



St Dunstons
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Message from The Chairman

Changes in Brighton

As many St. Dunstaners will know, Mrs. Pass who had not been enjoying good health in recent months, has resigned her appointment as Matron at Ian Fraser House and has returned to live in Yorkshire where she has family connections. She takes with her every good wish from St. Dunstan's.

In the light of the dual responsibilities now resting upon Dr. Stilwell as doctor and administrator of the Brighton Homes, it has been decided to replace the post of Matron at Ian Fraser House with that of Deputy Administrator. Mr. Simon Conway has been appointed to this new post and he will undertake many of the duties formerly carried out by Matron with prime responsibility for the welfare and well-being of all St. Dunstaners resident at Ian Fraser House.

Mr. Conway has had a distinguished career in the Royal Navy as a submarine commander and he will play an important role in maintaining the high level of service provided for St. Dunstaners who come to stay in Ian Fraser House. I wish him every success in his new appointment.

Mrs. Maw is happily restored to good health and has returned to carry on her work as Supervisor of the Care Assistant staff.

Distinguished Visitors

On the 24th July, we were honoured by a visit from Mrs. Dorina de Gouvea Nowill, the President of the World Council for the Welfare of the Blind, who was paying a fleeting visit to this country escorted by her daughter. Mrs. de Gouvea Nowill, who is Brazilian, was also accompanied by Mr. Edward Venn, the Director-General of the Royal National Institute for the Blind, who was paying his first visit to our Brighton homes. Our guests were received by Mr. Weisblatt, Dr. Stilwell and Matron Goodwin and spent the morning at Pearson House where they spoke to a number of St. Dunstaners. Later, the visitors had an extensive tour of Ian Fraser House and enjoyed tea with St. Dunstaners in the Lounge.

Jon Earnest-Dune

BRIGHTON BUS SERVICE

St. Dunstaners have asked that we review the routine travel arrangements from Ian Fraser House & Pearson House to Brighton, and it would appear that the timetable enclosed with this issue of the *Review* would suit the majority of people.

Please note that we have inserted additional stopping points.

*Dr. R. Stilwell
Medical Officer/
Administrator.*

P.O.W.'S REUNION

Would all St. Dunstaners who received an invitation for the above reunion at Ian Fraser House in February 1982, and who have not yet replied, kindly confirm as soon as possible, so that the final arrangements for catering, etc. can be made. Please contact Mrs. M. Burn, ex. 28 at HQ.

INTERFERENCE BY CITIZEN'S BAND

We have been notified at Headquarters of a few cases where citizens band transmissions are interfering with talking book machines. Please write to Norman French or Ray Hazan, so that we may take it up on your behalf.

CASSETTE CHESS MAGAZINE REVIVED

'En passant', the monthly tape service for blind chess enthusiasts, is now once again available in this country. Send a C60 cassette for a free copy to Mr. Charles Cadwell, Tape Recording Service for the Blind, 48 Fairfax Road, Farnborough, Hants. GU14 8JP, Tel: Farnborough (0252) 47943.

TO LIVE AGAIN

We have just heard that St. Dunstan's Film, "To Live Again" is to be shown on Remembrance Sunday, November 8th at 11.30 a.m., on London Weekend T.V. It is possible that other commercial channels may also put it out at that time, so we would advise members living outside London to look out for details of programmes on their own regional channels.

PROGRAMMES BY 'PHONE

Details of BBC Radio 4 programmes for the day are now being given as a telephone information service like the weather, etc. The number to ring is 01-246 8035. The new service is not yet available on numbers outside London, as it is only at the experimental stage.

ROYAL WEDDING BOOKS

The Scottish Braille Press has published a Souvenir Book of the Royal Wedding. It contains a programme of events on the day itself, and articles of general and historical interest. It costs 30p (concession price) from the Scottish Braille Press, Craigmillar Park, Edinburgh, EH16 5NB. Tel: 031-667 6230. 'Charles and Diana: a Royal Love Story' by Henry Arnold has just been published in large print by Cedric Chivers Ltd., Locksbrook Rd., Bath, BA1 3HB. Tel: Bath (0225) 316872.

CHESS WEEKEND

Chess Instruction weekend, 30th and 31st October. Please contact Headquarters.

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Cover Picture:

St. Dunstaners Robert Nobbs and Stan Tutton (centre), winners of the mystery car drive at Lee-On-Solent Camp, are photographed with Commander Scott-Fox, Taff Rees, P.T.I. 'Budgie' Rodgers and 'Dodger' Long.

Photo: H.M.S. Daedalus.



Mrs. Dorina de Gouvea Nowill, President of the World Council for the Welfare of the Blind, and her daughter with Mr. Edward Venn, Director-General of the RNIB, Dr. Ray Stilwell and Mr. William Weisblatt at Ian Fraser House during the visit mentioned by the Chairman on page 2.

INTERNATIONAL HONOUR FOR DUNCAN WATSON

At its 10th general assembly in Paris, Duncan Watson, Chairman of the Royal National Institute for the Blind, was elected a Vice President of the European Regional Committee of the World Council for the Welfare of the Blind.

The Committee aims to advance the interests of all blind people in its 22 European member countries by exchanging information.

Edward Venn, Director-General, R.N.I.B. was re-elected Chairman of the Rehabilitation Commission.

HANDBOOK TO ADVENTURE

In the International Year of Disabled People it is appropriate that we should be welcoming a new and much expanded guide "Outdoor Pursuits for Disabled People".

The author, Norman Croucher, O.B.E., is well qualified to write the guide as he is disabled himself, and like a number of our St. Dunstaners, a mountaineer despite, in his case, the loss of both legs. He mentions particularly St. Dunstaner Syd Scroggie, who climbs in his native Scotland despite blindness and the loss of one leg.

Chapters discuss medical aspects, Instruction, Safety Precautions, and there

are lists of addresses of appropriate bodies in each sport. It is a handbook to adventure and participation for all disabled people.

Published by Woodhead - Faulkner Ltd., 8 Market Passage, Cambridge, for the Disabled Living Foundation, 346 Kensington High St., London W14 8NS. £4.75 in paperback.

DISABLED PERSONS RAILCARD

British Rail have announced the introduction of a Disabled Persons' Railcard. Holders and one adult travelling with them are each entitled to ordinary single and return tickets at half adult rate. The concession also applies to offpeak reduced fares, so giving even more saving.

The card costs £10 and is valid until 31 December 1982.

War pensioners need only quote their payment reference number to prove their disability.

St. Dunstaner readers will find a British Rail leaflet with application form enclosed with this issue of the Review. The form, with remittance, should be sent to: British Rail, Dept. XX, P.O. Box 28, YORK YO1 1FB.

The R.N.I.B. for the Blind have put British Rail's conditions of use into Braille and copies are available free to blind people from their Headquarters: 224 Great Portland St., London, W1N 6AA.

ROYAL OCCASIONS

In his message in the August *Review*, Mr. Ion Garnett-Orme referred to the greetings he sent on behalf of St. Dunstaners to the Prince and Princess of Wales on the occasion of their wedding. Here is the text of his message and the reply.

THE ROYAL WEDDING St. Dunstan's Message

H.R.H. The Prince of Wales, Buckingham Palace

On behalf of our Council, War-blinded men and women and their families throughout the Commonwealth and our staff, I send Your Royal Highness and Lady Diana our warmest greetings on the occasion of your Marriage and our very Best Wishes for Your future happiness.

Ion Garnett-Orme Chairman

... And the reply:

The Prince and Princess of Wales send you their most heartfelt thanks for your extremely kind message.

St. Dunstaners, wives and escorts outside Headquarters before leaving for Buckingham Palace. Readers wishing to obtain copies of this picture please write to the Review quoting No. 59315.



ROYAL GARDEN PARTY

On July 23rd H.M. the Queen held a special Garden Party at Buckingham Palace for the International Year of Disabled People. 35 St. Dunstaners with their wives and escorts attended - the largest number to go to a Royal Garden Party. Although it rained hard the weather did not spoil the day for our group who returned full of enthusiasm for a memorable occasion.

Our Chairman, Mr Ion Garnett-Orme, wrote to H.M. the Queen:

Your Majesty,

May I be permitted to express to Your Majesty the sincere thanks of our Council and Myself for most kindly inviting so many St. Dunstaners to Your Majesty's Garden Party for the Disabled last Thursday.

It was an occasion which the St. Dunstaners and their wives and escorts enjoyed enormously and will never forget. They have particularly requested that Your Majesty should be sent this personal message of appreciation.



The Music Makers Band

"The Music Makers"

Nine St. Dunstaners turned up at Ian Fraser House for the musical Activities week in August. Nine, that is, who made music and several who supported us. Here is the line-up – Ernie Cookson, saxophone; Bob Forshaw, Double Bass; Jim Fraser, Harmonica; Joe Humphrey, Accordion; Joe Langley, Drums; John McDermot, Accordion; Bill Miller, Drums; Myself, Vocal; and Peter Spencer, Piano.

At our first meeting on the Sunday morning Peter was elected Chairman, we decided to call ourselves the Music Makers, and pitched right in to arranging and rehearsing a concert for the lounge that evening, which seemed to be jolly well received. Our own band, reborn, was assisted by a local blind trumpeter and played some of the good old good ones. There were some songs, solos on harmonica and piano accordion and we were delighted to welcome Harry Leader, so well known from the Dance Band days. Peter, Ernie, Bob, Joe, Bill, and I augmented the Ernie Took Band at the Monday dance and it really swung.

On Tuesday in glorious sunshine we sat and listened to the Band of the Gordon Highlanders at Eastbourne and in the evening we heard the Max Dearden Band, a 16 piece set-up with superbly precise

arrangements giving out a throat tightening sound. Next evening the party went to another Brighton pub to hear a modern singing and guitar group and on Thursday the stirring sound of the Seaforth Highlanders Band at the Dome.

Meanwhile practice and rehearsals were taking place each morning in the Winter Garden and on the final Friday evening there was a 'Doing your own Thing' up there. St. Dunstan's put on a bar and refreshments which was so much appreciated and enjoyed, and all of us, band and individuals, entertained a specially invited audience, which again included Harry Leader and his wife. We had great support from Mr. S. Conway, the new Deputy Administrator, and his wife. Peter thanked all concerned most eloquently and a lovely occasion ended soon after eleven o'clock.

This report is intended to be highly enthusiastic of our first week and so it is, but we do want more support from musicians and singers – concert, opera, jazz, reggae, or any music – so please join us. Our next week is in August next year but obviously small groups will get together before then. Do please write to Peter or Joe Humphrey so that we will know when you are going to Ovingdean.

