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## DE-RATING OF GARAGES AND WORKSHOPS

It is just possible that there may be one or two St. Dunstaners who still do not enjoy the benefit of de-rating in respect of garages which house their own cars or in respect of workshops where goods are made for St. Dunstan's Stores.

Should any St. Dunstaner consider that he might be eligible for this rating relief under Section 45 of the General Rates Act 1967, all he need do is to get in touch with his local Estate Department Surveyor, who will then take the matter up on his behalf with the Valuation Department, Inland Revenue.

PETER MATTHEWS  
Estate Manager

## IAN FRASER HOUSE STAFF

### Assistant Matron and Senior Lounge Sister

Miss Jean Allison has been appointed to the above position. Second War St. Dunstaners will remember her from training days, when she was a V.A.D. from 1946-1949. She rejoined the Ovingdean Staff as Assistant Lounge Sister in 1969 and continued in this capacity at Ovingdean and at Pearson House when Ian Fraser House was closed, until its re-opening this year.

### Entertainment and Escort Officer

Mrs. Dorothy Williams has been appointed to this position. She first came on to the V.A.D. staff at Ovingdean in 1969 until 1973. Although she had no official connection with the Escort Office during that period she showed her aptitude for this work and was always prepared to help out. She returned on to the V.A.D. Staff on the 1st January, 1975, at Pearson House, to be ready to undertake the post when Ian Fraser House re-opened.

## FESTIVAL OF REMEMBRANCE

It is expected that we will again be granted an allocation of tickets for the Afternoon and Evening Presentations of the Festival of Remembrance at the Royal Albert Hall on Saturday, 8th November. Any St. Dunstaner who has not previously had the opportunity of attending is invited to apply to Miss E. M. Bridger at Headquarters, not later than Friday, 26th September, for inclusion in the ballot for tickets, indicating which Presentation he would prefer to attend.

Those St. Dunstaners allocated tickets who do not live within daily travelling distance of London will be assisted with fares and accommodation for one or two nights at St. Dunstan's expense and will be invited to join the St. Dunstan's contingent attending the Cenotaph Parade in Whitehall on Sunday, 9th November.

## BRAILLE WATCHES

Men's Supplies at Headquarters have asked us to bring to the notice of readers the following two points:

- (1) There have been a number of requests in recent years for Braille watches and clocks to be supplied to sighted relatives of St. Dunstaners. We must point out that the Royal National Institute for the Blind only supplies these on the strict understanding that they are for the use of registered blind persons.
- (2) In view of the current economic situation, we should also like to take this opportunity of requesting our readers to return to Men's Supplies, at Headquarters, any modern type Braille watches which are no longer being used by St. Dunstaners.

COVER PICTURE: Peter Spencer approaches the finishing tape in the 75 metre sprint.

# REUNIONS

## IPSWICH

A beautiful warm, sunny day for the Ipswich Reunion, held on Thursday, 26th June at the Copdock International Hotel. This is an ideal venue for a Reunion—pleasant surroundings, spacious rooms and no steps up or down. It was one of the smaller occasions, with a total of about 60 people present, including 25 St. Dunstaners—14 from the First and 11 from the Second World War or later, and 4 St. Dunstan's widows.

### Sir Richard's Speech

General Sir Richard Goodbody, G.C.B., K.B.E., D.S.O., was the member of St. Dunstan's Council presiding at the lunch. In his speech, saying that it was his first visit to an Ipswich Reunion, he brought the good wishes of all members of the Council and a special message from Lady Fraser, who unhappily was unable to be present. He then gave his audience an outline of his own career. The General

was commissioned in the Royal Artillery in 1923 and served as a Regular Army Officer for forty years. During the Second World War he was in the Sudan, in Egypt and in the Western Desert with the Eighth Army, and subsequently in Italy. His appointments after the War included periods in the War Office, as Commandant of the School of Artillery, GOC-in-C Northern Command and finally Adjutant-General to the Forces.

"Now, it is my pleasant duty today", said the General, "to bring to you and your wives and your escorts the best wishes of the St. Dunstan's Council for this 60th Diamond Jubilee Year. It's our Diamond Jubilee Year, but I'm afraid there are very few diamonds about; we all know the times".

Drawing attention to the special menu cover and the photographs, General Goodbody read extracts from the messages it contained. These were from Sir

Charles Cornwell, Percy Carman, Michael Tybinski, General Goodbody, Mrs. Adkins, James Hancock and Robert Bowers toast the Diamond Jubilee at Ipswich.

Photo—East Anglia Daily Times



Neville Pearson, Lady Fraser and Mr. Ion Garnett-Orme. He went on to tell his listeners which members of the staff were present, and what were their responsibilities. He gave special praise to Mrs. Adkins, the Welfare Visitor responsible for the day's arrangements.

After analysing the occupations of the St. Dunstaners present at the Reunion, and giving our total numbers at home and overseas, General Goodbody specially welcomed two St. Dunstaners attending their first Reunion: William Chapman, of Baldock, and Wilfred Parish, of Norwich.

The vote of thanks on behalf of St. Dunstaners was moved by Arthur Read, Clacton-on-Sea. He expressed everybody's appreciation to General Goodbody for coming to the Reunion, and thanked all concerned with the arrangements.

#### Singing Chef

After lunch everyone was busy moving around talking to friends old and new, whilst the energetic chef who had cooked the meal came along with his guitar and entertained the company with a number of songs, accompanied by a pianist. Mrs. Carpenter, widow of Alfred Carpenter, also entertained with songs.

## BIRMINGHAM

The Birmingham Reunion was held this year at the Coventry Esso Hotel which, in fact, is in Walsgrave-on-Sowe. Whilst this may be somewhat confusing for the *Review* reporter, nobody got lost on the way and the first St. Dunstan's Reunion held in this new hotel proved to be very successful.

Thirty-nine Midland St. Dunstaners attended, five from the First World War and thirty-four from the Second World War or later. With them they brought their wives or escorts and altogether, including staff and guests, eighty-eight people sat down to lunch under the Chairmanship of Sir James Pitman, member of St. Dunstan's Council.

After an excellent meal Sir James rose to make his speech of welcome to the St. Dunstaners attending this Diamond Jubilee Reunion. He mentioned the varying types of work and hobbies engaged in by the members of his audience and

quoted the number of St. Dunstaners in this country and overseas.

"I would particularly like to welcome our St. Dunstaner who is attending his first reunion", continued Sir James, "He is Mr. Harry Walden, of Warley, and I hope he will find this reunion very, very enjoyable."

Sir James brought a message of greeting from Lady Fraser regretting that she was unable to travel to the Reunion and continued with a reference to the Service of Thanksgiving for Lord Fraser's life and work.

"I think everyone here has very warm recollections of that Service in Westminster Abbey. If ever one wanted a really impressive appearance of the size of St. Dunstan's and its impact on this particular section of the war wounded, it was to see that enormous queue of people waiting to get in to be present at that most moving ceremony. I wonder whether this might be an occasion for asking you to stand and think for a minute of Ian Fraser. He was a great colleague of mine in the House of Commons, he was one of the greatest men I have known."

