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Message from the Chairman:

St. Dunstan's Day 1976

St. Dunstaners everywhere will remember that the anniversaries of the deaths of Sir Arthur Pearson and Lord Fraser of Lonsdale will occur in December.

Last year it was decided that we should have a private "St. Dunstan's Day", when we would all remember "C.A.P." and Lord Fraser in whatever way we each chose.

This year I suggest that the 12th December, which is the Sunday mid-way between the two anniversaries, should be kept as our day. I am therefore writing this note in good time so that our overseas St. Dunstaners and friends may join us in thought on that date.

May "St. Dunstan's Day, 1976" unite us all in thankful memory of the lives of our two great leaders.

Jon Earnest-Dune

Message from Lady Fraser:

To Overseas St. Dunstaners

Knowing how difficult the posts can be throughout the world, I am thinking well ahead in order to get my greetings for Christmas to all overseas St. Dunstaners and friends. I do not now send personal cards and I am therefore asking the Editor of the *Review* to print this very early message.

I send you my love and I hope you and your families will all have a very happy time at Christmas and good fortune in the New Year.

IRENE FRASER

COVER PICTURE: Alan Milne "against the background of the ancient cathedral city he has made his home" see "Ways of Life" on centre pages.

MR. G. P. OWENS

Several St. Dunstaners have written to me asking me to open a Presentation Fund for Mr. Owens upon his retirement, which takes place at the end of October. I shall be very pleased to act as Honorary Treasurer to this Fund and will St. Dunstaners who wish to subscribe please send their contributions, made payable to St. Dunstan's, to me at Headquarters, 191 Old Marylebone Road, London NW1 5QN.

C. D. WILLS

ROBERTS RADIOS

Would all St. Dunstaners who have a Roberts radio please note that it is now possible to have it serviced locally (after the initial twelve months' guarantee period has expired).

If you have any difficulty in finding a local firm to do this, the address of your nearest Roberts service depot can be obtained from Mrs. Lefrere at Men's Supplies, Headquarters.

BRIDGE INSTRUCTION WEEKEND

Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Connell and Mrs. Field will be the Instructors at the Bridge Instruction Weekend for beginners and more advanced players, to be held at Ian Fraser House from Friday, 12th November, to Sunday, 14th November, 1976.

If you wish to attend, will you kindly advise Miss Bridger, the Bookings Clerk at Headquarters.

WINTER INDOOR SPORTS

Would all St. Dunstaners wishing to enter in the Winter Indoor Sports, mentioned in the last issue of the *Review*, please make application to me for entry form and details of events not later than October 15th.

JOCK CARNOCHAN

Note From Pensions Officer

When a St. Dunstaner enters hospital and is likely to remain an in-patient for a while, would he please arrange for his Pension Order Book to be sent to our Commandant and not to D.H.S.S. Blackpool.

L. A. SLADE

TRIBUTE

J. SWALES, M.B.E., M.C.

A formal obituary for Joe Swales, Saltburn-by-Sea, who died on the 31st August, appears in this *Review*, but readers may also like to read the following references to this outstanding First War St. Dunstaner:

The Cremation Service in Middlesbrough was attended by a large crowd of mourners, including Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Fletcher, of Billingham, who represented St. Dunstan's and all St. Dunstaner friends. The Reverend Michael R. Corney said: "We give thanks for his life and service to the community and to his family. The gift of human life is God's greatest gift to the world and the qualities of Joseph Swales gave many people cause for thanksgiving. We pray that his family and friends may find strength and courage from their memories of him."

Mrs. Nora Airey, who was Joe's companion for many years and frequently escorted him to St. Dunstan's Reunions, asks us to convey her deep appreciation for all the kind enquiries and sympathy she has received and writes: "A kinder friend and companion than Mr. Swales it would be impossible to find. I shall greatly miss him. He was always proud to be connected with St. Dunstan's and to attend the various functions and to meet many very good friends."

PROFESSOR K. H. C. McINTYRE

Congratulations to Ken McIntyre, of Durban, who has been appointed for a second term of office as Dean of the Faculty of Arts at Natal University. He was first appointed Dean for two years from October, 1974, and this year was asked whether he would accept a second term; he agreed but for one further year only, as he feels that three years is long enough!

Congratulations also to Ken and Billie on the birth of their first grandchild, a girl, Claire Lynne, born to their daughter, Alison, and her husband.

REUNIONS

LONDON TWO

The eleventh and last of the 1976 regional Reunions was held at the Hotel Russell on Saturday, 10th July. There were 17 St. Dunstaners from the First World War, 69 from the Second World War and 3 Post War men.

All together 206 people sat down to lunch and we were delighted to have with us Lady Ellerman, in addition to retired members of the staff, Mr. Lloyds, Mr. Ferguson, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Smith, and Mr. Townsend.

The arrangements were in the capable hands of Miss Davis, who was assisted by Miss Newbold. The St. Dunstaners came mainly from Central London, but others from the Home Counties and even further afield.

Our Chairman, Mr. Ion Garnett-Orme, presided at the Reunion and he was accompanied by his wife. In his speech after lunch, Mr. Garnett-Orme said: "I welcome you all, especially those St. Dunstaners who are attending their first Reunion: these are Mr. A. B. Coveney of Dover and Mr. G. W. Pullen of Leigh-on-Sea. We are also delighted to have with us from Northern Ireland Mr. Leggett of Bangor, and Mr. Scott of Belfast, and from Melbourne Mr. Westaway, who is Assistant Director of the Royal Guide Dogs Association of Australia.

"It gives me special pleasure to tell you that Lady Ellerman is with us this afternoon. She is well-known to most of you, but I would like to tell our recently joined St. Dunstaners that she and her late husband, Sir John, have been outstanding helpers of St. Dunstan's in every possible way for many years. As well as her interest in St. Dunstan's here, Lady Ellerman is an active member of the Board of Directors of St. Dunstan's (South Africa), and her charm and presence here today will add much to the enjoyment of our Reunion".

Mr. Garnett-Orme next referred to the retired members of the staff who were present and those still serving, saying that their experience would be available for St. Dunstaners to talk about any problems which were worrying them.



Miss Phyllis Rogers with Vera Kemmish.

Saying that Lady Fraser could, unfortunately, not be at the Reunion, Mr. Garnett-Orme assured his listeners that the personal attention which she takes in everyone was just as keen as it always had been.

"Miss Rogers," said our Chairman, "retired officially at the end of the year, but she has kindly stayed on with us on a part-time basis until the end of July so, although this is the last Reunion which she will be attending in a semi-official capacity, we hope we shall see her often in the future. We hope she will come as a long-standing friend and helper. Miss Rogers has been with us eighteen years, and to say that she will be sadly missed by us all is very much an understatement. Working hours have meant nothing to her, because she has been determined to give her personal attention to the affairs of every St. Dunstaner for whom she has been responsible. St. Dunstaners have shown their deep appreciation by giving her a camera and a magnificent cheque. We all wish her many happy years of retirement."

The presentation was then made by Vera Kemmish, Leyton.

Mr. Garnett-Orme then referred to the facilities at the modernised Ian Fraser

House, and he recommended St. Dunstaners to extend their holidays there, visiting either earlier or later in the year. He added that there would be another Sports Day held there in the winter. This was because the Sports Day held in June had been forced indoors by very bad weather but had proved to be a great success.

"I should like to say a special word of thanks to the wives and families of St. Dunstaners, and to those splendid friends we generally call escorts, who are here today", concluded Mr. Garnett-Orme. "Their help and assistance does so much to make it possible for St. Dunstaners to continue to set an example to others of courage and determination to overcome their disabilities".

Miss Phyllis Rogers spoke next and said: "I find this a very moving moment in which to say thank you to you all, and I would like your presence to represent the hundreds of St. Dunstaners who obviously cannot be here today, but have all so generously contributed to my gifts. I am sorry that I cannot show you the wonderful radio that has also been presented to me. I feel that all through the winter I shall have every radio programme and I shall enjoy thinking of you, and in summer I shall have my camera and every time it clicks it'll be a St. Dunstaner on my mind. I must say I have been very deeply touched by the hundreds of letters and cards which you've all sent me. It probably will be difficult for me to send a personal thank you to everyone, and I would like to take this opportunity of thanking you now.

"I came to St. Dunstan's on the most appropriate day, November 11th, 1957, and that seemed to me to be a very good day to start work with an organisation for ex-service men and women. I have enjoyed my nineteen years immensely, in fact they have passed so quickly I can hardly believe I am going to retire. I leave regretfully, but I would like to thank all my colleagues at Headquarters and, in particular, my Welfare Visitors. Without the devotion and work of my Welfare Visitors, I could never have achieved one-tenth of the things you all think I've done alone.

"I have had the pleasure of working under the guidance of Lord Fraser, and

anyone who has worked under Lord Fraser cannot fail but be impressed, and I shall leave always feeling Lord Fraser's presence among St. Dunstaners. This feeling has, I think, come through to all of you—and all of you have been such kind friends to me that I know my colleague and successor, Miss Penny Lord, will enjoy her next—I hope twenty—years looking after you as I have tried to do, and I do thank you from the bottom of my heart, and I wish you well, and I thank you for your gifts."

In his vote of thanks on behalf of St. Dunstaners, Charles Bargery, Aston Clinton, said "It is a wonderful thing to belong to St. Dunstan's and, as my wife said during the week sitting quietly in the sunshine beside me: 'I know why we are receiving all this hot sunshine.' I said 'You mean Patrick Moore or something like that?' She said 'No, it's my belief the good Lord wants to turn us all one colour, black.' Well that's a very good thought but, you know, St. Dunstan's is our sun: it shines on us, it gives us many advantages just as the sun does—and when I was down at Ovingdean a few days ago, I discovered that they want to turn us all black, they'd taken away our soap supply."

Turning to Miss Rogers, Charles Bargery said it was very sad to lose all these kind people who are so good to St. Dunstaners, and he went on "Now don't you think that St. Dunstan's is a sun to us, it gives us light and shade, it gives us health, it gives us friends. But you know to say a word of praise about St. Dunstan's, you could search the whole dictionary all the way through and you could not find one word to express what any St. Dunstaner thinks of St. Dunstan's. I mean it. So will you please accept the few words I've said and I wish to thank you all, every one of you in St. Dunstan's, the staff, on behalf of our boys, and we are a shocking lot. I would like to thank you all for what you have done for us—and may I couple this word of thanks with the staff of this hotel. It was a very nice meal."

