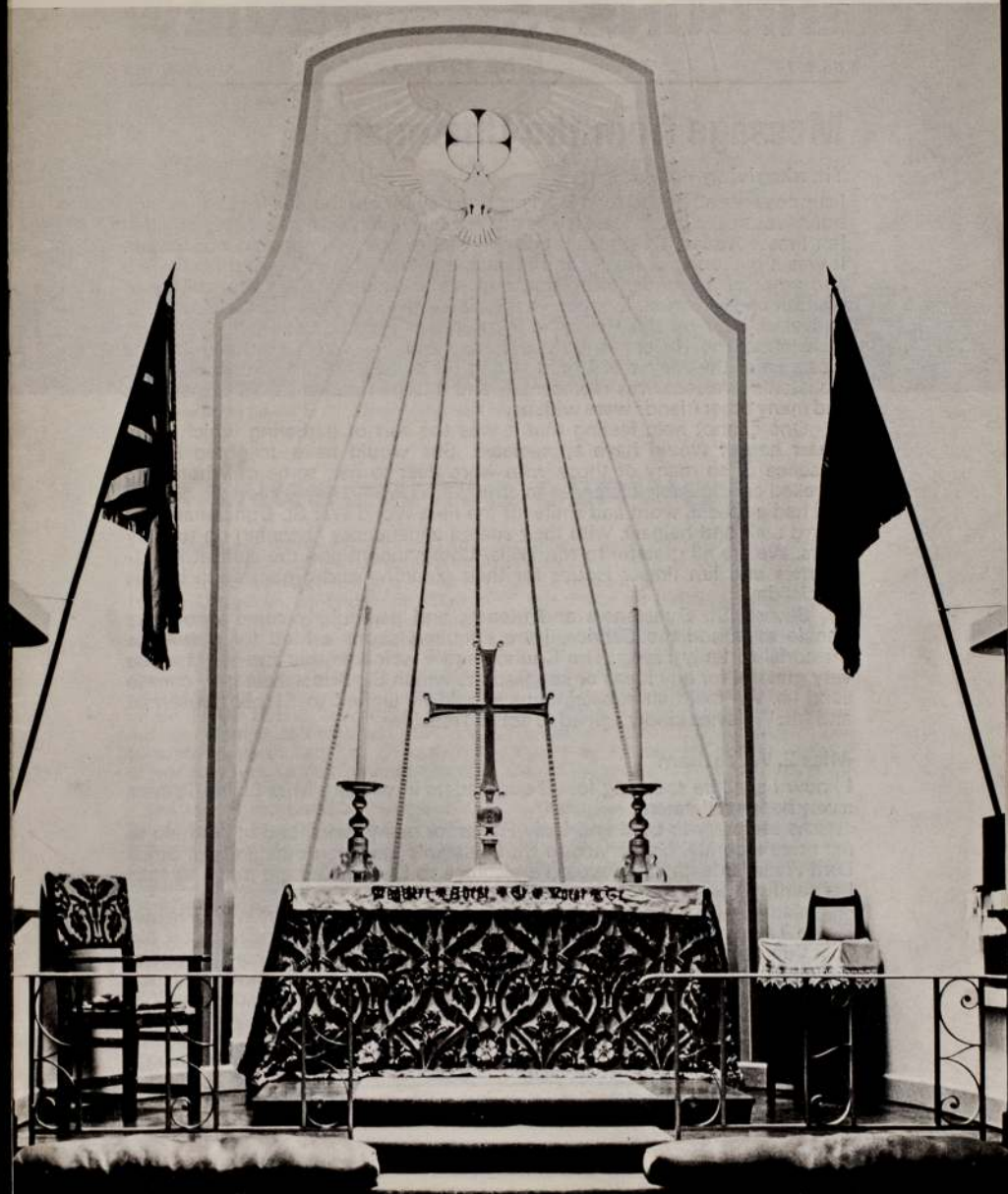


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Message from the Chairman

Thanksgiving

I suppose we all hoped for a lovely spring day for our Service for Lady Fraser, but it was not to be. At least it was not actually raining when we assembled at Ian Fraser House, Ovingdean, and the dull grey sky simply did not matter. It was a gathering of family and friends, meeting in thanksgiving for the life and work of a wonderful person, and we created our own atmosphere of warmth and affection. Everyone appreciated the short Service, led so quietly and effectively by the Reverend W. Popham-Hosford, assisted by our St. Dunstan, the Reverend Dennis Pettit, and we were honoured by the presence of the Mayor of Brighton and the South African Ambassador. St. Dunstan's overseas was represented and a large number of St. Dunstaners and many other friends were with us.

One cannot help feeling that it was the sort of gathering which Lady Fraser herself would have appreciated. She would have delighted in the presence of so many of those who were dear to her, some of whom had travelled considerable distances to attend. She would have greeted everyone and had a special word and smile for the First World War St. Dunstaners and retired staff and helpers, with their shared experiences spanning up to sixty years. We are all grateful to Mr. Wills, Commandant and the staff at Headquarters and Ian Fraser House for their planning and organisation of this special day.

Several St. Dunstaners and friends, and particularly some who were unable to attend the Service, have enquired about a fund for a suitable memorial to Lady Fraser. The Council and I welcome this and we shall be very grateful for any ideas or suggestions which St. Dunstaners may care to send us. We feel that subscriptions should be limited to £1 per household and Mr. Wills has kindly agreed to act as Treasurer.

Miss E. W. Tatham

I know I shall be speaking for all our readers in wishing Miss Elaine Tatham a very happy retirement.

As secretary to Lord and Lady Fraser for many years, and in her help to me more recently, her service to St. Dunstan's has been outstanding. Since Lord Fraser's death, her devoted assistance to Lady Fraser did much to ease her painful illness.

Many St. Dunstaners and staff, overseas visitors and others will have met Elaine Tatham when they came to see the Chairman personally or on big occasions, perhaps at St. John's Lodge or the Houses of Parliament or special Reunions. She has never spared herself in dealing with a vast correspondence and a multitude of queries and we are all grateful for her understanding, energy and kindness.

My wife and I and all Elaine's friends wish her the best of luck.

ION GARNET-ORME.

COVER PICTURE: The altar of the Chapel at Ian Fraser House where the Service of Thanksgiving for the Life and Work of Lady Fraser was held on 5th May.



The scene in the Chapel as Mr. Garnett-Orme read the Address.

THANKSGIVING SERVICE

The Service of Thanksgiving for the Life and Work of Lady Fraser of Lonsdale was held in St. Dunstan's Chapel at Ian Fraser House, Ovingdean, on Friday, 5th May. Some three hundred people, including one hundred St. Dunstaners, gathered to form a congregation which greatly overcrowded the capacity of the Chapel itself and the Service was relayed to the lounge of Ian Fraser House. The congregation included many guests who had travelled far to pay tribute to Lady Fraser. Members of her family were headed by her daughter, The Hon. Mrs. A. E. McDonald.

