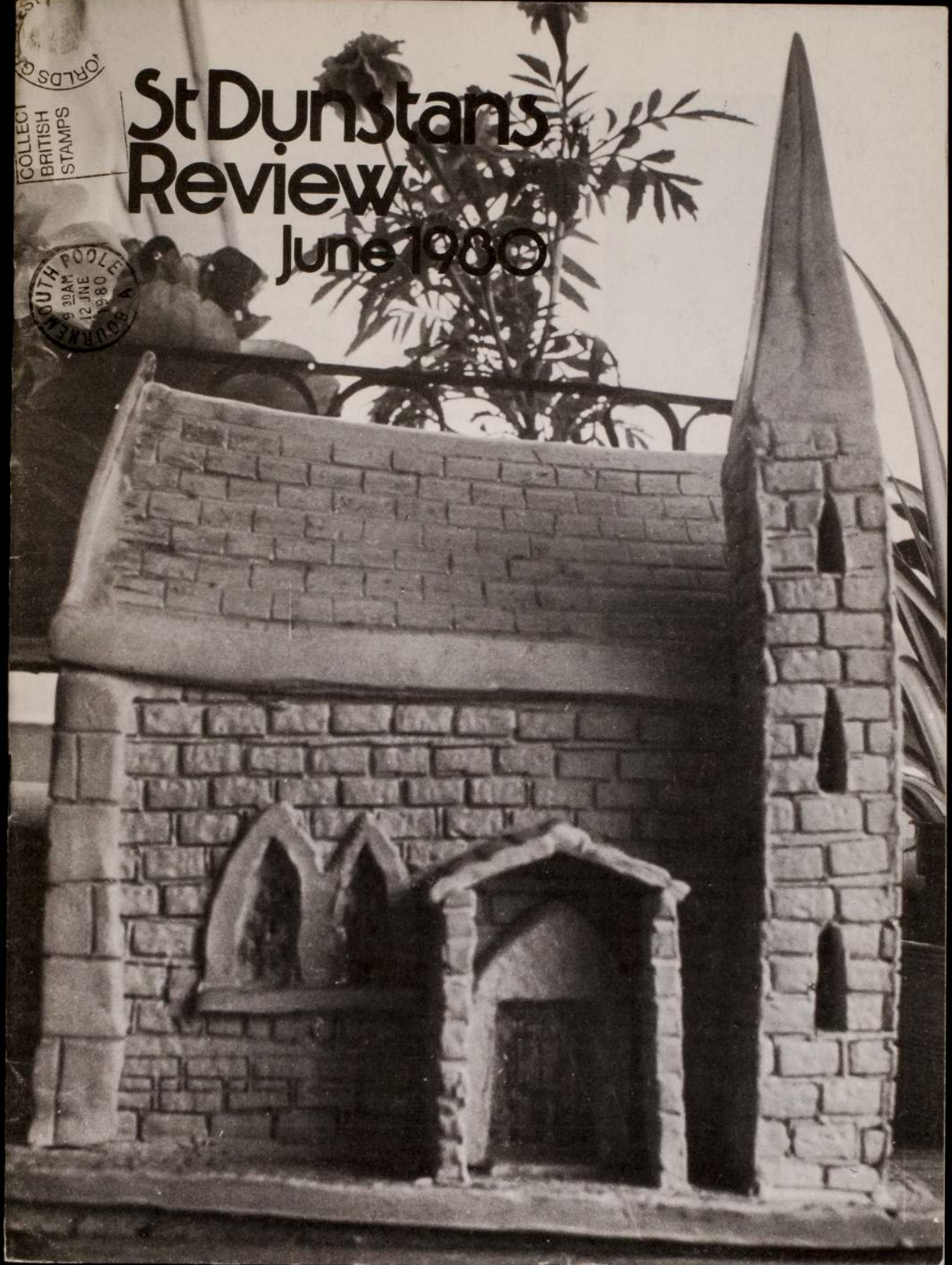


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COVER PICTURE:

This miniature church was made by St. Dunstan, Arthur Lowe the subject of an article on centre pages.

Message from the Chairman

News of Sir Neville Pearson

St. Dunstaners will be glad to hear that I have had a letter from Lady Pearson with good news of Sir Neville. He had had a spell in hospital with a bad go of influenza, but is now recovered and back again at their beautiful home in New Jersey. They are very happy there with many friends nearby and others visiting them from England.

Sir Neville says that he always enjoys the *Review* and sends his best wishes to all his old friends.

C. E. Johnston—Australia

J. E. May, M.B.E.—New Zealand

Changes are taking place in the leadership regarding St. Dunstaners in Australia and New Zealand. Here I pay tribute to the two men who have done so much for their comrades in each country and I welcome their successors.

Colin Johnston, of Victoria, a physiotherapist who trained in this country, played a leading part in the formation of the 'Blinded Soldiers of St. Dunstan's, Australia', thus uniting all the blinded ex-servicemen and women and strengthening their ties with us. Now, after five years as their first President, he has given up the position as he is retiring. We all thank him for his active interest in St. Dunstan's and hope he and his wife, Elizabeth, will enjoy their future years in Queensland.

Jim May, of Auckland, whose career was in civilian blind welfare, has been St. Dunstan's Honorary Representative in New Zealand for many years, working closely with organisations concerned with the welfare of the blind or ex-servicemen and women. He has been a good friend to his fellow St. Dunstaners and helped them with understanding and skill. In recent months he has decided for reasons of health that he should give up his appointment and I send him all our thanks for his fine work for St. Dunstan's. We hope that he and his wife, Nancy, will benefit from having fewer responsibilities and enjoy their increased leisure.

Harold Cox, of Tasmania, is the new President of the Blinded Soldiers of St. Dunstan's, Australia, and Robert Sadler is St. Dunstan's new representative in New Zealand. We congratulate them both and wish them every success in their activities.

Jon Earnest-Dance

TRANSPORT ARRANGEMENTS TO AND FROM BRIGHTON HOMES

Would all St. Dunstaners kindly ensure that on the day after arrival they make the necessary arrangements for their return home with our Transport Clerk, at Ian Fraser House. If there is any reason to change this arrangement please give the Transport Clerk as much notice as possible.

Dr. R. Stilwell

BRIDGE INSTRUCTION WEEKEND

The Bridge Instruction Weekend will now take place on 12/13th December and *not* on the 6/7th December.

FLOAT FOR BLIND ANGLERS

Anglers may like to try out a new kind of float which the inventor, Walter Bower, says is particularly suitable for the blind. Instead of the traditional arrangement of separate float and different sizes of lead weights, Mr. Bower has designed a combined float and weighting system. It comes in four different sizes, easily distinguished by touch, and can be attached to the fishing line in only a few

SERVICES FOR BLIND ELECTRICITY CONSUMERS

Readers may like to be reminded that the Electricity Board have certain services available for the blind, which may be of particular use to those living on their own.

1. Password: Contact your local board if you wish to have a personal password which the meter reader will have to give you, before you let him in.
2. Brailled knobs: The Board will fit these to electrical appliances at a low cost.
3. Checks and repairs: With the exception of the North West, the Board will make standard charges for calling at your home to carry out repairs, or checks on equipment if you suspect a fault.

A hint on how to check whether you have the correct fuse in a plug is to get someone to read the number of watts the appliance uses. This is generally marked on a plate or label on the appliance. Then divide this number by the voltage, usually 220 in the U.K. and this gives you the fuse/amp you

seconds with one simple movement. Mr. Bower claims his floats are more sensitive than any others, and that it is impossible to tangle the system when casting. Bower floats are on sale at Woolworths (not fishing tackle shops) and cost £1.35 for a set of four.

GROWING POINTS

For a new television series, David Roseveare, Senior Producer, Mathematics BBC Schools Television, is trying to find a sequence of photographs of the same person taken every 12 months for the first 18 years of their life. In each photograph, the person should be full-length, standing facing the camera and not obscured by other people. If you know of such a sequence please send details to (not photographs) David Roseveare, Villiers House, The Broadway, London W5 2PA.

NATIONAL INSURANCE GRADUATED BENEFIT

Mr. Slade acknowledges all communications from St. Dunstaners on the above subject, and the letters are receiving attention.

should use in the plug. For example, if your toaster says 1,000 watts, then 1,000 divided by 220 equals approximately 4. In other words you should have a 4 amp fuse in that plug.

Changing an electric plug or mending fuses are minor matters for most sighted householders. For visually handicapped people it would be not only difficult or impossible to tackle these jobs, but also very risky. Yet such a small repair job hardly seems to justify the cost of calling in professional help. The Electricity Consumers Council, an independent body which represents at national level the interests of electricity consumers throughout England and Wales, is currently urging Electricity Boards to consider waiving or reducing the call-out charge for small repairs done for blind customers. One Electricity Board actually does so, though not as a formally laid down policy, where the blind person lives alone and is on limited means.

St. Dunstaners in the News

Bill's Half-Century

25th April was Bill Kennedy's last day at work packing books for McGraw-Hill, at the Company's British base in Maidenhead, but his day did not end at 5 o'clock. Some 150 colleagues gathered at the Aldington Hotel for a dinner honouring Bill's 50 year's service with the Company.

