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Message from the Chairman

Mr. W. Weisblatt and Dr. R. Stilwell

You will all have heard that Mr. Weisblatt has now taken over as Secretary of St. Dunstan's and Dr. R. Stilwell has become Administrator of our Homes in Brighton.

I know you will join me in giving them a warm welcome and wishing them every success in their important new appointments.

Service to St. Dunstan's Craftsmen

Elsewhere in the *Review* there is a note about the closure of the Homecrafts Department and the start of our new Hobbies Scheme. I would like to take this opportunity to thank those St. Dunstaners who have made such high quality goods for the "Stores" and the staff who have given them wonderful help through the 60 years of the Department's life.

The ordering, storage, handling, preparation and delivery of raw materials and the collection, finishing and selling of the completed articles, with all the office work involved, have been the responsibility of a devoted and skilled group of men and women, many of whom have given particularly long service to St. Dunstan's. They have been very good friends to our craftsmen employed at home and I should like them all to know how much the Council and I have appreciated their work. On behalf of everyone at St. Dunstan's I send our very best wishes both to those staff who have retired and to those who will move to other work at Headquarters.

Jon E. Smith

THE ROBERT REDFERN MEMORIAL TROPHY

The Robert Redfern Memorial Trophy (for personal achievement in the first years after a blinded man or woman has become a St. Dunstaner) has been awarded to F. A. Hamilton, of Manchester. He was a Senior Civil Servant, is still lecturing on industrial management, and has received wide recognition by national

associations in the business world. He is a leading voluntary worker for "Lifeline" and is currently studying at Manchester University for a Certificate in counselling.

Many congratulations to Frank Hamilton on this award—loss of sight and retirement have done nothing to stop him from leading a full and active life and helping his fellow men and women in any way he can.

COVER PICTURE: A fine example of natural camouflage is this Woodcock, one of the birds Ron Smith found on his tour of the Brecklands—photo: S. C. Porter, Royal Society for the Protection of Birds

THE LATE DAVID RICE

The funeral of the late David Rice, formerly St. Dunstan's legal adviser and war pensions officer, was held at Brighton Crematorium on Friday, 11th January.

Among the mourners were Mrs. Rice and her daughter, members of the family and neighbours. St. Dunstan's was represented by Mr. and Mrs. Peter Matthews, Miss Pam Barnard, Miss Heather Carson, Commandant Lawrence Fawcett and Mr. Laurie Slade.

999 EMERGENCY CALL

There may be times when you need urgent help. Rather than trying to get hold of a neighbour, who may be out, there could be every justification for dialling 999. Don't be frightened to do so, providing you bear the following guidelines in mind.

For an *urgent* request for the police, fire service or an ambulance dial 999. The operator will answer. Give your own number and state which service you require. You will be put through to the control room covering your area. Don't worry if it is not in the same town as you are. Give them the address of where the help is required and any other relevant details. If they ask you, you must give your name and address.

Please do not forget to give the address of where help is needed—people often forget in their anxiety.

45% OFF PAINT

St. Dunstaners have a chance—now that spring cleaning and redecorating are around the corner—to buy Manders paint with a 45% discount.

Not only that, but since the company selling the paint is a fellow charity—run by St. Dunstaner, Mr. Frank Hamilton, on behalf of Lifeline, an organisation for the unmarried mother, you could save £7.70 a gallon and that may save a life. For colour charts, price lists and order forms, write to:—Frank Hamilton, Seven Star Products, 1 St. Brannocks Road, Manchester, M21 1UP. Telephone: 061 881 1946.

If any St. Dunstaner has a weaving loom for sale, or who knows the whereabouts of one, would they please contact the Editor.

TROOPING THE COLOUR

We may be allocated tickets again this year for the Trooping the Colour Ceremony on Saturday, 14th June in the morning, and the Private View of the Royal Tournament on Wednesday, 9th July, in the afternoon.

Any St. Dunstaners who would like to apply for tickets should contact Miss Bridger at Headquarters by Monday, 14th April, 1980.

DERBY SWEEPSTAKE 1980

Applications are once again invited from St. Dunstaners and St. Dunstan's trainees **only** for tickets in the *Review* Derby Sweepstake. The attention of everyone is drawn to the rule that every application for tickets made in the British Isles must be accompanied by a stamped addressed envelope.

Tickets are 20p each and applications for them should be made as soon as possible and will be received up to the first post on Wednesday, 14th May. Each application must bear the name and full address of the sender, together with the number of tickets required and, with a stamped addressed envelope, must be sent to: The Editor, D.S.S. Dept., St. Dunstan's Review, P.O. Box 58, 191 Old Marylebone Road, London NW1 5QN.

Cheques and postal orders should be made payable to St. Dunstan's and crossed. Loose money should not be sent unless it is registered.

Tickets will be issued consecutively and are limited to twenty-five.

The total money subscribed, less the cost of printing and expenses, will be distributed as follows:

50 per cent to the holder of the ticket drawing the winning horse.

20 per cent to the holder of the ticket drawing the second horse.

10 per cent to the holder of the ticket drawing the third horse.

20 per cent to be divided equally among those drawing a horse which actually starts in the race.

No prize won in the Sweepstake will be paid to any person other than the person to whom the winning ticket was sold.

The Draw will take place in London on Monday, 26th May, the race being on 4th June,



A picture from the 'thirties displays some of the products of St. Dunstan's craftsmen.

HOBBY COURSES

The Homecrafts Department closed down at the end of last year and as we still have a quantity of "raw materials" of various kinds left in stock, we are proposing to set up a "hobby scheme", and a letter outlining the scheme has been sent to all St. Dunstaners.

Many St. Dunstaners are retiring from full time occupation and those (and others) who are wondering how to fill their leisure time may be interested in taking up a new handicraft.

We have stocks of materials for making string bags, wool and canvas for making rugs, tray bases and cane, stool frames and seagrass, and in the woodwork section Mr. Patterson is setting up a comprehensive series of courses ranging from beginners, through to the experienced craftsmen. The woodwork courses—for St. Dunstaners and wives—will be held at Headquarters, and if you are interested in attending one of these

courses, please contact Mr. Patterson.

In due course we are hoping to set up further hobby courses at Ian Fraser House, and details will be announced.

HARRY WHEELER

Harry Wheeler, of Merton Park, London has unearthed a most interesting picture from his scrapbook. It is a clipping from the first page of the first television supplement to the *Radio Times*, in 1936. It shows Harry Wheeler with dog expert, Mr. A. Croxton Smith, showing one of Harry's prize winning Chows, Ambrose. Harry was a well-known breeder of these handsome dogs and won many prizes.

Last month Harry resigned the Presidency of the Wimbledon branch of the Royal British Legion, after 13 years in that office. The Mayor of Wimbledon, Councillor Ron Haddow, presented Harry with a Georgian silver tankard as a memento from his friends in the Legion.

THE GIOCONDA SMILE

by Sydney Scroggie

Certainly he had trouble with his sight, and in fact wrote a book called "The Art of Seeing". Yet it might seem surprising, where blindness in its rehabilitative aspect is concerned, to place alongside the name of Sir Arthur Pearson that of Aldous Huxley. This, however, I personally do without reservation. Since my coming to terms with the post-visual period of my life I owe quite as much to the author of "Brave New World" as I do to the proprietor of "Pearson's Weekly". What you read in your 'teens, it is platitudinous to emphasize, affects your adult life; it is better, that is to say, to have confined yourself to Plato than "Playboy", the Bible than the "Beano"; and it was due not to "No Orchids for Miss Blandish" but to a story by Aldous Huxley called "The Gioconda Smile" that I came eventually to adopt an attitude towards blindness, resulting in freedom from all sense of restriction, all feelings of self-pity, resentment or embitteredness.

