

St Dunstons Review

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Message from the Chairman

OPEN DAYS

Last month I referred to the Open Days held at Headquarters on the 7/8th April, part of St. Dunstan's contribution to the International Year of Disabled People. The aim of these two days was to show a little of the history and present day activities of St. Dunstan's and, especially, how blind people can play active roles in the community, at work or at leisure. They were two very active days. Invitations were sent to local schools, hospitals, shops inviting members of the public to compete with St. Dunstaners at bowls and darts, fire a rifle by sound and use mobility aids. Demonstrations were shown of archery, toy making, wrought-iron work and a working, home-made model steam engine, as well as exhibitions of Braille, daily living aids and a film show. An amateur radio station was on the air continuously.

The number of visitors who toured the exhibition and the interest expressed made the Open Days worthwhile. I thank all those St. Dunstaners who took part and impressed us all by their enthusiasm and the skill with which they displayed their crafts and hobbies. It made one feel very proud to be connected with St. Dunstan's. My thanks also go to all those members of the staff at both Headquarters and Ian Fraser House, who worked hard and imaginatively to make the Open Days possible.

Jon Larnell-Dune

MUSICAL ACTIVITY WEEK Sunday, 16th August — Friday, 21st August

The idea of this week is two-fold. Firstly, it was suggested that many St. Dunstaners enjoy either making or listening to music and consequently it is hoped that if a week is set aside for such activity then those who play instruments could be in the House together and have the pleasure of playing together.

During the week we hope to visit places where there will be a varied programme of musical entertainment. Would all those interested please contact the Booking Clerk, at Headquarters.

CAMP AT H.M.S. DAEDALUS

Please remember that the closing date for applications for a place at camp at HMS Daedalus this year is Monday, 4th May. As this will be after date of publication of this issue of the *Review* I am extending the final date of application to the 11th May — so hurry please and give me a ring at 0799-22874 if you hope to come.

Elsbeth Grant

ADDITIONS TO CASSETTE LIBRARY.

The following cassettes have been added to the library
R32 C90. Ragchew No. 8 for April 1981.

R33 C90. Talk by the President of the RSGB to the amateur radio society in February, 1981.

G16. C60. Ron Smith in Norfolk, with interviews and wildlife recordings.

BLIND PERSONS INCOME TAX ALLOWANCE

We apologise for stating in the April *Review* that a person in receipt of a tax free war disability pension would continue to be debarred from receiving the blind persons tax allowance, up from £180 to £360 as from 6th April, 1981.

This limitation was abolished at the time of the doubling of this allowance and is now available to all blind persons whose names appear on the Blind Persons Register.

If you have income going into charge to tax you should notify your Tax Office of your entitlement to this allowance.

INFORMATION ON INSURANCE

In collaboration with Dr. John Gill, of the Research Unit for the Blind, Warwick University, Sun Alliance have produced an explanatory booklet in both Braille and large print editions.

Home insurance (buildings and contents) and life assurance are explained and readers are told how they can pay premiums by monthly instalments if they wish. Among various options explained is one which gives a blind policy holder cover against accidentally damaging things for example, spoiling a carpet by spilling liquids or breaking a vase by dropping it.

Readers can get a copy of this booklet (state Braille or large print) from Diana Hing, Sun Alliance, 1 Bartholomew Lane, London EC2. There is no charge.

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Cover Picture:

Jimmy Wright, O.B.E., at the conclusion of a very special week in his life.

REUNION IN NEW ZEALAND AND AUSTRALIA

by Col. Sir Michael Ansell, C.B.E., D.S.O., D.L.

At the invitations of Mr. Sadler, President of St. Dunstan's New Zealand and Mr. Cox, President St. Dunstan's Australia, I had the privilege of attending both Conferences and Reunions. That of New Zealand takes place every three years and that of Australia every two, so as in this year they only coincide each sixth year.

On Feb. 15th, accompanied by Mrs. Wynn, I left Bideford to travel by Qantas, via Bahrain and Singapore, to Sydney, intending to spend two hours there, changing planes and to arrive in Auckland on the afternoon of 17th.

Little did I realise as Mrs. Wynn and I stepped aboard the Qantas Jumbo Jet, however carefully plans might be made, they can so easily go wrong.

After leaving Singapore in the early hours of 17th, our Steward quietly remarked that he feared we would not be going on to Auckland as Sydney Airport was coming out on strike and no planes would be leaving for Auckland, or anywhere else.

Indeed, our Jumbo was the last Qantas plane into Sydney from London.

We spent two nights in Sydney at the Wentworth Hotel, only venturing out to go to the Qantas Office, but to no avail. Eventually we got two seats on an American Air Line, the Continental and after several hot and very sticky hours at the Airport we were on our way once more.

We were met late that night by kind Mr. and Mrs. Sadler, who had wisely booked rooms at a small Motel near the Airport. Next day we hired a small car — all internal flights within New Zealand being very doubtful, employees being in sympathy with their striking Australian friends over the Tasman Sea. Later even the bus drivers came out, and our small car was just about the last one available, so we were lucky.

On 20th Mrs. Wynn drove me to Tauranga, to the Willow Park Motel, which was to be our base. Tauranga is a beautiful small seaside town, immaculately tidy and the weather was perfect, about comfortable,

Sir Mike Ansell with Mr. and Mrs. Cox at the War Memorial in Adelaide.



With Mr. and Mrs. Sadler at Tauranga.

and the trees and flower beds unbelievably lovely. Lawns everywhere were perfectly mown and there is no litter at all, anywhere — not even a cigarette end.

Next day to our joy we were able to hire a boat, with a crew of three, to go out after marlin. I was determined to have a 'go', never having tried before. Sharp at 8 a.m. we boarded our boat. In glorious sunshine we set off and after about a mile we had to catch bait, fish known locally as Ocean Trout, about 4 lbs. each. Sometimes people just do not catch bait, but we were in luck and soon had two tanks full of flopping fish.

Some 6 miles further out, the skipper slowed down his engines and we began to troll for the Big Fish, our Ocean Trout now decorated with vast hooks. Two large rods, one on either side of the stern were fitted into rests, swung out and a very long line run out. Hardly had my line gone out when a shark appeared from nowhere and grabbed the bait. I was quickly moved to a fitted chair and the skipper passed me the rod. Very soon, sadly, the shark was gone. I asked "Was it about 50 lbs?" With a laugh the answer was "More like 200lbs." Such is fishing.

