

St Dunstons Review

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Message from the Chairman

Voting at Elections

As we have just heard in time for publication that the General Election is to be on the 9th June, I thought it might be of interest to readers if I reminded them of various arrangements which may help them to cast their votes easily.

All St. Dunstaners have, of course, the special right of blind voters to take companions with them to the polling station, where the Presiding Officer will need to be told they wish their companions to mark their ballot papers for them and it will all be organised on the spot. The companion can be anyone who has a vote in the same constituency or father, mother, husband, wife, brother, sister, son or daughter, provided that person is at least 18 years of age. No one person can assist more than two blind voters to vote at an election.

However, there is another method of voting, which St. Dunstaners and many wives, widows and other readers may like to bear in mind. Any voters who cannot easily get to their polling stations because of disability, ill health or age, etc. could apply for postal votes for future elections. They should get in touch with their local Town Hall or local Political Party organisation.

These various special provisions refer, of course to all elections and I hope many of you will make use of them in exercising your right to vote.

Jon Earnest-Dune

WELSH MOUNTAINEERING EXPEDITION

The dates for this year's expedition are from Friday September 9th to Monday September 12th. Would St. Dunstaners wishing to take part, please contact me not later than June 30th. First timers and those with the least number of visits will have priority. You are reminded that a good state of fitness is necessary.

*J. Carnochan
Sports Organiser*

CASSETTE LIBRARY

To obtain any of the cassettes listed in the April *Review*, please send the appropriate number of cassettes to the PR Department, stating the reference number of the cassettes required.

WARMINSTER CAMP 1983

St. Dunstaners who have been invited to visit the Camp should note that a St. Dunstan's coach will leave Ian Fraser House for Warminster at 11.00, Thursday 7th July, returning p.m. Monday, 11th July.

AUDIO READING TRUST

St. Dunstaners may be interested to know that the Audio Reading Trust is now supplying cassettes with tactile markings to indicate tape length and side one. Further details can be obtained from The Audio Reading Trust, Spirella Building, Bridge Road, Letchworth, Herts. Telephone: 04626 77331.

BRILLE TRANSCRIPTIONS

Two members of staff were recently invited to visit the Braille unit at Wormwood Scrubs, where work is carried out for the R.N.I.B. and various other specialist schools and organisations. A library is kept of all the work that has been done.

Any item that is in the library can be copied or new transcriptions made on request. The only charge is for materials used.

St. Dunstaners who have anything they would like to be transcribed into Braille are invited to get in touch with Prison Officer Fryer, The Braille Unit, Wormwood Scrubs, Du Cane Road, East Acton, London W12. Alternatively, contact Miss L. Williams, Northern Area Welfare, at Headquarters.

REVIEW DEADLINES

To ensure punctual publication of the *Review*, we have prepared production schedules with our printer for the next few months. Because of variations as to where the weekends and public holidays fall in different months, our copy deadlines also vary.

A list of final dates for copy for each month appears below. We would be grateful if you could send your copy as early as possible and no later than by a post to reach us on the date mentioned.

June 9th for July
July 7th for August
September 8th for October
October 6th for November
November 10th for December

Johnny Cope asks that the person trying to contact him write c/o the Editor.

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Cover picture: George Coote, from Pearson House, gets into the party spirit at the Brighton Reunion. He is with Care Assistant 'Charlie' Hague.

Only eleven had sight?

by Randall Williams

Towards the end of last year I did the normal period of two weeks Jury Service. It was an interesting experience and I would do it again. My summons for Service was received well before the date on which I was due to commence. Although my residual vision is little more than light perception, I could envisage no insurmountable difficulty and my enthusiasm for taking on the challenge was sharpened by an interest in the Law.

I had not been to the Snaresbrook Crown Court before and so, as I walked from the nearest Underground station on the first morning, using my mobility aid—the Long Cane—it was necessary to ask directions from passers-by. Fortunately, at the road-gate entrance, I met another person going in the same direction and so I gratefully accepted assistance through the grounds to the Court building.

As also on subsequent days, I carried a brief case which contained a pocket Braille frame, a Braille magazine and a vacuum flask.

The first thing to happen on day one was the briefing for new Jurors. In the process of being escorted back from the briefing by one of the Ushers, I asked whether many disabled persons served as Jurors. "Oh yes" came the assuring reply, "we sometimes have people in wheelchairs."

There were often a fair number of Jurors on hand in the Jury Canteen awaiting call to a Jury. During these periods Jurors chatted, read and played table games.

Although the whole Court complex comprised many rooms, Court Rooms, offices and refreshment areas on different floor levels, I found little difficulty with the essentials of moving around. I quickly learned the positions of the Canteen relative to the No-Smoking Lounge and the toilets. Then again, sighted assistance was always at hand.

It appeared common practice for Ushers to attend and to escort Juries to their respective Court Rooms. During the swearing-in procedure it was necessary for Jurors to cross the Court Room. Here I held the arm

of my escorting Usher just above the elbow. Of course, the correct way of assisting the blind person is to lead, rather than try and manoeuvre from behind. Incidentally, once inside the Court room I found my cane and case were slight encumbrances and, subsequently, left them outside.

There are variations of Court Room layout but they commonly take the following form. Taking the Court Room as a square, we have the Judge's seat on one side of that square. To the right of the Judge, along the second side, are the Jury. On the left of the Judge, the third side, is the Witness Box and on the fourth side, facing the Judge, is the Defendant(s). In the centre area sit the Prosecution and Defence Counsels, and seats which may be used by those interested in the particular case, are located along the third or fourth sides—behind the Witness box or Defendant(s). It should be noted that there are two or more steps which elevate the side positions, as mentioned, from the central area.

For the swearing-in procedure Jurors enter, in the presence of the assembled Court and, as their names are called they cross to take places on the Jury seats. When their names are called a second time they rise, by turn, to read the Oath. At this point the individual Juror is open to challenge. This usually means that either the Prosecution or Defence Counsels have raised an objection to that Juror, and his or her place must then be taken by a reserve Juror. If, for example, there are five defendants on trial, each may make 3 challenges before a reason for challenging need be given. So then, in this example the maximum number of challenges, which could be made by the defendants alone, totals fifteen.

From my own experience, the challenging of Jurors was frequent. I sat on two Juries and was (with several other Jurors) challenged for two others. As it happened, at the end of my two weeks, an Usher conveyed apologies from the Prosecution Counsel for one of my two challenges. Apparently, the Prosecution had thought I



THE INFANT ORPHAN ASYLUM 1843

An old print shows the building that is now Snaresbrook Crown Court. It became the Law Courts in 1974.

might find difficulty with the several exhibits in the particular Case, and as there was little time to think about, let alone discuss the matter, had decided to exercise caution. There was no obligation on the Prosecution to apologise or explain but I appreciated this thoughtful gesture.

