

**St Dunstons
Review**
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Message from the Chairman

Every good wish for Christmas and the New Year and warm greetings from my wife and me to St. Dunstaners and their families wherever they may be and to all readers of the Review.

Guides, Comforters and Companions

It is probably a pretty safe bet that most readers of the *Review* are keen on animals of one kind or another and therefore they will agree with me that the Editor's choice of an article about a dog is a particularly happy one for his Christmas number. Congratulations to Ron Marsh on his success in the past with his Staffordshire Bull Terriers and good luck in the future – we shall all be taking a special interest in Cruft's next year and looking out for the right names to appear in the Championship lists.

As many of you may know, Headquarters now has two guide dogs on its strength – Stella Thorpe, our blind civilian working in the Welfare Department has Lindy, and Ray Hazan, Assistant Public Relations Officer and St. Dunstaner has recently been taken over by Zeph. The dogs are beautiful and great favourites with everyone.

Of course it may be a terrible thing when people buy animals as pets for their children for Christmas as so often a child gets bored or there are no proper facilities for looking after the animals. In many cases a poor dog or cat is just turned out to fend for itself when the owners go on holiday and, whether it is in a city street or the open spaces of the countryside, it is a grim prospect for the animal.

However, just as some St. Dunstan's families have a guide dog which is active and much loved, so many others have dogs, cats, birds, and other delightful creatures not trained to work with a blind person but adding so much to his or her home life. Nothing is nicer than to be greeted by a purr of contentment or the joy of a dog when one comes home, and what a wonderful contribution pets in general can make to family happiness.

Jon Earnest-Dune

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS

HEADQUARTERS

Will be closed after lunch on Thursday 24th December until Tuesday 29th December at 9.15 a.m. for the Christmas Holiday, and will be closed from 5.15 p.m. on Thursday 31st December until Monday 4th January 1982 at 9.15 a.m. for the New Year Holiday.

152 BROADHURST GARDENS

Will be closed for both holidays.

BRIGHTON HOMES

Will remain open for both holidays.

AID TO THE BLIND OF MALI

The National Institute for the Blind of Mali, Central Africa, are very anxious for aid and materials. If anyone has any Braille books gathering dust on their shelves, or any items of sports equipment, games, aids or gadgets they no longer use, and are willing to donate them, would they please send them to me at Headquarters. Thank you in advance.

R.L. Hazan

Picture Framing Course at Ian Fraser House

We have had a good response from St. Dunstaners regarding the above course starting early in the New Year. Dr. Stilwell's P.A., Mrs. Wood, will contact all concerned and get convenient starting dates. This will obviously be on a rota system. Please bring a few pictures that need framing if possible.

*J.A. Brown,
Instructor*

SOUTH AFRICAN HONOUR

As we go to press we learn that Mrs. Natalie Opperman, Chairman of St. Dunstan's (South Africa) has been awarded the Star of South Africa for services to St. Dunstan's and South Africa. A full report will appear in our next issue.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

Warmest Christmas greetings and every good wish for the coming year, from Pat Collins.

ADDITIONS TO CASSETTE LIBRARY

R35. C90. Becoming a Radio Amateur – A general description of the hobby and its requirements.

R36. C90. Ragchew No. 9. October 1981.

SD 12C90. Radio Brighton Programme, introduced from Ian Fraser House in September 1981.

To obtain any cassette in the library, please send the appropriate length cassette with the reference and your name and address clearly marked, please.

WANTED!

St. Dunstaner Phillip Wood is hoping to brush up his knowledge of French and would therefore be very pleased to hear from anyone who has a Linguaphone or similar Cassette course which is no longer needed. His address, for anyone able to help, is: 47 Sandown Road, Crewe, CW1 3TF, Cheshire. Tel: 0270 213699.

Mr. Edward J. Dadswell, of Perivale, retired from his industrial employment with Hoovers of Perivale after 17 years continuous service. We send him all good wishes for his retirement.

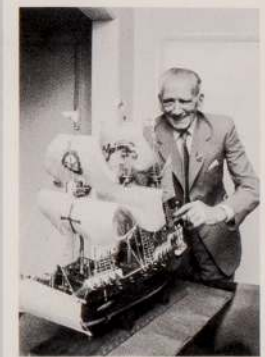
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COVER PICTURE: *We end 1981 as we began: with a picture of a model ship made by St. Dunstaner, Ron Haimsworth. This one; 'The Golden Hind', is a real replica, he says.*



Dr. Hopewell.

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

Dr. Donald Hopewell, who served as a member of St. Dunstan's Council for 31 years, and who is now Vice-President, celebrated his 90th birthday on Tuesday, 27th October. Mr. Ion Garnett-Orme and Mr. Weisblatt sent the following greetings on behalf of St. Dunstan's, which Dr. Hopewell was delighted to receive:

Telegram sent to arrive on the day:

AFFECTIONATE GREETINGS AND BEST WISHES FOR A HAPPY DAY ON THIS SPECIAL OCCASION FROM ALL YOUR FRIENDS ON THE COUNCIL AND THROUGHOUT ST. DUNSTAN'S.

ION GARNETT-ORME

Just a brief note to send you our warmest congratulations on your 90th birthday. Good wishes come to you from all who know you and admire the work you have done for the War blinded men and women of St. Dunstan's over so many years.

W.C. Weisblatt

ST. DUNSTAN'S AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY

by Jim Padley

On Friday the 9th October we witnessed the familiar transformation scene of the Winter Garden being changed to a Radio Shack ready for the Amateur Radio Weekend. But outside battling against a force 10 gale and driving rain was Len Wooler, ably assisted by the maintenance staff of Ian Fraser House, repairing and checking the aerials for use over the weekend. Our most grateful thanks to you, bunch of heroes. Saturday morning was taken up with the general meeting. Will all members please note that an Extraordinary General Meeting has been called and will be held immediately before the next AGM is opened and it is to discuss solely the question of finance for 1982.

The first of our speakers in the afternoon was George Day G4FQ3 who after nearly 40 years' service in the Royal Navy unfortunately lost his sight some 20 years ago. He described and explained how he had developed a system of Brailleing a tactile display of electronic circuits as well as various panel layouts for several different types of equipment. George followed this with a practical demonstration of a blind operator tuning and operating his equipment with the help of Audio Aids. Our second speaker who had accompanied

George was Dr. Arthur Bryant. He explained the aids that George was using and the history of how he had developed and finally produced the frequency Counter with Synthesised Speech.

Our grateful thanks go to Doctor Stilwell and his staff for their cooperation in making our weekend a success.

George Day.



With a Christmas Stocking in Mind

Some ideas on how to reduce your bank balance, and increase your Christmas stocking:

Fidelity Chess Challenger

This is a computerised, talking chess game which not only challenges you to a game, but can also be used as a tutor. User manual available on C60 from H.Q. (PR Department). The original price of £220 has now come down to £135. Available from: The Silica Shop, 1-4 The Mews, Hatherley Rd., Sidcup, Kent. Tel: 301 1111. All enquiries should be addressed to Mr. A.J. Deane.

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Audio Language Translator by Texas Instruments

This feels like an oversize pocket calculator and comes in a carrying case approx. 10" x 4" x 2". At the top of the unit is a small visual display screen underneath which are keys covering function, numbers and each letter of the alphabet. Very basically, either a number relating to a particular phrase, or a word, can be keyed in. (Vocabulary contains about 600 words.) The unit displays, and pronounces in the foreign language, the translation. Separate modules for French, Spanish, German and Italian can be slotted into the unit. One large drawback is that to be independent of sighted help, the phrase book giving the number which has to be keyed in for that phrase would have to be brailled out. There are over 100 possibilities. The accent is good and the unit can also act as a tutor. A useful gimmick with sighted help. Cost approximately £99 for the unit and £50 per module.

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Cassio VL Tuner

This is a small music synthesiser measuring approx. 12" x 4" x 1". 17 piano keys can be programmed to play a variety of instrumental effects, and octaves. A rhythm section can be added, and tunes stored in the memory. It can also be used as a calculator. Not only can you make it sing for its supper, but it can add up your bill too! Cost approx. £35.

Talking watch

Same functions as the talking clock, but in watch form. The casing feels as though it is made of plastic and may be fragile. Cost £39 from Dagenham Wholesale Supplies Ltd., Silenas Lane, Dagenham, Essex.

