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REUNIONS

SOUTHAMPTON

The first 1976 Reunion was held in the familiar setting of the Polygon Hotel, Southampton on Saturday, 27th March. A company of about 85 people including 34 St. Dunstaners—8 from the First World War and 26 from the Second World War or later—with their wives or escorts, and members of the staff, gathered for luncheon. Among them was the only lady St. Dunstaner at this reunion, Mrs. Alice Gimbrere. The Welfare Visitor responsible for the arrangements was Mrs. Lyall.

Dr. Donald Hopewell presided over the occasion and, after a silent toast to the memory of Sir Arthur Pearson, Lord Fraser of Lonsdale and Mr. Nigel Pearson, he made a speech of welcome from the Council.

He expressed his pleasure at returning to this reunion after twenty years. It was a long time since St. Dunstan's was founded and many thousands of men and women had become members of the family, he said. "Today there are 353 First World War St. Dunstaners in England, 841 Second War and a few post-war, so all together there are still 1194 living in Britain, quite apart from those several hundred who live overseas.

"So our family is inevitably getting smaller but it is not getting less influential. I think that the work St. Dunstan's is doing now is almost more important than it has ever done in the past. A very great part of St. Dunstan's work today is to help older members of our family to live their lives in happiness, as well as to help the younger ones to earn their living with success."

Dr. Hopewell mentioned the names of staff members present and referred to Mr. D. W. Ferguson, retired, and Mrs. M. McLeod, a friend and helper in the organisation of the Lee-on-Solent Camp.

He expressed the disappointment of everyone that Mrs. A. Spurway, M.B.E., was unable to attend.

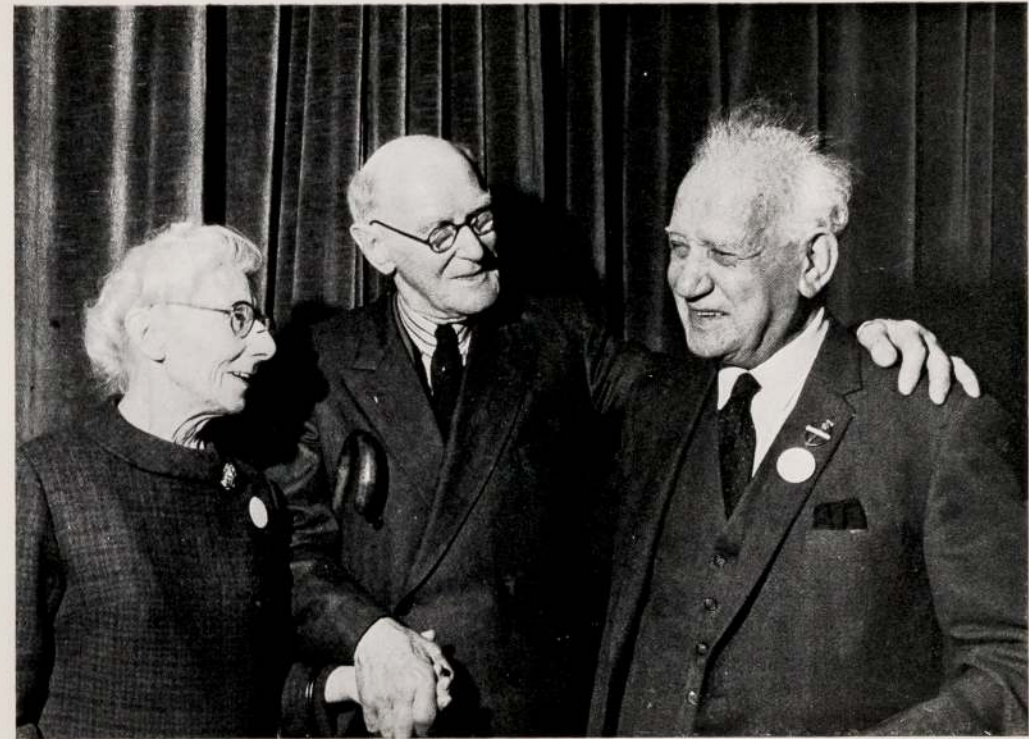
"This is rather an auspicious occasion today", Dr. Hopewell continued, "because Mr. and Mrs. Arnold are celebrating their Golden Wedding and we also have with us one new boy, Percy Peterson of Waterlooville, I know you will give him a hearty welcome into the family."

Message from Lady Fraser

Dr. Hopewell brought a message from Lady Fraser and undertook to return the greetings of St. Dunstaners at the reunion. He also referred to Miss Rogers' forthcoming retirement, as a result of which this was her last Southampton Reunion in office: "I know how well she has worked for us for years, how devotedly she has served you all and how infinitely well she has earned her retirement and her rest. In that retirement we wish her happiness, good health and success."

Dr. Hopewell concluded: "I hope I shall have the privilege of meeting you again in the not too distant future. In the meantime, I will give you all my best wishes for your health and your happiness during the coming year and may next year bring to you and to our country a new and great success and peace."

After Mr. Wills had spoken, he introduced Philip Duffee, to propose the vote of thanks. Saying that he, himself, was a post-war St. Dunstaner, Philip Duffee hoped that he could speak for all generations of St. Dunstaners, "When I say we thank you very much, Dr. Hopewell, for your remarks, we thank you too for the work you have put in as a Member of the Council, because we know that in these



At the Southampton Reunion, Dr. Hopewell (centre) congratulates Ethel and Leonard Arnold on their Golden Wedding Anniversary.

difficult times in which we live it must cause you many headaches trying to work out how best to keep this ship floating and heading in the right direction.

"Thank you very much and will you convey our thanks to the other Members of the Council and would you carry our love to Lady Fraser."

After lunch there was dancing to the music of Brian Gorman at the piano until tea, and the prize draw concluded a most enjoyable opening to the Reunion season.

IPSWICH

St. Dunstaners and their escorts arriving at the Copdock International Hotel on Thursday, 1st April for the Ipswich Reunion found television lights and a camera crew installed in the foyer. It was not an April Fool joke, a real B.B.C. crew from their Norwich studios under Tony Scase had come along to film an item which was shown later that day on the "Look East" programme.

Altogether about 55 people attended, guests, staff members, escorts and wives and, most important, St. Dunstaners. There were 10 St. Dunstaners from the First World War and 15 from the Second, including Mrs. Brenda Bates, the only lady St. Dunstaner at the Reunion.

Sir James Pitman was the Member of Council presiding and he began by proposing the silent toast.

"Those words are very moving", he continued, "and I was very pleased to learn that they had been agreed by Lady Fraser, our Vice-President, herself. Even more moving than the words and the memory of those who have initiated what St. Dunstan's is, is that the call which brought them to action and which, in the first place, is the common factor amongst all St. Dunstaners, blindness, has moved the public to subscribe so generously to enable St. Dunstan's to do what it has done."

Sir James gave a special welcome to St. Dunstaners attending their first reunion: Reginald Chapman, Cambridge,

COVER PICTURE: Ted Frearson wears the new badge of office for the Chairman of the Brighton Sports and Social Club, presented in memory of the late Frank Rhodes.