After lunch there was dancing, and much animated conversation among friends. So ended the last of the 1976 regional Reunions.

OVINGDEAN NOTES

As we have not met in these pages for two months, there is much to tell you.

Many moons ago, well—early in July—we were invited by Mrs. Askew, the owner of the Bentley Wildfowl Collection at Halland, to tour the grounds and partake of tea. It was a lovely day, the kind hospitality warming us even more than the sunshine. During the last few weeks, we have consumed innumerable Sussex teas at St. Peter's Cottage, Wyndham Farmhouse, Gibby's, Tylden House and Smugglers Farm.

The Theatre Royal has been well patronised; the plays presented were *Time and the Conways* by J. B. Priestley; *Murder with Love* by Francis Durbridge; and *Anastasia* starring that lovely actress, Nyree Dawn Porter and the dashing actor Peter Wyngarde. The following week, Mr. "I-wanna-tell-you-a-story" himself, Max Bygraves, appeared with the Kaye Sisters, in a most entertaining show. Another offering was *Dad's Army*, starring Arthur Lowe and most of the original T.V. cast. Captain Mainwaring is a marvellous piece of character-acting, and it was a joy to see so many young people in the audience laughing hilariously. The show continued for four weeks, and judging by the long queues at the box-office, was packing them in at every performance. During the final two weeks of August, the D'Oyly Carte company gave Gilbert and Sullivan fans a rare treat.

Record Concert

There have been many entertainments in the House, and it was so nice to welcome old friends from Pearson House. Mr. Michael Hayes gave us a record concert on 4th July, so naturally his programme reflected America's Bicentennial celebrations. By the time we reached God Gless America and The Star-spangled Banner, we were misty-eyed, and had developed transatlantic accents. Instead of our usual polite enquiry in the interval "Would you like a cup of coffee?", we were sorely tempted to say from the corner of our mouths, "Wanna cuppa cawfee, kiddo?" You will

be relieved to learn that British reticence won the day. Michael's programme was very much enjoyed, and we were grateful for all the time and effort he had obviously put into it. Our indebtedness increased when we learned that he had suffered the loss of his mother only a few days previously. What good friends we have—for while it is comparatively simple to be generous with money, to give unstintingly of time and effort is true generosity.

Other entertaining selections of records were played on Sunday evenings by V.A.D.'s Mrs. Alma Hall and Mrs. Janet Catt. We had a play reading, entitled *A Woman's Place*, with guest-readers Miss Eve King and Mr. Leslie Robinson, and members of the staff, which gave food for thought in an entertaining way. Mr. Peter Larsen treated us to a foot-tapping, finger-clicking evening with his music, which seems to flow effortlessly from his finger-tips, demonstrating the art that conceals art.

Talk on Racing

One afternoon, we had an amusing and informative talk given by Miss Caroline Ramsden. She has written several books on horse-racing, including a history of the now built-upon Manchester Racecourse, of which she was a director. She very wisely refrained from giving us any tips, despite impassioned pleading from some of our dedicated punters. We listened, fascinated, to stories of well-known trainers and jockeys, and much enjoyed the description of the dour Lester Piggott "he has a face like a well-kept grave".

Miss Ramsden's talk was a curtain-raiser to "Sussex Fortnight", which began the following day with the first of our four visits to Goodwood that week. Many changes have taken place there since last year, and we instituted one of our own. We drove straight to the course each day and took our lunch-boxes down to the rails together with the tea-urn. We picnicked happily in the sun, and didn't blame the uninvited guests in yellow and brown for trying to muscle in on our

ample and varied menu. (No dear, not Oswaldtwistle United, wasps). Before the last race each day, a fresh urn of tea was brought down to us by our driver and orderly-of-the-day, and so we were able to get away from the course quickly, and avoid the traffic hold-ups. We really felt that it was all too smooth by half, and that we were bound to get our come-uppance, but so far—so good.

Upon our return from the first day's racing, we were entertained to a concert in the Winter Garden, given by the Sussex Police Choir. Thirty-five good men and true, sporting scarlet blazers, marched the length of the Winter Garden, to warm applause, and they gave us a really first-class concert. The numbers ranged from Gilbert and Sullivan to Mozart, from *The Student Prince* to *The Owl and the Pussycat* and the best of the Seekers. We all had a lovely time, and our thanks were wittily and sincerely expressed by Victor Buck. As the choir marched out, they received an ovation from the large audience, which continued until the last man disappeared. We hope very much that this talented and most professional choir will be able to pay us a return visit.

Charley's Aunt

Other enjoyable entertainments were given by the Nucleus Theatre Group who played *Charley's Aunt* at a cracking pace; and by Mr. W. Wing, who is associated with Radio Brighton. He gave a nostalgic record programme entitled *Down Memory Lane*, with very old records and matching equipment! On Bank Holiday Sunday we had a splendid Old Time Music Hall, staged by the South Coast Entertainers. Numbers made famous by Marie Lloyd, Lily Morris, Florrie Ford, George Robey and Harry Champion were presented in the authentic pre-1914 manner, complete with a very large Chairman, resplendently dressed, who made the candelabra on his table dance with the force of his gavel. The success of the evening may be judged by the fact that at least six of the audience had selected rear seats, intending to sneak out on the 8 o'clock coach, but at 9.30 p.m. lo! there they were, applauding with the rest of the

delighted audience. Harry Meleson, in a short and witty vote of thanks, expressed our warm appreciation.

On Bank Holiday Saturday, we went to Goodwood, but, to our sorrow, the weather was no longer tropical. That evening, we held the Dominoes Tournament. As the popularity of the Whist Drive has waned over the past months we concentrated on Dominoes only, and awarded extra prizes to the winners. They were:

1st	H. Dakin
2nd	Miss B. Simon
3rd	F. Harriss

and to them we offer our congratulations.

And so we came to the final "happening" of the month—the Fancy Dress Dance on August Bank Holiday Monday. As always, brilliant ideas came to the surface at the last moment—brows were furrowed, requests were made for some very odd-sounding objects, and bursts of laughter floated down the corridors. Prizes were given for the wittiest, prettiest and most amusing representations of song titles, and our most welcome judges were Mr. and Mrs. Peter Larsen. Theirs was a most unenviable task and there were so many good efforts that there had to be two eliminating heats. After much thought, our judges selected the following winners:

Miss B. Bell—Greensleeves
Mrs. D. Lamb—Bee Song (with apologies to Arthur Askey)
Mrs. E. Williams and Terry—Walking My Baby Back Home (Terry was a very large and fractious baby—obviously heading for Reform School)
C. Burt—Magic Moments
E. Corbettis—Gone Fishing
F. Harriss—Heaven Must Be Missing An Angel

It was all great fun, and we congratulate the winners. Our warm thanks are due to the V.A.D. staff who gave so much time and thought to the costumes—they never fail to come up trumps. We waltzed, cha-cha-ed, twisted, charleston-ed and

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IMPROVEMENTS IN WAR DISABLEMENT PENSIONS AND NATIONAL INSURANCE BENEFITS

WAR PENSIONS

Basic Pension

The Pension for 100% disablement is to be increased by £3.20 a week and proportionately for lower assessments, so that a private soldier with a 100% disablement pension will receive £25.00 a week instead of £21.80 a week as at present.

Constant Attendance Allowance

A St. Dunstaner with guiding vision at present receiving £4.35 will receive £5.00 a week. The rate for total blindness which is at present £8.70 will be increased to £10.00. A St. Dunstaner with disabilities additional to blindness who now has £13.05 a week will be entitled to £15.00 a week, and a St. Dunstaner with exceptionally severe disabilities, such as the loss of both hands, additional to blindness who at present receives £17.40, will receive £20.00 a week.

Comforts Allowance

There is to be an increase in this Allowance from £3.70 to £4.30 a week for the totally blind and for the Unemployability Supplement pensioner, and from £1.85 to £2.15 a week for the pensioner with guiding vision.

Unemployability Supplement

This Supplement which is payable to those War Pensioners who by reason of their pensionable disability are unemployable, is to be increased from £14.20 to £16.30 a week, and any family allowances which might be payable with this Supplement will also be increased as follows for the 100% pensioner:

Wife or other adult dependant
from £8.40 to £9.70

First Child
£6.88 to £7.83

Second Child and Subsequent Children
£5.37 to £6.32

Invalidity Allowance

This Allowance, payable to those War Pensioners who are awarded the Unemployability Supplement prior to attaining the age of 60 (55 for women), has also been increased. Where the incapacity for work begins before the age of 35 the Allowance is increased from £2.80 to £3.20, where the onset of the incapacity falls between the ages of 35 to 45 the Allowance is increased to £2.00 instead of £1.70, and where the onset occurs between 45 and 60 (55 for women) the new rate is £1.00 instead of 85p.

Exceptionally Severe Disablement Allowance and Severely Disabled Occupational Allowance

Both these Allowances are to be increased, to £10.00 and £5.00 a week respectively.

Clothing Allowance

There is to be a small increase in this Allowance (payable where there is exceptional wear and tear of clothing because of an amputation or for some other special reason) to a maximum of £36.00 a year. (Lower rate £23.00).

Allowance for Lowered Standard of Occupation

This Allowance which is paid in exceptional cases only to a very small

number of St. Dunstaners who receive less than 100% pensions is to be increased from up to £8.72 a week to up to £10.00 a week maximum.

Examples which may help St. Dunstaners to appreciate how the increases affect them personally may be found on page 3, but if there are any difficulties, will they please get in touch with Mr. L. Slade, our Pensions Officer, at Headquarters.

War Widows

The standard rate of pension for a War Widow aged 40 or over, or under that age with children, is to be increased from £17.20 per week to £19.80 per week. The Rent Allowance for War Widows with children increases from up to £6.70 per week to £7.50 per week. The age allowances for elderly Widows are to be increased to £1.95 for those ladies between 65 and 70 years of age and to

£3.90 for those ladies over 70 years of age.

The increased rates of pension and allowances will operate as from the first pay day in the week commencing 15th November, 1976, which means that the effective date of payment in the majority of cases should be Wednesday, 17th November, 1976.

Industrial Injuries Act

The 100% Disablement Pension payable under this Act to employees disabled in the course of their employment is to be increased from £21.80 a week to £25.00 a week with proportionate increases for lower assessments and some of the allowances payable with the Disablement Pension, which are very much in line with those payable to War Pensioners, are also to be increased.