After a minute of silence Sir James continued his speech referring to the souvenir menu cards and the messages from Sir Neville Pearson, Lady Fraser and our Chairman, "Now I feel your future will be assured because I think Mr. Ion Garnett-Orme is one of the brilliant financial brains in the City of London and, of course, in these days of inflation the assets of St. Dunstan's which have been contributed by people who have paid tribute to all of you are the very essence of the future of St. Dunstan's. Equally Sir Michael Ansell is a very worthy successor to Ian Fraser, like him an epitome of what you are all doing to face your handicaps. I think, under these two, we face a very good future indeed, because of their deep and sympathetic concern."

Sir James went on to thank the staff, particularly Miss Newbold, for her work in the Midlands and in organising the Reunion. He mentioned members of staff at the Reunion representing departments and concluded with a message of regret from Lady Pitman, whose health prevented her from accompanying him to the Reunion.

A senior St. Dunstaner, Frank Rhodes,



Sir James Pitman, centre, with Harry Walden and Frank Rhodes at Birmingham.

of Sutton Coldfield, spoke in reply and to propose the toast.

Frank expressed St. Dunstaners' appreciation of the staff, particularly the welfare visitors and, referring to Lord Fraser, said, "We must all realise that his entire life, with that of his wife, was devoted to the welfare of mankind, especially for ex-servicemen and, in particular, St. Dunstaners."

"Of course, before him we did have Sir Arthur Pearson. There are not many of us left who will remember him but in his day everyone who came to St. Dunstan's—either we went to St. Mark's or St. Dunstan's and Miss Mace, now Lady Fraser, came to see us.

"I remember when I went before the board of St. Mark's they said 'Mark him St. Dunstan's.' I said to my escort, 'What's St. Dunstan's?' He said, 'A damned fine Home'. We have been taught to live a more or less normal life, to mix with people and for that we are grateful. St. Dunstaners, I ask you to rise, the toast is St. Dunstan's."

The afternoon continued with dancing to Teddy Valentine's Trio. Birthday greetings were sung to Rae, wife of James Brown of Nuneaton, and after the usual prize draw the Reunion concluded with tea.

**Editor's Note:** As we go to press we learn with sorrow of the death of Frank Rhodes on July 12th. A tribute will appear in the October issue of the *Review*.

Mrs. Elizabeth Tomporowski jokes with Eddie and Marjorie Hordyniec over her raffle prize, a bottle of Scotch. Lorrie Rea is also in the picture.



## OVINGDEAN NOTES

We are known as a nation whose main topic of conversation is The Weather. So, running true to form, I report that conditions at the beginning of June were Siberian, but within a week anoraks and sweaters were abandoned with gladsome cries, as we sunned ourselves on the Costa del Brighton.

Our first outing of the month was to Epsom for Derby Day. Although the weather was chilly, the traditional lunch of chicken, followed by strawberries and cream, did much to compensate. Our thanks and appreciation are due in full measure to Mr. Feldwick, Mr. Billy Rundle, Mr. Tom Eales, and all the catering staff, who go to so much trouble for our comfort.

### Theatre Comments

The Theatre Royal offered a wide-ranging choice of plays this month. The first was "Ardele" by Jean Anouilh, and though the stars, Coral Browne and Charles Gray, acted so well and had such perfect diction, the audience seemed baffled. It was not a relaxing evening! "Not in the Book" starring Wilfred Hyde White was far less complicated! But the general favourite was a production by the Brighton and Hove Operatic Society of "The Merry Widow"—gay, colourful and tuneful.

A Company new to us, The Nucleus Theatre Group, entertained us one Sunday evening with a performance of "The Importance of being Earnest", which was very well received. They hope to visit us again in a few weeks' time to perform "Gaslight"; we anticipate an evening of chills and suspense, with coffee and biscuits to sustain and warm us.

Speaking of food, some of us seem to have an insatiable appetite for cream teas, and these were happily consumed around Sussex, at "Smugglers Farm", "Wyndham Farmhouse" and the oddly-named "Merry Tadpole", which our irreverent switchboard operator refers to as "The Happy Minnow". Life gets a little confusing! Incidentally we all send our good wishes and hopes for a speedy recovery to the aforesaid operator, Dickie Richardson. Come back soon, all is forgiven!

It was a great pleasure to welcome all the hearty outdoor types to the Sports Weekend, never have we seen such a display of manly knees around the House. The swimming pool was in great demand, and obviously was the source of much enjoyment. The competition for the highest number of metal plates collected from the bottom of the pool was greeted by admiring applause—and with relief from one member of the staff. He was agitatedly hopping from one foot to the other, consulting his watch and muttering "Wish they'd hurry up—I need those plates by 12 o'clock". The drama of it all left him quite unmoved!

The holiday makers with less energy to burn up quietly continued to enjoy their Bingo, Dominoes and Bridge, and in their own way had just as much fun.

We made two visits to Brighton Race-course; no fortunes were made or lost, but the weather was lovely and they do a very nice line in whipped ice-cream from a small van. But keep that information confidential—the queues are already too long for comfort.

### Concert Crisis

The last two Sunday concerts of the month were entirely different, both in content and in presentation. The first one was given by Mr. Tom Eales, who never fails to delight us with his choice of music. He takes enormous trouble to arrange his programme and to tape it so that it is heard to the best effect. The last concert of the month was given by the Saltdean Women's Institute Choir, conducted by Mr. G. Watson. From the comments passed after the performance, the writer gathered that it was a great success—alas! at the time she was engaged in attempting to break and enter a refrigerator, and only caught the fading notes of "God Save the Queen". To elucidate—wafer ices for sixty people had been ordered, but somewhere along the line, misunderstandings arose, and the catering staff locked up and departed, leaving coffee and biscuits for twenty people. As there were twenty five performers alone, it was quite a problem. With the clock ticking inexorably on, and panic steadily mounting, solutions were

thought about, found wanting, and discarded. (The best one was jumping off Beachy Head.) At last—success! Sixty ice-creams were available! But where were the wafers? A packet was found, containing 72. The sums just wouldn't come right—Pythagoras himself couldn't make sixty wafer ices with seventy-two wafers. So we made thirty wafer ices and served the rest in dishes. The relief was enormous, and so was the amount of washing-up.

And so, until next month, we leave you with this thought—life at Ian Fraser House has its traumatic moments, but it sure isn't dull!

### COMING EVENTS

Sunday, August 3rd, 7 p.m. The Nucleus Theatre Group present "Gaslight".

Sunday, August 10th, 7.30 p.m. Play-reading by visitors and staff.

Sunday, August 17th, 7.30 p.m. The Arena Choir.

Sunday, August, 31st, 7.30 p.m. Mr. Tom Eales presents a Stereo Programme.