Coming Events

Amateur Radio

The Amateur Radio Week-end is to be held at Ian Fraser House on 10/11th October, 1981. We hope to welcome many newcomers as well as our regular members.

The talk is to be given by George Day, G4FQB, and he will demonstrate in a most practical way how he operates his station with audio aids. George, although not a St. Dunstaner, is ex R.N. and totally blind. He will be accompanied by two friends who have designed and built most of his equipment, namely, Dr. Arthur Bryant, and Mr. John Jones, G4JYI.

Gardening

The October meeting of the Gardening Enthusiasts will be held at Ian Fraser House from the 3rd to the 8th.

There will be a live broadcast from Radio Brighton on Sunday 4th as part of their 'Sunday People' programme and including 'Gardening Club' at 10.10 a.m.

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.

Ralph John Corner, of Rhyl, joined St. Dunstan's on the 14th August. Mr. Corner served as a Private in the East Lancashire Regiment during the 1st World War and was wounded in 1917. He is single.

Ernest William Lewis, of Bickley, Kent, who joined St. Dunstan's on 24th July. Mr. Lewis is 88 years old and served in the First World War, first in the Middlesex Yeomanry and then was commissioned in the Royal Artillery. In the Second World War, he held a commission in the Home Guard. He is a widower.

Gas Central Heating – Servicing Charges

For efficiency and safety, all gas central heating installations should be regularly serviced.

The Gas Board have a star system for servicing which covers labour and/or materials. The Three-star service being an insurance agreement whereby for an annual charge all servicing and repairs are carried out for one annual charge.

Most of the Gas Boards have agreed to give St. Dunstan's beneficiaries a 10% discount on the normal three-star charge so if you already have a three-star service will you please complete, cut out and return the following form to the Estate Department so that your Gas Board can be advised that you are eligible for their discount.

If you do not have a three-star agreement but wish to arrange for this let us have the form just the same. The Gas Board will have to inspect the installation and may require modifications to bring the system up to standard. They will quote you a price for any extra work which may be necessary.

ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE SENT TO THE ESTATE DEPT., AND NOT THE GAS BOARD

To: St. Dunstan's Estate Dept., P.O. Box 58, Old Marylebone Road, London NW1 5QN

Name	Telephone No.
Address	
Post Code	Name of Gas Board
Gas Board Reference No. (if any)	
Which star service have you now? One/Two/Three/None	

Gardening Column

Despite the pretty terrible weather during the summer, there appear to be some quite good crops about, though not up to the quality and quantity of the last few years. I only hope that you got all those crops harvested in good time before they went to seed – which my Cauliflowers did whilst I was away on holiday. Other things tended to rot because of the very wet conditions and this seemed to be the thing throughout the country. Perhaps we shall have a better Autumn and Winter to get on with the jobs of tidying up and getting beds ready for the Spring.

Apples and Pears are not so good so store what you have carefully for winter use.

Now as things tend to lose their colour in the borders it is a good time to take stock of how things have done and perhaps to put in a few more items in place of those which have done poorly.

Remember that if you are finding the digging over of borders or the vegetable plot more difficult, try and get more grass down as mowing won't be such a problem.

Vegetables

Keep all the areas between the rows of growing crops free from weeds by hoeing regularly. Dig over the beds that have been cleared of crops and leave to lie fallow for the winter frosts to get at the soil and perhaps destroy some of the pests that are still in the soil. It is also a good thing to sprinkle some lime and compost on the top before you start the digging to get it down into the soil, especially where you have heavy clay as it will help to break it down to a more friable condition.

Lift out all the Carrots and Beetroot as the foliage dies down and don't delay this job too long, or insect pests and other diseases may leave you with no crop at all. Continue to dig out the rest of the Potatoes, and leave the bed fallow as with other empty beds.

Where you have Onions and Turnips growing from seed and they are of a good size, thin out in order to get really good quality and size when mature, and keep the hoe going well to make it more difficult for the weeds to grow. Radish and Lettuce may still be sown for continuation of crops but

have plastic sheeting or cloches available if frosts are about.

Fruit

Gather all Apples and Pears when the weather allows and pack away in open crates or boxes after wrapping in newspaper – which I have always found satisfactory to keep fruit in good condition. Also, store in a dark place. Grease bands on the fruit trees should be renewed, all old ones put on the bonfire.

New trees can be planted now in prepared ground on a base of peat plus compost to give the roots a good start. Prune the Cherries, Currants and Gooseberries. Cherries need the centre growth thinned out to let air in the centre and also some of the long outer shoots should be cut back a little. As regards the Currants and Gooseberries cut out all the wood which has fruited, leaving the young wood to give you the new year's crop. Loganberries and Raspberries need all the old fruiting canes cut down to ground level, leaving only young shoots. A dose of compost or manure round the base of the bushes will give them a start for the new season.

Cut away all the unwanted runners from your Strawberry plants.

Lawns

Just about the last time that we need the mower till next season, so see that the machine is thoroughly cleaned and oiled at the moving parts. It might be a good thing to have the machine put in for a service before the rush starts in the beginning of the year. Do cover the whole machine with sacking or sheeting but don't use any polythene covering as you may find that there is a lot of moisture about when you start it again.

Flowers

Clear the beds of all those annuals and consign to the compost heap, though a few items such as fibrous rooted Begonias can be put into small pots for use in the house and they will go on flowering for months. Tuberous Begonias and Dahlias should be dug up and dried off ready for next year. When completely dried off and leaves have gone, put in dry peat and store in frost-

proof place and they can be started again in the early part of next year.

Perennials can be divided up so that you can have more of the items that turned your fancy. Cuttings of many plants can be taken of all shrubs and those very colourful Geraniums. Put in all the spring flowering bulbs and tubers at once. Do plant pretty deep, at least the depth of the bulb and even deeper in areas where you are likely to have really hard frosts. They can stay in for several years, and give better displays. Plant out the biennials such as Wallflowers and perennial seedlings which you raised.

Don't forget to get up those Gladioli corms and dry off for keeping. Cut back and thin out some of the summer flowering shrubs using some of the cuttings to get new plants for future use. It is a good time to plant new Rose bushes, so order at once. Old Rose bushes will still be flowering, so cut away dead heads, well down to the stems, and spray with a disease item where you have Black Spot, and burn all leaves which have the dreaded disease.

Greenhouse

Clear the place of all those items which have completed their flowering or cropping such as the Tomatoes and Cucumber. All tuberous items will be about over now, so gradually dry off by withholding the water and then when completely dried off and all the leaves gone, lay the pots on their sides to be started off again in the spring. Some items, such as Achimenes and Smithiantha need to be knocked out of their pots when started again, and you will find that you have a whole lot more corms than when you first potted them up.

Some of the annuals which you sowed earlier should be in their final pots and there will be a show for Xmas in early new year. The tops of the Schizanthus (Poor Man's Orchid) need to be pinched out to give a bushy plant and more flower. Solanums (Christmas Cherry) will be showing their red colour now and the Cyclamen showing signs of flower buds arriving. Don't water quite so often now and keep the moisture down in the whole atmosphere. Open windows only on really sunny days. When frost is about, have the heater on during the evening and night but keep it fairly low, just to maintain some warmth.

There is still a chance of pests and diseases so put in a smoke against insects and diseases every so often.



Sculpture for Blind

Robert Pringel investigates Henry Moore's "Helmet Head – no.4, Interior – Exterior" at the Tate Gallery's exhibition of sculpture for the blind and partially sighted. Robert was among a group of blind people attending the opening of the exhibition, which will continue until 1st November.

He appeared on BBC2's News Night programme explaining how this special exhibition provides a new experience for blind people. One of the features he particularly appreciated was the display of tools used by Henry Moore, which could be handled by blind visitors.

NATURAL HISTORY EXHIBITION

As part of their contribution to the International Year of Disabled People, on October 8th the Natural History Museum will open an exhibition of British Natural History specially designed for the visually handicapped. Admission is free, and the exhibition is based on touch and hearing, with a specially prepared accompanying tape which may be borrowed free of charge; visitors are invited to bring their own portable cassette recorders and ear pieces in order to go round the exhibition at their own pace.

Only those sighted visitors who are accompanying visually handicapped people will be admitted.



Old friends meet again at the Bristol Reunion – Bill Vickery and Joe Atfield.

Bristol Reunion

The reunion season in St. Dunstan's starts in early spring and by the time we reach the last we are on the verge of high summer – by the calendar, at least. This year's summer had been long in coming but for the last reunion on July 18th, at the Euro Crest Hotel, Bristol, the weather matched the calendar.

The pleasant Euro Crest Hotel has a reception area with floor to ceiling windows so that even inside the guests could still appreciate a belated summer's day. About 160 people, including St. Dunstaners and their wives or escorts, were greeted by our Chairman, Mr. Ion Garnett-Orme, who was accompanied by Mrs. Garnett-Orme.

Just before the speeches after lunch a bouquet was presented to Miss Meyer on behalf of the General Manager and staff of the Euro Crest Hotel, a very nice gesture from an hotel where St. Dunstaners have always found a very warm welcome.

In his speech Mr. Garnett-Orme referred to other happy occasions at the Euro Crest including "The large Bristol Reunion in

1972, when we celebrated Lord Fraser's Golden Jubilee as Chairman, and the next year our splendid girls used this hotel as a base for their very happy reunion which we all enjoyed very much".

The Chairman had a special word of welcome for seven St. Dunstaners attending their first reunion in Bristol: Mr. C. Hiscox, from Mountain Ash; Mr. G. Pennington, from Barry; Mr. T. Phillips, from Paignton; Mr. W. Tyson, from Bude; Mr. M.Y. Vickery, from Barry; Mr. T. Phillips, from Paignton; Mr. W. Tyson, from Bude; Mr. W.Y. Vickery, from Plymouth, and Mr. R. Wood, from members of staff in Miss M. Midgley and Mr. D.W. Ferguson. There was warm applause for his mention of Miss J. Meyer, who was helping her sister Miss Muriel Meyer, the Welfare Visitor responsible for the reunion.

Mr. Garnett-Orme then turned to St. Dunstan's activities during the International Year of Disabled People and referred to the Open Days held in April, at Headquarters. "When members of the public enjoyed trying

their hand at all sorts of sports and games which were ably demonstrated by St. Dunstaners. Ten days ago this programme was repeated at Ian Fraser House on a larger scale with great success. On the first day Mrs. Garnett-Orme and I were there and we welcomed a number of special guests including Lady Ellerman who presented the archery prizes. We were unable to be present on the second day but there were many visitors, estimates I have heard range between 600 and 1,000 people and they were all interested and much impressed by the great variety of things they saw St. Dunstaners doing."