Last hours

Framed on a murder-charge by the vindictiveness of a jilted concubine, sentenced to death, one Hutton awaits in the condemned cell the due process of the law. Exasperated to the point of frenzy by his situation, crazed by frustration and self-pity, rendered manic through impotence in the face of injustice, he beats upon the door of his cell, rushes wildly about, weeps, sobs, screams for release to inexorable authority in the passage outside. He is visited by one Dr. Lanyon, party to a benevolent plot it would spoil the story to disclose. Did Hutton, says this character, want his last hours on earth to be the hell he was making them, or would he not rather face death, however undeserved, with dignity, imperturbability, even with joy. The choice, he emphasizes, is open to Hutton, open to all who find themselves in a position, however remotely correspondent, like his own. Where restraint or restriction of any kind is concerned, injustice regarding yourself, personal disability and so forth, to will the inevitable, to make it your own idea not

that of something or someone else, is the way to freedom, perfect immunity from its otherwise deleterious effects.

The point of Aldous Huxley's story is not so much that Hutton escapes the gallows in the end, but that in coming to see things Lanyon's way, in willing the injustice of his situation and its appalling climax, he becomes detached from its trammels, free, and at peace with a world no longer capable of shattering his mind and soul. With a finger between the pages of the New Testament, Christians will see the ultimate source of Huxley's idea, the basis of Lanyon's advice. But for me it is sufficient that this transcendent attitude to suffering, learned if not then applied in my 'teens, came in the fullness of time to stand me in good stead.

I cannot get anyone to believe me, but as others rejoice in their sight I rejoice in my blindness. For this has long ceased to be due to a callous, unjust and evil machination of fate, to something crushing and restrictive outside myself; it is purely and simply my own idea, what I would choose, that is to say, had I a thousand alternatives available. For freedom consists not in the absence of limitations, not in a resentful and ignominious acceptance of them, not even in philosophic resignation, but in willing with every fibre of your being what limitations there are, what limitations for all of us in the nature of things there must inevitably be. To such of us who have made these discoveries the Gioconda Smile, as it mocks us in the Louvre, is by no means as inscrutable as it was.

BRILLE BUNNIES

The Evening Argus, Brighton carried a story recently about the Braille edition of *Playboy* magazine. Produced in the United States, it is provided free to American citizens through funds from the Library of Congress Division for the Blind and Physically Handicapped. Copies can be sent to this country on subscription and the *Argus* reports that there are many blind subscribers—including at least one resident of St. Dunstan's! —who, we wonder, is the hot dotter?

INTERNATIONAL AND NATIONAL SPORTS EVENTS FOR THE BLIND 1980

Dates	Event	Venue	Details
20th April	British Sports Association for the Disabled—Swimming Gala	Stoke Mandeville	H. A. Papps, Stoke Mandeville Sports Stadium, Harvey Rd., Aylesbury, Bucks.
27th April	BSAD—Mini Marathon	Derwent Water	W. Parkinson, BSAD, Coronet House, Queen St., Leeds 1.
21st June-5th July	International Sports Organisation for the Disabled—Olympic Games	Arnhem, Holland	C. J. Attrill, SRO, RNIB, 224 Gt. Portland St., London, W.1.
19th July	Metro—Junior and National Athletics Championships	E. London Stadium	A. Whetherly, 38 Beverley Road, New Malden, Surrey.
20th July	BSAD—Angling Contest	Rickmansworth, Herts.	H. A. Papps, Administrator, BSAD.
26th July-2nd August	National Association of Visually Handicapped Bowlers—1st National Bowls Tournament	Leicester	J. Hughes, 53 Dudley Ave., Leicester.
2nd and 3rd August	Northern Sports—National Games	Manchester	R. Goulden, 1 Malvern Close, Prestwich, Manchester M25 5PH.
13th-14th September	BSAD—Senior Games	Stoke Mandeville	H. A. Papps, Administrator, BSAD.

Courses, Holidays and Conferences for the Blind 1980

2nd-6th June	Dinghy Sailing Course	RAOC, Bicester	C. J. Attrill, SRO, RNIB.
14th June	BSAD AGM	Stoke Mandeville	H. A. Papps, Administrator, BSAD.
22nd-27th June	Royal Yachting Association—Foundation Sailing Courses	RAF Yacht Club, Hamble, Hants.	C. J. Attrill, SRO, RNIB.
7th-12th September	Woodside Adventure Centre, Outdoor Activities Holiday/Course	Bideford, Devon	6 Kew Green, Richmond, Surrey.

READING TIME

by Phillip Wood

Cat. No. 2974

The Boys from Brazil

By Ira Levin

Read by Robert Gladwell

Reading Time 10 hours

In a private room in a Japanese restaurant in São Paulo a group of distinguished-looking well-dressed men are holding a conference. These are no ordinary businessmen. They are all ex-Nazi living incognito in South America. There is only one item on the agenda—to arrange for the killing of ninety-four elderly men in various parts of the world.

A young American manages to conceal a tape recorder in the room. He later recovers it and makes his way to his hotel. However, he is unwittingly betrayed by the waitress who assisted him to plant the machine. He is followed and killed and the recorder is taken.

But the news of the meeting has got through to Jakob Lieberman, the ageing "Nazi-hunter" in Vienna. He has a daunting task—to find out what connection there could be among the ninety-four intended victims, and why they had to die on certain specific dates.

The answer is as incredible as it is bizarre, involving child-adoption and the sinister technique of "cloning".

An odd book indeed, but it does make very exciting reading.

Cat. No. 2421

Peter's Pence

By Jon Cleary

Read by Peter Gray

Reading Time 12 hours

Fergus McBride is Special Projects Officer at the Vatican Press Bureau. He is also leader of a quartet who plan to tunnel into the Vatican and steal church treasures, to be held for ransom to swell IRA funds.

The Pope is German, the first non-Italian Pontiff for centuries. In the Borghese Gardens sits Heinrich Kessler, son of a one-time S.S. officer. He is carrying a gun and has come to Rome to kill His Holiness.

These, then, are the very promising ingredients which go to make up this exciting and fast-moving story of desperate men whose plans go sadly awry, and whose improvisations on a theme of ransom lead to unforeseen complications.

Cat. No. 1697

Bear Island

By Alistair MacLean

Read by George Hagan

Reading Time 13 hours

The little ship "Morning Rose" battles her way through bitter Arctic gales en route for the barren and inhospitable Bear Island. On board is a film company going to the island to make a film.

There is an outbreak of food poisoning and three men die. Doctor Marlowe, the company's Medical Officer is not at all sure that the deaths are accidental. He begins to wonder if the project is genuine, or is the "film" just a cover-up for more sinister activities. It is true that Otto Gerrand is not unknown in the film world, but are some of the others all that they seem?

Come to that is Doctor Marlowe all he seems to be? Then there's "Smithy", is he only the First Officer of the "Morning Rose", or does he have other "duties"?

A good read, with plenty of action and splendid descriptive writing and the usual unexpected *dénouement*.

AMATEUR RADIO CASSETTE LIBRARY

R24. So you want to pass the RAE Exam. This article has been read from the *Practical Wireless* magazine onto 4 C90 cassettes. It is intended to produce a photocopy of all pictures and diagrams accompanying the article. When ready, the photocopy set will be announced in the *Review*.

BOWLERS

All bowlers wishing to compete in the Handicap Championships, on 18th March, must contact A. Robinson, 66 Graham Avenue, Brighton, BN1 8HD. Telephone: Brighton 500619.