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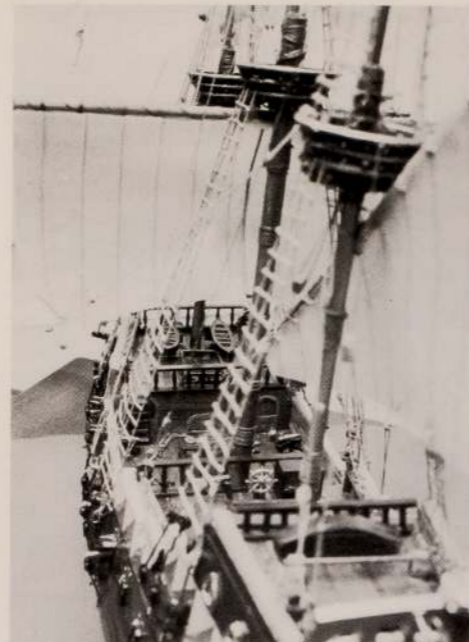
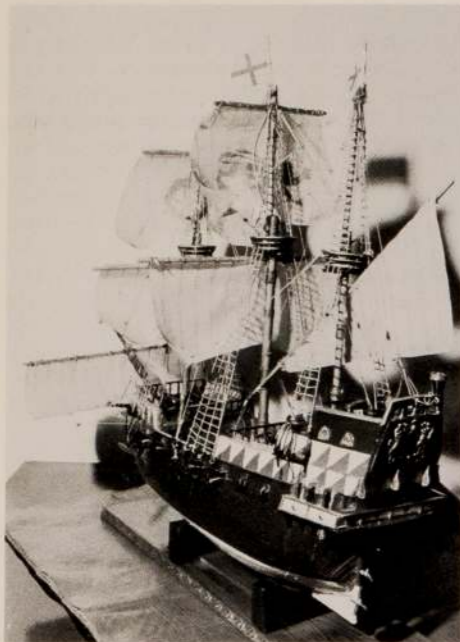
Sharp Talking Calculator EL 620. This is not available at the time of writing and so has not been examined by Mr. French. The only information available is that it talks, has a 4-key memory, percentages, and square root keys. This should be available from Dagenham Wholesale Supplies Ltd., Silenas Lane, Dagenham, Essex at around £26. Enquiries direct to Dagenham.

In all cases, you are advised to telephone round to ascertain the most advantageous price. The Supplies Dept. can sell you an abacus to enable you to see if your bank balance can stand the strain!

TOPPING OUT CEREMONY

Jimmy Wright carrying out the Topping Out Ceremony on the East Wing of the Royal School for the Blind, Leatherhead, which completes Phase one of the modernisation programme. Jimmy made a film, "Living for Tomorrow", which is assisting in fund raising for the project.





Aspects of Ron Harmsworth's Golden Hind which show the intricate detail of the model.

THE LIVING IMAGE OF THE GOLDEN HIND

That Aldershot ship-builder, Ron Harmsworth, has produced another superb model. This time it is Drake's 'Golden Hind'. Ron says this vessel holds a special significance for him: "400 years ago the Golden Hind did what the spacemen have done - it circumnavigated the globe".

It took Ron and his wife, Clare, who acts as his eyes, seven months to build the Golden Hind. He feels he has improved on the Victory, which was described in the *Review* last January. For one thing, the Golden Hind's sails are unfurled, as if they are filled with wind. Although the kit directions were to make the model with furled sails, Ron preferred to try the hard way: "Furling doesn't give a ship life. If you can produce the billowing effect it makes the ship live". But there were problems in rigging the ship this way - "There was a lot of bad language", said Ron, "the first time I hung the sails they were nicely billowed but they gradually went flat. I tried steaming them, but that wouldn't work. Finally I got some

wire, bent it to shape and glued it to the sails; Clare painted the wire to match the cloth."

Clare also had to paint the designs on the sails; "I searched everywhere to find an illustration of the designs" she said, "and eventually found one in a 50p book from a shop in Aldershot".

Another problem area was the fitting out of rails and balustrades where, Ron says, "For every rail I made I threw away two. I had to cut dowelling to the correct length then put it in the chuck of the electric drill and sand it. I had to get one right and then sand the others to the same size by touch."

Still, the Harmsworths have won through to produce a handsome model - one that lives up to the aims he expressed in the *Review* last January, when he said, "I aim to make a *real* replica of the Golden Hind". That he has done so, overcoming blindness and ill-health, is a tribute to his spirit, of which Drake himself would have been proud.

BOWLING 1981.

by J. Carnochan

Sir Francis Drake would not have stood an earthly against this lot even though he was ex-navy!

Another year of bowling is almost over and both competitively and socially an excellent year for the bowling fraternity of St. Dunstan's. The highlight I suppose being the World Bowls Tournament held at Leicester in August, with seven countries taking part. As far as the bowling prestige of St. Dunstan's is concerned, the selection of Percy Stubbs in the team, and Jim Padley as first reserve representing England, I am sure gives us all a tremendous feeling of pride, and we are unanimous that their record for 1980 most certainly merited their selection. However, when you look at the amount of practice our bowlers get throughout the year, plus their share in the honours of the many national tournaments, who can leave them out?

National Tournament

1981 started with the National Tournament at Weston-Super-Mare where we had a team of 18 bowlers plus wives, escorts and helpers. The weather wasn't too kind this year, but it did not deter from bowling every day. We weren't so lucky in the "Pot Hunting" this year, we returned four trophies from 1980 and brought back only one, the T.B. Pairs, won by Bob Osborne and Harry Preedy. But as always a very enjoyable week which was enhanced this year by having our own coach and driver who was tremendous help both on and off the green; Thank you, John Farrimond.

Our next tournament was the Nationals at Skegness with only six bowlers taking part, but again sharing honours, with Jim Padley runner-up in the T.B. Singles. Skegness was followed by Hastings National Tournament in September, with a glorious week of sunshine and a superb week of bowling by our team of 15 bowlers - the star of the week being Percy Stubbs, who not only won the T.B. Singles, with Jim Padley as runner up, but Percy also reached the semi-finals of the P.S. Singles as well, and was nominated Bowler of the Week.

Lowestoft National Tournament followed next, with a rather limited entry of only 4 bowlers, but again a fair representation of

the honours, and it's that man again Percy Stubbs, winning both T.B. and P.S. Singles competitions. With about four hours' breathing space, a team of 9 took part in Indoor KO at the 1981 Stoke Mandeville Senior Multi-Disabled Games; last year we swept the board, this year our only success was Bill Burnett, the only player to get past the first round. Still, you can't win them all. In between all these tournaments we, as always, organised our own domestic handicaps and annual championships here at I.F.H. These competitions are always very popular for both competitors and bookmakers! The highlight of the handicaps was the Handicap Championships, this year won by the organiser, Micky Robinson, with Percy Stubbs runner-up.

For many years now the build-up of enthusiasm for bowling amongst St. Dunstaners and the organising of the handicaps has been in the hands of Micky Robinson, who has done a great job, and this year he is handing over the reins to Len Scales. In doing so, Micky has asked me to say thank you to all St. Dunstan's bowlers for their wonderful support, and a special thank you to his stalwart umpires, Katie Stubbs, Ettie Simpson and Pat Padley, and he wishes Len Scales the same success he has had, and on behalf of all the bowlers we say "Thank You", Micky.

Annual Championships

At the time of going to print we are in the midst of the 1981 Annual Championships. To date, the Triples have been won by Tommy Mugan, Bob Forshaw and Bill Griffiths; the Pairs by those two red devils from Wales, Dai Davies and Yants Osborne; the Double Hand Amputees section by Dickie Brett; we are still in the throes of the T.B. and P.S. Singles which are due to finish on Thursday 19th November, which will end a very busy and satisfying year of bowling for St. Dunstan's.

In concluding this summary, I would like to thank all those people who support and help our bowlers, particularly our outside helpers, John Shankland and Len Bridges. John is experiencing a little bit of bad health at the moment, as is our National Bowls Club Chairman, Ted Brown. We wish them both a speedy recovery in time for the Christmas festivities, and to all St. Dunstaners and Staff, a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from the Bowlers.



Physiotherapy Conference

23—25th October, 1981

By Joe Humphrey.