At the Ipswich Reunion, Brenda Bates is interviewed by Tony Scase for BBC Television.

Rupert Firman, Lowestoft and Alfred Hurley of Clacton. He also mentioned Mrs. Brenda Bates, Clacton, Frank Bolero, Norwich, Hugh Ellis, West Mersea and Will Rathmell, Holland-on-Sea.

State of St. Dunstan's

Saying he was not giving a report on the state of the nation but one on the state of St. Dunstan's, Sir James gave the statistics of St. Dunstaners in Britain and overseas and then turned to the "state of East Anglia"; of a total of 25, "ten St. Dunstaners have retired, seven follow hobby occupations, five follow gardening and take an interest in their greenhouses, three are fully employed, one as a telephonist, one as a smallholder and one in basketmaking".

Sir James then turned to the staff at the Reunion, mentioning all by name including especially Mrs. Adkins, the welfare visitor responsible for all the arrangements, who had, in addition, baked a special cake, "It is full of the most lovely sugar and all the things most good and nice."

"Well, we have a lot more to do and since this is April Fool's Day and since

we've had what I thought was an extremely good April Fool as our sweet today, I think I should bring this to an end and wish this Reunion and the East Anglians every good wish and every St. Dunstaner around the world, the very best that we have!"

Brenda Bates

Replying for St. Dunstaners, Brenda Bates said: "We welcome Sir James Pitman as our guest and we hope he enjoys his day. I would also like to say thank you very much to the staff who organised such a wonderful Reunion. There is such a lot of hard work that goes into it and, of course, not least the Copdock, they always give us such a wonderful menu and the staff are all very kind and patient."

Brenda reassured the male St. Dunstaners in her audience that her speech was not a sign that Women's Lib had arrived in East Anglia: "It's just that I've managed to hide in a little corner for about 17 years and suddenly Mrs. Adkins pounced on me." She concluded by wishing everyone an enjoyable day and thanking them for listening.

Mr. Wills conveyed Miss Mosley's apologies for her absence from the Reunion due to her mother's illness and then announced that the Copdock's chef, Bruce Ketley, having produced a splendid meal, would entertain on the guitar with the help of Haig Joyce at the piano. Another feature of the afternoon's entertainment was Reginald Chapman's monologue, "Tale of the Yukon".

The Reunion ended with tea and the prize draw.

BIRMINGHAM

About 95 persons met together for this Reunion, held at the Albany Hotel on Saturday, 3rd April. They included three St. Dunstaners from the First World War, thirty-four from the Second World War, and five post-war entries. Mrs. Spurway was again an honoured guest and two widows of St. Dunstaners who had recently died, Mrs. Alloway and Mrs. Androlia, were also present.

The arrangements were made by Miss Newbold, Welfare Visitor responsible, and during the afternoon Richard Manning's band played for dancing.

Presiding at the luncheon, Mr. Michael Delmar-Morgan, Hon. Treasurer and Member of St. Dunstan's Council, who was accompanied by his wife, proposed the silent toast and then gave a most interesting talk about the visit which he and Mrs. Delmar-Morgan had paid the previous year to Australia and New Zealand, where they had attended the Triennial Reunion of St. Dunstaners in New Zealand held at Palmerston North. A summary of this visit was contained in the April, 1975 *Review*.

After welcoming everyone present, Mr. Delmar-Morgan mentioned that he and his wife had met St. Dunstaners in Perth, Melbourne and Sydney on their way to New Zealand. "A trip to the Antipodes was really the occasion of considerable pleasure", he said, adding "I think it is true to say that the loyalty and patriotism shown to Britain by St. Dunstaners in Australia and New Zealand is amazing."

Whilst in Sydney, said Mr. Delmar-Morgan, a strike of power-workers almost brought the city to boiling point. "You must imagine, therefore, the Returned



The Copdock Hotel's singing chef, Bruce Ketley, has the help of St. Dunstaners: Alfred Waters, Allan Ivor Gwyn, Percy Stubbs and Ronald Homewood. At the piano is Haig Joyce.

Servicemen's League Club in Sydney's western suburbs, where we were entertained by the New South Wales representatives. It had been a very hot day, there had been no cooling at all and quite frankly it was a very uncomfortable temperature. Nevertheless, I am happy to report that the St. Dunstaners' spirits never flagged and we as their guests made every endeavour to assist them in their efforts to drink the club dry. It was, after all, the only way of avoiding total evaporation." A St. Dunstaner, intervening, "Any excuse". Mr. Delmar-Morgan: "Yes, any excuse".

At Perth, Mr. and Mrs. Delmar-Morgan were entertained at a tea-house in a park overlooking the city, from which there was a most beautiful view.

"Melbourne, which is the city that my wife and I know best, is the home of the Australian Guide Dogs, and the State St. Dunstan's organisation now provides

BIRMINGHAM REUNION

—continued

both the National President and the National Secretary of St. Dunstan's Australia."

Touching upon the geological differences between Australia and New Zealand, Mr. Delmar-Morgan reminded his listeners that New Zealand lies along one of the fault lines of the earth's crust and has a number of active volcanoes which descend into boiling mud pools. "A large proportion of electricity generated in New Zealand comes from hydro-electric schemes or from geo-thermal installations with natural steam driving turbo-generators." He added that although the surface area of New Zealand is about the same as that of the United Kingdom, New Zealand has only 2,750,000 inhabitants.

Triennial Reunion

The New Zealand Triennial Reunion, said Mr. Delmar-Morgan, was a remarkable family gathering. At a Remembrance Service at the Cenotaph on Sunday morning, Stuart Craig, a Second World War St. Dunstaner, sounded the Last Post. "And, in the stillness of the morning, the sound of his trumpet floated high over the houses and out to the mountain ranges beyond. It was a very moving experience."

Mr. Wills, St. Dunstan's Secretary, also welcomed the company and brought a special message from Miss Mosley, the Welfare Superintendent, North, who was unable to attend the Reunion because of her mother's illness. He introduced Douglas Cashmore, Bromsgrove who gave the vote of thanks on behalf of St. Dunstaners.

After thanking Mr. Delmar-Morgan and Mr. Wills for their speeches, Douglas Cashmore thanked St. Dunstan's for everything that had been done over the years and would continue to be done in the future. "May I also say welcome," he said, "to the people who are here today, helpers and visitors. Mrs. Spurway we are very, very pleased to see, and other people who have come along, and we thank the hotel for an excellent meal. I would like to thank Miss Newbold for all

the arrangements she has made, very, very good indeed."

"Before I sit down we thank most sincerely one group of ladies who we rely on not once a year, but all and every day of the year and those are our wives."