Mr. Garnett-Orme concluded his speech with a tribute to St. Dunstaners' wives and escorts, "As we grow older the help they give us so unfailingly becomes more and more important and we are very grateful".

It fell to Tom Daborn to respond and he opened by expressing their pleasure that Mr. and Mrs. Garnett-Orme were able to come. He went on, "All St. Dunstaners have their memories of the day they become St. Dunstaners. The incredulity of it at first when you couldn't understand what was happening and eventually coming back to this country when you were introduced to another part of St. Dunstan's, the staff of this organisation that was started by Sir Arthur Pearson.

A little bit of stick

"We were taught by a little bit of stick and a little bit of kindness and imagination so we could go on our way on a path that has led all over the world. And now, Mr. Chairman, you are the head of an organisation which is the envy of the world".

Tom Daborn said how much the reunions are appreciated mentioning particularly Miss Meyer, "Her fleeting visits twice a year are looked forward to greatly". In thanking Tom Daborn for his speech, Mr. Garnett-Orme paid tribute to the staff of the Euro Crest Hotel, "Who have looked after us so well today and given us such a warm welcome".

A very lively and friendly reunion continued in the afternoon with dancing and, as always, a great deal of talk and laughter among old friends. For Bill Vickery, attending his first Bristol Reunion, it proved to be a reunion with an old school friend of fifty years ago. Joe Atfield recognised his name on the last

of guests and with his wife, Stella, looked out for the Vickerys, "We were both from the Barbican area of Plymouth" said Joe, "We were Barbican arabs and we last saw each other when we left school in 1934. We knew all the same people. We've been reminding each other, people he's forgotten and people I'd forgotten".

"I would have enjoyed my first reunion anyway", said Bill Vickery, "but this is the icing on the cake. We haven't stopped talking since we met in the hotel last night." Well, that is what our reunions are all about.

AN ACTIVE RETIREMENT IN PROSPECT

We congratulate Peter Jones on his retirement after 34 years as telephonist with the Sheffield Employment Department.

Peter, blinded in 1940 in an accident whilst doing Metallurgy Research work, has never allowed his disability to restrict his activities.

A keen radio ham, with a book published on woodwork for the visually handicapped, and a series of radio broadcasts to his name, Peter now plans an active retirement beginning with several talks on Blind people in the Community.

76 SQUADRON OPS

St. Dunstaner **Norman Kershaw**, former R.A.F. wireless operator, is among those mentioned in a new book "To See the Dawn Breaking", a history of 76 Squadron Operations written by W.R. Chorley.

Norman's vivid recollections of the ditching of his Halifax bomber after an attack on the German battle cruiser Scharnhorst are recorded in an eventful chapter covering the second half of 1941.

SKIING 1982

I am hoping to organise another skiing trip to Southern Germany for 1 week, probably in mid-February.

94 Locating Regiment have kindly agreed to provide Instructors and Guides.

Anybody interested should write for further details to me at Headquarters.

R.L. Hazan

TRAINING AT IAN FRASER HOUSE

In future the trainers will be responsible for their own departments and bookings will be made via the Welfare Departments and Booking Departments at H.Q. who will liaise with the trainers through Mrs. B. Wood at Ian Fraser House.

Formal training in Braille, Typing, Mobility, Workshop techniques and Cooking will continue as before, for new trainees, but in addition, for a trial period, the trainers wish to offer their expertise to any other St. Dunstaners who are staying in the Brighton Homes. To this end I have asked each trainer to add a short note. (Formal training must, of course, always take precedence over holiday-makers etc.)

R. Stilwell

Medical Officer/Administrator

Braille and Moon Instructions

Will anyone who would like a refresher course in Braille or Moon please contact the Welfare Staff at H.Q. who will get in touch with Ian Fraser House. Initial booking will be for a month which can be extended if it is found necessary.

If you would like a course, arrangements can then be made on the basis of the availability of beds and space in the Instructor's programme, and your own personal schedule.

Please do not hesitate to ask for help if you have any Braille problems.

P. Duffee

Braille Instructor

Cookery

Many of you will already know that cookery classes are now offered at Ian Fraser House, so why not take advantage of a short course. Whether you are a complete beginner or an experienced cook, cooking can be interesting as well as useful.

We aim to offer a basic 6-8 lessons to complete beginners (2 weeks in duration) and any further lessons arranged to meet individual needs and desires. In addition "cooking for pleasure" classes are available to anyone as time permits.

P. Durie

Cooking Instructor

Handicrafts

I hope you all realise that there is a chance to spend some time each day in the Handicraft Room at Ian Fraser House during term time.

There are different crafts you can learn to master and enjoy, giving you something to do in your spare time, if you have any.

There is canework, mosaic, macrami, weaving, rug making, stool seating and many more.

Even during your holiday you can come in and see us, and if there is a vacancy you will be welcome.

L. Hinton

Handicraft Instructor

Typing

If there are any St. Dunstaners who feel they need a refresher course in typing, I would be happy to assist in any way I can. Perhaps you have not used your typing skill for a number of years, or there may be just one or two minor points that you would like explained. In either case, get in touch and arrange some further instruction. I should also be pleased to help anyone staying in the House for a holiday, or longer period, provided that this does not preclude any full Trainee from normal training.

P.S. I am now on the 4th floor, between the Handicraft and Braille Rooms.

G. Locke

Typing Instructor

Workshops

We are hoping to start a short course in Picture, Mirror and Portrait Framing etc., in the workshops at Ian Fraser House. If any St. Dunstaner is interested will he please contact the Welfare Staff and Booking Staff at H.Q.

If the response is adequate, more information will be given in the next *Review*.

Meanwhile, remember, we are still taking in trainees for Wrought Iron work should you be interested.

J. Brown

Engineering Instructor

Orientation and Mobility Training

In simple terms the title means getting from A to B or from starting point to destination as efficiently and safely as one knows how, usually with the use of some aid or other. What do we classify as an aid? There are several, to name but a few, sighted guide, guide dog, long cane, guide cane, symbol cane and a few sonic aids. Some fancied more than others in the world of visually handicapped orientation and mobility. Let us run through briefly a few of the more widely used ones.

First there is the sighted guide, and I stand to be corrected, but the most popular is the sighted guide because it means, in most cases, less mental stress to the blind traveller, it offers company and someone to talk to, but it is not necessarily the most efficient. It also means that one's outings, be they for work or pleasure, are restricted to the availability of the guide which in most cases is not at the discretion of the recipient. Therefore the blind persons dependant on a sighted guide are unable, usually because they cannot afford the time, to do some kind of formalised training that will undoubtedly improve their chances of becoming more independently mobile, and become semi-prisoners waiting for someone to call for them.

Guide Dogs

We then have the aid of the guide dog, requiring special training at a guide dog training centre. After preliminary consultation and final acceptance one is directed to one of the centres where one lives in and spends one month being trained with the dog. One has to give very careful consideration before deciding to accept the responsibility of being the owner of such a valuable animal. It is your duty to care for the dog in every way from feeding, grooming, exercising, vetting, kennelling, etc., and finally maintaining its discipline in order that you both may travel safely and efficiently, not a responsibility to be taken lightly, but once taken will open a new world for you.

Then we have the different types of canes, first the long cane, which like the guide dog requires special training by professionally qualified instructors. The training course can last from a maximum of

12 weeks, at two hourly lessons per day on a five day week for a newly blinded person utilising the rest of the day learning other blind skills such as Braille typing etc., all necessary for one's basic rehabilitation. Where the person has been previously motivated the length of training time can be shortened, similarly a person with some degree of remaining vision, but needing to use blind skills, could take less time again, but in most cases to allow the person time and practice, 60 hours actual training would be regarded as a minimum to achieve any degree of safety and efficiency.

Symbol Cane

The guide cane is usually used by persons with some remaining vision and is available in different lengths and can be used using the long cane technique. It is collapsible but quite cumbersome for the pocket and almost impossible to repair oneself. Finally there is the symbol cane, which is the smallest of them all and is really only meant as a symbol on one's visual handicap and not suitable for good outdoor mobility. However, it is invaluable when used for the purpose it is meant for. It will afford you every consideration and help from the sighted, be they pedestrians or drivers, and one is advised to display it on all outdoor travel particularly when being escorted, it helps tremendously to give you and your escort more right of way.

I have covered the aids most widely used, the choice as always is that of the individual and his environmental circumstances very often will dictate the aid which will be best for him/her, but whichever it is, there is a training course available here at IFH, and secondly via your Social Services Department where most local authorities do employ a mobility teacher, all very highly qualified and all having had experience of what they teach, by being trained in the dark.

If you have a need to improve YOUR mobility you should write to me in the first instance at IFH, when the matter can be discussed and advice given. You would be surprised what there is to learn even to the simple basic skills of teaching a sighted guide how to be much more efficient. There is nothing to be lost, but plenty to gain.

J. Carnochan

Mobility Instructor

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

From: Miss Yvonne Guilbert, Saltdean

Through the good offices of the *Review* I would like to express my gratitude and appreciation to St. Dunstaners, colleagues at Headquarters and at both Ian Fraser and Pearson House, together with retired members of Staff, for their generosity in subscribing to a retirement presentation for me.

I particularly thank the Amateur Radio Society, the Gardening Group (shortly now I hope they are to become the Gardening Club) and those St. Dunstaners who gave me individual gifts and also took the trouble to write to me personally. Some I have met only rarely since their training days.

I hope to reply to all letters in due course but as this will take some time, I send this message through the *Review*.

An extremely kind telegram from St. Dunstan's (Zimbabwe) Committee Secretary Mrs. Lorna Stirling was also a great pleasure to me.

Looking back, so many of you have done so well, it is nice to feel that I have been able to help in a small way and to have some very good friends amongst you. Best wishes for the future to you all.

From: J. Humphrey, Belfast

In another part of this *Review* you will have read about the forming of The Music Makers. The primary need at the moment is for instruments such as Saxophones, Trumpets, piano-keyed Accordians, etc., which may be lying forgotten in someone's attic or glory-hole. If they are usable we should like to hear particularly about an Accordion since I have to bring mine by road and ship from Belfast, as the one at Ian Fraser House is well past its best and has only 2 voices. We should also like to hear if there is an electric Organ which no-one uses.

Please send details to
Mr. S. Conway,
Deputy Administrator,
Ian Fraser House,
OVINGDEAN.

From: John and Ettie Simpson, Brighton

I wonder if any of your readers have had such an eventful wedding as that of our youngest daughter, Paula, when she married Geoffrey Burse at the Chapel of St. Dunstan's at Ovingdean on Saturday 29th August.