The concert given by the "Not Forgotten" Association will be on September 21st. We shall be happy to welcome local St. Dunstaners, their wives and escorts, to these Concerts, and also to the regular Monday Evening Dances, including the Bank Holiday Dance on August 25th.

## St. Dunstan's Fishing Club



St. Dunstaners interested in angling will be pleased to know that Mrs. Garnett-Orme has graciously accepted to be Hon. President of the St. Dunstan's Angling Club.

On Friday evening, 27th June, our Annual General Meeting was held in the Annexe of Ian Fraser House. John Whitcombe of Eastbourne was re-elected Chairman whilst the remainder of the committee is as follows:

W. Claydon, Vice-Chairman  
W. Lethbridge  
W. Phillips  
J. Morris  
R. Fullard

Mr. J. Carnochan continues to act as our Hon. Secretary and Mrs. W. Claydon has kindly agreed to continue as Hon. Treasurer.

Saturday and Sunday, 28th and 29th June, saw St. Dunstan's sea anglers again out in force from Newhaven but unfortunately although lots of mackerel were in evidence, we were restricted by winds (rather too strong) from going far enough out to be able to make a memorable catch. Many dabs were taken and the sun shone fair on both days. The club prize for the heaviest fish caught over the week-end went to Arthur Carter for his 2½ lb. bream caught on the Penhall, skipped by Guy Rushbrook.

It is, however, emphasised that St. Dunstaners who are coarse fishermen are entitled to compete for club trophies, details of which may be obtained from Jock Carnochan.

This end-June week-end also saw another Angling Club activity, namely, our annual social which was very well attended. Mr. Richard Hall, managing director of the Red Ball Catering Co., accompanied by Mrs. Hall, kindly presented our club trophies. Music was provided by Mr. W. Claydon who played his electric organ. A total of some 60 people, including guests, enjoyed the dancing and refreshments. Our club committee is to be congratulated on the arrangements made for this so successful function held in the Annexe of Ian Fraser House.

BOB FULLARD

### Life-boat Naming Ceremony

Samuel Charles Loram of Brixham, South Devon, who is nearly 80 years of age, was invited in his capacity of Royal British Legion Standard Bearer to the Naming Ceremony of a Royal National Life-boat Institution craft on 17th June, 1975. The Life-boat was named "Edward Bridges" by H.R.H. The Duke of Kent, who was accompanied by the Duchess. Samuel attended a similar ceremony in 1934, when the launching was performed by the Prince of Wales.

## 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.*

**Arthur Burrows** of Pontefract, Yorkshire, joined St. Dunstan's in June, 1975. He served with the R.A.S.C. in the First World War. Before moving with his wife to Pontefract he lived for many years in Colwyn Bay, where he had a successful tailoring business. He has four married children.

**George William Hudson**, Bingley, Yorkshire, joined St. Dunstan's in July, 1975. He served in the Royal Air Force during the Second World War. He and his wife have one child.

**Arthur James** of Walton-on-Thames, Surrey, joined St. Dunstan's in June 1975. He was wounded in France in 1917 while serving as a Gunner in the R.F.A. Until his retirement at the age of 67 he worked as a Foreman Landscape Gardener with the local Council. He and his wife have five adult children.

**Reginald Kearns** of Bristol, Somerset, joined St. Dunstan's in June 1975. He served as a Sergeant with the Royal Tank Regiment until his discharge in 1940. He is married with three sons and one daughter.

**Robert Redfern** of Hornsea, North Humberside, joined St. Dunstan's in June, 1975. He served in the First World War, being commissioned in the R.A.F. in its early days, and was severely injured. He is married with a grown-up family and grand-children.

**Francis Hamilton Ward** of London S.E.27, joined St. Dunstan's in June, 1975. He served in the First World War as a Private in the R.A.M.C.; he was injured in France in 1915, and discharged the following year. He was a salesman until failing sight, aggravated by war service, and deterioration in his hearing forced him to retire. He and his wife have a grown-up son and daughter.

## Far East Visit

by Mike Tetley

I work at a hospital where we are running a pilot study on cranial manipulation to help subnormal children. All these children have mis-shapen heads and it struck me that if their heads could be remoulded soon after birth then maybe the restoration of symmetry to the skull by moulding could reduce subnormality.

I heard that skull moulding was carried on in Ceylon so with my wife and a lecturer in mechanical engineering who measures the skulls for me, I went on a trip to the Far East covering 21,000 miles in 21 days. Mr. Garnett-Orme obtained introductions for us to the High Commissioners and Embassy staff in Ceylon, Singapore, Bali, Hong Kong and Bangkok.

We found and filmed skull moulding in Ceylon. The mothers all meet by the wells on the road to Kandi and after bathing the babies, mould their heads so that they look nice and symmetrical.

The bones of the skull in the first months of life are still soft and can be moulded. Incidentally, sub-normality seems to be much less than in the U.K. but direct comparisons cannot be made due to the high rate of infant mortality.

In Bali when we went to the hospital in Denpasar the Balinese doctors did not know what we were talking about but the fellow who looked after my room in the hotel knew and took us to the villages to see skull moulding. The Doctors were most surprised when we took them.

In Bali when a child is born they bury the placenta on one side of the front door if it is a boy and on the other if a girl. A candle is lighted to burn for 12 days and skull moulding lasts from the 12th to the 42nd day.

By the way in Bali they have 12 months to the year, four of 35 days and 8 of 28 days and a separate New Year's day. Monday is thus always on the same days of the month.

I wanted to examine monks and nuns who practise meditation whilst sitting in the lotus position. When a Buddhist sits



*Mr. Garnett-Orme makes the presentation to Bill Webster.*

## STAFF RETIREMENT

### Mr. William Webster—Brighton Staff

Once again, a very long serving member of the Brighton Homes Staff has retired. Bill Webster (or "Webbie" as he was known to very many of our St. Dunstaners) retired on 30th April 1975 and on the 9th May was presented with a gold

watch as a retirement gift from the Council of St. Dunstan's by Mr. Garnett-Orme, our Chairman.

"Webbie" joined St. Dunstan's, West House (as it was then called) and later moved to Ovingdean in 1938 when that building was opened. He completed his War service in 1945, having joined the Royal Artillery in August 1939. He came out with the rank of Sergeant and was mentioned in Dispatches. From 1950 he was Assistant House Steward at Pearson House and later House Steward at Northgate House during Pearson House closure. It was, in fact, at Northgate that he completed 36 years' service with St. Dunstan's.

Mr. Webster will be remembered particularly by our deaf-blind St. Dunstaners because of his constant attendance and help to them, particularly during their Reunions.

We all wish him a very happy retirement.

### Far East Visit—continued

cross-legged he does so with his right leg ahead of his left. After a long period this causes a permanent twist to the spine so that when they stand up they all stand with their right hip sticking out a little and tend to have stiff necks. Buddha was reputed not only to have a bad back but such a stiff neck that when he turned round he had to turn his shoulders. I was tactless enough to tell them, that "he deserved to if he sat in such an absurd position".

I gave a talk to the blind in Hong Kong on sporting activities and recreation.