Mr. Ed Reilly, Managing Director of McGraw-Hill Book Company (U.K.) Ltd., presented Bill with a gold tie pin, with the McGraw-Hill emblem ornamented with diamonds, from the New York headquarters of the Company, "There are not too many of these around," he commented.

Other presentations made by Mr. Reilly were a portable, push-button radio, from the British Company and matching suitcases and pre-recorded musical tapes from the staff. The final presentation was made by an old friend, Miss Pat Church, Personnel Manager, who, amid laughter, said that as Bill was receiving luggage for his holidays she felt he should have a bucket and spade to go with them. Mr. Ernest Harris, General Manager, Books Services, had earlier introduced another old friend of Bill's his Warehouse Manager, Mr. Bob Pocock. Mr. Pocock read messages from Mr. Harold McGraw, Jr., who is

Bill Kennedy at work.



President of the Company, and from other senior executives in New York and he paid his own brief, personal tribute. Another speaker was Mr. Len Wiggins, St. Dunstan's Placement Officer responsible for Bill Kennedy, who expressed St. Dunstan's thanks to McGraw-Hill and good wishes to Bill.

When Bill began his work as a packer in 1930, he was almost 15 years old and could see. He served with the Royal Sussex Regiment during the Second World War and was wounded in Italy in 1944. Bill lost his sight and the thumb of his right hand. St. Dunstan's advised him to try to take up his old job of packing and McGraw-Hill welcomed him back.

Miss Church told the *Review* that it was unlikely any future employee would match Bill's record: "With school leaving age now at 16 and retirement fixed at 65, it would only be in special circumstances that anyone could reach their half-century".

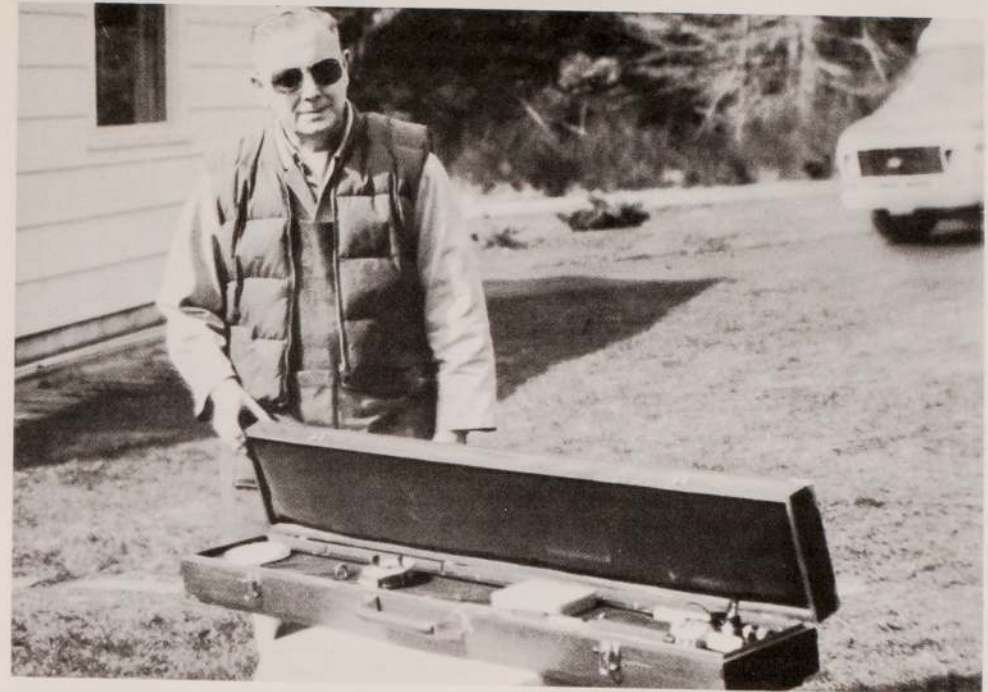
So it is congratulations to Bill Kennedy on achieving a unique service record of work which earned this tribute from Mr. Ernest Harris: "We have admired Bill's cheerful acceptance of his handicap, he has tackled new methods of packaging, including stapling machines and semi-automatic strapping machines. The only help he has needed from his sighted colleagues is sorting labels and invoices".

Gift for Prince Charles

During a visit to Canada, H.R.H. Prince Charles received a gift of two fly fishing rods in a fitted wooden case. They were presented to him by the Commissioner of the North Western Territories, Mr. S. M. Hodgson, at Yellowknife.

The St. Dunstan's story behind this presentation is that the wooden case, in which the fishing rods were placed, was made by Eric Brocklehurst, of Comox, Vancouver Island. Eric served in the Second War, with the Army Dental Corps and came to St. Dunstan's in 1942.

Until 1973 Eric and his wife, Agnes, lived in Doncaster. They moved to Vancouver Island to be near their daughter.



Eric Brocklehurst with the fishing rod case he made for Prince Charles.

Prince Charles' fishing rod case was made in Eric's workshop. He is a skilled cabinet maker and wood carver, making bowls, animals, table lamp stands and, among other things, very authentic totems!

Eric has heard from the Commissioner that Prince Charles received the rods and case with great pleasure and Eric, in his turn, received a gift from the North Western Territories, an Eskimo soap stone carving.

Although he is now living in Canada, Eric says he still wishes to be a part of the St. Dunstan's family. Last year he made a visit home to England and looked in at Headquarters, as well as attending the Sheffield Reunion. He can be sure that St. Dunstan's is proud of the craftsmanship he is now demonstrating in Canada and the recognition this has achieved. He can also be sure of a warm welcome whenever he can re-visit the old country!

Some of Eric Brocklehurst's wood carving work.



St. Dunstaners in the News



Edgar Bull presenting a plaque to members of the crew of H.M. Submarine Revenge—photo H.M.S. Dolphin.

An Historic Crest

In the days when he ran a branch of a national chain of wine shops, Edgar Bull, now living in Southampton, had one very special customer: Admiral Sir Graeme Nicholson, who had commanded H.M.S. Revenge in which Edgar served as a Sergeant of Royal Marines. He was a regular serviceman, having enlisted in 1929 and served throughout the Second World War, until his discharge in 1945. Edgar Bull came to St. Dunstan's in 1976.

The Admiral presented him with a brass medallion of the Revenge's crest, surrounded by the ship's battle honours. There is now one of Her Majesty's submarines bearing the honoured name Revenge and Edgar Bull has given the crest to the crew of the submarine.

He went along to H.M.S. Dolphin, the headquarters of the Royal Navy's Submarines and there, in the museum, made the presentation to members of the crew.

'SEE BY TOUCH' EXHIBITION

A 'See by Touch' exhibition similar to the ones held previously at Leamington Spa, is being planned for Saturday, 5th July 1980, this time at Dorking in Surrey. The idea is to give blind people the opportunity to examine closely and handle all kinds of items which can otherwise only be described to them verbally. As well as exhibits on fire prevention, crime prevention, a lighting display, coffee, wine and cheese tasting, the organisers hope to include more exotic exhibits such as a moon buggy or space capsule. Suggestions from visually handicapped people themselves as to particular objects they would like included in the exhibition are welcomed. Further details from Mrs. Linda Drummond-Walker, 24 Palmer Close, Redhill, Surrey, telephone Redhill (0737) 61937.

RE-PRINTED FROM THE 'IN TOUCH' BULLETIN

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.

Robert Lancelot Henry Bailey, of Southampton, who joined St. Dunstan's on 30th April. Mr. Bailey served as a Driver in the Royal Army Service Corps during the Second World War. He is married with three adult children.

Robert James Dorling, of Norwich, who joined St. Dunstan's on 16th April. Mr. Dorling served as a Private in the Norfolk Regiment during the First World War. He is married with an adult family.

Paul James, of Dudworth, Barnsley, who joined St. Dunstan's on 16th April. Mr. James served in the Royal Air Force as an M.T. Driver, from 1974, until 1978. Mr. James is single.

William John James, of Cardiff, who joined St. Dunstan's on 16th April. Mr. James served as a Gunner with the 77th Welsh Regiment Heavy Artillery, from 1941, until 1946. He was a Far East prisoner-of-war for three years.

Carl James Humphries, of Ogmores-by-Sea, Glamorgan, who joined St. Dunstan's on 22nd April. Mr. Humphries served as a Private in the Bedfordshire Regiment from 1916 to 1919. He is married with two adult daughters.

James Edward Hines, of Belfast, who joined St. Dunstan's on 2nd May. Captain Hines served with the Royal Army Service Corps during the Second World War. He is married with an adult son and daughter.

Jack Lucas, of Nottingham, who joined St. Dunstan's on 30th April. Mr. Lucas served as a Private in the Royal Army Service Corps during the Second World War and was wounded in Belgium, in 1945. Mr. Lucas is married.

Frank Gordon Tinsley, of Holloway, London, who joined St. Dunstan's on 22nd April. Mr. Tinsley was in the Territorial Army and automatically embodied into the Royal Artillery at the outbreak of the Second World War. He was discharged with the rank of Gunner, in 1942, and is now employed as a telephonist. Mr. Tinsley is married with four adult children.

AIDS CENTRES

An increasing number of aids centres for the disabled in various parts of the country have a display of low vision aids which members of the public can examine. It is usually best to telephone for an appointment so that a member of staff can help to demonstrate the aids and the best way to use them.