The Service, conducted by the Reverend W. Popham-Hosford, O.B.E., M.A., formerly St. Dunstan's Chaplain, assisted by our St. Dunstan, the Reverend Dennis Pettit, opened with the hymn "O God, Our Help in Ages Past".

After prayers, Dr. Neil McDonald, M.A., grandson of Lady Fraser and a Member of St. Dunstan's Council, read the Lesson from St. Paul's Letter to the Corinthians, Chapter XIII, verses 1 and 4-13. These famous lines, opening with the words "Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not love, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling

cymbal", were a fitting tribute to Lady Fraser's own life of dedication to the work of St. Dunstan's.

Mr. Pettit led the congregation in the Lord's Prayer and, following the hymn "Fight the Good Fight", our Chairman, Mr. Ion Garnett-Orme, gave the address in these words:

"It is very fitting that we should gather here in this beautiful chapel at Ian Fraser House, and in the building itself, to give thanks for the long life of Lady Fraser of Lonsdale, known to so many of us as our beloved 'Chips'.

"I suppose that a few great people are born in each generation and how wonderful for St. Dunstan's that two of these few, Ian and Chips, should marry and devote their lives to the interests of blinded people.

"In 1915 when Sir Arthur Pearson founded St. Dunstan's, Chips, then Miss Mace, was his personal assistant, and her first meeting with Ian was in 1916 when she brought him, in hospital, a letter from Sir Arthur inviting him to become a St. Dunstaner. Some 18 months later they married and all through Ian's 53 years of chairmanship and afterwards in her

widowhood, Chips has given her love and affection to St. Dunstaners and their wives and families.

"Between them she and Ian accomplished great things in many spheres, most notably in their leadership and guidance of our affairs. Ian wrote of her "She has had more influence over the affairs of St. Dunstan's than any other woman, possibly than any other individual".

"Wherever Chips went she brought light out of darkness and inspired courage and endeavour. We shall all have our individual memories of her help and kindness to each of us. One remembers with admiration her powers of judgement and decision, her true sympathy and understanding, and her ever gallant attitude to life through all her active years and recently in pain and limitation.

"One thinks with deep gratitude of her complete unselfishness and the warmth of her friendship so freely given, as well as the inspiring effect of her natural and quite unconscious bravery and fortitude.

"Again Ian wrote 'Since we have been married we have hardly been parted for a day. She has 'seen' for me in all matters, important and trivial and we have lived happily ever after'. St. Dunstan's too will live on with the proud memory of Lady Fraser's wonderful service to us and we shall ever be grateful.

"Her place will never be filled in our lives or in our hearts".

After the final hymn "Onward, Christian Soldiers", Mr. Popham-Hosford said this prayer:

"Let us thank God for the life of Chips Fraser who, without thought of reward or glory, gave up her days in the service of her fellows: who was both wise and gentle in her understanding and just and merciful in her dealings: who loved all things that were simple and true, and who by the force of her unconscious example, was a strength and inspiration to all who knew her".

Among the congregation were: Dr. and Mrs. A. N. McDonald and Miss Caroline McDonald (Grandchildren), Mr. Peter Mace (nephew), and Mrs. Elizabeth Dacre (sister-in-law). Members of St. Dunstan's Council present included: Mr. and Mrs. Ion Garnett-Orme, Colonel Sir Michael Ansell, Sir Edwin and Lady Arrowsmith,

Mr. and Mrs. Delmar-Morgan, Mr. R. Dufton, Air Marshal Sir Douglas Morris, Major M. E. M. Sandys, and Mr. Duncan Watson (Chairman, Royal National Institute for the Blind) and Mrs. Watson. Others present were: His Excellency Mr. Matthys Botha (South African Ambassador) and Mrs. Botha, Councillor Mrs. Hilary Somerville (Mayor of Brighton) and Mr. Somerville, Lt. Col. L. J. Lewis (Australia High Commission, representing the Blinded Soldiers of St. Dunstan's, Australia) and Mrs. Lewis, Mr. Eric Boulter (Director-General, Royal National Institute for the Blind) and Mrs. Boulter, Mr. Walter Thornton (representing the National Mobility Centre for the Blind) and Mrs. Thornton, Mr. J. E. Ellis representing St. Dunstan's (South Africa) and Mrs. Ellis, Mr. W. M. Robinson representing the Sir Arthur Pearson Association of War Blinded, Canada and Mrs. Isobel Preston, Mr. D. F. Martin-Jenkins (Group Chairman of Ellerman Lines) and Mrs. Martin-Jenkins, Mr. E. A. Payne (Trower Still & Keeling), Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Rice, Mr. K. P. Smith, Mrs. M. Y. Hastings (Sussex Counties Branch British Red Cross Society), and Mr. F. Bellis and Mr. W. S. Hedges representing Clarke & Smith Industries Ltd. There were also many senior members of staff present, headed by Mr. C. D. Wills, Secretary of St. Dunstan's.

A limited supply of copies of the Order of Service used in the Chapel on 5th May are available to any St. Dunstaner wishing to have one, please write to the Public Relations Department.

MR. ION GARNETT-ORME writes: Mr. Geoffrey Stephens

In the May *Review* the Editor included a very nice obituary by a colleague on Mr. Geoffrey Stephens, but I should now like to add my own tribute to the memory of this fine man. His death a few weeks ago was a sad shock to us all and we mourn the passing of a friend, whose work for St. Dunstaners was marked by a complete sincerity of purpose, great understanding and a gentle sense of humour. My wife and I join St. Dunstaners and his fellow staff in offering our deepest sympathy to his widow and young daughter.

MR. GARNETT-ORME—continued

Mr. D. F. Robinson

Mr. Wills is reporting elsewhere on the retirement of Mr. D. F. Robinson, but I should like to add my personal comment. Any St. Dunstaner who has met 'Robbie' through the years—and his connections have been wide—has found him not only a helpful member of staff, encouraging and guiding anyone with farming or gardening interests, but also a wonderfully kind friend. His home visits were happy occasions and he was very welcome at the local Reunions he attended so regularly. We are all grateful for his many years' service to St. Dunstan's and wish him and his wife a very happy retirement in their new home up north.

Mr. J. E. May, M.B.E.—New Zealand

In a recent letter, our Second World War St. Dunstaner, Mr. J. E. May, confirmed to me that he was retiring from his post as Assistant Director of the Royal New Zealand Foundation for the Blind but, happily, he would be able to continue as St. Dunstan's Honorary Representative in New Zealand. We all congratulate him on his many years of very responsible work for the civilian blind and we wish Jim and Nancy good fortune in their retirement. We are delighted that he will continue as our contact with New Zealand St. Dunstaners and their families and friends.

RETIREMENT OF MR. D. F. ROBINSON

Mr. Dennis Robinson retired as Country Life Superintendent on 30th April. He joined the staff as Assistant to Mr. Ferguson in June 1955 and succeeded him in that post in 1960.