The wedding was arranged for 2 p.m. The first thing that happened was when the bride's mother arrived at the Chapel at 1.55 p.m. and found that all the guests were standing outside. On enquiring why she was told that the groom had not arrived. A hurried phone call was made to John to tell him to delay the bride.

Everyone was speculating as to whether the groom had changed his mind and got cold feet, when he arrived, ten minutes late. As you can imagine, a sight of relief was heard!

The Second Incident occurred inside the Chapel, when Padre Meek started the service. He announced that the Licence had been delayed in the post from London. However, the Service went ahead, and everyone thoroughly enjoyed it.

The final Incident happened when the Reception was in full swing. (It was held in the Annexe by kind permission of Dr. Stilwell.) The fire alarm went off, so the groom, bride and guests had to go down to the Lounge to be counted.

In spite of the above set-backs everyone had a good time. Afterwards everyone said it was a Wedding to remember!

I would like to thank Dr. Stilwell and Staff for their kindness on this Day.

From: Evelyn Ramshaw, sister of the late Miss Frances Ramshaw

Thank you, my sister's past colleagues, and the St. Dunstaners so very much for the donation you have so kindly sent to the Marie Curie Foundation in her memory.

I am sorry I do not know the addresses of the signatories to thank them personally, but perhaps you will be good enough to convey to them the thanks and appreciation of all the family.

From: Norton Christal, Castletown, Isle of Man

My wife and I have over the past nine years spent a month abroad during our long and often dreary Winter months. It might be of interest to tell some of your readers of the pleasures we have enjoyed.

After 2 years at the Mollins hotel in Cala San Vicente in Majorca – very comfortable, friendly and with good food, we then went with S.A.G.A. for several years, spending two consecutive years at the Asteria hotel in Mlini in Yugoslavia – a 4-star hotel with good food, and a choice at each of the three-course lunches and dinners, and a heated indoor swimming pool.

We also went with them to the Aldea hotel in Portugal (now no longer used by them); three weeks in the Salina Bay hotel in Malta but although a coach service – free – is provided twice daily to Slemma, we would not recommend this hotel as it is too isolated unless you are fond of walking; twice to the Costa del Sol – first to hotel Puerto, which S.A.G.A. soon gave up for the Fuengirola Park. We found 1500 people there too much of a crowd, as you rarely saw the same people twice.

The advantages of using this agency are that the firm sends you free return train tickets from your nearest station to Gatwick, and entertainment is laid on each night when at the resort.

Last year we went by Inter-sun to the Los Patos hotel not far South of Torremalinos and found it to be excellent value for money; the rooms were comfortable and warm, with every convenience, self service cafeteria with ample choice and as much food as you could eat, heated outdoor swimming pool, and although we went there on January 6th, we had 27 days out of the 28 really hot sunshine – there was also plenty of entertainment for those who liked this to be laid on.

Many of the firms who offer these winter holidays offer half board rates as well as full, and also self-catering flats or villas.

For those who have not travelled abroad, we have found that everywhere we go blind people are treated with the greatest kindness by the Staff and others staying in the

hotel, and the fact that you may not speak the language of the country makes no difference as the locals are only too keen to practice their English on you and the odd native word plus sign language are sufficient to enable you to make yourself understood.

From the point of view of weather we have never been disappointed in our three visits to the Costa Del Sol and are awaiting the publication of the Sixty Club Brochure as we hope to return to the Los Patos next year. We also enjoyed good weather in Yugoslavia both in January and February though the temperatures were not nearly so high as those in the Costa del Sol.

Finally there is one firm which never deals through agencies and brochures can be obtained by applying to the firm direct – The Travel Club, Upminster, Essex. We have found that the Illa Doir hotel in Puerto Pollensa in Majorca is a first class hotel, comfortable and with an excellent cuisine, and the Travel Club offer this hotel much more cheaply than any other firm.

I trust that some of this information may encourage you to travel abroad and enjoy some winter sunshine and, if there is any other information which I can give, I am sure the Editor will forward queries to me. Just make certain that you are fully insured and that the Insurance Company knows that you are blind.

Good luck to you all.

C.W. Stalham, Basingstoke, writes:

He uses a 'Hermesetas' tin for distributing seeds in his garden. He wonders if this tip would be helpful to other St. Dunstaners?

EIGHTH ARMY REUNION

Dr. Stilwell has received an invitation for three St. Dunstaners to attend an Eighth Army Reunion at the Grand Hall, Hove, on Saturday 24th October, from 7.00 p.m. until Midnight. Any 'Desert Rats' among St. Dunstaners who would like to attend are requested to contact Miss Bridger at Headquarters. If applications exceed the number of invitations, a draw will be made.

1981 ARCHERY CHAMPIONSHIPS

By Philip J. van Buren, Chief Coach and Archery Organiser

"Unification of Nations through disabled and blind archery..." This was the hope of Dame Vera Lynn, D.B.E., when she addressed St. Dunstaners at Ian Fraser House at the presentation of the Dacre Trophy to Phil Duffee, Supreme Archer in St. Dunstan's Championships.

This competition was decided on straight score irrespective of disability and whether totally blind (T.B.), or partially sighted (P.S.). The first winner of this brand new award was Phil Duffee who scored 426 for a Short Metric. Dame Vera was invited to award the trophy which was specially commissioned by Mrs. Elizabeth Dacre M.B.E., T.D., J.P., sister of the late Lord Fraser of Lonsdale. It is in sculptured bronze, some two foot high, by Sean Crampton and is in memory of the late Air Commodore George Bentley Dacre, who in the 1915

Dame Vera Lynn with Fred Galway



Dardenelles Campaign, was the first airman ever to launch a torpedo from an aeroplane and was in due course, Commandant of our Brighton Homes.

Concurrent with the Dacre Trophy the 1981 Annual Championships were decided by using the same scores but adjusting them according to their GNAS handicaps which were achieved in practice before the event. This avoided the difficult task of deciding all the different classes of disability, etc., making everyone equal.

Frank & Avis Spurway Cup

The winner of the Frank & Avis Spurway Cup and 1981 Champion was Curly Wagstaff who scored a combined total of 1448 for the Short Metric. This cup was presented by Lady Ellerman, who was accompanied by Mr. Ion Garnett-Orme, Chairman of St. Dunstan's, and Mrs. Garnett-Orme.

On Saturday we entertained Cuckfield Bowmen, a sighted team. Nominated teams of five archers battled it out in the wind and they won by only 59 points. So we are improving. They had better watch out this winter! To mark the event and to make it an annual tie, Cuckfield have generously donated a challenge cup.

Worthing Sports Day

On Sunday a small party of our more experienced archers attended a Worthing Disabled Sports Day put on jointly by the Sports Council, BSAD, & Worthing Council especially for disabled people in this I.Y.D.P.

The next tournament was the Royal Insurance Trophy to commemorate the I.Y.D.P., which it is hoped to extend to outside disabled organisations in years to come. The Royal Insurance Group have donated £500 for the award. We shot a handicap adjusted National round and it was won by Norman Perry with 1594. The awards were made at our third presentation ceremony on the last night at

a buffet supper by the Sussex Area Manager of the Royal Group.

The final competition was a little more personal than perhaps the rest because the trophy was donated by the Royal Ulster Constabulary in honour of Charlie McConaghy, who was blinded whilst serving with the R.U.C. in Belfast. Chief Superintendent Seymour Dobson, Chief Community Relations officer for Northern Ireland, came along to see the competition and award the R.U.C. Shield and ten years' supply of miniature shields for the winners. This was also made at the buffet supper. For this competition, the archers with the best and worst scores in the Championships were paired together and so on into the middle to produce an even competition. The winners of the R.U.C. Pairs Shield were Curly Wagstaff and Ted Paris, with a combined total of 604 points. In closing I would like to thank those who assisted me on occasion during the fortnight with coaching and help during the various shoots especially Marie Contete and Ted Bradford, one of my new County Coaches.

Norman Perry makes a small presentation to Dame Vera Lynn.



Supreme champion, Phil Duffee.

Phil Duffee and Walford Davies at their target.



Full results of the St. Dunstan's Archery Fortnight

The DACRE TROPHY for the SUPREME CHAMPION 1981

1st	Phil Duffee	67.426.5
R/U	Curly Wagstaff	65.382.3
3rd	Fred Galway	59.339.6

The Frank & Avis Spurway Cup for ANNUAL CHAMPION 1981

1st	Curly Wagstaff	Scored 382 + 1109 allowance = 1491
R/U	Fred Galway	Scored 339 + 1109 allowance = 1448
3rd	Phil Duffee	Scored 426 + 1020 allowance = 1446
3rd	Jerry Lynch	Scored 117 + 1329 allowance = 1446 -equal

PRESENTATION TO MISS OLIVE HALLETT

Miss Olive Hallett receives her gift from the Council, on retirement as Matron of Pearson House, from Mr. Ion Garnett-Orme.



The Royal Insurance I.Y.D.P. Challenge Trophy

1st	Norman Perry	Scored 345 + 1249 allowance = 1594
R/U	Curly Wagstaff	Scored 404 + 1109 allowance = 1513
3rd	Tom Page	Scored 106 + 1367 allowance = 1473

The R.U.C. McConaghy Shield for the PAIRS CHAMPIONS

1st	Curly Wagstaff	413)
	Ted Parris	191)-604
R/U	Charlie McConaghy	196)
	Norman Perry	373)-569
3rd	Phil Duffee	518)
	George Jakins	182)-559

St. Dunstan's Cup for HOLIDAY SHOOT.

Current positions as of 10.8.81
 1st Totally Blind Fred Galway 59.383.17
 (Fred is also in a wheelchair).
 1st Partially sighted Curly Wagstaff 59.353.8.

A ROYAL GIFT

St. Dunstan's Clock for Prince and Princess of Wales

Tommy McKay of Brighton, has made a wedding present for Their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales. It is a grandmother clock made in oak. The royal couple have accepted Tommy's gift because it is rather special. It is the 50th clock he has made.

Tommy was blinded when serving with the Royal Engineers just before the crossing of the Rhine in March 1945, only a few weeks before the end of the Second World War. He was engaged in mine clearance when one exploded costing him his sight, one leg and several fingers on his left hand.

Despite his disabilities, in his garden workshop Tommy makes not only grandmother clocks but many other items commissioned by customers and built, most often to his own design. He has made church furniture, fitted wardrobes, garden furniture, desks and many others.

His earliest clocks had pendulum movements but now he installs floating, 8-day movements which cause less problems for his customers and are easier to obtain. He makes the oak case, installs the clock mechanism and positions the face using templates and his sense of touch. The only part of the work that needs sighted help is the final staining and polishing.