Gardening Column

It is surprising how quickly the months go by and the growing season is really with us again. Some of you will already have a few seedlings sprouting, although most people will only just be waking up to gardening again. When the weather improves, you can raise both flowers and vegetables in the cold greenhouse and frames.

Dig over all the flower beds. Do dig down to a reasonable depth, to allow the air in and to enable the soil to absorb pest deterrents and fertilisers. The fertilisers and pest deterrents will guard the growing plants as well as encourage good growth. Weeds flourish in all conditions. Hoe and rake the beds frequently, but do not disturb the areas sown with seed. It is advisable to mark off these areas, by attaching a few strands of string to small stakes and placing them a little distance away from the treasured part of the bed, so that you won't hoe them by mistake.

The slugs will be waking up now. Put down pellets, or a paste made up from slug bait powder and flour and put it in small containers scattered at various intervals. It is important to cover the containers to keep birds, cats and dogs off them.

Do not be alarmed if your seeds aren't germinating within the given time limit. Leave them a little longer. I have found out, by practical experience, that seeds have come up after I have thrown them out in disgust. The same is true of seeds sown outside; don't dig them up and re-sow them, wait a bit longer for the first batch to show signs of waking.

Vegetables

Break down the soil, which you dug over in the winter, to a good tilth ready for planting vegetable seeds. Most items can be planted this month; early on for those in the south and western parts of the country, but you northerners should wait until the end of the month, as the frost will not be over for a little while. Even then, do cover the seeds with cloches, plastic sheeting or newspaper if frost is forecast. In windy weather do remember to secure the coverings. Do

not plant all the seeds at once, and don't plant French or runner beans until next month as they like the soil to be warmer. Save some seeds in case you have any failures and if you keep some lettuce or raddish seeds you can have a continuous crop throughout the season.

Dust the sowing areas with soil pest deterrents as a precaution against enemies which lurk under the surface of the soil and some close gauge plastic netting, or cotton on stakes will prevent those hungry birds from attacking your seeds. Clear all the beds of late vegetables and get them dug over for later planting.

If you have some early raised vegetable seedlings, don't be tempted to plant them outside yet; wait until the end of the month, or 'til next month. You can set out early potatoes, if they have some strong shoots, but don't let too many shoots grow; rub some out especially any at the bottom end. I think it is better to plant the tuber on its end rather than horizontally.

Do get the runner bean patch into shape. Get it well dug over and put compost or manure at the bottom of the trenches and set up the poles for the beans to climb up. Do not despair if you are plagued with club root. Grow the cabbage family separately in compost, then dip them in a paste of Calomel, or something similar—ask at your garden centre—and then transplant them to their proper growing place.

Lawns

Get rid of dead leaves, old growths of grass and weeds from the lawn, by brushing and raking it. Sprinkle some well rotted, sifted manure over any worn patches of grass to buck them up a bit. Bare patches on the lawn can be brought to life by forking them up a bit and adding some new seed, mixed with fine compost. Do protect these newly sown areas from the birds by covering them with mesh netting. Nowadays seed is supposed to contain anti-bird repellent, but I find that you cannot rely on this alone. New lawns can be started off now. Remember to get the soil to a good tilth before you sow the seed and to protect the new seed. I

hope you have all had your lawn mowers serviced and sharpened. Set the blades of the mower a notch or two higher than normal for the first couple of cuts, or the grass will be pulled up rather than cut.

Fruit

If you have not finished pruning all the fruit trees, try to get it done by the beginning of this month. All the insects will be waking up now, so spray the trees with insecticide—make sure you don't do this when frost is likely as some of the early buds may be damaged. If you have not planted new trees by now, leave them until next autumn. However, if you have late deliveries of new trees/bushes you can plant them, but don't expect miracles this season. If they have a lot of settings, take them all out except for one or two, so you can get an idea what they will be like.

Flowers

The flower borders should be bursting with life again now, especially with the colourful spring bulbs. Hoe between the plants very carefully to combat the weeds, making sure you don't cut away any new growths from the perennials. Clear away any dead growth and old leaves and if any roots are showing, add a little extra top soil and some compost on the old plants will help them to give a better show later in the year.

You can sow some of the hardy annuals now, such as Clarkia, Godetia and Calendula, as well as many others. Half hardy plants, Petunia, Nemesis and so on should be planted at the end of the month, or even next month. To ensure the seed spreads evenly mix some sand into the packet and shake it up well. Again, as with the vegetables, save some seed in case of failures. Break up the perennials for transplanting and thin out any large clumps, making sure that the roots are settled down again and firmly pressed home. Don't plant things too close together as you need room to weed in between the plants.

Most shrubs and hedging plants can be pruned this month. Do not be afraid to cut them fairly harshly to give them shape. Roses should be pruned towards the end of March and if you have any which were rather poor last year, prune them right back. The strong growing Roses—Peace

and Queen Elizabeth—need only a light pruning, or the bushes will look more like trees. Cut out the centre of the Rose bushes to let the light and air in. The other growths should be pruned to an outward facing bud. Sucker growths, at soil level, should be pulled out. You can recognise the suckers as they have more leaves than the normal Rose and are often a lighter colour.

Put some stakes in by the taller growing plants so that it will be easier to tie them up later on and you won't have to tread on the young bedding plants. Order new Chrysanthemums as soon as possible. It is better to buy new ones each season, as those you cut down and save never do that well. Whatever type of soil you have, plant the Gladioli on a base of sand for good drainage. Those of you in the south can plant them at the end of March, the rest of us should wait for a bit longer, and do not plant the Dahlias out for a while yet.

Greenhouse

It is a busy time of year in the greenhouse. All those seeds for indoors and out should be sown, but do stagger the sowing so you don't get too overcrowded. A large seed tray can be made into two compartments by putting a piece of wood crossways in the centre. This gives you plenty of room for two varieties of seed. Remember that the larger the seed the more covering it will need and that the dust-like seeds need only to be mixed with sand and have no covering at all.

Germination

Most seeds germinate better if they are put in the dark, but do put them in the light as soon as they show signs of germination. Prick them out when they have three or four leaves. Ease them out of the seed tray with a small stick and try to keep some of the seed compost on the hair-like roots as they will 'take' much better. Water the seedlings with fine spray, or immerse the whole container in a bowl of tepid water. Cut back the dormant pot plants, either for cuttings, or simply to encourage good growth. Sometimes the cuttings do better than the parent plant, so do not be afraid to throw the parent out if the cutting is more successful.

Start off tubers in seed trays, shallow pots or half pots so that the bottom heat

Gardening—continued

can percolate the compost quicker and give the tubers a good boost. After you have planted the tubers soak the compost well and cover them with polythene to keep the moisture in. Plastic trays and pots often look very dry from the top—do not be misled; judge how much water they need by their weight. If the pot is heavy they need no water; if it is light soak the container in a bowl until all air bubbles stop coming to the top of the compost. If the tubers or corms are going

outside, keep them in the growth container till April/May, but if you want them for indoors you can pot them into their flowering containers.

Get the tomatoes and cucumbers going, transferring them to bigger pots as they grow. Give them plenty of light and water them well, although there is no need to feed them until the fruit starts to form and you have transferred them to their fruiting pots, bags or greenhouse border. Ventilate the greenhouse whenever possible and later in the month leave one window slightly open, at night.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

From: Bert Wood, Brentwood

A few weeks ago I listened to a T.V. programme called "Everyman". The subject was religious experiences. I was intrigued to hear that many people have had these and until the programme I had not told anybody that I have had two religious experiences of my own. So I was not really surprised that these people had said nothing about their experiences until this programme, because until now I have kept mine to myself. I suppose it's because they feel so private and personal.