At Headquarters on the 2nd May, Mr. Wills presented him with a cheque representing the money donated to him by St. Dunstaners, together with a gift voucher from the staff. Mr. Robinson said that he had enjoyed every moment of his work for St. Dunstaners and he has agreed to continue to advise on gardening and greenhouse matters for the next two or three years, and to write the Gardening Notes for the *Review*.

We very much appreciate the good work Mr. Robinson has done for St. Dunstaners during his 23 years service in his quiet and friendly way, and we wish Mrs. Robinson and himself many years of health and happiness in their retirement.

RETIREMENT OF MISS E. TATHAM

Miss Elaine Tatham joined the staff of the South Audley Street office in December 1958, as Secretary to Lord Fraser. Her service to St. Dunstan's included the whole range of his interests and in particular his Parliamentary work. Since his death she has acted as Secretary to Mr. Ion Garnett-Orme and has also continued and extended her work for Lady Fraser.

Miss Tatham will be retiring on the 31st May from full-time duty after some 20 years of most responsible work and we all wish her good health and happiness in the future.

STAFF, IAN FRASER HOUSE

It is with great regret that we have learnt from Mrs. Dorothy Williams that, on medical advice, she will be unable to resume her duties as Escort and Entertainments Officer at Ian Fraser House. She will keep in touch with us and we shall hope to see her frequently, but her cheerful and energetic presence will be sadly missed.

A number of St. Dunstaners have asked to be associated with any arrangements for some token of our esteem and Commandant will act as Treasurer for any donations. C. D. WILLS

MEMORIAL TO ROBIN BUCKLEY

Readers may be interested to know that sufficient funds were raised to enable six teak seats to be provided for the Wokingham Guide Dog Training Centre, in memory of Robin Buckley.

The seats may be found in the garden, entrance hall and dog run. Each seat bears a brass plate which says, 'In memory of Lieutenant-Commander Robin Buckley, G.M., 1911-1977, of St. Dunstan's, guide dog owner and firm advocate of this means of mobility. This memorial is provided by his fellow war-blinded men and women, his colleagues on St. Dunstan's staff and friends'.



At the first recording of the Spelthorne Talking Newspaper at the Dubbing Theatre of Delta Sound, Jimmy Wright, fourth from right, is seen with fellow committee members, Round Tablers and Lions.

THIS IS THE NEWS TALKING

by Jimmy Wright

Although I should have known, perhaps, what was meant by the term 'Talking Newspaper', I had little knowledge and certainly no experience of actually hearing an example. I know what it is all about now as I started one off on December 1st last year.

National news is no problem for the blind person. Local news, such as the location of new roads, council developments, local entertainment, church services and the duty chemist rota are of as much interest to the blind as to the sighted and enable the former to keep in contact with all that is going on locally.

There are now 150 Talking Newspaper Associations throughout the U.K. and the aim of the Association is to cover the whole of the country by 1980.

Last summer, at the first meeting of the Spelthorne Talking Newspaper, all aspects of the project were discussed. One week later, £900 was raised, which enabled us to purchase 50 cassette

recorders, cassettes and postal wallets. A questionnaire was sent round to all the blind in the area, asking if they wished to receive the Talking Newspaper and whether they had a cassette recorder. Two thirds replied that they would like to receive the newspaper and one quarter had their own recorder.

Whilst fund raising was in progress, we received some very good publicity in the local press which resulted in a number of people coming forward to offer their services as readers or in other capacities. My wife, Jan, asked Jean Rogers, who is an actress on television, if she would be kind enough to audition the volunteer readers and if she would agree to act as one of our programme presenters. Although busy with her own profession, Jean readily agreed and some 20 voice tests were carried out.

The next step was to invite the editors of the 3 local newspapers to meet with us. We discussed how best we could

collate the news items in such a way that they could be easily handled at our recording sessions. In order for the listener to receive his cassette on a Saturday morning, recording must take place on a Thursday night, so that copies can be produced on a Friday. Since the newspaper also goes to print on a Thursday evening, it is a tremendous task for John Hurren, the Editor of the *Staines and Egham News*, to get everything done by 7.30 p.m.

A team of 4 readers record the news on side one and general information on side two. Every Friday morning at 8 a.m., a volunteer collects the master tape from my house and takes it to the Training Centre for the Disabled at Staines. It seemed to be a good idea to involve some of the physically handicapped and disabled members of the community who attend the centre, in an activity which would help others with a different disability. The cassettes are copied and sent

out from here. Each reader is supplied with a plastic disc which he or she returns with the cassette if they are experiencing difficulty with either cassette or recorder. I then notify the service club representative in that particular area. This also acts as a very useful social service.

The success of the project has served to demonstrate the rapid effectiveness of a group of service clubs acting as a team. Within one month of our first edition, additional funds enabled us to buy our first high speed master copier. Now, four months later, we have a second. Our readership has reached 130. Last summer, when the Chairman of the Talking Newspaper Association came to see us about setting up the project, he warned us that it was a way of life because, once started, it was to be a weekly commitment. But I am sure, judging by the many letters and messages we have received, everyone on the team would agree, that it is all very worth-while.

INDOOR BOWLS

Most of the bowlers who do not live in the Brighton area arrived at Ian Fraser House a few days before the Bowls Tournament, arranged for April 10-14th. Micky Robinson Chairman and Captain, with the assistance of Walford Davis, arranged a weekend tournament on a handicap basis, which was to be called, 'Micky's Spring Handicap'. Players were handicapped according to their experience and vision on a knock-out basis. Dickie Brett, who as well as being totally blind is also handless, was the winner. The wood is placed in a ring which is attached to his arm and he then bowls.

The runner-up was Percy Stubbs, who is also totally blind and has an artificial leg. The losing semi-finalists were Alf Waters and David Hodgson, who also received prizes.

This tournament was voted a great success and Micky and Walford were accorded a vote of thanks, as were Mrs. Stubbs and Mrs. Waters for their help with the umpiring.

The prizes were kindly donated by Frank Templeman and Percy Acton.

HORACE BOORMAN

BOWLING NOTES

The indoor bowling season ended in a match with Hove and Kingsway on 21st April, at Ian Fraser House. After an exciting contest, with good bowling on both sides, our visitors won by the odd score. Those who had not been to Ian Fraser House before, were shown round the building.

Our President, Mrs. Elizabeth Dacre, welcomed our guests and then we all sat down to an excellent tea provided by our ladies. Well done girls, for all the hard work you have put in during the season. Thank you.

The Ansell Cup Competition was completed and the winner was 'Micky' Robinson, with Bob Osborne second and Dickie Brett third. Well played lads.

We began our outdoor season on 9th May and we are looking forward to fine weather and some grand games.

We have a good number of away matches for the season and any bowler down on holiday would be welcome to play.

T. MUGAN
Vice-Captain

BRIDGE CONGRESS

by Roy Armstrong

Like the old song—we've been together now for forty years!

May 6th saw yet another milestone in the eventful life of the St. Dunstan's Bridge Club because, on this date, our 40th Bridge Congress began, held this year, as in many years past, at Ian Fraser House. Through the years, we have had many happy congresses and this one was no exception.