Prince Charles' clock has a square face with Roman numerals and a Westminster chime. It took Tommy about six weeks to make.

Tommy has received this letter from Buckingham Palace:

*Dear Mr. McKay,
 The Prince of Wales and the Lady Diana Spencer have asked me to send you their sincere thanks for the grandmother clock that you have made so expertly.
 His Royal Highness and Lady Diana are delighted to have this most attractive clock and look forward to finding the right place for it at Highgrove.
 They are very grateful indeed for your generosity in making this for them and ask me to thank you most warmly.
 Yours sincerely,
 Rear-Admiral Sir Hugh Janion, KCVO.*



Tommy McKay and the royal clock.

ONE THAT DIDN'T GET AWAY

Bob Fullard with a fellow angler displays his catch — a 24lb cod.



READING TIME

by Phillip Wood

Cat. No. 1543

The Chillian Club

By George Shipway

Read by Philip Trevealen

Reading Time 8¾ hours

The country is paralysed by a long-standing General Strike. There is no transport, gas or electricity. The docks are at a complete standstill, food is becoming dangerously short in supply, there is much suffering and hardship among the people.

The strike is being organised by a small band of Trade Unionists, all dedicated Communists, trained and nurtured by the USSR. Their leader is Sidney Wrinker, a professional agitator, a demagogue "with a jackal's face and the gift of words".

Against this dark and bleak background, the Chillian Club continues on its serene and anachronistic way. Its members live on past glories and memories of meritorious service in the long-dead outposts of Empire. They are all retired cavalry officers, long past active service, pukka sahibs to a man, living in the past, killing only time, now.

Until four of them form themselves into a kind of committee, a kind of upper-crust execution squad. If nobody can rid their beloved country of these Communists and traitors, then, By Gad, Sir!, they would do it themselves. . .

Just a bit Kiplinguesque, with a touch of "The Four Feathers" perhaps, but quite an enjoyable read.

Cat. No. 2106

Broomsticks Over Flaxborough

By Colin Watson

Read by Anthony Parker

Reading Time 8¼ hours

There are some queer goings-on in the normally dull little town of Flaxborough, stories of witchcraft, the Black Mass and something nasty down in the ash grove. Actually it is nothing more sinister than the local coven, in the guise of a Conservation and Folklore Society, doing their own thing and having a ball doing it, so to speak.

Then one of their number, a damsel with a marked *penchant* for "slipping into something comfortable" — like a chap's bed

— vanishes, leaving her clothes (all of them) neatly piled on the seat of her Mini.

Things take a turn for the worse, however, when the local supermarket manager, who disappeared at the same time as the girl, is fished out of the water. He is very dead and has a large hole in his anatomy to prove it. . .

Up to this point I quite enjoyed this book, written in a rollicking breezy style with some really hilarious passages which raised many a quiet chuckle. But from the finding of the corpse the writer seems suddenly to realise it was no longer a laughing matter, and retires into his shell. From then on the book degenerates into a rather pedestrian whodunit. A pity, really.

Cat. No. 1102

Tell You What I'll Do

By Henry Cecil

Read by Peter Barker

Reading Time 6¼ hours

Harry Woodstock is a rogue, albeit a fairly likeable one, specialising in "long firm" fraud. During the war he had saved the life of his commanding officer. The Colonel keeps a bachelor establishment in the prestigious Albany, where Harry stays with him during his "free" periods, posing as a successful tycoon to explain away his long absences.

During one of these absences in the *other* Albany, on the Isle of Wight, a notorious bank robber entrusts Harry, on his release, with the proceeds of the raid, £60,000 in used banknotes. Harry promises to mind it for him until he gets out.

But the man is serving thirty years and in the circumstances Harry sees no obstacle in his "borrowing" some of it.

Then to his horror he reads of the man's escape from jail. He will need "his" money. He will come looking for Harry — and he is a very, very nasty and violent man indeed. Harry decides that the only safe place for him is back inside, and the sooner the safer.

I found this something of a "curate's egg" of a book. Much of it is quite entertaining, but the long-winded philosophical discussions between Harry and his friend Canon Abdale, did get rather tedious. The ending is not very satisfactory, either.

Cat. No. 2011

Miss Gomez and The Brethren

By William Trevor

Read by Anthony Parker

Reading Time 11 hours

As a teenager Miss Gomez absconds from the Lily Arthbutnot Orphanage in her native Jamaica. Eventually she arrives in London where she finds work, first as a waitress and later as a stripper in the Spot On Club. After a while she moves on to more lucrative employment in Mrs. Idle's "Pleasure House".

One day she finds a tract extolling the blessings and virtues of The Church of the Brethren of the Way, based in Jamaica. Her conversion to the new faith is immediate and total. She leaves the comfort and security of the bordello and goes forth to spread The Word.

She finds a room over Mrs. Bassett's Pet Shop in a dingy East end street, which is in the process of being demolished. Here she becomes involved in the daily lives of the few remaining residents — an involvement they do not always appreciate or welcome.

There are some well-drawn tragi-comic characters in the book, Alban Roche, convicted voyeur and keen amateur biologist, old Mr. Batty, managing to survive in the empty world of the profoundly deaf. There's the preposterous and blowsy Mrs. Tuke, who, as landlady of the "Thistle Arms" is in a unique position to indulge her taste for a drop of the hard stuff, and Miss Gomez herself, relentlessly determined to "do noble things, not dream them all day long" — often with near-disastrous results. A good read.

Cat. No. 1223

This Perfect Day

By Ira Levin

Read by Michael de Morgan

Reading Time 13 hours

It is some time in the distant future. Planet Earth is now "unified". There are no national governments, no frontiers or racial groupings. There is one universal language. Every man, woman and child on earth is a "Member of the Great Family". Their Gods are Christ, Marx, Weh and Wood (Wood!? Wonder how *he* got in there?)

The Family is controlled by the omni-

present, omniscient Unicom, the great computer, which has organised this "cloned" society with its regular "treatments" designed to keep all Members "Well", which means there is no aggression, no pressures, no tensions. Unicom thinks for all, controls the weather, procreations, and arranges for death to take place, painlessly, at the age of sixty-two, "The optimum age".

A small number of Members, however, are "Sick" from time to time. There are even the "incurables" who would like to become "people" instead of "Members", who would prefer the old ways of free will, competition and the pressures and anxieties of the bad old days. They live on islands and, like black sheep, are never spoken about except possibly as lost brethren.

"Chips" — or to give him his proper "Nameber", LI/RM/35M/4419 — becomes involved with a small group of "Sick" Members, who have managed Unicom into administering under-strength "treatments". They meet in secret, they laugh, they love, even smoke tobacco, discuss a wide range of topics. Sometimes they talk about the possibility, the hope, of one day joining a colony of "incurables" on one of the islands. . .

Most of the "sci-fi" books I have come across have struck me as plain silly, or more suitable for the nursery than for adult reading. This one is in a very different category. Brilliantly conceived and very well written, it holds the reader's attention from the first paragraph to the last. But, I wonder. . . could it *really* happen?

Devon Days

by Frank Tinsley

From Coliford to Coliton
And up the hill to Shute
Cross the bridge across the line
Where dreamy cows stand mute
In long green grass we stop to lie
Words we said were few
For all the days were golden
And all the birds were blue
Here busy water fills the stream
For rainbow trout to play
And scented bliss
Like a lover's kiss
Can steal your time away.



H.M.S. DAEDALUS

1981

by Charles Campkin

A warm welcome from the Camp helpers, an enthusiastic but knowing one from the "dogs from the past" and a slightly bewildered one from the "new dogs" of the Fleet Air Arm Gun Crew, heralded the beginning of one of the best Camps I can recall – and that goes back over thirty years. It was nice to renew old friendships, and after settling in to our cabins, followed by an excellent meal (the catering – always excellent – this year surpassed itself), we were dutifully escorted to the C.P.O.'s Mess and persuaded to partake of their hospitality – a ritual that attenuated for the rest of the week.

Saturday morning broke – rather dull – but it was only a brief prelude to a week of near perfect weather. The exodus to the airfield for the walking race – the more energetic to actually expend their energy – the remainder to watch, and later to raise their glasses to the winners – a victory which means penance for their wives who polish the trophies for the next year – while they bask in the admiration of the uninitiated. First home was Tony Dodd pushed in his wheelchair at a rate of knots appropriate for a submariner, by his dog

Steve Philpot, to cheers from the waiting crowd. The results of the race were:-

Handicap Result

First	Charles Hague
Second	Peter Spencer
Third	Charles Stafford

Veteran's Cup — The Dennis Deacon Cup

Charles Stafford

Bridget Talbot Novice's Cup

David Hodgson

Fastest Loser's Cup

Ted Jinks

The actual results were as follows:

Order of finish	Actual Time	Allowance	
T. Jinks	22.50	Scratch	22.50 7th
C. Stafford	23.14	1.40	21.34 3rd
T. Tatchell	23.43	1.30	22.12 6th
C. McConaghy	23.50	2.15	21.35 4th
J. Wright	24.35	2.30	22.05 5th
C. Hague	25.47	5.40	20.07 1st
P. Spencer	25.52	4.45	21.07 2nd
S. Tutton	33.43	3.30	30.13 8th
D. Hodgson	36.40	10.00	26.40 9th

Thermals abounded over the airfield and surrounding Solent, and the afternoon was the scene of two gliders soaring above, each with its own St. Dunstaner and a civilian pilot, while those on the ground watched with interest and anticipation, the noiseless thrill of the powerless aircraft.

A Dance and Social in the Chief's Mess is a "not to be missed" event and the innovation of a marquee on the lawn, together with an enclosed fountain, was a delight to those who have never experienced a "foot-in". I wonder if they have goldfish in the inventory!

Sunday's Church Parade was a departure from the old familiar form of Service and I felt there was something lacking – perhaps bias on my part.

The visit to the Wardroom was, as usual, well attended and after the Camp photograph on the lawn, we went inside to meet the Ship's Officers, something which is always looked forward to – especially the drinks and coffee! Spiritually revived – in both respects – and fortified by an enormous lunch, we repaired, either to rest on the lawn or, for those who had missed the previous day, to the two gliders, and

their respective pilots. I must, here, pay tribute to Commander 'Bunny' Hayles, who once again gave up both Saturday and Sunday afternoons entirely for the St. Dunstaners to avail themselves of the opportunity of gliding. This thrill was especially enjoyed by Robert Nobbs who had not been able to fly since MS struck him down in the RAF and who is now utterly chair-bound. Commander Hayles discovered that another chair-bound St. Dunstaner, Tony Dodd, looked like becoming a natural glider pilot, and he has been made a member of the Royal Naval Gliding Club and is to have lessons. We hope to see him looping the loop over the Solent next year.