# Ovingdean Sports resumed



*Peter Walker, competing for the first time in his first few weeks at Ian Fraser House, is seen throwing the discus, left and finishing the 75 metre sprint, above.*

**St. Dunstan's Sports made a triumphant return to Ian Fraser House over the weekend of June 21st/22nd. For the first event at the new Ian Fraser House our Sports Officer, John Carnochan, arranged some other "firsts" in the programme.**

In blazing sunshine, which only the influence wielded by Commandant Fawcett could have arranged, the first St. Dunstan's racewalk through Ovingdean village opened the programme. A dozen racewalkers, escorted mainly by our friends of the Fleet Air Arm Field Gun Crew, competed over a hilly course which proved to be three very testing miles in the heat. First man home was that experienced walker, John Simpson, who returned a time of 28 minutes 16 seconds. He was followed by Norman Perry in 29 minutes 10 seconds. Both these walkers were competing in the totally blind section, they were followed by Jerry Lynch and Fred Barratt from the partially-sighted section with only two seconds between them at 30 minutes 1

second and 30 minutes 3 seconds respectively. A sight to treasure was that of Trevor Tatchell and his escort finishing with a police car following with head-lamps blazing.

Ian Fraser House was still bathed in sunshine when the field sports began in the afternoon, watched by our Chairman, Mr. Ion Garnett-Orme, and Mrs. Garnett-Orme. It was quite like old times, with the marquees on the field and the band of Newhaven Squadron Air Training Corps to entertain during the tea interval.

As in former years, the field sports competitors were organised in groups which moved from one event to another. Group winners and runners-up are listed in the results but mention must be made of Tony Parkinson, joint winner of Group B, Peter Walker, winner of Group C and Ray Peart, runner-up in Group A—all of whom were competing for the first time.

An innovation this year was the 75 metre walk as an alternative to the sprint over the same distance and it was



Norman Perry, guided by John Alvey, leads a line of walkers and escorts down Beacon Hill, Ovingdean.

Putting a lot of effort into the shot is Charles Stafford.



interesting to note that the fastest walker, John Simpson again, in 18 seconds, was just over six seconds slower than the fastest sprinter, Peter Walker, who clocked 11.9 seconds, about 1½ times as fast.

Best performances in the other events were:

Shot: Fred Barratt, 7.89 metres; Discus: John Simpson, 74 feet 6 ins.; Javelin: Jerry Lynch, 89 feet 2 ins.; Slingball: Peter Spencer, 70 feet 10 ins.; Medicine Ball: Bill Shea, 22 feet 1 in.; Long Jump: John Simpson, 8 feet 11 ins.

Throughout the weekend rifle shooting took place and the first tournament on the new indoor bowling rinks in the new wing. Norman Perry produced the best performance in rifle shooting scoring 47 with five rounds, while section winners in the bowls tournament were: Tony Parkinson and Frank Griffiee.

### First Swimming Gala

A highlight of the weekend was the first gala in the new swimming pool on Sunday morning. Fourteen swimmers competed in groups as in the field sports the previous afternoon. The fastest man in the new pool was Ray Peart, who clocked 31.0 seconds in the two lengths crawl. Other best performances were: Alan Wortley, 35.2 seconds in the breast stroke and 45.9 seconds in the back stroke, cheered on vociferously by his children who chanted "Come on, Daddy". Submerged in the plunge Alan presumably could not hear his fans because he lost to Jimmy Wright who beat him by gliding under water for no less than 40 feet 8 inches.

In the plate diving that inveterate collector, Fred Barratt, dredged up 18 plates to win, although Granville Waterworth surfaced without any plates and a story of an enormous number that got away.

The spring board diving event concluded a fine morning's sport and featured some brave diving by Percy Stubbs and Stewart Spence in the doubly handicapped section. Highest point scorer overall after two dives was Tony Parkinson, who scored an average of 13.66 from a possible 20 points average, awarded by three judges.

Victors Ludorum were decided by total events points scored throughout the



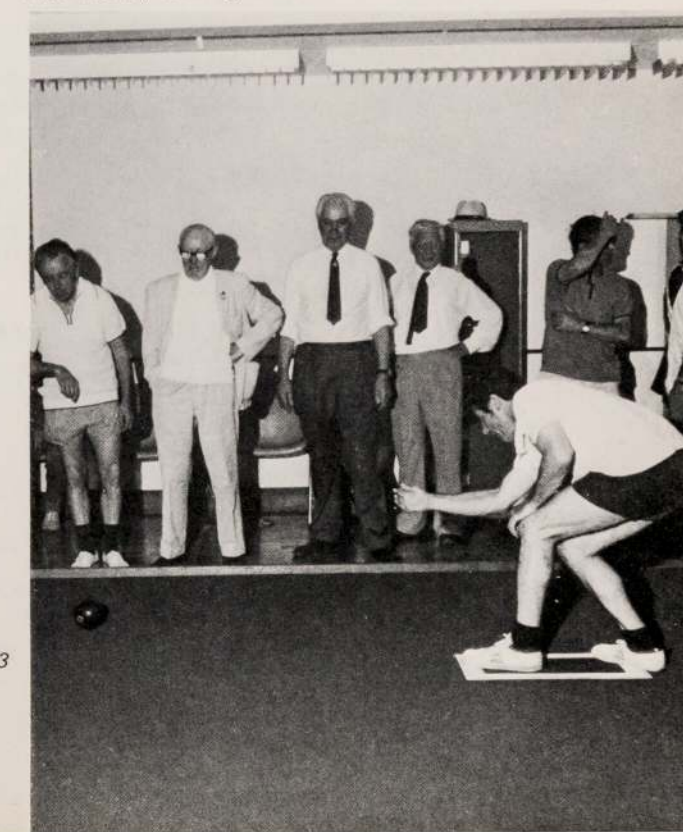
Starting a swimming heat, l. to r., Norman Perry, Tony Parkinson, Joe Humphrey and Charles Stafford

weekend and the section winners are given in the detailed results below. Once again an excellent sports weekend had been staged at Ovingdean reflecting great credit on all concerned in its organisation and, as John Carnochan said, "We thank all competitors for their support and congratulate them on their performances."

### 3 MILE WALK SCRATCH START

Name	Time	Final Place
<i>Totally Blind</i>		
N. Perry	29.10	2nd
S. Tutton	31.09	5th
C. Stafford	30.29	4th
R. Young	30.19	3rd
J. Wright	31.07	6th
<b>J. Simpson</b>	<b>28.16</b>	<b>1st</b>
<i>Partially sighted</i>		
P. Cryan	30.51	4th
F. Barratt	30.03	2nd
T. Tatchell	34.27	6th
<b>J. Lynch</b>	<b>30.01</b>	<b>1st</b>
P. Walker	31.53	5th
A. Wortley	30.40	3rd

Alan Wortley bowling in the new indoor rink.





Mrs. Avis Spurway presents a trophy to Tony Parkinson, a Victor Ludorum and Best Beginner.