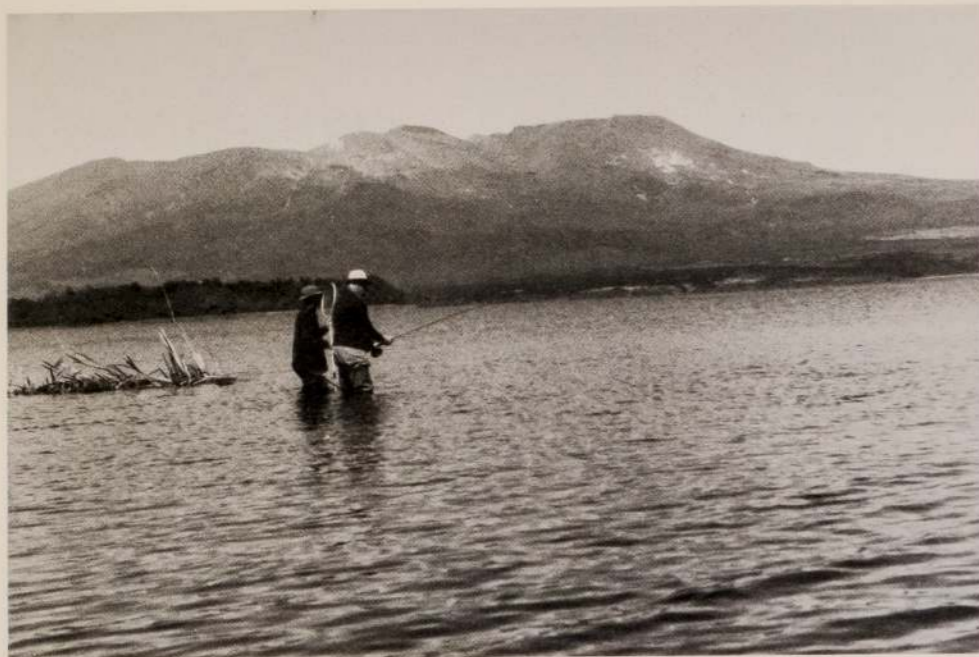
We didn't get back to Tauranga till 6 p.m.,

not disappointed, but feeling satisfied to have had one on, although only for a short time.

On 23rd we drove south, through lovely country, brilliant green farmland, high hills and past huge flocks of sheep, to Rotorua. This fascinating place smells strongly of sulphur and in a great many places hot steam gushes out of the ground, even in the middle of the road. This steam is now being harnessed to provide power. Late in the evening, when it had become pitch dark, I was taken to Lake Rotorua, to try and catch a trout, but had no luck this time. We waded quite far out, where a stream joins the lake, and where the trout come for anything that may come down in the current.

The next morning early, Mr. Tanfield, who is the Law Enforcement Officer for the Dept. of the Internal Affairs, collected Mrs. Wynn and took her to the Botanical Gardens in order to see their Kiwis. The most enormous and beautiful trees from all over the world are here, and through them ran a crystal clear stream full of large Rainbow Trout, wild. These come up the stream to breed and can be very easily observed, some up to 10 lbs.

Continuing south to Taupo, some 2 hours



Fishing on Lake Rotorua with Mr. Bullard, a former P.O.W. of the Japanese.

drive, we went through magnificent country, very hilly, some hills covered with pines, some all grass. All the verges of the roads are mown, not just cut. This road passes right through the largest man-made pine forest in the world, 700,000 acres. This was originally planned after the first World War, to provide employment during their recession. It is perfectly maintained.

General MacKinnon and his wife came to see us at our Motel, the Sun Court. He took us out in a very fast boat on Lake Taupo and we caught two 4 lb. Rainbow Trout. The lake is 20 miles by 30, surrounded by very high mountains and very spectacular. During the next few days, we made further expeditions, kindly looked after by the General, so we had a very comprehensive and interesting tour in that area.

Mr. and Mrs. Duncan Holden invited me to visit their newly formed Equitation Center, just outside Taupo. Mr. Williams is their Chairman and Miss Jennifer Stobart their Chief Instructress. This Center is in ideal surroundings of grass land with paddocks surrounded by posts and rails. I was thrilled by their careful planning and steady growth. About 30 representatives of International Show Jumping, three-day

eventing and Dressage sat with me in the sun and we discussed future plans. Miss Stobart has much experience as an Instructress, gained both in U.K. and in America. The enthusiasm shown by everyone was overwhelming and I could not imagine a more perfect setting.

After their many questions we drove about 2 miles to the bank of a lovely fast running river, amongst yet more pines, for a delicious barbecue of steaks, followed by mountains of fresh peaches and huge juicy pears, all washed down by the best of local wine. More questions were then fired at me and I left feeling nothing but admiration.

That evening, with General MacKinnon I met many polo players and that night I thought as I went to sleep what a wonderful country of horses, fishing, trees, grass and nice people.

On Friday morning we returned to our base at the Willow Park Motel, at Tauranga, to be the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Sadler and to represent St. Dunstan's at the Conference.

In the evening some 27 War Blinded, with their wives or escorts, met at the Motel and a very happy few days had begun. This was a totally informal evening and I met every

man, some of whom had been trained in England and they were full of gratitude. I met two St. Dunstaners, one 89 and one 88, both of them very alert, and both enjoying life. There were one or two who had been locked up with me at Kloster Heina, but one in particular was not well enough to make the journey to Tauranga, so I had a long telephone conversation with him.

On the Saturday morning, 28th, the weather was showing signs of change and it became very hot and sticky. We were kindly entertained by the Ladies' Committee of the R.S.A. in their Club House beside the sea and we returned for an Official Luncheon of the Commercial Travellers Association, who had formed a Trust as long ago as 1917 for the War Blinded and they have most generously maintained this interest and given their help ever since.

In the evening we were once more entertained, this time by the R.S.A. in their Club. The welcome was even more emphasised by a Maori welcome as we entered.

Mrs. Wynn and I had to leave early as we had a very early start the following day. If we did not catch a certain flight, there would not be another chance till March 11th!

AIRPORT CHAOS

At 2.30 a.m. we were on the road, and this trip was quite interesting in itself, very wet and slippery mountain roads, lashing rain and only one headlight working. Auckland Airport had to be seen to be believed — hundreds of exhausted and 'broke' holiday makers, tearful children, no catering facilities and just piles and piles of luggage all over the hall. The only working staff were the girls behind the check-in desks, and they too were exhausted, acting as porters if necessary as these too were on strike. We got seats on the only plane out of Auckland, one on its way from America to Australia, and this only because we had booked so many weeks beforehand. We took off several hours late, as the white-collar staff had to load the containers of baggage, drive the fork-lift trucks, etc.

Once at Sydney we had to go to another airport for the internal flight to Adelaide (still no porters). We got there all right, but minus 4 pieces of luggage which included precious fishing rods! 3 pieces turned up



With New Zealand St. Dunstaners at Willow Park, Tauranga.

that night, and the 4th via Melbourne, the long way round. Someone had put a RUSH label on it.

ADELAIDE. Everyone assembled at the Earl of Zetland Hotel for the Conference and Reunion. This was a small hotel and had the advantage that I could be with and meet each delegate.

On the first morning we walked to the club of the Returned Servicemen's League and they gave us a very good buffet luncheon. In the evening we were all entertained at the Town Hall, by the Mayor of Adelaide.

On March 3rd the Conference was opened by the Premier of South Australia. He was extremely complimentary about the close link with St. Dunstan's and unfortunately he had to leave very soon after his speech to attend business at Parliament House. Wives and escorts then left the meeting, which continued all day. I was very impressed by the way in which each delegate had an opportunity to speak and Mr. Harold Cox chaired the Conference most excellently throughout.

That evening we all attended a "State Dinner" at which Sir Richard and Lady Kingsland were present. Sir Richard was

from the Department of Veterans' Affairs, Canberra. I was invited to speak, as a special guest from St. Dunstan's England.

I found it invaluable staying in the same Hotel as all the delegates and although the Australian St. Dunstaners enjoyed pulling my leg. It was not always one sided. There were some who had been with me as P.O.W.'s in Germany, so we had mutual friends and long talks.

On March 4th the President sent a Loyal Greeting to Her Majesty and the Conference continued. In the evening we all attended a Reception given by the War Veterans and this went on till late. Previously a luncheon arranged by St. Dunstan's England was much enjoyed by everyone and Mr. Cox expressed their thanks, and I was invited to reply.