Archery

On Sunday afternoon a large contingent took off for the Gosport Archery Club where a marvellous afternoon of sport was held and medals were won by Bob Forshaw and Charlie McConaghy. Others went bowling, swimming, walking and visiting friends.

The P.O.'s were our hosts for the evening, with a disco in their bar and lounge, while dancing and curry dishes kept up the tempo and the temperature.

Tony Dodd and Phil Philpott cross the finishing line.





Bill Harris looks on as Charles Stafford receives the Veterans' Cup from Commander Scott-Fox.

On Monday a cloudless sky promised us a pleasant leisurely crossing to the Isle of Wight – and so it proved. We spiced the mainbrace and baked in the sun to the rhythm of Joe and his accordian. While we were getting our knees brown with some overseas service, others of our party were casting their lines in an endeavour to tempt the fish to commit suicide, and others were visiting the submariners' museum at H.M.S. Dolphin and no doubt being frightened by the monsters therein.

Monday night is reserved for the Concert, in memory of our dear friend of many Camps, Dennis Deacon. Two magnificent singers raised the roof, and our hearts, with their renderings of old favourites while the comedian/comper, Jack Seaton, caused many a surreptitious chuckle from even the most temperate of our number.

The St. Dunstan's Amateur Radio Club being represented in our midst, a few licence holders paid a surprise visit to the

local Radio Club at Lee. A few Q.S.O.'s and an exchange of reminiscences and QSL cards, and we were back to the Chief's Mess and further reunions with dogs and their wives from the past.

Tuesday – the great day – when the cream of St. Dunstan's athletes met, flexing their muscles in pursuit of the glittering triumphs. This year, for once, the weather was perfect and three teams took part in a test of skills; 'Irish Stew', captained by Danny McGoohan, were the winners, with 243½ points, the other members of the team being George Hudson, Charles Stafford, Joe Humphrey, Trevor Tatchell, Stan Tutton and Charlie McConaghy. Second were 'Bells Blenders' captained by David Bell with 226½ points and third 'Doddy's Ticklers' captained by Tony Dodd with 222½ points. Individual results were:-

Doubly Handicapped Winner
David Hodgson with 14 points
Victor Ludorum Totally Blind
Johnny Cope with 26 points
Victor Ludorum Semi-Sighted
Trevor Tatchell with 27 points
Prize for the Best Beginner
David Hodgson
Penalty Goal Kicking
Peter Spencer with 3 goals.

Small private parties are a feature of the Camp, whether it be the annual stroll from one local hostelry to another, pre-arranged for suitable refreshment and lunch, or the more relaxing passing the time of day with an obliging and hospitable owner of a swimming pool, and later on, the party with snacks and a midnight swim – by some who did not even swim! The Camp is a great uplifter!

Early Tuesday evening – 13 crews set off on a mystery drive with difficult clues concealed in the Braille directions. The watches are set, the finger poised over the talc, the flag drops and the car rally is on. The swaying dots become a blur, flatten as the drivers curse, reverse, and eyes are strained. "What warped mind dreamed up these clues?" There was a dead heat for first place with Stan Tutton and his crew tying with Robert Nobbs and his crew, so the trophy will be shared between them for the year and both names will go on the trophy. Back to the Chief's Mess, by now our second home, a quick postmortem and re-run of

the course, a shower, and then off to H.M.S. Collingwood. This evening shore run is a new innovation and from the glowing reports of it, a welcome one for the future.

Only three more nights, but three more days as well, and with Cowes revisited, another shot of rum, and the usual visit to the British Legion. But what's this? – leaving at two, instead of three? – must be trying to save fuel! – the cuts you know! Our Guide Dogs snooze in the sun, they are holding out well this year.

St. Dunstan's band

Wednesday – Titchfield by moonlight – The Community Centre vibrates to the dance tunes, and once again, as on so many evenings, St. Dunstan's band entertains during the interval. The Titchfield Ball brings Wednesday to an end.

Thursday is something special, the highlights of the week are now at a steady pitch, we gather at the Slipway, and board a Hovercraft for a trip down the Solent, returning in time to attend a luncheon party at – yes – Collingwood – a delightful experience, before the more formal prize-giving and tributes to the prowess of our Campers; I was hoping for the Endurance Cup! This ceremony was graced by the presence of the Station Commander with tributes and votes of thanks from the Council given by Mr. Garnett-Orme. (I am now able to reveal that an unintentional slip revealed that the Navy's latest craft is a Hoover with which we shall no doubt sweep the seas!)

Friday is always a quiet day. The reluctant packing – not yet – we have not been over H.M.S. Victory. We pack into the coaches and relive the incredible life that was the lot of a seaman in the cramped quarters of a British Man-of-War in the days of Nelson. The afternoon was spent bowling, doing the final shopping, and visiting for the last time the homes of our various friends.

Finally the number ones for the last evening, everyone gathered in the Chief's Mess for a farewell dance and Ben Mills 'monster' raffle which with an enormous number of wonderful prizes donated by both St. Dunstaners and many kind friends, raised the magnificent total of £265 (Titchfield £60 and the dance £205).

A happy, sentimental end to a glorious

Camp. Saturday morning our Dogs, their wives and many friends congregate to see us off and then to clean the decks for next year. Put my name in the hat please!!!

NEW CLUB FOR THE BLIND IN LEICESTER

A new club for the blind and partially sighted was opened in Leicester on September 23rd. The club will meet monthly on a Wednesday, 7.30 p.m. at the New Parks Community Centre, St. Oswald Rd., New Park's Estate, Leicester. Tel: Leicester 872334 or 311454 for details.

CHORUSES TAPE STILL AVAILABLE

'75 Years of Choruses', the tape recording made by St. Dunstaners Harry Wheeler and Peter Spencer with Bill Harris is still available. Bill Harris, who lives at 31 Haydn Av., Purley, Surrey, Tel: 01-660-7381, still has a few cassettes left.

They cost £3.25 each and all profits go to St. Dunstan's Lee-On-Solent Camp funds.

SPONSORED WALK

St. Dunstaner, **Frank Hamilton** of Chorlton, has raised between £4,000 and £5,000 on a 3-day sponsored walk of 42 miles across the Pennines from Manchester to Leeds.

The money is to go to Lifeline Pregnancy Care, a Charity of which Frank is one of the National Directors.

He was accompanied by his son John, 15, and Miss Sally Bevan, 17, daughter of Lifeline's National Administrator.

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Manchester Archery Tournament

According to an old Myth it always rains in Manchester, but according to old Lincolnshire Farm Folk Lore the sun always shines on a Saturday. On July 18th, the Northern Sports for the Visually Handicapped held their Annual Athletics Meeting and the Lincolnshire Folk Lore dispelled the Manchester Myth.

The N.S.V.H. put on a full athletic programme including for the first time an Archery Shoot, consisting of 3 dozen at 40 yards and 3 dozen at 30 yards. The venue was in Bruntwood Park, a beautiful country estate near Cheadle in Cheshire a few miles from the Stadium where the main athletics were being held.

The event was extremely well organised

by the Bowmen of Bruntwood; a great deal of credit is due to them for the way in which they quickly accepted and adapted to the requirements of blind archers.

Not only was the shoot conducted under strict G.N.A.S. rules, but we were right royally entertained to a picnic lunch whilst the targets were being moved forward. It adds a lot to the pleasure of archery to be able to sit in pleasant surroundings with the sun shining and a warm gentle breeze blowing, and chat with others who have the same interests as oneself.

Two St. Dunstaners took part in this event, Sid Jones, Manchester, and Norman Perry, Grimsby. The event was won by R. Evans, Swansea, with a score of 391. Runner-up was N. Perry, with a score of 384.

From these results it can be seen that it was a very close contest and one can look forward to another year when one hopes that a St. Dunstaner will take the trophy.

Norman Perry

CLUB NEWS

BRIGHTON CLUB

As reported in last month's *Review*, it was with deep regret that we learned of the death of Miss F. Ramshaw, who until 3 years ago was our Vice-President, as she had been since the early days of the original Brighton Club. Our President, Mrs. E. Dacre, Vice-President, Dr. J.O'Hara and Mrs. O'Hara, Chairman Bob Osborne and his wife, represented the Club at her funeral. A cheque has been sent to the Angmering Branch of the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal Fund of which she was Organising Secretary, as a token of our affection and respect.

Entertainment Section

The St. Dunstan's Brighton Social & Sports Club have, during the past couple of months had a full and varied diary of social engagements.

On the 17th July we had a most enjoyable day at Leeds Castle, near Maidstone in Kent. This year being the 'year of the Disabled' we were able to visit on a day normally closed to members of the public. Lunch was provided before we visited and

toured the castle – a lovely day – the sun even shone for us, and everyone agreed that the day had been a success!

It was an early reveille for twenty one of us to proceed to Newhaven for the 7 a.m. ferry to Dieppe – a little delay because of fog, but this did not stop us from enjoying the boat trip. On arrival at Dieppe we were met by the coach, which took us through the sunlit Normandy farmlands along the coastal road to Fecamp which is well renowned for the Benedictine liqueur distilled there.

We had a most interesting tour of the Abbey's Gothic and Renaissance Halls and Oratory – each room possesses a character of its own and is full of surprises and discoveries. We then of course visited the Distillery wherein the world famous Benedictine is manufactured – still to the age-old recipe originally made in 1510 by a herbalist monk, Dom Bernardo Vincelli. At the conclusion of our visit we were able to partake of samples of this liqueur – or, for those who preferred, a beautiful 'Normandy Pancake'.

Our happy band wine and dined on the S.V. Valencay on the return journey home – so tired after such a full day. Our special thanks are given to Mr. David Bartlett at Sealink, Newhaven, who did so much for St. Dunstan's in arranging for us to have such a concession for this trip – this made it even more enjoyable!

Our June Dance was held on the 13th when the Bowling Club's winter trophies were presented by Mrs. Dacre. The Ansell Cup was won by Mickey Robinson, 2nd was Jimmy Morrish, and 3rd Walford Davies. The next Dance will be held in the Annexe on 10th October, at 7.30 p.m. We would ask everyone please to support the dances if we are to continue. The Annual Dinner and Dance is to be held on Friday 20th November at the Dudley Hotel, Hove. Please let us know as soon as possible whether you wish to attend.

