the evening of Good Friday, it had been planned to present a programme of music and verse, given by Mr. Tom Eales, Mrs. J. Dennis and Mrs. D. Williams. To our sorrow, Tom was ill and unable to take part. Perhaps, with snow lying on the ground, it was appropriate that "Portrait of Spring" had to be postponed! Mrs. Dennis and Mrs. Williams hurriedly started again from scratch and presented a programme entitled "Music, Verse—and

Worse!". You must admit that the title at least was designed to disarm criticism!

On Easter Sunday, our valued friends, Mr. and Mrs. Lilley, came from Seaford with their young friends to entertain us with the comedy "Sailor Beware". Although the play was already known to many of the audience, it was very much enjoyed, for the cast played it at a fast pace, and the laughter and applause were well-earned. Leslie May gave an entertaining speech of thanks on our behalf.

The last day of the month was Easter Monday and we held our usual Dance, with buffet and bar. It was well attended, and we had the great pleasure of welcoming Mrs. John O'Hara, who had kindly agreed to judge the entries and present the prizes in the Easter Bonnet Competition. She was accompanied by our well-loved Dr. O'Hara, who, on this occasion, played the role of Consort to perfection! As always, the V.A.D. staff had worked hard to produce some very original creations, both for the men and for themselves, and we thank them sincerely for the time, expense and effort which they put into the project. The winners were:

Ladies

Miss M. Ball
Miss T. Meredith
Mrs. W. Edwards
Mrs. D. Highcock (V.A.D.)
Mrs. J. McMaster (V.A.D.)
Mrs. J. Wood (V.A.D.)

Men

E. Astbury
G. Bowen
E. Daniels
R. Hyett
J. Langley
L. May

As these notes are being written, frost is twinkling on the grass and in the trees. Perhaps the April notes will be written in warm, Spring sunshine—please?

FAMILY NEWS

Marriages

Mr. and Mrs. William Arnold of Keighley, Yorks, are pleased to announce the marriage of their younger son, Derek, on 8th March, 1975, to Hilary Smallwood.

Ralph David, son of *Mr. and Mrs. Arthur David* of St. Athan, Glamorgan, went to Australia about a year ago. He came home to see his parents last Christmas bringing with him his bride of three days. Ralph married Mary Manning in Tasmania on 18th December, 1974 and they came to Britain for two months' honeymoon. The young couple were given a reception and presents by people in the village before they returned to Australia.

Mr. and Mrs. Denis Freeman of Coventry are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter Ann to Christopher Pyke at St. Mary Magdalen, Wyke Parish Church, on 31st March, 1975.

Mr. and Mrs. Ron Homewood of Roughton, Norwich, have pleasure in announcing the marriage of their fourth daughter, Susan, who married Michael Bensley of Orchard Farm, Roughton, on 5th April, 1975.

Mr. and Mrs. John Stuart of Barking, Essex, have pleasure in announcing the marriage of their daughter Suzanne to Michael Cook at St. Margaret's Church, Barking, on 22nd March, 1975, which was the bride's 22nd birthday anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Watson of Aldridge, Staffs., are pleased to announce

that their daughter, June, married Patrick Thomas Sweeney at St. Mary's Parish Church, Aldridge, on 22nd March, 1975.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Wood of Brentwood, Essex, have pleasure in announcing the marriage of their younger daughter, Marilyn to Andrew Wait on 29th March, 1975.

Ruby Wedding

Many congratulations to *Mr. and Mrs. Claude Lightfoot* of Reading, Berks., who celebrated their ruby wedding anniversary on 20th April, 1975.

Golden Wedding

Congratulations to *Mr. and Mrs. George Millen* of Birchington-on-Sea, Kent, who celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on 13th April, 1975.

Grandfathers

Congratulations to:

Louis Androlia of Great Barr, Birmingham, who is pleased to announce the safe arrival of a grandson, Simon Christopher, born on 8th March, 1975, to his son Christopher and daughter-in-law, Pam.