March 5th. We all attended a short ceremony at the Adelaide War Memorial and Mr. Cox laid a wreath. The Memorial is set amongst many flower beds and beautifully kept lawns. All then went on a bus to the Barossa Valley, the wine growing district, though I could not go since I had

been invited to luncheon at Parliament House to see the Welfare Minister and the Speaker of the House.

I dined that night with the Colonel of the 3rd/9th Australian Mounted Rifles, affiliated to my Regiment. He had arranged a party at his Club, where there were no fewer than 9 Colonels and one Brigadier. There was considerable leg pulling by the St. Dunstaners the following morning when I told them about this and they thought the word "gaggle" would describe such a collection.

March 6th. The Conference was formally closed. Various presentations were made and a telegram from Her Majesty was read out, thanking us for our message to her. Mr. Cox read out a letter to me from all Members, and particularly thanking St. Dunstan's.

With many memories and farewells, we gradually all went our separate ways.

So ended a month happily and busily spent in New Zealand and South Australia, full of interest even if actual travelling wasn't as simple as it might have been.

The Queen at Leeds Castle

One form of passive discrimination against the disabled is lack of access. As part of their contribution to International Year of Disabled People, the Trustees of Leeds Castle, Maidstone, Kent, decided to make this magnificent, historical castle more accessible to the disabled.

Originally built of wood, the castle was erected on the site in about A.D. 861. It was enlarged by subsequent Royal owners and generally made over, by the Kings of England, to their Queens. This explains the friendly and warm atmosphere to be experienced in the castle.

The last owner, Lady Bailey, an American, started a great process of restoration in 1925. She bequeathed the castle, in trust, to the nation and for the use of international, high level medical and scientific conferences.

Today the public have access to a magnificent, fairy tale castle, set in a lake, pleasant grounds, including an aviary, herb garden and an historic collection of dog collars, as well as the usual shop and tea rooms, which are in a very old barn.

In order to make this accessible, the

Trustees, under the chairmanship of Lord Geoffrey Lloyd, invited several disabled organisations to Leeds for the day to advise. Suggestions such as a tactile model, preliminary description on tape, raised lettering on doors, as well as aids for other disabilities, are currently being put into effect. An important concession is the opening of the castle to the disabled on days when it is generally closed to the public.

This scheme was inaugurated by Her Majesty The Queen, when she visited the castle on 25th March. St. Dunstan's was represented by Mr. Ion Garnet-Orme, Mr. William Weisblatt and St. Dunstaner, Ray Hazan. Ray was one of several disabled privileged to be presented to the Queen. Her Majesty well remembered her visit to Brighton.

The trustees and guides have always shown the greatest consideration and concern. It is a highly recommended visit. For further information you should write to: The Organising Secretary, Leeds Castle, Leeds, Maidstone, Kent, telephone Maidstone 65400.

INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF DISABLED PEOPLE

Open Days at Headquarters

To mark the International Year of Disabled People our Headquarters were opened to the public on 7th and 8th April. St. Dunstaners from many parts of the country came to demonstrate hobby, sports and recreational activities - as these photographs show.

Visitors watch George Cole and Ted John in the amateur radio shack. (right)

Ray Hazan demonstrates the IBM typewriter to a young audience. (below right)

Tommy Gaygan explains the typewriter for handless use. (below)



NEW COINS AND BANK NOTES

by Richard Dufton

An announcement by the Government, in January, that a 20p coin and a £1 coin are to be introduced into our currency has already been given wide publicity in the press and in broadcasts.

It is planned to bring in the 20p in 1982 and the £1 the following year, when the phasing out of the £1 note will commence. The latter, it is stated, is expensive to maintain, with a life in service of only nine months.

The Decimalisation Board, when designing our present coins over a decade ago, left a dimensional 'slot' between the diameters of the 1p and the 5p for the possible future entry of a small coin of high denomination. A 'slot' is defined by the Mint as a difference in coin diameters of 3mm, which is just under one eighth of an inch between the size of two coins in our coinage system.

In the event, the two new coins are of the same diameter, 22mm (0.870 inch) and while this may appear confusing, there are marked visual and tactual differences.

The 20p Coin

This will be the smallest of our cupro-nickel coins and in appearance it is a miniature 50p., with the seven sided edge that gives the same unique property of having a constant diameter. The shape makes this coin easy to identify and it also means that it can be efficiently fed into close fitting slots of vending machines, ticket dispensers and the ever increasing range of coin operated service machines. The pre-production coin is unusually slim, thinner in fact than the 1p which it exceeds in diameter by only one sixteenth of an inch.

The £1 Coin

This prime unit of currency will be produced in yellow metal and from a touch or handling aspect its most striking feature is its thickness, 3 millimeters, or just under one eighth inch thicker than a 50p. The first samples have a milled edge and the diameter 22mm is the same as the gold sovereign of a previous era.

With a doubling of the total number of coins in circulation since decimalisation, there is concern that our coinage has become

heavier than that of most countries. A survey shows that on average we carry 80 pence in change, weighing about three ounces, only slightly lighter than a Braille pocket watch. However, the introduction of the slim 20p could prove a positive step in reducing the vast number of 10p coins which account for no less than 30% of total currency weight.

Research Investigations

The RNIB and St. Dunstan's have had joint meetings with the Mint's design and research staff to consider the implications for the blind of introducing the new coins and while the basic design concepts may already have been approved, it could be that small but important features such as more pronounced edge coining or higher definition milling in the case of the £1 coin could be incorporated when the designs are finalised, with the possibility that identification by touch will benefit. To further the official investigations into perceptual aspects, trials have been held at Ian Fraser House, under the control of Dr. Vicki Bruce, an experimental psychologist, undertaking research for the Mint, whose colleagues visited Brighton bringing samples of the new coins with them.

It is hoped that many St. Dunstaners had an opportunity to handle them. The RNIB is making similar facilities available to Dr. Bruce at one of their holiday hotels and these joint ventures could provide some of the first reliable information on how easy, or difficult, the coins are to identify singly or when mixed with other coins.

New Bank Notes

In March this year, the Bank of England introduced a new £50 bank note and a revised £1 note. The £50 note has a portrait of H.M. The Queen, in State Robes, on the front and there is also a Phoenix from a design by Sir Christopher Wren. A portrait of Sir Christopher, from a 1749 engraving, taken against a background of St. Paul's from the river, occupies the back of the note. The new note, which will be the largest in our series of five, is printed in multi-colours.

An improved printing process will, it is

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claimed, give the revised note more of the 'feel' of a bank note, for the 1979 issue note has often been criticised for being too smooth.

The note will have better colour contrast which could benefit the partially sighted in the community.

It may be of interest that for the past two years St. Dunstan's, together with the RNIB, and organisations of the blind, has been represented on a working party with the Bank of England to consider distinguishing features in the design of notes. Many variations have been considered, but there is a consensus that the best solution is well graduated with differences between all notes in a series.

Amateur Radio Society

24 St. Dunstan's radio amateurs met on February 21st, at Ian Fraser House, for their Annual General Meeting. This is the occasion when the result of the poll of members to choose the recipient for the G3MOW Trophy is announced.

The trophy, in memory of Wally Wardrop, G3MOW, a radio amateur keenly interested in disabled operators, is awarded to the person who has given outstanding service to the St. Dunstan's Amateur Radio Society during the past year.