"It is very sad to see our numbers diminishing and for some reason or other, as you will have noticed probably in the Midland Club Notes, over a period of time we seem to have finished on a note of sadness. Our Chairman held a silence at the beginning of his speech, in which he mentioned Lord Fraser and Sir Arthur Pearson and Mr. Nigel Pearson, but we must remember our own St. Dunstaners, in fact our own Club members. There are only a small group of us in the Midland Club, but we are always asking for new members. We get together here once a year, and it is very nice to get together and have a chat. It is also very nice to get together more often—but, unfortunately, we have once again been hit by a sadness in the sudden death of our Club member, Stan Southall, who many of you knew and I know you are all with me when I send our sincere sympathy to his wife. I ask that more St. Dunstaners would give their support to the Midland Club. We cannot give the facilities that you would get at the Brighton Club, you can't expect it, but I can assure you that although our Club meetings are probably rather quiet, we have a darned good time when we go out, and we go out two or three times a year on outings etc.—and every St. Dunstaner who comes along to one of our meetings is thoroughly welcome".

CHAPEL GIFT

The family of the late Frank Rhodes has given a lectern edition of the New English Bible to the Chapel at Ian Fraser House as a memorial to our St. Dunstaner. Elsewhere in this issue, the presentation of a badge of office for the Chairman of the Brighton Club is also reported.

These gifts are particularly appropriate because Frank Rhodes was a regular worshipper at the Chapel, coming from his home in Ovingdean, and Founder of the Brighton Club.



Mrs. Jean Campbell speaks after making the presentation to Ted Frearson.

PRESENTATIONS AT THE BRIGHTON SPORTS AND SOCIAL CLUB

The memory of a much loved St. Dunstaner was honoured on Saturday, 3rd April, when a new badge of office was presented for the use of the Chairman of the Brighton Club. The badge is inscribed on the reverse: "Brighton Sports and Social Club 1975, in memory of Frank Rhodes, who founded the first Brighton Club in 1948. Given by his family."

St. Dunstan's Chairman, Mr. Ion Garnett-Orme and Mrs. Garnett-Orme, with Col. Sir Mike Ansell, our Vice-Chairman, were in the new south annexe of Ian Fraser House, when Mrs. Jean Campbell, Frank's daughter, presented the badge to the current Chairman, Ted Frearson.

The insignia, designed by a Brighton goldsmith, Geoffrey Holden, bears the St. Dunstan's badge on a textured ground of gilded bronze. It hangs on a ribbon in the colours of the three services. The photograph on the front cover of this issue gives a good idea of the strength of the design but, unfortunately, not of the rich colours.

There were two other presentations, both of them trophies: a rose bowl from the Territorial Army, presented in memory of the late Joe Walch, a founder member of the original Club and Vice-Chairman, and a cup presented by the Club's President, Mrs. Elizabeth Dacre, M.B.E., T.D., J.P.

Mrs. Dacre also informed the *Review* that Lord Rupert Nevill, J.P., D.L., Treasurer to H.R.H. Prince Philip's Household and Deputy Lieutenant of the County of Sussex has graciously agreed to become Patron of the Club, but on the strict understanding that, because of his manifold duties, he cannot attend functions.

THE POOL

by Thomas Bradley

The sunlight overflows the dark,
And night dissolves to shape the day;
To change monotony of grey,
Transforming tone to colour.

The pool was still as polished glass,
The surface never blinked an eye;
Veiled in mist the ghostly trees;
The alders darkly brooding.

The roseate blushes through the wood
Cast feathered shadows 'cross the pool,
And lit, in sparkling spectrum tints
The waiting lilies opening hearts.

Light-awakened sounds steal out
From reed-beds wrest from slumber;
Harsh clacking calls across the mere,
From busy water-hen and coot.

I love the peace of pools so still.
A peace which smiles at fear;
When joyous bird-song charms the ear,
And silent sailing swan the eye.

When dove to dove calls tender love,
And night marauders steal away,
What courage comes with new-born day!
How could we doubt its stay?

LAST CHANCE

This is our last reminder for applications for Derby Sweepstake Tickets. The closing date is Wednesday, 19th May, so get those stamped addressed envelopes in the post with your cheques or postal orders. The winning ticket will cost no more than the "also rans", 20p.

St. Dunstaners only, please, apply
The Editor, D.S.S. Dept.,
191 Old Marylebone Road,
London NW1 5QN.

Draw: London Club, Thursday, 27th May.

All those drawing a horse will be notified.

GB3STD Calling CQ VK

During the inaugural meeting of the St. Dunstan's Amateur Radio Society, 19th-21st March, the above call to Australia produced two replies. One from an ex-resident of Brighton, and the other from an ex-resident of Saltdean! It's a small world.

On parade were eight qualified amateurs and six shortwave listeners. The equipment used was the Swan S200 Transceiver, on loan from Terry Edwards (Radio Shack Ltd.). Thank you Terry for letting us use this very fine piece of equipment.

A talk on aerials given by R. L. A. Borrow G3ZTK, was most instructive and informative. From a lifetime's experience in the radio field, Len let us have a glimpse into the technique of dealing with aerials which was truly fascinating. Thank you Len, do come again.

Our gratitude to Tom Gaygan's XYL (Audrey) and Harmonic (Mary) for taking on so readily the job of logging and QSL managers. You lucky man, Tom.

R.A.I.B.C. representative, Con M. Scarrot, was again present with his very ready help. Thank you Con.

Thanks must also go to Mr. Norman French (Liaison Officer) for setting up the

equipment and giving of his valuable time.

Personally I feel that this was a most successful meeting, with much enthusiasm displayed. Let's keep up the good work and have as many as possible attend our next meetings: 2nd-4th July and 24th-26th September. Will all those wishing to attend please let Miss Bridger at Headquarters know direct at least four weeks prior to the date of meeting.

Before going QRT, grateful thanks must go to Commandant, Matron, and all staff at Ian Fraser House for the efficient and kindly way they looked after us.

CUAGN.

Duncan Sutherland G4 DJI

Amateur Radio Terms and Abbreviations used in text:

CQ	General call to all stations
CUAGN	See you again
GB3STD	Call sign of St. Dunstan's Amateur Radio Society
Harmonic	Son or daughter
QRT	Closing down
QSL	Confirming contact
R.A.I.B.C.	Radio Amateur Invalid and Bedfast Club
SWL	Short Wave Listener
VK	Australia
XYL	Ex Young Lady—wife

HINTS ON PACKING PARCELS

The Men's Supplies Department tell us that they have recently received several parcels, the contents of which arrived damaged, and thought that readers might perhaps like to have a few hints:

For anything other than soft and unbreakable articles, it is important to use a rigid box which is strong enough to protect the contents from the weight of other mail. The box should be large enough to allow you to pack plenty of cushioning material round the contents on all sides. Crushed newspapers, corrugated cardboard, sawdust, foamed plastics such as polystyrene, and wood wool are all good for this. Use enough to prevent the contents moving about.

Radio Sets

The manufacturer's packing is not designed for sending by post. A rigid outer box should also be used. Sufficient

soft packing should be used so that no movement is possible.