The Industrial Pension for widows which is at present £13.85 a week is to be raised to £15.85.

NATIONAL INSURANCE

The standard flat rate of Unemployment and Sickness Benefits will go up from £11.10 to £12.90 a week for single people and from £18.00 to £20.90 for married couples.

Retirement Pensions are to be increased for the single person to £15.30 a week and for the married couples to £24.50

The Widow's Pension will also be increased from £13.30 to £15.30 a week.

Other proposed National Insurance Benefits improvements include Invalidity Benefit, Dependency Allowances for Children, Widowed Mother's Allowance, Guardian's Allowance, Attendance Allowance and Maternity Allowance.

EXAMPLES OF PENSIONS Employable

	<i>Present</i> £	<i>New</i> £
Totally Blind		
Basic Pension	21.80	25.00
Attendance Allowance	8.70	10.00
Comforts Allowance	3.70	4.30
Wife's Allowance	0.50	0.50
Child's Allowance	0.38	0.38
	<u>£35.08</u>	<u>£40.18</u>
Guiding Vision		
Basic Pension	21.80	25.00
Attendance Allowance	4.35	5.00
Comforts Allowance	1.85	2.15
Wife's Allowance	0.50	0.50
Child's Allowance	0.38	0.38
	<u>£28.88</u>	<u>£33.03</u>
Totally Blind with exceptional maximum rate of Attendance Allowance		
Basic Pension	21.80	25.00
Attendance Allowance	17.40	20.00
Comforts Allowance	3.70	4.30
Special Occupational Allowance	4.40	5.00
Exceptionally severely disabled Allowance	8.70	10.00
Wife's Allowance	0.50	0.50
Child's Allowance	0.30	0.38
	<u>£56.88</u>	<u>£65.18</u>
Unemployable		
Totally Blind		
Basic Pension	21.80	25.00
Attendance Allowance	8.70	10.00
Unemployability Supplement	14.20	16.30
Comforts Allowance	3.70	4.30
Wife's Allowance	8.40	9.70
*Invalidity Allowance	0.85	1.00
	<u>£57.65</u>	<u>£66.30</u>
Guiding Vision		
Basic Pension	21.80	25.00
Attendance Allowance	4.35	5.00
Unemployability Supplement	14.20	16.30
Comforts Allowance	3.70	4.30
Wife's Allowance	8.40	9.70
*Invalidity Allowance	0.85	1.00
	<u>£53.30</u>	<u>£61.30</u>

* Based on the assumption that the St. Dunstaner is over 45 when first drawing Unemployability Supplement.

If a St. Dunstaner is 65 years of age or over, he will be receiving in addition to the above an Age Allowance of £5.50 a week.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

From: Mr. Athelstan Fuller, Hove, Sussex

Upon my recent retirement, it was a great pleasure to receive from St. Dunstaners and staff here in Brighton, a bedside table and ice bucket together with a very useful cheque!

Since, I fear, my sincere thanks may not have reached all those who subscribed to the cheque, may I please crave space in the St. Dunstan's *Review*.

My wife and I have now purchased several much needed items, including a drill with accessories, for all those jobs about the house which I have been meaning to do for so many years.

So, to all my very many St. Dunstan's friends, may I just say a most sincere thank you for helping to make what, I am sure, will be a most happy retirement.

From: George Fallowfield, Worthing, Sussex

I have just pushed the August *Review* aside and scrambled out of bed, and am writing this in a dressing gown, see. That bloke must have had two over the twenty who reckons he saw a ghost as deaf-blind people never see or hear ghosts. There

were two deaf girls going home together late one night and, when passing the City of London cemetery at Manor Park, they saw a ghost in the old bone yard and told others at the club for the deaf, and so other deaf men and women saw this ghost. And in the end about thirty people went to watch one night and saw the ghost, but some of these could *hear* (!) and so, you see, dead opposite the cemetery gates was a street lamp—with the result that, when two trams passed, they made a sharp flickering light on the gravestones that looked like a white figure hopping across the cemetery.

From: Helen Cowdell, Berkhamsted, Herts.

I would like to thank all the St. Dunstan's campers for the lovely travelling clock they gave me during the last camp at H.M.S. Daedalus. I have been a helper at these camps (Stratford-on-Avon and Little Gaddesden before the war) since 1929. It was impossible to thank all the 50-odd men at the time and wondered if you could find room for a few words of thanks in the *Review*.

NATIONAL LIBRARY TO MOVE

The National Library for the Blind is to amalgamate its head office in Westminster and its Manchester branch next year. The whole library will move into a building in Bredbury, Stockport.

OVINGDEAN NOTES—continued

even sloshed. (It's the name of a dance—honest!) No wonder some of us (who shall be nameless) crept about the next morning in a decidedly hang-dog way. When you're pushing thirty, the energy must be strictly rationed.

With that pious and totally untrue statement, we bid you farewell until the next revelations from the Big House.

CONTACT ON TV

Corbett Woodall's career as a TV news-reader was interrupted ten years ago by rheumatoid arthritis. He returns to BBC TV this autumn as co-presenter of a new series for the physically disabled "Contact" which starts on BBC 1 at 12.35 p.m. (mid-day) on 10th October, 1976.

His co-presenter is Jill Lumb. A childhood polio victim, she now teaches in Sheffield.

The ten 25-minute programmes they present include information about services and progress towards integration in the community. The first title in the series has a familiar ring to it: "Does Your Friend Take Sugar?"



IT STRIKES ME

by Magog

Tall Ships

A New York "ticker-tape" reception is usually reserved for the mighty or famous, in fact there hasn't been one since 1966. It must be an unforgettable experience for the few who enjoy it.

For Janet Baker, daughter of Paul Baker, Sidmouth, it was just one aspect of the voyage of a lifetime as a member of the British all girls crew of the Sir Winston Churchill, one of the fleet of Tall Ships which visited the United States as part of the Bicentennial celebrations there.

Some 3,000 crew members in all marched up Broadway but it was our girls who took the eye in their distinctive

uniforms: white dress with sailor's collar in blue, red bow and blue piping, "boater" hat with Sir Winston Churchill on the ribbon. Their alternative "rig" was blue trousers, red blouse, white belt and shoes, and sun-hat trimmed with red, white and blue. As Paul Baker commented: "It is nice to think that one St. Dunstan's younger generation was in the crew and, literally, showing the flag."

"The Birds of Britain" were a great hit with newspapermen and television crews wherever they went in New York, Rhode Island and Boston. The final race was a disappointment for they were becalmed but they won the Cutty Sark Award, for female crews.

Incidentally, for those St. Dunstaners who might like to get the feel of a sailing ship for themselves, the Royal Yachting Association runs a training scheme which has had very good reports. For information, ring Douglas Hurdall, Seamanship Foundation: 048-62 5022.

Long Library Service

Patrick Timminey has retired after 32 years as telephonist in the administration section of the Central Library Sheffield. In this Sheffield Corporation photograph he is seen receiving a presentation at his retirement party.



Disabled Olympics - 1976

by Jock Carnochan

I was privileged to be asked by the British Sports Association for the Disabled to act as Team Coach and escort for the blind section of the British team in the 1976 Toronto Olympiad. The team as a whole comprised 66 wheelchair, 14 amputee and 12 visually handicapped athletes, each section having a Team Coach and two escorts—so you can imagine the organisation involved getting such a large number, plus equipment, on board a D.C.8, each wheelchair case having to be carried to his seat. And on an expedition of this nature it's all hands to the pumps irrespective of what section you belong to, so if anyone thinks that a trip of this nature is a holiday, forget it. But it certainly was an unforgettable experience, and a pleasure to be part of such a fine team.

The games lasted from August 3rd to 11th, and involved 1,700 athletes from all parts of the world representing 50 countries and for the first time the games included blind and amputee competitors. So it is fair to say that the results of these games are the first official blind records in Olympic competition, whereas the World Games held at Stoke Mandeville in 1974 are considered world records as that too was the first time the blind and amputees were involved in World Games—and, make no mistake, the disabled athlete is very much a high standard competitor when you consider that the highest Canadian woman jumper in the Montreal Olympics jumped 1m 87cm and the highest one leg amputee jumper in the disabled Olympics jumped 1m 86cm and these kind of performances were evident in all categories!

Blind Team

The blind team consisted of four women and eight men, two of the men being our St. Dunstaners Tony Parkinson and Ray Peart, who qualified in the trials at Stoke Mandeville, and I would add that there are a few more St. Dunstan's athletes who could have qualified had

they attended the trials. With the coming of Commonwealth Games in two years, the times and distances listed at the end of this report will give them a target to train for.

Our two St. Dunstaners did not win any medals but certainly competed favourably, the best results coming from Tony Parkinson, particularly in the Javelin where he came 4th of 19 competitors just 3cm short of a Bronze Medal with a distance of 26.23m. This can be regarded as the British record in the T.B. section, the blind Olympic record being 32.50m for a standing throw. In the Shot Putt, Tony's distance was 7.50m, the record being 10.97m and in the Discus 16.20m, the record being 20.27m.

Tor-Ball

Other events involving the blind were 60m sprint, T.B., and 100m sprint, P.S., green bowling, swimming and Tor-Ball (or Goal Ball). We have a Tor-Ball team which, incidentally, was beaten by the present Olympic champions, Austria, in Berlin two years ago, Austria's team captain being none other than our old friend Willi Hohm. Unfortunately, Tor-Ball was not contested at the Stoke Mandeville trials, why I shall find out.

Our other St. Dunstan's competitor, Ray Peart, competed in the Pentathlon which comprised Shot Putt, Discus, Standing Long Jump, 60m sprint, and 100m free style swimming—all to be completed in 48 hours. Ray's best performance in the Pentathlon was the 100m free style where he came first with a time of 1m 30.81s but, unfortunately, it wasn't his day in the field events. One should remember that swimming and field events training don't mix and, therefore, competitors contemplating Pentathlon require very special training.

Bill Miller will be pleased to know that the Scottish walker, Derek Howie, who beat him in the trials, was the Gold Medal winner, slaughtering the field of 12 walkers by a 2 minute lead. His time for

1,500m was 6m 31s. Other St. Dunstan's sportsmen who went to Kerpape a few years ago will remember Willie McLeod from Scotland: Willie won the Silver Medal in the men's singles green bowling, being beaten by Bob Farmer, an Australian St. Dunstaner.