Merseyside Aids Centre, Youens Way, East Prescot Road, Liverpool L14 0LR, telephone 051-228 9221, (has some magnifiers, but a full range, apart from closed circuit television, is kept at Christopher Grange, nearby, to which clients can be referred).

Newcastle-upon-Tyne Council for the Disabled Aids Centre and Information Service, Mea House, Ellison Place, Newcastle-upon-Tyne NE1 8XS, telephone Newcastle (0632) 23617.

Aids and information Centre (Wales Council for the Disabled), Llys Ifor, Crescent Road, Caerphilly, Mid Glam. CF8 1XL, telephone Caerphilly (0222) 869224.

National Demonstration Centre, Pinderfields General Hospital, Aberford Road, Wakefield, Yorks. telephone Wakefield (0924) 75217, ext. 2510 (only one magnifier-aid, but a bigger selection can be seen at the General Library, Rotherham District General Hospital, Moorgate Road, Rotherham, S. Yorks. S60 2UD, telephone Rotherham (0709) 62222 ext. 525, Mr. G. L. Matthews, Principal Librarian).

The Royal Association for Disability and Rehabilitation has a Travelling Aids Exhibition which tours all parts of the country from April to September. Its display of aids includes a few magnifiers—a bar magnifier, a full-page sheet magnifier, a torch magnifier and a neck magnifier. Details from Miss Kitchen of Sharon Wood, RADAR, 25 Mortimer Street, London, W1, telephone 01-637 5400.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

From Leslie Webber, Goring-by-Sea

During the early part of World War II, as part of the defence arrangements for the Low Countries, it was agreed that certain areas should be flooded in the event of the invasion by the Germans. When an invasion seemed imminent, the Queen of the Netherlands sought advice from Winston Churchill, as to whether she should break the dykes. The telegram in reply stated, "Suggest you hold your water until the enemy arrives—(signed) W.C".

From: Fred Barratt, Haverfordwest, West Wales

Some time ago I had to go to London, which is some 350 miles from home. I wanted to be there by 12.00 noon and in order to do this I had to set off at 2.00 a.m. There are six miles of country lanes to navigate before we reach the road to London and as we left the village, all quiet and still clothed in the blackness of the night, my wife said: "Oh, I think we are in for a storm". She had just seen a flash in the distance and thought it was lightning. Then, suddenly the whole car lit up, as though someone were shining a very bright torch into the car. "What was that," gasped my wife, as the flash lasted but a second. Before I could muster an answer to her question, another bright light flashed into the car. "It's a car behind us, flashing its headlights", I replied. Her very frightened voice replied, "There is no car behind us, nor in front. What's more the road we are on is only wide enough for one car and is bordered by fields on each side".

During our drive through those six miles of country lanes the mysterious light flashed into the car six times. I tried to comfort my wife, by saying I did not believe in spooks, but secretly I was expecting men in silver suits from space ships to wrench open the car door and ... (then what) ... I dare not try to think. Our nerves were put under even greater strain and the tense atmosphere made even more electric when my wife said: "Fred, I saw that light come down from the sky".

Most people might not have felt so concerned as we did, but when you appreciate that the area we live in is renowned for U.F.O. sightings you may understand how we felt. Tense and anxious, we made the right hand turn onto the London road, and waited for the next flash. It came. Brighter than ever.

This time the light stayed on and the truth was revealed. My wife had not put her seat belt on and unknown to her it had fallen out of the car and was left hanging when the car door was closed. The belt itself was not sufficient to keep the door ajar enough to activate the switch to turn the light on in the car, but when the car veered to the right it relieved the pressure on the switch to turn the light in the car on and switching it off when the car corrected its course. What my wife had thought was a light coming down from the sky was in fact the reverse. The inside light of the car was reflected on to the wing mirror and from there skywards, giving my wife the understandable optical illusion.

I wrote and told our local paper about this story and not only did they print my letter, but the Editor wrote in his editorial: "It is good that some people can keep their feet on the ground when dealing with such incidents".

TRUE STORY

Many people will have doubts about these incidents, but this next tale is as true as the last one. Recently I had some people to stay. As our sleeping space is restricted, one of our lady guests had to sleep on the sofa in the front room.

The next morning we were dismayed to hear that the lady had not slept a wink all night. She had been kept awake by strange noises which sounded like heavy articles being dragged across the floor and crashing against the wall. Thinking she was a bit of a dreamer, I paid little attention to her ghostly claims.

However, some time later my daughter slept in the same room, on the same sofa and she too suffered a sleepless night, due to the same strange sounds. I was really

stumped for an answer. Maybe Dolly Palmer, the Tenby fisherwoman, who used to live in our cottage (a painting of who hangs in a London gallery) still walks our rooms? I just could not fathom out a reason for these strange noises.

Then last summer, while the roof was being repaired, the truth was revealed. Living as I do on the side of a hill, the garden at the side of the house is eight feet higher than the ground level of the house. In this part of the garden are several apple trees and during the summer they grow some 18 feet tall and the branches spread over the roof of the house. On windy nights the branches are whipped across the roof, thereby making the dragging sounds and thumps. More strange and unaccountable noises are made as apples, blown from the branches, roll down the roof. The guttering

of the roof full of apples gave us the clue to the mystery.

From: Albert Hobson, Hastings

May I take this opportunity to say what a wonderful time I had at Ian Fraser House, during the gardening course. It was very interesting and a great help, just to exchange ideas with each other.

The outings we had, to the various gardens, and the discussions we had were fascinating and informative. I would like to say a big 'thank you' to Miss Guilbert for all that she did for us. This was my first stay at Ovingdean, but I am eagerly looking forward to my next stay there.

I would just like to say how nice it was to meet so many new faces and talk over old times and I hope that we all meet again very soon.

A SENSE OF PERCEPTION

By C. T. Hayes

You pity me said the blind man,
Though I honestly cannot think why
For there are so many things I can do
Which you cannot, though hard you may try.
You have all the wonderful senses,
You can hear, you can smell, you can touch.
You can taste but the greatest of wonders
Is the sight which you value so much.
You pity me said the blind man
Because one of these senses I lack
You think that because of my blindness
My life is eternally black.
You think that because I lack vision
That for colour and beauty I long
But believe me my friend when I tell you
Your assumption for this is quite wrong.
For although I cannot see beauty
Nor colour as seen through your eyes
I have my own way of knowing
Where beauty for me really lies.
I also know colour and beauty
I find it in laughter and song
And from smell and from taste the

So acute that it cannot be wrong. knowledge
You with your sight said the blind man
See only what eyes can behold
Whilst I, with a deeper perception
Can know though I've never been told.
I hear the birds sing said the blind man
Among many such wonderful things

The humming of bees the wind in the trees
And the happiness all this brings.
But I see it you say said the blind man
And I cannot gainsay your reply,
But all these things live on in my heart
And for me not a thing can die.
You see a maid, said the blind man
And think what a beautiful girl
But your eyes only touched the surface
Like the skin of a glorious pearl.
Had you not seen said the blind man
The beauty of form and of face
You might like me have delved deeper
And sensed the spiritual grace.
But even with eyes said the blind man
You often see darkness and fear
You might even wish at such moments
That your sight had not been so clear.
So don't pity me said the blind man
I'm blind, that I know is quite true
But somehow I think in the long run
I may be more favoured than you.
My blindness is not such a bad thing
May I say this without being bold
I've developed a sense of perception
That to me is more precious than gold.
So when we meet said the blind man
And this will I know be a task
Don't pity me just accept me
Is that really too much to ask?

Editor's note: St. Dunstaners will be interested to know that 'a sense of perception' is the work of a sighted author—a tribute to his own perception.

READING TIME

by Phillip Wood

Cat. No. 439

Full Tilt

By Dervla Murphy

Read by Jean Challis

Reading Time 10 hours

On her tenth birthday, the writer was given a bicycle and then and there she decided she would cycle to India.

Twenty-one years later she realised her ambition and set off on her trusty steed 'Ros' on the journey from Dublin to Delhi. This was in the winter of 1963—which happened to be the worst in Europe for eighty years.

She slithered over packed ice, wallowed helplessly in snowdrifts, and in Yugoslavia was attacked by wolves (or were they very large dogs?) She nearly drowned in floods after the snows melted.

Later she cycled in the Hindu Kush and over the North-West frontier, starved with the peasants in remote areas of Pakistan, and almost succumbed to heat-stroke.

Her story is told in the form of diary entries and in letters to friends in Ireland. She has a quirky sense of humour and a very sharp line in home-spun philosophy. Altogether a most delightful book by a very enterprising and resourceful lady.

Cat. No. 717

The Park

By Margaret Forster

Read By David Broomfield

Reading Time 6½ hours

Every afternoon, in all seasons, six women walk in the park. Five take their children, while the sixth watches their play hungrily, longing for the child she will never have.

They have no contact with one another save a brief nod of recognition. Tea-time and they go their separate ways, Judith to the security and elegance of her expensive house, Faith to self-imposed isolation in her dingy council flat, Pippa back to a selfish and egocentric husband, Kate to an empty, childless existence.

Then tragedy, sudden and devastating, unites them briefly, like sisters sharing a great sorrow. But it is transitory. Once again they go their separate ways and the park will see them no more.

A very good read. I suppose it could be argued that Ms. Forster writes *about* women *for* women, but nevertheless I enjoyed the book.