SPORTS WEEKEND JUNE 19/20th

All St. Dunstan's sportsmen anticipating taking part in this year's annual sports, should make application to me at Ian Fraser House for entry form and details, **not later than May 14th.**

*JOCK CARNOCHAN
Sports Organiser*

LADY MACKENZIE

We regret to announce the death in Auckland on the 28th March, 1976, of Lady Mackenzie, widow of Sir Clutha Mackenzie, the New Zealand St. Dunstaner who throughout his life played a leading role in blind welfare in many parts of the world. First World War St. Dunstaners will remember Lady Mackenzie as a V.A.D., Miss Doris Sawyer.

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 Dilks of Bexhill-on-Sea, joined St. Dunstan's in March. He enlisted in the Territorial Army in 1936, served throughout the Second World War and was discharged at the end of 1945. He then re-enlisted in 1951 in the Army Catering Corps and was a Warrant Officer at his discharge in April, 1965. He is employed in the catering trade and is married with a family of three.

Alfred Samuel Hurley of Clacton-on-Sea, who joined St. Dunstan's in March. He served as a driver mechanic with the R.A.S.C. in the Second World War and is a widower, with one adult daughter.

Colonel David Henry Lewis, O.B.E., T.D., D.L., M.A., F.I.Mech.E., of Much Wenlock, Shropshire, joined St. Dunstan's in March. He served with the Royal Artillery throughout the Second World War and for many years in the Territorial Army before and after the War. He is married with two adult daughters.

Lewis Maurice Murrell of Minehead, Somerset, joined St. Dunstan's in March. After serving in the Territorials, he transferred to the Royal Artillery as a Gunner at the outbreak of the Second World War. He was taken prisoner in the Far East. After the war, Mr. Murrell and his wife ran a general store in Minehead until 1971 when he retired. They have one son, who is also married.

George Nolan of Ellesmere Port, Cheshire, joined St. Dunstan's in March. He served as a Gunner in the Royal Artillery 25th Light Anti-Aircraft Regiment during the Second World War, and is married with three adult children.

George William Pullen of Leigh-on-Sea, Essex, joined St. Dunstan's in March. He served in the Essex Regiment during the First World War and was wounded at the Dardanelles. He is married.

READING TIME

by Phillip Wood

Cat. No. 1086

Journey Into the Mind's Eye

by Lesley Blanch

Read by Carol Marsh

Reading Time 19½ hours

As a little girl living in middle-class suburbia, the writer came under the spell of *The Traveller*, a strange and mysterious Tartar visitor to the house. He beguiled her with exciting stories of Mongols and Tartar hordes, sent her exotic gifts from the plains of Central Asia.

Under his influence she soon developed into an obsessive Russophile. At an age when her classmates were reading "The Girl's Friend" she was devouring Russian history. Tolstoy and Dostoevsky, Pushkin and Gogol were her familiars. And always, in her mind's eye, was that enchanted journey she would one day make on "The Trans-Sib."

But it was to be many years before she was able to make the trip. By that time the barbaric splendour of Tsarist Russia had given way to the functional austerity of the U.S.S.R.

But she was not disappointed. She still made "the journey into the mind's eye" and to anyone to whom Leningrad is still St. Petersburg, and the Pushkin museum a holy shrine, all things are possible.

A very readable book—if a little over-long. But I found the constant use of Russian words for everyday prosaic objects somewhat irritating and confusing.

BRIDGE NOTES

The third London individual competition was held on 10th April, and the results were as follows:

R. Goding and M. Tybinski	76
Mrs. V. Delaney and L. Douglass	68
W. Allen and R. Armstrong	67
J. Lynch and H. King	65
Miss V. Kemmish and F. Dickerson	64
W. Miller and J. Carney	57
P. Nuyens and H. Meleson	57
A. Caldwell and J. Majchrowicz	50



Vice-Chairman, Ted Bunting, makes a point during the Annual General Meeting.



PHYSIOTHERAPY CONFERENCE

by Ted Bunting

On the weekend of 3rd and 4th April, the annual conference of St. Dunstan's physiotherapists was held at Ian Fraser House, Ovingdean.

Harry Foster, Chairman of the Physiotherapy Advisory Committee can always have the satisfaction of having been the chairman at one of the most successful conferences ever.

The weekend programme began on Saturday morning with the Annual General Meeting and one lecture. There were two further lectures in the afternoon, and a dinner-dance in the evening. On Sunday morning a fourth lecture and a few words from the Chairman brought the conference to a close.

The able chairmanship of Harry Foster was a significant contributing factor to the success of the weekend. After opening the A.G.M. and expressing a particularly warm welcome to our President, Mr. Ion Garnett-Orme, Chairman of St. Dunstan's, he delivered the annual report, making sure by his comments that a lively discussion period would follow. His tactics were duly rewarded, and he had need of his skill in order to keep the time-table on schedule.

He expressed the thanks of the members for the help given throughout the year by the Publicity Department, received the unanimous approval of all present for having arranged for a vase of pink carnations to be sent to Lady Fraser on behalf of the conference, invited an explanation from our Secretary, Mr. R. Priestley, of the high cost of Christmas novelties, and steered a steady course through such topics as the Percy Way Memorial Library, the world conference of physiotherapy to be held in Tel Aviv in 1978, and the progress of the new "North London School of Physiotherapy for the Visually Handicapped", as well as arranging for the comforts fund to be augmented by a "whip round". In addition to all this he introduced Mr. Lloyd of the Estate Department, who had kindly agreed to be present to give an explanation of the "fair rents" policy.

Harry Foster was also re-elected onto the P.A.C. together with Charles Stafford and Gordon Smith.

The conference was also fortunate in having as lecturers four men who were not only experts in their own fields, and whose subjects were of great interest to

our members, but were also excellent speakers. Their great enthusiasm for their subjects compelled the attention of their listeners. They were: Mr. D. L. Evans, F.R.C.S., who spoke on "Joint replacements and their management"; Mr. J. D. Stamatakis, F.R.C.S., on "Vascular disease with special reference to deep vein thrombosis and pulmonary embolism"; Mr. A. Murray, M.S.R.G., on "Cardiac revival and rehabilitation"; and Mr. D. P. G. Teager, M.C.S.P., Dip.TP., who took as his subject, "Current trends in Physiotherapy training". Each of these gentlemen was warmly congratulated on the superb quality of his lecture, and rightly so, but perhaps the greatest congratulation of all should go to Secretary, Mr. R. Priestley, who managed, goodness knows how, to locate each of these speakers, persuade him to come, and arrange for him to be in the right place at the right time.

Yet another factor contributing to the excellence of the weekend was the success of the dinner-dance on the Saturday evening at which our principal guest was Col. Sir Michael Ansell, C.B.E., D.S.O., D.L., of show-jumping



Harry Foster, in the Chair, addresses the A.G.M. Also in the picture are Mr. Ion Garnett-Orme and Mr. Ron Priestley.

fame, and, of course, St. Dunstan's Vice-Chairman. Presiding was Mr. Ion Garnett-Orme, and in addition we were delighted to have with us Mrs. Garnett-Orme, Commandant and Matron, St. Dunstan's padre, Mr. and Mrs. C. Lawrence from Broadhurst Gardens, Mr. J. Carnochan, the sports officer, and also the wives of many of our members.