Like the Montreal games, the Toronto games too were marred somewhat by political problems on account of South Africa's presence. This was very frustrating for the athletes of the countries involved, who had trained so hard for such a long time and were deprived of the opportunity to prove themselves. Eleven countries finally withdrew, mainly Communist block and other African teams, and one Hungarian wheelchair athlete defected and applied for refugee status.

Hourly Transport

Apart from these minor frustrations, the games generally were very successful, bearing in mind that the accommodation areas were 20 miles apart from the athletic and olympic stadiums, and credit must go to the transport section for providing an hourly service with a fleet of 80 school buses from 8 a.m. until nearly midnight, as the events were running daily from 9 a.m. until 10 p.m. most days. The accommodation, which was at the University of Toronto and York University, was excellent, as was the food, and the hospitality of the Canadians was first class as was shown when the various ethnic groups hosted the teams in their individual communities. The British were hosted at the Woodbridge Golf and Country Club. During the evening the main raffle prize was won by Tony Parkinson—a special wheelchair designed by Lord Snowdon—and, as Tony is not quite ready for using it, he has very kindly donated it to a disabled organisation in Blackpool, who will no doubt find someone who has a real need for it.

Get Down To Training

I would like to conclude by saying that sport for the disabled is growing each year, particularly in the blind world, and I know we at St. Dunstan's have good athletes with many years of competition ahead of them, and my advice is to get down to good hard training throughout the year by getting involved with local

clubs and let's see a few more St. Dunstaners in the next big event.

The Commonwealth Games targets to aim for are:

Shot Putt 11m
Discus 35m and over
Javelin 33m
60 m sprint 7.30 secs. (T.B.)
100 m sprint 11.4 secs. (P.S.)
Swimming: 100m front crawl
1 min. 09 secs.

Footnote: At the recent Stoke Mandeville weekend (September 11th and 12th), Tony Parkinson was awarded a trophy as best all-round blind competitor in the field events.

BRIDGE NOTES

During July we managed to complete the two scheduled Individual games. The one due on 3rd July was played on 17th July, our friendly match that day having to be cancelled. The result was:

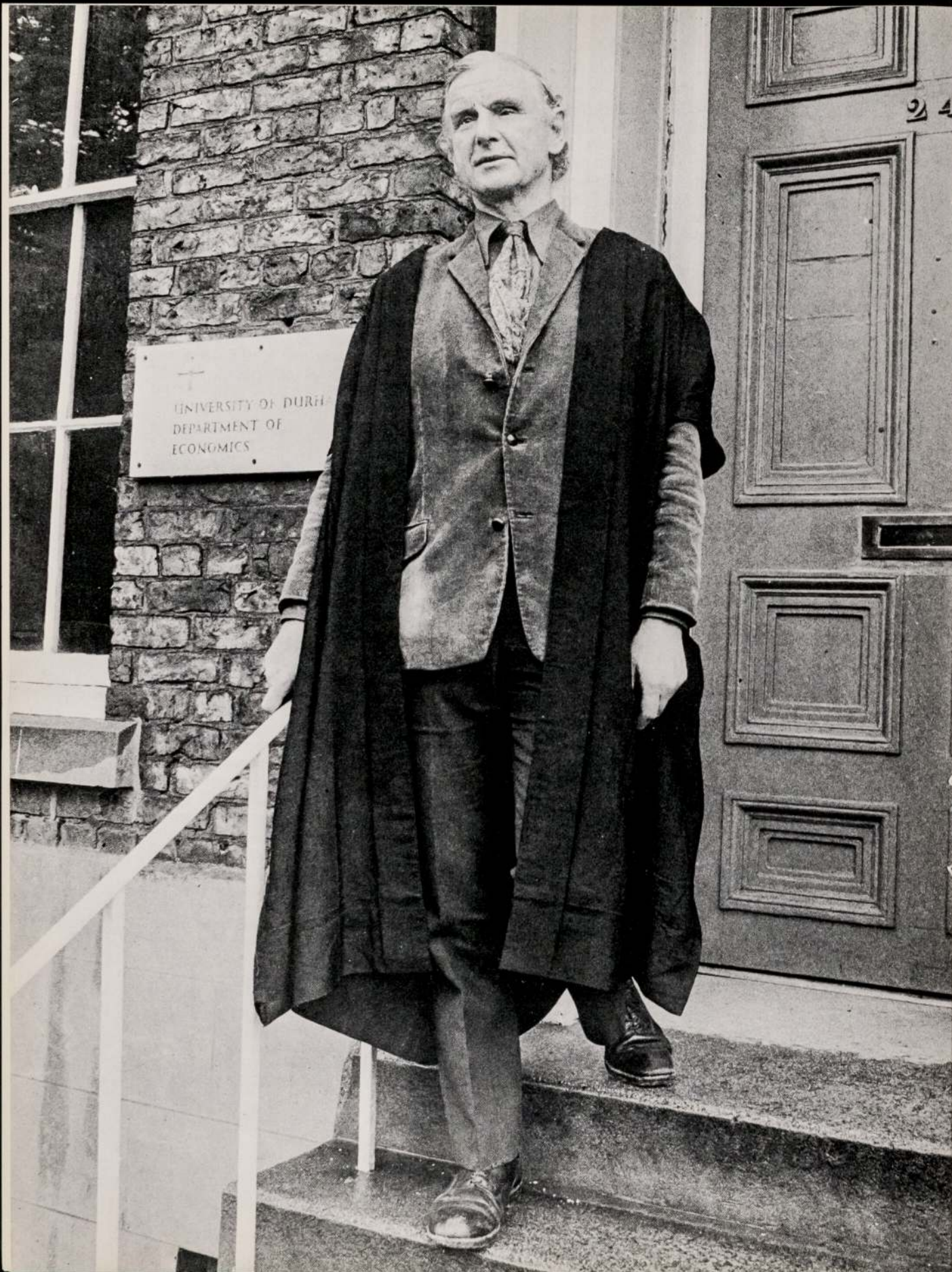
B. Allen and B. Evans	83
F. Dickerson and H. Meleson	69
H. King and P. Nuyens	66
J. Lynch and L. Douglass	61
R. Armstrong and J. Majchrowicz	54
Miss V. Kemmish and A. Caldwell	45

The second matches were played on 31st July, and the result was:

B. Evans and M. Tybinski	69
P. Nuyens and F. Dickerson	69
J. Carney and H. Meleson	68
L. Douglass and R. Armstrong	67
R. Goding and Miss V. Kemmish	53
J. Majchrowicz and B. Allen	52

After six matches the scores are (with matches played in brackets):

B. Allen	410	(6)
F. Dickerson	394	(6)
L. Douglass	377	(6)
Miss V. Kemmish	364	(6)
H. Meleson	348	(6)
J. Majchrowicz	343	(6)
R. Armstrong	321	(5)
R. Goding	303	(5)
P. Nuyens	300	(5)
B. Evans	289	(4)



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CARRYING HIS BAT— Alan Milne

Talking to David Castleton

Alan Milne's early ambition was to become a professional cricketer. "Of course, my family did not approve, and by the time I was sixteen I'd reluctantly decided I wouldn't be quite good enough. It was a significant age because that was 1938, the time of Munich and I think then we all, somehow—my own political awareness dated from that time—were convinced that there was going to be a war and really didn't bother over careers."

In 1940, at the age of seventeen Alan, with a group of his friends volunteered for the Army directly from leaving Uppingham School. "I joined the Artillery first. I was in two Field Training Regiments for about nine months and then I went to OCTU at Ilkley where I learned something about being a gunner as well as playing cricket."

He learned his gunnery well because he was commissioned in October 1941. Later in the war, in November 1943, Alan volunteered for the Commandos. It was as a Captain in charge of a Company of No. 3 Commando that he was wounded just after the Rhine crossing in April 1945. "I was afraid my people were running out of ammunition and I was throwing it up to them when somebody picked me off. I had a bullet wound—left just a tiny scar—it went behind my left eye and out through the right eye severing the optic nerves. I didn't even lose consciousness."

After a spell at Stoke Mandeville, and feeling more or less physically recovered, Alan arrived at Church Stretton in the late summer of 1945. From there he went to

the London Hostel in Avenue Road. "I'd got the minimum qualifications to go to a university—the old Oxford and Cambridge School Certificate and Matriculation. I hadn't worked very hard at school but I'd read a great deal and while I was in the Army I decided that I would like to go to university after the war."

So Alan started at the London School of Economics as an undergraduate in October 1946. He had no particular aim in view, apart from his degree, until his professor, Harold Laski, suggested an academic career.

"He was a very good professor indeed. Not at all the sinister figure he probably appeared as the eminence grise behind the Labour Party. He took a lot of interest in the students. I used to do essays for him, he encouraged me to aim at an academic career and I began to think about this after the first year."

Braille for Notes

Studying politics, philosophy and economics Alan found his typing and Braille, learned at Church Stretton, invaluable. "You needed to be able to type to write essays for sighted people to read and you needed to write Braille notes. Nobody can study anything unless they make notes. That's what you need Braille for, not really for reading. In fact I always had volunteer readers. My wife was one of the first—we met at LSE."

"Then there was a man called Silverwood-Cope, who was a solicitor in Lincoln's Inn Fields, just near LSE. He told St. Dunstan's he was available to read and I used to go round to him. Then a chap I got to know acted as a sort of manager. He put up notices in college and it spread. All the time I was a student I had a list of people who would fill in to read if necessary. Most people read aloud better than they think they can. One must encourage them. I found I was doing as much reading on this basis as most of the other students were. But I had to plan carefully and work to a strict time table."

Alan emphasises that Braille is still essential as a means of making notes on what has been read or what has been heard in lectures. "I tell my own students now, not to take down everything verbatim as students tend to do in lectures. They take down far too much and then



Anita was one of Alan Milne's first readers. Now they read together largely for pleasure.

they are so appalled by the mass of notes they've got that they never read them. It is far better to listen and take at most an edited summary, then try to reconstruct it afterwards. The very effort of re-thinking fixes it in your mind. As students we would discuss a lecture, see if we could sum it up together and that would help us understand and remember it."

During his period as an undergraduate Alan Milne was the only blind student at the London School of Economics. It was clear his sighted colleagues were helpful towards him but was he something of an odd man out? I asked.