By the way, I took the Oath on the promptings of an Usher, and on one occasion noted that another Juror did the same—though I believe this Juror was not a blind person. At the time alternatives were not suggested though I have no doubt I could have read it from a Braille copy or cited it from memory.

Each of the two Cases on which I served had an exhibit. These objects were with each Jury during its deliberations, and I gained useful information from handling them—namely: a tape-recorder and a knife.

From what I gathered those Jurors who made notes during these two Cases, were in the minority. However, I found my own notes helpful during Jury deliberations on verdicts. They were brief and intended as memory keys. I took them on a pocket-sized Braille frame, using 'Brailon' plastic paper—thereby the minute clicks which occur

when using manilla paper were eliminated.

At this point we may ask whether blind persons are commonly accepted for Jury Service? Unfortunately it would seem that they are often dogged by an attitude to the Blind which appears to stem, in large part, from the 1946/48 Royal Commission on Justices of the Peace. This Report objected to blind Justices on the grounds that they would be unable to: (1) Observe the demeanour of witnesses, (2) be unable to view plans and documents and (3) in view of the first two objections, public confidence (especially that of defendants) is likely to be undermined. Let us now consider these objections in turn and whether they apply equally to the blind juror.

1. Inability to observe demeanour—A guilty person who knows that a Jury will be influenced by demeanour may plead innocence with a show of crocodile tears. Moreover, Lord Chief Justice Lane gives this objection little significance as he says that, assessments of demeanour are notoriously unreliable whoever they are made by.
2. Inability to view plans and documents—Let us here remember that when a Jury

goes to consider its verdict, the Jurors will have heard the documentary evidence at least *once* during the Court hearing. There were documents on the Cases on which I served and during Jury sessions these were read aloud as I required. I noted that these readings helped to unite the attention of the Jurors thereby curbing the tendency of more than one discussion to spring up at the same time. With regard to plans, it is infrequent that an adequate appreciation cannot be conveyed by demonstrating positions on the blind person's palm. Again, a plan may be verbally explained by one person, and this may be elaborated by others using different words to describe certain points.

* There is the example of a blind Juror who, although he could not see a street plan which involved an accident, found that he was the one who directed the minds of the other Jurors to the relevant features of the street plan.

** In passing perhaps it is relevant to mention that an embossed-line drawing kit is available.

Here we may note that, Jury deliberations leading to a verdict, are not the result of solitary exercise of individual Jurors reviewing the evidence in isolation. But rather, a verdict is reached through participatory discussion, through corporate application, the strengths and limitations of the different members complementing each other. Supposing, for argument's sake, that only adults with less than the five senses, were subject to limitations, why do we have a statutory requirement for as many as twelve persons on a Jury when, to say the least, a reduction would make a substantial saving on the public purse?

The subsequent objection follows as a corollary from the previous two and only with their support can it stand.

3. Assuming the previous objections to be valid then, blind persons on Juries are likely to undermine public confidence. Elsewhere in this Paper it is argued that the previous two objections are not valid. Hence, an answer to this third objection is not necessary. As a matter of interest however, the term "public confidence" usually refers to wide-spread opinion. What then would be the possible percentage of blind Jurors who would bring about this supposed under-

mining. One qualification for serving as a Juror is that a person must be between the ages of 18 and 65 years. Statistics for 1980 lists 107,765 persons on the Blind Register in England. Of these, those aged 65 and over numbered 80,000! Thus we are left with approximately 27,000—a proportion of which would be under 18 years, and of the remainder it is envisaged that a substantial number would not perform their citizen duty for a variety of reasons. Would then, those eligible and able comprise more than .001% of all Jurors? Although this figure may be largely speculative, the fundamental point is that, blind Jurors are an extremely rare phenomena. And I am not at all convinced that such a veritable "trace element" would be likely to shake public confidence even if the first two objections were valid, and even if the functions of the blind Juror were identical with the role of a JP, towards whom these objections were originally and exclusively, directed. Incidentally, a member of staff at the Crown Court, who had worked there for the past five years, informed me that she had not known of another blind person who had been on Jury Service during her time.

From what I have gathered, most blind persons called, take the decline option. This may be for personal reasons or because they are discouraged from doing otherwise. Here we may ask the question as to which kind of Jurors are more likely to undermine public confidence: blind persons keen to fulfill their citizen duty; or sighted persons who find the compulsion of service a chore and the performance of the same, boring? Furthermore, it may be argued that, in a society which defends its democratic processes, far from undermining public confidence, encouragements to blind persons to accept Jury Service could increase it, for this would demonstrate a furtherance of impartiality in greater representation of the general public in the composition of Juries.

Actually, the particular perspectives which a blind person can bring to the deliberations of a Jury, have the potential of forming a valued contribution. For example, he or she is not likely to be influenced or distracted by appearances, and prejudiced by the same. Naturally, he values the spoken word as a means of gathering information more than his

sighted counterpart. Therefore, it is likely that he will be a good listener, and we may make the general observation that there is a connection between good listening and good memory. As his attention will not be divided by considerations of demeanour, he is more likely to detect nuances of voice-tone, for instance: a barely noticeable faltering or strain. Furthermore, if there are exhibits in the form of objects, a blind person relying solely on his sense of touch, may make an observation missed by the more visual scrutiny of his sighted colleagues.

Who are the blind?

At this point we may ask the question, Who really are the blind: Those without physical sight; or those whose prejudice prevents them from seeing a true picture, and those whose lack of principle has the same end result? Against this latter aspect, concern over sight or the lack of it, seems grossly over-weighted!

Finally, there has been no Act of Parliament or Committee recommendation which prevents or opposes blind persons serving as Jurors. As has already been alluded to, the discouragements experienced by some blind persons wishing to

fulfill their citizen duty, appear to be an attitude-overspill from the 1946/48 Report. However, is there not a distinction between the roles of a Justice and a Juror? To say the least, one appears to be much more a participatory process than the other. In fact, we may say that although the two roles have their connections, the requirements of the two are not the same.

In conclusion, there are indications that the capabilities of blind people are often under-rated. In general, however, there is more to be gained from positive, rather than negative, attitudes towards those who are unsighted. That is, the focus ought to be more on what blind persons can contribute than what they cannot. So then, as already demonstrated, blind persons have the potential of making valuable contributions as Jurors, and those who wish to fulfill their citizen duty in this way, should be assisted and encouraged.