Mr. Garnett-Orme said he didn't have to make a speech. This was his second Physiotherapy Conference and he had enjoyed both, especially the lecture in the morning by Mr. Evans. He told the physiotherapists that Lady Fraser had telephoned and asked him to say how much she missed the meetings and the personal contact. The flowers were the best she had ever had. He then introduced Harry Foster, who proposed a toast to the guests, Col. Sir Michael Ansell, who responded; and I proposed a toast to St. Dunstan's to which Matron responded on behalf of St. Dunstan's staff.

The success of the conference was enhanced by the fact that it was held in Ian Fraser House, since each member can always feel very much at home there. There is always someone available with

an understanding of his special difficulties to offer willing assistance when it might be necessary, and this makes for a happy and carefree atmosphere. I hope that every member of the staff at Ovingdean will read this in order that they might know, if ever they were in doubt, that they played a vital role in the success of this conference.

Although it has not been my intention to attempt to place the above observations in any order of merit, my final point must be far and away the most important factor in the success of the weekend. I refer, of course, to the presence of the members themselves. The 54 physiotherapists attending the 1976 conference must have had a combined experience of in excess of 1,300 years, and yet their enthusiasm was as great as ever. The chance to meet again, strengthen bonds of friendship, exchange ideas and advice, describe successes, recall past exploits and—dare I say it?—swap lies about surtax payments, was the essential ingredient which makes St. Dunstan's such a unique association, and which made this 1976 conference the great success it so clearly was.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

From George Fallowfield, Worthing, Sussex

I enjoyed the story about George Brooks and the elephants and wondered if you would like another story about elephants! It happened about 1908 at either Camden Town or Kentish Town. The circus was going along the middle of the road with the elephants left, right, left, right when a philanthropic baker came to his shop door holding out a large bun, and an elephant went and took it, so he got another and other elephants followed for a bun, and then one huge elephant went through the pavement into the cellar! They got a Railway Company to send a breakdown gang with a crane capable of lifting said animal and the circus elephant man went down into the cellar to cheer up the elephant while the breakdown gang worked putting wide straps round the cramped beast, and when the crane started to work and pull the poor elephant through the narrow gap it had left, it

RATE REBATES AND RENT ALLOWANCES

It has come to our notice that a number of District Councils are exercising their discretionary powers under the Housing Finance Act, 1972 to disregard the whole of a tenant's War Pension instead of the statutory £4.00 when considering their eligibility for the above.

St. Dunstaners are therefore advised:

(a) if not in full employment to apply to the District Council for a rate rebate:

(b) if they are tenants paying more than a nominal rent, to apply for a rent allowance.

Application forms can be obtained from the District Council offices and St. Dunstaners requiring assistance to complete them, should get in touch with their local Estate Department Surveyor or with Mr. Peter Matthews at Headquarters.

Many widows of St. Dunstaners may also qualify for rate rebates and rent allowances and if they have not already done so, are advised to make application.

made a terrible noise that scared people watching, but finally they hoisted the elephant and set it gently down on the road once more!

But it did not end there, because the local council sued the circus for damages, and the circus blamed the baker. The elephants only got a bun, but the lawyers had a fine feast out of it!

From Granville Waterworth, Coventry

I wish to make a tribute to the memory of Stan Southall. I met him many times at the Birmingham Club, Birmingham reunions and especially on the train travelling back and forwards to the camp at HMS *Daedalus*. I was a member of his sports team which he captained as The Southall Stompers when we won in 1974. He always had a cheery word and a friendly smile in spite of his disabilities, he was a true sportsman and will be greatly missed by all campers at HMS *Daedalus*.

IT'S ABILITY THAT COUNTS

by Jimmy Wright

Whilst I was attending the Annual National Sports Competitions for the Disabled at Stoke Mandeville Sports Stadium in October, 1971, as a member of the St. Dunstan's team, Mrs. Spurway spoke of the need for a film about sport for the multi-disabled. The British Sports Association for the Disabled had one or two films concerned with wheel-chair sports, but no film existed covering the four categories of sport for the disabled for which there were internationally agreed rules, namely, paralysed, blind, amputees, and cerebral palsy.

Shortly after that I began making enquiries to find a national manufacturing company to sponsor such a film. I made numerous enquiries without success, mainly on account of the growing economic difficulties that were beginning to confront us at that time and in the autumn of 1973, I suggested to Sir Ludwig Guttman, the President and

Chairman of B.S.A.D., that we set up a Film Appeal Fund for the purpose of raising the necessary finance for the production. This was agreed and the fund set up, and by the spring of 1974, sufficient cash had been raised to commence the research, scripting, and location planning and by the summer funds had reached a level which enabled us to commence the shooting at the various schools for the disabled, as well as a number of the major sports fixtures organised by B.S.A.D., which included the first ever international sports competitions for the multi-disabled, held at Stoke Mandeville in 1974.

Our shooting programme thus completed, it was a question of waiting until the spring of the following year before the post-production work could begin, when the remainder of the necessary finance had been donated.

The film was at last completed, and approved by Sir Ludwig in August last year, and received its first public showing in the City of London on 12th February last, with our Chairman, Mr. Ion Garnett-Orme, accompanied by his wife, among those present. Copies of *It's Ability that Counts* can be obtained on hire from B.S.A.D., Stoke Mandeville Sports Stadium, Harvey Road, Aylesbury, Bucks.

Bill Griffiths, seen here competing in the walk at Lee-on-Solent, is one of the St. Dunstan's athletes shown in Jimmy's film.



Television

From the outset of my involvement in the B.S.A.D. film, I had been of the opinion that it would be an eminently suitable subject for television and I have almost completed an amended version which has been accepted for transmission by Thames Television. I also had the feeling that if I could obtain H.R.H. Prince Philip's agreement to associate himself with the film, this would add tremendous weight when endeavouring to secure other TV showings in the United Kingdom, as well as overseas. I showed the film to Prince Philip's Equerry, Major Henry Hugh-Smith, himself disabled in Northern Ireland, having lost a hand, and the following morning I

was absolutely thrilled when he telephoned me to say that H.R.H. had agreed to add a foreword to my film.

On March 3rd, I went to Buckingham Palace, along with Arnold Behr, who directed the film, Freddie Young, the famous lighting cameraman, who donated his services for the shooting at the Palace and with whom I had first worked in 1940, as the most junior member of the camera crew, that of clapper/loader. Freddie has been responsible for so many award winning films, such as *Lawrence of Arabia*, *Dr. Zhivago*, *The Battle of Britain*, etc. We were shown the Regency Room, which I believe is the room which is sometimes used by Her Majesty the Queen for her television Christmas message, a lovely room decorated in shades of green and ideal for our filming.

I was advised that Prince Philip could be available for the filming on Tuesday, 9th March, at 16.00 hours, for between 30-45 minutes. Bearing in mind that the Duke of Edinburgh could only be with us for a short space of time, I took the precaution of doubling up with the camera and the sound recorder and a fair supply of spares in case anything happened to go wrong either with camera, sound, or lighting equipment.