"I was 24 when I started. Ninety per cent of us were ex-service and I was just about the average age. Bernard Levin, who was a contemporary of mine, was an exception. He was only 18. I think we helped each other more. Probably I owed a lot to that atmosphere and that attitude. Really I had it very easy and I think the problems of getting used to being blind

and coping were almost overlaid by the problems and interests of being a student. I don't think I was particularly good at being blind, I just didn't have to bother. A university setting, if the other students respond in this way, is easy because you can go around with people. There's always somebody going to the next lecture and there weren't any problems with escorts. You can join in everything that's going on."

To make a good career in the academic field a First Class degree was essential and in 1949 Alan Milne got his "First". "I didn't know if I'd got one or not. I reckoned I had done about as well as I could and I didn't feel dissatisfied with my exam performance. It was the vital step because it meant I could go on."

Electric Atmosphere

"Perhaps I've been making things sound too rosy. There were certainly moments of anxiety and, I suppose, of stress. To begin with as an undergraduate taking your final exams—especially with a great deal turning on it. I always remember when I took my finals, the first day they started at LSE the atmosphere was absolutely electric. I can never remember, even before action in the Army, quite such a needle feeling.

"Then when I was a postgraduate academic jobs were very scarce and we had moments when we wondered whether I would get a job at all. One time in desperation Anita wrote letters to every college at Oxford and Cambridge to see if they had anything, a research studentship or something. This was when I was finishing my doctorate but it wasn't clear what I was going to do next. There were these times when things were uncertain and by then I'd got such a taste for the university life I would have hated to have had to leave it."

The first of these times came after Alan's Ph.D., obtained through a postgraduate studentship at LSE. This was the occasion of Anita's letter writing marathon. However, during his postgraduate studies Alan had met a large number of Americans and formed the hope that he might be able to study in the United States.

"That was by 1952. There were still no jobs but then the possibility of going to America loomed up. There were various

programmes for research students and I tried for one called the Commonwealth Fund Fellowship, awarded by a generous American foundation. They call them the Harkness Fellowships now. They are rather like Rhodes Scholarships in reverse. You are supposed to be something of an ambassador. When you are there you are supposed to interpret the British to the Americans and the Americans to the British."

Alan nearly did not get a chance to do any interpreting either way. "At first they almost rejected my application because they said travel was an important part of this. How could a blind man do it? I remember Anita and I went to see the Secretary of the London end of the whole thing. He had been rather sceptical but anyway after meeting us he was very friendly and withdrew his objection. Lady Pearson, Sir Neville Pearson's wife, got interested at this point and I think she wrote a letter backing me up. Anyway my application went forward to the Committee."

Formidable Committee

Alan was interviewed by a formidable committee which included Lord Halifax and was under the Chairmanship of Sir Hector Hetherington, then Vice-Chancellor of Glasgow University. "It so happened that work which I wanted to do arising out of my Ph.D. thesis was on a school of political philosophy around the turn of the century and Sir Hector had been a junior member of this school. I remember him saying, 'Well, I used to think about these things, tell me about it.' So I was able to tell him and to mention his book which was written some time before the First World War.

"This work eventually materialised, ten years later, as a book called, *The Social Philosophy of English Idealism*. It was really a comparative study of that school of thought which had been very influential at the turn of the century both here and in America: Pragmatism, an American school of philosophy. Everyone knows what it is to be pragmatic, a former Prime Minister was always telling us that.

"I was lucky and got one of these fellowships. So the next step was America for a year in the first instance with a possibility of staying there for a



Alan Milne makes extensive use of material tape-recorded by his staff.

second. It was a marvellous climax and we were both tremendously excited."

Anita and Alan spent two years in America, at Berkeley in California and at Princeton, New Jersey. It was an interesting period to be in the United States, the time of Senator McCarthy and, in the South, desegregation in the schools. The Milnes experienced it all—they spent 3 months driving coast to coast in a 1941 Chevrolet, "A fine old car, one of the last pre-war models." They rubbed shoulders with ordinary Americans right across the continent. They talked to first generation immigrants, and stayed with a dentist turned uranium prospector. "His wife, who had a nice wit, said, 'From one drill hole to another.'" Alan, who had started out expecting to like America, was tempted to stay but the terms of his fellowship were that he had to return to England for at least two years. "It was our side of the bargain to come home. I missed the cricket anyway."



Professor Milne takes a tutorial class.

So, in 1954, to use Alan's words, "The honeymoon was over," and he started his academic career at the very bottom. He became a temporary assistant lecturer in the Department of Politics at LSE at a salary of £450 a year, soon to be increased to £600.

Alan explained how teaching in higher education is carried out: "The method is first of all the traditional lecture and in many courses there will be two lectures a week. Normally there will be hour-long discussion classes linked to those lectures so there could be 50 people taking a lecture course, or sometimes 200, but they will be divided into tutorial classes of about six or seven. These will be taken, not by the lecturer—he may take one of them—but by more junior members of the staff. Usually a professor also runs a weekly seminar lasting a couple of hours for interested students. It would cover a range of topics which are distinct but have some sort of common focus.

"I attended one or two seminars as a junior staff member and I was allowed to give occasional lectures but at that level you were not given a course of your own.

This was all right for a start but I had the feeling that I'd like to do something I could have a bit more responsibility for. Then the job at Queen's University, Belfast appeared in 1956."

"It was advertised as a lectureship in what was called social philosophy. It also specifically said, to have responsibility for actually creating courses. I taught political philosophy, also quite a lot of moral philosophy, at Belfast I was solely responsible for courses at three levels. It was left to me to do it so it was really up to me to do the lecturing and plan the courses.

"It was very good experience and it was a bit daunting at first. You do get periods when you wonder if you have bitten off more than you can chew—or what is going to happen. The first professor I was under, who is now a professor at Cambridge, and a very good friend of mine, I often think, well, he could easily have been let down. He gave me a lot of leeway and if I had made a mess of it... He would have said he trusted me, I suppose, but I think I would feel a bit uneasy giving somebody as much rope as he gave me."

Alan Milne used his rope to such good effect that in 1973 he was appointed to a personal Chair. He became Professor of Social Philosophy. "In some ways this is sort of a plum thing because you are not lumbered with administration. You are not having to run a department but your work is regarded as sufficient calibre to deserve to be a professor."

Durham Opportunity

Plum job it may be but to Alan Milne it was a plateau and he was not quite ready to stay on a plateau. "I'd gone there to start all these courses and this was a good time to move when things were going well. If this opportunity at Durham hadn't come up last year I might have stayed in Belfast until I retired, especially as I am now 54."

At Durham Alan Milne heads the Department of Politics with the title, Professor of Political Theory and Institutions. His academic field is not quite so wide as at Queen's but he has a staff of ten comprising a Reader, two Senior Lecturers, two Lecturers, near the top of the scale, and four juniors. His secretarial staff number three: His own personal assistant, "A marvellous person with a

great deal of experience in University administration, who at one time was secretary to the Vice-Chancellor and who really knows how the thing works", another secretary and a part-time typist.

He still remembers his first lecture—it was while he was in the Army, "I was paralysed. One is always scared, in the early days, that one is going to dry up and consequently one nearly always has far too much material.

Lecturing from Memory

"I don't use notes as I lecture and what gave me confidence was the very first time I was going to give a paper as a student at LSE. I made Braille notes with the idea that I would refer to them but what with one thing and another I took the wrong notes in! So I just had to rely on my memory and I found it was O.K. I didn't need them.

"Although I like to give a lecture without notes there must be notes for that lecture. I must have thought it out and that means thinking it out on paper. While not having it drafted into sentences, at least I'll have it worked out on several pages of Braille and into four or five divisions, roughly ten minutes each,

The day's work begins in the office with Mrs. Joan McQuillan, Alan's personal assistant.



planning to make the lecture last 50 to 55 minutes. The main thing is you must have prepared it. You must go in there feeling you know exactly what you are going to say.

"There's a story of an American philosopher—it was said of his lectures that, 'First he says what he is going to say, then he says that he is going to say it, then he says it, then he says that he's said it and finally he says what he said!' I wouldn't go that far but I do think you should tell them at the beginning roughly where you are going to go and remind them where you've got to half way through and then at the end you can sum up and say where you've been.

Performance

"In a way a lecture is always a bit of a performance in the sense that you are going to talk to them about something that is systematic for nearly an hour. At the same time you want to make it interesting and you want to have a little light relief. This is the challenge of a lecture. Even if you have done a particular lecture and it has gone well one year, it is like a new innings at cricket, you've got to do it again next year and it's a different group of students and you've got to prepare yourself and be in the same form for it."

Identifying Personalities

The more intimate situation of class teaching poses small problems of identification for a blind professor: "I ask them to sit in a certain order, at any rate for the first three or four times, just round the table so I get a definite impression by voice and by who is sitting where. Sometimes somebody will answer and I ask that person to say who they are. Quite often students are shy and I'll say, 'Well, Miss Smith, what do you think about this?' Often they will then speak up and this is a method of identifying them. Usually after about three or four meetings they will begin to emerge as personalities and I can identify them all.

"This may vary. There may be one or two I just know as names. I know the sound of their voice and that is all. This is one of the reasons why I like to see them occasionally, once or twice a term,

with an essay. Spend a half-hour with them, read the essay and chat with them. Just to get to know them a bit more."

I wondered how students reacted to a blind teacher. "I can only say I have, had, I think, very good relations with the students on the whole. They seem to like my teaching. I am sure I could do it better and I am sure I have been more successful with some students than with others but the great secret is to like the subject you are teaching.

"Never make a fool of a student in a class. At the same time don't hesitate, if someone is simply showing off or just talking too much you must stop them because they are taking up time from other people; but try to stop them without embarrassing them.

People Who Are Students

"They are very much people but they are people who are students. I'll put it this way—especially now, I am old enough to be their parent, my own children are about to go to university, but even when I started I was older because of the war. Be available to them, have them round to your house from time to time. Be friendly and have a drink with them but they are students, they don't want us around all the time. Its important not to push oneself on them outside the formal contact one has. They wouldn't want you to kind of pretend you are a student when you are not."

Alan points out that an element of detachment is necessary because the staff examine the work of the students. "Of course there is always an external examiner from another university for all degree examinations so in the actual decision about somebody failing or passing or what class they get, the external examiner has to have the last word."

I asked whether blindness creates problems in examining the work of a student: "There is the question of marking generally because students have to write essays all the time. Essay marking is straight forward. I simply get the student to come along and read his essay to me and I have a little sort of tutorial with him at the same time.

