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Message from the Chairman

Minister's Visit to Brighton

There is a full report on another page of the visit to Brighton on the 3rd July of the Rt. Hon. R.E. Prentice, J.P., M.P., the Minister of State for Social Security.

We were all delighted to welcome the Minister formally, but I am sure everyone present felt that it was more than just an official occasion. Mr. Reg Prentice, Miss Joan Barnes, a senior colleague, and Mr. Michael Kerin, his Private Secretary, took a deep personal interest in our activities and spoke to as many St. Dunstaners and staff as they possibly could. We were all so grateful for their visit.

A Very Special Horse

Readers of the *Review* will be delighted to hear of the publication of a new book, called 'Leopard'. My reasons for saying this are that it is written by our President, Sir Michael Ansell, and it is about a very special horse. The young 'Mike' Ansell and Leopard achieved wonderful success in many aspects of riding in the 1920's and 1930's and the book looks back on the happy partnership between rider and horse. I am sure it will give enormous pleasure to all riding enthusiasts and animal lovers generally and it also paints a fascinating picture of life in a Cavalry Regiment before the Second World War. Many congratulations to the author!

Publication date for the book was too late for the *Review* to include details in this issue, but there will be a full report in October.

Sir Arthur Pearson Association of War Blinded Reunion

St. Dunstaners in Canada — that is, the members of the Sir Arthur Pearson Association — have recently held their Reunion in Toronto. We had a very good ambassador in St. Dunstaner Colonel D.H. Lewis, who represented us officially, and I am most grateful to him and his wife. They were given a warm welcome and the Reunion was obviously a great success, much enjoyed by everyone present. David told me particularly how several Canadians referred to their training days at Church Stretton: their memories would be shared by many readers of the *Review*.

David Lewis's report on his visit appears on another page.

Film Festival Successes

In my message last November about our St. Dunstan's film "To Live Again", I referred to the success which I was sure it would achieve. The news reported last month that it had won prizes at film festivals in Brighton and New York proved my point, as it was then judged in competition with many others. Many congratulations to producer Jimmy Wright and his company, Cinema Films, to commentator Esmond Knight and to the other St. Dunstaners who took part and the sighted film-makers who worked with them!

Royal Commonwealth Society for the Blind

The Royal Commonwealth Society for the Blind is 30 years old. Under its Chairman, Sir Edwin Arrowsmith, a member of our Council and good friend of many St. Dunstaners, and its Director, Sir John Wilson, a most distinguished blind man, the organisation achieves wonderful success in its work in blind welfare and the prevention of blindness throughout the Commonwealth. On behalf of all at St. Dunstan's, I offer the Society many congratulations and every good wish for the future.

Ion Garnett-Orme

LOYAL GREETINGS

On the Queen's official birthday, Mr. Ion Garnett-Orme sent a telegram of greeting. The text of his telegram and Her Majesty's reply appear below:

ON BEHALF OF BLINDED EX-SERVICEMEN AND WOMEN AT HOME AND THROUGHOUT THE COMMONWEALTH I SEND YOUR MAJESTY LOYAL GREETINGS FROM ST. DUNSTAN'S AND BEST WISHES FOR YOUR BIRTHDAY.

ION GARNETT-ORME
CHAIRMAN,
ST. DUNSTAN'S

I SEND YOU ALL BLINDED EX-SERVICEMEN AND WOMEN AT HOME AND THROUGHOUT THE COMMONWEALTH MY SINCERE THANKS FOR YOUR KIND MESSAGE ON THE CELEBRATION OF MY BIRTHDAY.
ELIZABETH R.

BRILLE LEAFLETS FROM ABBEY NATIONAL

The Abbey National Building Society have produced two booklets in Braille.

The first explains the Society's various savings schemes and provides information on withdrawals, interest, tax and so on. The second is a guide to home ownership and mortgages and both these booklets can be obtained from local branches.

If there is sufficient response further services, such as the transcription of statements and advices, may be introduced.

The Braille leaflets are available from the Secretary's office at Headquarters.

TRIP TO ISRAEL

Mrs. Anne Randall, who planned and organised the Commando's visit to Israel this year, see *May Review*, is planning a similar trip for St. Dunstaners in May/June 1981.

The cost will probably be in the region of £300 per head, bed and breakfast only, but this price does include coach tours. The cost will be the responsibility of those taking part in the trip.

Would anybody interested please write to Ray Hazan at Headquarters. No firm commitment is required at this time.

FESTIVAL OF REMEMBRANCE

It is anticipated that we will again be allocated a small number of tickets for both the afternoon and the evening presentation of the Festival of Remembrance, at the Royal Albert Hall, on Saturday, 8th November.

Any St. Dunstaner who has not previously had the opportunity of attending is invited to apply to Miss Bridger, at Headquarters, before 12th September next for two tickets per St. Dunstaner and, should it be necessary, a ballot for these tickets will be held. Please indicate preference for the afternoon or evening performance.

A St. Dunstaner who is allocated tickets will, if necessary, be assisted with cost of travel and overnight accommodation in London and invited to join the St. Dunstan's contingent attending the Cenotaph Parade on the Sunday morning.

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COVER PICTURE:

The St. Dunstan's Field Gun Crew — At Earl's Court, a group gathers around the Fleet Air Arm Gun.



The Fleet Air Arm Gun Crew on a practice run.

St. Dunstaners at Royal Tournament

Report and Pictures: David Castleton

The first Royal Tournament was held in 1880 and this year's Centenary event at Earl's Court opened on 9th July. There on that historic occasion was a group of more than thirty St. Dunstaners with their escorts.

They were the guests of the Fleet Air Arm Field Gun Crew who, as readers of the *Review* will know, also entertain a large group of St. Dunstaners at their base, H.M.S. Daedalus, Lee-on-Solent, every August.

It was a reunion in every sense of the word for all attending were campers, many with years of experience of these very active and equally enjoyable holidays.

For a brief time in the Fleet Air Arm's temporary Mess, built in the shadow of the terraced seating on the second level at Earl's Court, the atmosphere of the Daedalus Camps was recaptured. There were meetings with friends among the Navy's field-gunners, and with helpers: Elspeth Grant, who had organised the occasion, Sheila McLeod, Eirlys Brittain, Bill Harris and Ben Mills.

Lunch was served in the Sergeants, Mess,

normally a public restaurant. One of the interesting facets of this visit to Earl's Court was to see the famous exhibition hall turned into a military establishment—each unit having its own 'billets' built temporarily in the unused exhibition areas of the building. The numbers of personnel involved, the equipment, horses—even a camel and two elephants this year—make the Tournament a triumph of service organisation quite apart from the spectacle itself.

Once in their seats around the arena the St. Dunstan's group found the first event was the Field Gunners' race. Unfortunately it was Portsmouth v Devonport, the Fleet Air Arm's first run being programmed for the evening performance. Still, the Air's best supporters were able to size up the opposition. Hearing the times, the Fleet Air Arm trainers were confident that their crew would give a good account of themselves, this year, as befits the team that holds three of the four records for the event.

The Centenary Tournament was as colourful and tuneful a spectacle as ever.

Many of the events are old favourites—for example the Field Gun race began with a demonstration of a gun used at the relief of Ladysmith. Another 'must' for any Royal Tournament programme is the Household Cavalry's quadrille and the musical drive of the King's Troop, Royal Horse Artillery, whose limbers and guns, hauled at the gallop by teams of six horses, cross and recross the arena with superb timing to avoid collision.

Highlights for the writer in a fast moving programme included the combined services physical training display—more hairsbreadth timing by leaping and tumbling gymnasts, exercises high above the arena on ropes and frames, trampolining, First-War style bayonet drill, WRAC members exercising using chairs as apparatus and all this going on at once rather like a five or six ring circus!

The King's Squad, Royal Marines, exhibition of foot and rifle drill was capped by a fusillade fired in the dark and by the squad in star formation which produced a ripple of flashes. Teams of motorcyclists from the R.A.F. and the Army raced in relay over a course of hair-raising obstacles.

The R.A.F. starred, too, with a demonstra-

tion by their police dogs. An engaging collection of animals, one of whom climbed a ladder to walk a tight rope while others leaped through a series of blazing obstacles.