44 Competitors

44 St. Dunstaners were present to do battle for the 5 excellent cups and 90 cash prizes. Each of the cups has a history of its own. The 4 cups which go to the winners of the Pairs and Teams competitions were presented to the club many years ago by our Founder, Sir Arthur Pearson, whilst the Individual Champions Cup was presented to us by our late Chairman and friend, Lord Fraser. The Drummer Downs Cup is in memory of Drummer Downs, who was a founder member and probably the most colourful character and Captain that our club has ever had. Despite having to give up bridge playing, he still remained a non-playing Captain. He was a born gambler and so the cup was designed to match his character. For example, it's the luck of the draw as to who is your partner, the luck of the deal as to the cards you get and pot luck as to who you play against. It's a gamblers cup, where even the rawest beginner has a chance. This, I am sure, is Drummer Downs way of saying, give everyone in the club an equal chance.



Triple cup-winner, Vi Delaney, with her trophies.

The other cup is the Alf Field Memorial Cup. Alf was the chief instigator of our club from 1938 until he died 3 years ago and everyone who plays in the St. Dunstan's Club owes most of it to Alf.

Amongst the 44 contestants were 8 new-comers to bridge. Thanks to our tournament director's wife and Nora Field, members were able to have a teach-in and, by the end of the weekend, were proficient enough to have a bridge drive among themselves. In fact, the new members took away about one tenth of the prizes.

Hard Fight for Cups

Whilst the beginners were learning how to conquer the masters, the masters were putting up a hard fight for the cups. Every cup brought out the best in each player and no cup was won easily. For example, there was only one point separating each of the first 4 players in the Individual Championship and throughout the weekend, everywhere you went, you would always be able to hear someone telling someone else their hard luck story. Everyone, that is, except Vi Delaney, who thought that this tournament had been organised specially for her as she raked in one cup after another, winning 3 cups, coming 2nd in the bridge drive, runner-up for another cup and fifth in the teams of four. Congratulations Vi.

Like all good things, those 3 days

passed far too quickly and the battle of wits, skill, concentration and cunning came to an end yet again. After the presentations, speeches and 'thank-yous', bags were packed and vows were made that next year would be different, the same mistakes would not be made and cups would be won.

On behalf of all our St. Dunstan bridge players, we say thank you to all those who made this weekend possible; the markers, the staff, Geoff and his staff of helpers, Thelma for the gifts of flowers and chocs and last, but by no means least, our thoughts went out to Mrs. Williams who, although she could not be with us due to illness, was with us all in heart and mind. To all the other St. Dunstaners throughout the country, this weekend could also be yours next year, so why not make it a date!

BRIDGE CONGRESS

Sir Arthur Pearson Cup
(Foursomes)

G. Lynch
J. Simonds
B. Ward

Sir Arthur Pearson Cup
(Pairs)

J. Carney
Mrs. V.
Delaney

Alf Field Memorial Cup

R. Armstrong
Mrs. V.
Delaney

Lord Fraser Cup
(Individual)

R. Armstrong
Mrs. V.
Delaney

Drummer Downs Cup

P. Nuyens
W. Burnett

Full results to follow.

TALKING REVIEW TRAVELS ROUND THE WORLD

It took one month for the April *Talking Review* to travel to New Zealand and back. It was a great thrill to then listen to the voice of Danny Watkins on the returned tape, as it seemed to reduce that vast distance to a few inches. Danny explained how often the Braille copy was damaged in the post, which made reading difficult.

Frank O'Kelly of Polegate, sent a recorded message about the Duchess of Kent's address, "It was a very charming piece of sound cameo". We hope from time to time to repeat the experience. The *Talking Review* now goes out to 227 St. Dunstaners.

ANZAC DAY CEREMONY

Some three to four thousand people travelled to Cannock Chase Military Cemetery on Sunday, 23rd April, to attend an Anzac Day Ceremony. Representing St. Dunstan's was Joe Kibbler, Chairman of our Birmingham Club. The ceremony was founded when women marched to the cemetery to place flowers on the graves. Although this custom died out for a time, interest was revived in 1973. There were many New Zealanders present to remember members of the New Zealand Rifle Brigade stationed at Cannock Chase during the war.

Long Service and Good Dinner



John Taylor of Hounslow, Middlesex, was recently one of the Guests of Honour at a special dinner given by Fairey Hydraulics Ltd. John retired last year after long service as a capstan lathe operator. He was then presented with a Grundig transistor radio by his workmates. At the dinner, he was presented with a gold watch by the Managing Director, Mr. Everett, in recognition of his service with the company.



Sir Richard Pease, Bt. and Mr. Wills enjoy Jim Thwaites vote of thanks at the Liverpool Reunion.

REUNIONS

LIVERPOOL

There was a better than usual turn-out of St. Dunstaners at the Adelphi Hotel for the Liverpool Reunion, despite the fact that Thursday, April 13th, was a cold, wet day with snow blowing in the wind. 8 St. Dunstaners from the First World War and 27 from the Second attended and altogether, with wives, escorts, guests and staff, there were 82 people sitting down to lunch under the Chairmanship of Sir Richard Pease, Bt., the Member of Council presiding.

During the silent toast, the company remembered Lady Fraser, together with Lord Fraser, Sir Arthur Pearson and St. Dunstaners no longer with us.

Sir Richard welcomed everybody on behalf of the Council and particularly Mrs. J. Harris, an old friend, and 4 St. Dunstaners attending their first Reunion: Mr. Patrick Armstrong from Liverpool; Mr. Robert Dixon and Mr. Albert Peel of St. Helens and Mr. Edward Watson of Barrow-in-Furness.

"This is my own first Reunion", he said,

"And I haven't been on the Council long. I think to satisfy everybody's curiosity, perhaps I should just mention that I served in the last war in the 60th Rifles. My present job is as a Director of Barclay's Bank and perhaps because of this, I've been given the job of joint Treasurer with Michael Delmar-Morgan."

Sir Richard concluded with good wishes to his audience for their reunion, saying he appreciated the opportunity of meeting St. Dunstaners in Liverpool.

Mr. Wills speech brought St. Dunstaners up-to-date with developments within the organisation. He gave statistics of the present St. Dunstan's population, and then spoke of the beginning of a new era, when a majority of St. Dunstaners will have retired from full-time employment.

New hobby services are being developed under the direction of Mr. Norman French, now in charge of the Employment, Homecrafts and Research Department and St. Dunstaners interested in taking up a new hobby should write to him or



St. Dunstaners, Albert Roebuck and Norman Dugdale, await their portions of Charlotte Royale, decorated for the Manchester Reunion with St. Dunstan's badge.

his assistant, Miss Pat Saunders, at Headquarters.

Mr. Wills said that a recent survey of hobbies already being followed by St. Dunstaners indicated that gardening is one of the most popular. Mr. Robinson, although in retirement, had promised to continue to advise and help whenever necessary.