My first experience happened on a cold winter evening, about six years ago. I was sitting in a draughty room listening to my talking book, which was "The Bible". I was paying great attention to the reader's voice and after a few minutes, suddenly found myself enveloped in warmth. I seemed to be in an invisible cloud of warmth that stayed with me for several seconds and then slowly drifted away from me. I did and said nothing, but just sat and wondered.

My second experience happened about three months ago. It could not have been more different from the first. This time I was listening to the Terry Wogan radio programme and as it was a Thursday morning, he reached the spot where he hands over to Reverend Frank Topping, who reads a morning prayer. I moved over to the radio and turned up the volume and then stood listening to the prayer. Reverend Topping spoke about the love of God and ended with the words "God is

Love". Half way through the prayer my whole body began to vibrate and the vibration gradually increased in intensity, while at the same time uncontrollable tears streamed down my face. It was all uncontrollable and not until the prayer was over did the vibrating and tears slow down, and stop. I felt quite shattered and yet, as in the first case, happy and very privileged.

From: Dick Brett, Saltdean

I would like to salute the memory of Ernest George, of chippy shop fame.

Many years ago, when I put to him my wish to take up woodwork, I could picture his look of doubt! However, after a moment's pause for thought, he gripped my arm and said, "If you really want to have a go, laddie, I'll do all I can to help." He was as good as his word. Between us, we overcame each problem as it cropped up, and his cheerful encouragement in those early days was something I shall never forget.

Since then I have had cause to thank others, such as Frank Ralph, whose high standards set such a marvellous example, and "Pat" Patterson, whose friendly visits and offers of help I still value; but it was "Mister" George—as I always called him—whose faith and help led, happily for me, to years of creative occupation.

He always had the men's welfare at heart, and there must be many who would like to join me in this tribute.



Gordon Poole receives an inscribed carriage clock, the gift of St. Dunstan's Council, from Mr. Weisblatt.

From: Gordon Poole, Peacehaven

May I, on behalf of myself and Erika, my wife, thank all our friends who contributed towards our retirement present. We are buying a small gas heater for our kitchen which, I am sure, will be a constant reminder of your kind thoughts.

Thank you once again, and our best wishes to you all.

From: George Nolan, South Wirral

In listening to the 1980, first edition of the *St. Dunstan's Talking Review*, read by Stephen Jack, whose voice I enjoy very much, I have noticed that this time he has suddenly slipped up by mentioning me as Mr. Browne instead of Mr. George Nolan, the chap who visited Como in Perth, West Australia, where I met some of our fellow St. Dunstaners, including Mr. Larry Greenham who supervises the *St. Dunstan's* in Como, near Perth, W.A. I may point out that I am the one on the left of the photograph on page 27, along with Larry Greenham and Jack McGregor.

May I also say thanks to Miss Mosley for passing the photograph on to you (the Editor) and a special thanks to Miss Mosley again for her help in making it possible for my wife and me to reach

Lake Grace, W.A., where my sister-in-law lives, on a rather large sheep farm with her family. Hearty congratulations to Stephen Jack on his wonderful reading of the *St. Dunstan's Review*, and on the talking book.

I shall look forward to your next edition of the *St. Dunstan's Talking Review*.

FROM THE CHAIRMAN'S POSTBAG

From: Garnet Muller, South Africa

I read the *St. Dunstan's Review* with much interest, having been associated with *St. Dunstan's* for as long as I am able to remember, as my late father was a *St. Dunstan*er and my late mother served as a V.A.D. at the old Brighton Home, where they met after World War I.

PUZZLE TIME

Psychiatrist, Ed Shrinker, times his patients' interviews to 11 minutes exactly. Too mean to buy a watch he uses three candles; one lasts for six minutes, one eight minutes and the third for nine minutes. By lighting these candles at the same time he times 11 minutes. How does he do it?



A mere in the Brecklands—photo: Eastern Daily Press, Norwich

VISIT TO THE BRECKLANDS

by Ron Smith

East of the Fenland and the green sand belt, 400 miles of south west Norfolk and north west Suffolk, are occupied by the Breckland. This sub region of light, dry, sandy or sandy calcareous soil, not only has low rainfall and is exceptionally prone to summer drought, but may have frost at any time of the year. The name of the area is also interesting. It was christened by W. G. Clark, in 1894, from the word "breck". It simply means a piece of heathland, broken up for cultivation at certain times and allowed to revert to waste at others. Once it was profitable to abandon the breck to millions of rabbits. However, subsequent changes of land use in the sub region, have brought about even more dramatic changes, which I shall tell you about as we go along.

The idea of Joan and I being in the area was to record wildlife. Like other record-

ists, we have to rely on the weather; for a week, I'm afraid it was no good, for two days it was so so and for the rest of the time there were north westerly winds and blustery showers.

We stayed in a small cottage not far from Thetford. This town is almost on the edge of the forest. Around our place were very few trees. I was wondering what my first dawn chorus there was going to be like. I was not very hopeful. But, I was not a bit surprised to hear, at 3.15 a.m., the flute-like notes of the Blackbird coming from the roof top.

A few years ago it was reported that the commonest bird in the West Country was the Chaffinch, which is rather surprising. But I don't mind at all. It is a very handsome bird. As we walked through the trees, every few yards, we could hear the music of the Chaffinches, coming from

high up in the conifers. We were there about three weeks too late for many of the birds. Some were not calling at all, as they already had their young and were not interested in singing.

I am sure many of you must have visited villages in Norfolk and Suffolk. Aren't they beautiful and wonderfully clean? What about the signs outside the villages, showing the name and also the particular trade practised in the village; it may be forestry, carpentry or ploughing. What a wonderful job they have made of these signs, which are fashioned out of wrought-iron, or carved out of wood.

However, I was more interested in the duck ponds and their inhabitants than the villages. As we were about three weeks too late, I had to record almost anything and everything. Joan got out of the car and gave me a description of this particular group of ducks. You talk about an egalitarian society; well I can tell you, in the strictest confidence, that there must have been an affair going on for years between the Aylesburys, the Tufted Ducks, the Khaki Campbells and the Indian Runners, you name them! All were indicated by the various colours of the

young ones, trying desperately hard to get a little bit of bread.

The counties of Norfolk and Suffolk are very fortunate in that they have so many nature reserves. We called at one in East Wretham. There they have about 320 acres, consisting of woodland, heathland and two meres. When we arrived, we did not expect to find many people as it was drizzling and the evening was drawing in. After having a word with the warden and his wife, we made our way to one of the meres. From 50 yards away we could hear a Sedge Warbler. What wonderful mimics they are. They are so similar to the Reed Warblers. And furthermore, what was so surprising, as the weather was so poor, was that we could still hear the buzzing of insects, indeed, their sounds came out on my recordings.

After travelling some 50 yards alongside the mere we disturbed some Grebes. They have a wonderful call; a beautiful bubbling sound. We came across a great variety of birds, there is no doubt about that; Meadow Pipits, planing down and then in song, Tree Pipits, Tree Sparrows, Skylarks, except when they were being blown about. Yes, they were interesting

Skylark feeding young—photo: S. C. Porter, Royal Society for the Protection of Birds.





A tasty snack for a Meadow Pipit—photo: S. C. Porter, Royal Society for the Protection of Birds.

woods. But I do think it is necessary when one is out on these reserves to check a map of the area, because you can trespass so easily, or even do damage by tramping about where there are young birds, or disturbing nests.