Joe Humphrey, Chairing at the Conference, reads from Braille notes.

All nine members of the Physiotherapy Advisory Committee were present at the Meeting on Friday evening and discussion lasted for more than an hour-and-a-half, after which they adjourned to the Annexe to join most of the other twenty-three physiotherapists, their wives or escorts and the Chairman of St. Dunstan's, Mr. Garnett-Orme and Mrs. Garnett-Orme for an informal "Get-Together".

Mike and Thelma Tetley were responsible by their own effort in raising stock for a bar for the first of these "Get-Togethers" three years ago. Now the future success is assured and the bar is operated by professionals. To anyone who has not attended recently, having memories of all the Conference participants being spread through three or four local bars, the genuine atmosphere of unity on Friday nights must be experienced to be believed. The buzz of incessant conversation denoted the measure of enjoyment of everyone present.

Paul James, the Catering Officer at Ian Fraser House, laid on canapés, sausage rolls and other snacks and the evening rounded off at about 11.00 p.m., the light entertainment provided by Peter Spencer on the piano.

Next day at 9.15 a.m. the A.G.M. got under way with Dr. Stilwell, Mr. Priestley (the main pillar of our Society for many years) and dogsbody, Mr. French, who is certainly indispensable to us all. Since Dr. Stilwell has become Administrator and permits wives to visit bedrooms, unpack and eat together with us in the Canteen, for a careless character like me, Ian Fraser House has become a different place. Mr. Conway's presence as Dr. Stilwell's Assistant has contributed greatly to this new breath of life. I must also mention that Mr. Castleton's presence at the A.G.M. was welcome as is the publicity he works so hard to obtain for the profession of physiotherapy throughout the year. I was also very pleased to welcome Geoff Bond, a St. Dunstan's physiotherapist from Galt, Ontario, Canada, who was attending the conference during a visit to this country.

All members stood in silence in memory of the late Mr. Bulman, who died this year, Sir Arthur Pearson, Lord Fraser of Lonsdale and all other St. Dunstan's physiotherapists who had passed on.

During the A.G.M., discussion took place regarding the future training of the totally blind at the R.N.I.B. School following the

disclosure of a Minute from a Meeting of the Council For Professions Supplementary to Medicine (the State Registration Body) which reads as follows: "Statutory Visits. North London School of Physiotherapy. Training of blind candidates. Arising from the above item, it is suggested that consideration should be given to the question whether blind candidates as opposed to those partially sighted should, in fact, be trained as physiotherapists. The extent of the confidence of patients as well as that of students themselves had to be taken into account. It was noted that the matter had been considered by the Board in 1971 and it was agreed that it should be referred to the Liaison Working Party, suggesting that comments might possibly be sought from the School and that the Working Party should also consider the conceived discrimination of some candidates in relation to Examinations and the wish to provide answers in handwriting rather than by typewriter, a matter which might be for the Chartered Society of Physiotherapists as the examining body."

Expression of Concern

It was agreed that the Chairman of the P.A.C. should write to the Council For Professions Supplementary to Medicine, expressing the concern of the Meeting. The A.G.M. was followed by a talk on "Backache" by Mrs. O'Donoghue, whose experience on a research project at the Royal Free Hospital in London made her an authoritative speaker. After lunch a variety of equipment was exhibited by Mr. Johnson of Dunlop Ltd. and a Balans Chair, a very interesting new concept in seating, was demonstrated by Mr. Carr Jones of the Back Care Chair Company in Sussex.

After a scrub-up, clean-up and dress-up, we arrived at the Old Ship Hotel for sherry, deafening conversation and an excellent meal. This was the first time the Annual Dinner and Dance has been held outside Ian Fraser House, except during the rebuilding years. Mr. Humphrey (Chairman) welcomed the guests, Dr. and Mrs. Stilwell, Mr. and Mrs. Conway, Miss Hallett and Miss Goodwin (retired and present Matrons of Pearson House), Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence of Broadhurst Gardens, Mr. and Mrs. Priestley, Mr. and Mrs. Castleton, Mr. and Mrs. French and the Guest of Honour, Mr. Jimmy Wright and Mrs. Wright.



Close interest in Dunlop equipment and a stool designed for back care.



Jimmy Wright, O.B.E., D.F.C., British Academy Award Winner for film and T.V. for the International Year of Disabled People, must be truly one of our greatest St. Dunstaners and was accorded a warm welcome in his year of honour. His wife was presented with a basket of flowers. After Mr. Wright's speech, a toast to St. Dunstan's was proposed by Mr. Shea and Dr. Stilwell replied most amusingly. Then, in spite of rather too much noisy music, the dancing began.

The weekend finished on Sunday morning with a short service in the Chapel, conducted by the Reverend Meek, whose subject was "The Healing of the Sick". He described in great detail the flowers which had been provided by the Comforts Fund, organised by Mr. Gordon Smith.

A wonderful weekend.
See you all next year.



St. Dunstan's gardeners begin their tour.

Joe Huck, getting the feel of Wisley.



Blooming St. Dunstaners bloom again in Autumn

by Fred Barratt
Photos: John Barrow

October in the gardeners' world is usually looked upon as a time for clearing up and maybe resting a little. St. Dunstan's gardeners turned all that upside down when they gathered together for the autumn gardening session at Ian Fraser House this year.

Vigorous growth was proved on the very first morning, when over the air from Ian Fraser House, Radio Brighton broadcast "Gardeners Question Time" live from a very, very full Winter Garden, which included our good friends from the Ovingdean Gardeners Club. Questions were asked on a very comprehensive range of gardening problems. The wide range of

questions was in a way matched by the distances covered by St. Dunstaners who attended – Belfast, Scotland, Wales and many parts of England, their different dialects mixed with a little Polish could be heard throughout the whole session. Instant success came from outside St. Dunstaners who heard the broadcast. As a result, we are sure to be enrolling new members soon.

Straight after the broadcast the election of a committee for the coming year was formed and this committee voted F. Barratt as Hon. Sec., Toulson as Treasurer, and Reg Newton with a floating brief. J. Walbrugh was unanimously voted in as advisor.

Sunday evening was free, but many enjoyed an evening with the Gwalia singers, a group of Welsh male voice singers who sang some very well-known songs that we all joined in. A very full and successful day.

Soils and Compost

Monday morning was given to unpacking our cases and settling in, then in the afternoon, a very informative talk was given to us by Miss Susan Smith of the Brighton Parks on soils and compost. The day ended with a very enjoyable gathering in the Winter Garden, when, through the good offices of the Ovingdean Gardeners, we were given a talk on pot plants by Mr. K. Estlyn. This talk covered the selection of pots and their preparation, went on to discuss suitable compost and eventually to the stage of planting cuttings. His talk was a good base for events that were in the offing via Miss Smith of Brighton Parks and planting cuttings at Wisley. After the talk he invited questions. To round off another splendid day a buffet was laid on to deal with any hunger problems, and a bar was arranged to deal with any cases of thirst.

What a day Tuesday proved! The trip to the Royal Horticultural Society Gardens at Wisley where we were met and taken for an early meal, followed by a conducted tour of the greenhouses ending in the potting sheds, where we were split up into several groups and each group was allocated an expert member of the Wisley staff who instructed on the finer points of taking and planting cuttings. Having absorbed the different techniques of taking various cuttings, we drifted out of the potting shed, many holding pots containing potential new Coleus, Lemon scented Geranium, Umbrella plant, Fuschia, Tradescantia. More

knowledge gleaned – more problems overcome. Back to a fine meal at tea time, then the Gods showed how much they blessed our trip to Wisley; many other areas had been subjected to continuous rain, but it held off till the end of our visit, then the heavens opened just on tea time. We boarded the coach that sailed back to Brighton more like a tramp steamer than a road-worthy craft. An evening trip to Ditchling and a drop of what you fancy rounded off another great day.

Wednesday was taken up with a general meeting where aims for the future were planned. A consignment of bulbs was distributed to members, which had been arranged thanks to the good work of John Walbrugh. Hopefully these will enable St. Dunstan's garden club members to enjoy a feast of golden daffodils and multi-coloured tulips in their gardens next spring.

This most successful gardening session would not have been possible without the help of Dr. Stilwell and Mr. Conway, and the help given by Carmen Flude and Mrs. Barbara Wood was invaluable.