Cat. No. 152

The Forest People

By Colin Turnbull

Read by George Hagan

Reading Time 10½ hours

In the great rain forests of the Congo lives a race of people who have exercised the minds and imaginations of generations of travellers. These are the pygmies, whose life-style has changed little during the past two-and-a-half thousand years.

The writer lived among these amiable and resourceful little people for many years. He came to love them, to admire their skills and he became totally involved in their daily lives.

This book is the account of life with the pygmies. Sadly, I found it overlong and repetitious. For me, one pygmy wedding is very like another. The author talks lovingly about individuals by names so tongue-twistingly unfamiliar as to make them unidentifiable in context.

I have recently read quite a few books which I felt would greatly benefit from some ruthless surgery. This, I fear, is one of them.

28,800 PIECES OF WOOL

Joseph Laverty, of Downpatrick, County Down, has been awarded a Certificate of Merit for a rug he made and entered in the War Pensioner's National Homecrafts and Arts Competition. The Competition attracted 577 entries so Mr. Laverty's achievement in winning this award demonstrates his high standard of workmanship.



With their welcome guest, Miss Frances Ramshaw, Eddie Hordyniec, Bruno Tomporowski and Fred Barratt at the Round Stone Garden Centre—photo John Barrow.

UNBELIEVABLE BUT TRUE:

St. Dunstan's Gardening Week

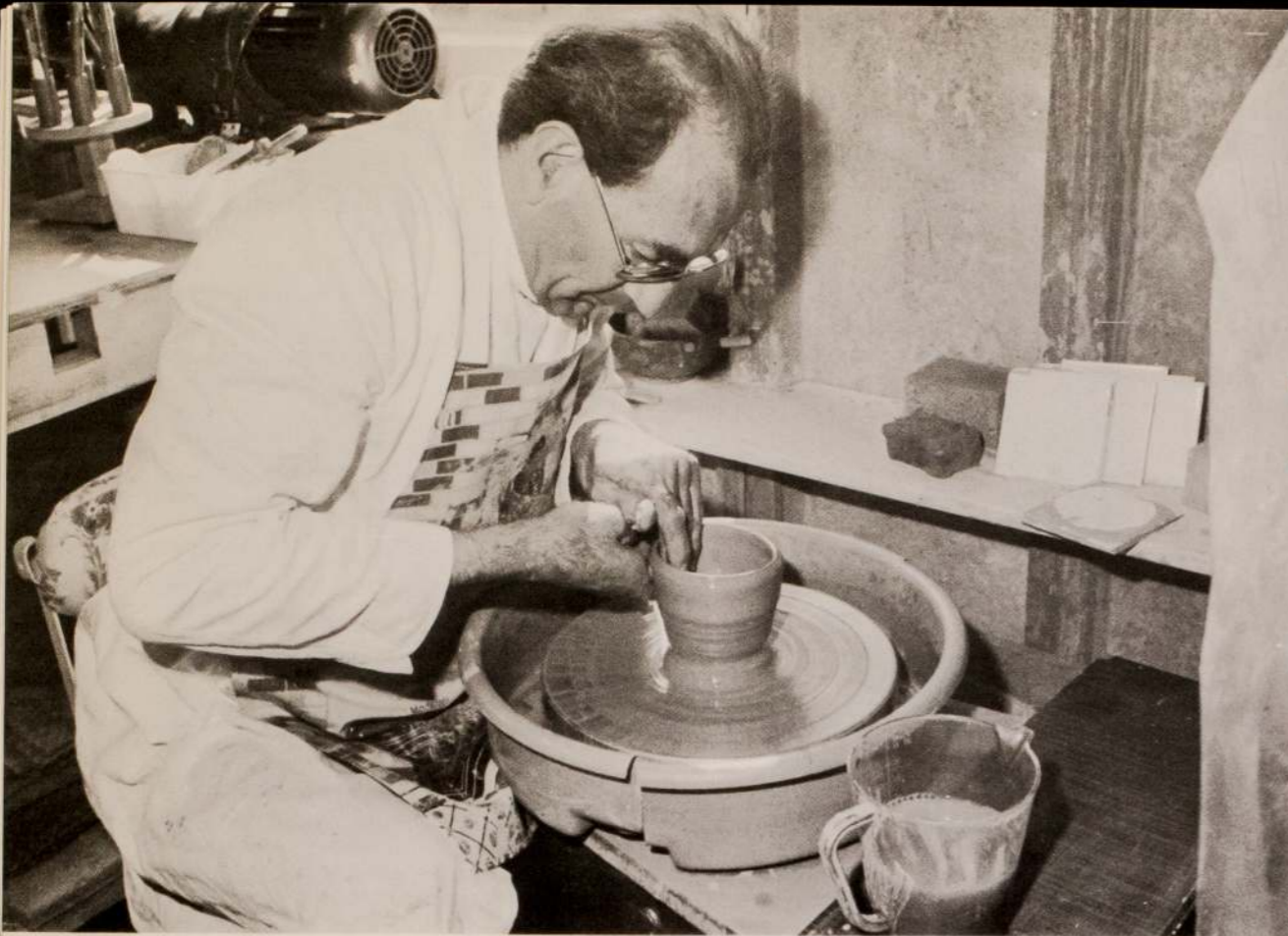
by Fred Barratt

Did you know that Britain exported £4 million worth of bulbs to Holland? Did you know that in April, this year, there were many 9ft. high tomato plants with plenty of trusses on them? They were all expected to have 30 trusses each and some tomatoes had already formed on the bottom trusses and were as large as tennis balls. These plants were grown in water, not soil. Most St. Dunstaners like a drink, but can you imagine them becoming so engrossed in an 'Any Questions' session, with a local gardening group, that drinking time was forgotten and two hours went by like five minutes?

All these points and many others were actual incidents that happened at the St. Dunstan's Gardening Week, at Ian Fraser House, in April, where the number of interested gardeners continues to grow. The week was organised and arranged

through the very capable hands of Miss Guilbert, with our Australian friend John Pulborough leading us from the Chair, and so the St. Dunstan's gardeners launched into another full and varied Gardening Week. We held question and discussion groups, where gardening problems and theories were put under the microscope and then brought into a more practical field by visits to Highdown Chalk Gardens, at Goring and The Royal Horticultural Society Gardens, at Wisley. Each meeting and visit taught most of us something new about gardening, or gave us some new ideas that we can try out to make our own gardening even more interesting and exciting.

Among the topics we discussed was the possibility of arranging another gardening session for this Autumn and if a date can be fixed it will be published in the *Review*.



MEMORY TO FINGERTIPS

Arthur Lowe talks to Ray Hazan

Photographs by Diana Smalley

The earth feeds us, clothes us, supplies our energy needs and raw materials. In Genesis, chapter 2, "The Lord God formed man of the dust of the earth". That same dust can be used to make dams and roads; mix it with water and you have a mud hut or pots in which to store food and water. Clay is an absolutely tactile material which can be kneaded, squeezed, slapped and moulded. Its surface can be textured in a hundred and one ways. These are the pleasures that Arthur Lowe and his wife, Kit, of Stubbington, Hampshire, have discovered over the past decade.

Arthur had always used his hands to earn his living. He joined the RAF just before the war and spent 22 years as an aircraft fitter, leaving in 1968, already experiencing sight

problems. He took up quality control work at Plessey's and later worked in the technical library. But sadly his sight prevented him carrying on his work in the library. However, Plessey's were extremely good to him and although no suitable alternative work could be found, made sure Arthur was cared for.

It was the RNIB assessment centre at Torquay which first introduced Arthur to the art of working with clay. "I felt myself at home for some reason. I would have laughed if anyone had told me earlier that this would be for me. I spent every afternoon for the remainder of my time there in the pottery department. We weren't allowed on the wheel, but would use the

templates to cut out clay into model cottages and churches".

"When I got home, I was telling my social worker how much I had enjoyed pottery. 'Oh good', she replied, 'we've just got a pottery class going'."

"I asked the tutor of my class, at the Fareham Technical College of Adult Education, where the template was to cut my clay out. 'Templates', he said, 'no, you don't want those. It's all in the head. Think what a cottage looks like, what a church looks like, if you can remember, then let's have it in clay'. Hence my motto from that day on, is, 'memory to fingertips'."

In 1975, Arthur became a St. Dunstaner. "From then on everything happened. Mrs. Lyall was a great source of encouragement".

Arthur uses three methods to produce finished articles; "throwing", which is using a potter's wheel, "coiling" and "modelling". Common to all three methods is the preparation of the clay by wedging. This is basically like kneading dough, in order to ensure a good mix of the molecular structure within the clay and that any air pockets are driven out. Arthur likes to use a fine clay, which is delivered in 25 kilo bags, costing approximately £4.50 per bag. If the clay is kept in an air-tight bag, it will last a long time. Clay can be reclaimed so that there is little wastage. An optional extra is a pugmill. This is like a meat mincer. Clay is

forced through a nylon spiral and reconstituted. A pugmill costs around £250. In wedging, the clay is cut, folded over itself, slapped and kneaded. Arthur uses a hand spray to water the clay until the right consistency is "felt". A 20lb lump will take some physical activity. A soft wedge will be used for throwing, and harder consistencies for coiling and modelling. From the larger piece a 1lb lump is cut and wedged again, for about one hour. Arthur is then ready to "throw".