"Our new President, Sir Michael Ansell, is extremely interested in gardening and I am sure we are going to hear a lot more about this very healthy and interesting hobby in the future," concluded Mr. Wills.

James Thwaites rose to express the thanks of St. Dunstaners, saying that it was an honour to be called upon to speak. He thanked Sir Richard for his presence at the reunion and thanked St. Dunstan's staff, particularly Mrs. Ballantyne and Miss Broughton for arranging the Reunion. "Believe me, there's a lot of work in it and they must have worked jolly hard."

It was a day for celebrating birthdays: Charles Crewe, on behalf of all the St. Dunstaners, presented a birthday gift to Miss Moseley, who was then asked to make a similar presentation to Mr. Michael McCormack, outside surveyor, of Edmund

Kerby & Sons, both presentations being made to hearty singing of 'Happy Birthday'.

After luncheon the reunion continued with music and dancing and much conversation, before tea and the prize draw concluded this successful event, which reflected great credit on Mrs. P. Ballantyne, Welfare Visitor responsible, and Miss K. M. Broughton, who assisted her.

MANCHESTER

Two days later and thirty-five miles east, the reunion series continued at Manchester, in the Midland Hotel on April 15th, where 98 guests met under the Chairmanship of our President, Colonel Sir Michael Ansell.

There were 8 First World War St. Dunstaners and 34 from the Second World War attending with wives or escorts.

Sir Michael's enthusiasm always brightens the reunions he attends and in his speech after lunch and the silent toast, he used the examples of Lord and Lady Fraser to illustrate his philosophy of independence for St. Dunstaners.

MANCHESTER REUNION— continued

He broke down the life of a blind person into three periods, he explained, "Firstly, work, and there, I think, St. Dunstaners, thanks to the staff and Lord Fraser, who encouraged them, and now Mr. Ion Garnett-Orme, who has equally encouraged them, we have learned to try and to work to achieve everything. Sometimes, I marvel at what different trades you can take on and achieve."

The second breakdown Sir Michael described as exercise. He said that he was very excited to read in the *Review* about St. Dunstaners ski-ing and he mentioned other forms of exercise, notably walking and sailing. For the latter, he said, a sighted companion was necessary. "But, nevertheless, it is something achieved and that is what we are always trying to do. I think you are happy if you feel you have achieved something."

Sir Mike's third 'breakdown' is "the time when you relax and sit back." He told his audience that he listened to talking books and the radio. "And when I'm doing that, I knit. Now you will all laugh, but it is very satisfying because you can make an attractive and easily made jersey for some lady friend."

Other recreations of his own, mentioned by Sir Mike, were cleaning furniture and fishing. "I believe a blind person is probably a better fisherman for salmon or trout with a wet fly than the sighted person, because he has to wait until he feels the fish has taken on the line and many a sighted person strikes too soon."

Our President concluded by thanking the staff, particularly Mrs. Ballantyne and Miss Broughton, who organised the reunion and welcoming Mr. Albert Waddington from Burnley, who was attending his first reunion.

Mr. Wills welcomed the special guests, Miss P. Coop of the Red Cross, Mrs. C. Eaton and Mr. D. Rowe. He mentioned the presence of Mr. J. Brady, a retired member of staff and the names of present members attending the reunion. Finally, he gave greetings to Mr. Raymond Sandiford, who was celebrating his birthday that day.

The honour of proposing the vote of thanks on behalf of St. Dunstaners, fell to Norman Kershaw of Blackburn. He re-



A proud moment for Peter Jones as Harold Walker, Minister of State, Department of Employment, pins on the British Empire Medal. Peter worked for the Sheffield Employment Agency for 30 years. The Investiture took place at the Department's London Headquarters on April 19th.

called that, when he first came to St. Dunstan's, "I had a vivid picture of the man I'd seen at the Horse of the Year Show, standing by the fences and so obviously in control of what was going on around him; so obviously giving advice. He might have had to be guided between the fences but when he was there, he knew what was going on.

"That scene stuck in my mind and calmed me down and I thought then that there is a chance that I could adapt to a different way of life."

To Sir Michael, Mr. Kershaw said, "I am sure that the Council and we all benefit from your expertise in this field and it only remains to thank you on behalf of all St. Dunstaners for your presence here today and for all your help during the year."

Dancing, tea and the prize draw concluded this very enjoyable reunion.



Jim May, on the quayside of the Bay of Islands Swordfish Club, proudly displays the Mako Shark which he has just caught. The shark took twenty minutes to bring alongside the boat and even longer to secure.

FROM MRS. TIA STEPHENS

May I express my very grateful thanks to the Chairman, staff and St. Dunstaners friends for the overwhelming number of kind expressions of sympathy which I have received in my sudden bereavement. Your kind remarks about Geoffrey have touched me deeply, and I shall remember you with affection always. God bless you all.

DR. JOHN O'HARA

I have recently come back from Iran, where my wife and I spent a marvellously happy month with my daughter and her husband and, of course, Sarah, our granddaughter. That we were able to do so was due in no small measure to my retirement present from St. Dunstaners, to whom I would again very much like to express my gratitude. I would like all my friends to know that I am well and now settling down to retirement, but I miss them still.

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.

William Lee of Harlow, who joined St. Dunstan's on 13th March. Mr. Lee served as a Private in the Gloucestershire Regiment from his enlistment in 1914, until his discharge in 1916, following injuries received in Flanders. He is a widower with seven adult children.

Arthur Marshall of Highbridge, Somerset, joined St. Dunstan's on 28th April. Mr. Marshall served as a Private in the Royal Berkshire Regiment from 1934 until 1936, and as a Corporal in the R.A.S.C. from 1940 until his discharge in 1946. He is a married man.

James Savage of Clapton, who joined St. Dunstan's on 28th April. Mr. Savage served as a Private with the Durham Light Infantry from his enlistment in 1940, until he was discharged in 1956, following injuries received in Korea. He is a single man.

Leslie Tanner of Morden, who joined St. Dunstan's on 28th April. Mr. Tanner served as a Sapper in the 55th Company Royal Engineers from his enlistment in October, 1942, until he was discharged in February, 1945, following injuries received in Belgium. He retired from industry 18 months ago. He is married with five adult children.

RECORDING OF THE THANKS-GIVING SERVICE

A C90 cassette is now available at Headquarters with a recording of the Service of Thanksgiving to Lord Fraser on the one side, and Lady Fraser on the other. Anyone wanting a copy should send a blank C90 to the Public Relations Department, Cassette Library, 191 Old Marylebone Road, London, NW1 5QN, requesting tape number SD2.

D. F. Robinson's

Gardening Column

When you get these notes the garden will be really showing it's worth with plenty of colour from the borders, greenhouse and indoors.

That very important part of the garden these days, the vegetable plot, will be coming along well with, no doubt; the salad items being taken up and used in the house. I only hope that the weather is more suited to salads than it is now as I write these notes.