## Sports Results in Detail

### VICTORS LUDORUM

T.B. winner	T. Parkinson	69 points	D.H. winner	R. Young	43 points
P.S. winner	F. Barratt	66 points	Best Beginner	T. Parkinson	69 points

### GROUP WINNERS

3 Milk Walk	T.B.	Winner	J. Simpson	Runner-up	N. Perry
	P.S.	"	J. Lynch	"	F. Barratt
Shooting	T.B.	"	N. Perry	"	P. Stubbs
	P.S.	"	J. Lynch	"	H. Cope P. Walker
Bowls	T.B.	"	T. Parkinson	"	N. Perry
	P.S.	"	F. Griffie	"	F. Barratt

### FIELD EVENTS

Group A	T.B.	Winner	J. Simpson	30 points	Runner-up	R. Peart	26 points
Group B	T.B.	"	T. Parkinson	30	"	J. Humphrey	21
Group C	P.S.	"	P. Spencer	30	"	H. Cope	24
Group D	P.S.	"	P. Walker	30	"	R. Dixon	28
Group E	D.H.	"	J. Lynch	30	"	R. Dixon	28
			R. Young	32			

### SWIMMING

Group A	T.B.	Winner	R. Peart	26 points	Runner-up	G. Waterworth	25 points
Group B	T.B.	"	T. Parkinson	28	"	J. Humphrey	27
Group C	P.S.	"	A. Wortley	30	"	F. Barratt	29
Group D	D.H.	"	P. Stubbs	30	"	S. Spence	14

### FIELD SPORTS RESULTS

Name	75m Sprint secs.	75m Walk secs.	Shot metres	Discus ft./ins.	Javelin ft./ins.	Sling Ball ft./ins.	Medicine Ball ft./ins.	Long Jump ft./ins.	Event Points	Total Points	Final Place
<b>Group A. T.B.</b>											
G. Waterworth	16.1		5.55	42' 0"			21' 1"		4	21	5th
N. Perry	14.8		6.25		50' 5"			6' 9"	4	24	3rd
C. Stafford		20.0	6.55	48' 3"	43' 1"				4	22	4th
S. Tutton	17.0		5.90	46' 10"				5' 7½"	4	17	6th
J. Simpson		18.0		74' 6"	66' 0"			8' 11"	4	30	1st
R. Peart	15.8			56' 5"	78' 5"			8' 2"	4	26	2nd
<b>Group B. T.B.</b>											
P. Spencer	14.1		7.01	64' 0"		70' 10"			4	30	1st
J. Wright	15.5		5.74	46' 5"		60' 4"			4	19	4th
W. Shea			6.77	50' 6"			22' 1"		3	19	4th
J. Humphrey	15.2			48' 0"	53' 4"	58' 9"			4	21	3rd
J. Parkinson		28.0			79' 10"		20' 4"	7' 11"	4	30	1st
J. Wheeler			8.42		54' 4"	41' 10"			3	18	6th
<b>Group C. P.S.</b>											
H. Cope	14.1			59' 0"		61' 0"		6' 9½"	4	24	2nd
A. Wortley	12.0		6.81	58' 4"			20' 2½"		4	22	3rd
F. Barratt	12.2		7.89	57' 0"				7' 7½"	4	21	4th
P. Walker	11.9		7.70	73' 0"			21' 9"		4	30	1st
<b>Group D. P.S.</b>											
P. Cryan	16.0		5.64				15' 10"	5' 9"	4	22	4th
J. Lynch	14.1			52' 1"	89' 2"	58' 8"			4	30	1st
T. Tatchell			7.58	59' 9"				7' 6"	3	25	3rd
R. Dixon	14.1		6.55			58' 1"	19' 11"		4	28	2nd
<b>Group E. D.H.</b>											
R. Young		28.5			37' 4"	36' 0"	11' 7"		4	32	1st

### SWIMMING AND DIVING RESULTS

Name	2 L Breast secs.	2 L Crawl secs.	2 L Back S. secs.	Distance Plunge ft./ins.	Plate Diving	Spring Board 1 metre points	Event Points	Total Points	Final Place
<b>Group A T.B.</b>									
G. Waterworth	44.1	45.3			0	12.66	4	25	2nd
J. Simpson	58.2	59.8		36.1		11.32	4	18	5th
R. Peart	37.5	31.0		38.3		12.66	4	26	1st
P. Spencer	41.8		55.9	39.0		9.32	4	24	3rd
N. Perry	42.4		51.3		2	7.99	4	24	3rd
<b>Group B T.B.</b>									
T. Parkinson	44.2	38.0		28.1		13.66	4	28	1st
C. Stafford	48.0	47.1			7	10.33	4	23	3rd
J. Wright		51.3		40.8		11.99	3	19	4th
J. Humphrey	42.0		57.5		6	11.66	4	27	2nd
<b>Group C. P.S.</b>									
F. Barratt	63.9	38.4			18	9.33	4	29	2nd
A. Wortley	35.2		45.9	36.8		8.99	4	30	1st
H. Cope	41.2	41.0			13	8.99	4	24	3rd
<b>Group D D.H.</b>									
P. Stubbs	68.0		62.0	33.4		10.00	4	30	1st
S. Spence			61.0			9.99	2	14	2nd



## WARMINSTER CAMP 1975

by Ted Frearson

On Thursday, 3rd July, a party of nineteen St. Dunstaners from various parts of the country arrived in Warminster to spend five days with friends of the Rotary Club and the School of Infantry.

After refreshments at the Assembly Hall, provided by the ladies of the Inner Wheel, cars transported the men up to the School of Infantry to their billets.

In the evening we were entertained to a dinner given by the Warminster Royal British Legion, followed by drinks and a social evening. We were given a warm welcome by the President of the Club.

On Friday there was a free morning followed by a Rotary Lunch, and in the afternoon we were transported to Hinton Charterhouse as the guests of Mr. Robertson-Glasgow. After tea we were entertained by girls from Frome School who sang to us. This was followed by a trip to the "Rose and Crown" in the village, where a very pleasant evening was had by all. The men were returned to the School of Infantry by the Rotarians.

On Saturday morning we were away with packed lunches to Bath Races—some lucky, some unlucky!—followed by tea on the Course, returning to the School of Infantry for a wash and brush-up. In the evening we were entertained by the President and Committee of the Senior N.C.O.'s Mess. During the course of the evening we had the pleasure of the company of Commander R. Buckley from St. Dunstan's Headquarters and Mrs. Buckley. A very good evening was enjoyed. Supper was served about midnight, after which the men returned to their billets.

On Sunday we were taken by Army 'bus to Upton Scudamore for a Service which included the baptism of two small children who had returned to Warminster from New Zealand and Scotland. Lunch and tea was provided by individual Rotary friends, and there was an evening party together at the Assembly Hall. The entertainment was provided by the Round Table who gave a concert.

On Monday, after a free morning, there

was a goodbye mid-day lunch with Rotary friends, as guests of the ladies of the Inner Wheel.