Of course, the Royal Tournament means massed bands—The Band of the Royal Marines School of Music, the Regimental Band of the Irish Guards, the pipes and drums of the Irish Guards, the Central Band of the Royal Air Force, provided stirring music. They were joined by the Band of the Kenyan Army in the Finale, when representatives of the whole 'cast' returned to fill the arena with colour until the lights dimmed to the sound of the moving Evening Hymn to bring the 100th Royal Tournament to an end.

Afterwards a lucky few of the party stayed on to watch the Fleet Air Arm Gun Crew practice for the evening run. Racing the field gun is a tough sport—even in practice these superbly fit men go flat out, handling the heavy gun and limber and the lifting gear that moves them across the 'chasm' with skill and precision. Having seen them 'rehearse', the St. Dunstan's party rate the Fleet Air Arm's chances high and wish them good luck.

Over the wall goes the gun under the critical eye of coach, 'Del' Delaney.





Trevor Tatchell speaking at Bristol.

REUNIONS

BRISTOL REUNION

Hosting the 52 St. Dunstaners present at the Euro Crest Hotel was our President, Colonel Sir Mike Ansell. He welcomed four St. Dunstaners attending their first Reunion; Mr. Atfield, of South Brent, Mr. Barker, Westward Ho!, Mr. Gregg, of Burnham-on-Sea, and Mr. Kainey, of Cowbridge.

Lord Fraser had always been a source of inspiration to be independent, to work, to do things. This was now becoming more difficult, nevertheless encouragement was forthcoming from the members of staff. "Miss Meyer has asked me to bring along some examples of the jigsaw puzzles I make on wet afternoons. Since he was unable to put a guard on the saw, Mr. French advised me to put some plasters on, to protect my fingers. It was only when we got home and read the instructions with the plasters, that we discovered they had to be put on 'with red hot iron!'".

Sir Mike pointed out that St. Dunstan, a metal worker, had originated from the Glastonbury area. Following an illness, he had entered the church, been banished to Ireland, but had eventually been allowed to return, and had done much to reform the church.

"We are all extremely grateful to Mr. and Mrs. Garnett-Orme, for all that they do. I am sure you will wish me to thank Miss Meyer for all she has done to get us here and organise such an enjoyable afternoon."

Trevor Tatchell, who answered Sir Mike, felt at a disadvantage. Being a rugby man, he had to admit that it was England who had taken the Triple Crown and an Eng-

lishman was captaining the British Lions in South Africa. Despite that, Trevor gave a vigorous and inspiring speech.

It was almost impossible, said Trevor, to compare the benefits received by St. Dunstaners with those received by the civilian blind. It was equally difficult to trace the development of the organisation under Lord Fraser. "Let us not look in the past, but at today. Let us compare our organisation with those abroad; not in a material way, but in terms of guidance and leadership. I have my arm on Sir Michael; it was his predecessor who led and guided and gave us our worldwide reputation. I wear a badge; you wear a badge and, my goodness, can't we be proud of it." The badge means that one represents St. Dunstan's and no matter how menial a task one was doing, it said who and what was backing you. "I came here not only to respond to the toast, but to thank the organisation for all we enjoy." Trevor concluded by thanking the staff of the hotel and with the joke about the man who went to endless trouble to buy all kinds of cage furniture for his talking budgie. Nevertheless, the bird died, but not without saying one sentence, "Where's my ruddy seed?" "The moral of this story is, because the President and staff are here, we budgies have someone to respond to."

NEWCASTLE

Although a total number of 22 St. Dunstaners may seem lower than at other reunions, Air Marshal Sir Douglas Morris was careful to stress that it was a good attendance for the large area the reunion covered. The proportion of First War St. Dunstaners, 4, to Second War, 18, reflected the ratio of our men and women throughout the world.

Sir Douglas said his only previous trip to Newcastle had been in 1941, when with the RAF, his role had been to defend the north east coast. "We used to wait off the coast and try to catch them on the way in. I shot one down, but he nearly got me. Part of his machine hit me, putting one engine out of action. I staggered back low, into R.A.F. Acklington, only to hear complaints next day about some 'young fool' who had been flying low and disturbing their sleep."

Sir Douglas concluded by saying how delighted he was to see everyone, that all should have the opportunity to exchange



Members of staff, Ray Hazan, Jim Barlow, David Holt, Mrs. Doreen Inman, at Newcastle, with Elizabeth and David Hodgson.

news and ideas. He was particularly pleased to welcome Mr. Wills, reiterating the quote, "where there's a will there's a way."

Mr. Wills then said how grateful he was to all St. Dunstaners for the generous retirement gift that had been presented to him at the London Reunion. He received warm endorsement to the suggestion that a telegram should be sent to Mrs. King, who much regretted that she was unable to attend this Reunion.

Mr. Marsh rose to propose the vote of thanks. Mrs. Inman had organised a thoroughly good day and the staff of the Royal Station Hotel had served us excellently.

SHEFFIELD

14th June was the Trooping of the Colour, in London, and the Lord Mayor's Parade, in Sheffield. While the rain clouds respected the presence of Her Majesty, not so the Lord Mayor of Sheffield. Add to torrential rain, the fact that the centre of town was a no go area, streets being closed for the procession, and you have several foot sore and damp St. Dunstaners arriving at the Grosvenor House Hotel. The 35 St. Dunstaners present listened to the speech of welcome from the Council, given by Mr. Richard Dufton. Two new St. Dunstaners, Mr. Norman Allison, of Leeds, and Mr. Jack Lucas, of Clifton, were warmly welcomed

into the organisation. Mr. Dufton listed the members of staff who were present and paid special tribute to the welfare visitors, who have to drive many thousands of miles, sometimes in very wintry conditions.

Mr. Dufton's previous connection with Sheffield had not been so much with the town itself, as with its famous product. It was, in fact, on the Royal Navy's largest repair ship, serving the Mediterranean fleet. He had then been one of seven St. Dunstaners working in an aircraft factory and during that time he had done a whole course on metallurgy, in Braille, including all micrographs.

Mr. Dufton told the story of the Canadian rancher, who at the time of the moon landings, sent some dust from his corral, to NASA for analysis. It came back shortly, with the brief sentence, 'now we know the cow really did jump over the moon!' He then went on to talk about research. Amongst other things, it had been proved that the brain was not really able to pick up information via codes and bleeps. But the brain can pick up speech; the breakthrough came with the Optacon and now we have synthetic speech.

With regard to the Talking Book Service, Mr. Dufton had to re-jig the phrase, 'the course of new computation ne'er runs true.' The library were experiencing problems with the new equipment, and the transferring of the 26,000 readers from Bolton to Wembley, apart from having to put 55,000

readers on computer file. But things were getting easier now and the library could be out of their problems in the not too distant future.

Many people may have heard recent publicity given to the talking telephone switchboard. Mr. Dufton briefly described how St. Dunstan's had been involved, in conjunction with the RNIB, in the development of the project. Equipment was now available which could plug into standard switchboards and convert information presented by light emitting diodes into speech.

Mr. Dufton concluded by drawing an analogy between St. Dunstan's and a feature of his county of origin—the dry stone wall. These five feet walls have to be made on a solid foundation. We must give our support to ensure a solid foundation to St. Dunstan's, so that it can continue to flourish. "There can never be a St. Dunstan's without St. Dunstaners."

Mr. Bert Ward replied on behalf of the assembly and said how privileged they were to have Mr. Dufton present, who, through hard work and experience, had helped to benefit all St. Dunstaners. He gave a warm vote of thanks to individual members of staff, especially thanking Miss Broughton who had so successfully organised the day. "And, of course, we have here today the Geoffrey Boycott of the organisation, the man who plays from the hip, who keeps on batting—Mr. Wills."

"We ask ourselves what is the point of these reunions? In my opinion they are vital we share experiences, and we trade on each other. We are a stimulant to each other. That is St. Dunstan's—someone had done it before and I hope you will join me in thanking the Council for making these reunions possible. Long may they both prosper."

By the time the film had been shown, raffle drawn, the waltz and the foxtrot danced, tea imbibed, the streets outside had cleared and hopefully, everyone had an easier journey home.