Cost for Members £5.50
Non-Members £8.50
R. Osborne

August Bridge Drive

There were 9 tables for the Bridge, which was very well attended and took place in such glorious summer weather on August 2nd. Everything was set for a good day's enjoyment, and that is exactly the way it was. We were strengthened by out-of-town members on holiday, and were very pleased to see them. They certainly picked the weather for holidays!

Everyone was still feeling slightly high from the Royal Wedding the previous Wednesday, so the feeling of Bonhomie and the weather made the perfect setting for a most enjoyable day.

After Bridge we enjoyed a nice tea and when we had finished the second half, the prizes were presented by Miss Steying, our very stalwart supporter and Club Secretary, amongst other duties which she does with such charm. The prize-winners were:

1. W. Phillips & Dr. Gopdard
2. Mr. & Mrs. Turner
3. M. Tybinski & Mrs. McKintosh

A box of chocolates, booby prize, to P. McCormack & N. Phillips.
(Then to crown the glory, someone brought us the news that England cricketers had Done It Again and won by 29 runs. My word, the grins were a sight to see!)

W. Phillips

Brighton Social and Sports Club Bridge Results

PAIRS MATCH played May 3rd 1981

N/S	W. Lethbridge	R. Goodlad	62-1
	E. Hennett	Mrs. Bradbury	53-8
	B. Ward	Mrs. Buller-King	50-8
	F. Dickerson	Mrs. Andrews	47-9
	W. Phillips	Dr. Goodlad	47-1
	B. Ingray	Mrs. E. Gover	38-3
E/W	A. Dogson	Mrs. Dogson	57-1
	W. Allen	Miss Steying	53-8
	R. Fullard	Mrs. Tibbett	52-1
	B. Simmons	Miss Sturdy	51-7
	T. Bradley	Mr. Bradbury	44-6
	P. McCormack	Mrs. Phillips	40

Individuals Results match played May 9th 1981

F. Dickerson	Partner	78
H. Preedy	R. Fullard	72
W. Lethbridge	J. Padley	60
J. Whitcombe	Partner	60
T. Bradley	Partner	57
W. Phillips	C. Walters	53

Pairs Results June 14th 1981

N/S	W. Lethbridge	Dr. Goodlad	62-2
	W. Phillips	Mrs. Andrews	51-1
	T. Wiggings	Mrs. Douse	49
	B. Ingray	Mrs. Gover	30
E/W	R. Fullard	Mrs. Tibbett	66-6
	A. Dogson	Mrs. Doggson	55
	C. Clements	Miss Steying	50
	V. Delaney	Miss Sturdy	50
	P. McCormack	Mrs. Phillips	30

Individuals June 20th 1981

R. Palmer	Partner	68
W. Lethbridge	J. Whitcombe	66
R. Fullard	P. McCormack	65
W. Burnett	C. Walters	63
J. Wiggings	Partner	62
W. Phillips	Mrs. Delaney	54

Pairs Results for July 5th 1981

N/S	R. Fullard	Mrs. Buller-King	64-1
	W. Lethbridge	Mrs. Goodlad	55
	W. Phillips	Dr. Goodlad	52-5
	B. Ingray	Mrs. Gover	48-3
	G. Hudson	Mrs. McKintosh	44-5
	H. Preedy	Mrs. Barker	38-8
E/W	H. King	Mrs. Tibbett	67-1
	F. Griffiee	Mrs. Andrews	55
	A. Doggson	Mrs. Doggson	51
	H. Melleeson	Miss Steying	46
	B. Simmons	Miss Sturdy	42
	P. McCormack	Mrs. Douse	40

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Results for Pairs July 19th 1981 Individuals

J. Whitcombe	F. Griffiee	72-1
W. Lethbridge	C. Walters	70)
R. Pacciti	Partner	70)
R. Fullard	W. Phillips	58-3
H. Preedy	J. Bradley	52-4
R. Goding	Partner	53-5

MIDLAND

Due to the riots in Birmingham, we were advised to cancel the July meeting, but the August meeting was well attended and several domino games were played.

A lovely tea was put on by the ladies and they were thanked in the usual manner by Joe, the Chairman.

It was nice to have Bruno and Elizabeth safely back from Poland and I know that the Polish chocolate and vodka were very much appreciated.

Quite a good meeting was held on Sunday 6 September.

It was nice to see Tommy and David again, after their holidays and attending their grandchildren's weddings.

FAMILY NEWS

WEDDINGS

Congratulations to:

Mr. and Mrs. George Brooks of Saltdean are pleased to announce the marriage of their grand-daughter with John Scherrer at Cardington Church on 22nd August.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Hiscox of Mountain Ash in Mid-Glamorgan are pleased to announce the marriage of their son, Byron, with Diana Bryant on 1st August.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Lilley are pleased to announce that their daughter Kate was married to Neale David Joy, in All Saints Church, Canterbury, on 30th May.

Mr. and Mrs. Colin Mills are happy to announce the marriage of their daughter, Patricia with Michael Waller at Wath-upon-Deerne Parish Church on 30th May.

We were sorry to hear that Bill is still poorly and that Dennis had had a nasty fall. I called in to see him on the way to the meeting and he was having difficulty with his breathing, as he had badly bruised his chest. All the members send you both their best wishes and sincerely hope that you will soon be feeling better.

Another very nice tea was put on by the ladies and Joe thanked everyone, especially Marjorie for the beautiful home made cakes.

After tea we held another of our popular "Bring and Buys", but not many ladies were present this time, so our takings were down.

So sorry you mistook the date Eileen.

Dominoes were played before and after tea and it looks as though Bruno will once again be the champion, with David second and Doug third.

Our next meeting will be held on Sunday 11 October, when we hold the A.G.M.

The meeting closed at 6.45 p.m.

The Christmas Dinner is booked for Saturday, 5th December, and once again it will be held at the Austin Branch R.B.L.

Joan Cashmore

Mr. Reginald Parsons is pleased to announce that his grand-daughter, Lynne Elizabeth Parsons was married to Kevin Brian Rivers at Christ Church, Down End, Bristol on August 22nd.

Mr. Raymond Henry Peart, of Gloucester, who married Miss Clare Smith on 8th August.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Phillips are delighted to announce that their second grandson Timothy Phillips married Beverley Moore at Warmley Church on July 11th.

Mr. Randall M.V. Williams of Leystone and his wife, Dana, who were married at All Souls Church, Langham Place on 25th July.



Mr. and Mrs. Harry Perrett are toasted by the Mayor and Mayoress of Devizes.

DIAMOND WEDDING

Congratulations to:

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Perrett of Devizes, who celebrated their Diamond Wedding Anniversary on July 16th.

GOLDEN WEDDINGS

Congratulations to:

Mr. and Mrs. John Medway, of Chiswick, who celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary on 1st August.

Mr. Sydney G.J. Whiting and his wife, Ethel, of Ashford, who celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary on 12th September.

RUBY WEDDINGS

Congratulations to:

Mr. Frederick Thomas Baugh and his wife, Muriel, of Stafford, who celebrated their Ruby Wedding Anniversary on 16th September.

Mr. George Fone and his wife, Ethel, of Enfield, who celebrated their Ruby Wedding Anniversary on 19th July.

Mr. George Jakins and his wife, Mildred, of Guildford, who celebrated their Ruby Wedding Anniversary on 20th July.

Mr. and Mrs. R.J. Vowles of Portsmouth, who celebrated their Ruby Wedding Anniversary on 27th September.

SILVER WEDDINGS

Congratulations to:

Mr. and Mrs. R. Lloyd of Poole, who celebrated their Silver Wedding Anniversary on 31st August.

Mr. Josef Loska and his wife, Clare, of Brighton, who celebrated their Silver Wedding Anniversary on 22nd September.

GRANDCHILDREN

Congratulations to:

Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Blake of Chertsey on the birth of a grand-daughter, Linda Joanna, to their son Brian and daughter-in-law, Ann, on June 18th.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Brett, who are pleased to announce the arrival of a grand-daughter, Deborah, born to Dickie's daughter, Nina, and her husband, Mike, on August 5th.

Mr. William Elgood, of Chingford, on the birth of a grand-daughter, Sarah Helen, to his son Billy and wife on 14th June.

Mrs. L. Filby, widow of Mr. W.H. Filby of Streatham, on the birth of her first grandchild, Andrew Nicholas to her son, Keith and his wife, Barbara, on August 1st.

Mr. Peter Logan of Midsomer Norton, on the birth of a grandson, Peter, to his son Brian and his wife, Jacqueline, on July 12th.

Mrs. C. Nolan, widow of John Nolan of Acton, on the birth of a grand-daughter, Jennifer Diana, to her son David and his wife, Linda, on July 31st.

Mr. Ronald Tingay, of Dartford, on the birth of a grandson, Michael Peter, to his son Michael and wife, Tracey, on 17th July.

PERSONAL ACHIEVEMENTS

We warmly congratulate:

Mrs. Una Hacsí, (formerly Greenwood) on receiving a commemoration plaque to acknowledge her service at the Army Pay Office, Ashton-under-Lyne. Una first joined the pay office whilst she was serving in the

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then A.T.S. (now known as the W.R.A.C.). She served at the office until leaving the army on 'demob' and was later re-employed as a civilian clerk. When Una lost her sight she trained as a telephonist and was employed in that capacity until her retirement in 1977.

The Chief Paymaster, Colonel T.W. Corner, expressed his appreciation and that of the department, and Una was given an ovation from her friends and ex-colleagues.

Lynn, daughter of *Mr. James O'Hara*, of Wimbledon, on passing her Queen's Guide award in July.

Lynne Elizabeth Parsons, granddaughter of *Mr. Reginald Parsons*, of Cardiff, on obtaining her Bachelor of Education Degree at Bristol University.

Mr. P. Sheehan of Wanstead, who has been awarded joint first prize in the Annual Award for Special Personal Achievement, 1981, held in the London Borough of Redbridge. The award is for a registered blind person who has achieved something outstanding and the scheme started in 1978. The cash awards are made from a special fund set up by Councillor Fred Mountier when Mayor of Redbridge. The cup has been provided by the Ilford Blind Welfare Association.

In Memory

It is with great regret that we have to record the deaths of the following St. Dunstaners and we offer our deepest sympathy to their widows, families and friends.

Thomas William Chamberlain, 4th East Yorkshire Regiment.

Mr. Chamberlain of Reading died on the 30th July, 1981. He was in his eighty-eighth year and had been a St. Dunstaner since 1916.