After warm thanks to all the kind friends who gave us so many happy days, the St. Dunstaners, much refreshed, left for their homes.

### Editor's Note

The Camp for St. Dunstaners in Wiltshire (either Westbury or Warminster) was first established some thirty-seven years ago. Its origin is linked with the name of Miss Oliphant. During the past ten years the Camp has been organised by members of the Rotary Club of Warminster, with accommodation provided at the School of Infantry. Invitations are extended to individual St. Dunstaners by the Rotary Club. Besides the Rotary Club members, and their ladies, St. Dunstan's is grateful to the Commandant, Senior N.C.O.s and other ranks of the School of Infantry and numerous other organisations and friends in the district, including members of the Royal British Legion and Mr. Robertson-Glasgow.

### STAFF OBITUARY

#### Mr. Jeffries O'Connell

We are sorry to learn of the death of Mr. O'Connell in St. Mary's Hospital, Praed Street, Paddington, in June 1975, at the age of 71. For almost ten years, until his retirement in December 1968, he was Head Hall Porter at St. Dunstan's Headquarters, in charge of transport and escort arrangements. He will be remembered affectionately by the staff and by the numerous visitors, St. Dunstaners and others, for whose welfare he was concerned.

Nicknamed "Con" or "Jerry", Mr. O'Connell served with the Middlesex Regiment in the Army of Occupation in 1918, and in the Second World War was a member of the "Light Rescue Section" of the Civil Defence (Fulham Baths). Before working at St. Dunstan's he was employed by London Transport at Parsons Green, and by British Rail, Southern Region.

Mr. O'Connell leaves a widow, Mrs. Marion O'Connell, a son David, a daughter Margaret and five grand-daughters.

## READING TIME

by Phillip Wood

*Cat. No. 1553*

**Dr. Zhivago**

by Boris Pasternak

Translated by

Max Hayward and Manya Harari

*Read by Garard Green*

*Reading Time 26½ hours*

This is an epic novel in the traditional Russian mould, lengthy, finely-detailed and with a multiplicity of characters closely involved in one another's lives.

It is the story of the life and death of Uri Zhivago, set against the sombre background of a violently-changing social order in Russia. We see him as an orphaned child, as a struggling medical student and as a dedicated and brilliant doctor.

Although supporting the principle of the Revolution, he is appalled and sickened by its results, the mass starvation, the killings, the civil war and the lunatic destructive bureaucracy which grows out of the chaos.

His less-than-total commitment to the new regime, and his own antecedents (his family had once been very wealthy) make him suspect. Life is made more complicated by personal conflict between his consuming passion for Lara and his deep sense of duty towards his wife and children, from whom he is separated.

After a turbulent semi-nomadic life together, he and Lara part, finally and irrevocably. He is alone, unable to work and in failing health. The decay and degradation of the former distinguished doctor and writer is rapid and inevitable. Even the manner of his death is ignominious.

This book was smuggled out of the USSR, awarded the Nobel Prize and (the ultimate accolade, perhaps) made into a film.

I enjoyed *most* of it. As with many Russian books, however, there remains the almost insurmountable problem of identifying characters, since each one has three, sometimes four names, which are freely interchangeable. Thus Lara, Larrissa Feodorovna, and Antipova all refer to one and the same person!

At the beginning of the book the translators have provided a "cast-list" to help readers, but obviously you can't turn back a Talking Book to refer to it.

However, in spite of these difficulties, and in spite of innumerable wildly-improbable coincidences in the plot (which I suspect would never be tolerated from any writer of lesser stature than Pasternak) it is still a first-class book and well worth taking a little trouble over.

*Cat. No. 1146*

**Travels With My Aunt**

by Graham Greene

*Read by Michael de Morgan*

*Reading Time 10¾ hours*

Henry Pulling, in his fifties, is a retired bank manager. A staid and ultra-respectable bachelor, his one great passion is the cultivation of his beloved dahlias.

At his mother's funeral he meets for the first time his aunt Augusta, who, although in her seventies, proves neither staid nor respectable. She has a fine zest for life and an insatiable appetite for travel. She persuades him to accompany her to Istanbul.

She cheerfully flouts all the currency regulations and upon reaching their destination, the horrified Henry discovers that their errand is not merely questionable but downright illegal.

This is only the beginning of his adventures with his aunt. Gradually, through her, he discovers a new self, long hidden beneath his stick-in-the-mud bank manager image.

This is a delightfully funny book, full of outrageous Runyansque characters, doing outrageous things. And a pat on the back for Mr. de Morgan, who does a splendid job of reading.

### NO SEPTEMBER REVIEW

As in previous years, we shall **NOT** be printing a September issue of the *Review*. St. Dunstaners should receive their copies of the October issue early in the month.

## ARNHEM REVISITED

by Ray Sheriff

The visit to Apeldoorn was organised by Mrs. Freda Linschoten with the co-operation of the people of Apeldoorn and surrounding areas. Freda is herself, handicapped, unfortunately, this compels her to wear a surgical boot. However, she is a great character, very patriotic, and very, very, pro-British. During the years of German occupation Freda, though only in her teens, played quite a part in her local resistance group.

### We set sail

So, at 10 p.m. on Thursday, 1st May, the party of battle-scarred warriors wobbled up the gangplank to their cabins on the S.S. *Juliana*. In the case of the majority of the party it was their first re-visit since September, 1944.

We were met at the Hook of Holland by our Dutch hosts and following a quick continental breakfast we boarded the coach for our journey to Apeldoorn.

Accommodation for our stay in the Netherlands proved to be within a 12 storey block of luxury flats, at a high point on the outskirts of Apeldoorn.

Our room was lush and spacious, massed with highly scented flowers. On a side table was arranged a large bowl of fresh fruits, nuts and raisins, cheeses and biscuits, chocolates and a variety of soft drinks. To add to this most thoughtful welcome a dozen Dutch view cards, with stamps affixed, ready to post to the Motherland.

After a couple of hours' rest, we were transported to the Town hall where we were welcomed by the Burgomaster, and people of the area who had kindly subscribed to the project. After being entertained by the local Brass band we had a super meal in a local restaurant, wine flowing freely, more lovely words from the Dutch. . . .

On Saturday, 3rd May, we visited a large Dutch army barracks in Apeldoorn. Following the evacuation of Arnhem, prisoners were herded here for sorting. The wounded moved to local hospitals and the remainder dispatched to Germany. It was nice to re-visit under such different circumstances.

Following the sequence of my own movements in September 1944 the next stop was the "Queen Juliana Hospital" Apeldoorn. We were the guests of the Doctors and Nurses for coffee and lunch.

Our next port of call was the R.N.A.F. Helicopter station in the district of Deelon. The speech of welcome by the C.O. of the station proved to be in similar vein to speeches already experienced during our stay.

We were perpetually being thanked and praised as liberators of the Netherlands. We were treated and made to feel that the liberation was just a day or two ago, instead of 30 years in the past.