Our greatest pleasure was to see Winnie and Brenda, the two fairest blooms in the gardening club. There are other fair blooms we would like to have with us to enjoy the adventurous programme we are planning for next February and September.

WORLD WAR TWO POEMS, WRITINGS, DIARIES and SKETCHES.

Our Trust was set up by those who served and wrote in the Middle East in World War Two, to collect and publish the poems, writings, diary extracts and sketches of those who served in the Middle East and Mediterranean theatres of war, 1940-1946. We wish to rescue this material before it is lost for ever.

All m.s. submitted should be accompanied by a brief biog. and details of Service. At the end of the exercise all manuscripts, with the senders' assent, will be handed over to the Imperial War Museum for their archives, so benefitting students of literature and history.

All communications should please be sent to: The Editors, The Salamander Oasis Trust, 1 Temple Chambers, Temple Ave., London EC4 3EP.

Dunstan's Review

Story and Pictures
David Castleton



Dunstan's Review.

Bloxwich is a small town in the Metropolitan County of West Midlands. Before the changing of local government boundaries in 1975, it was in the County of Staffordshire, and old inhabitants like our St. Dunstaner, Ron Marsh, still think of themselves as natives of that County.

More important to Ron is that the area in which he lives is the traditional home of the Staffordshire Bull Terrier, because he and Phyllis, his wife, own and show two fine specimens of the breed: Barney Bates, and his son, Dunstan's Review.

Dunstan's Review? Named after our magazine? Yes. Ron Marsh is a St. Dunstaner who lost the sight of one eye while serving in the Second World War with the Royal Engineers, although he did not come to St. Dunstan's until 1977, when the sight of his other eye failed.

Of course the editor had to meet such a well-named dog! Rev., as he is known for short, turned out to be black and white, the same colour as his magazine namesake! But there the resemblance ends. Under his shiny short black fur, Dunstan's Review is a compact bundle of energy who, under your hands, feels like a coiled spring.

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Rev. was obviously pleased to meet me – it was like colliding with a well-aimed cannon ball! He wore a huge welcoming grin and only ceased his attentions when called to order by Ron, who made him stand as he is trained to do in the show ring.

Ron has owned Staffordshires since 1950 and began showing when the breeder of Dunstan's Review's sire, Barney Bates, persuaded him to do so. He went to classes to learn the special ways to handle a dog for showing. He was the first blind handler they had at the classes in Willenhall. "No-one objected – in fact some people didn't realise I was blind. But I could handle a dog better if I could see. Barney, the old dog, he stands perfectly. He knows I'm blind and when we are walking he won't go in the road – it's as if he were trained. The young one is a bit of a problem – he's a tearaway. It just needs patience. He is only 15 months old – a junior."

Barney has been to Crufts and won a second and a third prize for his breed. He has won every class in shows up and down the country and can now only be entered in the 'Open Dog' class. His son, Dunstan's Review, is shaping up very well. Already in

less than a year, he has won 45 certificates at shows all over the country, competing against as many as 200 dogs. When he won the Junior Class at the Dudley Metropolitan Show, the judge's remarks were reported in "Dog World": "A grand young dog, best of heads, well made up body, movement excellent, handled well".

This is Ron and Phyllis's reward for patient training, regular exercise – about 8 miles a day – and nursing in times of sickness. They nearly lost Rev. when he caught Parvovirus; many dogs do not survive. "You have to starve it out of them" explained Phyllis, "and they have antibiotics and Vitamin K injections." To see Rev. chasing around the garden, easily out-distancing the more mature Barney Bates, makes it difficult to believe he has been so ill in his short life.

Ron explained that he chose Rev's full name by accident. "When he was just a puppy, I was looking for the Magazine, and asked my wife, 'Where's *St. Dunstan's Review*?' – and he popped up! So we chose Dunstan's Review, but we couldn't have 'Saint' because you can't name a dog after any person."

Crufts

Dunstan's Review has qualified for Cruft's next year by winning the Puppy Class at the Manchester Show. "I think we shall get in the cards at Cruft's next year" said Ron. "We hope, when he matures, he will do well, but you can't be sure."

Although the certificate cards and the rosettes won by both their dogs are treasured by the Marshes, whether he wins more or not, Dunstan's Review will be loved by his master; "I've had Staffords since I came out of the army. They look like a dog; they're a man's dog, and they're very faithful".

CORRECTION

Mr. A.V. Champion's award of the MBE, reported in our last issue, was made for services to the Labour Party and not the Ministry of Information Benevolent Fund.

BADGES

Laura Bingham, aged 12, daughter of our late St. Dunstaner, Denis Bingham, collects badges of all kinds. She would be most grateful for any old badges, sent to: 35, Midway Ave., Bridlington, N. Humberside.



Phyllis with Dunstan's Review.

Prize-winning rosettes in the background, Ron Marsh demonstrates how Dunstan's Review stands for showing.



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REMEMBRANCE

by Robert and Joyce Pringle

St. Dunstaner Harry Wheeler (second from left) recites the exhortation at the ceremony at Wimbledon War Memorial. This is the nineteenth time the Royal Legion have asked him to do this.

The weather is unfailingly kind to us on Remembrance Sunday and a beautifully crisp Autumn day blessed our gathering. We were greeted at Headquarters by Mr. Stevens who ticked us off on his master list as we made our appearances.

Mrs. Garnett-Orme joined the wives at the Russell Hotel to watch the service on television. It was such a large gathering that it wasn't physically possible to get round to talk to everybody in the time available so, in the words of the song, "those I miss, you'll surely pardon". We had, as first time marchers, Don Planner of Sittingbourne and S. Savory. Mr. Savory is in a wheelchair. He proudly told me that it was at the Russell Hotel that he had recently held the celebration of forty years of marriage. It was lovely to see Pat and Gerry Lynch.

Liverpool sent Charlie Hague, Patrick Armstrong and Ted John. Fred Bentley came from Birmingham with his wife Elizabeth. Elizabeth was in the services too, so she was among the ladies who marched in our column.

Kevin Rixon, Jimmy Andrews, Ian Sherriff, Clive Webb, George Delaney and George Gilham all came from Daedalus. The last named George is taking up a recruiting job in Holborn from next Monday. He will be going home at weekends. I got the impression that he would be delighted to join in with any St. Dunstaner or group of St. Dunstaners contemplating a social event.

In my mind, I think of Chair Bound St. Dunstaners as "Wheelies"; well, we had five with us this time, Robert Nobbs, Tony

Dodd, Sid Savory, Ike Pellington and George Shed.

At the Russell Hotel after a great deal of conversation, we were finally seated and Mr. Garnett-Orme said Grace. After an excellent meal he rose to give the Loyal Toast.

The Chairman said "Our numbers on the parade this morning were 62 and so St. Dunstan's was even better represented than usual. Now with our wives and escorts we are about 140 sitting down to lunch. It is an honour for me to be with you and your splendid wives, and we welcome Mrs. Dacre, who is a rather special escort this year. Also we welcome Sidney Savory who lives in the Star and Garter home at Richmond. Two First World War men, Bob Young and Nicholas Henman, marched. Also we had two long serving escorts, Ben Mills and Bill Harris, with us.

"At the Service this morning we combined with countless other ex-servicemen and women all over the country to remember and to honour those who had given their lives for the freedom which we now enjoy.

"War demands our all and the pain, suffering and disablement which can result from it is known so well to you, but today also brings back individual memories of our service lives and what we learned from them.

"In the Forces in wartime one met every type of man or woman. We were all thrown together and bound by our common need to fight things which we believed to be evil and

to defend a way of life which, with all its weaknesses and mistakes, we knew to be good in essence.

"Perhaps one of the greatest benefits we all share from those days is the discipline imposed by working and acting not just for ourselves but with and for others – members of our ship's company, our regiment, our squadron or other unit. One knew that this discipline was essential and that the lives of many of our comrades might well depend on each person carrying out his or her vital part. People whom one thought of as quite ordinary individuals were able to discipline themselves in many ways. Some performed acts of amazing courage, such as bomb disposal work or underground service in enemy countries – they allowed no thought of their own danger to deter them. Others showed their strength in enduring the daily round of sometimes tedious work, without which the national effort could not have been sustained.