By checking the map, we found there was one wood where, normally, the Tit family are to be found in great numbers. As we approached this wood, I could hear the Great Tit calling, accompanied by the "coo" of the Turtle Dove. By the time we arrived at the end of the wood, it was raining fairly hard. We decided to take a short cut home across the heathland. There we came across a very handsome bird; the Yellow Hammer. He was sitting at the top of a gorse bush, singing away, despite the rain, with its distinctive call — "A little bit of bread and no cheese".

I did mention earlier that vast areas of the Breckland have been subject to drastic changes. A few scattered patches of grassland have survived, despite so much farming and forestry which have claimed much of this widespread habitat. I can give you a typical example—Lakenheath Warren. Half of the 2,000 acres are now an airfield. The remainder escaped forestation earlier this century because of the opposition by the commoners. This was a breeding ground for thousands and thousands of sheep and rabbits. You can imagine all the herbage, the grass and the seedlings would have been grazed down. But since myxomatosis many areas have now been colonised by pine.

I wanted to find out more about the flowers and plants of the Brecklands, as I

had heard so much about them. I was very lucky to get hold of a person with great knowledge, Mr. M. G. Rutterford, of Lakenheath. He is also a warden for the tree reserves for the Suffolk Trust. He told me about some of the wonderful plants, including the Marsh Orchids of the Fens and the Spanish Fly-Grass, which is found only in a very few places. It has a sticky stem and many insects adhere to it, I believe this is to stop them getting through to the nectar. What about the three different types of Veronicas? We know them in our gardens as Hebes. However, I think my greatest thrill was when Mr. Rutterford suggested that we go with him for a walk on to Lakenheath, where he would tell me about some of these fascinating plants.

That evening the weather turned violent and the rain poured down in torrents. It was no better the following morning when we visited the heart of the forest area, at Santon Downham. The forest area is vast, some 52,000 acres. They consist of pine woods, primarily established by the Forestry Commission. Other parts have been turned into military training areas and improvements have been made

by converting large areas into useful pasture and arable land.

When we went to Santon Downham, we had already made arrangements to meet one of the foresters and, indeed, an ornithologist, Mr. Robin Hoblin. He was very kind to Joan and me and showed us where two pairs of Woodlarks were breeding. Although I knew I was there too late, in the year, I was really waiting in anticipation. But we didn't get the full song, indeed we could not have expected it. Determined to stay with the Woodlark as long as possible, Joan and I sat under an oak tree. It was raining very hard. An amusing incident occurred while we were sitting there. One of the foresters came walking up the ride and had to turn off. He had his head down against the wind and rain. When he looked up, at about 60 yards away from us, he just couldn't believe his eyes. One could just see him thinking, "Hello, two more of them".

Later on in the evening, the weather changed. Unbelievably, even the sun came out. We walked for a couple of miles by Santon Downham church, where we came across a surprising number of

Swans and supermarket meet in Thetford—photo: Eastern Daily Press, Norwich.





Britain's smallest birds, the Goldcrest—
photo: S. C. Potter, Royal Society for the Protection of Birds,

birds. The commonest bird in song, without doubt, was the Willow Warbler. As we turned and made our way back, the long shadows from the evening sun were long past. The light was beginning to fade. As we approached Santon Downham church, one of the bird calls reminded me of one of the Forestry Commission brochures. It states that with the trees being so tall, it is very difficult to hear the Goldcrest. This is the smallest of the British birds, as it is about a quarter of an inch smaller than the Wren. It has a voice to go with its size. By the church I could hear one of these birds calling from half way down a tree. The way I learnt this song, was that it always reminded me of a busy sewing machine.

Just past the church we sat down on a bench and underneath the trees it was almost dark. We listened to the last of the evensong; the Song Thrush, the Cuckoo. After listening to a Nightingale for a while, as we were feeling a little tired by now, we decided to make our way home.

We got into the car and let the windows down, so that we could hear the birds better. Two miles along the road, in the heart of the conifers, we could hear some Owls calling. Joan put the headlights on and a moment later a small bird flew down in front of the car and began to drag a wing, as though in pain. Joan thought it was a Snipe, but after speaking to Mr. Hoblin, we learnt that this is the general practice of a Woodcock, especially if you get too near to a nest. It was trying to distract our attention. After a while, it flew up and we drove on again slowly.

Just on the outskirts of this forest area, we came to some open ground. There I again heard a Nightingale. This one sounded very different to the previous one. There was no echo from the trees. It was a fitting song, for me to bid farewell to the Brecklands and to thank the many people who helped to make my holiday, albeit wet, such a happy one.

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.

Frederick William Bird, of Cambridge, who joined St. Dunstan's on 30th January, 1980. Mr. Bird served as a Private in the 4th Suffolk Regiment during the First World War and was wounded in 1917. He is a widower and lives with his married daughter.

Francis Cargin, of Dromore, County Down, who joined St. Dunstan's on 24th January, 1980. Mr. Cargin served as a Corporal in the R.A.F. during the Second World War and was a P.O.W. in the Far East.

John Edward Nelson, of Manchester, who joined St. Dunstan's on 24th January, 1980. Mr. Nelson served as a Private in the 20th Manchester and Labour Corps during the First World War and was wounded in 1916. He is married.

THE WORLD ABOUT US

John Baker, son of St. Dunstaner, Paul Baker, of Sidmouth, had a very successful 1979. Not only did he gain an Honours Degree in Chemistry, from Magdalen College, Oxford, but also made a documentary film in the Solomon Islands.

John and four companions won a Mick Burke Award, which enabled them to go to the Solomon Islands to film the Solomon Islanders making canoes. The Mick Burke Award is a scheme under the "World About Us" programme and out of 100 entries only six teams were given some sponsorship and equipment to make their films. The BBC provided cameras and sound equipment and limited finance, but John and his crew had to raise another £6,000 in order to get the expedition off the ground. John was the sound engineer and his fiancée, Margaret, the cameraman.

The party lived native style and soon learnt enough pidgin English to communicate with the Islanders and they established a wonderful rapport with them. They took three months to complete the filming and other than too many mosquitos, armour-plated cockroaches, rats and a rather tedious diet, all went well. As a parting gesture the Islanders sang a special farewell song to John and Margaret before they left the Island for home.

Their film is now ready for showing. Much of the material has never been filmed before, so John hopes to repay some of the £6,000 by giving film shows and lectures. For the rest of us the film will be shown on BBC television during the "World About Us" programme in early April, when the overall winners of the award will be announced.

ATHLETIC CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Fourth Annual Metro National Athletics Championships for the Visually Handicapped will be held at the East London Stadium, Bow, E.3, on Saturday, 19th July, 1980.

For those members of St. Dunstan's who have not taken part in these sports competitions previously and who have not received an entry form, these can be obtained from the Competition Secretary,

Alan Whetherly,
38 Beverley Road,
New Malden, Surrey, KT3 4AW,
and must be completed and returned as soon as possible.

Each competitor can enter up to four events, of which three may be track events or three field events, but not four in the same category. The events include:

Totally Blind—Track Events

60 metres (sprint)
100 metres
3 km. walk (men only)

Partially Sighted—Track Events

60 metres (women only) (sprint)
100 metres
200 metres
400 metres
1,500 metres (men only)
3 km. walk (men only)

Totally Blind—Field Events

High jump
Long jump
Shot
Discus
Javelin

Partially Sighted—Field Events

High jump
Long jump
Triple jump (men only)
Shot
Discus
Javelin

There were some 90 competitors taking part in last year's competitions, including several from overseas, and the day's events proved highly successful, with a number of special events for junior visually handicapped competitors from schools for the blind. These sports competitions have become the principal date in the calendar of sport for the visually handicapped and bearing in mind that through Avis Spurway and Bill Harris, St. Dunstaners have been the pioneers of sport for the disabled, the organisers are hopeful that we will give them our support once again.