Reference

** The Sewell Raised-Line Drawing Kit (available from the Royal National Institute for the Blind, London, W.1)

* Blind Persons' Right to be Jurors "Viewpoint" Autumn 1982

Bob Finch's shade scenario

The above is the title of a painting by Philip Parker, a Care Assistant at Pearson House. The painting, which includes a portrait of St. Dunstan, Bob Finch, was included in a recent exhibition of Philip's work in Brighton. The *Brighton Evening Argus* photograph shows artist and model with the finished painting.

As a result of the success of the exhibition in Brighton, Philip has been asked to prepare a number of paintings, some on a much larger scale, for an exhibition to be held at Foyles, in London, so he must now devote his full time to painting and will be leaving Pearson House. We wish him the success his talent deserves.



Come in Rubber Duck

by 'Tiny' Poinon

Terry Wogan said that the Carshalton duck pond is not very deep, as the water only goes half way up the ducks! I think he was talking about real live ducks, not rubber ones like the ones I play with.

I do not think that my rubber duck would float. It is about seven inches long and twice as thick as a biro. It sits on top of my IC2E transceiver and is in fact an aerial. The thing it sits on, not with the intention of course of hatching it, measures 6½" by 2½" by 1½" and is generally called a hand held rig, which means that when my wife takes our dogs and me out for a walk, rubber duck comes too and I can hear the activity of any of the range of frequencies available whilst we are walking. I usually only listen to the recently licenced repeater GB3ES in Hastings, through which stations come from incredible distances. Should I wish to talk to anyone I hear, by using so small an amount of power, that even I can hardly believe it, I can call them through this new repeater which was built, maintained and

manned by local radio amateurs on a purely voluntary basis.

A similar repeater was in operation in Brighton until about a year ago, GB3SR on Race Hill, but is being re-sited, I am told.

Take a 60 watt electric light bulb, divide that power by 40, and that is the maximum output of my rubber duck and that I can divide by ten and still make radio contact. Rather a far cry from when my hearing aid weighed one cwt and had 19 valves in it. The receiver cost me £50 second-hand over 20 years ago and the spending value of that would have to be increased tenfold for today's money. Present rigs are relatively a fraction of that cost, in fact the new cost price of this one is the same now as five years, and more, ago, which can be said for very few retail items other than where electronics are concerned.

Incidentally, children ask if one is a policeman, when they see the rubber duck sticking out of the top of ones pocket!

Must dash, time to take my rubber duck for a walk!

READING TIME

by Phillip Wood

Cat. No. 3631

Facing the Music

by Joseph Cooper

Read by Peter Barker

Reading Time 9¾ hrs.

Joseph Cooper was born in Westbury-on-Trym, Bristol, in 1912, the son of a bank manager. He showed early promise as a pianist, winning a music scholarship from his prep. school to Clifton College. At Clifton, not only did he distinguish himself as a pianist, but managed to survive to the third round of junior Wimbledon.

He was awarded an organ scholarship to Keeble College, Oxford and one of his contemporaries at Oxford was Edward Heath, himself an organ scholar at Balliol.

The outbreak of war interrupted his career and as a Gunner officer he became the army's expert in aircraft recognition. In Germany he met Jean Gregg, daughter of

Sir Louis and Lady Gregg and a god-daughter of King George VIth.

Theirs, says Cooper, was the perfect marriage, and she the perfect partner for a peripatetic, and still struggling musician. His eventual recognition as a distinguished performer of piano concerti, particularly the Tchaikowsky 1st, was due in no small measure to her unflagging dedicated support.

When finally he decided it was time to give up the arduous and exacting life of the concert platform, he turned to lecturing and giving talks on music and composers. This led to his being asked by the BBC to chair a pilot programme, on radio 'a kind of musical quiz'. The pilot became a hugely successful series, later transferring to BBC Television under its new title 'Face the Music'...

A delightful book. I enjoyed it immensely.

Cat. No. 1169

The Prince of Pleasure

by J. B. Priestley

Read by Stephen Jack

Reading Time 9¾ hrs.

The conventional image of the Prince Regent as a debauched, lecherous, wildly extravagant buffoon, is by no means the whole picture, as Priestley, in this enchanting book, sets out to prove.

He was a highly complex character. He could by turns be spiteful and petty-minded or capable of acts of great generosity. He could behave exactly like a spoiled child, or show real kindness and consideration to others. Stories of wild orgies, drunken parties, the sexual excesses of the Prince Regent are, says Priestley, greatly exaggerated.

The Regency was the age of the dandy and the eccentric. It was also the age of

elegance, grace and beauty in art and letters. Scott, Byron, Keats, Wordsworth, Shelley and many other writers of genius were living at that period, as were artists such as Lawrence, Turner, Blake and Grindling Gibbons. The Prince was very much alive to the great wealth of exceptional talent which flourished during his Regency and did much to further the cause of the arts.

On the darker side, his gross extravagance was a constant drain on the dwindling resources of a country already impoverished by a costly war with France. The people lived in abject penury and many thousands were dying of starvation.

This book is much more than the record of the antics of a hedonistic Prince who left as his memorial an architectural monstrosity in Brighton. It is a finely researched, beautifully written piece of living English history.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Verna Johnson Ritchie writes from Canada

This year we shall miss seeing the Pincombs. I'm sorry to say that Art died two weeks ago after a stiff fight with cancer. He was a really great fellow and always lot of fun. He really enjoyed coming to the reunions and seeing the girls.

Eleanor Shaw Johnson and her husband Joe (from Liverpool) will be going to Kingston too, and we hope to stop off in Belleville to have a visit with Bicky Proctor Mayne and her husband, Bill (a Hong Kong P.O.W.). Before he retired, Bill was very active with the war blinded here in Canada. Bicky was a V.A.D. at Denehurst. You will remember Mary MacKay too. I don't have any news of her as she is a great traveller now that she is retired from the Government. Margaret Blackmore Maclure and her husband, Ken, are living in Ottawa. They are a fascinating family. They have two daughters and two sons. One son is taking another degree at Boston University in cancer research and the other son is in Upper Volta, West Africa, with foster parents. Their oldest daughter, Margaret Ann, is in East Africa teaching mathematics

(on loan from Bell Canada) and the youngest girl is at University. Morna Barclay Petrie still lives in London, Ontario and is now the grandmother of a boy and a girl. We hope to see her in June too.

Give my best to any I knew in Church Stretton. It is great to hear from you fellows from the *Review*, but I'm glad to get letters too, as they really bring you more up to date.

From Alf Dodgson, Ian Fraser House.

I wish to thank all past and present staff for the sympathy and condolence shown to me on my sad bereavement for the loss of my very dear wife, Edna.

Words cannot express the courage and strength that your help is giving me.