Appropriately the award went this year to Bill Shea, G4AUJ, founder member and Chairman of the Society since its inception. Better still, he received it from Mr. Basil O'Brien, President of the Radio Society of Great Britain, who was an honoured guest at the meeting.

Mr. O'Brien gave an entertaining talk on the Society after luncheon and was warmly thanked both for his talk and for finding the time to travel to Brighton for this important date in the St. Dunstan's calendar.

Bill Shea was re-elected Chairman of the Society and Ted John, Secretary and Treasurer. Committee members elected were: Ron Freer, Tom Hart, Colin Mills.

In his report to the A.G.M. Ted John said that membership of the Society was approximately 40. During the year three more members obtained their G4 call signs: Stan Heyes, Tom Hart and Roy Haslam. Ted expressed the thanks of the Society to the staff at Ian Fraser House for the arrangements and catering.



Bill Shea receives the G3MOW Trophy from Mr. Basil O'Brien.

Welcome guests at the A.G.M. included representatives from the Brighton and District Radio Society, the Mid-Sussex Amateur Radio Society and the Royal Air Force A.R.S. Mr. Louis Varney, G5RV, the inventor of the S.R.V. aerial was also present with old friends, Len Wooller and John Houlihan, whose practical help is greatly appreciated by the St. Dunstan's A.R.S.

The next meeting of the Society is arranged for 18th July, 1981 when the speaker will be Barrie Cooke, G4BWJ, of the R.A.F.A.R.S., who will give a talk on Radio Controlled Models and the Air Training Corps.

Anyone wishing to attend the weekend should make arrangements through Miss Bridger, at Headquarters.

WRONG NUMBER

Mr. Joe Humphrey writes to say that his telephone number is wrongly given in the register of St. Dunstan's physiotherapists. His telephone number is still Belfast (0232) 658414. The register for 1981 has just been printed and will be in use for the next year.

THANK YOU

Mr. and Mrs. David Hodgson, of Ferryhill, wish to thank all their friends at Ian Fraser House, for all the lovely gifts received for their great grandson, Simon Scott.



Jimmy and Janet Wright, with their sons Christopher and Nicholas, outside Buckingham Palace after the investiture that crowned a week to remember for the Wright family.

What a Wonderful Week

Jimmy Wright's Royal Occasions

Seldom can any St. Dunstaner have lived through a more exciting week than Jimmy Wright, in March.

On Tuesday the 17th, H.R.H. The Duke of Edinburgh attended the premiere of Jimmy's latest film, "Ability Is Where You Look For It", and spoke encouragingly of "Another fine film by Jimmy Wright."

The film is a compilation of Jimmy's films on disabled people, including sequences from the St. Dunstan's film "To Live Again". The showing was part of an exhibition for the International Year of Disabled People. Prince Philip also visited the St. Dunstan's stand at the exhibition.

Jimmy Wright's special seven days continued on Sunday the 22nd, when he was seen on television receiving a special trophy for his films on disability from Lord Snowdon, on the occasion of the British Academy of Film and Television Arts Awards.

Finally, on Tuesday, 24th Jimmy, his wife, Jan, and sons, Christopher and Nicholas, were at Buckingham Palace, where H.M. The Queen, bestowed on him the insignia of an Officer of the Order of the British Empire, for his work for the disabled.

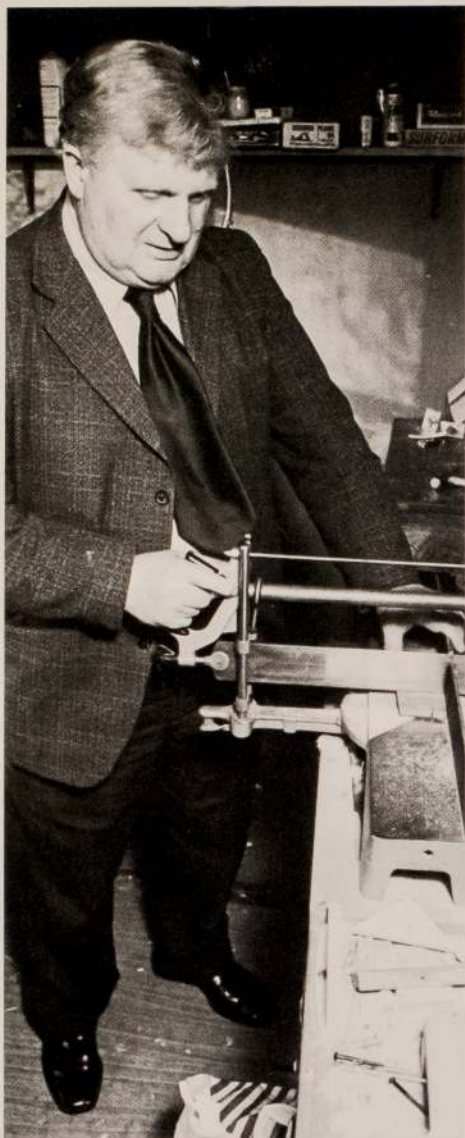
It could not have happened to a nicer family.



Lord Snowdon listens as Jimmy Wright says a few words after the presentation of the BAFTA Award.

At the Opportunities for the Disabled Exhibition in the City of London H.R.H. The duke of Edinburgh tries to aim St. Dunstan's rifle by sound, with the aid of P.R.O. David Castleton — photo British Petroleum.





WOODEN TOY MAKER

Among St. Dunstaners who have attended the wooden toy making course at Headquarters, is Walter Bick. His success at this hobby has brought him publicity in his local newspaper the *Leamington Spa Courier*. We reproduce a *Courier* photograph of Walter in his workshop. The story quotes Walter as saying he hopes his toys will find their way to children's homes, or hospitals.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

From: Mrs. Ruby Lucas, Norwich

May I, through the magazine, say thank you to all concerned, for the wreath and letters of sympathy at the death of my husband, Jack Lucas.

I would like to say a special thank you, to Miss Newbold, who was a tower of strength to me and a shoulder to cry on during Jack's illness and after.

Although he was only a St. Dunstaner for a short time everyone showed us such kindness and went out of their way to help us.

Once again, thanks.

From: Walter Bick, Southam, Warwick

If any reader of the *Review* has finished with the Thistle novel for January, entitled *Falling Angel*, would they please forward it to me at Lyndale, Coventry Street, Southam, Nr. Leamington Spa, Warwick., as I would like to read it.

RETIREMENT PRESENTATION FOR MATRON HALLETT

Matron Hallett is to retire in June and her many friends among St. Dunstaners who have stayed at Pearson House may wish to contribute towards a Presentation Fund. Contributions should be sent to Dr. R. Stilwell, at Ian Fraser House, Greenways, Ovingdean, near Brighton, Sussex.

Talking Books Go Automatic

The library list for the last member of the RNIB's Talking Books, Mrs. Zolotar, of Bedford, is now on the computer. The manual system, which had struggled to cope with over two million tapes going through the post every year, has now been superseded.

The transfer to computer, which has been taking place over the past year, is complete.

Derby Sweepstake

The closing date for Derby Sweepstake tickets is 15th May. Please hurry!