"Marching with you this morning, I was proud that you should receive the acknowledgement of the crowds and I thought also of all our other St. Dunstaners and their wives and families throughout the world. I realised how you had brought the discipline of your service days into your civilian lives – in the painful conquest of your disabilities, the careers you built, the families you brought up, and the many voluntary services you perform. Remembrance Day is a time when we think of others and should we perhaps ask ourselves if there is any help or service we might extend to a friend or neighbour? Any such act, however slight, shows the spirit and self discipline of St. Dunstaners."

The Chairman then said "I would like you to join me in a Toast to St. Dunstan's coupled with the name of Bill Griffiths".

Bill rose to say "Yesterday afternoon Mrs. Violet Delaney, Harry Harding and myself got into a taxi at Victoria Station. When we arrived at the Hotel the driver asked us if we were going to the Cenotaph Parade. We answered yes. When we came to ask him how much we owed him, he said "forget about it, that's on me". And he was in his cab and away before we could even thank him. Many people are like that up and down the country but some are not. Many are unaware of St. Dunstan's and what it represents. Recently I met a charming old lady in Cheshire. She was a widow of an ex-serviceman, mother of a man who had

served his time in the Forces. She was distressed because her Church group were not going to lay a wreath at their local War Memorial this time. This I thought was warning of what could be beginning to happen. Many don't know, some don't care or are unaware of sacrifices which had been made. We have all got a part to play in flying the flag on behalf of the ex-service men and women, the disabled and St. Dunstan's in particular."

He related that some time ago he had been walking on the beach at Blackpool, his hometown and not a bad place to come from, with his grandson and granddaughter. He had his trousers rolled up above the knee preparatory to going for a paddle, when he encountered the Chairman of his local Royal British Legion who invited him to attend the A.G.M. of the local branch which was the following month. When the appointed evening arrived it was cold and windy and miserable. He had been busy all day and still had lots to do. He generally didn't feel very like turning out, but his dear little wife said to him 'You promised to go to that meeting'. He said when he got to the meeting and heard the joy with which the Chairman reported the thousands of pounds which had been collected for Poppy Appeal, and the Welfare Officer reporting the hundreds of Welfare Visits he had made and the Assistant Welfare Officer reporting many similar visits and the Standard Bearer reporting how many times he had borne the Standard at Legion Meetings, he was immensely grateful that he had come to the meeting. He was grateful for these men for whom every day was Remembrance Day. No little bursts of enthusiasm for them.

Many had given long and devoted service to St. Dunstan's. It would be invidious to name them individually. They knew who they were and they know we are grateful. Then he came to "Our Dear Friend Elizabeth Dacre" and how proud and delighted we were when she was among our number in the March. "She has led me and many of my handless colleagues astray on many occasions, and also done marvellous work on our behalf." He concluded by thanking Mr. Stevens for all the organising he had done and the Hotel Staff, "for looking after us so marvellously".

Mr. Garnett-Orme rose to thank Bill, and said the Royal British Legion were fortunate in having Bill and Alice Griffiths – they do such marvellous work for the Legion in the

North West. He concluded by thanking all the men from Daedalus and all our escorts.

One of the escorts responded by saying "I am Bill Harris, no doubt some of you have heard of me. I came along with Bob Young, First World War man who marched proudly displaying his 14 medals. I thank you for the privilege of marching with such a fine body of men. I thought the marching this year was the best I have ever seen."

Mr. Garnett-Orme drew the meeting to a close by wishing us a safe journey home.

The Chairman writes:

Once again, following not long after Armistice Day and its memories, I suggest that we have our own "St. Dunstan's Day". On Sunday, 13th December, let us remember Sir Arthur Pearson, Lord Fraser of Lonsdale, all our blinded ex-Service comrades and their wives, families and friends who have passed on. Each of us individually will have much to recall with pride, gratitude and affection.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

From: N.D. Buckland, Director,
Suttons Advanced Security, 29 Central Ave.,
Findon Valley, Worthing BN14 0DS, Sussex.
Tel: Findon 2616

We recently had occasion to supply a blind person with an anti-mugging device and it occurred to us that, in these days of increasing violence and break-ins, you may like to have a record of our name in respect of home or personal security.

We can, for instance, supply such anti-mugging devices as a Shri! Alarm (cost £4.15). This is a small, lightweight, handheld cylinder, and pressure on the top produces an ear-piercing scream which causes a would-be assailant to run away, as well as attracting assistance to the victim. This device can, if required, be supplied with a pouch to enable it to be worn around the neck.

For use in the home we supply a door chain with a built-in "screech alarm" that will emit a continuous alarm if an outsider attempts to force entry. Cost £6.15.

At the other end of the scale we give advice on (and install) burglar alarms, some

of which incorporate a mobile personal attack button - particularly useful for older, disabled or blind persons.

Finally, we confirm that any such advice is given entirely without obligation and we will always be pleased to send an expert to give a talk to any gatherings or groups who may be interested.

From: Sir Godfrey Nicholson, Newbury

I am writing to thank you for the inspiration I derive from the obituary notices of old St. Dunstaners. Each one stands as an epic of courage and persistence. They move me deeply. Thank God for St. Dunstan's and the men they have trained.

SAILING FOR THE VISUALLY HANDICAPPED 1982

The 1982 SEAMANSHIP FOUNDATION CRUISER SAILING Courses for the visually handicapped will take place at Falmouth based at the Royal Cornwall Yacht Club from Sun. 4th July to Sat. 10th July. The cost will be in the region of £55 to £60 per student for the week.

A maximum of 24 people can be accepted and this number could include students who have attended previous Courses. Application forms (which should be completed and returned by 15th February 1982) are obtainable from the Sports and Recreations Officer, RNIB, 224 Great Portland Street, London W1N 6AA.

International Oil Industry Honour

Stewart Harris, of Bletchingly, Surrey, has been invited to join the Council of the Institute of Petroleum. His term of office began in June and will last for three years.

The Institute of Petroleum is a worldwide body and Stewart's appointment is a fitting honour for someone who has been involved in the industry for many years, and served as Chairman of the London Branch of the Institute.

In a long career in the oil business, Stewart founded his own company, Trident, which was flourishing and profitable until the oil crisis in 1973 brought about its closure. Stewart served as Chief Executive and Secretary of the Avia Group of Companies in the UK and acts as a Consultant.

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.

Ronald Benson of Seaton Ross, Yorks, joined St. Dunstan's on 12th October. Mr. Benson served as a Leading Aircraftman in the R.A.F. from 1942 to 1946. He is married and has three sons.

William Henry Duerden of Burnley joined St. Dunstan's on 4th November. Mr. Duerden served as a Gunner in the R.F.A. in the 1st World War from 1915 to 1919, suffering mustard gas poisoning at Armentieres in 1918. Mr. Duerden is a widower with one son and one daughter.

Ronald William Harris of Newbury joined St. Dunstan's on 12th October. Mr. Harris enlisted in 1942 and during the 2nd World War, served in North Africa as a driver in the Royal Artillery. He is married with one adult daughter.

Ishmael Hill of Warley, West Midlands, joined St. Dunstan's on 28th October. Mr. Hill served as a driver in the Royal Artillery during the First World War. He is a widower with four sons and two daughters. One of his sons shares his home with him.

John Aspinall Kerfoot of Clayton-le-Woods, joined St. Dunstan's on 28th October. Mr. Kerfoot served as an Aircraftman in the R.A.F. from 1940 to 1946 and he was a Prisoner of War in the Far East. He is married with two sons and a daughter.

Revival of 'The Gardener' Magazine

Many St. Dunstaners will remember this magazine, edited and supplied in various forms of reading by Kathleen Fleet and temporarily discontinued in 1977. Kathleen Fleet now announces with much pleasure that circumstances have made it possible to revive the magazine next April.

Production will be in Braille and on C90 cassette, issued quarterly. It will be administered by the Cassette Library for Blind Gardeners, of which some St. Dunstaners are already members. Anyone receiving 'The Gardener', whether in Braille or on tape, can have free access to all the recordings in the Library, but own cassettes must be used to obtain copies of these recordings. A Catalogue List will be sent to all readers of the magazine in Braille or typescript as desired or alternatively on cassette if requested.

Braille Copies

As previously, the Braille copies are to be small-sized volumes, so helpful to people whose Braille reading is slow. Some readers new to Braille also find that having both cassette and Braille copies of a magazine assists their progress in reading.