I specially want to thank Dr. Stilwell, Mr. Conway and all at Ian Fraser House.

THANKS FOR SYMPATHY

Patrick 'Mick' Sheehan and his family wish to express their thanks for support and sympathy on the death of Mrs. Renee Sheehan, to their many friends, to Miss Lord and to St. Dunstan's.



At the Brighton Reunion, Colin Fraser raises a laugh during his speech on behalf of St. Dunstaners.

REUNIONS

BRIGHTON

The 1983 series of regional reunions began in Brighton at the Bedford Hotel on April 8th. 63 St. Dunstaners with wives or escorts attended and with guests and staff the company numbered 147. Mr. Ion Garnett-Orme, accompanied by Mrs. Garnett-Orme, presided. After an excellent luncheon, our Chairman rose to welcome St. Dunstaners. He said: "Apart from some reunions which have been held at Ian Fraser House, this is our first reunion of 1983, and I am glad that it is being held in Brighton because it is always one of the largest and most important gatherings.

"I give you all a warm welcome and we are delighted that the Mayor and Mayoress of Brighton are with us as our chief guests. Through the Mayor I would like to express our thanks to the people of Brighton for their friendship and hospitality to St. Dunstaners for so many years. Brighton has become a second home to many of us and year after year we enjoy the seafront and the many splendid buildings and facilities which Brighton provides."

Mr. Garnett-Orme referred to the many letters he receives from St. Dunstaners overseas recalling their days in training at Church Stretton and Brighton. Although St. Dunstan's family is spread worldwide, it is still closeknit, he said.

The Chairman concluded with a tribute to St. Dunstaners and their wives: "As I hear of all of your activities, I never cease to admire the way, both here and abroad, you have all managed to achieve so much and lead such worthwhile lives in spite of your disabilities. In saying this, I very much bear in mind the part played by your wonderful wives and families."

Mr. Colin Fraser replied to the Chairman's speech on behalf of St. Dunstaners: "It is my pleasure this afternoon to say thank you to the members of staff of St. Dunstan's for the very warm welcome which we have received today. I have been wondering however, how I came to be standing here. It is because of our Welfare Officer, Miss Helen Stewart. She told me all I had to do was to stand up, say some nice

things about St. Dunstan's staff, which goes without saying, and then say thank you to the staff of the hotel for serving up such a wonderful meal and tell a funny story.

"However, it is my pleasure to welcome our great Chairman here, Mr. Ion Garnett-Orme and the rest of St. Dunstan's staff. I would also like to welcome a young lady—Miss St. D herself—Mrs. Elizabeth Dacre. As I don't have to be standing up here long, so Helen Stewart said, may I say thank you to the staff of St. Dunstan's on behalf of St. Dunstaners here, with their secretaries or wives!"

The reunion continued with dancing to the music of Ken Lyon's band, the customary raffle, followed by tea and the reluctant dispersal of the guests at the end of a most enjoyable afternoon.

IPSWICH

From one of the largest to one of the smallest reunions, that held at the Ipswich Moat House Hotel. Here, on April 21st, just 19 St. Dunstaners gathered with their wives or escorts to meet Sir Edwin Arrowsmith, the Member of St. Dunstan's Council presiding, and Lady Arrowsmith.

In all 46 people sat down to lunch but not in the ballroom, where previous reunions

have taken place. Instead the company gathered in the hotel's very pleasant restaurant set aside for St. Dunstan's on this occasion. As it so often does for the Ipswich Reunion, the sun shone, enhancing the view of a pleasant, walled garden seen through the restaurant's large windows.

Welcoming St. Dunstaners, Sir Edwin Arrowsmith said how delighted he and his wife were to be present at the reunion. He had been a Member of Council since 1965 and never before had the pleasure of coming to Ipswich. "I think the reason is that it is such a popular reunion and everybody wants to get here to represent your Council."

Sir Edwin gave a particular welcome to Squadron Leader G. H. King, who was attending his first reunion.

"I think the International Year of Disabled People did a great deal throughout the world to bring attention not only to those who are blinded, but to people with other disabilities of all possible kinds. There are at least 40 million blind people in the world today and that a very large proportion of these suffer from blindness that is curable and even more from blindness that is preventable.

"I happen to be Chairman of the Royal Commonwealth Society for the Blind.

At Ipswich Sir Edwin Arrowsmith chats with St. Dunstaners Jock Forbes-Stewart, Percy Stubbs and Bill Slade, with Mrs. Stubbs and Mrs. Slade.



IPSWICH REUNION—continued

Since 1970, the Society has restored sight to over one million people. At least a quarter of a million children in India go blind every year just for the lack of a cup full of fresh vegetables. The lack is vitamin A and the Royal Commonwealth Society is mounting a campaign throughout India to try and combat that problem. More and more attention is being given to what blind people can do. There, I think the work of St. Dunstan's has been outstanding because, sadly, there are people whose blindness can never be cured. But what St. Dunstan's showed from its very start is what the blind can accomplish."

Sir Edwin concluded with a tribute to the wives of St. Dunstaners. He recalled Lord Fraser's tribute to Lady Fraser in his book, "My Story of St. Dunstan's", 'she has seen for me in all matters, important and trivial'. St. Dunstaners have a very great debt to their wives.

Replying to Sir Edwin, Mr. Ted Brown began by thanking the staff for what they

BIRMINGHAM

Despite the many comments about how difficult it is to find one's way around the Bullring, 45 St. Dunstaners and guests found their way successfully to the Albany Hotel. Representing the Council was Major M.E.M. Sandys, J.P., with by Mrs. Sandys.

"My recollection of the last Birmingham reunion we attended 8 years ago, was of a very happy occasion." In particular, he welcomed Mr. Parker, Mr. Pearson and Mr. Yale, who were attending their first reunion. "The more I see, the more I know of St. Dunstan's, the more impressed I am by all the sporting achievements. You will see them all faithfully recorded in the *Review*, in which I take a great deal of interest. We have the great advantage in that we can concentrate our training, services and assets on a comparatively small number of people. But that would be of no avail if it were not for the devoted efforts of our permanent staff."

Major Sandys knew of at least 2 St. Dunstaners present who had been in the North Africa campaign. He had joined his unit, 3rd Bn., The Grenadier Guards, in North Africa, just after the main action. But he had been able to revisit many sights during a fortnight's holiday in Tunisia

do for St. Dunstaners and for the reunion. He also thanked Sir Edwin and all Members of the Council for their work for St. Dunstaners. Referring to Sir Edwin's hobby, fly-fishing, Ted spoke of the relaxation St. Dunstaners find in hobbies and recreations. "We have an international here in bowls, and that is our Percy Stubbs. There are eight bowlers in here, we have bridge players and there are chess players and so on. I can assure you that we enjoy our hobbies and our thanks to St. Dunstan's that has made this possible."