EXPEDITION TO NORFOLK

by Ron Smith

Some people believe that Norfolk is as flat as a pancake. This is what Sir Thomas Brown would have called "a vulgar error." A Jacobean writer, Thomas Fuller, also wrote 'all of England could be carved out of Norfolk'. I am not so sure about that statement as they have no mountains, or romantic scenery. Nevertheless, Norfolk is full of interest and variety. For example, it has the greatest wealth of magnificent mediaeval buildings of any area of its size in the world. It has tiny, ancient villages; it has small, splendid towns where hardly any building offends. Go west of the marshlands and once again you come across this mediaeval splendour in the form of magnificent churches, untouched for centuries.

On the coast there have been changes. Land has been reclaimed from the sea for agricultural purposes. Other places have been taken over as nature reserves. One such area is at Brancaster. This area was bought by the National Trust in 1967. It comprises 2150 acres, made up of beach, four and half miles of foreshore, saltings reclaimed marshland.

Scolthead Island

Another nature reserve lies opposite Scolthead Island. This was also bought by the National Trust and the Norfolk Naturalist Trust. This reserve has an area in all of 1821 acres. It is four miles long from east to west and its width varies according to the state of the tide.

Joan Smith was once more acting as my escort and companion and most important of all, keeper of the binoculars. Together we decided to have another look at the Island. We travelled by the only means possible, by boat. Wellington boots are an essential item as it can get very wet on landing.

It was a beautiful day; the sun was shining brilliantly. Unfortunately, there was rather a strong wind blowing off the sea and this concerned me because of my recordings. This was not a new situation for me. I simply had to get on with it and my first task was to get hold of the warden, Mr. Bob Chesney. We finally ran him to earth, or rather to a sandbank, where we sat down and began to chat.

Mr. Chesney told me there were 1500 pairs of sandwich terns breeding at the time, what predators they have to face and how the species depend on the food source. He described the life styles of the ring plover, the fulmer and the long tailed tit. All were conditioned, over millions of years, to reproduce in numbers sufficient to ensure the continuation of the species. Birds which lived a long time laid fewer eggs than those birds which only survived for two years or so. He also talked about balancing the rabbit population with stoats.

Before going any further, I would like to give a little more detail about the terns. The birds arriving in the British Isles are small to medium sized. They have long tapering wings and bills. Their bodies are white. Their legs are short, with small webbed feet. Most have spectacular forked tails. The birds mentioned above are the sandwich terns, and are the largest group, being between 15 to 17 inches in length. They have a black bill with a yellow tip. Their legs and feet are black.

Common and Arctic

There are two other species of tern: the common and the Arctic. They are both similar in size and colour. The common tern is 13 to 14 inches long, while the Arctic tern is one inch longer. The bill of the common tern is coral red, with a yellow tip. Their legs and feet are red. The Arctic tern has a blood red bill and feet. The terns are not scavengers. They do not follow ships are rarely seen on the water. What is more, you seldom see them standing on the beach like other sea birds. This makes them difficult to recognise as you cannot see their legs and feet. They have a habit of crouching on a partially submerged bush, post or rock.

Your friends may find them easier to recognise in flight. The wings of the Arctic tern are shorter and the streamers of the tail are longer. The call of the common tern is high pitched, while the Arctic has a more guttural call. When annoyed they do a lot of dive bombing. Then, the second note, the 'ki-ya' is very aggressive.

For the period that Joan and I were in that area, we made our headquarters in the small and pleasant town of Burnham



A winter scene of Brancaster Staithe — photo Eastern Daily Press.

Market. We noticed that many of the ancient cottages and buildings were providing nesting sites for hundreds of birds. Joan noticed the white splashed pavements below, but I was listening to the busy martins above. Burnham Market was providing a nesting site for swifts. In fact, I do not think I have ever come across so many. It was a great pleasure to stand beside the window and hear them scream excitedly, as they scythed their way through the cool morning air.

The most famous of the Burnhams is Burnham Thorpe, the birthplace of Lord Nelson. His father was vicar there from 1755 to 1802. Alas, the vicarage where Nelson was born is no longer. The church remains much as it has been for centuries. Inside is much evidence of Lord Admiral Nelson. Indeed, the church authorities hold a paper stating that the timber used to make the lectern was from the battleship HMS Victory. On the wall of the church is a glass case containing the baptism robe and birth certificate of Lord Nelson.

Outside the church is a hummocked field. This is where the village was originally sited. When the Black Death came the villagers set fire to their homes and rebuilt

the village on its present site. In the new village, which is a considerable distance away from the original, is a pub called the Nelson. According to writings, Lord Nelson used to take his friends there for an evening out prior to some of his great battles.

There are some sounds which are important to blind people, but are insignificant to others. One such sound is that of buzzing insects, which I recorded, with the chattering of birds in the background.

We left the peaceful tranquility of a country garden to return to the coast to battle once more with a boisterous easterly wind. The place was Titchwell Marsh. This area is owned by the R.S.P.B., and was reclaimed from the sea in the 19th century. It has flooded twice since then. It covers, overall, 400 acres and consists of beach, sifting dunes, marsh and reed beds. We were hoping to hear the rarest of the terns: the little tern. It is some nine to ten inches long, white like most of the terns and has a yellow bill with a black tip and orangey-yellow feet and legs. It has a shortish tail. To give you a further idea of its size, it is sometimes called the sea swallow. Its eggs are about the same size as those of a thrush.



Stiffkey Church, Norfolk — photo Eastern Daily Press

In the hide, we read one of the R.S.P.B. notices; the hide looks out over the nesting ground of the little tern. This is the smallest of the European terns and one of our scarecest breeding sea birds. Its habit of breeding on beaches makes it particularly vulnerable to human disturbance. Some colonies also suffer from flooding at high tide. Special protection schemes operate at a number of colonies outside reserves and, in 1967, the record was 32 pairs and the fledged just over 12. However, at high tide, egg thieves and predators account for most of the losses.

Joan and I continued our tour along the coast until we came to Havergate Island. This lies two miles downstream from Orford. Part of Orford beach and the Island are now a national reserve, covering about 555 acres. They are managed by the R.S.P.B., and are inhabited by waders, wildfowl and other birds. Pride of place amongst the waders must go the avocets. They are still very scarce and there are only a few breeding sites. Havergate is one of them. I had to get hold of the warden, Mr. Partridge, because of my interest in avocets.

What a beautiful job nature has made of the avocets. They are about 17 inches long and have a black upturned bill, three and a quarter inches long. Their bodies are snow white with black markings on the head, back and wings. From the hide we saw them winging back and forth as they fed their young.

When I had previously been to Havergate, in 1977, it had been a very bad year for avocets. Mr. Partridge explained that kestrels had been largely responsible for this, but fortunately this year the kestrels seemed fewer in number. I wondered if the oil slick from the Greek tanker had been a worry. Fortunately this had passed by and a north east wind had blown the slick away from their beaches. They were hoping for 40 young this season. Stoats, weasels and rats are the main predators, but the latter are kept down by the use of warfarin. Mr. Partridge spends a lot of the winter trapping coypu. These weaken sea walls and river banks by their tunnelling activities. The other wildfowl consisted of shelduck and a breeding pair of shovelers, which was, quite unusual. Sandwich terns, oyster catchers and ring plovers were also there.

The black headed gulls are to be found anywhere. They are predators and I suppose a little annoying to the wardens. However, the wardens do not interfere as predators are part of the great ecological chain, which one must never break.