"In examining, well, you can't ask a student to read his own exam papers back



A student, Miss Jane Grave, comes for advice on the selection of her courses for next year.

to you. Here at Durham I have various secretaries who've been reading for me. I listen to it all the way through, of course I've probably set the questions so I would know exactly what the question was getting at and ninety per cent of the time, one reading is enough. I might want to look at some again or I might want to know what somebody else thinks. A very good paper certainly, because I would think I had better have someone check in case it might reflect a bias of mine that something is particularly important. Anything you think is potential First Class quality you get somebody else to look at.

"There's no difference here, blind or sighted, except that it takes longer having them read to you. This is one thing where you score being blind. The students are quite sure that you are impartial. I always ask everybody reading exams to me not to tell me the name of the person until I have heard the paper right through and made up my mind on the marks for each question. Then I ask who is it? I sometimes guess, but I try not to. It is only if

it forces itself on me because it is somebody whose work I have known quite well."

Professor Alan Milne looks ahead to another eleven years of academic work. Author of two books already, he has two more planned. "In university life you must publish your work. It is a good thing because I don't think you really teach a subject well unless you are trying to contribute to it at the same time. It's jolly hard work, actually, working something out which will stand up in print to the really tough criticism which your colleagues at other universities will give you.

"It took me a hell of a sweat to write my first book. One is one's own severest critic and one's wife is a very good help—a good critic of style. You must certainly write books or articles which make some sort of a name for yourself if you are going to be a professor."

I asked Alan if he was ambitious personally: "I think it would be foolish to say that one didn't like being a professor in the sense that it does mark that you

have achieved something. On the other hand, where my real ambitions lie is in making a contribution to my subject and teaching it well, professional ambitions in that sense. It is sometimes said that we don't get paid as well as other people with our qualifications but we do get much more freedom and much more interest in our lives than in other jobs.

"Teaching is important because in a way it's the whole justification for our existence, myself and other people who teach these essentially academic, not professional, subjects. There's nothing except education in it and without the teaching we would have no role. So really it is the fundamental thing and all the writing I do is related to that.

"Of course, we know the people we teach are not going to be academics. That would be silly. If we were only teaching our successors the whole thing would be pointless. It is interesting teaching people who will go into all sorts of jobs. The value in the work, I hope, is

simply exposing them to a lot of ideas, a lot of ways of thinking critically about contemporary ideas and then something about the history of ideas and knowing something about the history of thought. So that at the end of it they come out able to think more independently, more critically, having some experience of political and social argument and ethical issues. It is not for everybody to do this sort of thing but I think it is great teaching these boys and girls. It's a marvellous life."

Looking at Alan Milne against the background of the ancient cathedral city he has made his home, fitting so well the university life he has chosen and listening to his talk on his life's work, I found myself wondering what sort of professional cricketer he would have made. Not a flamboyant, chancy batsman, I think, more the tough, steady man playing second or third wicket down. The man to get his head down and hold the innings together, surviving the bumpers or the spin. The sort of man to carry his bat.

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.

John Boffey of Whitchurch, Salop, who joined St. Dunstan's in August. He served as a gunner in the Royal Artillery during the Second World War, and after his discharge worked in a hospital until his retirement in 1963. Mr. Boffey is a widower, but he has two sons and two daughters.

Cuthbert Henry Emery of Walthamstow, London E.17, who joined St. Dunstan's in July. He served as a Rifleman in the Rifle Brigade during the First World War and received shrapnel wounds in France. By trade, Mr. Emery was a tool temperer and he continued working until the age of 77. He is married and has three adult daughters.

William Pinder of Peterlee, Co. Durham, who joined St. Dunstan's in August. He served with the Durham Light Infantry during the First World War and was wounded at Ypres in 1915. He is married and has two step-children.

Charles Riches of Frimley Green, Surrey, who joined St. Dunstan's in August. He served as a Corporal with the 8th Btn. Royal Fusiliers during the First World War and was injured at Loos in 1915. Mr. Riches was formerly a Steward in a Workingmen's Club and, although now retired, continues with a considerable amount of local voluntary work with the assistance of his wife. Prior to his connection with the Workingmen's Club, Mr. Riches had his own military outfitting business. Mr. and Mrs. Riches have three adult children, one son and two daughters.

James Taylor of Penwortham, Preston, who joined St. Dunstan's in August. He served with the Kings Liverpool Regiment in the First World War and was wounded at Armentieres in 1917. Mr. Taylor is married and has two daughters.

From: John Sugden, Pearson House

Some people say that prayers are in vain,
But we have prayed and for sure it brought the
rain,

Now if you find things start to rust,
That is better than the Earth going to dust,
Though the weather can be so underhand,
It should in a dry spell turn the shingles on the
beach into sand,

But now the ground has had some rain,
All the plants can breathe again.



Brenda, daughter of Harold Earnshaw, married Corporal Robert Bradshaw, R.A.F. Police Flight, on July 3rd. Brenda is a corporal in Princess Mary's Royal Air Force Nursing Service.

CLUB NEWS MIDLAND

Our July meeting, held on the 11th of the month, was another quiet one, due once again to holidays, etc. Even though there may not be many members present, there always seems plenty to talk about and this meeting was no exception. The tea was arranged by Mrs. Sallie Bilcliff, another lovely home made spread. We all enjoyed it very much and thanked Sallie in our usual manner.

August 8th was the date of our next get together. This one was better, a larger attendance and more going on. The final of the Sir Arthur Pearson competition was played off between Tom O'Connor and Eddie Hordyniec. This was a real nail-biting marathon: Eddie had just returned from a holiday in Russia and, whilst studying his dominoes, he was busy puffing at Russian cigarettes which he had brought back with him but, eventually, through the clouds of smoke haze, Tom O'Connor emerged as the lucky winner. Well done, Tom.

We had thought of going to Church Stretton in August for a half day outing, but we decided at this meeting to cancel this idea and concentrate on our usual outing to Stratford, which is to be on Sunday, 3rd October.

The tea for this meeting was prepared by Mrs. Elizabeth Tomporowski, and this was another fine home made spread with

many lovely tit-bits. We all thanked her for a beautiful spread. Well done, Elizabeth.

We were all shocked to hear of the sudden death of Mrs. Barbara Kibbler, the wife of our chairman, Joe Kibbler. Barbara had been attending out club meetings for many years, in fact she was at our July meeting. She was admitted to hospital on Thursday, 15th July and passed away on 22nd July. A number of members, with their wives, attended her funeral on Thursday, 29th July, and flowers were laid on behalf of the Midland club.

Barbara always enjoyed club meetings and looked forward to all of our outings. She was with us at Symonds Yat at the beginning of July and thoroughly enjoyed herself. Joe has been club chairman since we moved to our present premises, and Barbara brought him along on the bus through all kinds of weather to make sure that they should not miss a meeting. We shall all miss her very much, and we all offer Joe and his family our deepest sympathy.

We were all very pleased to see Joe at the August meeting, and are delighted that he intends to carry on as our chairman.

*DOUG CASHMORE
Secretary*

**THE ST. DUNSTAN'S LONDON
SOCIAL, CULTURAL AND
EDUCATIONAL CLUB**

The winners of our weekly Dominoes matches during July were:

1st July	1st	W. Miller
	2nd	C. Hancock J. Majchrowicz
8th July	1st	C. Hancock
	2nd	J. Majchrowicz
15th July	1st	W. Miller
	2nd	J. Majchrowicz
29th July	1st	R. Armstrong M. Sheehan P. Nuyens

The Mystery Outing

On Saturday, 24th July, a party of us met at Headquarters eager to know what the mystery outing contained. We boarded the coach at 4.30 p.m. and off we went, keenly following the direction the coach was taking, trying to anticipate the chosen theatre. We finally arrived at the Mermaid Theatre. The show *Some of my Best Friends are Husbands* was excellent and fully enjoyed by all, which was obvious by the bursts of laughter throughout. After the show, we proceeded to the Mermaid restaurant, where we received a warm welcome, with a very nice meal awaiting us. They had certainly done their stuff, and we were expected to do ours, which we did in a very hearty way. The meal over, we again boarded the coach, wondering what now?

We arrived at the Tower of London at the stroke of 9.30 p.m., being met by one of the escorts to the Master of the Queen's Keys, who then gave us full details of what was to happen regarding the nightly ceremony of The Queen's Keys and going into the history of the Tower, which was very interesting. At 10 p.m. the Last Post was sounded, then we all trooped back to the coach, thankful that we had not missed such an outing. Everyone agreed it had all been well planned, and the air of mystery undoubtedly added to the enjoyment. We are now eagerly looking forward to the next one.

Thank you, Paul and Roy, and not forgetting Ian for all his help.

LES DOUGLASS

**BRIGHTON SOCIAL AND
SPORTS CLUB**

Our two dances held on 11th July and 14th August were again well attended and it was very nice to have our Group, The Compact 3, playing for us once again. Please note our next dance is on 9th October.

The Whist and Domino Aggregates are now coming to a close as we are nearing the end of our first year.

We spent a most enjoyable day on 1st September at the Royal Horticultural Society's Gardens at Wisley, when 45 members sat down to an excellent meal in the restaurant after a tour of the Gardens. Several members enjoyed chatting to the gardeners, who were most helpful and gave useful hints for our own small gardens.

I would like to thank the Entertainment Committee for all their hard work and support on the Outing.

BOB OSBORNE

BOWLING CLUB REPORT

The outdoor bowling season has come to an end, it has been a marvellous year, the weather has been perfect for bowling and St. Dunstons bowling club has had a very full and active year. We have attended 16 away matches, which have taken us into 3 counties. We have also maintained our bowling every week at St. Anne's Gardens where we have run a competition every week, the prizes for this will be awarded at the Christmas Dance.

We are looking forward to our indoor session at the King Alfred, and Ian Fraser House where we hope to entertain some of the clubs we have visited in the summer.

My thanks to all the committee members wives and voluntary helpers, for their support throughout the outdoor season.

TED FREARSON
Chairman and Captain

Dominoes Aggregate, August 1976

1st	H. Preedy
	W. Burnett
	C. Walters
	Mrs. J. Walsh

The Aggregate score for September will finish this competition. Results will be put on the notice board and prizes given at the Christmas dance with other competition prizes.