A potter's wheel can be purchased second-hand through various magazines. A typical prize might be £100. In Arthur's case, it is electric with a foot operated control. The wheel, whose surface is level with the rim of the surrounding basin, is about 12" in diameter with grooved concentric circles on the face. The 1lb lump has been moulded into a ball. Putting his left index finger on the centre of the wheel, Arthur slaps the lump onto the wheel, quickly removing his finger. He has, in effect, performed the old coordination test of putting finger to finger, or finger to nose, which no doubt many of us went through in our entrance to the services. Keeping hands, wheel and clay thoroughly moist, the wheel is put at full speed while the clay is centred. This is done by cupping the left hand around the edge and bringing the heel of the right hand down on the top. These few words do a total injustice to the art of





Kit and Arthur busy in their workshop.

centring, and much practice is needed just for this part of the operation. By then sinking the thumb into the centre of the bun, and squeezing the thumb and fore-finger together, you can start drawing up the edge of the pot.

The pot can be further drawn by placing the knuckle of one hand on the inside, and gently pressing it against a finger on the outside. Again, a great deal of practice and experience is required to obtain the right thickness of the wall, the right amount of moisture, speed and shape. "I don't necessarily have a complete concept of the shape I want to achieve, before I set out. Even a mistake can sometimes be turned to advantage. The whole process is very relaxing, and at the end of a hard day, what can be better than to go in the garage and throw some clay about. If it doesn't work out, I can chuck it in the bin, to be reconstituted through the pugmill later". Arthur produces mainly vases and bowls by this method.

A sponge on a wire is used to soak up as much water from the inside of the pot, before it is placed on a tile to dry. After one

or two weeks, depending on the warmth of the atmosphere, the dried out pot is replaced upside down on the wheel and any variety of tools, either specially purchased, or found around the home, are used to tidy up the base, or to put texture into the semi-dry clay. Scraping the side with the teeth edge of a surform blade, followed by an old nylon brush comb produces a grooved, tree bark effect. When a sufficient load of items are ready, they can go for their first firing.

If going in for this hobby seriously, a kiln can be purchased for around £500. A second hand kiln is not recommended. Arthur's is fitted to a 30 amp power supply and costs from £6 to £8 a firing. In the first 'bake' the temperature goes to 1,000 degrees centigrade. The kiln is then left for two days to cool. Again, experience is needed in loading and knowing when to fire the kiln. Any surges of power, if you live in an industrial area for example, may effect the firing. Arthur generally tries to operate on a Sunday.

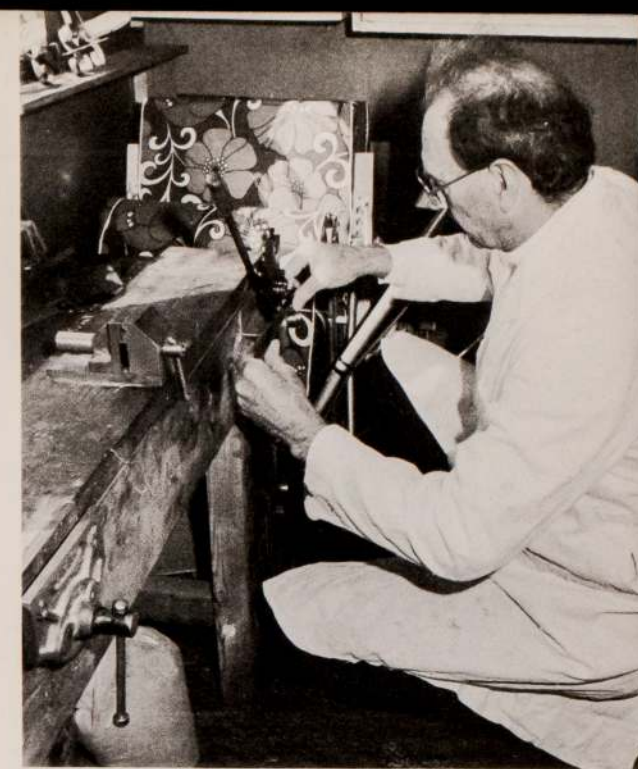
Kit then joins in the next operation; the glazing. This is done by dipping the article in the liquid glaze. This again has taken a lot

of practice. You need to get the colouring right, to prevent drips, which will result in ugly lumps and blistering. Designs can be painted on by brush. The article has then to be fired a second time, at 1,200 degrees.

There is a drier but slower method of producing pots, by the coiling method. In this case Arthur rolls out the clay into worms, the thickness of an eighth to a quarter of an inch, depending on the height of the pot to be produced. A circular base is cut out and then the worms of clay wound one on top of the other around the edge of the base. Each layer is firmed down into the one below until a smooth sided wall is built up. Firing and glazing are carried out as before.

Modelling

Modelling, like coiling, can be carried out with the use of home made tools. After wedging, the clay is rolled out like pastry. By placing two pieces of wood of the required thickness, say a quarter or half inch, under the end of the rolling pin, then the clay must also end up that thickness. Next, using either just a set square or a rectangular template, the sides and ends of the church or cottage can be cut out. These are then 'glued' to a base with slip. Slip is liquid clay, left over after throwing. The edges are first roughed with an old brush and the slip applied with a brush. Clay coils are then pressed into the corners and along the bottom of the open topped box. The roof is made by laying a flat rectangular piece of clay on a one gallon oil can, with half hanging over the edge. When this dries a little, you have your gabled roof. Arthur allows the roof to overhang, but trimming can be done with a pair of scissors. A chimney can be added either onto the roof or onto the end wall. Window and door frames are made by gluing thin strips of clay with slip, to the walls. Eventually, the space within the frame will be glazed blue to represent the glass of the window. The roof can be combed, with the surform blade, to represent thatch. Squiggly lines, made with a tooth-pick on the chimney, will look and feel like stonework. Clay squeezed through a tea strainer will make thin coils, which glued to the wall, become clinging ivy. A hole cut in the base, before assembly, allows for the insertion of a musical box.



Setting up a piece of wrought iron work.

Dormer windows, spires, clocks, weather vanes-the list, scope of textures is endless. Again, the article is fired; and glazed.

This hobby has given Arthur an added interest on his travels. He is constantly enhancing his visual information by asking about the designs of any churches and cottages that he passes. A finished article may be about 10" long by 8" high and take two to three weeks to complete. They could make attractive items on a commercial basis, but Arthur's main preoccupation is with the hobby, the relaxation, the occupation and the creativity that it brings.

The Stubbington pottery is housed in Arthur's garage. Two solid formica worktops are required for wedging and rolling and plenty of shelf space is needed for items to sit on and dry. Because the garage is unheated, work is generally confined to the warmer months. Arthur works wrought-iron and talks on behalf of the Guide Dog Association to occupy the cooler months.

Arthur Lowe has fashioned out for himself not only an absorbing and creative interest, but also some very attractive and delicate objects. Intangible ideas from his memory, which have become highly tactile at his fingertips.

CLUB NEWS

LONDON

In Paul Nuyens the London Club and the Bridge Club mourn the loss of a very good friend and one of the Club's founder members. Paul was by far the most active committee member that I have ever known during my Club membership. Many of us have done battle with him over the years and he could be very stubborn, but he stuck to his guns on anything that he thought was of help, or could be detrimental to our Club.

During my 28 years in the Bridge Club, Paul has taken on the responsibility of nearly all the positions on the committee, including being the Club Captain for several years, which he hated, but he did it to keep the Club together. No-one else would take the job over and each year he would emphasise that someone else should be voted in as Vice-Captain, so as to take over the following year; Paul hated being in the limelight. It was with great relief that he relinquished the job and took over as Secretary. He has been Secretary (with the exception of one year) ever since.

Behind the Scenes

Behind the scenes Paul organised our Harrogate trip year after year and also the Ilkley trip, until this was discontinued. When Ovingdean was closed he personally organised "The Ocean Hotel" and went down there to pick out the bedrooms he felt were the most suitable—it took about three visits before he was satisfied. All this Paul did at his own expense. In fact, Paul has travelled the width and breadth of this country in his time, all for the benefit of our Club. He also visited many Club members far and wide, when they were ill.

When, and I am sure he knew, that time was running out for him pretty fast, he made sure all the details regarding the Bridge Congress were taken care of—the programme, agenda and prize money were all arranged. Whoever takes over as Secretary will, I am sure, find it very hard going as Paul, over the years, has spoilt us.

Paul was an active member of the London Club as well. Again, a committee member, he played in the St. Dunstan's Band, was a keen member of the rowing team and

competed in the domino, cribbage and whist drives, as well as in many other activities.

Paul also did many good deeds away from the Clubs, but as Club Captain, I can only tell you what he has done for us. Several people have approached me wanting to know if the Club was going to organise anything so they could donate something towards flowers for the funeral. However, as the funeral was in Belgium and knowing Paul, who never liked any fuss, we thought it would be a better idea to put any donations towards purchasing a trophy, in Paul's memory, that could bring competitive pleasure to others, for many years to come.

If you wish to participate in this venture, please send your contributions to Ian Dickson, at Headquarters.