I want to take you now to the charming little village of Stiffkey. Charm, tempered perhaps, by the busy A149 which passes right through. Nevertheless, here all is flint. Behind the village flows the quiet river Stiffkey. It was there about two o'clock one morning I recorded the queer sound of the red legged partridge. One hour later, I

READING TIME

by Phillip Wood

Cat. No. 1889

A Silver-Plated Spoon

By John, Duke of Bedford

Read by Alvar Lidell

Reading Time 8¼ hours

This is the extraordinary story of one man's single-minded, total dedication to one ideal, to restore a dilapidated semi-derelict Woburn Abbey to its former glory.

The Duke was sixteen before he even saw the house, or was told he had any connection with Woburn or the ancient name of Russell. He had a deeply unhappy childhood, his parents having no interest in his well-being or development. As a youth, his only contact with the Duke, his forbidding grandfather at Woburn, were occasional cold impersonal letters of condemnation and disapproval.

As a young man in London he became of necessity a "deb's delight", going the nightly round of fashionable parties, — this was the only way he could eat regularly. He received a pittance of a few pounds a month from the family, and this at a time when his father and grandfather reckoned their annual incomes in hundreds of thousands.

He was fruit farming in South Africa when he received the news of his father's death in a shooting accident. He inherited the title and a crumbling Woburn Abbey, virtually unfit for habitation. There and then he vowed to restore the Abbey that it might take its rightful place among the great houses of England, not only for himself and his heirs, but for the enjoyment of the general public.

A readable and most interesting book.

heard the sound of a peacock, from a distant park. After that came the cockerels and tawney owl. By 3.15 a.m. everything was in full throat. This dawn chorus reminded me so much of my childhood days, when these early morning calls would be echoed in almost every village.

Editor's Note:

This article, narrated by Ron Smith himself, together with wildlife recordings and interviews is available on C60 cassette, reference number G16.

Cat. No. 3224

Six Men

By Alistair Cooke

Read by John Richmond

Reading Time 9 hours

The "six men" of the title are those, who above all, made the greatest impression on the writer during a long and distinguished career as a journalist.

For two years he worked closely with Charles Chaplin and during that time became a personal friend of "the most famous man on earth", the "little man" who once received 73,000 letters during a two-day visit to London.

During the abdication crisis of 1936, Cooke broadcast daily to the USA and came to know "the man who almost sounded the death-knell of kingship."

A close friend for many years of Humphrey Bogart, Cooke gives some interesting sidelights on the complex character of the "tough guy" who was genuinely shocked to hear of Eisenhower's adultery, and who would not tolerate dirty stories in his company.

The writer met Bertrand Russell, then 48 years old, at 7 a.m. on Pennsylvania station and was vastly intrigued by the philosopher's ragged and down-at-heel appearance. Russell bought three paperback thrillers, read them on the train in forty-five minutes and went to sleep. In Washington, on the following day, he discoursed for hours, in his peculiarly idiosyncratic manner, on a wide variety of subjects.

H. L. Mencken and Adlai Stevenson make

READING TIME *Continued*

up the sextet and the whole, written in Cooke's trenchant and highly individual style, make this a most interesting read.

Cat. No. 3207

The Natives were Friendly

By Noel Barber

Read by George Hagan

Reading Time 11 hours

The first part of this book reads like a monumental exercise in name — dropping — or name-using as the author prefers to call it. As editor of the continental *Daily Mail* in Paris he was friendly with the titled and the famous, from Noel Coward and the Windsors to the Aga Khan and Somerset Maugham, Peter of Yugoslavia and Picasso.

When the paper closed down, in 1953, he became a foreign correspondent, "roaming the world at somebody else's expense". He certainly roamed the world. He spent five weeks in Antarctica, discovered a real-life Shangri-la and interviewed a modern Robinson Crusoe. He helped King Hussein to write a book, married twice and collected a polyglot family. Once, in the cause of duty, he took off all his clothes to attend a nudist dance. He was puzzled by the dancers' wrist-bands until it was pointed out that nudists, like everybody else, have to blow their noses occasionally.

He was also shot in the head (the wound needing fifty-two stitches) stabbed in the back, and was the sole survivor of a horrific car-crash in which four people lost their lives.

These are just a few of the things which can happen to a roving reporter with an iron constitution and an insatiable appetite for globe-trotting.

A truly splendid book and an absolute *must* for all armchair travellers.

Cat. No. 1778

Shakespeare

By Anthony Burgess

Read by William Jack

Reading Time 9 hours

A detailed and scholarly look at Will Shakespeare against an authentic background of Tudor London, drunken, bawdy, violent, insanitary, visited regularly

by plague, the haunt of cut-purses, footpads and doxies.

In this noxious stew the genius of Ben Jonson, Marlowe and Shakespeare exploded like a starburst, to breathe new life into a theatre which had changed little since Seneca and Plautius.

The author "plays fair" with his readers, resisting the temptation to indulge in the heady flights of fancy so beloved of lesser biographers. The result is a most satisfying and very readable book.

ARCHAEOLOGY HOLIDAY

If you would like an activity holiday in July, 1981 and have an interest in or would like to learn about archaeology there is a course being organised in Wiltshire that will appeal to you.

The course starts on Monday, 6th July and finishes on Saturday, 11th July. The programme will include visits to important archaeological sites such as Stonehenge, Avebury, Silbury Hill.

It is hoped to have lectures and discussions on archaeology. Accommodation will be in comfortable single rooms at Lackham College, near Chippenham, with breakfast, packed lunch and evening meal provided. Guide dogs would be welcome and there are acres of ground in which to exercise them. There will be professional archaeologists conducting the course; sighted guides will be available and in residence. Places on the course will be allocated on a first come first served basis. The approximate cost to participate in the course will be about £63 per person. Arrangements will be made to collect people from the British Rail station at Chippenham and also to return them there on the Saturday morning. The course is a joint venture between Wiltshire County Council and voluntary organisations. For further details and application forms, contact Cyril Jones, Wiltshire County Council, Social Services H.Q., Bythesea Road, Trowbridge, Wiltshire. Telephone Trowbridge (02214) 3641, Ext. 2906.

Puzzling Corner

Last month's solution to Puzzle Corner was incorrect and should have read: Place two with heads showing and two with tails uppermost and place the fifth on edge between the other two pairs. We apologise for any confusion caused.

Gardening Column

I do hope the weather has improved. With all this rain and snow I have been unable to do much gardening, although I have managed to grow some vegetables under glass. They were raised from last season's seed and seem to have germinated quite well, so do keep left over seed. Border annuals should be planted out towards the end of May and you can sprinkle some seed over bare patches to give some extra colour, but do thin them out as they grow. However, those of you in the north should perhaps wait a little longer to do this. Deal with any insects and diseases at once and soil pests can be treated with special powder applied around the base of the plant, at root level, or by drenching the soil.

Vegetables

Plant out any vegetable seedlings, brussel sprouts, cabbages, cauliflowers, lettuces and onions and these seeds can also be sown, if the weather is suitable. Other seeds, peas, broad beans, French beans and runner beans can be sown in their cropping places and thinned out as they grow. Late potatoes can also be put in now, if you can still get hold of some seed. Do remember to put down soil pest deterrent, in powder form, when planting out.

Tomatoes and marrows can be planted in the warmest, sunniest part of the vegetable garden. Do protect them with cloches or plastic sheeting in cold weather.

Hoe regularly between the rows of vegetables and spread on a little combined fertiliser. The best cure for black fly on broad beans is to pinch out the tops just below where the black fly gather. The crop will not be harmed and you may get bushiness and thus more shoots and flowers to set the beans.