On behalf of all St. Dunstaners he thanked the wives and, "the people at Headquarters who do the organising for us. People can't get very far without good administration and we have it. I would like to thank everybody in all departments for what they have done for us, particularly Miss Newbold and Miss Mosley."

A pleasant and quiet reunion ended with tea after a great deal of conversation between old friends.

earlier this year. He went on to describe many of the Roman remains and 2nd War cemeteries which he had seen. Major Sandys concluded by thanking the visiting staff on behalf of all those present, and by wishing everybody a pleasant afternoon.

Mr. Alf Bradley then rose to propose a vote of thanks. He suggested that each St. Dunstaner had a different name and mental image of those who had helped him or her. He called them "a gallery of folks who have written an indelible chapter, an indelible volume in the history of our great organisation. To those names I would like to add those of Miss Mosley and Miss Newbold who have organised today's proceedings". He went on to thank staff both present and absent. There was loud applause for the wives. Alf finished by quoting from a letter printed in the *Review*. As a young girl, Jean from former Rhodesia, had always taken an interest in St. Dunstan's. She wrote, 'I pray for my soldiers, sailors and airmen every day'. "Gentlemen", said Alf, "these invisible helpers—there's 60 years worth of prayer there".

A slightly quieter than usual reunion concluded with much conversation, a raffle and tea.

A Moment to Spare with Syd Scroggie

WHEN ADAM DALF

Professor Alan Gemmell, the Scottish horticulturalist, observed that a garden is sometimes a place for work, sometimes for just sitting, and it occurs to me that the best example of this latter state is described in the first chapters of Genesis. God did all the work, or at least His botanical and arboreal laws did, while Adam and Eve sat around enjoying the scenery.

A controversy smoulders in our local paper as to whether there ever was a garden in Eden, some holding that the author of Genesis can be relied upon in every detail, others that he was writing bosh. The two sides in this controversy divide themselves into hard-line literalists where Scripture is concerned, and people brought up on Darwin bent on exposing what they see as error. One side is convinced that Adam was conjured into existence from a handful of dust, Eve from a superfluous rib; the other that there were no such people, and that a protozoa or two in the slime of old are enough to account for Man as we see him today.

Now I was brought up on Science; Torricelli's experiment was as familiar to me in boyhood as macaroon-bars, Boyle's law as dear to me as Greta Garbo; yet at the same time a vein of poetry and romance persists in me which all the trigonometry of my schooldays failed to dispel. I accept the little protozoa bobbing about in the sunshine of primordial eras, it would be unscientific to do otherwise, but at the same time warm to the picture of Adam and Eve in their burgeoning garden, the Lord taking His stroll there in the cool of the evening. The protagonists in the correspondence columns of the Dundee "*Courier*," worthy citizens all, do not realise there is



really no ground of controversy at all, that the two accounts of Creation, one Biblical, one scientific, are by no means inconsistent with each other. The first, poetically telescoped the second, strictly evolutionary, it is possible to hold both views at once without fear of contradiction. What could the author of Genesis know about D.N.A., and in the want of this knowledge he had the best shot at explaining things that he could, and a very beautiful job he made of it.

Did you know it is becoming a criterion of scientific truth that the equations expressing it should be beautiful. What is ugly in this field can no longer be entertained as conceivably true, so there is a suspicion that whatever is beautiful, a painting, a building, a poem, cannot be incompatible with Torricelli's experiment, Boyle's law, the tans and cotans of my boyhood trigonometry. The truth of the Genesis story consists not in conformity with the theory of natural selection, but in its reflection of cosmic values in which natural selection, however true, plays a subordinate role. There is a psychic as well as a physical world, each ideally in harmony with the other, and in his grasp of this fact his expression of it in a myth, the author of Genesis deserves the commendation of artist and scientist alike. There is more to this world than D.N.A., and of this the Garden in Eden must always remind us.

Here at Roseangle the pansies and violas are fading, the rowan berries red, and as we sit watching them in autumn sunshine, my wife Margaret and I, not a thought of gardening in our heads, we cannot help being glad that Eve tempted Adam, that a diet of the binomial theorem is balanced by the fruit of the tree of knowledge of good and evil.

D. F. Robinson's GARDENING NOTES

One of the most important months in the year in the garden when all bedding and vegetable plants have been put in or should have been.

Despite the terribly wet weather that we have been having earlier in the year, the soil will dry out rapidly in warm sunny spells, so don't forget the hose or large watering can.

Pests will be on the rampage so spray regularly and put down some slug pellets to stop them having their favourite meal of succulent young leaves.

Some liquid manure watered round the base of those prize plants and Tomatoes. As an all round fertiliser scatter some fertiliser pellets which will give long and slow release of feed to all plants.

Vegetables

Keep the hoe going regularly between the rows of growing plants to stop the weeds getting control and also to open the soil for air and moisture to penetrate. Give plenty of water in dry spells especially Lettuce will stop the latter from going to seed.

Lettuce and Radish can be sown in small quantities every so often to maintain the salad items for the table.

The last sowings of the Garden Peas can be made and don't forget to pick the early and mid-season varieties regularly, as the Peas in the pods do tend to harden not a long time after ripening.

Ensure that the Runner Beans have supports and it will help them to climb well and tie in the young shoots to the canes or strings as they start to move. This will stop them wandering all over the place.

French Beans can still be sown if you have any space.

Early Cauliflowers could do with a dose of liquid manure to hasten them a bit and where the curds are forming really well bend over a large leaf to keep it from shooting unevenly and keep some of the pests and birds away.

Potatoes can still be earthed up and any Marrows which are growing well should be stopped to encourage young fruit which is forming.

Late Cauliflowers, Broccoli and Savoys should be planted out and don't forget to dip the roots in a paste of Calomel or powder as a protection against Club Root.

Thin out the main crop of Carrots, Beet and Onions.

Tomatoes can be planted out but give a bit of protection in case of late frosts and water in well.

Lawns

Keep the mower going regularly as grass will be growing pretty fast. See that the edges are clipped to make the whole place look neat and tidy.

During really dry spells give the lawn a good watering with the hose sprinkler or large watering can. However, do make sure that there is a regulation put out with regard to the use of water in drought type spells.

Fruit

Give plenty of water at root level on all fruit trees and bushes plus some fertiliser and compost, this latter to keep the moisture high in dry spells.

Pests will be on the rampage, so spray at the first signs of attack.

Where you have some young fruit trees which have some vigorous growth, cut back the outstanding shoots. Pinch back some of the side shoots on Currants and thin out some of the weak canes on Raspberries by pulling out and so get better quality berries.