IPSWICH

Looking after cows in Bethnal Green, the choice between a suit or 50 shillings, these were the kind of memories stirred up at the Ipswich Reunion, at the Copdock International Hotel. There were fewer people there than at other reunions, there being 7 First War men and 18 Second.

Mr. Richard Dufton, attending on behalf of the Council, started his speech by welcoming those attending their first Reunion; Mr. Frederick Bird, of Fulbourn, Cambridge, Mr. Geoffrey Bunting, Mr. Robert Dorling and Mr. Charles Smith, all from Norwich. After giving the up to date figures of St. Dunstaners at home and abroad, he introduced the members of staff present.

Mr. Dufton then went on to talk about the overseas St. Dunstaners. How many had gone home from the UK to set up and carry on the ideals laid down by our Founder. Their story could be read in Lord Fraser's book, 'My Story of St. Dunstan's.' Today that history is carried through the medium of the *Review*. In it the Chairman's message keeps the readers abreast of the developments of policy, technology and trends. "Above all, the *Review* carries the story of the activities and achievements of St. Dunstaners themselves. Your presence here today helps to enrich the organisation which plays such a large part in our lives, shaping the destiny of so many of us."

Whisky and the worm

Mr. Wilfred Saxby, in rising to reply, started with the story of the Catholic priest who found he had a serious drinking problem amongst his congregation. During a sermon, he produced a glass of water, a glass of whisky and a worm. The worm survived in the water, but promptly died on being dropped into the whisky. "Can you tell me the lesson to be learned from that?" he asked his congregation. "Well father, if you drink whisky, you won't get worms."

Mr. Wills was asked to convey best wishes to Mr. Weisblatt for success on his appointment as Secretary. Mr. Saxby then went on to praise the work, under Mr. Dufton, of the Research Department. Together with Norman French, they had devised an aid which gave him the independence he thought he had lost. This aid was still in use today. "We are very grateful to the Research Department for the work it has done, directly and indirectly, in enabling us to lead normal lives. We thank you for being here, and ask you to convey our grateful thanks to the Council."

Almost the entire gathering watched and enjoyed the film. There were not many takers on the dance floor, but all were unanimous in agreeing that Miss Newbold had organised an enjoyable afternoon.

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.

Frank Boswell, of Fenny Compton, Leamington Spa, who joined St. Dunstan's on 4th June. Mr. Boswell served as a Private in the Royal Warwickshires during the First World War and was wounded at Passchendaele. He is a widower with an adult family.

Albert Ernest Brooks, of Derby, who joined St. Dunstan's on 25th June. Mr. Brooks served as a Private in the Suffolk Regiment during the First World War and was wounded in France. He is a widower with an adult family.

Douglas Norman, of Bradford, who joined St. Dunstan's on 19th June. Mr. Norman served in the Royal Air Force during the Second World War and was a Far East prisoner-of-war. He is married with one son.

George Robert Lawther, of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, who joined St. Dunstan's on 4th June. Mr. Lawther served as a Private in Inniskilling Fusiliers during the First World War. He is a widower.

Charles Arthur Summers, of Handsworth, Birmingham, who joined St. Dunstan's on 2nd June. Mr. Summers served as a Gunner in the Royal Artillery 7th Coastal Regiment during the Second World War. He, was a prisoner-of-war in Singapore. Mr. Summers is married with two daughters.

DATE TO REMEMBER

Another archery week has now been arranged and will take place on Monday, 1st December, at Ian Fraser House.

MISS ROGERS

Miss P.J. Rogers has moved and, as from 11th July, her new address will be: c/o Miss R. Smith, 53 Marlborough Road, Ashford, Middlesex, TW15 3PZ.

DERBY SWEEPSTAKE

The Derby Sweepstake again proved very popular this year. There were 24 runners and the pay-out was as follows:

1st Prize £345.00 *Henbit* George Nolan
2nd Prize £138.00 *Master Willie* John Taylor.
3rd Prize £69.00 *Rankin* Frederick Matthewman
All those holding a ticket for the remaining 21 horses received the sum of £6.41.

For Sale

One portable Uher Recorder (1200) with leather carrying case. Professional machine. Full track—one speed—7½ ips. Automatic or manual control. Two microphone input sockets—own mixing. Also included one extra accumulator and re-chargeable unit, one M88 microphone—good match. Overall good quality performance. Total price £180, or best offer.

One portable Nakamitchi cassette deck with leather carrying case. No internal speaker—played through headphones or amplifier—including one all-mains unit (Dolby) and one Magna portable speaker amplifier—good match with machine. Excellent quality. Total price £180.

If anyone is interested in either of these machines please contact Ron Smith, telephone Seaford (0323) 896666.

A CANE OR NOT?

Many blind people do not like to carry a white cane when escorted, either because they do not see the need, or because they do not want to advertise their handicap. Both reasons are understandable. However, on a busy street the lack of a cane frequently leads to clashes with passers by, both of a verbal and physical nature. Is it also not thoughtlessness on the part of the blind person? The escort must be constantly on their guard to avoid people, whereas the white cane will warn sighted people that the user is unable to take avoiding action.

Writing Competition

This is the final reminder that articles must be submitted by the 30th September. For details see July *Review*. The following people have very kindly consented to be judges: Miss Sue Bradbury, assistant editor, the Folio Society and editor of the *Folio* magazine. Miss Lucia Green, woman's editor, *Titbits* magazine. Mr. Justin Cartwright, author and film director.



Sid Jones, with his scorer, Arlene Smith.

Laurie Austin helping Fred Galway.



ARCHERY CHAMPIONSHIPS

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CHALLENGE CUP

T.B. Norman Perry	369
P.S. Phil Duffee	492

NOVICES CLASS

T.B. Sid Jones	246
P.S. Jerry Lynch	183

SPECIAL AWARDS

Tony Dodd
Fred Galway



Stanley Sosabowski with Laurie Austin.

Henry Allera helps Jacqueline Hazledean score for Bob Forshaw.



NEW RADIO FOR BLIND

Blind, handicapped and short-sighted people will welcome the introduction of a small portable radio specifically designed by Sony for this category of listener. The new ICF-M20L incorporates a silicon chip to simplify operation, scanning of any of the three wavebands automatically, storing information on seven channels in the VHF/FM band and another seven on the medium and long bands, then available through the seven feather-touch buttons.

Pip tones tell the user when a control is operated correctly and when the radio is scanning, thus enabling information to be entered and subsequently selected by one-finger operation. Raised dots on the controls allow for touch reading.

Power is supplied from three HP7 cells or external 4.5V DC supply. Expected retail

D. F. Robinson's

Gardening Column

What a summer! Up here in the Wirral, this June has been the wettest one on record. Working outdoors has been pretty awful and I have been late in getting the last of the bedding annuals in place. Nearly all the perennials had to be staked because of the gale force winds and even the vegetables have been blown about, but I hope to have some crops which are good enough to put in the freezer.

Slugs have been on the rampage so I hope you have been using deterrents—no doubt the slug pellet manufacturers have been doing good business this season. Toad stools and fairy rings seem to like my lawn, despite my efforts to get rid of them—I shall have to use stronger doses to see if that has any effect, the wet weather does have an adverse effect on deterrents. Never mind, we gardeners are hardy creatures and carry on in all weathers, trying to get good results. Keep some fungicide to hand as mildew and moulds will be in evidence, especially in hot spells, and will get to work on any dead or decaying waste. Keep the beds clean and tidy, take all rubbish to the compost heap immediately and do not leave it laying at the side of the beds. Flower shows will be taking place this month, so if

price is £55.75 including VAT. For further details please contact Sony (UK) Limited, Pyrene House, Sunbury Cross, Sunbury-on-Thames, Middlesex, telephone Sunbury-on-Thames 87643, quoting reference 663.

PUZZLE CORNER

From: T.D. Donnelly, Deganwy, North Wales

A farmer has £100. With this money he must buy 100 animals. There are cows, sheep and pigs for sale. He has to buy a number of each. Cows are £5 each, sheep are 5p each and pigs are £1 each. How does he do it? Solution: page 20.