William Arnold of Keighley, Yorks., has pleasure in announcing the birth of another grandson—Andrew born on 8th January, 1975, to Pat and Barry.

Jim Hancock of Ipswich, who is pleased to announce the safe arrival of his first grandchild—Kate, born to his daughter Jane, and his son-in-law, Christopher, on 1st April, 1975.

Joseph Humphrey of Belfast, is pleased to announce the birth of a second grandson, born to his daughter, Angela Carnson. David Andrew was born on 2nd March, 1975.

Cecil Wilson of Brough, East Yorks., who is pleased to announce the safe arrival of a grand-daughter—Deborah, born on 9th February, 1975, to his daughter Judith and son-in-law Michael.

Robert Wood of Colindale, N.W.9, on the safe arrival of a second grandchild—Cathrine May, born to his son Robert and daughter-in-law, Beverley, on 17th March, 1975 in Sydney, Australia.

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.

James Ballantyne. Royal Engineers

James Ballantyne of Westcliff-on-Sea, Essex, died suddenly on 5th April, 1975 shortly before his 100th birthday which he had hoped to celebrate on 28th June.

He enlisted in 1915 in the company of the Royal Army Service Corps, attached to the Royal Engineers. He was subsequently wounded at Loos in 1916 and joined St. Dunstan's in the same year.

He was married with five children but had been a widower since 1934. For over thirty years he lived as one of the family with Mrs. Joyce Tye and in whose home he passed away.

He leaves his children, Mrs. Tye and her married daughter and her husband, who cared and nursed our St. Dunstaner until the end.

Thomas Connolly. Royal Irish Regiment

Thomas Connolly of Enniscorthy Co. Wexford Eire, died in hospital on 21st March, 1975. He was 87 years old.

He enlisted in the Royal Irish Regiment in 1912 and served with them until his discharge in 1920. He received eye injuries whilst being taken prisoner of war in October 1914 but by the time he joined St. Dunstan's in August 1974, he had

George Baldwin of East Molesey, Surrey, is pleased to report that his son Gary, aged 13, has won a cup for the one length sprint, also the boy's championship cup for swimming the backstroke at Streatham baths.

Deaths

We offer our sincere sympathy to:

Thomas James Slater of Bethnal Green, London, E.2. on the death of his wife, Mrs. Alice Slater, who died after a brief illness on 28th March, 1975. We also extend our sympathy to Thomas's son and married daughter and family with whom he is staying temporarily.

retired from his work for many years. Although a widower he lived alone but was fortunate in having members of his family living close by who cared for him. Although his health was only fair he did enjoy a few outings in his locality, when the weather permitted, to meet and talk to old friends. Sadly Thomas became seriously ill on 19th March and died in hospital just two days later.

He leaves a daughter, Mrs. Elizabeth Broaders and other members of his family.

John Llewellyn Davies. First War, Royal Welch Fusiliers; Second War, Civil Defence

John Llewellyn Davies of Killay, Swansea, died at his home on 25th March, 1975, at the age of 80 years.

He was commissioned in the Royal Welch Fusiliers in 1918 but it was during the last war that he sustained eye injuries whilst extinguishing an incendiary bomb during his service as an Air Raid Warden whilst serving with the Civil Defence. He was at Church Stretton for a little while but it was not until October 1973 that he joined St. Dunstan's and by that time he had retired for some years from the Civil Service.

Although he did not enjoy the best of health he came to the Bristol Reunion last year, accompanied by his wife. He suffered a set back in health in the Autumn and in February of this year it was necessary for him to undergo an operation in hospital and he was discharged home. Sadly his condition deteriorated.

He leaves a widow, Mrs. Haidee Davies.

William Harry Hines. *Warwickshire Regiment*

William Harry Hines of King's Heath, Birmingham, died in the Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Birmingham, on 12th March, 1975. He was 89 years old.

He enlisted in the Warwickshire Regiment in 1915 and served with them until his discharge in 1917. He was wounded in France in 1917 and joined St. Dunstan's the same year. After training in boot repairing and mat making he established himself in shop premises from which he traded successfully. After some five years William gave up his mat making and combined boot repairing with the sale of new shoes. Although he was never a very robust man he continued in his business for many years.