J. WRIGHT



Chess tournament winners: (l. to r.) Bill Miller, Vi Delaney, Wally Lethbridge, 'Curly' Wagstaff, Reg Palmer.

SPORTS WEEKEND

There is still a lot of support for athletic sports among St. Dunstaners and with this in view, a Sports Weekend has been arranged for 7th/8th June, at Ian Fraser House. St. Dunstan's is anxious to provide whatever facilities are wanted and your views are requested. Mr. Carnochan suggests that a full sports, with shot-put, discus and similar events, may be too strenuous for some St. Dunstaners nowadays. He believes that a programme of events with less vigorous demands could be arranged to give an interesting and enjoyable weekend.

Please use the form below to indicate if you wish to participate in the Sports Weekend and, if so, whether you would prefer a full programme of athletic events, or a less vigorous one. Your suggestions for particular events will also be welcome.

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To : The Sports Officer, St. Dunstan's,
Ian Fraser House,
Greenways, Ovingdean,
Brighton, Sussex.

Name :

Address :

I wish to take part in the Sports Weekend on 7th and 8th June at Ian Fraser House

*I would prefer a full athletic programme *I would prefer less vigorous events

*delete as appropriate

I suggest the following as possible events for competition :

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OVINGDEAN NOTES

Spring certainly seems to be in the air again as these notes go to press and soon Easter celebrations will be keeping us busy. But we have managed to fill the interim period since Christmas with plenty of fun and games.

The Merry Tadpole at Pevensey, Tylden House at Warnham, The Romans at Coldwaltham and Gibbys at Polegate have continued to extend their generous hospitality to us on our weekly drives.

Our theatre going has been varied. "Elvis", the award winning musical, "Same Time Next Year", a very funny romantic play, and Somerset Maugham's "Before the Party", provided something for everyone. We really are lucky to have theatre of this calibre on our doorstep. The band of the Irish Guards added a new dimension to our entertainments programme last month too.

Tom Eales has presented two excellent stereo programmes for us at Ian Fraser House; Les Harris has entertained in his own inimitable way with records and stories and once more Peter Larsen, organist and composer, has drawn a large and appreciative audience.

I asked Peter McCormack what he thought of our chess weekend:—

"I stepped into the Winter Garden on Friday, 8th February to be greeted by a voice that was unfamiliar to me. I began to think it was a new St. Dunstaner who spoke very strangely, who used such phrases as 'your move', 'I lose', 'that is an illegal move'. But I discovered it was our latest toy 'Charlie', the chess computer."

The weekend was very entertaining with three sections, plus a special class for beginners. Results were as follows:—

Section One 1st Reg Palmer
 2nd Vi Delaney

Section Two 1st Wally
 Lethbridge
 2nd Curly Wagstaff

Section Three Bill Miller

"A wonderful weekend was had by all. I would like to thank Mr. and Mrs. Horrocks, Mrs. Pugh and all helpers and members of staff, also Dr. Stilwell and his wife for presenting the prizes. We would have liked more St. Dunstaners to have supported this Chess Congress, but we

shall soon be announcing the date of our next instruction weekend and do hope that we will get more support. Everyone is welcome."

St. Dunstaners Bill Phillips and Johnny Cope are taking part in a sponsored swim in aid of the new kidney unit at the Royal Sussex County Hospital and Johnny Simpson is doing his bit, in aid of the same project, by going on a sponsored walk. Anyone interested in helping this cause should contact Mr. Osborne, 117, Longridge Avenue, Saltdean, Brighton BN2 8RB. Meanwhile listen in to Radio Brighton for details of times and dates of these events.

ST. DUNSTAN'S NATIONAL BRIDGE CONGRESS

The National Bridge Congress will take place from 9th to 13th May, inclusive. Would all those wishing to participate let the Homes Booking Clerk know, so she can reserve your accommodation. Please also let her know who you wish to have as a partner during the Congress.

CLUB NEWS

LONDON

Bridge Notes

The results of the Individual games for the Gover Cup which were played on 2nd February were as follows:

B. Allen and B. Hiller	83 pts.
R. Armstrong and B. Evans	69 pts.
F. Dickerson and P. Nuyens	65 pts.
J. Carney and J. Majchrowicz	58 pts.

Domino Club

Now that the Thursday Club games have been discontinued, due to poor attendance and so few members living in the London area, it has been suggested that we get together on a Saturday evening. The suggestion was to meet when the out-of-town bridge members stay overnight, usually on the first Saturday in the month. Ian Dickson at the London Club would welcome your views and comments.

IAN DICKSON

BRIGHTON

BOWLING

We have now played four fixtures of our winter season. Our latest match was against Woodingdean Bowling Club, which was a marvellous game with keen competition and all our bowlers matched them, wood for wood. We ended up with a draw—well done lads, keep it up. We are now well into our Winter Handicap for the Sir Michael Ansell Cup. This too is a terrific competition and everyone is thoroughly enjoying themselves.

I would like to thank my two assistants, Len Scales and Monty Golding, for the valuable work they do by helping me to run our Bowling Handicap, both on and off the green. Many thanks once again, to you both.

The following are the fixtures for our summer, outdoor season:

Worthing	5th March
Burgess Hill	4th May
Rottingdean	23rd May
Seaford	2nd June
Bexhill	12th June
Southampton	29th June
Hurstpierpoint	10th July
Beckenham	24th July
Woodingdean	5th August
Hove & Kingsway	19th August
East Preston	10th September
Old Woking	20th September

A. ROBINSON
Chairman

ENTERTAINMENT SECTION

Our weekly Club meetings have been well supported and good headway has been made in the various competitions (many thanks to all the members for their support).

The Section Committee has decided to hold a sponsored swim and walk, in aid of the Royal Sussex County Hospital Kidney Unit. Our thanks go to Bill Phillips and Johnny Cope who have volunteered to do the swimming (100 lengths) and to Johnny Simpson who will walk ten miles. This in our opinion is a very worthy cause, made more special to us, as our Member, Peter McCormack, is at present waiting for a kidney transplant. Will any person wishing to sponsor these

events please contact Mr. R. Osborne, 117 Longridge Avenue, Saltdean, Brighton BN2 8RB. Telephone: Brighton 32115. All sponsorships, large or small, will be greatly appreciated.

A special dance will be held in the Annexe at Ian Fraser House, on 12th April, from 8.00-11.30 p.m., tickets £1.00 including a buffet. Tickets are available from Bob Osborne at the above address. We hope that all members, wives and friends will make a special effort to attend, as all proceeds will be donated to the Kidney Fund. (Thanking you all for your co-operation.)

We are very pleased to welcome two new members who have recently married, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Gosney, and we would like to wish them every happiness for the future.

Our usual monthly dance was held on 9th February, in the Annexe, and once again it was nice to greet old and new friends. As usual the dance was a great success and a good time was had by all. Our next dance will be held on the 8th March.

H. E. PREEDY

BRIDGE CLUB

Let me begin this first report of the year by thanking Wally Lethbridge, on behalf of the Bridge Club, for the excellent manner in which he conducted himself, for the past four years, as Bridge Captain. It is with regret that he has had to resign, for personal reasons. Thank you very much Wally.