No September Review

Following normal practice, we will not be publishing a September Review. The next Review will be in October.

you win any prizes do let us know.

Salad items can still be planted in July and early September. When the onions have finished growing turn their tops down so they can mature and when the leaves turn yellow, pull them up and leave them on top of the soil to ripen in the sun—if there ever is any.

Dig up the potatoes as the flowering finishes and the haulms die down and leave them on top of the soil to dry off and then the soil will be easily brushed off and the potatoes will be ready for storing. Do try to dig up all the tubers, as any left in the ground will come up amongst other crops and interfere with their growth.

Stop the runner beans as they reach the top of the frames, or poles, and pick the beans regularly to ensure further cropping and tender vegetables. In spare patches of ground plant spring and winter greens, but do put soil pest powder in the holes and dip their roots, in Calomel paste to protect them against club root.

Weeds are growing rapidly now, so to keep them down rough up the patches you walk on when harvesting, hoe regularly and use insect sprays.

Gardening Continued

Clear way all remnants of harvested vegetable crops and if the ground is not going to be used for quick growing crops—salads and so on—spread some compost over it. This should deter weeds and help to get the soil in good condition for digging in the autumn.

Keep mowing the lawn regularly and towards the end of August, when the leaves begin to fall, brush the grass every so often or you may foul up the mower. Early in the month you can still use fertiliser-cum-weedkiller, but as the grass growth slows down stop using it. Keep all the edges trimmed to give a really pleasing effect.

Thin out the crops on the apple, pear and plum trees, unless the high winds have already done so for you. Thinning out will give you better sized and better quality fruit. Trim away any spindly growths that appear, mostly at the top of the tree. Cut back the canes of raspberries and loganberries which have fruited and take off all the strawberry runners that you do not want for rooting. Also clear away the straw that you used to keep the fruit off the ground and you can also make a start with new beds of strawberries for next year.

Flowers

All the flower borders should be in full flow now with plenty of colour from the bedding annuals. Cut away all dead heads from the perennials and any other side shoots that often appear after heavy rain and high winds, even if they have been staked up.

Layer the carnations and pinks if you want to increase some of the good colours. You can take cuttings from any of the border plants now. Dip the cuttings in rooting powder, water them well and put them under cloches, or in the greenhouse, or in pots in the frame. Do not over water afterwards or the cuttings may rot.

Stake the chrysanthemums if you have not already done so and stop them to give some good side shoots and to keep them down to a reasonable size. Some plants tend to bud rather early, but these buds do not make very good blooms so pinch them out. The plants will flower rather late, but the blooms will be a much better size and colour.

Trim back the hedges and outstanding growth on the shrubs, especially where they hang over a wall and encroach on a path or pavement. This early cutting will make for better and bushier plants.

Any biennials and perennials that are growing in a reserve bed can be transplanted to their final flowering positions. There is still time to sow some of these plants, for next year, such as stocks, wall flowers and polyanthus, as well as perennials like lupins, delphiniums, gailardia and pyrethrum, to name but a few.

Cut all the dead heads off the roses and trim back any other growth which is getting out of hand. In September you can put some spring bulbs in to their flowering positions, but keep the tulips back until October, or even later. Water the flower garden in dry spells and feed with liquid manure, or pellets, and spray against insects.

Greenhouse

You will need to water the greenhouse plants quite a lot during long sunny periods, but try to keep water off the leaves or they will scorch in the sun. Any plants that are in full flower will need regular liquid feeds to keep them at a high pitch. Tuberous plants such as begonias, gloxinias, achimenes and so on may be coming to the end of their useful lives as flowering plants, so cut down on the water, but do not stop watering until the leaves are dying off. Then keep them dry in their pots in a frost free place, or take them out and free them of soil and put them in containers filled with dry peat and put them where the frost cannot get at them.

Disbud indoor chrysanthemums and start off some early flowering bulbs such as Roman hyacinths and freesias. Take cuttings from geraniums, fuchsias and hydrangeas and you can sow some annuals for winter flowering. A pinch of seed in small pots will be enough and still leave you plenty in the packet for the border next season.

Pick tomatoes and cucumbers as they ripen and do not forget to water and feed them and to stop any further growth. Keep the greenhouse clean and tidy and ventilate it well, both day and night. Water down the floor in really hot weather and use insecticides and fungicides regularly, either in spray or smoke form.



The Minister meets Roy Hyett at Pearson House, also in the picture are Dr. Stilwell and Sister Betty Fuge.

MINISTER AT ST. DUNSTAN'S

Report and Photographs: David Castleton

The Rt. Hon. Reginald Prentice, Minister of State for Social Security and the Disabled, Department of Health and Social Security, visited St. Dunstan's in Brighton on Thursday, 3rd July.

In other times Mr. Prentice's Office would have been designated Minister of Pensions, and he is one of a long line of Ministers who have visited St. Dunstan's in this capacity. Mr. Prentice's responsibilities are wider than this, but, speaking to St. Dunstaners in both Pearson House and Ian Fraser House, he stressed the importance with which he regarded his work in the field of pensions.

The Minister's day with St. Dunstan's began when he arrived at Pearson House accompanied by his Private Secretary, Mr. Michael Kerin and Miss Joan Barnes, a senior official from the D.H.S.S.

He was greeted by our Chairman, Mr. Ion Garnett-Orme, and Mrs. Garnett-Orme. Staff members who were introduced were Mr. William Weisblatt, Secretary, Dr. Ray Stilwell, Medical Officer and Homes Administrator, Miss Olive Hallett, Matron, and Mr. David Castleton, Public Relations Officer.

Then Mr. Prentice began his tour in the Physiotherapy Department, where he talked to St. Dunstaner Charles Campkin and some of his patients. In the 'hospital' wing the Minister met a number of older St. Dunstaners, including Tommy Rogers, 92. After visiting some of the St. Dunstaners in their rooms in the residential wing, Mr. Prentice watched work going on in the handicraft room.

In the Winter Garden Mr. Prentice spoke briefly, after an introduction by Mr. Garnett-

Orme. "It is a great pleasure to me to come to St. Dunstan's for the first time. As Minister for the Disabled, I am also Minister for War Pensions and matters of that kind and I'm very interested in that side of my work. I think it is, perhaps, the most important thing that I have to do.

Ian Fraser: A Great Man

"I've been interested in this a long time although it is only this last year that I have been doing this in the Government. When I first went into Parliament, which is over 20 years ago, Ian Fraser was still in the House of Commons and I got to know him and admire him, as everybody did. He was a very great man. Then he went on, as you know, into the House of Lords after that.

"It is good to see you and I do admire very much the work that is being done here by the Doctor and the nurses and all the other people who work here. They're doing a great job. Good luck to you all."

After luncheon at Pearson House, the Ministerial party moved on to Ian Fraser House to meet, first of all, Mrs. Ann Pass, Matron, and Miss Yvonne Guilbert, Training Officer.



Tom Flaherty shows how to make a seagrass seat on a stool.

Through Dr. Stilwell as interpreter into the deaf/blind manual, Mr. Prentice talks to Wally Thomas.





Charles Pilgrim demonstrates technique with a chisel in the carpentry workshop.

Getting down to those 'damned dots' with Braille instructor, Phil Duffee.



A greeting for Bill Phillips.

There was much to interest them in the handicraft room, Braille and typing, the new kitchen for basic instruction in cookery. In the workshops Mr. Prentice saw carpentry, wrought-iron work, the pantograph engraving machine and measuring equipment, lathes etc., used in industry.

Mr. Prentice found the indoor bowling rink, where a tournament was in progress, "fascinating", and told the bowlers he would not like to take them on, "you'd be too good for me," he said. He was full of admiration for the swimming pool and told the St. Dunstaners in the pool that he was a keen swimmer himself.

Telesensory Systems Incorporated, the American company which makes the Optacon reading machine and the talking calculator, had these two interesting devices on display and Mr. Prentice and his colleagues took great interest in them.

The tour concluded in the main lounge at the end of five crowded hours. Mr. Prentice spoke to St. Dunstaners here both as a group and with a number of individuals. He had a most interesting time, he told St. Dunstaners, and greatly admired the work of St. Dunstan's and all that was going on at Brighton—his parting words: "Good luck to you all."