Roy Armstrong, Captain

Bowling Section

'Our Winter Session ended with a good win over Old Woking and an enjoyable afternoon was had by all. My thanks to the ladies for all the help they have given during the Winter Session in organizing the teas. Congratulations to Alf Waters for winning the Ansell Cup.

Our Summer Session has now started with bowling every Tuesday—weather permitting—at St. Anne's Well Gardens. We have already played the first match against Burgess Hill on Sunday, 4th May; this was a nice fresh breezy day and gave us a healthy appetite together with thirst for the refreshments which were gratefully received by all. We are now looking forward to our matches with Rottingdean and Guildford on 23rd and 25th May respectively. Would any bowler visiting Ovingdean on holiday and wishing to take part in our Summer Matches, please contact me giving at least seven days' notice, because I have to inform the various Clubs how many bowlers will be attending.

The list of our Summer Matches will be as follows:—

CLUB NEWS—continued

2nd	June	Worthing
29th	June	Southampton
3rd	July	Portslade
10th	July	Hurstpierpoint
24th	July	Beckenham
5th	August	Woodingdean
19th	August	Hove & Kingsway
10th	September	East Preston
20th	September	Old Woking

W. Davies, Captain

Entertainment Section

The Section Committee join me in congratulating Johnny Simpson on successfully completing a 10 mile sponsored walk on Sunday, 27th April, in aid of the Kidney Unit Fund (well done John).

Our thanks to all those St. Dunstaners, wives and friends, who have worked so hard and donated so generously to this fund, and it gives me great pleasure to inform you that the fund has reached the magnificent sum of £1,600. May I remind you all that a cheque will be presented to a representative of the Royal Sussex Kidney Unit, at our June dance to be held in the Annexe, at Ian Fraser House on Saturday 14th, and I hope that those who are able will support this unique occasion—thanks to you all.

On Thursday, 1st May, 24 Club members made the trip to Rustington, as guests of The Not Forgotten Association and a great afternoon was had by all (even the weather was kind to us). After a stroll along the promenade, we sat down to a fine tea of sandwiches and other goodies and this was followed by a very enjoyable concert, in which the artists reached the usual high standard we have come to expect. Our Chairman, Bob Osborne, gave a short speech to thank the organisers and the artists for making the afternoon such a successful one.

We still have room for eight people on the coach for our trip to the Congress Theatre, Eastbourne, on Wednesday, 9th July. The price for members is £3, non members £5. Anyone interested in joining us, please contact Bob Osborne, 117, Longridge Avenue, Saltdean, Brighton, tel: 32115, as soon as possible.

Our monthly dance was held on Saturday, 10th May, in the Annexe, and once again a very enjoyable evening was had by all.

H. Preedy

MIDLAND

Sunday, 13th April proved to be a beautiful day. We really thought that summer had arrived.

It was especially nice to be back among the members once again and this was due to the kindness of Sallie and Guy Bilcliff who brought me back from Wales for the weekend, specifically for the Bring and Buy and what a Bring and Buy it was. There were some lovely things, including home made cakes, for sale and my thanks go to all of you and our relatives and friends who came along to support us. The total sum raised was £41.44 and this will go a long way towards our outing to Bourton-on-the-Water, and Chipping Campden on Sunday, 15th June. If any St. Dunstaners would like to join us on that date will you please ring me: Bromsgrove 73856. The cost of the outing is £1.50 per person.

A fabulous tea was put on by the ladies and all the cakes were beautifully made by Marjorie and the Chairman thanked them in the usual manner.

A number of domino games were played, so all in all the April meeting was a very successful one.

The Midland Club were very sorry to hear of Lorrie Rea's death. He was a staunch member of the Club when he lived in Birmingham. We, and the Austin Branch of the Royal British Legion, sent sympathy cards to Brenda as Lorrie had worked on the Executive Committee and had been made a Life Member of the Branch. We could not send flowers as we had no details about the funeral.

Joan Cashmore, Secretary

MARY HAMAR GREENWOOD

Miss Mary Hamar Greenwood was a member of St. Dunstan's Council from 1924 until her death in 1953. Herself blind, she was one of Sir Arthur Pearson's teachers of Braille at St. Dunstan's in Regent's Park during the First World War. If any St. Dunstaner, or any reader, has personal recollections or reminiscences of the late Miss Greenwood would they please write to the Editor of the *Review*, at Headquarters.

D. F. Robinson's Gardening Column

You should have everything planted by the end of the month. Many plants and vegetables can be sown direct into their flowering positions and thinned out later. Providing we have very good weather you should have plenty of colour and more still to come from the annuals you raised from seed. Do water seedlings thoroughly and do not let them dry out. You should be able to tell how the fruit crops are going to turn out by now. If the flowers, which are breaking on my apple and pear trees, set with abandon, I should have a good supply of fruit. Some people say that growing your own fruit and vegetables is not worth the trouble and expense, but I always think it is marvellous to eat your own produce—either fresh or frozen—even if the produce is not as large as shop bought crops. Also growing your own crops ensures that you get out in the fresh air and have plenty of exercise during the winter. Keep all the pests and diseases at bay by spraying regularly and do not forget to put down slug and snail bait, as they can create havoc with the green vegetables, especially in wet weather.

Gardening Clubs

Do remember that there are garden societies in most areas and for a small fee it may be worth becoming a member. You can often get discount prices and plenty of advice on which are the best varieties of flowers and vegetables for you to grow and how to get the best results. Many garden clubs arrange outings, have garden experts to meetings to pass on their expertise and they also have local shows where you can display your prowess. Do let us know if you win any prizes.

In normal conditions mow the grass once a week, but less often in very dry weather. Use a good complete fertiliser in showery weather to tone up the grass and to give the roots a boost. Some of the weeds will vanish as well, as most lawn fertilisers contain some kind of weed deterrent. In dry weather keep the mower out of the way and give the lawn a good soaking with the hose or sprinkler.

I must remind you to keep the weeds down by regular hoeing and raking. Where you have a good tilth between the rows of slow maturing plants, sow some lettuce and radish. Do not sow too much at once, small quantities every so often enable you to keep up the supply. In mid-June put out the tomatoes you have hardened off and which are spares from the greenhouse. Put them in a sunny spot and stake them as you plant them. Also plant runner beans and sow some more French beans in an empty, warm and sunny spot.

Vegetables

Thin out the carrots, beetroot and onions, some of which you can use in salads and the carrots may be big enough to use and will certainly taste good—even when raw. Try giving your dog some—mine loves carrots and has to have one every day!

Earth up the potatoes as they grow and pick the broad beans and peas as they mature, because they are much tastier when young and you will get further crops. Dig over the area when the crops have finished and consign the debris to the compost heap and incinerator. In dry spells water thoroughly—use the hose and leave it on for a while. In many areas you can use the sprinkler without paying extra water rates. The best time to water is late afternoon or early evening, when the heat of the sun has gone and the water will penetrate and the leaves are in no danger of being scorched.

It is a busy time in the flower garden now, with the planting out of the half hardy annuals. Do plant taller items, such as antirrhinums, at the back of the flower beds, coming down to the dwarfs, lobelia, ageratum and fibrous rooted begonias, in the front. You get a much better display if they are planted fairly close together and this also helps to keep down the weeds, or at least you will not notice them quite so much if there is less space between the flowers.

You can sow seeds direct into the open ground now, although they will flower a bit late, but they should come up alright, as the ground will be warm and the flowers ought

to last into the Autumn. Remember to thin the seedlings out and to use the thinnings in other bare patches. Do water them in well and keep the seedlings moist, but not saturated.

Cut all dead heads off the perennials to give you more flowers and this will also give fading plants a boost for next season. Ensure that your sweet peas are tied securely on to their frames or netting and cut the flowers regularly so that you get more flowers. Water and feed them well.

You will need to thin out the buds on carnations and pinks to get good sized blooms and long stems. You may need to stake them too, especially if they are growing in open, windy sites. Water them thoroughly and feed with Growmore pellets at the rate of 2/3 oz per square yard—the same amount can be given to the vegetables as well.

Spray all the flowers regularly with a pesticide that is suitable for all types of plant. It is a good idea to get an insecticide-cum-fungicide, which will keep the pests and diseases down. Normally you have to spray under the leaves to combat the insects, which can be difficult. So, use a Systemic which goes in through the leaves and roots. Do the spraying in the late afternoon or evening.

Fruit

On the apple and pear trees cut away thin out-cropping shoots and on young fruit trees do not allow too much fruit to mature, or their roots will not build up sufficiently. Cut down the surplus raspberry canes to ensure a good, fair sized crop. Pinch back the side shoots on the currants to keep the bushes in shape and to get a better formation of berries. All fruits will need a lot of water in dry weather—especially the strawberries which always like to be moist. Now is the time to take runners from the strawberries for the formation of young plants for new beds for next season.

Keep the greenhouse well ventilated by opening the door and windows all day and leave a window slightly open at night, unless it is very windy. Do remember to shade the windows, if the greenhouse is in direct strong sunlight, by using one of the washes I have told you about. These shades do not cut out the light but only the direct sun rays, thus protecting the leaves and flowers, so that they will not scorch if they

get some water spilt on them by mistake.

Feed the tomatoes regularly and tie them in as they grow. Nip out side shoots at an early stage and a spray of water over the flowers may give you a better set. If you are growing tomato plants in large pots, with a low soil level, top dress the pot with more soil and new roots will grow into this extra soil and so boost the plant and give you a better crop, over a longer period.