Thin out the fruit on Apple and Pear trees where there is an over-full set. This will ensure good quality and size later on when you are getting the fruit in.

Water Strawberries really well and where you want new plants for next year, layering can be carried out.

Flowers

As with the vegetables, keep the hoe going regularly and if you have some of the deep rooted perennial weeds use a fork or even some weedkiller to spread on the leaves with a small brush, such as an artists brush. This will ensure that there is no drift as

when using a sprayer.

Give all the plants a dose of fertiliser either in pellet, powder or liquid form as they will be soon coming to the peak of their growth and show of flowers and need some sustenance as we ourselves need to keep fit and well.

Make certain that you have got all the bedding plants in their quarters. There is still time to get more in if the weather was against you earlier. Don't forget to give plenty of water to settle them in.

Get all the tuberous and fibrous Begonias in their beds and do give them a nice warm sunny spot. It would be a good thing to add some peat in the spots where planting is done as this will maintain any water which you use or the rain since they are great drinkers, and also give supplies of liquid manure.

Cut away the old flowers on the perennials such as Lupins, Delphiniums, Pyrethrums etc., as this will encourage new growth and blooms.

Check the outdoor Chrysanthus and if you want large single blooms, it is best to pinch out some of the shoots and only have a few flowering stems. Stake them well as they grow and the same with Carnations and here again some disbudding will give quality blooms.

See to the Sweet Peas and Dahlias and tie in where necessary. Some of the Hydrangeas and Paeonies may need some support, especially in windy areas.

Roses will be giving plenty of colour, so keep the flowers coming along well by cutting off the dead heads and disbud if you want prize type blooms. Some manure will also help.

Insects will be doing their best to ravage the plants, so get the insecticides mixed up and sprayed at once. Don't forget that a fungicide should be given, especially to the Roses, to keep down Black Spot.

Cut away the foliage from the spring bulbs now as they will have got a good build up by now for next season.

It might be a good idea to sow some perennial plant seeds now on a spare piece of ground to replace any plants which have come to the end of their useful life after many years of good service. It is certainly cheaper than buying them in from a nursery.

Remember to give all the beds a good soaking during dry spells.

Greenhouse

Give plenty of ventilation especially during hot and sunny spells. It would be a good thing to leave the ventilators open during the night. Naturally plenty of water will be needed for all pot plants and a liquid feed every so often. During cloudy and rainy weather it is best to keep the watering down a bit or you may overwater and so lose plants. I have found that it is better to have plants on the dry side and then watered thoroughly later.

Use fumigants against pests and diseases regularly even if you have no problem as it is better to be safe than sorry. Clear the floor of litter and cut away spent flowers and leaves.

Carry on with the potting of plants for a show in the greenhouse or in the home later in the year such as Begonias, Gloxinias, etc.

Sow seeds of Schizanthus (Poor Man's Orchid) in small quantities for a show in Autumn as they are easy to grow from seed without heat at this time of the year. Many other plants can be started from seed to give flowering plants in early spring such as Calceolaria, Cineraria, Cyclamen and various Primulas.

Tomatoes will be going ahead well, so feed and water regularly. The feed should be a special mix which has a high Potash content for the fruit. When you grow them in large pots it might be a good thing to add more compost a little way up the stem and so get some new roots and so have more growth and better fruit. Harvest regularly and pinch out side shoots on the main stem plus stripping of some of the lower leaves which may be looking a bit tatty.

Harvest Cucumbers regularly and give plenty of liquid feed plus water in abundance. Stop new side growths beyond a couple of fruits so that they will break out again and continue to give more Cucumbers for the rest of the season.

FESTIVAL OF CATS

The Brighton Festival of Cats is to be held at the Metropole Exhibition Centre, Brighton, on the 30th and 31st July. The Exhibition will consist of events, displays, demonstrations and many other items of interest to the cat lover. Blind people are particularly welcome.

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.

Jeremiah Thomas Madden of Hungerford joined St. Dunstan's on the 8th April. He is 77 years of age. Mr. Madden served as a Flight Lieutenant in the Royal Air Force. He enlisted in 1929 and was discharged in 1954. Mr. Madden and his wife, Mary, have been married for nearly 47 years and have eight adult children.

Raymond Hill of Oxford joined St. Dunstan's on the 7th April. Prior to the Second World War, Major Hill was serving as a Territorial with the Honorable Artillery Company. Following the commencement of hostilities he was commissioned into the R.A.S.C. and seconded to the Indian Army. Major Hill then took an M.A. degree at Cambridge and went on to serve as a Colonial Officer in the Far East.

Arthur Frank Whittington of Loughborough, Leicestershire, joined St. Dunstan's, on the 21st April.

Mr. Whittington served as a Gunner with the City of London Yeomanry (Rough Riders) during the Second World War. He is married with an adult son and daughter.

HORSHAM BRIDGE 1983

Sunday 10th April was the date for the annual Bridge match at Horsham. This is a date in the Bridge calendar that the St. Dunstan's Bridge players eagerly await every year. The Horsham team, headed by Norman Norfolk, made us most welcome and a most happy afternoon was had by all.

The St. Dunstan's team of twelve, led by our Captain, Bill Phillips, had a successful match. It was a pleasure meeting some new members of Horsham as well as renewing old friendships that have grown over the past years.

Our thanks go to Norman for arranging the match and to the ladies that produced the glorious tea, to Maurice Dowse for his constant attention and Mr. Conway for arranging the transport.

Jim Padley.

BOWLING

The 1983 St. Dunstan's handicap

This year, for the first time, I ran three singles competitions, the idea being to try to give a chance to those bowlers who always attend these games, but never get the chance of winning a trophy. It worked out quite well, and I think in general everyone enjoyed it.

The Tournament ended on Thursday afternoon, April 7th. In the evening we had our end of Tournament dance and presentation of trophies to the winners and the runners up. The evening was well supported and the music was good. The buffet was excellent, supplied by Dr. Stilwell.

I cannot thank enough those people who sent in prizes for the raffle. They were absolutely splendid. Thank you to my three umpires, Katy Stubbs, Betty Simpson and Len Bridge, not forgetting Jock Carnochan, who never refused to help or advise all the way through.