Filming at the Palace

We all arrived on the appointed day at 15.00 hours, and five minutes before the Duke's arrival time, Major Hugh-Smith joined us . . . our lights were in position, we had rehearsed our camera movements, and all was in readiness. I had met H.R.H. on three previous occasions in his capacity of President of the Guinea Pig Club, and I must say I had never anticipated that the fourth, if there were to be a fourth, would be in the Palace.

We employed Autocue apparatus, as used by television news readers. This reflects the wording to be read by means of 50% silvered silver surfaced mirror made out of optically flat glass, and situated immediately in front of the camera lens. Because the mirror is only partially silvered, the camera lens picks up a perfectly normal image straight through the back of the mirror, but with slightly increased exposure to compen-



Another St. Dunstaner who is prominent in the film is veteran walker, Bob Young, who competes regularly at H.M.S. Daedalus.

sate for the amount of light lost by virtue of the particles of silver comprising the mirror.

The words are typed on a narrow width of paper very similar to a toilet roll, and the operator sits somewhere out of the way of the camera and feeds the roll of paper, according to the speed of the reader, under a closed-circuit television camera. The text is received on a TV screen which forms part of the box holding the mirror which is placed at an angle of 45 degrees to the camera lens.

Dry Run

Prince Philip had what we term a "dry run" to familiarise himself with the wording and then we shot a "take" lasting 1 min. 47 secs. It was a perfect "take", but Arnold suggested that we should have an alternative, shooting the foreword in two parts, which we did. As it happened the first "take" straight through was the best when we saw rushes next morning. The shooting took precisely 30 mins. and we were wrapped up and away just after 17.00 hours.

OVINGDEAN NOTES

Of plays and concerts, drives and talks,
We've written ad nauseam,
(If there are any rhymes to that
We really cannot see 'em.)

And after that appalling verse,
In prose our news we'll tell, sir,
Prose may be difficult to write
But verse is simply hell, sir!

On the afternoon of March 3rd, we welcomed to Ian Fraser House, Mr. Richard Warwick, the Deputy Site Manager for Messrs. Taylor Woodrow at the Brighton Marina. He was a mine of interesting information about the vast project, and brought several models of the various constructions to aid our imaginations. Mr. J. Stokes again kindly acted as chairman and general tower-of-strength, and it gave us pleasure to welcome local St. Dunstaners. Members

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By a happy coincidence, the Queen, accompanied by Prince Philip, was to open the new headquarters of the British Academy of Film and Television Arts, Piccadilly, the day after our filming and I thought it might be a nice idea if the Royal Party, which included Princess Anne, President of B.A.F.T.A., might be able to see the results of our filming whilst on their tour of inspection of the premises. Luckily, both H.R.H. and the Chairman of the Academy agreed and I guess I couldn't have received more prompt Royal Assent of our piece of filming than that. I am told that much pleasure was derived from this part of the evening's proceedings, which took place in the editing room, where an editor sits at his editing table with the film and the magnetic tape running reel to reel on either side of him, with the picture appearing on a small screen, about the size of a small TV set, straight in front of him.

Gordon Honeycombe recorded the commentary for the TV version of *It's Ability that Counts* on 15th March.

of the audience and of the Fishing Club who were present asked pertinent questions concerning tides and difficulties of construction, which Mr. Warwick answered with ease and a nice modesty. We are most grateful to him for a very interesting afternoon—our thanks were expressed by Ginger Scott.

The Theatre Royal seemed obsessed with crime this month—we saw *Motive*, *Verdict*, and *Murder in Mind*. Another play was *My Fat Friend* and the final presentation was *The Mating Season*, starring Sid James. (No doubt the dominant colour was blue.) At the Astoria Cinema, the film *Jaws* continued to entertain the children and terrify the adults, and the Dome had numerous one-night shows. Popular amongst these were Sid Lawrence and his Orchestra, Peters and Lee, and a Johann Strauss Gala. One imagined sparkling chandeliers, handsome men, beautifully-gowned women, wine flowing like yoghurt . . .

An interesting event was a production of *The Royal Hunt of the Sun* at Roedean School, to which the Headmaster kindly invited a party of St. Dunstaners and escorts. It was a most ambitious project, but, as always, beautifully presented.

Entertainments in the House have been varied—the Brunswick Readers gave us a splendid performance of W. Somerset Maugham's *Home & Beauty*. It was full of wit—at times very acid—and one felt that the author, with his low opinion of humanity in general, and women in particular, would be appalled at the idea of sex equality! One Wednesday afternoon Mr. Edward Lewis came to read for us H. G. Wells' short story, *The Country of the Blind*. It was well-read, beautifully written, and full of quiet irony. Other entertainments included a Musical Quiz conducted by V.A.D. Miss Briant, and won by Eddie Allchin. (No prize—just the glory), and V.A.D. Mrs. Lamb gave us an enjoyable evening listening to her personal choice of records. They were played on our new stereo equipment, of which we are justifiably proud. Tom Eales gave us another delightful Stereo Mixture.

CLUB NEWS

LONDON

The Steering Committee appointed by Mr. Wills to undertake the reorganisation of the London Club held a General Meeting at H.Q. on Saturday, 10th April. St. Dunstaners within a radius of twenty miles were invited to this meeting, which was followed by refreshments and a dance. Twenty-three St. Dunstaners with their escorts were present. The Chairman, Roy Armstrong, welcomed all those present, setting out the idea of coming more often to St. Dunstan's. Although at present Bridge on Saturdays and Dominoes on Thursdays are the only two items regularly run, Roy Armstrong stressed that other activities should be included to take place on these days or any other day suitable.

Vera Kemmish and Fred Sunderland were approved unanimously as additional members of the Steering Committee. The Secretary, Paul Nuyens, suggested that the London Club should be entitled St. Dunstan's London, Social, Cultural and Educational Club. This was to strengthen the ideas already set out in our Questionnaire. After some questions, this new title was agreed generally, with the exception of one vote.

It was suggested that outings and visits to places of interest should be organised, and that the details should be left to the Committee. Paul Nuyens pointed out that it would reduce a lot of work and expense if members would consult their monthly St. Dunstan's *Review*, in which these plans would be published well in advance, so that those interested could let the Committee know in writing as soon as possible their intention to participate. On the question of expenses, it was suggested that an amount of £4 per head, including lunch and transport, could reasonably be charged. This received general approval.

Meanwhile, Miss Walshe, the Canteen Manageress, and Hilda, assisted by Mrs. Bushell, Mrs. Carney, Mrs. Dickson, Mrs. Douglass and Mrs. Field, had prepared and laid out a wonderful spread of cold chicken, ham, beef and salads, accompanied by coffee and tea. After the refreshments there was dancing until 11

p.m., during which prizes were won by the lucky ticket-holders. During the interval, Roy Armstrong demonstrated a racing game, the results of which were absolutely unpredictable.

A hearty vote of thanks was proposed by Roy Armstrong to our Club Steward, Ian Dickson, congratulating him and Miss Walshe, and all the helpers who had contributed to a very happy evening.

MIDLAND

Although being rather depleted owing to sickness our attendance at the March meeting was fairly good.