He enjoyed many holidays with us at our Blackpool and Brighton Homes over the years. After the death of his wife, in 1967, William was cared for by his bachelor son Bill, especially in more recent years when he became very frail in health. At the beginning of March he was admitted to hospital and it was there he passed away a few days later.

He leaves two sons and a daughter.

Edward Kershaw. *Nottingham and Derbyshire Regiment*

Edward Kershaw of Kirby-in-Ashfield, Notts., died at his home on 31st March 1975. He was 83 years of age.

He enlisted in the Nottingham and Derbyshire Regiment during the First World War and served with them until his discharge in 1919. He received eye injuries when he was wounded in 1916 but it was not until some forty years later that his sight failed completely and he came to St. Dunstan's in 1962, by which time he had retired and he did not undertake any hobby training.

His health was not very good at times but he enjoyed a quiet life at home with his wife and their son Jack, and he made a successful recovery from an operation during the latter part of last year.

He leaves a widow, Mrs. Kershaw and their two sons and their daughter.

John Martin. *6th Dragoon Guards*

John Martin of Penzance, Cornwall, died on 1st April, 1975 at the age of 84 years.

He enlisted in the 6th Dragoon Guards in 1917 and served with them until his discharge in May 1918 when he came to St. Dunstan's. As John had been a farmer prior to his entry into the Dragoon Guards it was natural that he would prefer to continue with this occupation when he was discharged from Army service. He underwent a period of rehabilitation at St. Dunstan's following his loss of sight, and was then resettled as a poultry farmer. In addition, he was taught netting and mat work.

Throughout his active life, John was able to run quite a fair-sized farm, including livestock until 1948 when he moved to a small holding cutting down on the animal stock. Soon afterwards he and his wife went into semi-retirement, but they continued their interest in the garden which was beautifully maintained whilst, at the same time, they kept a limited number of poultry.

He leaves a widow, Mrs. Minnie Martin and a grown-up family.

Stanislaw Milewski. *1st Polish Armoured Division*

Stanislaw Milewski of Coventry, Warwickshire died at his home, on 3rd April, 1975, at the age of 59 years.

He enlisted in the Polish Armoured Division in 1940 under British Command and served with them until his discharge in 1949.

Although it was not until 1968 that Stanislaw became a full St. Dunstaner, he did undertake industrial training at Ovingdean in 1952, after which he commenced work in a factory in Cirencester, later moving to Swindon. He was excellent at his job and he continued in industry until 1973 when unfortunately his health failed and this necessitated his retirement.

Mr. and Mrs. Milewski then moved to Coventry to be near their married son, Stanislaw, who has a teaching post there. Their daughter Yvonne has just entered the final phase of her studies at Sussex University. Both Mr. and Mrs. Milewski were extremely proud of their children's academic achievements and were looking forward to attending Yvonne's Graduation Ceremony in July. Sadly, Stanislaw was suddenly taken ill on 3rd April and his death followed almost immediately.

He leaves a widow, Mrs. Genowefa Milewski and their two children.

Leslie Charles Pezzack. *Royal Corps of Signals*

Leslie Charles Pezzack of Cardiff, South Wales, died at his home on 23rd March, 1975. He was 60 years of age.

He enlisted in the Cardiff Territorials in 1933 and served with the Royal Corps of Signals in the Second World War when he was wounded in a mine explosion in March, 1943. Nevertheless he was able to follow an employment up until 1968 when he came to St. Dunstan's. He had just retired from work with the Cardiff Corporation Transport Department. His health prevented Leslie from taking any further training after coming to St. Dunstan's, but he always took a keen interest in his garden and music was another hobby from which he derived much pleasure. He also attended regularly the disabled people's club in his area and he and his wife were looking forward to an early Spring holiday with the club in May.

His death occurred very suddenly when he collapsed in his garden.

He leaves a widow, Mrs. Kathleen Pezzack.