READING TIME

by Phillip Wood

Cat. No. 560

Along the Ridge

By Edward Streeter

Read by Roy Williamson

Reading Time 5½ hours

Four Americans decide to take a trip together. Nothing unusual in that, you might think. But this quartet, two men and two women, were all aged sixty-five or over. And it was no Darby & Joan Club outing to the seaside they were arranging, either. They were going to drive 'along the ridge', from Northern Spain to Yugoslavia, the 'ridge' in question comprising the Pyrenees, the Alps and the Dolomites.

And it wasn't going to be one of those live-cheap-local-plonk-bread-and-cheese-lift-thumbing capers, either. They would travel in style and comfort.

Arriving in Paris, they took delivery of a brand-new Citroen station-wagon and set forth. First-class hotels along the route had been booked well in advance by their New York agent. They ate in none but the very best restaurants.

Inevitably, there were some hardships and deprivations. In one hotel they were expected to use the same table napkin twice. Often, they found bartenders unversed in the finer arts of making a decent dry martini. Occasionally there was not enough ice, and (horror of horrors!) they were offered hard-boiled eggs by a wayside vendor—without salt!

But they survived and seemed thoroughly to have enjoyed their experiences.

The writer has a light touch and an easy style which elevates the book above the level of a mere run-of-the-mill travelogue... Just!

Cat. No. 1172

Slaughterhouse 5

By Kurt Vonnegut

Read by Marvin Kane

Reading Time 5½ hours

Billy Pilgrim is an optometrist (that's American for optician—I think). He is also a well-healed optometrist, his success being due entirely to hard work, application, and

marrying the boss's unprepossessing daughter.

He also has the unique facility of being able to travel at will through time and space, in either direction. Thus he can relive his boyhood, or travel forward in time and be present at the fire-storming of Dresden. Later, in *our* time-scale, he survives the holocaust, deep inside an underground slaughterhouse.

He enjoys more than a nodding acquaintance with the planet Tralthomodor, whose inhabitants once showed him off in specially made 'zoo', complete with his own atmosphere—(theirs was pure cyanide, which wouldn't have done him a lot of good).

So, everything is going fine for Billy,—until he begins to 'Tell America' about his space capers. They just think he's nuts! Oh, ye of little faith!...

An odd, but curiously engaging book.

Cat. No. 1256

The Intercom Conspiracy

By Eric Ambler

Read by Michael de Morgan

Reading Time 8½ hours.

Intercom is a current affairs magazine with a limited circulation and based in Geneva. It is owned by a retired American General with more money than sense or judgement, who uses it as a vehicle for warning the world about the Red Menace.

When he dies, however, the magazine is bought by a couple of Intelligence agents who set about using it for their own nefarious purposes.

This gets Carter, the Canadian editor, into a whole lot of trouble, including visitations from the strong-arm boys of the KGB and the CIA. The Swiss police aren't very pleased with him, either. But everything comes out alright in the end, of course...

If I were to be cast away on a desert island and allowed only one book, this one would be way way down my list of 'possibles'.

THE WORLD IS MINE

The early days of St. Dunstan's in the First World War saw some outstanding individuals among the first St. Dunstaners. From the Commonwealth there were Sir Clutha Mackenzie, from New Zealand, Edwin Baker, from Canada, and from Australia, Dudley Tregent.

The last named is the subject of a new book, 'The World Is Mine', written by an eminent Australian soldier, Colonel Rex Hall. The title is taken from an anonymous verse, which concludes,

"With feet to take me where I'd go,
With eyes to see the sunset's glow,
With ears to hear what I would know,
Oh, God, forgive me when I whine;
I'm blessed indeed—the world is mine."

Colonel Hall devotes the first part of this book to a biography of Dudley Tregent, who served with the 107 Howitzer Battery of the Australian Field Artillery Brigade. He was wounded only just before the Armistice.

Having followed Dudley Tregent through the trenches and battlefields of France, the author takes the reader to St. Dunstan's in the days of Regent's Park, with tribute to Sir Arthur Pearson and Lord and Lady Fraser.

From this point the scene is firmly set in Australia where Dudley Tregent became the first blind student at the Law School, University of Melbourne. His successful professional practice and his contribution to the community is vouched for by many personal tributes.

The second part of the book deals with the overcoming of the handicap of blindness and other disabilities and individual Australian St. Dunstaners are quoted as examples. Many of them, no doubt familiar to St. Dunstaners in this country with whom they might have trained: Colin Johnstone, Malcolm Bryce, David Beattie, for example, are second war St. Dunstaners, who trained here before returning to successful lives in Australia.

Although its emphasis is primarily Australian there is much in 'The World Is Mine' to interest those connected with the world of the war-blinded in the British Commonwealth. **Published by Inkata Press Proprietary Limited, Melbourne, 'The World Is Mine' is available in this country from Hatchards Ltd, 187 Piccadilly, London W1, at £2.00**

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

**From Brian Hodkinson,
RNIB, Torquay**

I read the St. Dunstan's Review number 719 June 1980 with great interest particularly the article 'Memory to Fingertips', Arthur Lowe talking to Ray Hazan

I was the Pottery Instructor who introduced Arthur to clay. I feel that I must write to correct a few of the inaccuracies which occur in the article. It is quite incorrect to suggest that clients are not allowed to use the potters wheel. I instruct about 250 people each year and the majority of these at least attempt to use the wheel.

In ten years instructing the visually handicapped I have found templates a very useful tool particularly for congenitally blind people. I am sure you will appreciate that the congenitally blind have no visual memory as they have never been able to see what a church or cottage looks like, nor

indeed any other objects which we experience in our everyday lives. Consequently templates are, in some cases, essential.

May I conclude by congratulating Arthur and, of course, his wife Kit on their work and offer my good wishes for the future.

From: Majorie Hordyniec, Birmingham

John Cashmore, son of the late Douglas Cashmore, has won a singing competition at the Birmingham School of Music and has been invited by the son and daughter of the late Mario Lanza to go to Philadelphia to sing at a ball they are giving in memory of their father. So John will fly out there on 8th November, with all his expenses paid for.

Mrs. Joan Cashmore, who is carrying on her husband's work for the poppy appeal, has just been made Poppy Appeal Organiser for the Austin Branch of the Royal British Legion.

VETERAN CAR CLUB JUBILEE RALLY

by Ken Revis

How splendid it was to be invited to take part in the Golden Jubilee Rally of the Veteran Car Club, on 3rd to 7th June. Actually there were four rallies, which started from Edinburgh, Newcastle, Yeovilton and London. Our car, a 1903 De Dion Bouton, was among the London starters and all the cars in this rally were London to Brighton cars—that is older than 1905, the other cars could be as new as 1918.

I was navigating by pocket tape recorder and ear plug, which evinced an interview, on the start line, by Thames Television, which was screened that evening. Away we went at eleven minutes past ten, on Tuesday morning, and I began bawling out the instructions to the driver over the noise of the London traffic and the pop-pop-pop of our single cylinder motor. By the time we crossed Albert Bridge we felt quite pleased to be en route and we made it to Brighton through the by roads, but not before I had to hop off quickly a couple of times, to allow the driver to get up the hills without my thirteen stones in the car.

Trouble

The following morning we left our hotel in Hove and soon ran into trouble. At Shoreham my driver was persuasive enough to get one of our tiny inner tubes vulcanised after it and the tyre had come off. After yelling more directions and one more slow up hill walk for me, we eventually arrived in Winchester, tired but happy to find our hotel and so ready to flop into a bath to clean up for the reception that evening.

Oxford was our next stop. Here my wife, Jo, met us with our dinner jackets, in exchange for our lounge suits, as we were going to need them for the last two nights. All the way there was plenty of passing and re-passing as some of the old cars were better on the hills and some better on the flat. Of course this all called for lots of shouting and waving. By the time we arrived at Stratford-on-Avon we had driven 252 miles. But we got there without any trouble or navigation errors and met up

with the other three rallies. This was the night of the dinner dance, at the Hilton, which did us no good for the early start for London the following, Saturday, morning. Nevertheless, we were away by 8.15, with a police escort, and with 90 miles to go.