Lawns

Mow the lawn regularly, with the blades set down pretty low, with the box on the whole time to get a good finish to the grass. After cutting it, and when it is damp, sprinkle on some lawn fertiliser. Often these fertilisers have weed and moss killers incorporated, so it will do a triple job.

Do take care of your lawn mower. Clean up the blades and rollers after use and oil the movement so that the machine will work well throughout the year. To finish off the grass, trim the edges of the lawn with shears.

Fruit

Put a mulch of manure around fruit trees and bushes on dry ground, after it has rained, to keep the moisture in. In really dry spells give the roots a thorough soaking, or the fruit may drop. On new fruit trees do not let too much fruit set and even on established trees you should thin out the crop, so that you get good sized fruit. Thin out suckers on the raspberry canes and cut away surplus runners from the strawberries and put some straw around the plants.

Flowers

Towards the end of May get the annuals, raised from seed, hardened off and into their flowering positions. Sweet peas and geraniums can also be put out, but again, those of you in the north should wait a little longer before doing this. If you were not able to raise annuals from seed, sprinkle some seed on the warm flower beds and they will soon germinate. Once they are established, thin them out and use spares to fill up gaps in other parts of the border.

Lupins, delphiniums, pyrethrum, rudbeckia, scabious can all be grown from seed now. These perennials are easy to raise and cheaper than buying in plants and will grow big enough to be planted out in the autumn.

Towards the end of the month, get the tuberous and fibrous rooted begonias out into a sunny position. Dahlias too always give a good show and provide cut flowers for the house. There is still time to get some well rooted chrysanthemum cuttings into the garden for late summer and autumn flowers.

Summer flowering bulbs can be planted now to give a good show both in the garden and in containers, such as gladiolus, ixia, tritonia and tigridia, keep the weeds down and feed the plants with fertiliser.

Use plenty of smokes in the greenhouse to clear away any diseases and insects. Do take the necessary precautions when using smoke pellets. Pick out the side shoots on the tomato plants, allowing only the fruit truss to remain. Some fruit trusses have leaves on the end of them, and these can be picked off without harming the fruit. As the tomatoes start to form, feed the plants regularly and keep the soil fairly moist, but not saturated. If you are using grow-bags for tomatoes, I would pierce a few holes along the bottom of the bags in case you over water.

Grow cucumbers in the warmest, draft free place you have. They need plenty of

COLONEL REX HALL O.B.E.

The Chairman writes: Colonel Rex Hall was a veteran of Gallipoli and served in Palestine with the Imperial Camel Corps and the Light Horse. Although not blinded himself, he thought always of the men wounded in action, becoming Chairman of the Victoria Blinded Soldiers Welfare Trust, and was the sole remaining Foundation Trustee for the Association for the War Blinded in Victoria. He was their Honorary Secretary and Chairman for 22 years. He was the Director for Rehabilitation for Military Forces for four years. He also found the time to write two books, 'The World is Mine' and 'The Desert Hath Pearls'.

Colonel Hall was a welcome visitor to St. Dunstan's when he came to the United Kingdom, and we know how much he will be missed by St. Dunstaners in Australia.

From: Pat Longden

You will, I know, be sad to learn of the recent death of Colonel Rex Hall, O.B.E., E.D. He was a wonderful man and always displayed a keen and practical interest in blinded ex-servicemen. He was Chairman of the Victorian Blinded Soldiers Welfare Trust for many years, as well as serving previously as Hon. Secretary. A leading figure in Legacy, the Australian Returned Servicemen's League and a member of the Shrine of Remembrance trustees, he also played a great part in the Masonic Lodge. He will be greatly missed by his multitude of friends and I am proud that I might number myself among them.

water and feed as the fruit forms. Pick off the male flowers if you are growing the normal type of plant. The male flowers are the ones which have no tiny fruit behind the flower head. These male flowers fertilise and tend to give the cucumber a bitter taste. There are quite a number of cucumbers now which have only female flowers and give good crops.

Plants being grown in pots for show, begonias, gloxinias and so on, as well as many annuals which are normally used outdoors should be given regular feeds. Plants for Christmas, solanum (winter Cherry), cineraria, calceolaria and cyclamen can all be started from seed.

Welcome to St. Dunstan's



On behalf of St. Dunstan's, we welcome St. Dunstaners recently admitted to membership and the Review hopes they will settle down happily as members of our family.

Albert Edward Victor Campion, of Epsom, who joined St. Dunstan's on 30th March. Mr. Campion is 84 years old and served as a Gunner in the Royal Field Artillery and subsequently as a Corporal in the Royal Engineers, from 1915 until 1918, when he was discharged following a mustard gas attack in Cambrai. Mr. Campion is married with one adult son.

Joseph Lever Roberts, of Stockport, who joined St. Dunstan's on 31st March. Mr. Roberts served as a Gunner in the Royal Artillery during the Second World War.

Mr. Roberts is married and has an adult son, who works in America.

Cyril Roy Saunderson, of Withernsea, who joined St. Dunstan's on 17th March. Mr. Saunderson served as a Gunner in the Coldstream Guards during the Second World War and was wounded at Ypres, in 1940, where he was taken prisoner of war. He is married with four adult children.

One Hundred Years of "Progress"

The 7th April issue marks the centenary of *Progress*, one of RNIB's monthly magazines in Braille.

Progress was the first Braille periodical produced by the British and Foreign Blind Association (which later evolved into the Royal National Institute for the Blind).

The first editor was Dr. Thomas Rhodes Armitage, Founder of the Association and a general practitioner who lost his sight. Early editions included an account of the editor's visit to the United States, a sonnet "to a nose", articles about blind people in other countries and the editor's instructions for making a do-it-yourself steam kettle for bronchitics.

CLUB NEWS

MIDLAND

Despite the rain we had a very good meeting on Sunday, 8th March. It was so nice to have Bruno back with us again after having fractured his arm.

Eileen had a nasty cold so wasn't able to join us. We all hope you will be well enough for the "Bring and Buy" next month Eileen, because we know how much you enjoy them.

A lovely tea was enjoyed by everyone and the ladies were thanked in the usual manner by Joe. We are having some difficulty in arranging our annual outing, due to the rising costs in coaches but I hope to get this finalised by next month.

Four games of dominoes were played by the time that I left the meeting at 5.15 p.m.

Joan Cashmore

BRIGHTON

Entertainment Section

A dance was held on March 14th, in the Annexe at Ian Fraser House and owing to various circumstances the attendance was lower than usual. This was rather disappointing as a presentation of a crystal rose bowl and bouquet was made to our President, Mrs. Elizabeth Dacre, on her 80th birthday.

Our Chairman, Bob Osborne, thanked Mrs. Dacre on behalf of the Club, for all the work she has done to assist us, but emphasised that the gift he presented was for her birthday. Mrs. Dacre rose to reply, and it was noticed that there was a trace of surprise and emotion in her voice as she thanked everybody concerned in providing such a lovely gift. She went on to say that she looked upon us as her sons and daughters, brothers and sisters, in other words part of her family. I am sure all members will join me in wishing Mrs. Dacre *many, many happy birthdays*.

May I remind members that an evening outing to the Torino Winery, Sheffield Park, Sussex, has been arranged for Friday, May 20th, price to members £1.50 non-members £2. This includes coach fare, entrance fee, wine-tasting and cheese and biscuits. Will anyone interested please get in touch with Bob Osborne, Brighton 32115, as soon as possible.