Monty Golding

Results

1983 HANDICAP PRIZE CHART

Open Handicap

Winner	R. Freer
Runner-up	R. Forshaw
Third	G. Hudson
Fourth	D. Hodgson

T.B. Handicap

Winner	J. Cope
Runner-up	R. Osborne
Third	R. Evans
Fourth	A. Waters

P.S. Handicap

Winner	G. Hudson
Runner-up	M. Golding
Third	M. Robinson
Fourth	D. Hodgson
Beginners	A. Dodgson E. Richards

Extra Special Effort Trophy

G. Bunting (wheelchair)

ARCHERY

Sighted Archers Defeated

On the 12th day of February, 1983, the future Olympic Archery Squad (well, we can dream can't we!) of St. Dunstan's, won the Handicap Challenge Match against Cuckfield Bowmen at Worthing, shooting a Portsmouth round (five dozen arrows at 20 yards on a 60cm face, to the "uninitiated").

The teams of six had their handicap adjusted, scores added together and the above F.O.A.S.S.D. won by over 800 points. No champagne being available (Phil Van Barren having forgotten to buy it!) toasts were drunk in drinking chocolate-machine made in plastic cups. Cuckfield had shot below their handicap and St. Dunstan's shot above theirs and better than they'd been doing all week.

Posterity demands (or should do) that the F.O.A. squad be named, thus: Bob Forshaw, G. Hudson, Curly Wagstaff, Joe Prendergast, Fred Galway and me. Seriously though, it was a moment of history, because it was the first time a team of registered blind archers defeated a team of sighted archers and even allowing for the fact that it was a handicap shoot, it was no mean feat.

Perhaps we should commission an arch, like that which commemorates the sacking of Jerusalem in 70 A.D., raised to the glory of General Titus by the citizens of Rome. After all, we could always use the arrows we've broken, bent or otherwise rendered useless during our eight years war against the Archery Target—a formidable foe indeed! I am sure John Brown and his wrought iron students could do the job easily.

Our thanks must go to the Cuckfield Bowmen for taking us on so sportingly and a particular mention should be made of the young 16 year old in their team, who shot so brilliantly after only nine months as an archer. We all enjoyed the day and it was an excellent finish to a very good week.

The results of the indoor championship are as follows:

Handicap Adjusted scores		
1st	G. Hudson	1592
2nd	P. Duffee	1517
3rd	F. Galway	1454

Highest Unrewarded scores

N. Perry	1st
S. Sosabowski	2nd
P.S. J. Prendergast	1st
P.S. R. Forshaw	2nd

The trophies and cup were presented by Mrs. Dacre to whom we give thanks. The trophies were wooden shields with chrome archery devices on them carrying the championship title and year, so no medals were presented. Congratulations go to all our winners and our thanks to all the wives who have the task of keeping the trophies clean.

Our thanks go to Phil Van Buren, Laurie Austin, Phil Varden, Ted Bradford, Keith the driver and the Care Assistants for all the help and hard work they put in to make our week an enjoyable one.

Don't forget, the summer shoot begins with a match against sighted archers over 90 metres, on Sunday the 19th June for all those interested and includes a match against St. Dunstan's bowlers over 33 yards on the Saturday. The bowlers will be bowling onto a 4ft target laid on the ground and the archers will be shooting at 4ft targets on stands on the green by the front gate, as usual. The rest of our championships will be shot during the week as in past years. If our luck with the weather is as normal bring your arctic gear with you!

Also we are invited to shoot against other disabled archers on the Isle of Wight on Sunday the 26th June. Let me know if you want to go and I will arrange transport etc.

On Monday 28th March, Mr. Lacey, the local Manager, brought the Royal Insurance trophy and replicas to show to Dr. Stilwell and myself. It is beautifully simple and takes the form of an arrow mounted on a plinth, with a green leather ground embossed with gold.

The individual trophies are, I thought, very appropriately an arrow stuck in the 'green', mounted on a small wooden plinth. These will be presented on prize giving evening during the Summer Shoot.

During the long weekend in August/September we aim to try a clout shoot on the field opposite the main gate, by kind permission of the farmer, so do come and make history again.

Good shooting to you all.

Phil Duffee

Club Secretary S.D.A.C.

CLUB NEWS

BRIGHTON

BRIDGE

Individuals 16th April, 1983.

W. Phillips	71.4
R. Pacitti	61.9
J. Majchrowicz	57.1
R. Fullard	52.4
J. Whitcombe	47.6
W. Lethbridge	43.0
P. McCormack	38.1
P. Surridge	28.6

Pairs Results 24th April 1983

North/South

R. Evans and Mrs. Barker	63.1
R. Palmer and Mr. Cresswell	51.3
W. Lethbridge and Mr. Goodlad	49.4
R. Pacitti and Mrs. Pacitti	44.4
Mr. Turner and Mrs. Turner	41.9

East/West

J. Majchrowicz and Miss Sturdy	58.1
B. Ward and Mrs. McPherson	57.5
W. Phillips and Dr. Goodlad	50.6
J. Padley and Mrs. Padley	43.7
A. Dodgson and Mrs. Dodgson	40.0

*Bill Phillips
Captain*

Bowling Section

Our last indoor bowling match of the season was held on Friday, 15th April, at Ian Fraser House, when our guests were our old friends from the Old Woking Bowling Club. Once again a very entertaining and enjoyable afternoon was had by all and the bowling was of a high standard.

The last session of the season for the Sir Michael Ansell Trophy was held at Ian Fraser House on Tuesday, 26th April, and we congratulate Walford Davies on achieving such a runaway success. (Well done, Walford.) The final positions in the competition were as follows:- 1st Walford Davies 95, 2nd Jimmy Morrish 47, 3rd Harry Preedy 40, 4th Bob Osborne 39, 5th Johnny Cope 34, Joint 6th with 24 shots, Bob Evans, Dusty Miller and Alf Waters.

We are now looking forward to the outdoor season, and hope we will receive the support of all the bowlers, wives and escorts. Thanking you all and good bowling for the coming season.

H. Preedy

Entertainment Section

We are now back to the regular weekly meetings, after a long period of unsettled weather, but we look forward to seeing more members in the brighter days ahead.

The competitions are well under way and we hope that those still outstanding may soon be completed.

It is not now economical to have a dance more often than once a quarter, and we trust that you will continue to support these. The next one will be June 12th when the Bowling Trophies for the winter season will be presented.

Plans are in hand for a coach and river trip with a meal included, the date will be announced as soon as possible, and a visit to the Theatre at Eastbourne will be on Thursday, 2nd June.

Phyllis O'Kelly

FAMILY NEWS



At the poolside H.R.H. the Duchess of Kent talking to Jack Benham during her visit in 1978.

Congratulations to Jack Benham, of Hove, who celebrated his 89th birthday on April 29th, by swimming a mile in the pool at Ian Fraser House.

FAMILY NEWS—continued

Congratulations to:

Mrs. Judy Womack, daughter-in-law of Mrs. Muriel Womack and the late *Mr. Cyril Womack* of Leicester, who has been accepted as a member of the British Mensa Society.