Whist Aggregate Scores

11th August, 1976

Ladies

1st	Mrs. B. Griffiths
2nd	Mrs. M. Crabtree
3rd	Mrs. P. Lethbridge

Gentlemen

1st	W. Burnett
2nd	P. McCormack

*Mrs. E. M. Dodgson

*Not a misprint, shortage of men players.

11th September, 1976

Ladies

1st	Mrs. P. Lethbridge
2nd	Mrs. J. Aldridge
3rd	Mrs. H. Webster Mrs. B. Griffiths

Gentlemen

1st	R. Bickley
2nd	H. Preedy A. Smith
3rd	W. Holmes

BRIDGE SECTION

Our seventh pairs match was held on Saturday, 17th July. The winners were:

North-South

Miss B. Simon and	
Miss Sturdy	92

East-West

J. Padley and Mrs. Green	103
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A match against a team of eight from Whiteways Bridge Club on 25th July resulted in a win for St. Dunstan's.

Our Summer Drive was held on 1st August. There was a good turnout, eight tables in all. Thanks to Matron Blackford for kindly presenting the prizes and thanks once again to Bob Goodlad for all his help. Our prize winners were:

1st	M. Tybinski and Mr. Palmer
2nd	J. Padley and Mrs. Padley
3rd	A. Smith and Mrs. Smith

On 7th August we held our sixth Brighton individual, with the following results:

M. Tybinski and W. Lethbridge	66
J. Padley and C. Walters	66
P. McCormack and A. Smith	65
R. Fullard and Miss B. Simon	64
W. Phillips and W. Burnett	59
F. Griffiee and W. Scott	58

The winners of our eighth pairs match, on 22nd August, were:

North-South

Miss B. Simon and	
Miss Sturdy	129

East-West

R. Fullard and	
Mrs. McPherson	129

WALTER LETHBRIDGE

FISHING SECTION

On Friday, 20th August, members aboard "Pisces" had a most successful day. Catches included some fine pollack 6-8 lbs. using Red Gill lures.

On Friday, 3rd September, aboard "My May", the weather was fine but catches were small consisting mainly of dabs. The Club Trophy awarded to the member who catches the "Heaviest Fish" has been purchased and will be presented to the winner at the Club Christmas Dance.

From: George Fallowfield, Worthing, Sussex

When we were at Tahiti, my wife said to me "There's two men over there been fishing and they are both carrying the fish home". "Suppose they are," I said without much interest and, seeing I had misunderstood her, she added "They are both carrying the same fish." "Blimey!" I exclaimed, waking up, "How big is it?", and a man standing near us, hearing the question, said "Ten to twelve feet long." And so I read our reports on the Fishing Club with much interest, as I thought anglers were good at telling stories about the fish they have caught and I noticed one bloke caught a fish weighing 15 lbs. and think our anglers might also have some of their trophies stuffed and put into glass cases, and hung round the lounge at Ovingdean so visitors could see the results of their labours.

Fishing: October 23rd to 26th

Would all those St. Dunstaners who booked at the beginning of this year for this session, please confirm their intention to attend not later than October 10th.

JOCK CARNOCHAN

FAMILY NEWS

Marriages

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Chadwick of Fareham, are pleased to announce that his daughter, Lilian, was married to Peter Anthony Hill on 10th July at Standish, Lancashire.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Fulling of Sheffield, are pleased to announce that their son, Stuart, was married on 7th August to Sally Fell at St. John's Church, Ranmoor, Sheffield.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Hedges of Bexley, Kent, are pleased to announce that their son, Anthony John, was married to Helen Annetts on 31st July, at the Village Church, Swanley, Kent.

Mr. Raymond Sandiford of Bolton, is pleased to announce that his daughter, Anne, was married to Gareth Catterson on 26th June.

Mrs. Evelyn Shirlaw, widow of our St. Dunstaner *John Shirlaw*, is pleased to announce the marriage of her daughter, Anne, to Andrew Adam on 10th July at Canterbury.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond John Vowles of Portsmouth, are pleased to announce that their daughter, Julie, was married to Geoffrey Rich on 4th September, in the Church of St. Nicholas, Portsmouth.

Mr. Christopher Charles Williams, of Beckenham, is pleased to announce the marriage of his son, Adrian, to Pamela Ann Mead on 11th September, at the Church of St. Mary the Virgin, Christchurch.

Silver Weddings

Congratulations to:

Mrs. Brenda Bates and her husband, Dennis, who celebrated their Silver Wedding Anniversary on 28th July.

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Frith of High Wycombe, who celebrated their Silver Wedding Anniversary on 28th July.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Gallagher of Blackpool, who celebrated their Silver Wedding Anniversary on 25th August.

Ruby Weddings

Many congratulations to:

Mr. and Mrs. James Cooper of South-sea, who celebrated their Ruby Wedding on 12th September.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Howard of Worthing, who celebrated their Ruby Wedding on 2nd July.

Mr. and Mrs. Alan Hold of Yeovil, who celebrated their Ruby Wedding on 29th August.

Mr. and Mrs. Reginald Parish of Littlehampton, who celebrated their Ruby Wedding on 10th October.

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Petherick of Keighley, who celebrated their Ruby Wedding on 14th August.

Golden Weddings

We warmly congratulate:

Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Livermore of Surbiton, who celebrated their Golden Wedding on 20th August.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Patience, who celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary on 24th May.

Grandchildren

Congratulations to:

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Butler of Southampton, on the birth of their second grandchild on 15th June, a son, Paul Anthony Butler for their son and daughter-in-law, John and Rosemary.

Mr. and Mrs. George Cattell of Althorpe, Northampton, on the birth of their first grandchild, a girl, Hayley Jane, born on 20th July to their daughter Lesley and her husband Philip Purser.

Mr. and Mrs. John Cowan of Boreham Wood, on the birth of their grandson, Andrew Nathan, to their daughter Linda and son-in-law Dennis on 24th July.

Mrs. Vi Delaney of Liverpool, on the birth of a great-niece, Porsha Lee, born on 12th July in Vancouver, Canada, to Mrs. Gauthier, daughter of the late *Edward Ward*.

Mr. and Mrs. Alan Hold on the birth of their seventh grandchild, a daughter for his eldest son.

Mr. and Mrs. John Loach of Dudley, West Midlands, on the birth of their third grandchild, Paul, on 5th February 1976, to their son Robert and his wife.

Mr. and Mrs. John Muir of Blackpool on the birth of their second grandchild, Gavin Peter, born on 17th February to their son Robert and daughter-in-law Janette.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Nabney of Belfast, of the birth of a grand-daughter, Dawn, born on the 30th July to their daughter Marjorie and her husband Andrew. Although the baby was born prematurely, she is making excellent progress.

Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Sheehan of Wanstead, on the birth of a grand-daughter, Kerry Ann, born on 15th August in Malta to their son, Kevin, and daughter-in-law Susan.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Smith of Shefford, on the birth of their first grandchild, Helen Dawn, born on 16th July to their daughter Catherine and her husband John.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Springell of Castleford, Yorkshire, on the birth of their first grandchild, James Springell, on 2nd April.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Waters of East Bergholt, on the birth of a grandson, Simon Paul, born on 16th July to their son Paul and daughter-in-law Patsy.

Great Grandchildren

We warmly congratulate:

Mr. Cecil Headland on the birth of his second great grandchild, Tracey Ann. She was born on 14th July.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Cox of Egham, on the birth of their first great grandchild

born on 16th June, a son, Wayne Barry, for their eldest grand-daughter and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Barry Irvine.

Mr. Arthur Rowe of Newcastle, on the birth of a great-grandson, Andrew Paul Walters, born on 9th April to one of his grand-daughters.

EXAMINATION AND CAREER SUCCESSES

We warmly congratulate:

Paul Allen, son of our St. Dunstaner *William Allen* of Farnborough, who has graduated from Oxford with a First Class Honours degree in Jurisprudence. He goes to Guildford Law School next, and hopes to go to Harvard later on.

David Bagwell, son of *Mr. and Mrs. Philip Bagwell* of Salisbury, who has just obtained an Upper Second B.Sc. in Electronics.

Philip Booth, son of Mrs. Peggy Booth and the late *Mr. Peter Booth* of Somerton, who has passed five "O" levels.

Michael Donald, 18-year old son of *Mr. and Mrs. Roman Donald* of Hove, who has signed a contract with Sussex County Cricket Club as a second eleven player. Michael will be going to university in the Autumn of 1977.

Linda Filby, daughter of Mrs. Lily Filby and the late *Mr. William Filby* of London S.W.16, who has passed with Honours her Gold S.T.A. for swimming.

Brian Jones, son of *Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Jones* of Manchester, who has obtained an Upper Second B.Sc. in Physics from Guildford University. Brian is now working with Plessey's in Havant as an assistant engineer in the Radar Research Department.

Edward Jinks of Oldham, who won four Silver Medals for running at Kirkby, Liverpool, from B.S.A.D. when representing the Morecambe and Lancaster Disabled Club.

Christopher Mortimer, son of *Mr. and Mrs. George Mortimer* of Home, who has just got his B.Sc. (Econ.) at London University. He achieved an Upper Second Honours degree.

Examination and Career Successes *Continued*

Helen Slater, daughter of *Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Slater* of Canvey Island, who has obtained a Bachelor of Arts degree in art.

Helen Tatchell, daughter of *Mr. and Mrs. Trevor Tatchell* of Cardiff, who has obtained a Certificate of Education from the Didsbury Training College, where she attended a Post Graduate Course. Helen hopes to take up a teaching post in Manchester.

Deaths

We offer our sincere sympathy to:

Mr. George Burnett of Stevenage, whose wife, Florence, died on 25th August.

Mr. Leonard Ellaway of Trelleck, whose wife, Theresa, died on 7th September.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Faulkner of Northwick, on the recent death of Mr. Faulkner's eldest brother.

Mr. Tim Gaiger of Devizes, on the death of his sister, Miss N. Gaiger, on 21st July. Miss Gaiger lived with and devotedly cared for our St. Dunstaner since the death of his wife in 1971.

Miss Una Greenwood of Manchester, whose father died on 7th August.

Mr. Frank James of Hove, whose wife, Winifred Sarah, died on 9th August after a long illness.

Mr. Levi Kibbler of Warley, whose wife, Barbara, died on 22nd July.

Mr. Edward Mercer of Blackpool, whose wife, Emily, died on 5th September.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Patience of Crawley Down, on the recent deaths of her mother and his sister-in-law.