Bill Chamberlain joined the 4th East Yorkshire Regiment in 1915 and was wounded in the Ypres salient at about the same time as Lord Fraser, and also by a sniper's bullet. On entering St. Dunstan's he decided to become a poultry farmer, an occupation that would keep him in the open air which he had been used to before the war, as a tugman. He was very successful until his mother's failing health made a change

Mr. Lawrence T. Wiggins of Halifax, who has won a prize for the rug he made, at the War Pensioners' Exhibition in Leeds.

DEATHS

We offer sympathy to:

Mr. R.H. "Dicky" Brett, whose eldest sister passed away on 18th August.

Mr. Ernest H. Carpenter, permanently resident at Pearson House, formerly of Kings Langley, whose son *Mr. Ernest O. Carpenter* passed away in July. Our sympathy is extended to all the family.

Mrs. Mary Crombie, wife of *Mr. William R. Crombie*, of Epsom, whose mother passed away on 8th July.

Mr. George Nolan, of Great Sutton, whose grand-daughter *Lesley* collapsed and died suddenly on 6th August at the age of 16, and whose son-in-law passed away in July. Our sympathy is extended to all the family.

Mr. & Mrs. W. Haslam of Crewe, whose daughter, *Ethel*, died very suddenly on 31st July.

Mrs. Pamela Lethbridge, wife of 'Wally' *Lethbridge* of Saltdean, whose father passed away in May.

necessary. He retrained in joinery and married in 1935. During the second world war he was bombed out in Hull and came South, where he worked as an Inspector for Miles Aircraft until 1950. He continued to supply our Stores up to 1977 when he finally gave up quota work.

This, however, is only part of the story of Bill's life. By talent he was an engineer and he once said he had 'a feeling for wood'. He turned his skills to good use and spent many years making a large scale model tug. This was accidentally destroyed when complete but the second, built entirely to his own design, was finished at his death except for a few minor details. He said he

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would call it the "St. Dunstan's". He also made many engines of which two were on display at lan Fraser House for the Open Days this summer.

He was a man of tireless enthusiasm and great tenacity. In 1925 he won a Silver Medal for the best crystal wireless set made by an amateur and this year he took the cookery course at Ovingdean. He wrote for the 'Review' first, sadly, about the death of his Guide Dog, *Sally*, who saved his life, and later about his training with his last dog at the age of eighty. Bill had his first Guide Dog in 1941.

In July he returned to his native Hull to see the new Humber bridge spanning the river he knew so well. Bill will be sadly missed by all who knew him inside and outside St. Dunstan's.

Arthur Ernest Green, Suffolk Regiment.

Arthur Green passed away on the 10th August in Libury Hall, Ware, a residential home for the elderly where he had been living for almost twenty years. He was a bachelor, aged 83, and had been a St. Dunstaner since 1974.

Mr. Green served as a Private in the Suffolk Regiment and enlisted early in 1917. He was on active service during the 1st World War and in 1918 was the victim of a mustard gas attack on the Somme which seriously affected his health subsequently. Mr. Green was discharged from the Army in 1922 and for a time worked as a Nurseryman and in the building trade.

His greatest interests in later life were listening to his radio and horse-racing, and he will be sadly missed by the Superintendent at Libury Hall, *Mr. Mansfield*, and his wife, as well as many fellow residents who were his friends.

Lawrence Green, South Wales Borderers.

Lawrence Green of Blackpool died in hospital on 25th July following a gradual deterioration in his health. He was 81 years of age and came to St. Dunstan's in December 1979.

Mr. Green served as a Private in the South Wales Borderers from October 1917 to March 1919. He lost his right eye following a bomb injury in 1918 which also affected his hearing.

Mr. Green was married in 1925. Having worked in a cotton mill before enlisting, after his discharge from the Army he spent 16 years with *Ferranti* and a further 24 years working as a postman. Until his sight failed completely, Mr. Green enjoyed getting around the Blackpool area in his small invalid car.

He leaves a widow, *Sarah*.

Malcolm Brebner MacLaren, Gordon Highlanders.

Malcolm MacLaren, of Acton Trussell, Stafford, died on the 6th September, 1981. He was 74 years old.

Mr. MacLaren enlisted and was commissioned in the Second World War. He was wounded when

serving in the Italian Somaliland in 1944 and came to St. Dunstan's at the very end of that year. He did some training in farming and then concentrated on market gardening, subsequently working in various parts of the country. He married his wife, *Flora*, in 1960 and they settled in Staffordshire. He maintained a lively interest in political and financial affairs and, whilst always very independent, had a deep affection for St. Dunstan's. He was seriously ill four years ago, but made a good recovery and his death at home was sudden and unexpected.

He leaves a widow, *Flora*, and many local friends.

V.W.W. Mason, Machine Gun Corps.

Vernon Waldegrave Whately Mason of Embley, near Romsey, passed away on 25th August. He was 84 years of age and had been a St. Dunstaner since 1979.

Mr. Mason served as a Private in the Machine Gun Corps. He enlisted early in 1916 and was discharged in 1918 having been wounded at Rheims in August of that year, when he was also the victim of a mustard-gas attack.

Mr. Mason was a bank official until retirement in 1960 but unfortunately, in recent years the effects of mustard-gas seriously damaged his health.

He leaves a widow, *Vera*, and daughter *Anne*, who cared for him devotedly over many years.

John Mottershead, Highland Light Infantry.

John Mottershead, formerly of Saltdean, and resident at Pearson House since 1980, passed away in our Home on the 9th September. He was a bachelor, aged 66, and had been a St. Dunstaner since 1947.

He served as a Private in the Highland Light Infantry, having enlisted in February 1942. During the 2nd World War, whilst serving in Germany, in 1945, he received gunshot wounds in the back of his head which seriously affected his sight.

Prior to becoming a St. Dunstaner, Mr. Mottershead had been a warehouse-man, so after a period of industrial training he returned to work in 1949 at the Manchester firm where he had worked previously. After ten years, he was awarded the firm's Long Service Medal, and remained an efficient employee of this Company until 1961 when his health began to be seriously affected by the head injuries he had received in the War.

Our St. Dunstaner lived with his mother but when she passed away in 1963 managed to look after himself and cope with the household chores, with his sister's help. However, having enjoyed frequent visits to our Brighton Homes, Mr. Mottershead decided to move from Manchester to Saltdean in 1973, but his health was deteriorating further and he was ultimately admitted as a permanent resident.

L.J. Newble

Lester John Newble of North Canterbury, New Zealand, passed away on June 13th after a short illness. He was 58 and had been with St. Dunstan's since 1976. Mr. Newble was a carpenter before the war, and served as a Private in the Army and as an L.A.C. in the Air Force. He later worked for several years in the building trade.

He had very much enjoyed the St. Dunstan's (N.Z.) reunion in February, when Sir Michael Ansell was present.

He leaves a wife, Marion, and four children.

S.C. Pike, 6th Devonshire Regiment

Stanley Charles Pike passed away at Pearson House on the 17th July in his 84th year, having been a St. Dunstanian since he was 20.

Mr. Pike enlisted in the 6th Devonshire Regiment in September 1915 and was sent to Mesopotamia. After serving for 6 months and being promoted to Lance Corporal he suffered severe head wounds and lost his sight. On coming to St. Dunstan's in 1918 he was trained in basket work and continued to do this for many years together with netting for our Stores.

Mr. Pike was a gardener before the First World War and he took a great pride in his own garden at Coldean. He was also a keen bowls and dominoes player and attended the Brighton Club regularly with his wife for many years. In 1980, due to his poor health, he became a 'Perm' at Pearson House where he will be sadly missed by his fellow residents.

He leaves a widow, Florence, and a daughter.

E. Quinn, 46th Pioneer Corps.

Edward Quinn (affectionately known as 'Eddie') passed away unexpectedly in hospital on the 9th September. He lived formerly in Telscombe Cliffs, Newhaven, but had been resident at Pearson House since May of this year. He was 67 years of age and had been a St. Dunstanian since 1943.

Mr. Quinn served as a Private in the 46th Company of the Pioneer Corps during the 2nd World War. He enlisted early in 1942 but was discharged the following year after an accidental bomb explosion at Moreton-in-the-Marsh which severely damaged both eyes and an arm, which had to be amputated.

Following a period of training at Church Stretton, Mr. Quinn was employed as a Control Wireless Operator by the British Broadcasting Relay Service but the bombing of London was becoming severe and he moved to Sheffield the following year with his wife, Ivy, whom he married in 1943. For two years Mr. Quinn was employed as a lift operator, but he decided to move back to Ireland in 1947 in order to be close

to his elderly father and his family. Until 1965 he successfully ran a smallholding with the help of his wife, raising pigs and poultry, and then returned to London with his family. From that time, Mr. Quinn provided a quota of stools for our Stores, which were excellently made despite the fact that he had only one arm.

In 1970, our St. Dunstanian moved to the South Coast but, unfortunately, his wife passed away in June 1980. His daughter, Dolores, returned from Ireland to take care of him but his health was deteriorating and he became a permanent resident at our Home.

He leaves four daughters.

Philip Todd, 5th Field Regiment, R.H.A.

Philip Todd of Shrewsbury passed away at his home on the 8th September. He was 68 years of age and had been in poor health for the last four months.

Mr. Todd served as a Gunner with the 5th Field Regiment, R.H.A., from January 1932 to September 1940, when he was admitted to St. Dunstan's having lost his sight as the result of a shell explosion. After taking industrial training at Church Stretton, Mr. Todd worked for a short period with an Aircraft Company in Reading and then in 1944 he became a capstan lathe operator with Sentinel Wagon Company in Shrewsbury, which was later taken over by Rolls Royce. When he retired in December 1977, Mr. Todd had completed 35 years in industrial employment.

He leaves a widow, Mary, and two sons Robert and Stephen.

E.P. Wasser, Hong Kong Dockyard Volunteer Defence Force.

Ernest Percival Wasser of Rainham passed away on the 4th August in his 84th year. He had been a St. Dunstanian since 1975.

At the outbreak of the 2nd World War, Mr. Wasser enlisted in the Hong Kong Dockyard Volunteer Defence Force. At Christmas 1941 he was taken Prisoner-of-War in Hong Kong and subsequently in Japan, where he suffered severe deprivation which affected his eyesight. At the end of the war, Mr. Wasser was discharged from the Defence Force having spent three months in a Naval Hospital in Australia, where he had sent his wife prior to the invasion.

Mr. Wasser remained in Australia for 30 years with his wife Gwendolin, but due to her ill health returned to the U.K. in 1974. Unfortunately Mrs. Wasser passed away in 1977, from which time our St. Dunstanian coped admirably with the running of his home, cooking, and his small garden, under the watchful eye of his devotedly attentive niece, Mrs. Joy Soar, who lived close by.