The magazine will contain short articles about all aspects of gardening, so readers will be able to find something for individual use and interest in every issue. The popular 'Market' and 'Questions Answered' features will continue, and communication maintained with readers as in the past. The Editor-elect is Adrian Clevely, gardener to J.B. Priestley.

Will any St. Dunstaner who would like to receive 'The Gardener' quarterly **please notify Men's Supplies** by the first week in February, stating whether Braille or cassette copies (or both) are required. Please also state whether you wish to have the Catalogue of the Cassette Library in Braille, in typescript or on tape.

Applications for the magazine are requested by the beginning of February in order to ease the work of re-launching 'The Gardener', but this is not actually a closing date, as new readers can be accepted at any time during the year. Kathleen Fleet does particularly wish for early applications from Braille readers, so that an adequate number of copies can be ordered.

Gardening Column

A Happy Christmas to you all and I hope you will get all the presents of garden equipment and plants that you want.

May I hope that those specially prepared Hyacinths do show their best by Christmas or even earlier. Remember that they don't do much good from now on but at least you will get leaves if planted in the garden and just a hope that there may be a few forlorn flowers. The flowering plants that you may have given to you, such as Cyclamen and Azeleas will not need conditions which are too warm, watering only when they are nearly dry and an occasional feed. Keep them in good light places but not in direct sunlight. Try and keep all indoor plants in an even temperature and away from draughts.

Check over all the garden implements and get any replacements in good time for the coming season. Clean all the seed boxes and pots which will be used in the next few months. Repair all frames and cloches which may have been damaged during the year and give them a good clean over with disinfectant.

Try and keep off all the cultivated parts of the garden in severe winter conditions or else you may find that the soil has been pressed down so hard it makes cultivation much more difficult later on; this is certainly so with the heavy clay soils and I can agree with this since I have very heavy clay soil.

Vegetables

Dig over the beds which have completed their use in growing plants and leave for the frosts to break down. As before, keep the hoe going between the rows of growing crops but only do this when there is no frost about. There is not much to be done in this area though in the warmer and more southerly parts of the country Broad Beans can be sown plus some varieties of early Peas. This means that there is a hope to get some really early gatherings for the table but don't expect too much if the weather is really severe. Examine the Onions and Potatoes which are in store and discard any which are showing signs of deteriorating. Where you want some very early Potatoes be sure that you get some boxes or trays ready and in a clean state. Set the Potato seed in a frost-proof shed or, if this is not

possible, in a spare room in the house. Lettuce can still be grown under cloches but put some litter at the outer base of the cloches if severe weather is forecast.

Fruit

Carry on with the pruning of fruit trees till the end of the month except in frosty conditions. Spray the trunks of trees with an insecticide to deter the action of pests and give one a clean start for 1982. Where you still want to plant new trees for 1982 it would be better to put planting off till next spring, but get the areas to be sowed ready by digging over and add a bit of compost. Some of the soft fruits such as Currants and Gooseberries should be pruned if not already completed, but only if in frost free conditions. Cut away suckers from Raspberries but leave pruning till spring. Outdoor Vines can also be pruned this month. Rhubarb crowns which are to be forced should be covered.

Flowers

Dig over vacant beds ready for the planting of new perennials and annual bedding plants in spring and early summer. Some items, particularly Carnations, Pinks and Pansies, tend to be lifted out of the soil after very severe frosts, so press them in firmly again and put a bit more soil over the roots. The hardy annuals and biennials in a reserve patch may need some protection in really bad winter weather so put some plastic sheeting over them or even some straw round them will help to keep the roots warmer and protect against snow. Roses can still be planted but it would be better to leave till the spring. Get the beds ready by forking over and putting compost on the soil so that the Roses will get a good start later on.

Check over all the still growing items and put in stakes where they are a bit loose and tending to pull up out of the soil. Add some extra soil round the roots to keep the severe weather out and give the plants added stability. Put in orders for those perennials, shrubs and Roses which you need for the new season, so that they will be delivered at the right time and also ensure that they have some still in stock.

Greenhouse

Try and keep the temperature between 40F and 50F in order to maintain the flowering pot plants such as Cyclamen, Calceolaria, Cineraris, Azelea, Chrysanthus, Solanum, Coleus etc. When really cold weather is upon you see that the heater is going every night, starting it late afternoon, cutting it off next morning unless there is a frost all the time and then keep it going all the time. Give some air in the day by half opening a window for a few hours. After Chrysanthemums have finished their flowering season, cut back hard to induce the growing of cuttings and when you have got the ones that you want, discard the main plants. Geranium and Regal Pelargonium cuttings which have rooted will need careful attention, don't over water and if anything, keep pretty dry. All plants whether flowering, decorative or bulbous should be kept fairly near the glass to stop them drawing up too much and getting leggy. Pick off all leaves which are drying off and also rotting off a bit. When you note that the atmosphere is a bit on the dry side, use a fine spray of water but don't overdo it. Light insecticidal and mildew smokes every so often, even if there is no sign of pests.

YOUR MOVE!

During the weekend 30th to 1st November, Chess players met at Ian Fraser House for instruction from Mr. Jack Horrocks and his wife Freda. It was good to have the ladies represented, by Vi Delaney and Elsie Aldridge. There was a relaxed atmosphere, and everyone felt the benefit of Freda's and Jack's tuition. The players were encouraged by a card sent from Canada by Mrs. Blackford, whose good wishes were appreciated.

Those attending were sorry to hear that Trevor Wiggins was taken ill and could not be there.

Numbers in general were rather low, and all St. Dunstaners interested in Chess are encouraged to attend the Congress so that it can be a success when it takes place - date to be announced.

Thanks are due to Jack and Freda Horrocks for travelling from London to give help and advice. Also, thanks to Miss Garland, Mr. Paul and Roland McCormack for their invaluable assistance.

S. McCormack

THE HUMAN HILLS by Sydney Scroggie

It was not so much for the sake of the wilderness itself, the rock, the heather, the solitude, the sense of kinship with the infinite, that I would take to the hills, but to foregather with friends who got their living there.

It is a fine thing to step down the path by the Allt Garbh Bhuidhe, cross the Tarf Water with its swirling pools, the boggy haughs under Carn nan Gabhar, but in the great rift of Glen Tilt it is Willy and Kathie McLauchlan you most want to see, share the scones of a deerstalker's table and to the hiss of a Tilly lamp, the crackle of logs, hear what has been going on since last you dropped in at Dalharry.

It is long, lonely walking as well to the Girmaig from Glen Fearnach, the gulls of Loch Valligin, Stac nam Bodach, the screes of Ben Bhuirich, but at the end of your day looms up Shinagag House in the gloaming, wood-reek in the air, and Jimmy Stewart the shepherd at the door anxious for your coming, the glass of Laphroaig in his hand.

To drop down from the Larig Gru is one of the great things in life, the boulders behind you, the pines of Rothiemurchus in front, but what are the cataracts of the Druie Water, the red crags of Macdhuil, the croaks of ptarmigan compared with the dog that barks at Tullochgru, the seat round the fire, the Speyside accents of Jock McKenzie the farmer, Jock and his wife Margaret.

A dog barks also at Luibeg cottage, hens tuck, its Lister throbs, and what are all the wonders of Glen Derry, the snows of Etchachan, the peat-haggs slotted by deer, the buzzard that mewed on Ben Vane, compared with Bob Scott with his joke, his news, and his armful of sticks for your fire.

There is mist on the Tolmount, rain, and the roaring of stags in the rut, and as you drop down the track by the Lunear, pass under Craig Mellon it seems in the twilight there, the rustle of breeze in the heather, the murmur of waters, that some revelation, old and profound is at hand; and yet the hearth at Newbigging, when all's said and done, Ma with her teapot, collarless Jim and his old burnt-out briar, is worth all the metaphysic of unspoiled Creation. A reeking lum, a lighted window, are the loveliest things in the hills.

READING TIME

by Phillip Wood

Cat. No. 3011

Mr. Speaker, Sir

By Selwyn Lloyd

Read by John Richmond

Reading Time 7 hrs.

This is a first hand account of the day-to-day life of the Speaker of the House of Commons, something of the history of the ancient office, together with some interesting sidelights on the workings of the House.