Mr. Thomas Rosewarne of Manchester, on the recent deaths of two of his brothers.

Mr. John Spence of Ballycastle, whose mother died during July.

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.

Marc Harry Albertella. *Royal Fusiliers 4th Regiment*

Marc Harry Albertella died on 5th August, at the age of 80.

He enlisted as a Regular soldier in 1914, and was seriously injured at Ypres in 1915. In civilian life, he had been in the leather trade, so on admission to St. Dunstan's in 1919 he undertook training in boot repairing and, subsequently, mat making. Mr. Albertella had his own workshop, which he operated efficiently for many years until he was forced to retire owing to deteriorating health. He then continued to work for our Stores and, with his usual high standard of competence, supplied them with a quota of string bags.

For four years prior to Mr. Albertella's admission to Pearson House as a permanent resident early this year, he was cared for devotedly by Miss Eileen Haslett of Hove.

Despite many handicaps, our St. Dunstaner retained his interests in talking books, gardening and travel and his cheerful disposition will long be remembered by the Matrons and staff of our Brighton Homes where he was a frequent and welcome visitor.

Mr. Albertella leaves two sons, a daughter and a stepson and their families.

Peter Booth. *Welsh Regiment*

Peter Booth of Somerton, Somerset, died on 21st August at the age of 44.

He served as a Private in the Welsh Regiment from 1950 until 1953 and was severely wounded in the head whilst on service in Korea. Mr. Booth was a prisoner-of-war in North Korea and was admitted directly to a military hospital on returning to the U.K.

After a period of training on admission to St. Dunstan's, Mr. Booth commenced employment in industry, but was forced to retire after a short while for health reasons. Our St. Dunstaner then successfully operated a smallholding for a number of years and enjoyed his hobby of gardening and his greenhouse, despite many health problems.

Mr. Booth was a Somerset man and, prior to enlistment, had been a cider blender.

He leaves a widow, Mrs. Peggy Booth, and two sons and two daughters. Mrs. Booth's sister, Beryl, is married to our St. Dunstaner John Whitcombe.

Albert George Briggs. *Labour Corps*

Albert George Briggs died at Pearson House on 4th August, at the age of 81.

Mr. Briggs served as a private with the Labour Corps from December, 1915 until October, 1917.

Before enlistment, he had worked as a shoemaker and after coming to St. Dunstan's in February, 1925, he was given training in shoe repairing as well as being taught mat-making. In 1926, he opened a shop in which he carried out both crafts for 21 years and even when he disposed of his business, he continued with private shoe repairs for a while and took up rug-making as a hobby occupation.

His wife, Mrs. Ada Briggs, died in 1973 and he was then cared for by his youngest son, Donald, and his family until, in the summer of 1975, he came to us at Pearson House. He also leaves other members of his family.

Robert Britton. *Royal Air Force*

Robert Britton of Blackburn, died on 7th August at the age of 71.

He served with the Royal Air Force as a Leading Aircraftman from May 1941 to October 1944, when he was invalidated out and came to St. Dunstan's in November that year. As Mr. Britton had been a shopkeeper prior to his enlistment, he chose this occupation when he went to Ovingdean for retraining. With the help and support of his wife, he successfully ran a sweet shop in Blackburn for many years and then, in 1966, he switched to selling greengrocery and flowers. In spite of the fact that he suffered from arthritis, Mr. Britton remained actively engaged in his business up to the time of his death.

He found much pleasure and relaxation in playing dominoes and was a popular participant in this game at his local Beehive Hotel.

He leaves a widow, Mrs. Lily Britton, and a daughter, Marian.

Sidney Gobourn. *5th Cameron Highlanders*

Sidney Gobourn of Cheltenham, died on 20th August at the age of 79.

He served with the 5th Cameron Highlanders during the First World War from October 1915 until August 1917. He was wounded at Arras in July that year and came straight to St. Dunstan's.

Mr. Gobourn trained as a physiotherapist and held a hospital appointment for some years, later developing a successful private practice, until 1965 when he retired at the age of 69. Even so, he continued to see a small number of private patients up until the death of his wife in January this year and the onset of his own illness.

During all the years he lived in Cheltenham, Mr. Gobourn was actively involved in local affairs and also served as a Warden at his Presbyterian Church.

He leaves two sons, Peter and David, and their families.

Ernest M. Goundrill. *Northumberland Fusiliers*

Ernest M. Goundrill of Hull, died on 13th July at the age of 87.

Although he served as a Lance Corporal in the Northumberland Fusiliers from July 1909 until September 1918, and was an Old Contemptible, it was not until 1940 that Mr. Goundrill became a St. Dunstaner and then, at the age of 43, he was trained in joinery work. His carpentry was always of a high standard and it gave him a happy occupation from which he derived much fulfilment to the end of his days.

Mr. Goundrill served as President of his local branch of the Royal British Legion and, when he resigned from this post in 1972, he was awarded an Honorary Life Membership Certificate for Meritorious Service. He enjoyed many holidays at Brighton over the years, and we always looked forward to seeing him there in the late spring and early autumn of each year.

He leaves a widow, Mrs. Ella Goundrill, who has herself had to overcome the disabilities of blindness and arthritis, and a married son, Peter.

William F. Halls. *Labour Corps*

William F. Halls of Colchester, died on 7th July at the age of 84, while he was staying at Pearson House for convalescence.

Mr. Halls enlisted with the Labour Corps in 1909 and served with them during the First World War. He suffered a gunshot wound in 1914, which damaged his eyesight, and was discharged from the army in 1919.

He was employed as a Male Nurse for some years, retiring from this in 1952 at the age of 60. During his years of retirement, when he lived with very good friends, Mrs. Denny and her daughter Audrey, he enjoyed devoting a good deal of time to his garden and he frequently had holidays with us at Ian Fraser House.

He became a St. Dunstaner in 1953.

Richard Hobbs. *King's Liverpool Regiment*

Richard Hobbs of Midsomer Norton, died on 25th July at the age of 90.

Mr. Hobbs served in the First World War, when his eyesight was affected by mustard gas.

He was a baker by trade and was able to continue working until 1933, when his slight remaining sight began to fail and he was forced to retire. Over the years, his health slowly deteriorated and, just over a year ago, it was necessary for him to enter a nursing home permanently.

He leaves a widow, Mrs. Elsie Eliza Hobbs. Mr. and Mrs. Hobbs would have celebrated their Golden Wedding anniversary on 28th December next.

In Memory *continued*

Edwin Read. *15th Worcesters*

Edwin "Bob" Read died in Sussex County Hospital on 4th August at the age of 76.

Mr. Read had been a furnaceman in civilian life, prior to enlistment as a Private with the 15th Worcesters. He was discharged in 1917 and came to St. Dunstan's the following year. After admission, he undertook a period of training in clog making and boot repairing. He opened his own shop, which he extended to incorporate the sale of confectionery and tobacco. He continued in business in the Birmingham area until failing health forced him to cease trading, and he moved to the Brighton area.

From then on, Mr. Read's health unfortunately deteriorated and he was a frequent visitor to our Homes in Brighton, finally being admitted to Pearson House as a permanent resident in 1974.

Mr. Read, who was a bachelor, leaves a niece, Mrs. King of Warley, and other relatives in the Birmingham area.

Rupert Seymour. *4th East Yorks*

Rupert Seymour died at Pearson House on 19th July, at the age of 81.

Mr. Seymour served as a private with the 4th East Yorks from June, 1915 until May, 1917. After coming to St. Dunstan's in 1935 he trained as a mat-maker and worked in this capacity for our Stores Department for some 14 years before giving it up to concentrate upon poultry-keeping and greenhouse work, which he took up shortly after the last War. He very much enjoyed his work on his holding but, following the death of his wife in 1957, our St. Dunstaner gave up his own home and lived with his daughter for a while before coming to us as a permanent resident at Pearson House in 1960.

He leaves a daughter, Mrs. Hilda Fearnley and her family, with whom he took pleasure in spending holidays in Barnoldswick and, when travelling became difficult for him because of ill health, his daughter became a frequent visitor to him in Brighton.

Joseph Swales, M.B.E., M.C. *4th Tank Corps*

Joseph ("Joe") Swales, of Saltburn-by-Sea, Cleveland, died on the 31st August, 1976, at the age of 84.

He enlisted and was commissioned in the 4th Tank Corps; he was blinded in 1918 and came to St. Dunstan's in January, 1919. After training, he returned to his former work as a railway accountant with the North Eastern Railway and remained

with the railways in very responsible posts until his retirement in 1956. Very soon after the First World War he became interested in local affairs, especially blind welfare, and played a wonderfully successful leading role in administration, fund-raising and every aspect of public service in his district of Yorkshire right up to the time of his death. He was awarded the M.B.E. in the New Year's Honours List in 1955.

He was a widower, his wife having died in 1963 after a long illness. In recent years he was a regular visitor to Ovingdean and had had a holiday at Ian Fraser House in July. When St. Dunstan's celebrated Lord Fraser's Golden Jubilee as Chairman, Joe Swales made the presentation of gifts to him and Lady Fraser on behalf of all St. Dunstaners. Now his many friends have been deeply shocked to learn that he was severely burned in an accident at his home on the 29th August and died two days later in hospital.

He leaves two married sons and grandchildren.

Eli Wild. *Royal Army Service Corps*

Eli Wild of Rochdale, died on 18th August, at the age of 62.

He served as a driver with the Royal Army Service Corps from October 1939 until December 1940 when he was invalided out. After coming to St. Dunstan's in October 1955 and receiving training, he was in business for a few years, and then in 1970 Mr. Wild became the Treasurer and Organiser of the Rochdale Blind Association, having been an active member of that organisation for some years, and he held this appointment up to the time of his death.

Mr. Wild endured a prolonged illness with great courage and, just a few weeks prior to his death, he was very proud to tell us that his daughter, Cathryn, had obtained a Law Degree from Bristol University.

He leaves a widow, Mrs. Mary Wild, and one daughter.

William Joseph Woodall. *Royal Engineers*

William Joseph Woodall of Edgbaston, Birmingham, died on 24th August at the age of 64.

He served with the Royal Engineers as a Sapper from May 1940 until he was wounded in February 1941. He came to St. Dunstan's in May 1955 and commenced industrial training at Ovingdean in June 1955. He worked in industry until his retirement in 1961, due to ill health.

He leaves a widow, Mrs. Doreen Woodall, and their children.