We had our Pairs Competition on 13th January:

1st N/S	Bob Fullard and Partner
2nd N/S	Blodwin Simon and Partner
1st E/W	Bill Phillips and Partner.

The Individuals Competition took place on 19th January and these were the results:

1st	Wally Lethbridge and Jim Padley
Joint 2nd	Peter McCormack and Bill Phillips
	Bob Fullard and Collis Walters.

PETER McCORMACK
Captain

MIDLAND

Although it was extremely cold, our meeting on Sunday, 13th January was very well attended. Two members were absent so the Domino Doubles Competition could not be finished, although some matches were played. An excellent tea was prepared by the ladies and thoroughly enjoyed by all. They were thanked in the usual manner, by our Chairman.

After tea, a lively discussion took place and Joe brought up the question of raising more funds within the Club. Inflation is hitting us hard and we must find ways and means of getting more money to pay for coaches for our outings. We do not want to stop these trips, as members look forward to them so much.

For the next three months we are asking

each member to bring along a small grocery item, which will be raffled separately from the main raffle. We shall also continue to have our Bring and Buy sale twice a year.

A date was put forward for our summer outing and we are hoping to go to Bourton-on-the-Water on Sunday, 15th June. As yet we have not decided on a date for the trip to Stratford.

Everyone said how much they had enjoyed the Christmas Dinner and it was suggested that we try to arrange an earlier date in December this year, mainly because of the weather.

Our next meeting will be held on Sunday, 9th March.

JOAN CASHMORE,
Secretary

FAMILY NEWS

MARRIAGES:

Congratulations to:

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Gosney, of Rottingdean, who were married on 4th January.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Harding, of Bagborough, Taunton, are pleased to announce that their son, Rodney, was married to Sandra Cross on 5th January.

RUBY WEDDINGS

Many congratulations to:

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Mills, of Tavistock, who celebrated their Ruby Wedding Anniversary on 24th February.

Mr. and Mrs. John Newton, of Southport, who celebrated their Ruby Wedding Anniversary on 24th December.

GOLDEN WEDDINGS:

Many congratulations to:

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Phillips, of Bristol, who celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary on 1st March.

GRANDCHILDREN

Congratulations to:

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Beales, of Whitecross, on the birth of a granddaughter, Victoria, on 5th October, to their son, Bob, and his wife, Caroline.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cunningham, of Swanscombe, on the birth of a granddaughter, Maria, on 8th December, to their son, David, and his wife, Debbie.

Mr. and Mrs. William Edwards, of Yeovil, on the birth of their first grandchild, Julia Melita, in October, to their daughter, Melita, and her husband.

Mr. and Mrs. William Elgood, of Chingford, on the birth of their first grandson, on 14th September, to their son, Billy, and his wife and on the birth of their first grand-daughter, on 24th November, to their son, Brian, and his wife.

Mrs. Jean Lee, of Liphook, on the birth of two grandchildren. Her grandson was born on Christmas Day, to her son, Brian, and his wife and her granddaughter was born on 1st July, to her son, John, and his wife.

Mr. and Mrs. Dickie Richardson, of Kempsey, Worcester, on the birth of their first grandchild, Lucy Ann, on 22nd November, to their daughter, Heather, and her husband, Marc.

FAMILY NEWS—Continued

Mr. and Mrs. Patric Sheehan, of Wanstead, on the birth of a grandson, Jamie Patric, on 1st September, to their son, Kevin, and his wife, Susan.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Tanner, of Morden, on the birth of a grandson, Grant, on 4th October, to their son, David, and his wife.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Taylor, of Leyland, on the birth of a grand-daughter, Louise Ann, on 22nd January, to their daughter, Susan, and her husband, Stephen.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Wood, of Brentwood, on the birth of a grand-daughter, Lauren Dawn, on 21st January, to their daughter, Marilyn, and her husband, Andrew.

Mr. Arthur Waters, of Brighton, on the birth of a grandson, Simon, on 27th November, to his daughter, Valerie, and her husband.

GREAT GRANDCHILDREN Congratulations to:

Mr. and Mrs. William Luck, of Queniborough, Leicester, on the birth of a great grand-daughter, Laura, on 31st August, to their grandson, David, and his wife.

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.

Frank Thomas Baxter, 7th North Staffs Regiment.

Frank Baxter, of Brighton, died on 29th December. He was 87 years old.

Mr. Baxter served as a Private with the 8th North Staffs Regiment, from 1914 to 1916. He was wounded in France on two occasions, causing him to lose the sight of one eye. Mr. Baxter was employed as a Security Officer with Shell until he retired. He joined St. Dunstan's in 1974 and took up permanent residence at Pearson House three years later.

He leaves two daughters, Mary and Francis.

We warmly congratulate:

David, son of *Mr. and Mrs. David Bell*, of Edinburgh, who was confirmed as a Doctor of Philosophy at a graduation ceremony in the Sheldonian Theatre, Oxford on 26th January.

Mr. Joe Wolsey, of Belfast, who celebrated his 82nd birthday on 6th March.

DEATHS

We offer our sympathy to:

Mr. Edgar Bull, of Southampton, whose wife, Edith, died on 4th February. Mrs. Bull was 74 years old.

Mr. Alfred Clark, of Hanwell, London, whose wife, Kathleen, died on 16th January. Mrs. Clark was 69 years old and they had been married for over 47 years.

Mr. John Foster, of Redhill, whose wife, Mabel, died on 15th January. Mr. and Mrs. Foster had been married for over 52 years.

Mr. Herbert Habberfield, of Neath, whose wife, Emma, died on 15th January.

Mrs. George McKay, of Ilford, whose mother died in September.

Mr. Thomas Page, of Morecambe, whose sister, Edith, died on 7th January.

Mr. Cecil Parker, of Grantham, whose elder sister died on 9th December.

Mr. Harold Williamson, of Prestatyn, whose brother, Lewis, died in November.

James Robert Burton, Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry.

James Burton, formerly of Porchester and latterly a resident in Pearson House, died on 15th January. He was 88 years old and had been a St. Dunstaner since 1933.

Mr. Burton was a Private in the Regular Army and served with the Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry from his enlistment in 1911. He suffered injuries through shrapnel, whilst on active service during the First World War and he was discharged from the Army in 1915. When he joined St. Dunstan's, Mr. Burton undertook a

period of training in poultry farming and ran a very successful smallholding for many years, on which he raised a large number of pullets and grew a wide range of vegetables. Unfortunately, Mr. Burton had to give up his smallholding in 1964, after he was involved in a serious road accident.

His wife, Emily, died in 1966 and for some years Mr. Burton was cared for by his sister-in-law, Mrs. Parsons, who died in 1975, and by his good friend Mrs. Louisa Parvin. However, his health was deteriorating and in July, 1978, he went to Ian Fraser House and subsequently to Pearson House.

Mr. Burton will be greatly missed by his niece, Jean, and by many friends and neighbours as well as by the staff of the Brighton homes.

Allen Caldwell, 1st Royal Fusiliers

Allen Caldwell, formerly of East Croydon and latterly resident in Pearson House, died on 25th January. He was 84 years old and had been a St. Dunstaner since 1916.

Mr. Caldwell enlisted as a Private in the 1st Royal Fusiliers in 1915. He was injured whilst on active service on the Somme and was discharged from the Army in 1916. After a period of training in massage, Mr. Caldwell began to practise in Liverpool and he continued to carry on in this profession until the 40's, when he was no longer able to continue, due to deteriorating health. In 1959, Mr. Caldwell moved to Anglesey and then, in 1972, to Croydon. In 1973 Mr. and Mrs. Caldwell celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary, but sadly his wife, Sara, died in 1978.