Keep the insecticides going as these little pests will be on the rampage, especially in really warm moist conditions. Weeds will also be growing so use the hoe regularly.

During very dry spells get out the hose and water thoroughly, not in fits and starts. Do remember also to ensure that you have paid any special rate for a hose, if necessary, in your area. Most places are free, but few allow a sprinkler without a supplementary payment.

I am gradually getting on top of the very heavy clay in my new abode in Cheshire and the vegetables are showing well. However, it will be a couple of years or so before I can say that it is in good heart and easy work, but at least it will keep me out of mischief.

Vegetables

A fairly busy time here, with regular hoeing to keep the weeds down and the soil open to receive any rain that is about. In dry weather water in quantity and keep the regular applications of insecticide going, both as an instant kill and as protection. Try and use various types, those which need a good cover both on top of the leaves and underneath and others, the systemics, which need only be used on the outer leaves with the solution being taken into the sap through the pores in the leaves. However, do ensure that the cure is alright for the plants concerned and leave about a week before harvesting.

A little liquid manure on the cauliflowers will help to give a good curd and to keep them clean and white bend over one of the larger leaves. Do remember that even if you don't get much in the way of curds, use the leaves as with cabbages.

Keep the lettuces well watered, as this may stop them bolting so quickly. Pick the peas regularly and clear any pieces of bed which have been finished with and dig over ready for later use.

Plant out any further greens that you have available for late use, plus ridge cucumbers and marrows.

A last sowing of beans can be made plus lettuce, raddish, peas etc, to give one a succession later in the season.

When planting out seedlings, do ensure that they are watered in thoroughly so that the roots can settle in well to their new homes.

Thin out those main crop items such as beetroot, carrots, onions, etc.

A sprinkling of a general fertiliser amongst the greens will give them a boost and hoe it in to the top few inches of the soil.

Lawns

Keep the mower going regularly, but keep off when everything is very wet, as you may be compacting the soil underneath so that the grass tends to flatten out and not stand up when dry. This means that you just glide over the grass. Use a spiker every so often, especially in very heavy soils, and a little weak fertiliser often helps to make the grass greener and look so much healthier; at least that is what I do, but not in very dry spells.

Fruit

Try and give the fruit trees a bit of a mulch with compost, peat or even grass mowings and incorporate a little fertiliser to help the trees to grow well and produce top class fruit. Remember that the bugs will be about so keep on with the sprayer.

Thin out the fruit on young trees plus cutting out those thin and vigorous shoots. Pinch back the side shoots on currant bushes. Cut away or pull out all weak canes on the raspberries to ensure a really good crop this season. Water strawberries regularly and in large quantities. Layer some of the runners for future plants.

Flowers

Complete all the planting out of bedding plants, even in the north, as they should have been well hardened off. Many spring flowering items can be divided and planted into their new flowering quarters.

There is still time to raise some of the quick flowering annuals and also those biennials and perennials for next year, in boxes and keep them after transplanting until it is time for putting them in their permanent positions in the late autumn.

As flowers go out of bloom, cut away the dead heads unless you wish to have some of your own seed from a particular flower for sowing next year or as a gift for a friend. Quite a number of perennials tend to have two flushes of flowers such as Delphiniums, Lupins etc., so cut away the first lot almost down to ground level and you will have another show later in the season.

Don't forget to stake those tall growing items at an early stage, as winds can cause havoc to your prized plants, especially Sweet Peas, Dahlias and Chrysanthemums. Do give a liquid fertiliser feed to get the really fine blooms for the shows or a scattering of pelleted fertiliser along the beds.

Roses will need to have all the dead heads cut down to a good outward-facing shoot to encourage more growth and flowers. Spray with a fungicide where you have black spot and take off all affected leaves and consign to the bonfire. A balanced rose fertiliser will help growth all round, plus a mulch of peat or compost round the base of the plants. In some areas with heavy soil, there has been quite a bit of die-back, due to wetness at root level, so cut out all this type of growth. This also often happens to the roses which have been in for a long while and it is often a good plan to dig them out and replace them with some new bushes; but leave this until the autumn.

Greenhouse

Keep the air circulating well under the glass during the hot spells and keep the moisture at a fairly high level, but don't overdo this. Burn smoke cones to guard against insects and fungus of various types. Remember to start lighting these during the late afternoon or early evening and shut all the vents tight. Beat a hasty retreat and, before working inside the next day, leave doors and windows open for a while.

Give regular liquid feeds to those pot plants and pick off dead heads. Stake the taller growing items and put them towards

the back of the staging. Pick tomatoes and cucumbers regularly to ensure a good crop. It is probably better to feed with your special fertiliser at every watering, since growth is at its height now.

Try and keep the water off the leaves, as the sun will burn quickly. In fact is it a better plan to water the pots in the late afternoon or early morning with a can having no rose.

Many pot plants for next season or late winter can be sown now and these include Cineraria, Calceolaria, Cyclamen, Primulas, etc. Get all the larger growing plants and those for the autumn and winter show into their final size containers. Don't move any items without first finding out if they have got many roots in the smaller pot. Give good watering to settle into the new container.

As the weather is more to the plants liking, one can do a few jobs on the greenhouse in the way of repairs and renovations without losing any of the more exotic types but don't use paints or creosotes. It might also be a good idea to check over the heating appliances ready for the next season and where using paraffin, ensure that you have the container drum topped up, since prices may rise considerably during the year. Clean all those containers which were used for seeds, seedlings and cuttings, using a little disinfectant in the water.

NEW AIRBORNE MUSEUM IN HOLLAND

Ray Sheriff of Gloucester, represented the 3rd Parachute Battalion at the official opening of the new Airborne Museum at Oosterbeek, near Arnhem, on Thursday, May 11th, at the Hartenstein Hotel, which was the Divisional H.Q. during the Battle of Arnhem. It was opened by Major-General R. E. Urquhart, C.B., D.S.O., who commanded the Division during the battle. Ray was disappointed that Prince Bernhard was prevented from attending, as it had been arranged for him to meet the Prince, whom he had met before on the 25th Anniversary of the Battle of Arnhem. Ray received a letter from the Prince's adjutant, saying that he hoped he would be able to meet Ray again sometime in the future.



Above: George Allen greets Marie Vossen on the dockside.

Below: Armed with Braille notes, George Allen guides Marie Vossen on a tour of Hull (Photos Sheffield Newspapers).



'Lost' Friendship Renewed

A massive operation by the people of Sheffield, the Sheffield Star and a ferry firm, have ended 35 years of searching for George Allen of Hull, and Madame Marie Vossen of Tillburg in Holland.

Whilst serving in the East Yorkshire Regiment in 1940, George was hit by a sniper's bullet. "It was not until two months later that I realised for the first time that I would never see again. I was shattered—blind at 22".

George was sent to a prisoner of war camp near Frankfurt in Germany, Stalag 9A/H. It was here that he first started receiving letters from Madame Marie Vossen. Madame Vossen and her husband had dedicated themselves to helping allied troops from the outset of the war. "We helped hundreds. They would come and stay at our house for days until we could help them across the border. It was very dangerous—if you were caught, you were shot".