Kim Parker, aged 18, grandson of Mrs. Sybil Parker and the late *Mr. Bernard Parker*, of Stamford, who joined the Navy as a M.E.M. in September and had his passing out parade on November 5th at *H.M.S. Raleigh*, Torpoint. He sailed on the *Hermes* to New York in April. Mrs. Parker told the *Review* how proud the family are of him and how much her husband would have enjoyed his success.

GRANDCHILDREN

Congratulations to:

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Hoyle of Chadderton, who are pleased to announce the arrival of their seventh grandchild, Michael, born on the 11th April, to their son, Brian, and his wife, Mary.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Hiscox of Mountain Ash, who are pleased to announce the birth of a grandson, Lewis David John, born on the 2nd October to their son Byron, and his wife, Diana.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Costello of Garstang, who are delighted to announce the arrival of their fifth grandchild, Richard James, born to their son Jim and his wife Margaret, on the 15th April.

Mrs. May Birchall, widow of Mr. John Birchall of Poulton-le-Fylde, who is pleased to announce the arrival of a grand-daughter, Victoria, born on the 11th April to her daughter, Suzan and her husband, Colin Bradley.

GREAT GRANDCHILDREN

Congratulations to:

Mrs. Rose Peacey, widow of *P.S. Peacey*, who has recently become a great-grandmother again.

A little boy named James George was born on the 6th April to her grandson Georgie, and his wife Debbie.

Mrs. Peacey now has 4 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.

WEDDING

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Holland of Kingsteignton, who are pleased to announce the marriage of their son, Jeremy, to Frances Dyer, on the 25th January. The couple are living in Essex and are teaching at the same Grammar School.

SILVER WEDDING

Congratulations to:

Mr. and Mrs. Brian Jubb of Bromley, who celebrated their Silver Wedding Anniversary on the 12th April.

RUBY WEDDINGS

Congratulations to:

Mr. and Mrs. William Carlton of Morecambe, who celebrated their Ruby Wedding Anniversary on the 24th April.

Mr. and Mrs. W.G. Evans of Hardwicke, Gloucestershire, who celebrated their Ruby Wedding Anniversary on the 8th May, 1983.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Fensome of Coventry, who celebrated their Ruby Wedding Anniversary on the 24th April.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hague of Merseyside, who celebrated their Ruby Wedding Anniversary on the 24th April.

DEATHS

We offer sympathy to

Robert Holmes of Templepatrick who mourns the death of his Mother who passed away in February.

Mr. 'Alf' Dodgson of Saltdean, whose wife, Edna Margery, died suddenly on the 25th April, aged 55. Mr. and Mrs. Dodgson had been married for fourteen years.

Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Henman of Weybridge, on the tragic death of their grandson, Leonard Wells, in a car accident on the 27th February.

FAMILY NEWS—continued

Priscilla, wife of our St. Dunstaner *Robert Nobbs*, Salfords, on the loss of her father who passed away unexpectedly on the 16th April, 1983.

Mr. Patrick 'Mick' Sheehan of Redbridge, whose wife, Renee, died suddenly on the 10th April at the age of 68. Mr. and Mrs. Sheehan had been married for almost thirty eight years. We extend our sympathy to their three sons and all members of their family.

MISS M.K. WILSON, M.B.E.

St. Dunstaners will be sad to hear that Miss Marie K. Wilson died in a nursing home in London on 19th April, 1983, at the age of 86.

Almost all Miss Wilson's working life was devoted to the service of St. Dunstan's. She joined the staff in May, 1918, as a shorthand typist to Mrs. Chadwick Bates and then became secretary to Mr. W.G. Askew until 1934 when she became responsible for looking after the Northern Area of the Welfare Department, a position she held until her retirement in April, 1957. As the Northern Area Superintendent, Miss Wilson was known to hundreds of St. Dunstaners and their wives and families by whom she was held in the greatest affection and she also maintained contact with our St. Dunstaners overseas.

Miss Wilson, who became a Member of the Order of the British Empire in 1957, spent her retirement living quietly in Chiswick where she was a devout member of her Church and she enjoyed keeping in touch with some of her "St. Dunstan's family" until ill-health overcame her three years ago.

We send our sympathy to her only surviving brother and to her nieces and nephews.

St. Dunstan's was represented at the funeral service by Mr. Wills, Miss Mosley, Mrs. O'Brien and St. Dunstaner, Mr. Shari Beck and his wife, who were neighbours of Miss Wilson.

The Chairman writes: *Although Miss Wilson retired so many years ago, I know how much the older St. Dunstaners and their families will mourn her death. We all remember with gratitude her kindness and humour, which were so much a part of her outstanding personality.*

In Memory

It is with 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.

J. E. Nelson, 20th Manchester Regiment and Labour Corps

John Edward Nelson, of Newark, Nottinghamshire, passed away on the 17th April at the age of 88.

Mr. Nelson served as a Private in the 20th Manchester Regiment & Labour Corps. from November 1914 to 1918. He lost his left eye following a gunshot wound received whilst on active service but after his discharge from the Army, in 1918, he was able to work as a camera operator with the Manchester Evening Chronicle until his retirement in 1960.

It was with the loss of sight in his right eye that Mr. Nelson became a St. Dunstaner in January 1980. Sadly his wife had died in February that year but he was able to share a very happy home life with his daughter, Dorothy, her husband and son. He leaves his daughter and other members of his family.

D. O'Leary, Royal Munster Fusiliers

Mr. Daniel O'Leary of Macroom, County Cork, died on the 25th March at the age of 86. He had been a St. Dunstaner for just four months.

Mr. O'Leary served with the Royal Munster Fusiliers during the First World War. His loss of sight was due to gunshot wounds which resulted in the loss of his right eye and severe injuries to his right arm.

Mr. O'Leary was a widower and lived with his son, Christopher.

G.J. Robinson Volunteer Force Straits Settlement, Singapore

Mr. George John Robinson of Willingdon died on the 23rd April in Pearson House, aged 69. He joined St. Dunstan's in July 1977 following service in the Volunteer Force Straits Settlement in Singapore during the Second World War, and his health was severely affected during his internment as a Far East prisoner of war. Despite the deprivation, Mr. Robinson was able to continue with his work as an Accountant in the Civil Service until 1976.

Our St. Dunstaner enjoyed several visits to Ian Fraser House, participating in our bowling events, but regrettably Mr. Robinson's health seriously deteriorated during the past few months and it became necessary for him to become permanently resident at Pearson House.

Mr. Robinson leaves a widow, Betty, their daughter, Mrs. Victoria Peattie, and family.