Another enjoyable but embarrassing aspect of our tour proved the presentation of gifts at every meeting.

### On to Oosterbeek

After farewells from the R.N.A.F. station, we made our way to the district of Oosterbeek. Very fierce fighting took place in Oosterbeek during the battle. Most members of our party had mislaid some part of their anatomy around this area. I personally, was wounded on the approach to this area.

We retraced our steps to the "Old Kirk", the little Church which gave refuge to so many wounded. Then on to the resting place of so many, the Airborne Cemetery. Homage and respects were paid by the laying of a wreath on behalf of the British Parachute Association.

Sunday 4th May was the official Day of Remembrance of the Dutch Resistance Movement. That evening at 7.30 p.m. we were transported to Orange Park, Apeldoorn. Here we participated in the memorial service and wreath laying to the Dutch Resistance Movement. This in my opinion, was the most moving and unforgettable ceremony I have ever been honoured to attend.

How does one describe an eerie silence broken only by the slow shuffle of a thousand Dutch feet, wending their way to their Memorial? The solitary toll of a Church bell in the distance and near by the muffled beat of a drum. The atmosphere conjured in my mind a group of

bedraggled human beings entering the compound of a German concentration camp. Perhaps the intention was symbolic or just my imagination?

### Wreath of Poppies

I felt honoured and very proud at being invited on behalf of the British Parachute Association to lay a wreath of poppies on the Memorial. Paradoxically, I felt very humble and inadequate, in contemplation of the great sufferings, indignities and humiliations experienced by the Dutch people as a whole and the Resisters in particular throughout the long years of occupation.

### Official Visit

On Monday, 5th May we paid an official visit to the district of Wageningen, to witness the opening by H.R.H. Prince Bernard of the Netherlands, of the new house of Capitulation. Wageningen is about 12 miles west of Arnhem and within its area was the last German Command post before capitulation. This was naturally a very cheerful occasion, lots of flags and bunting, band displays and other numerous colourful activities.

I did not have the pleasure of meeting the Prince for a second time, perhaps he could not find me amongst the great multitudes?

During the late afternoon we travelled east to Arnhem Municipal Buildings for a reception and dinner as guests of the Queen's Commissioner. A jolly good time was enjoyed by all. We returned to base with yet more tokens of goodwill.

On Tuesday, 6th May, after paying our respects and farewells we came to the end of a most perfect stay in the Netherlands. We were all overwhelmed by the Dutch hospitality, kindness and goodwill. Greater care and sincerity could not have been extended to our Royal Family.

### Editor's Note

*From May 1st-6th, the people of the Netherlands celebrated the 30th anniversary of their liberation. Ray Sheriff, representing the 3rd Parachute Regiment, was one of eight disabled Arnhem veterans invited to the Netherlands to take part.*

## BRIDGE NOTES

### LONDON

The Summer Bridge Drive was held on Saturday 28th June. Unfortunately a number of our members were away on holiday, and also due to the fact that many other sporting activities were taking place on the same day, our numbers were somewhat depleted. Nevertheless, thirteen St. Dunstaners with their wives and partners spent a thoroughly enjoyable afternoon in the London Club Rooms.

Mrs. Marion Douglass, wife of St. Dunstaner Les Douglass, who is a great favourite with all our Club members, graciously presented the prizes. As always the visitors were appreciative of the items awarded, which had been made by St. Dunstaners.

The prize winners were as follows:

- (1) A. Caldwell and Miss Sheila Lyons
- (2) F. Dickerson and Miss Molly Byrne
- (3) W. Miller and Mrs. I. Rogers
- (4) H. Meleson and Mrs. Meleson

A vote of thanks was given to Norman Smith for the arrangements; also to his wife Flora, with Marion and all the other helpers for the delicious refreshments served, which helped to make this gathering so successful.

### BRIGHTON

The sixth Individual Competition of the Brighton Section was held on Saturday, 14th June. The results were as follows:

F. Griffiee and partner	72
R. Fullard and W. Lethbridge	66
S. Webster and P. McCormick	62
W. Burnett and R. Bickley	60
W. Claydon and C. Walters	57

H. MELESON  
Bridge Secretary

### Queen's Police Medal

Charles McConaghy of Belfast, Northern Ireland, has been awarded the Queen's Police Medal. The announcement was made in the Birthday Honours List on 14th June, 1975.

## CLUB NEWS

### MIDLAND

"Showers and bright periods"; this was the weather forecast for Sunday 15th June, the day we had chosen for our annual Club outing. Once again we had decided to go to Southport, and again we were lucky with the weather, missing all the showers and having a very nice sunny day, although a rather cool wind blew all the time.

We left Birmingham at 9.40 a.m. and arrived at Southport at 12.45 p.m., having stopped for approximately half an hour for coffee, etc., at the Motorway Services Station.

On arrival at Southport everyone arranged their own activities for the afternoon. Some members and their families made their way to the Royal British Legion for a thirst quencher, others decided to have a meal first.

The main ports of call during the afternoon seemed to be the pier, the amusement fair and the model village, and according to reports at the end of the day everyone enjoyed themselves no matter where they went.

We left for home at about 6.40 p.m. and had a very enjoyable trip, stopping once again on the Motorway for a break. On the coach there was plenty of lusty singing, accompanied by bazookas, triangles and tamborines, which once again Mrs. Joan Cashmore had brought along. We arrived back in Birmingham at 9.30 p.m. having spent a very enjoyable day, which is the usual thing whenever the Midland Club has a get-together of any description.

Our next outing is planned for the last Sunday in September; this will be to Stratford-upon-Avon, where we shall meet our old friends at the Royal British Legion. We are all looking forward once again to this visit.

Our Club meetings are held on the second Sunday of each month at the Royal British Legion Headquarters, Thorp Street, Birmingham. Why not come along and join us, and join in these outings? Everyone will be made very welcome.

DOUG CASHMORE  
Secretary

### LONDON

The Sir Arthur Pearson Aggregate Domino Competition (eight best results from twelve games) came to its conclusion on the 3rd July, after many close and exciting games. Charlie Hancock was the eventual winner with a score of 61, Bill Miller taking second place with 60. J. Padley was in third place with a score of 52. The very close result indicates the keenness of these competitions.

Domino winners during the month of June were as follows:

June 5th	(1) W. Miller
	(2) C. Hancock
June 12th	(1) C. Hancock
	(2) J. Majchrowicz
June 19th	(1) R. Armstrong
	(2) C. Hancock
June 26th	(1) J. Majchrowicz
	(2) R. Armstrong
	(2) C. Hancock

By the time you receive your *Review* many of you will be away enjoying holidays by the sea, mountains or elsewhere in the countryside, but wherever you are we do hope you will have a jolly good time and we shall see you all upon your return to the Club in September.