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Marie Vossen quickly noticed something odd about George's letters. Each one was written in a different hand. When she learned that he was blind, she set to work to learn Braille. "Each letter took me about seven and a half hours. I had to prick every hole in the paper individually with a needle and, of course, I had to do it all backwards so that it would read the right way round when George turned the paper over to read the bumps on the other side".

These letters kept George going. "She was marvellous. She would send me little gifts, such as soles for my shoes".

In 1943, George was repatriated, but the Germans took all his documents and

he could not remember Madame Vossen's address. She had also tried to contact George by writing to the Post Office in Sheffield, but was unsuccessful. For thirty five years they 'lost' each other, but in March this year, she made one final attempt. Her story was printed in the Sheffield Star and a nephew of Mr. Allen's saw it and told him. With the help of a local ferry firm, Marie Vossen was brought over to Hull for the day and was 're-united' with George. George now plans to go to Tillburg and spend a holiday with Marie as soon as possible. For Madame Vossen, a life's ambition has been realised. "I never thought the day would come. It has been wonderful".

CLUB NEWS

BRIGHTON

Bridge Section

Our third Pairs Competition was held on Sunday, 12th March. Using a four table Howell movement, the results were as follows:

B. Simon	65.9
W. Phillips	63.5
P. McCormack	52.4
W. Lethbridge	52.4
J. Padley	49.2
F. Griffie	45.2
R. Fullard	42.1
B. Ingrey	29.4

Our third Individual match was held on Saturday, 18th March with the following results:

P. McCormack	68
W. Lethbridge	68
J. Padley	66
G. Hudson	66
W. Phillips	65
F. Griffie	65
M. Clements	59
A. Dodgson	59
C. Walters	56
R. Fullard	56

Our Easter bridge drive was held on the following day. It was a great success, especially for the winners who were:

1st M. Tybinski and W. Barker	58.6%
2nd F. Griffie and Mrs. Green	
3rd C. Walters and Mrs. Barker	
4th B. Ingrey and Mrs. Gover	

On Sunday, 2nd April, we made our annual visit to Horsham Bridge Club. Once

more we received a marvellous reception with delicious refreshments provided during the interval.

Mrs. McDonald, the original promoter of these matches, once again spent most of the afternoon with us. She is still our Mrs. Mac and sends her regards and wishes to be remembered to all her friends at St. Dunstan's.

The result gave Horsham 12,510 points with St. Dunstan's only 130 points behind. The Horsham captain suggested that, as the result was so close, we should either have a recount or call the match a draw. The draw was accepted with alacrity. After all, the bar was open!

The fourth Pairs Competition was held on Sunday, 9th April. Unfortunately, with 13 pairs taking part, we were forced to play 6½ tables. This meant that each north-south player had to sit out for one round. The winners were as follows:

North-South (with a possible maximum score of 180 pts.)

1st M. Tybinski and W. Allen	65.5%
2nd G. Hudson and W. Barker	54.2%

East-West (with a possible maximum score of 210 pts.)

1st J. Padley and Mrs. P. Padley	58.6%
2nd W. Phillips and Mrs. M. Vessey	54.8%

The fourth Individual Competition was held on Saturday, 15th April and the results were as follows:

J. Whitcombe and C. Walters	72
W. Allen and P. McCormack	70
G. Hudson and Partner	67
F. Griffiee and R. Fullard	66
M. Tybinski and W. Burnett	61
H. Preedy and W. Lethbridge	59
T. Wood and W. Phillips	55
A. Dodgson and J. Padley	54

W. LETHBRIDGE

LONDON

Bridge Notes

The first bridge drive of the year was played at Headquarters a few weeks ago and the winners were as follows:

1st M. Tybinski and S. Medcraft	2,780 pts.
2nd P. Nuyens and M. Byrne	1,710 pts.
3rd F. Dickerson and S. Lightening	1,020 pts.
4th J. Majchrowicz and C. Evans	710 pts.

ENTERTAINMENT SECTION

The April dance proved to be a greater success than usual. Not only were our

regular supporters there, but also a large number of bowlers from all over the country who were at Ian Fraser House to participate in the National Bowling Competition. Judging by the singing and laughter everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves. The next dance will be held on June 10th.

This year, we are holding our Annual Dinner/Dance on Friday, 17th November. As the Dudley Hotel states a minimum number of guests, I would be most grateful if you would contact me as soon as possible if you are able to be with us on this occasion. The more the merrier. More information will be given in a later Review. If enough names are available, during the Sussex Fortnight, a trip will be arranged to Folkestone Racecourse on Monday, 31st July—names, please, to me.

R. OSBORNE

CORRECTION

In the April Review obituary notices, Mr. Dudley Wicks Woodget was incorrectly stated as being Mr. David Wicks Woodget. We apologise for this error.

FAMILY NEWS

Marriages

Many congratulations to *Mr. Carl Burt* of Newcastle, on his marriage to *Mrs. Claire Tomlinson*, on 22nd April.

Mr. Des Coupe of Bournemouth, is pleased to announce the marriage of his son, *Barry*, to *Shân Patricia Wilson* on May 6th. *Barry* is a successful architect with the firm of *Fitzroy Robinson* in Cambridge.

Many congratulations to *Una Greenwood* of Manchester, who was married to *Stephen Hacs* on 13th April, in the U.S.A. In the very near future, she will be rejoining her husband to make her home in *Dover, Florida*.

Mr. Francis Hamilton of Manchester, is pleased to announce the marriage of his daughter, *Joanne*, to *Laurence Prowse*, on 27th March.

Mr. and Mrs. William Lee of Liphook, are pleased to announce the marriage of their son, *John*, to *Susan Spinder*, on April 1st.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Newton of Oldham, are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter, *Elaine*, to *Andres Stoleman* on 29th April, at *St. Thomas' Church, Lees, Lancs*.

Mr. and Mrs. James Padley of Saltdean, are pleased to announce the marriage of their younger son, *Derek*, to *Diane Godfrey* at the *Bourne Methodist Church, Southgate*, on 25th March.

Mr. and Mrs. Ron Parsons of Patcham, are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter, *Lynda*, to *Malcolm Fuller* on April 3rd, at *Brighton Registry Office*.

Many congratulations to *Michael Woodcock* of Bournemouth, who married *Phyllis Clarke* of *Cheam*, on 29th April.

Silver Wedding

Many congratulations to *Mr. and Mrs. James Padley* of Saltdean, who celebrated their Silver Wedding on 2nd April.

Pearl Wedding

Many congratulations to *Mr. and Mrs. Bob Osborne* of Saltdean, who celebrated their Pearl Wedding on 24th April.

Grandchildren

Congratulations to:

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Corrigan of the Isle of Sheppy, on the birth of their grandson, *Jonjo Conoughton*, on 19th April, to their daughter, *Kim*, and son-in-law, *Danny*.