Selwyn Lloyd became Speaker (with the traditional "reluctance") in January 1970 and almost immediately received his baptism of fire during the bitter debates on the Industrial Relations Bill, in which tempers and emotions rose to boiling point. He was called upon many times to rebuke members for their un-parliamentary language. Expressions like "Bloody hypocrite!" and "Bloody twister!" are not permitted . . . surprise! surprise!

Mr. Speaker has great power, discretion and responsibilities, and his job is by no means a sinecure. A normal working day begins at 7.30 a.m. and continues, with few breaks, until the House rises at 10.30 p.m. or later.

There are many allusions to the writer's illustrious predecessors and some fascinating details about the cut and thrust of debate in the House.

A most interesting book.

Cat. No. 3037

The Winding Stair

By Daphne Du Maurier

Read by Alvar Lidell

Reading Time 10½ hrs.

Francis Bacon, son of Sir Nicholas Bacon, Lord Keeper of the Great Seal, was born in 1561. After coming down from Trinity College Cambridge, he studied law at Gray's Inn, later entering Parliament as MP for Ipswich. He became in turn Solicitor-General, Attorney-General, Lord Keeper of the Great Seal and was created Baron Verulam and later Viscount St. Albans.

Whilst following a distinguished political career, he was also achieving wide recognition for his literary work, learned books in Latin and English, scientific

treatises, and of course the essays for which he is perhaps better remembered. His more important work was undertaken at an age at which most men of his day would have been considered to be well on their way to senility and oblivion.

He achieved greatness in his lifetime and the fall from grace, when it came, was dramatic and terrible. Accused of bribery and corruption, he was sent, briefly, to the Tower, fined £40,000 and banished from his beloved London. He remarked to a friend, "time was when I had honour without leisure. Now I have leisure without honour".

Only partially rehabilitated, he died on Easter Day, April 9th, 1626, leaving debts totalling £19,658. 4s. 4d.

A splendid biography of a great Englishman - with the odd tantalising spot of Baconian Theory thrown in for good measure!

Cat. No. 2954

The Breach in The Wall

By Enid Saunders Candlin

Read by Judith Whale

Reading Time 13¼ hours

The wall of the title is the Great Wall of China, symbol of an isolation which lasted for many centuries, breached physically by the Tartars and other conquerors, and culturally and ideologically by those came, more or less in peace, very much later.

The author, who lived most of her life in China, writes affectionately and movingly about the country and its people. She seems almost overwhelmed by the beauty of the countryside, fascinated by the industry, patience and consummate skills of its people.

The book deals with all aspects of Chinese life, from its early history, with its tyrannies and frequent blood-letting, to modern times, the influx of the "foreign devils" attracted by the money to be made there, the Sino-Japanese war and the inexorable growth of Communism.

I found this rather long book very interesting - in part. But the writer has a tendency to deal at some length with aspects of Chinese history and the exploits of her more illustrious sons, about which I (and I suspect, most Westerners) have no knowledge.

I feel that this book is primarily for the dedicated Sinologue. It is not, I fear, quite my cup of *Lapsang*.

Cat. No. 2363

The Rash Adventurer

By Margaret Forster

Read by Andrew Timothy

Reading Time 15¼ hrs.

Armed with the results of long and patient research, the author sets out to present Charles Edward Stuart, the Young Pretender, as a real flesh-and-blood person rather than the shadowy figure making a brief appearance on the stage of history.

She has succeeded admirably. We see Charles through the eyes (or rather the writings) of his contemporaries, friend and foe alike. What emerges is no romantic charismatic figure, Hollywood-style dressed up like the principal boy in a pantomime, but an arrogant overbearing megalomaniac with illusions of grandeur. He had a positive genius for losing friends and antagonising people, and was once thrown out of France at the express orders of the King.

We see him drifting into petulant and alcoholic middle-age, still dreaming up half-baked schemes for the restoration of a monarchy which, by this time, nobody wanted. Charles was a born loser, doomed by his own inadequacy to failure, a tragicomic mountebank with an impossible dream. . . . There is an interesting foreword to the book in which Ms. Forster describes her lengthy struggles to obtain permission to research among the Stuart Papers, which are the property of the Queen. She was only partially successful and had to make do with the badly-smudged badly-processed microfilm.

CLUB NEWS

BRIGHTON

BOWLS SECTION

Once again, after a successful outdoor bowling season, we are now starting our indoor season at Ian Fraser House.

On Friday October 23rd we were hosts to the Hove & Kingsway Bowling Club and a very pleasant afternoon was had by all.

On behalf of the new committee, I would like to send our sincere thanks to our ex-Captain, Walford Davies and our ex-Secretary, Mrs. Pat Jones, for the grand service and hard work they both gave to the

section. We wish our bowler, John Simpson, a speedy recovery after his accident. He was knocked down by a car and suffered bad injuries to his leg.

H. Preedy

Vice-Captain

BRIDGE SECTION

Results for the Pairs Competition played on October 11th 1981

W. Lethbridge & Partner	64
R. Freer & Partner	59-2
F. Griffiee & Partner	50-53
W. Phillips & Partner	49
A. Dodgson & Partner	46-5
B. Ingray & Partner	46
R. Fullard & Partner	42-5
H. Preedy & Partner	38-8

Results for Individuals Competition played on October 24th 1981.

J. Whitcombe & Partner	86
W. Lethbridge & Partner	86
R. Fullard & Partner	84
W. Phillips & Partner	82
H. Preedy & Partner	78
F. Griffiee & Partner	74

Overall winners for Individual best of 5 matches played during year 1980-81

1.	J. Whitcombe	373
2.	R. Fullard	369
3.	H. Preedy	364
4.	W. Lethbridge	359
5.	W. Phillips	337
joint 6.	F. Griffiee	325
joint 6.	J. Padley	325
8.	P. McCormack	324
9.	C. Walters	322
10.	W. Burnett	313

Overall winners for Pairs competition played best of 5 in year.

1.	W. Lethbridge	64
2.	R. Fullard	55-4
3.	B. Ingray	54
4.	A. Dodgson	52-8
5.	B. Simons	52-4
6.	W. Phillips	52
7.	F. Griffiee	51-8
8.	P. McCormack	46-5
9.	C. Clements	46-1
10.	H. Preedy	45-5

I wish to thank all members and helpers in the Bridge Section for their help throughout the year, also Mrs. Dacre for her unfailing help with the very necessary duty of making

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tea for every competition. Do hope you will enjoy next year's Bridge and continue with your support. Without you there would be no Bridge Section.

Sincerely, *W. Phillips*,
Chairman

MIDLAND A.G.M.

Despite such a cold day the meeting held on 12 October was very well attended.

Several games of dominoes in the Doubles Competition were played off before tea.

As usual the tea was brought and prepared by all the ladies which everyone enjoyed and the ladies were thanked in the usual way by Joe the Chairman.

When the meal was over the A.G.M. was held and this proved to be very lively indeed. I had made up my mind some time ago that I would be resigning (as Secretary) at this meeting. I had been assisting Doug since 1963 until he died and carried on until this meeting. I am the Poppy Appeal Organiser for the Austin Branch Royal British Legion (which has a membership of nearly 1900) and I do feel that I am helping ALL ex-servicemen and women who need some help from the Benevolent Fund, especially as they get older, and with so much unemployment, the need for help is getting greater. In September I was fortunate enough to spend two weeks convalescence at Somerset Legion House in Weston-Super-Mare. This is one of two Convalescent Homes run by the Royal British Legion and the majority of money used in running these Homes comes from the Poppy Appeal Fund. I could tell you much more, but I must not take up too much space in the *Review*, so I do sincerely hope that you will understand why I feel that the Poppy Appeal now comes first.

I have thoroughly enjoyed helping with the Midland Club and being connected with St. Dunstons since 1944 and I would like to convey my sincere thanks to all Staff, past and present and Club members for all the help and kindness given to Doug and myself in that time. Thank you for reading this small "epistle" but I must carry on with the rest of the A.G.M. now.

L. Kibbler was once again elected as Chairman and E. Hordyniec as Treasurer. D.

Taylor, D. Faulkner and Mrs. E. Maynard were elected on to the Committee, but no one felt that they could be Secretary. So for the time being, the ladies are going to take it in turns each month to act as Secretary.