Our annual dinner and dance, will be held at the Dudley Hotel, Hove, on Friday, November 20th, 1981, further information will be published at a later date.

H. Preedy.

Bowling

On March 4th, we visited Field Place, Worthing, for our first away match of 1981 and what a wonderful afternoon it turned out to be. Thanks to David Castleton and his helpers for bringing along the mobile exhibition which proved to be very, very successful. During the interval, I presented shields and handbooks to all the players to commemorate our visit, especially as this year is the International Year of the Disabled. I also presented to the Club a St. Dunstan's shield suitably inscribed for this occasion. During the afternoon, unknown to me, a collection had been made and our President, Mrs. Dacre, accepted a cheque on behalf of St. Dunstan's.

On March 15th, we had a match against Mayford, Woking, at Ian Fraser House, when we romped home — winners — 21 shots to 12. A comment from one of the visiting team to me was, 'You didn't half pick a strong team against us today'. Our ladies as usual provided an excellent tea at the end of this match.

*W. DAVIES
Captain*

Brighton Social & Sports Club

Bridge Section

Pairs Results

For March 8th 1981

North/South

| | |
|---------------|------|
| R. Palmer | 43.6 |
| F. Griffee | 55.1 |
| M. Tybinski | 40.5 |
| H. Preedy | 41.3 |
| B. Ingrey | 54.4 |
| R. Fullard | 51.2 |
| W. Lethbridge | 63.9 |
| W. Phillips | 50.3 |

East/West

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|---------------|------|
| G. Hudson | 50.3 |
| C. Clements | 46. |
| I. Pellington | 60. |
| J. Padley | 39.6 |
| V. Delaney | 39. |
| P. McCormack | 57.3 |
| A. Dodgson | 59.1 |

Individuals

March 14th 1981

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|-----------------------------|----|
| V. Delaney & P. McCormack | 73 |
| R. Fullard & C. Walters | 69 |
| J. Whitcombe & J. Padley | 75 |
| A. Wiggins & G. Hudson | 47 |
| W. Lethbridge & C. Clements | 58 |
| W. Phillips & W. Burnett | 56 |

FAMILY NEWS

MARRIAGES

Congratulations to:

Henry Walter Bramley, of Blackpool, who married Mrs. Eileen Marjorie Collins on 19th March.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Morris, of Ongar, are pleased to announce that their daughter, Heather, was married to David Thwaites, on 24th January.

BIRTHS

Congratulations to:

Mr and Mrs. Frederick Baugh, of Stafford, on the birth of a grandson, Matthew Carl, on 24th November, to their daughter, Christine and her husband.

Results for Pairs & Individual Competitions and Spring Drive

Pairs Results for 5th April

North/South

| | |
|-----------------------------|-------|
| H. Preedy & Mrs V. Barker | 52.5% |
| F. Griffee & Mrs K. Andrews | 51.2% |
| B. Ingrey & Mrs. I. Gover | 50.3% |
| B. Ward & Miss C. Sturdy | 45. % |

East/West

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|---------------------------------|-------|
| M. Tybinski & Mrs. McIntosh | 66.7% |
| W. Lethbridge & Mr. R. Goodlad | 53.3% |
| W. Phillips & Dr. J. Goodlad | 53. % |
| R. Fullard & Mrs. V. McPherson | 47. % |
| A. Dodgson & Mrs. E. Dodgson | 45. % |
| P. McCormack & Mrs. N. Phillips | 35. % |

Individuals Competition Results April

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|-----------------------------|----|
| W. Phillips & W. Lethbridge | 70 |
| H. Preedy & P. McCormack | 70 |
| F. Griffee & C. Walters | 51 |
| B. Ward & W. Burnett | 58 |
| R. Fullard & J. Whitcombe | 73 |

The Spring Bridge Drive took place on Sunday, 29th March, it was a very enjoyable drive and Miss Steynning presented the prizes to the following winners:

Mr. M. Tybinski & Mrs. McKintosh
Mr. W. Lethbridge & Mr. R. Goodlad
Mrs. J. Douse & Miss M. Steynning

Bill Phillips

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Ford, of Middlesbrough, on the birth of two grandchildren. Rebecca Emma was born in December to their son, Michael, and his wife, Rhona, and Jeffrey Peter was born in February, to their son, Peter, and his wife, Susan.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Pawson, of Northallerton, on the birth of their first grandchild, Anthony Raymond, on 20th January, to their daughter, Jane, and her husband.

Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Ripley, of Wimbledon, on the birth of their second grandchild, William, on 25th March, to their son, Jonathan, and his wife, Stella.

FAMILY NEWS *continued*

GREAT GRANDCHILDREN **Congratulations to:**

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Perrett, of Devizes, on the birth of their second great grandchild, on 7th September, to their grand-daughter, Christine, and her husband, Steven.

RUBY WEDDINGS **Many congratulations to:**

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Partington, of Bolton, who celebrated their Ruby Wedding Anniversary on 29th March; they and their family spent the weekend in Colwyn Bay and *Tom and Peggy Lukes*, and some of their family, joined them for a celebration dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Tinsley, of Holloway, who celebrated their Ruby Wedding Anniversary on 5th April.

GOLDEN WEDDING **Many Congratulations to:**

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Boorman, of Faversham, who celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary on 4th April.

PERSONAL ACHIEVEMENTS **We warmly congratulate:**

Marion, daughter of St. Dunstaner, *Professor Alan Milne*, of Durham, who is Press Officer of Hotel Reservations incorporated in the marketing and reservation service of leading international hotels. This is group of 142 famous, independent hotels and its London members include, The Savoy, Claridges, The Berkeley, The Connaught and The Hyde Park. She brings out a quarterly bulletin, writes press releases and articles, arranges promotional trips to hotels abroad for travel journalists. Marion and her brother, Alistair, graduated in July 1979. Alistair read economics at Cambridge University and got a first class honours degree. He was then awarded an Overseas Development Fellowship to work for two years in a developing country and was sent to Malawi in September, 1979, to work as a government economist.

Julia Parkinson, daughter of *Mr. and Mrs. Tony Parkinson*, of Blackpool, who has recently passed another dancing examination and received a diploma from the I.S.T.D. Association for primary stage-modern dancing. Julia was given a commendation.

Julia has also recently appeared at the Grand Theatre, Blackpool, in a Gala Performance, and she sang with Jackie Scott.

Nicholas, son of *Mr. and Mrs. Frank Surridge*, of Herne Bay, who won gold awards in the British Schools Judo Association, Kent Under Twelves Championships, and the A.D.S. Open Championships, when he appeared for Herne Bay Youth Judo Club.

DEATHS **We offer sympathy to:**

Mr. Ernest Crook, of Worthing, whose father died on 1st March.

Mr. Geoffrey Mann, of Bristol, whose wife, Ellen, died on 26th March.

In Memory

It is with great regret we have to record the death of the following St Dunstaner and we offer our deepest sympathy to his widow, family and friends.

Albert Victor Marchant, Army Catering Corps

Albert Victor Marchant, of Gravesend, died on 29th March. He had been in poor health for some years and was devotedly cared for by his wife.

Mr. Marchant served with the Army Catering Corps, as a reservist from 1923 until 1929 and throughout World War II. He joined St. Dunstan's in 1973, when he was already suffering from severe spinal arthritis. Despite this he remained as active as possible and greatly enjoyed his visits to Pearson House and to relatives in Southend, where he went each year.

He leaves a widow, Gwendoline, and a son.