Give cucumber plants plenty of water and feed and do pick the fruit regularly.

You can sow seeds, for an early show next year now as they will not require any extra heating. The items I suggest are calceolarias, cinerarias, cyclamen, primula and geraniums. The geraniums may even flower later on this year. If you plant polyanthus now the seedlings will be large enough to place in the flowering positions, or you can leave them in trays in the frame, or in a well lit shed.

All your plants will need more water and keep the atmosphere in the greenhouse damp, by moistening the floor and staging. Do use smokes against insects and diseases, regularly, even when there is no sign of attack—prevention is better than the cure.

ST. DUNSTAN'S BRIDGE CONGRESS

The results of the Bridge Congress, which took place on 9th-13th May, were as follows:

Gover Individual (London) Cup
B. Allen

Gover Individual (Brighton) Cup
R. Fullard

Drummer Downs Cup
Vi Delaney
G. Hudson

Alf Fields Memorial Cup (Pairs)
R. Freer and B. Allen

Pearson Cup (Pairs)
M. Tybinski and R. Fullard

Pearson Cup (For Teams of Four)
B. Evans B. Phillips R. Fullard M. Tybinski

Lord Fraser Individual Cup
H. King

DISABLED WATER SPORTS DAY

On Saturday, 5th July a water sports day for the physically handicapped is taking place at the Draycote Reservoir, which is within easy access of major Midland centres. The facilities for the following sports will be available: sailing, canoeing, fly fishing, sub-aqua, radio controlled boats and rowing.

For further details contact Mr. A. Roberts, Area Recreation Office, Meadow Lane, Nottingham NG2 3HN, telephone: 0602 865007.

ST. DUNSTAN'S BRIDGE PLAYERS COMPETE AT BENIDORM

St. Dunstaners Bert Ward and Harry King, with their wives, were competitors at the fourth annual Benidorm Bridge Congress amongst over 120 sighted players.

The Congress is directed by Geoff Connell and his wife, Enid, so there was plenty of encouragement for our St. Dunstaners to take part. They went with 26 packs of Braille cards and found their sighted opponents very willing to play with these cards and to call the cards they played.

With six trophies and prizes totalling about £6,000 play was serious and competition keen. Bert and Mavis Ward, playing together, qualified for the second round, but then were narrowly eliminated from the final coming seventh, when six pairs qualified. Harry and Bertha King came fifth in a Pairs Competition and won a prize, so the first St. Dunstaners to compete in this Congress acquitted themselves well.

BBC SUCCESS

John Baker, son of St. Dunstan Paul Baker, of Sidmouth, has had his film about the Solomon Islanders shown on BBC Television's 'World About Us' programme (see March Review). Although John and his production team did not win the Mick Burke Award, Lord Hunt told them that their film "was one of the best", which is praise indeed. John now hopes to give talks and show the film to any interested groups or societies to try and recoup some of the cost of the expedition. So, if anyone knows of any societies who may be interested, pass the word along.

ARCHERY AT EAST MIDLANDS GAMES

by Norman Perry

On Saturday, 26th April, I attended the BSAD East Midlands Games which were held at Hucknall, near Nottingham. I took part in the archery competition. It is now five years since I introduced archery for the blind to the East Midlands Games and I have represented the East Midlands, and St. Dunstan's, at the National Games at Stoke Mandeville. I have won the archery event three times and last year I was joint winner with West Wales. The interest in archery in the East Midlands is growing and it is now recognised as a separate event in the Games and this year three people competed in the Totally Blind Class.

The competition was shot over a short metric using a 130cm. target face. The distance of a short metric is 50m. and 30m., and we shot three dozen arrows at each. The day was dry, but cloudy and very cold, with a slight breeze—good conditions for shooting, but not so good for those who were standing about reporting the shots. I won the event with a score of 271, beating the next competitor, who I drew with at Stoke Mandeville last year, by 76.

The BSAD Games were held at the Rolls-Royce Sports Ground and their sports club entertained us and organised the day, providing meals and coffee. During the lunch break we were given a grand display of marching and music by the Robin Hood Carnival Band, from Nottingham. It all helped to make the 80 mile trip well worth the effort.

TELEPHONE CHARGES

Post Office engineers will repair telephone faults free of charge between 8.00 a.m. and 5.00 p.m. on weekdays and 8.00 a.m. and 1.00 p.m. on Saturdays, excluding public holidays. However, there is a new out-of-hours service to cover the rest of the time. The Post Office introduced this service on April Fool's Day—and it costs £19. You will be charged £19 even if the engineer merely effects a minor repair at the exchange and it will still cost you £19 even if the engineer cannot repair the fault until the next day, when you could have got your phone mended anyway, for no cost.

FAMILY NEWS

Betty Christal, wife of St. Dunstaner Norton Christal, of Castletown, Isle of Man, has received a special honour. At a S.S.A.F.A. committee meeting the President of the Association, His Honour Deemster Eason, presented Betty with a certificate of appreciation for her 19 year's service to the Association, a brooch for 15 year's service and a personal letter of appreciation from the head of the organisation. Next year she will be given a bar to the brooch for her 20 year's service.

MARRIAGES

Congratulations to:

Mr. Anthony Boardman, of Wimbledon who was married to Angela Sisk, on 2nd May. Mr. Boardman was made a Freeman of the City of London on 21st April.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Higgs, of Binfield, near Bracknell, are pleased to announce that their son Alvin, was married to Diane Farr on 12th April.

Mr. Gomer Hopkins, of Balham, is pleased to announce that his daughter, Karen, was married to Gavin Marks on 29th March.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward McGrath, of Plymouth, are pleased to announce that their grandson, Andrew Armstrong, was married to Karen Rock on 3rd May.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Congratulations to:

Mr. and Mrs. William Stanley, of Peacehaven, who celebrated their 33rd wedding anniversary on 5th April

DIAMOND WEDDING

Many Congratulations to:

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Collins, of Enfield, who celebrated their Diamond Wedding Anniversary on 15th May. They received a telegram of good wishes from Her Majesty the Queen.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Johnston, of Gore, New Zealand, celebrated their Diamond Wedding Anniversary, on 11th June.

RUBY WEDDINGS

Many Congratulations to:

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Holland, of Newton Abbot, who celebrated their Ruby Wedding Anniversary on 1st June.

Mr. and Mrs. Ken Ward, of Exeter, who celebrated their Ruby Wedding Anniversary on 4th May.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Miller, of Leamington Spa, who celebrated their Ruby Wedding Anniversary on 7th April.

SILVER WEDDING

Congratulations to:

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Baker, of Sidmouth, who celebrated their Silver Wedding Anniversary on 5th March.

GRANDCHILDREN

Congratulations to:

Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Ostle, of Cocker-mouth, Cumbria, on the birth of a grandson, Paul, on 14th March, to their daughter Christine and her husband Keith.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Farnen, of Manchester, on the birth of a grand-daughter, Jennifer Margery, on 10th April, to their daughter Elizabeth and her husband Phil.

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Freeman, of Coventry, on the birth of a grandson, Colin, on 22nd April, to their son Raymond and his wife Linda.

Mr. and Mrs. Llewellyn Davies, of Purley, on the birth of their first grandchild, Victoria Ann, on 21st January, to their daughter Christine and her husband Peter.

Mr. and Mrs. David Jennings, of Midhurst, on the birth of a grandson, Alexander, on 7th April, to their daughter Susie and her husband Henry.

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel McCarthy, of Northampton, on the birth of a grand-daughter, Helen Margaret, on 30th March, to their son Richard and his wife Margaret.

Mr. and Mrs. Seth Bennett, of Wyke, Yorkshire, on the birth of a grand-daughter, Jennie Elizabeth, on 14th April, to their daughter Janice and her husband John.

Mr. and Mrs. William Stanley, of Peacehaven, on the birth of a granddaughter, Lucy Elizabeth, on 15th April, to their son David and his wife Elizabeth.

GREAT GRANDCHILDREN Congratulations to:

Mr. Sidney Latham, of Worcester, on the birth of a great grandchild, Daniel Michael, on 8th January, to his grand-daughter Wendy and her husband.

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.

Miss Louise Elizabeth Farrow, S.R.N., M.C.S.P.

Miss Louise Farrow, of Ian Fraser House, Brighton, died there on the 26th April, 1980. She was 97 years old.

Miss Farrow served as a nurse in the First World War and from then on had defective vision. She learned Braille and trained as a physiotherapist soon after the war and later ran her own small convalescent home. She became a St. Dunstaner in 1961, but continued to live independently until her guiding sight deteriorated and she became more frail. Miss Farrow visited Ian Fraser House and eventually became a permanent resident in 1976. She maintained her independent spirit all through her long life, but had had very poor health recently and slipped away peacefully.

She leaves a niece, Mrs. Topley, and other relatives.

Arthur Edwin Hill King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry

Arthur Hill, formerly of Taunton, and latterly resident in Pearson House, died on 23rd April. He was 82 years old and had been a St. Dunstaner since 1947.

Mr. Hill served throughout the First World War with the King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry and was discharged in 1918 with the rank of Lance-Corporal, following gunshot wounds received while on active service.