After 20 miles a valve spring broke while we were on a narrow road. Luckily an old friend, in the Bullnose Club, pulled up behind us and helped Bob, my driver, to fit a spare one—all in 20 minutes. Back at Oxford we found we were only 600 yards from my house, so we called in for coffee, much to Jo's surprise, and we attempted to answer the questions, that had been set for that day, in the comfort of my own armchairs. It took us six and a half hours to reach London and shouted instructions got us to our hotel, near the airport. Just imagine nearly 500 tired and rather grimy, and certainly sunburnt, drivers and passengers checking in at the same hotel; it was more like a people factory it was so impersonal.

However, cleansed and refreshed we all climbed into a great fleet of coaches to be driven to the Guildhall for a super banquet, with speeches and prize giving. Jo joined me for this and it was a really lovely end to a most thrilling and satisfying rally. The dear old car was trailed back to Oxford on the Sunday morning, after about 340 exciting miles and I am pleased to say I didn't get lost once.

It was an honour to be presented to Prince Michael of Kent, who was in H.M. the Queen's 1900 Daimler and he immediately said, "Ah yes, you're the chap with B.L. Heritage aren't you?"

MUSICIANS?

Several St. Dunstaners have suggested that a week at Ian Fraser House should be earmarked for anyone interested in playing musical instruments with the possibility of reviving the group playing that used to be so popular. If anybody is interested please let Dr. Stilwell have your ideas and does anyone feel they would like to organise the event?



IT STRIKES ME

by
Magog

Polar Bears

Granville Waterworth, of Coventry, has recently been on a tour of Holland and Belgium with the Reconnaissance Regimental Association. He was among a group of about 50 people, who as members of the 49th Polar Bear Division, liberated Utrecht in 1945. To mark the 35th Anniversary they were given the Freedom of the City. A procession through the city, with the British contingent preceded by the Utrecht Police Band, was showered with flowers by the people of Utrecht and congregated at the Town Hall, where the national anthem was sung and presentations made. Mr. Waterworth was presented with a key ring and tiepin to mark the occasion.

Long Time No See

Geoff Bond, a St. Dunstaner living in Cambridge, Ontario, Canada, is visiting England with his wife, Sybil. They called at Headquarters and while they were there Geoff asked if he could be put in touch with Trevor Tatchell, whom he last met in 1969.

"He's here on a hobby course," Geoff was told and so there was jovial reunion of two St. Dunstaners who joined on the same day, 13th February, 1945.

Geoff is a physiotherapist and he is looking forward to another visit to England in October when, among other things, he plans to attend the Physiotherapy Conference and meet some more old friends.

Solution to Puzzle Corner: 19 cows, 1 pig and 80 sheep.



At the 'See By Touch' Exhibition Jimmy Wright with his sound recordist, Jeremy Lowe, and presenter, actress, Jean Rogers, on the Spelthorne Talking News stand.

Historic Sword



A very young Warrant Officer, Peter Kelly, of Shoreditch Squadron, Air Training Corps, is the first holder of a special sword of honour as Top Air Cadet in this country. The sword, serial number 58442, is the second sword made by Wilkinson's for the R.A.F., in 1920—the first sword was owned by a King.

Mrs. Elizabeth Dacre, M.B.E., T.D., J.P., presented the sword to the A.T.C. for an annual competition. It was the property of the late Air Commodore George Bentley Dacre. In searching out its history, Mrs. Dacre discovered that the first sword was made for H.R.H. the Duke of York, later King George VI, and she wrote to Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother. In a letter of thanks the Queen Mother's secretary expressed her interest and thanks, requesting permission to retain photo-copied documents authenticating the swords.

The Dacre Sword will be kept by the Air Training Corps in perpetuity and it will certainly be a prize worth winning for generations of young men anxious to follow in the way of its first owner into the Royal Air Force

SIR ARTHUR PEARSON ASSOCIATION OF WAR BLINDED

by Colonel David Lewis

There are in Canada some 230 members of this Association and last month my wife and I were fortunate enough to attend their Reunion. These Reunions are held every three years and this one was in Toronto and attended by no fewer than 90 members, plus their escorts. This figure in itself speaks volumes for the energy and enthusiasm of the members of the Association; some of them had to travel nearly as far to reach Toronto as we did in our journey across the Atlantic.

80° F

We arrived in Toronto to find the temperature well in the 80's and the humidity very high, so we were very glad to reach the comfort of the air-conditioned hotel, where the Reunion was held. This was in the centre of the city, very large, very well equipped and with excellent accommodation for the various business sessions, concerts, dinners and dances that filled the week.

The Association has its main Headquarters in Toronto and a number of branches located throughout Canada. These branches hold frequent functions during the year, but the Reunion is the only time that all members have the opportunity of meeting each other.

Ice Breaker

The Reunion itself started on a very cheerful and informal note with a gathering in the 'Hospitality Suite', where the drinks were free, thanks to the generosity of various sponsors, and the bar was manned by willing volunteers. This was followed in the evening by what was described in the programme as an 'ice-breaker' dance and these two functions enabled us to get to know as many people as possible as soon as possible and, to a blind person like myself, it was wonderful to become so quickly involved in such a cheerful, friendly gathering.

The main business sessions covered two mornings and dealt with many matters and here again the friendly spirit of co-operation that exists between the branches was very evident.

On Wednesday morning, 18th June, all the members paraded complete with berets

and medals and we marched down to the Cenotaph behind a military band with cadets in uniform acting as our escorts. At the Cenotaph a short, but very moving service was conducted by an Army Chaplain and wreaths were laid by Merv Carlton and Anne Michielin.

One afternoon we were taken round the Headquarters of the Canadian National Institute for the Blind at Bakerwood, which is a few miles outside the city. This is splendidly laid out and equipped with its sheltered workshops and facilities for residential courses for general rehabilitation as well as hobbies.

Bruises and Battered Toes!

Each evening during the week there was either a dance, dinner or a concert. I fear that many Canadian ladies may still be suffering from bruises and battered toes and shins as a result of my ungainly efforts on the dance floor, but they were always uncomplainingly cheerful, as was the member who got his white stick wedged in a lift, so that it would not go either up or down. Fortunately, it was opposite one of the floors, so he said 'I just got out, got another lift and went to the office for another stick'.

On our last evening in Toronto we were the guests of the Canadian War Amps, the association that looks after some 2000 Canadian ex-servicemen and women who have lost limbs as the result of their war service. We were taken for an evening cruise on Lake Ontario in a magnificent old paddle steamer that had started life some 70 years ago as a ferry boat. She had recently been refitted at a cost of more than a million dollars and, although she now has new boilers, her main engines are still the original ones and drive the 25ft. diameter paddles at a majestic 22 rpm.

Wonderful Hospitality

In conclusion, may we express our appreciation to St. Dunstan's for arranging for us to attend the Reunion and also to the Canadians for their wonderful hospitality and their friendship. It was a privilege to be able to meet them and we look forward to seeing them again some day.

BILL GRIFFITHS HONOURED

by Ernest Rawcliffe A.C.P.
William Griffiths Court Housing
Committee

On 15th June, in Blackburn, the Royal British Legion honoured Bill Griffiths by naming a sheltered housing building after him. Bill, who was born and raised in the town is one of its best known personalities.

Although he now lives in Blackpool, he is still frequently seen in Blackburn, and the naming of this building is a fitting tribute intended to ensure that the Royal British Legion remembers him with warmth and affection.

The opening ceremony was attended by many distinguished people, as well as ordinary Lancashire folk. The Legion had arranged a parade. The band of the Lancashire Fusiliers arrived at the ceremony appropriately playing "The Bridge Over the River Kwai" march—'Colonel Bogey'.

Four of the local clergy took part in a moving ceremony which included the Last Post and Reveille. The weather threatened, but the sun came out and shone beautifully throughout.

After the ceremony refreshments were

served in the Mill Hill Hotel. Miss Royal British Legion presented Bill with an engraved silver tankard, from the residents, and a chain and pendant and a bouquet of flowers to Mrs. Alice Griffiths. Mr. Eric Walmsley, Chairman, presented a silver bon-bon dish to Bill and Alice, on behalf of the William Griffiths Court Housing Committee.