It was very nice to welcome a new member, John Bailey, I understand that he enjoyed his first meeting and we look forward to his attendance in the future.

Some domino games were played off and we shall now make our second round draw at the April meeting, this will be for the Sir Arthur Pearson singles competition.

The tea for this meeting was arranged for us by Mrs. Marjorie Hordyniec and we all thanked her in our usual manner.

We are still looking for those new members, so if you would like to come along and join us do not feel shy, just come along any second Sunday of the month, our meetings are held at the Royal British Legion Headquarters, Thorp Street, Birmingham, next door to the stage door of the Birmingham Hippodrome in Thorp Street. All St. Dunstaners, and their wives will be made very welcome.

DOUG CASHMORE *Secretary*

BRIGHTON SOCIAL AND SPORTS CLUB

On Saturday, March 13th, in the Annexe at Ian Fraser House, we had a "Mad Hatters Dance" which was a great success. This was our usual monthly club Dance with a few added attractions, not least of which was the "Mad Hatters" Parade. We were delighted that so many members were such good sports and took

part in the line-up. The judges found it most difficult to select the maddest hats but, after some deliberation, they reached a decision and of the two prizes one was given to Eileen Williams and the other to Bill Phillips.

Special mention must be made of one of our regular club members, Richard Brett, who wore his "Bingo Crown" with such splendour. It is now occupying valuable space in the Entertainments Section cupboard and is worn by the winners at our Bingo sessions.

All our members enjoyed the music of the group "Compact Three", strict tempo for the dancers and easy on the ear for those who like to sit and listen with some liquid refreshment close at hand. During the evening we featured a spot and elimination dance and, with the help and guidance of our most capable M.C., Alf Garstang, we successfully completed (would you believe?) a progressive St. Bernard Waltz, all finishing with the same partners as we began. Is there no limit to our skill and endurance?

BOWLING CLUB REPORT

On March 10th St. Dunstan's Bowling Club entertained the ladies of Kingsway Bowling Club to a match and afternoon tea. These ladies gave us no quarter and a very close and interesting game, the final result being that the ladies only beat us by 2 shots. This I think is a credit to the St. Dunstan's Bowlers.

We are continuing with our aggregate competitions and the end of this competition will coincide with the close of the indoor season.

TED FREARSON
Chairman & Captain

FISHING SECTION

On Friday, 19th March a party of Club members left Newhaven Harbour aboard the "Pisces". We were pleased to welcome a new member, Albert Wallage from Peacehaven. This trip was originally booked for 12th March but had to be cancelled on account of bad weather.

A variety of fish was caught including some nice dabs and Wally Lethbridge landed a very good 2lb. 2oz. Channel Whiting (including head and tail) to which remark Wally drily replied "That's how we usually catch them!"

Bob Fullard was on to something big (truthfully) but it got away! Unfortunately, Bob has had to put his rod in to repair the damage and he has also had to invest in new end tackle. Hard luck Bob! An enjoyable day was had by all.

BRIDGE SECTION

Our third pairs match was held on Saturday, March 20th. Twenty-four boards were played at six tables, and the winners were:

North-South

B. Ingreby and Mrs. Gover 134

East-West

P. McCormack and Dr. Goodlad 145

The Annual Pairs Competition

St. Dunstaners will be awarded a percentage score based on their results in each pairs match. The highest total of five of these percentages will determine which St. Dunstaner and partner wins the pairs competition.

Saturday, March 27th

Results of the 4th Brighton Individual are as follows:

W. Lethbridge and J. Padley	77
F. Griffee and W. Phillips	63
M. Clemments and P. McCormack	60
R. Fullard and W. Scott	60
R. Bickley and Miss B. Simon	59
W. Burnett and A. Smith	59

Easter Bridge Drive

Sixteen St. Dunstaners with their wives or friends as partners assembled in the large recreation room at Ian Fraser House, on Saturday, 10th April.

The Easter Drive was a festive occasion with the usual ups and downs of rubber bridge. A short break was made for afternoon tea. Many thanks to Matron Blackford for coming along to present the prizes—and many, many thanks to Bob Goodlad for running the Drive and for all the help he gives to St. Dunstan's.

The winners were:

1st F. Griffee and Miss C. Sturdy	1710
2nd W. Scott and Dr. Goodlad	1440
3rd J. Padley and Mrs. D. Entwistle	1300

W. LETHBRIDGE

CLUB NEWS — continued

LONDON SCOREBOARD

Dominoes

The winners of our weekly Dominoes matches during March were:

4th March

1st R. Armstrong
2nd M. Sheehan

11th March

1st C. Hancock
2nd W. Miller

18th March

1st R. Armstrong
2nd J. Majchrowicz

25th March

1st C. Hancock
2nd J. Majchrowicz
M. Sheehan

BRIGHTON SCOREBOARD

Dominoes Aggregate, March 1976

1st A. Dodgson
T. Frearson
2nd Mrs. C. Preedy
Mrs. E. Dodgson
J. Griffiths
Mrs. J. Osborne

All fives and threes matches, quarter finals, must be played by 31st May.

The Cribbage Competition has reached the final round for Ladies and the semi-finals for the men.

WHIST AGGREGATE SCORES

4th February, 1976

Ladies

1st Mrs. E. M. Dodgson 99
2nd Mrs. P. Lethbridge 89
3rd Mrs. M. Crabtree 84

Gentlemen

1st J. Kennedy 85
2nd F. Griffie 83
H. Preedy 83

3rd March, 1976

Ladies

1st Mrs. A. Smith 92
2nd Mrs. P. Lethbridge 89
3rd Mrs. B. Griffiths

Gentlemen

1st H. Preedy 91
2nd T. Giles 85
3rd A. Dodgson 84

31st March, 1976

Ladies

1st Mrs. H. Webster 86
2nd J. Kennedy* 85
3rd Mrs. J. Walch 83
Mrs. P. Lethbridge 83

* This is not a mistake. Owing to shortage of ladies, Mr. Kennedy played as a lady. Well done, Joe!

Gentlemen

1st P. McCormack 90
2nd R. Fullard 87
3rd W. Holmes 83

FAMILY NEWS

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Grandparents

Congratulations to:

Mr. and Mrs. George Baldwin of East Molesey, Surrey, whose daughter, Gillian, has just had a daughter, Kelly.

Mr. and Mrs. Ron Homewood of Norwich, on the arrival of their seventh grandchild; a daughter, Nicola, for their daughter Susan, and her husband.

Mr. and Mrs. George Roake of London, on the birth of their first grandchild on 20th February; a son, Daniel Robert, for their daughter Janet, and her husband.

Great Grandparents

We warmly congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Harry Wheeler of New Malden, Surrey on the birth of a great grandson, Benjamin, born on Monday, April 5th to their grandson Michael and his wife Ann.

Examination and Career Successes

We congratulate Mary Cope, second daughter of Johnny Cope, who will be sixteen in May and has just passed her examinations, as a result of which she has been accepted at the Elms Technical College in Stoke-on-Trent, where she will start a two year Nursery Nursing Course in the autumn.