Mr. Francis Hamilton of Manchester, on the birth of two grandchildren; *Peter*, born to his daughter, *Clare*, on 11th February; and *Paul*, born to his son, *Paul*, and daughter-in-law, *Katanya*, on 22nd February.

Mr. Alfred Lincoln of West Kirby, on the birth of his first great grandchild, *Sally*, on January 28th, to his grandson, *Michael*, and his wife, *Chris*.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Logan of North Shields, on the birth of a grand-daughter, *Karen*, to their daughter, *Sonia*, and her husband, *Robert*, on 23rd March.

Mr. and Mrs. William Stickland of Oxford, on the birth of a grandson, *Samuel James*, to their daughter, *Gail*, and her husband, on 17th February.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Watson of Aldridge, on the birth of their grand-daughter, *Louise Michelle*, to their daughter, *June*, on 27th February.

Examination & Career Successes

We warmly congratulate:

John, son of *Mr. and Mrs. Doug Cashmore* of Bromsgrove, who recently entered the Birmingham Music Festival and came first in both the Gilbert and Sullivan class and the open tenor class. His beautiful voice earned him a cup and a shield. Later that same week, he auditioned for the lead tenor in 'The Belle of New York', which is being performed by the Birmingham and Midland Operatic Society at the Hippodrome in October, and was successful in getting the part.

Deaths

We offer our sincere sympathy to:

Mr. Thomas Evans of Flint, whose wife, *Gertrude*, died on 16th April.

Mr. Sidney Latham of Worcester, on the death of his brother, who died on 2nd April.

Mr. Colwyn Lloyd of Llanely, whose father died on 15th February.

Mr. John Lilley of Canterbury, whose mother died on 25th December, 1977.

Mr. Albert Marchant of Gravesend, on the death of his sister, who died suddenly in October, 1977.

Mrs. James Padley of Saltdean, whose father, *Albert Hiron*, died on 10th April.

Mr. Tony Parkinson of Blackpool, whose mother, died in March.

Mr. Joseph Peckett of Manchester, whose father-in-law, died on 17th April.

Mr. Patrick Spring of Chessington, Surrey, who lost a brother, in March and a nephew in the New Year.

Mr. Arthur Vickery of Putney, whose mother died recently, aged 90.

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.

Lot Clarke R.A.M.C.

Lot Clarke of *St. Helen's*, died on 25th April, aged 83.

Mr. Clarke served as a Private with the R.A.M.C. from September, 1914, until May, 1916. He joined *St. Dunstan's* in December, 1941. After a period in training, he took up industrial work and then in retirement enjoyed string bag making for our Sales Department. He found much pleasure and relaxation in playing his piano. Unfortunately he had to give up these activities in 1969, due to the onset of arthritis.

He leaves a widow, *Elsie*.

In Memory *continued*

Colin Greaves *1/4 Yorks. and Lancs. Regiment*

Colin Greaves of Sheffield, died on 11th April, aged 83.

Mr. Greaves enlisted in September, 1914, and served as a Lance Corporal with the 1/4 Yorks. and Lancs. Regiment. He was wounded at Thiepval in August, 1916, discharged from the Army in February, 1917, and came to St. Dunstan's in May of that year. He trained as a physiotherapist and took up his first appointment in 1918 at the Ruston Hospital in Northallerton. In 1920, he moved to Sheffield and branched out into private practice as well as assisting at the Edgar Allen Institute, where he became a member of the permanent staff in 1934. Mr. and Mrs. Greaves were very proud when their only daughter, Peggy, qualified as a physiotherapist in 1943, and also obtained a post at the Edgar Allen Institute.

Mr. Greaves retired from the Institute in April, 1962. He then made his garden, in which he had always had a keen interest, his hobby and its colourful appearance was always a great credit to him. Although he did not enjoy the best of health in later years, he was to be much admired for his unflinching cheerfulness and the indomitable spirit which kept him so active.

He leaves a widow, Gladys, and daughter, Peggy.

Ronald Hamilton *Royal Corps of Signals*

Ronald Hamilton of Goring-by-Sea, died on 4th May, aged 51.

Mr. Hamilton served as a Signaller with the Royal Corps of Signals from his enlistment in 1944 until his discharge in 1946, after an accident when he received eye injuries following an explosion in the breach of a rifle.

After the failure of his sight in 1957, Mr. Hamilton joined St. Dunstan's where he was trained in Braille and typewriting. He also became proficient in the making of wool rugs and cane work and undertook a period of industrial training, being employed in industry from 1959 until 1966, when he had to retire for health reasons. Until 1970, he was able to continue with stool-making and basket work for the Sales Department.

Mr. Hamilton retained a keen interest in various hobbies, including listening to the radio, greenhouse work, fishing and learning to play the piano accordion. He was a frequent visitor to Ian Fraser House where he will be sadly missed by his fellow St. Dunstaners and all members of the staff.

He leaves a widow, Joan.

Charles Henry Parsons *Royal Artillery*

Charles Henry Parsons of Cheltenham, died on 12th April, aged 70.

Mr. Parsons served as a Gunner with the Royal Artillery in the Second World War. After his discharge from the Army in 1945, he continued in employment as a plasterer until his retirement. He joined St. Dunstan's in February, 1976, by which time he was, unfortunately, in poor health.

He leaves a daughter, Margaret, and son, Brian.

Claude Frederick Roughton *Canadian Forces and A.R.P. (Civil Defence)*

Claude Frederick Roughton of Exmouth, died on 15th April, aged 89.

Mr. Roughton joined St. Dunstan's in 1949, having served in both world wars. In the First World War, he was a commissioned officer in the Canadian Forces and in the Second World War, he was a Sub-controller of the A.R.P. (Civil Defence) at Portishead, where he suffered injuries in 1942, resulting in his loss of sight. Although blinded, Mr. Roughton returned to his duties and, with sighted assistance, carried on until 1945.

Having emigrated to Canada in his youth, Mr. Roughton met his wife, Phyllis, in London, during the First World War. She joined him in Canada following his discharge from the Army and they were married in 1922. In 1926, they returned to England, and between the wars, successfully ran a smallholding.

Mr. Roughton's garden was a source of great pride and he enjoyed listening to the radio and his talking books. Despite failing health during the latter part of his life, he retained a great interest in everything going on around him. He was devotedly nursed by his wife; they celebrated their Golden Wedding in 1972.

He leaves a widow, Phyllis, a daughter and son-in-law.

Emmanuel Tatton *21st Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire Regiments*

Emmanuel Tatton of Gloucester, died on 3rd April, aged 86.

Mr. Tatton served as a Private with the 21st Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire Regiments from May, 1915, until his discharge in 1917. He joined St. Dunstan's in 1919 and continued to work in industrial employment until his retirement from the Gloucester Aircraft Company in 1958. He gained a lot of enjoyment out of making baskets and doing netting and in both of these he achieved a very high standard.

He leaves two sons, Emmanuel and Ernest.