W. MILLER  
Secretary

### Chess Congress and Instructional Weekend

14th—16th November, 1975

Chess enthusiasts will be pleased to know that Mr. R. Bonham has accepted our invitation to come to Ian Fraser House on Friday, 14th November 1975 in order to adjudicate at the Chess Congress on 15th and 16th November. He has also agreed to give some instruction during that Weekend to any St. Dunstaners wishing to take up Chess, and to any who are beginners and not confident enough to take part in the competition play.

So, competitors and beginners who want to come, please apply in the usual way to Miss E. M. Bridger, Homes Booking Clerk, at Headquarters for a reservation.

## FAMILY NEWS

### Marriages

Mr. and Mrs. Philip Bagwell of Salisbury, Wiltshire, are happy to announce the marriage of their daughter, Sylvia, to John Lynham on 28th June, 1975 at Bradford Abbas, Dorset.

Dennis Beddoes of Birmingham, a St. Dunstaner, announces his marriage to Miss Florence Maud Round on 21st June, 1975. We wish them every happiness in their married life.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Southall of Warley, Worcestershire are happy to announce the marriage of their daughter, Dale Ruth, to Mr. Paul Tidman at St. Matthew's Church, Smethwick, on 21st June, 1975.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Sturgess of High Wycombe, Bucks., are pleased to announce the marriage of their only daughter, Edwina, to Mr. John Staton on 12th July, 1975.

### Silver Weddings

We congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Eric Foster of Barnsley on their Silver Wedding Anniversary on 10th June, 1975.

We congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Creswell Jones of Wrexham, who celebrated their Silver Wedding Anniversary on 6th May, 1975.

We congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Eli Wild of Rochdale, Lancashire, on their Silver Wedding Anniversary on 14th June, 1975.

### Golden Weddings

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Duxbury of Dewsbury, who celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary on 27th June, 1975.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. George Hermitage of Northfleet, Kent, who celebrated their Golden Wedding on 28th June, 1975.

### Grandfathers

#### Congratulations to:

John Barlow of Sheffield, whose first grandchild Frances Elizabeth, was born to his son John and daughter-in-law Jacqueline on 1st June, 1975.

Norman Cook of Croydon, Surrey, on the birth of his first grandchild, Rachael Jayne, to his son John and daughter-in-law Heather on 28th June, 1975.

Henry Dakin of Blackpool, Lancs., whose son Arthur and daughter-in-law Jacqueline have a second daughter Bethany Claire born on 3rd February 1975.

George Salters on the birth of his seventh grandchild, a son Neil, born to Irene and Michael on 4th June 1975.

### Bowls

Stephen Blake of Chertsey, Surrey, has been selected to serve on the Committee of the Chertsey Bowling Club for the second year running.

### Examination & Career Successes

#### We offer our congratulations to:

Jack Loram, eldest son of St. Dunstaner Samuel Loram of Brixham, South Devon, who has been promoted to Engineer Commander on the Defence Staff for the Royal Navy.

Derek Robinson, son of the late "Tex" (Leslie) Robinson and Mrs. Annie Robinson of Rothesay, Isle of Bute, Scotland, who has gained a Second Class Honours Degree in Chemistry at St. Andrews University.

Helen Tatchell, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Trevor Tatchell who has obtained an Honours Degree in Geography at Manchester University. Helen has been accepted for a course at the Didsbury Training College, Manchester, studying for the Certificate of Education.

John Waterworth, son of Mr. and Mrs. Granville Waterworth of Coventry, who has obtained his B.Sc. degree from Aston University. John now hopes to work for the Ministry of Defence.

Marcus Weeks, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Weeks of St. Leonards-on-Sea, who has gained the degree of B.Mus. (Hons), and is continuing his studies.

## FAMILY NEWS

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### 25 YEARS SERVICE

*Ron Phillips* of Steyning, Sussex, has completed 25 years' service as a telephonist with Shell at their Kingsway, Portslade Depot. He was presented with a canteen of cutlery on 27th May to mark the occasion.

## Deaths

We offer our sincere sympathy to:

Mrs. Peter Booth of Yeovil and Mrs. John Whitcombe of Eastbourne, sisters and both wives of St. Dunstaners, on the death of their Mother.

*Ronald Towner* of Maidstone, Kent, on the death of his brother in May 1975, in Manchester, and to Mrs. Towner whose mother died on 11th June. They have also recently lost a cousin.

## In Memory

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

### **Harry Appleyard.** *Civil Defence*

Harry Appleyard of Newhaven died at Pearson House on 4th July, aged 78. He lost his sight while fire-watching during an air-raid in the Second World War, and was admitted to St. Dunstan's in 1942. In 1974, due to increasing ill-health, he became a long-term Welfare resident at our Homes in Brighton, and will be remembered affectionately by the staff and his fellow St. Dunstaners.

He leaves a widow, Mrs. Lily Appleyard, and two sons Roy and Eric, both married with families.

### **Thomas William Harrison.** *9th Battalion D.L.I.*

Thomas William Harrison of Heeley, Sheffield, Yorkshire, died in hospital on 4th June, 1975. He was 56 years of age.

Thomas was wounded in Holland in 1944 and after coming to St. Dunstan's in November that year he was trained and settled in industrial employment in his home town of Sheffield, where he remained in factory work for almost twenty years. Until last year he enjoyed good health, but then suffered a stroke and despite remedial treatment and spells of convalescence at the St. Dunstan's Homes in Brighton, his health did not improve. He had been re-admitted to hospital a few days before his death.

He leaves a widow, Mrs. Irene Harrison, and two children, Margaret and Allan.

### **Claude Lightfoot.** *130 R.A., H.A.A.*

Claude Lightfoot of Woodley, Berkshire, died at Pearson House on 2nd July 1975, aged 64.

Claude served as a Gunner in the Second World

War; he was discharged in 1945, and in 1948 was admitted to St. Dunstan's.

He had been a frequent visitor to our Homes in Brighton where, despite his deteriorating health, he remained cheerful, and he will be remembered by staff and fellow St. Dunstaners.

He leaves a widow, Mrs. Adelaide Lightfoot, and daughter Stephanie (Mrs. D. Newton).

### **Walter Snowden.** *Labour Corps*

Walter Snowden of Doncaster, Yorkshire, died at his home on 6th June 1975, aged 87.

Walter suffered defective vision after being wounded in 1917, but did not come to St. Dunstan's until May 1974 after being retired for some years from his work as a baker. He had an illness which kept him confined to bed for some weeks at the beginning of the winter, and although he made some slow progress after this, he was taken ill again two weeks prior to his death.

He leaves a widow, Mrs. Annie Snowden.

### **John James William Stuart.** *Northamptonshire Regiment*

John James William Stuart of Barking, Essex, died in St. Bartholomew's Hospital on 19th May, after being admitted a month previously. He was 48 years of age. John was wounded in Italy in 1946, and on admission to St. Dunstan's the following year was trained for upholstery work. In 1953 he was re-trained for industrial work, which he continued until he was forced by increasing ill health to retire in 1966.

He leaves a widow, Mrs. Eileen Stuart, son Keith, who is engaged to be married, and daughter Suzanne (Mrs. Michael Cook).