Among the guests of honour were the High Sheriff, of Lancashire, Mr. Anthony Nixon and his wife, the Mayor and Mayoress and the Deputy Mayor and Mayoress of Blackburn, the Mayoress and Deputy Mayor and Mayoress of Blackpool and Lord and Lady Taylor of Blackburn.

Among the gathering were representatives of the National Executive Committee, the National Housing Association, the County Association of the Royal British Legion, the Far Eastern Prisoners-of-War Association, St. Dunstan's, the Burma Star Association and the North African Reunion Association.

Bill and Alice Griffiths with members of their family after the unveiling of the plaque.



Mrs. Peggy Craik Writes:

I was very delighted and honoured to represent St. Dunstan's with my husband, at the official opening of William Griffiths Court, Mill Hill, Blackburn, on 15th June, 1980.

A large contingent of the Royal British Legion marched to the rear of the assembled guests and 21 Royal British Legion standards mustered along one side of the court, which was an impressive sight.

WESTON-SUPER-MARE 1980 ANNUAL BOWLING TOURNAMENT

This was the second tournament that St. Dunstan's has participated in. Last year a team went to Hastings and, as it was a first time effort, expertise in the pairing off of partners was somewhat lacking. However, as a consequence of that first experience the team that went to Weston was much better prepared, as the following results show. The team had everything it needed to do well: partnerships on the green that had played together, the never failing St. Dunstan's esprit de corps, plus an after match social harmony that must breed success.

The weather was kind, as was the support of our lady helpers, and I am sure the team will agree that our hosts, who provided the accommodation, played a part in the teams' success; nothing was too much trouble for them and may I say a big thank you to Ron, Terry, two ex-Royal Navy C.P.O's and their wives, for the excellent service accorded to the St. Dunstan's party.

There were 68 competitors involved in 9 competitions comprising of four categories. Totally Blind, 3/60th vision or less, 6/60th vision or less, and Partial Sight which was the category with the best remaining vision. The team consisted of the following people:-

TB: H. Preedy
R. Brett
P. Stubbs
R. Osborne
T. Mugan
J. Padley
A. Waters

Other Categories: M. Golding
R. Forshaw

While the sky was very menacing, the rain kept off and the sun shone on Bill while he made his speech, surely a good omen. As is expected of Bill, he made an excellent and sincere speech with his own touch of humour, which made a great impact on those who had not previously heard him.

Then, with Alice rightfully by his side, he declared the Court open and unveiled the commemorative plaque. It was a moving ceremony, at which we were proud to represent St. Dunstan's.

E. Brown
I. Pellington
L. Scales

The team won four, out of a possible nine, trophies:-

P. Stubbs — winner of TB section
R. Forshaw — runner up in PS section
M. Golding and R. Forshaw — runners up in the 3/60th and 6/60th Pairs section.

All other team members got through to the quarter and semi-final stages before being knocked out.

May I say thank you to St. Dunstaner Peter Spencer and his wife, Ruth, who live in Weston, for very kindly arranging, for the team, an ever open door to the facilities of the Victoria Club, of which Peter is a member. Unfortunately, we did not really have the time to take full advantage of this very kind offer, but I am sure we will next year.

The next Visually Handicapped Bowling Tournament is at Hastings in July, let's look forward to further success.

Would all St. Dunstaners contemplating taking part in any of the events listed in the annual Calendar of Events for 1980, please inform the organiser of that particular event. Also, please book accommodation. For sport and recreational events please inform the Sports Organiser, at Ian Fraser House.

Finally, thank you to the wives who as always play a big part in these functions. Thank you to Mrs. Brett, Mrs. Padley, Mrs. Pellington, Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Osborne, Mrs. Mugan and Mrs. Preedy.

J. Carnochan
Sports Organiser

CLUB NEWS

BRIGHTON

Entertainment Section

On Friday, 6th June, 42 St. Dunstaners, wives and friends, visited the Torino Winery at Sheffield Park, Sussex. This turned out to be a very interesting and enjoyable evening. We tasted many different types of wines and sherries, helped down with some cheese and biscuits, which was very pleasant indeed. The journey home was a jolly affair and although many pockets were lighter and shopping bags heavier, this outing, I am sure, can be put down as another success for the Section.

Our Club meeting on 11th June was

mainly concerned with the playing off of the Sir Arthur Pearson Fund competitions and many of these have now been completed. The Club Meetings held every Wednesday at Ian Fraser House are still going well, and we are pleased to say that the Sir Arthur Pearson competitions have now been completed—a list of all prize winners will be published at a later date. On June 14th we held our dance in the Annexe at Ian Fraser House at which a cheque was presented. Our chief guest of honour was Dr. Trafford together with Mrs. Trafford and their

Dr. John Trafford (centre) and Peter McCormack (third from right) with officers of the Brighton Club and the sponsored athletes: (left to right) Harry Preedy, Ken Dew, 'Johnnie' Cope, Mrs. Elizabeth Dacre, Bob Osborne, Bill Phillips and John Simpson.



CLUB NEWS *Continued*

daughter Tania, who represented the Royal Sussex Kidney Unit. Our chairman, Bob Osborne gave a short speech in which he praised the work of the Doctors and Staff of the Kidney Unit, for the wonderful treatment and care that is given to all patients, especially pointing out what great progress our own Peter McCormack has made. He then handed over a cheque on behalf of all St. Dunstaners, wives and friends to the amount of £1,877. I understand this will in due course be made up to £2,000.

In his reply, Dr. Trafford emphasised how proud the Kidney Unit were of never having turned away a patient, although he said that most of the money needed to keep up this standard was donated by local business's and organisations. He gave a personal thank you to all St. Dunstaners and wives and friends, who had made the presentation of the cheque possible.

The dance itself was attended by 55 St. Dunstaners and wives, and we send our thanks to all who supported us.

H. PREEDY

BOWLING

We had a memorable day on Sunday, 25th May, at Guildford when we played bowls amongst the lovely surroundings of the old castle which was made all the more delightful when we heard the bells ringing in the distance.

On the 2nd June, we accepted an invitation to play at the Marine Gardens Bowling Club, Worthing, for the first time, where they are celebrating their Golden Jubilee 1930-1980. We had a marvellous day and experienced a good keen bowling match—after which we had a special tea put on for the occasion. We were glad and proud to have our President, Mrs. Elizabeth Dacre, present, who responded on our behalf to the speech of welcome from Mr. Hall, the President of the above Club; she spoke very highly of St. Dunstan's and St. Dunstaners. On the way home we stopped to quench our thirst and everyone boarded the coach in a happy jovial mood and so ended another good day.

W. DAVIES
Captain

BOWLING HANDICAPS

There will be NO handicap this year before the November Bowling Championships, to ensure enough time to complete the Championships.

A. ROBINSON
Handicap Manager

LONDON BRIDGE NOTES

The Gover Cup (Individuals) Competition is managing to carry on each month with its reduced membership. We have two tables and are usually assisted by a couple of lady helpers. The results for May and June are as follows:

17th May

B. Allen and J. Carney	81 pts
R. Armstrong and H. Meleson	69 pts
B. Miller and F. Dickerson	57 pts
B. Evans and J. Majchrowicz	45 pts

7th June

H. Meleson and B. Evans	71 pts
B. Miller and J. Carney	67 pts
R. Armstrong and J. Majchrowicz	59 pts

The best five results to date are:

B. Allen	355 pts
B. Miller	351 pts
R. Armstrong	331 pts
B. Evans	330 pts
F. Dickerson	297 pts
J. Majchrowicz	286 pts
H. Meleson	265 pts (from 4 games)
J. Carney	207 pts (from 3 games)

One of the highlights in the bridge calendar is the annual visit by the London Masters Bridge Association, to Headquarters, which as usual proved to be very successful. St. Dunstan's best team was R. Freer, B. Allen, W. Lethbridge and B. Evans who had a very good score of only 840 points. Our second best team included our lady member, Vi Delaney and R. Armstrong, M. Tybinski and B. Fullard with a score of 1980. In the other two teams were H. King and Mrs. King, with H. Meleson and Mrs. Meleson, and the fourth team was Mr. F. Pashley and Mrs. L. Evans, and F. Dickerson and J. Majchrowicz.