Before his health deteriorated, Mr. Caldwell was a keen gardener and enjoyed playing bridge. He will be greatly missed by all at the Brighton homes.

He leaves two sons.

Waldred Evans, 9th Welsh Regiment.

Waldred Evans, of Newport, died on 4th January. He was 86 years old.

Mr. Evans served as a Private with the 9th Welsh Regiment from 1914 to 1918. He was blinded by a gun shot wound, at Rheims, in 1918, when he lost the sight of one eye. When he was 70, Mr. Evans retired from the steel industry and as his sight completely failed he joined St. Dunstan's, in 1976.

He leaves a widow, Emily.

Hubert Harrison, 10th Scottish Rifles.

Hubert Harrison, formerly of Lytham-St. Annes and latterly resident in Pearson House, died on 1st January. He was 86 years old.

Mr. Harrison served as a Corporal with the 10th Scottish Rifles, from 1914 until he was discharged in 1916, after he had been wounded at Loos and had lost the sight of one eye. Mr. Harrison had a clerical job with the Inland

Revenue until he retired. His remaining sight deteriorated and he joined St. Dunstan's in 1975. He leaves two daughters.

Arthur Herbert, Royal Fusiliers

Arthur Herbert, of Weston-super-Mare, died on 7th February. He was 82 years old and had been a St. Dunstaner since 1974.

Mr. Herbert joined the Royal Fusiliers at the beginning of the First World War. He was severely wounded by gun-shot, whilst on active service, when he lost an eye, his hearing and suffered a serious hand injury. Despite his disabilities he was able to continue with his civilian employment until 1943, having a responsible job as a clerk at the Technical College of Wales, in Cardiff.

Mr. Herbert was the youngest of ten children and very intelligent. However, his father died when Mr. Herbert was very young and by the age of eight he had to start work and by the time he was ten, he was heaving coal. Until a few years ago, Mr. Herbert enjoyed walking many miles each day, sometimes accompanied by his wife, Maud. Mr. and Mrs. Herbert celebrated their Diamond Wedding Anniversary last year and were proud to receive a telegram from the Queen.

He leaves a widow, Maud, two sons and a daughter.

William Frederick Lee, Gloucester Regiment.

William Lee, formerly of Harlow and latterly resident at Pearson House, died on 29th January. He was 84 years old.

Mr. Lee enlisted as a Private in the Gloucester Regiment at the beginning of the First World War. He was discharged in 1916, due to injuries he had received in Flanders. He joined St. Dunstan's in 1978 and, being a widower, became a permanent resident at Pearson House. He will be greatly missed by the staff and his friends there.

He leaves seven children.

John Samuel Maddocks, 9th Lincolnshire Regiment

John Maddocks, of Carsington, Derby, died on 10th February. He was 81 years old.

Mr. Maddocks served with the 9th Lincolnshire Regiment from 1916 until he was discharged in 1918. He was wounded on the Somme, after only three months of being in the Army. However, after the war he returned to Derbyshire to carry on with his estate work, until he retired. His remaining sight finally failed and he joined St. Dunstan's in 1973.

He leaves a widow, Nellie and a son.

John Michael McCartan, Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers.

John McCartan died on 24th January, in Nazareth House, Southsea. He was 78 years old and had been a St. Dunstaner for only seven months.

In Memory *continued*

Mr. McCartan enlisted in the R.E.M.E. in 1928 and was proud to relate that he had been offered a commission in 1941, which he had to turn down as his eyesight was already deteriorating. Mr. McCartan served five years in India and when he was discharged in 1950, with the rank of Regimental Sergeant-Major, had served for a total of 22 years. In civilian life Mr. McCartan had worked in the dockyards, as an engine fitter.

Mr. McCartan and his wife, Kathleen, had been married for 49 years and he was a devoted family man. In his leisure hours, he enjoyed listening to the radio and his talking book.

He leaves a widow, Kathleen, and two daughters, Sister Josephine Mary and Mrs. Shleia Pullen.

James William Rogers, Royal Navy.

James Rogers, of Patcham, Brighton, died on 12th January. He was 96 years old.

Mr. Rogers joined the Royal Navy when he was fifteen, in 1898 and remained in the Service until 1917. One of his proudest memories was of being on duty, lining the deck of his ship, when Queen Victoria's coffin was paraded through the Fleet at the Isle of Wight.

Mr. Rogers was a widower and had lived with his daughter for the last eight years. He also leaves a son.

Anthony Thomas Voyce, O.B.E., Gloucestershire and Queen's Royal West Kent Regiments

A. T. ("Tom") Voyce, of Gloucester, died at home on the 22nd January, 1980. He was 82 years old.

He was a Territorial, was embodied at the outbreak of the First World War, and was commissioned; he was wounded but served until 1919. His business career was in insurance, but he had retired by the time his sight deteriorated and he became a St. Dunstaner in 1975. He had many public interests and was active in local government, hospital work, the Royal British Legion, Boy Scouts and other organisations. He was awarded the O.B.E. for his public work in Gloucestershire, particularly with the National Playing Fields Association.

Over and above all this, however, Tom Voyce will be remembered as one of the great figures of all time in English rugby. He served the game as player and administrator for more than 60 years, playing for Gloucestershire, the Army, the Barbarians and for England, and serving for 40 years on the Rugby Union Committee; he was elected its President in 1960.

A Memorial Service in Gloucester Cathedral was attended by very large numbers of friends and associates. St. Dunstan's was represented by

a friend and fellow St. Dunstaner, Mr. Leslie Herring, and his wife.

Tom Voyce leaves a widow, Pat, a son and married daughter.

Harry Webster, South Lancashire Regiment

Harry Webster, of Liverpool, died suddenly on 17th January. He was 64 years old.

Mr. Webster served as a Corporal with the South Lancashire Regiment from 1932 to 1942. He lost his sight as the result of a grenade explosion, and after joining St. Dunstan's in 1949, he was trained and went to work in industry.

In 1968 it was necessary for him to change jobs, for health reasons. Mr. Webster successfully completed training in joinery and became a most competent and reliable worker for the Stores Department.

He leaves a widow, Catherine, and a son, Jim.

James Wilding, Royal Engineers

James Wilding, of Oswestry, died on 10th January. He was 88 years old.

Mr. Wilding was a Sapper with the Royal Engineers, from 1914 to 1918. He was wounded at Passchendaele, when he received severe injuries including the loss of one eye. Despite this, he worked as an iron moulder until he was 67.

Mr. Wilding joined St. Dunstan's in 1978. He was a widower and lived with his son, George. Although Mr. Wilding did not enjoy the best of health he liked to do some gardening.

He leaves two sons, George and Jim.

Richard Bell Wilson, 125 Anti-Tank, Royal Artillery

Richard Wilson, of Sunderland, died on 21st December. He was 66 years old.

Mr. Wilson enlisted in 1939 and served as an Acting Lance Sergeant with the 125 Anti-Tank, Royal Artillery. He received leg wounds when his boat was torpedoed entering Singapore, but it was the privation he suffered whilst a Prisoner of War, which caused him to lose his sight. He was discharged from the Army in 1946.

Mr. Wilson worked in wholesale butchery until 1976, when he retired, due to poor health and he joined St. Dunstan's in 1978. He greatly enjoyed his first St. Dunstan's Reunion, in Newcastle, last summer and also his first visit to Ian Fraser House, in September, for our Far East P.O.W. Reunion Weekend. He had been looking forward to returning to Brighton for some hobby training in the spring.

He leaves a widow, Mary and three children, Raymond, Ruth and Howard.