Congratulations to Percy Stubbs of Norwich, whose history of the part played by his company of the Royal Engineers in the Second World War has been accepted for Regimental records.

Deaths

We offer our sincere sympathy to:

Mr. Charles Crewe of Liverpool, whose wife, Ann, died on 19th March, 1976.

Mr. Reginald Goding of Gosport, on the recent death of his mother.

Mr. Harold Greenhalgh of Bolton, whose father died on 28th February, 1976.

Mr. Alexander McLeod of Luton, whose mother died recently.

Mr. Cecil Pennells of Brighton, whose father died on 24th March, aged 94.

Mr. John Yarwood, whose wife, Sarah, died on 26th March, 1976.

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.

John Brown Campbell. Pioneer Corps

John Brown Campbell of Houghton-le-Spring, Tyne and Wear, died on 17th March 1976 at the age of 70.

Mr. Campbell served in the Pioneer Corps during the Second World War, but was invalided out in 1941 at the onset of his blindness. When he came to St. Dunstan's in 1947 he was already employed as a telephonist at the Durham Employment Exchange, and he continued with this work until he retired in 1966. He enjoyed gardening and chess and, in recent years, took pleasure in attending his local centre for the disabled where he did a great deal of handicraft work.

He was a widower, and leaves a son, John, and his family.

Doris May Cohoon. Auxiliary Territorial Service

Doris May Cohoon of Hull, North Humberside, died on 11th March 1976 at the age of 52.

Mrs. Cohoon served in the A.T.S. from 1942 to 1944, but it was not until 1973 that she became a St. Dunstaner.

She leaves a widower and two married daughters.

Reginald Frank Edwards. Rifle Brigade

Reginald Frank Edwards died at Pearson House on 8th April, 1976, aged 77.

During the earlier part of his life, Mr. Edwards was an Assistant Bank Manager at one of the "big Five" banks. He shared a very interesting life with his wife and they celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary in 1973, the year in which he was admitted to St. Dunstan's.

He was a widower, and leaves a sister, Mrs. N. Franklin, who lives in the Isle of Man.

FAMILY NEWS

Marriages

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Bradley of Northwood Hills, Middlesex, are pleased to announce that their son Philip was married to Lillian Milliken on Wednesday, 10th March at Netherhall Christian Guest House, Largs, Scotland.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Redford of East Molesey, Surrey, are pleased to announce that their son Richard was married to Fiona Partlin on Thursday, April 8th in Edinburgh.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Smith of Heathfield, East Sussex, are pleased to announce that their son Philip was married to Janet Lumb on Wednesday, April 14th at Rushden Parish Church, Northants.

Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Warren of Meppershall, Bedfordshire, are pleased to

announce that their daughter Angela was married to Clive Walker on Saturday, 20th March at Meppershall Church.

Ruby Wedding

Many congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. William Kelly of Workington, who celebrated their Ruby Wedding on 26th March, 1976.

Silver Wedding

We congratulate Mr. and Mrs. George McKay of Ilford, Essex, who celebrated their Silver Wedding on 29th March, 1976.

Golden Wedding

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Arnold of Poole, Dorset, who celebrated their Golden Wedding on 25th March, 1976.

In Memory

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Evan Thomas Hughes. *2nd Royal Irish Regiment*

Evan Thomas Hughes of Swansea, West Glamorgan, died on 9th March, 1976, aged 78.

Mr. Hughes, who served in the 2nd Royal Irish Regiment, was wounded at Cambrai in 1918 and came to St. Dunstan's the following year. He trained in boot repairing and mat making and it was with the former that from 1921 he gradually built up a flourishing business in which he worked for 40 years until he retired.

After the death of his wife in 1970, he made his home with his daughter, Mrs. Lloyd and her family. He also leaves a brother.

Percy William Pitkin. *Army Cyclist Corps*

Percy William Pitkin, of London, died on 24th March, 1976, aged 78.

Mr. Pitkin served from 1916 to 1919 in the Army Cyclist Corps. His sight did not deteriorate until many years later and he was admitted to St. Dunstan's in August, 1971. By then, he had retired after a career as a master builder. He enjoyed many quiet hobbies and had a special interest in music. He was several times among the group of St. Dunstaners attending the Not Forgotten Association's Christmas Parties at the Royal Riding School, Buckingham Palace.

He leaves a widow, Mrs. Gesine Pitkin, a daughter, Valerie, and other relatives and friends.

Edmund Leonard Quickenden. *Rifle Brigade*

Edmund Leonard Quickenden of Tankerton, Kent, died on 12th April, 1976 at the age of 78.

He served in the Rifle Brigade during the First World War and was wounded in 1917 by a trench mortar shell. Prior to his retirement, Mr. Quickenden had been employed by the G.P.O.

Our St. Dunstaner's greatest hobby was his garden and greenhouse where there was always a beautiful show of geraniums, begonias, gloxinias and dahlias of which he was justly proud. He and his wife celebrated their Diamond Wedding Anniversary in July, 1975.

His widow, Mrs. Daisy Quickenden, died on April 18th. They leave four sons and a daughter to whom we express our sympathy in their double bereavement.

Stanley Southall. *Royal Warwickshire Regiment*

Stanley Southall of Warley, West Midlands, died on 2nd April, 1976, aged 52 years.

Mr. Southall served in the Royal Warwickshire Regiment during the Second World War and was wounded by the explosion of an enemy booby trap in Africa in 1944, when he not only lost his sight but suffered severe injuries to both hands. He came to St. Dunstan's in May that year, a month prior to his discharge from the Army. Although his disabilities precluded him from following an occupation, our St. Dunstaner had a period of training with us in 1944/45 and then returned home to enjoy a happy and contented life with his family.

He was a familiar figure at the Lee-on-Solent Camp, where he could be found participating on the sports field, at our Handless Reunion and he was a loyal supporter of the Midland Club.

He leaves a widow, Mrs. Ivy Southall, and four children.

Walter Tremble. *Royal Army Service Corps*

Walter Tremble of Knaresborough, died in hospital on 15th March, 1976 at the age of 82.

He enlisted in July, 1916 and served in the Royal Army Service Corps until he was wounded at Ypres in 1917. He came to St. Dunstan's the following year and trained as a mat maker, an occupation he carried out for our Stores Department until 1965 in spite of the fact that he did not always have good health.

Over the years Mr. Tremble spent many enjoyable holidays with us at Brighton, and Mrs. Tremble always accompanied him on these visits. She died in 1971.

He leaves a daughter, Mrs. Dorothy Brown.

John Edward Walker. *Royal Field Artillery*

John Edward Walker, of Yorkshire, died on the 2nd March, 1976 at the age of 88 years.

He served and was commissioned in the First World War and was wounded at Ypres, losing the sight of one eye. He was a farmer, but had retired by the time the sight in his other eye failed and he came to St. Dunstan's in 1972. His health was poor and he stayed for a time at Pearson House, but returned to his native Yorkshire, where he died in a nursing home.

He was a widower and leaves one daughter.