St. Dunstan's National Bridge Club

One of the most satisfying pastimes for developing social contacts is the game of bridge; ask any of the 40, or so, St. Dunstaners who recently attended a bridge congress, at Ian Fraser House. It is never too late to learn and apart from dipping into your local library for books on the ACOL system, you can always come along to either a specially organised bridge instruction weekend at Ian Fraser House, or, if you are more daring, have a go during the bridge congress.

You may want to ask a few questions before taking the plunge—if so please get in touch with our Captain, Mr. Roy Armstrong, or with our Secretary, Mr. H. Meleson, c/o Mr. Ian Dickson, at Headquarters.

Apart from professional bridge tournament organisers, we are very fortunate in being able to call on the services of very patient helpers who sit with the learners. In

MIDLAND

Our annual outing this year was planned for Sunday, 15th June to Bourton-on-the-Water in the Cotswolds.

We started our journey at 11.00 a.m. and reached Bourton at 1 o'clock. The weather was really kind to us and many of the members had brought picnics and others went to restaurants for their lunch.

Bourton has many places of interest, including a model village, pottery, craft shops, bird garden, model railway and a very pretty garden which was open in aid of the handicapped. I am sure everyone found something of interest.

At six o'clock we boarded the coach to go to the Royal British Legion, Chipping Campden. We were very warmly welcomed by the President of the Women's Section, Mrs James, and the Branch Chairman, Mr Benfield.

Thirty nine members, relatives and friends were each presented with a beautiful pink rose bud for their buttonhole. These had been made up by Mrs James' husband, who had spent two and half hours making them up and each one had come off the one bush.

Mrs. James is a very old supporter and friend of St. Dunstan's. In the past she has raised hundreds of pounds for St. Dun-

stan's and met many St. Dunstaners. She was so pleased to meet the Midland Club.

One of the W.W.I. St Dunstaners' widows (Mrs. M. Dennick) came along to spend the evening with us. She doesn't seem to have changed one bit. I am sure she thoroughly enjoyed herself.

We spent a wonderful evening with all those kind people. I don't think any one had to put their hands in their pockets for anything. The drinks were free, also the delicious refreshments which were put on by the stewardess and the ladies of the Women's Section.

The evening came to a close all too soon and our Chairman gave a vote of thanks.

We left Chipping Campden at ten past nine and arrived back in Broad Street at 10.15 p.m. with every one saying how much they had enjoyed the day and asking when the next outing would be.

My personal thanks go to all the St. Dunstaners who turn up regularly for our Club meetings and outings and help to make them such a success.

If Sallie and Guy can make the effort from Wales, surely more from the Midland area could come along. Please try.

Joan Cashmore
Secretary

Bob Fullard
Treasurer

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A carriage and pair for bridal couple, John and Theresa Waterworth.

FAMILY NEWS

MARRIAGES

Congratulations to:

Mr. and Mrs. Eric Foster, of Barnsley, are pleased to announce that their daughter, Jane, was married to Paul O'Conner, on 5th July.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Lynch, of Selsey, are pleased to announce that their son, Garry Jerome, was married to Sandra Allcock, on 28th June.

Mr. and Mrs. Granville Waterworth, of Coventry, are pleased to announce that their son, John, was married to Theresa Child, on 6th April.

Mr. Alec Rimmer, of Hollywood, near Birmingham, who was married to Mrs. Olga Thomas, on 11th June.

Mr. and Mrs. Rex Robinson, of Acton, are pleased to announce that their daughter, Ann Elizabeth, was married to Stephen Andrew Harding, on 14th June.

Mrs. Enid Shorter, of Hove, is pleased to announce that her daughter, Penny, was married to Gordon Peters, on 5th July.

RUBY WEDDINGS

Many congratulations to:

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Nash, of South Glamorgan, who celebrated their Ruby Wedding Anniversary on 3rd May.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Renshaw, of Gotham, Nottingham, who celebrated their Ruby Wedding Anniversary on 23rd June.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Bick, of Southam, who celebrated their Ruby Wedding Anniversary on 29th June.

SILVER WEDDING

Congratulations to:

Mr. and Mrs. James Thwaites, of Blackpool, who celebrated their Silver Wedding Anniversary on 1st July.

GRANDCHILDREN

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hamilton, of Chorlton-cum-Hardy, Manchester, on the birth of two grandchildren—Lisa Michelle on 21st April, to their son, Paul, and his wife, Katanya, and Andrew David on 19th May, to their daughter Jo Anne and her husband, Laurie.

GREAT GRANDCHILDREN

Mr. John Nelson, of Newark, on the birth of his second great grandchild, Andrew Jonathan, on 18th January.

FAMILY NEWS *Continued*

Personal Achievements We Warmly Congratulate:

Mr. Geoffrey Andrew, of New Southgate, who had two entries in the War Pensioners National Homecrafts and Arts Competition which both won prizes. He was awarded a First Class Certificate for his linen basket and a Certificate of Merit for stool seating.

David Evans, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Evans, of Newbury, who has passed his final examinations and is now a qualified Chartered Surveyor. In recognition of his success his employer has granted him a full partnership.

DEATHS

We offer our sympathy to:

Mr. Stanley Edger, of Welling, Kent, whose mother died on 28th May.

Mr. George Ball, of Birmingham, whose sister, Gladys, died on 9th June.

Mr. James Monaghan, of Newcastle, whose sister died in June.

Mrs. Edna Somervell, widow of A.J. ('Kiwi') Somervell, of Auckland, New Zealand, on the death of her son, Derek, after a long illness. Second World War St. Dunstaners will remember him as a child at Church Stretton and in London, when his father was training as a physiotherapist.

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.

William Gregg *King's Shropshire Light Infantry*

William Herbert Gregg, of Burnham-on-Sea, died on 17th June. He was 83 years old.

Mr. Gregg served as a Private with the King's Shropshire Light Infantry and was wounded in France, in 1918, whilst on active service, when he suffered the loss of an eye through gun-shot. Over the years the sight in his remaining eye deteriorated, but he did not join St. Dunstan's until April, 1980.

Mr. Gregg had been married for over sixty years and although Mrs. Gregg has latterly been incapacitated, Mr. Gregg coped admirably with many household chores despite his own disabilities. He had been looking forward to his first visit to Ian Fraser House which was due to start only one day before he was admitted to hospital.

He leaves a widow, Florence, and son, Herbert.

Stella Gorman

Stella Gorman died on 26th May, after a long illness which she bore with great courage. She was 59 years old.

Mrs. Gorman was blinded while working in munitions, in 1942, and joined St. Dunstan's in 1945. Although she trained as a telephonist, she did not take this up as a career, as she was married, in 1948, and with the birth of two sons her whole life centred around caring for her family, which gave her much joy and fulfilment.

She leaves a widower, Frank, and two sons, Francis and Gerard.

Joseph Heselden *Royal West Kent Regiment*

Joseph Edward Heselden, of Eltham, died on 12th June, while staying at Ian Fraser House. He was 84 years old and had been a St. Dunstaner since April, 1980.

Mr. Heselden served as a Private with the Royal West Kent Regiment during the First World War. He was wounded whilst on active service at Gallipoli, in 1916, and was discharged from the Army the same year.

Mr. Heselden's health deteriorated over the years and sadly his wife, Alice, died in 1979 after more than 62 years of happy marriage. He was in constant touch with his children and he was devotedly cared for by his daughter, Mrs. Peggy Haughton.

He leaves a daughter, two sons, 19 grandchildren and 18 great grandchildren.

Walter James Voss. *Royal Field Artillery*

W.J. ('Jim') Voss, of Yeovil, died in hospital on the 10th June. He was 81 years old.

An Australian by birth, he was wounded at Ypres and came to St. Dunstan's in 1917. He went back to Australia, but returned to England later and was married in 1927. Throughout his life he had many business interests and did some writing; he travelled widely and was bilingual in English and French. His wife died in 1947 but, with the help of his secretary and friends, he was able to continue his full and interesting life. In recent years his health had deteriorated until he became seriously ill.

He leaves many relatives and friends at home and abroad.