After his wife's death, Mr. Hill remarried in 1942 and he and his wife, Phyllis, were both in the nursing profession. However, by

DEATHS

We offer our sympathy to:

Mr. George Cattell, of Northampton, whose father died in March.

Mr. Joseph Laverty, of Downpatrick, whose wife, Christina, died on 15th April.

Mr. Randall Williams, of Leytonstone, London, whose brother, Terry, aged 34, died on 19th April.

Mr. and Mrs. John Barlow, of Sheffield, on the death of Mrs. Barlow's father, on 16th April.

1942 his sight was greatly deteriorating and he joined St. Dunstan's and undertook a period of training in poultry farming. In 1950, he took over a small-holding in Alresford, where he raised large numbers of pullets and cockerels and cultivated fine fruit crops. However, by 1962 his health was deteriorating rapidly and he was forced to give up farming and in 1971 he moved to Taunton, but his garden and greenhouse remained his consuming hobby. In 1970, Mr. Hill won two prizes for his onions and tomatoes, at the Bridport Show.

In his leisure hours, Mr. Hill enjoyed listening to the radio and attending the Taunton Darby and Joan Club and in his retirement enjoyed several cruises. After his wife, Phyllis, died in 1979, Mr. Hill went to live in Ian Fraser House and ultimately in Pearson House. His cheerfulness and indomitable spirit will long be remembered by the Matrons and staff and many fellow St. Dunstaners.

He leaves two children, Mrs. Audrey Wells and Mr. Gordon Hill.

Robert Ernest Killingback 11th Royal Fusiliers

R. E. Killingback, of Cranleigh, Surrey, died at home on 17th April. He was 83 years old.

Mr. Killingback was commissioned and served in the First World War. He was wounded, lost his sight and came to St. Dunstan's in 1918; he trained as a joiner and continued with woodwork for a great many years. His wife died in 1969, but he

continued to live in their old house, where they had been since 1934. His health deteriorated considerably in recent years, necessitating some spells in hospital, but he was very well cared for at home and happy to be there until his death.

He leaves a great-niece by marriage.

Edmund Bramston Mann Royal Army Medical Corps

Edmund Mann, of Hove, died on 10th May. He was 80 years old.

Mr. Mann served as a Private in the Royal Army Medical Corps during the First World War and suffered an injury to his eyes during a mustard gas attack, whilst serving overseas. As a result, Mr. Mann was hospitalised for several months and his general health, as well as his eyesight, was severely affected. He joined St. Dunstan's in 1967.

His wife, Dorothy, died in 1978 and Mr. Mann made a brave effort to continue independently in his own home, but his health was deteriorating further and he ultimately went to live in Pearson House.

In earlier years, Mr. Mann enjoyed participating in St. Dunstan's activities at Ovingdean and was a keen member of the bowling team. His greatest hobby was gardening and he had won several prizes for his chrysanthemums. Mr. Mann will be greatly missed by Matron Hallett and her staff and by many of his good friends in Hove.

He leaves a sister, Dorothy Pallett, and a niece, Angela Pallett.

Paul Joseph Leon Nuyens 2nd Carabiniers

Paul Nuyens died on the 28th April.

Mr. Nuyens enlisted in the Belgium Army's 2nd Carabiniers in March, 1915. He served for three years in the trenches before being wounded at Dixmude in February, 1918. He came to England in 1921. His skill as a violinist and shorthand typist meant that from 1924 onwards he both played in the St. Dunstan's Dance Band and was their full time administrator, organising venues and keeping the account books. In 1938, when the group disbanded, Mr. Nuyens turned to telephony and then to interpreting at the British Council, Foreign Culture Centre, at the Belgian Institute, in Belgrave Square. The Institute catered for those Belgian nationals who had escaped from their own occupied country. From 1943 until 1951, Mr. Nuyens worked first for

his matric and then, at the London Polytechnic, for his B.Sc (Econ) degree, which he obtained in 1951. He was the source of inspiration to several St. Dunstaners who then went on to university themselves. The tape recorder which Paul carried with him on the bus every day, now rests in the Science Museum. St. Dunstan's Bridge Club owes a great debt to Paul Nuyens for his outstanding contribution over the years, since the earliest days of the Club.

In 1971, during a visit by the King and Queen of Belgium to London, Mr. Nuyens was made a Commander of the Order of Leopold II. Mr. Nuyens was a keen bridge player and made all of the 40 visits to Harrogate. He was widely travelled and was photographed, in a recent edition of the *Review*, at an audience with the Pope.

Mr. Nuyens was married on 29th July, 1979 and leaves a widow, Rhys.

Francis Ernest O'Kelly Royal Engineers

Frank Ernest O'Kelly, of Brighton, died on 16th April at Pearson House. He was 83 years old.

Mr. O'Kelly was a regular soldier in the Royal Engineers with the rank of Corporal and was wounded while on active service in France in 1917. He was awarded the Military Medal.

Mr. O'Kelly joined St. Dunstan's in 1917 and undertook a period of training in telephony. He worked for over 50 years and spent almost 30 years with one company. He was a highly valued and efficient employee and his retirement was the subject of an article in many local and national newspapers. In 1976, Mr. O'Kelly was interviewed on Harlech Television about his First World War experiences.

Mr. O'Kelly had many interests including gardening, music and tape-recording. He was a member of the St. Dunstan's Singers, a group who made several radio broadcasts. He enjoyed attending our Reunions. He had a son and daughter by his first wife, but unfortunately she died in 1961 and his son, Leo, died in action in 1941. In 1972, Mr. O'Kelly remarried and was cared for devotedly by his wife, Phyllis, until his deteriorating health made it necessary for him to be admitted to Pearson House, where he will be greatly missed by Matron, members of staff and fellow St. Dunstaners.

He leaves a widow, Phyllis, and a daughter, Mrs. Moya McLaughlin.

In Memory *continued*

Loreto Rea *Royal Signals*

Loreto Rea, of Redcar, died suddenly on 4th April. He was 47 years old.

Mr. Rea, Lorrie to his friends, joined the Royal Signals as a boy soldier, transferring to the West Yorkshire Regiment, in February 1950. He served until 1958, reaching the rank of NCO, but he was discharged due to failing sight.

Mr. Rea joined St. Dunstan's in 1961 and undertook a period of industrial training, he then took up employment, in 1972, in Streatham. Two years later he moved to the Midlands and took a post with Austin Motors, at Longbridge. While he lived in the Midlands, Lorrie became a regular member of the St. Dunstan's Midland Club. However, in 1975, he left his job as he was suffering from poor health and he took a hobby training course, at Ian Fraser House, and proved to be a very skilful craftsman.

In July 1979, Lorrie married St. Dunstaner Brenda Bates and they found much happiness and contentment, bravely overcoming their joint disabilities together.

He leaves a widow, Brenda.

William Clifford Scott

9th Sherwood Foresters

William Scott, of Brighton, died on 15th April. He was 84 years old.

Mr. Scott was employed on the Railway at Retford at the outbreak of the First World War and he joined the 9th Sherwood Foresters in 1914, at the age of 18. He was wounded in 1915, in the Dardanelles, suffering total blindness. He joined St. Dunstan's the same year.

After training as a masseur he took a post with the Edgar Allen Institute in Sheffield, but moved to Manchester three years later where he took a part time hospital appointment and began his own private practice. However, in 1939, Mr. Scott decided to give up massage and to re-train as a telephonist. He then joined the staff of the British Legion Headquarters, in London, but unfortunately, due to the outbreak of World War II, his telephony appointment was terminated in September, 1939. However, Mr. Scott then became our telephonist at Ovingdean. When we moved to Church Stretton, a year later, Mr. Scott took a telephony post with

ICI, at Winsford, Cheshire, where he remained until he retired in 1953.

Mr. Scott's wife died in 1976 and he became a resident with us in Brighton.

He leaves twin daughters, Audrey and Muriel.

Henry Wilson Staines *Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry*

Henry Staines, of Greenford, Middlesex, died suddenly on 18th April. He was 72 years old.

Mr. Staines served as a regular in the Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry, from 1924 until 1931 and during the Second World War served in the Pioneer Corps as a Sergeant, from 1940 until 1944. He was wounded in North Africa, but he retained enough vision to continue working for a number of years and joined St. Dunstan's in 1977.

He leaves a widow, Nellie, and a son and three daughters.

Harold Swain *5th Royal Inniskilling Dragoon Guards (Royal Armoured Corps)*

Harold Swain, of Kettering, died on 27th April. He was 60 years old.

Mr. Swain served as a Lance Corporal with the 5th Royal Inniskilling Dragoon Guards, from 1937 until 1944. He was wounded in action in France, in 1944, and joined St. Dunstan's the same year. Mr. Swain trained as a physiotherapist and took up an appointment at the Kettering and District General Hospital, in 1947. In 1950, he left the hospital for a post with a factory in Corby, where he became Senior Physiotherapist. However, in 1954, he left the factory to concentrate on the private practice he had been building up over the years and which continued very successfully.

In his spare time Mr. Swain enjoyed writing and was very pleased to have some of his poetry published in the local newspapers. He made several return visits to Dunkirk with the Veterans' Association and at the time of his death was a serving member of the St. Dunstan's Physiotherapy Advisory Committee.

He leaves a widow, Joan, and three children, Carol, Eileen and Ian.