Final arrangements were given for the Christmas Dinner and news of Bill Green who is still poorly.

I had to leave the meeting at 6.15 p.m. but I do know that a Committee Meeting was being held and I believe the meeting closed at 6.45 p.m.

The Christmas Dinner will be held at the Austin Branch R.B.L. on Saturday 5 December, assemble 5.00 p.m. and sit down for the meal at 5.30 p.m. and the Christmas Party will be on Sunday 13 December.

Joan Cashmore

MIDLAND SOCIAL CLUB

Our November meeting was held on the 1st Sunday of the month as Remembrance Sunday fell on the 2nd Sunday. We were all very sorry to hear that Elizabeth was not well and unable to bring Bruno to Club, and also that Bill Green is not so well. We all send our best wishes to both and hope they will soon be well again.

An excellent tea was put on by the Ladies and they were thanked by the Chairman in the usual way.

Our Domino Tournament was played off and the winners are:

- 1st Bruno Tomporowski
- 2nd David Taylor
- 3rd Doug Faulkner

We are all very sorry that Joan Cashmore has had to resign as our Secretary. As a small token of our appreciation for the work she has put into helping to run the Club, Joe Kibber's two grandchildren, Helen and Garon, presented her with a spray of flowers and a "Thank You" card on our behalf.

The Chairman, on behalf of the Club members, wished Eddie and myself all the best on our trip to Norway, with other members of The Royal British Legion from the Birmingham area, at the invitation of the Norway Veterans Association.

Our next meeting will be on Sunday 13th December when we shall be having our Christmas Party and Prize Giving. If any St. Dunstaner would care to visit us on that day they would be made very welcome. Please phone Eddie on 021 554 9186 for details and to assist with catering arrangements.

Marjorie Hordyniec

FAMILY NEWS

WEDDINGS

Our Congratulations to:

Mr. & Mrs. Rice of West Moors, who are pleased to announce the marriage of their son Anthony Peter, to Jane Vivian on November 28th at St. Andrews Church, Bournemouth.

Mr. C. Eighteen of Reading, who is pleased to announce the marriage of his grandson Stephen to Susan, at St. Catherines Church, Tilehurst, Reading.

Mr. & Mrs. Sidney Firrell of Hastings, who are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter Jeannette to Christopher Charlton at St. Johns R.C. Church at Banbury on the 31st October.

Mr. & Mrs. McConaghy of Belfast, who are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter, Barbara to Raymond McFarland at St. Ignatius Church, Carryduff, on 5th September.

RUBY WEDDINGS

Congratulations to:

Mr. & Mrs. Seth Bennett of Bradford, West Yorkshire, who celebrated their Ruby Wedding Anniversary on 8th March.

Mr. Harry Foster and his wife Sybil of Farnham who celebrated their Ruby Wedding Anniversary on 8th November.

Mr. & Mrs. John Innes of Batley, West Yorkshire, who celebrated their Ruby Wedding Anniversary on the 1st November.

Mr. & Mrs. J.H. Nicol of North Humberside, who celebrated their Ruby Wedding Anniversary on the 15th November.

DIAMOND WEDDING

Our Congratulations to:

Mr. & Mrs. Lennard Meadows of Leamington Spa, who celebrated their Diamond Wedding anniversary on 20th August.

GRANDCHILDREN Congratulations to:

Mr. Des Coupe of Bournemouth, on the birth of a grandson, Mathew William, to his son Barry and his wife, on 6th September.

GREAT GRANDCHILDREN Congratulations to:

Mr. C. Eighteen of Reading on the birth of his first great-grandchild, Natalie Georgina, to his grand-daughter, Michele and her husband Desmond on 5th October.

Mr. & Mrs. Albert Roebuck of Manchester on the birth of a great grand-daughter, Cheryl Christine to their grand-daughter and her husband, Mr. & Mrs. Stevenson, on 11th October.

Mr. & Mrs. J.J. Smith of Great Yarmouth, on the birth of their second great grand-daughter, Janine, born to Valerie and Stewart Moxon on the 14th October.

BIRTHDAY

Congratulations to:

Mr. Edward Victor Glazebrook of Burnham-on-Sea, who celebrated his 90th birthday on November 17th.

PERSONAL ACHIEVEMENTS

We Warmly Congratulate:

John Cashmore, youngest son of *Joan Cashmore* of Northfield, Birmingham, who has recently been accepted into the National Opera Studio in London. Only twelve students are accepted per year, and applicants come from all over the world. His training lasts until next July, when he will have the chance of going into one of the major opera companies in the country. We wish him every success in the future.

John Francis, son of *John Donbavand* and his wife Elsie of Hove, who has been awarded two book prizes as the best pupil in his school for 1980-1981.

The three children of *Mr. & Mrs. Tybinski* of Ipswich: Richard, who has obtained his Master of Science Degree from Southampton University; Ursula who has a Post Graduate Certificate of Education from Leicester, and Monica, who has obtained a similar Degree from Reading University.

FAMILY NEWS Continued

DEATHS

We offer sympathy to:

Mr. & Mrs. W.R. Crombie of Epsom, on the death of Mrs. Crombie's brother on 21st October.

Mr. A.J. Luxton of Black Torrington, N. Devon, on the death of his eldest brother on October 11th.

Mrs. 'Win' Holmes of Hove, whose mother passed away in Canada last August.

Mr. & Mrs. F. Saunders-Nunn of Ilkeston, on the death of their daughter, Patsy, who passed away on the 24th October at the age of thirty-five. She had bravely endured a long illness.

Mr. & Mrs. J. Smith of Great Yarmouth, on the death of Mr. Smith's brother last month.

Mr. J.D. Vickery and his wife, Emily, of Plymouth, on the death of their second son, Michael, who passed away on the 29th September at the age of thirty one.

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.

D. Parker, 52nd Regiment, R.A.

Daniel Parker, affectionately known as 'Danny', passed away in Ian Fraser House, on the 29th October, aged 67. His home was in Lancing but he had been admitted to our home following a period of hospitalisation. Mr. Parker was a widower having lost his wife, Maureen, two years ago.

Mr. Parker enlisted as a Gunner in the 52nd Regiment of the Royal Artillery just prior to the outbreak of World War II and whilst on active service in Greece in 1941 was seriously wounded and suffered the loss of one eye. He was a prisoner-of-war, being repatriated in 1943 and receiving treatment at St. Dunstan's Hospital, Church Stretton.

At the time of Mr. Parker's admission to St. Dunstan's in 1967, as the sight in his remaining eye was deteriorating, he was employed at basket making for the Burnley Blind Workshops where he made skips for the local mills. However, the workshops closed down and Mr. Parker undertook a period of industrial training at Ovingdean and commenced his employment in this field in 1960. He was an able and conscientious employee and retired in 1977, when he moved South in order to be near to his son and our Brighton homes. In earlier years, Mr. Parker's main hobbies were his garden and greenhouse but latterly he greatly enjoyed listening to music and tape recording. He leaves a son, Trevor.

C. Sedman, Royal Navy

Cyril Sedman of Bury passed away at his home on the 17th October, just a few days after his 60th birthday.

Mr. Sedman was a stoker in the Royal Navy from April 1942-July 1946 and his loss of sight followed an illness contracted while he was serving in India. Although his health continued to deteriorate, he was able to work for a period in a Remploy factory where he was taught french-polishing, but by the time he became a St. Dunstaner in September 1963 he could not undertake any occupational training. Nevertheless, Mr. Sedman was a keen gardener and took great pleasure in making full use of his greenhouse by growing tomatoes and chrysanthemums, which were a great credit to him.

Our sympathy goes to his widow, Lilian, who nursed her husband so devotedly during many years of ill health, and their three daughters Irene, Maureen and Christine and their families.

F. Steventon, Pioneer Corps.

Frank Steventon of Hillsborough, Co. Down, passed away at his home on the 13th October at the age of 65.

Mr Steventon had served as a Private in the Pioneer Corps from August 1940 until April 1946 and he became a St. Dunstaner in October 1947. For some years he enjoyed poultry keeping as a hobby occupation and for as long as he was able he cultivated his garden where he grew his own vegetables.

A private funeral service was held at our late St. Dunstaner's home as well as at All Saints' Church Eglantine where he and Mrs. Steventon worshipped regularly when they were in good health.