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## Message from the Chairman

### Pamela Barnard

Later in this *Review* readers will learn of the retirement of Miss Pamela Barnard after 28 and a half years of great service to St. Dunstan's; but I am delighted to tell you that she will continue to be my secretary on a part-time basis.

Her great experience of St. Dunstan's affairs gained while working with Lord and Lady Fraser has been of enormous help to St. Dunstan's and to me, and I wish her every happiness in the future.

### The Highlands

We have just returned from a splendid holiday in the Highlands of Scotland with hot dry weather and very little water in the rivers.

In two weeks, my wife and I drove some two thousand miles, zigzagging frequently from East to West Coast. We have never seen the hills, lochs and sea inlets looking more beautiful. It was only in the grim Pass of Glencoe that we ran into mist and rain.

The pair of peregrine falcons, which we have watched for several years, were back nesting on their usual rock edge on the Oykel River. Earlier this summer a fishing party eating their sandwich lunch saw one of the peregrines returning to its nest carrying a grouse. On seeing the picnickers, the bird soared upwards and dropped the grouse, which fell into the long tufted grass behind them. After some fluttering and a short time of recovery, it flew off strongly. Perhaps the luckiest grouse in Scotland!

*Jon Garnett-Orme*

### INFORMATION TAPE 1983

The RNIB have recently released The Information Tape 1983. It is a one hour tape of helpful information and advice for blind people from nine national industries and government supported bodies. The tape, which has been updated, contains consumer advice as well as specific information for blind people from the British Airports Authority, British Gas Corporation, British Railways Board, British Telecom, Department for National Savings, Electricity Council, National Bus Company, Office of Fair Trading and the Post Office.

The tape tries out the RNIB's experimental indexing system for the first time and listeners with a "cue and review" tape recorder can use the new system: to help find each section there is an announcement of the subject coming up, audible only when the tape is run forward fast.

The tape is available on free loan from:

The Press and Publicity Office,  
Royal National Institute for the Blind,  
224 Great Portland Street,  
London W1N 6AA.

### RETIREMENT

Miss Pam Barnard will be retiring at the beginning of November after some 28 years of service. Throughout her long career at St. Dunstan's she has been responsible for welfare work and for many years she has also acted as Chairman's Secretary, working both for the late Lord Fraser and for Mr. Jon Garnett-Orme. Miss Barnard will carry on with her secretarial work on a

part-time basis and the Chairman will continue to take a personal interest in welfare matters.

Some St. Dunstaners have indicated that they would like to contribute to a retirement gift and have asked that a collection be organised. Mr. W.C. Weisblatt has agreed to act as treasurer and contributions may be sent to him at Headquarters. Please make cheques payable to St. Dunstan's.

### THANKS from Eileen Bridger

It was a great privilege to be at the London Reunion and to thank you for my wonderful cheque. If you were not present may I thank you, as I did then, for your kindness and generosity to me, now and over the years, and say how much I enjoyed working for St. Dunstan's, and at the same time thank you all for what you have done for us all in your time. May I wish you good health and happiness in the future and may God bless you all.

### DR. STILLWELL'S THANKS

It would be impossible for me to individually thank all those St. Dunstaners and members of staff who have sent us good wishes and contributed to our delightful presents. May I use the space in the *Review* to thank everyone concerned and wish you all the best for the future.

### FAMOUS CHAIR

In a recent letter to Miss Lord, Mrs. Mary Sutherland, widow of Mr. Duncan Sutherland, tells of the famous dentist's chair (circa 1890) which Mr. Sutherland used in his Ham Radio shack. The chair was known all over the world, now it is going to the County Museum.

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Cover picture: St. Dunstaner, Jimmy Wright with Andy Cowley on the way down from their 2,000 feet record breaking parakiting ascent; see article on centre pages.



Bill Shea, makes presentations to Charles and Mary Lawrence (above) and to Miss Eileen Bridger (below).



## LONDON REUNION

The last reunion of the 1983 series was held in the Russell Hotel, London on July 16th. A company numbering 138 gathered under the Chairmanship of Mr. Ion Garnett-Orme, accompanied by Mrs. Garnett-Orme, and included 58 St. Dunstaners. The Guest of Honour was Admiral of the Fleet Sir Henry Leach with his wife, Lady Mary Leach. After Mr. Garnett-Orme's speech of welcome to St. Dunstaners, Sir Henry, who is a member of St. Dunstan's Council, gave a fascinating account of the Falklands Campaign, "One of the greatest combined operations of all time". To those who question was it worthwhile, Sir Henry said that, apart from recapturing the Falklands and their Dependencies, "It restored the Britisher's confidence in himself and it restored Britain to her rightful position in the top leadership of the world".

Other highlights of the Reunion were presentations by Bill Shea on behalf of St. Dunstaners, to retiring staff members Charles and Mary Lawrence, and Miss Eileen Bridger.

## ST. DUNSTAN'S AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY

by Jim Padley

Friday 22nd July in the winter garden at Ian Fraser House, saw the installation of the Club Station ready for the weekend's activities. This was made possible once again by the repairs to the aerials which had been damaged by the gales of the preceding months. Our thanks go yet again to Bob Field and company for their untiring work.

The meeting on Saturday morning was chaired by Tom Hart in the absence of Peter Jones. Well done Tom, and we all hope that Peter had a good anniversary celebration. Vic Reeve was congratulated on attaining his license and let's hope that Bob Davies has received his coveted RAE pass-slip.

The afternoon was taken up by a most interesting talk concerned with 'Amateur Radio Round the World', given by Al Slater G3 FXB, who is the Secretary of the First-Class Operators Club, which is a worldwide club restricted to a membership of 500. To be invited to become a member is a great honour and privilege. Our club member George Cole G4AWI is very proud to be included in the elite 500. We had the pleasure of the company of Al's XYL Maud, and enjoyed listening to their experience of meeting other radio amateurs during their trips all over the world.

Peter Jones G3 DRE will give a talk on 'The BBC Microcomputer speaks, as an alternative to Braille, for storing data with easy access', at our next meeting, to be held at Ian Fraser House on 15th October 1983. For this weekend please book in early through HQ.

### PRESENTATION TO MR. ALF LINCOLN

by Ted John

One of the most pleasurable items at the meeting of the St. Dunstan's Amateur Radio Society held on Saturday, 23rd July, 1983, was to offer Mr. Alf Lincoln of West Kirby, Wirral, Honorary Life Membership of the Society. We are delighted that Alf accepted the invitation and he has written to the Secretary thanking the Society for the honour bestowed on him and for the Society's plaque which now holds a prominent place on his mantelpiece.

Alf, who is 85, has been a long and short wave listener since 1920, and made a three-

valve receiver, manufacturing most of the parts himself, in time to hear the first transmission from 2LO in November 1922. Two pairs of headphones placed inside a fruit bowl made an excellent 'speaker'!

He served with the British Expeditionary Force in Egypt and Palestine from 1915 and went to France in 1917. His blindness was caused by a mustard gas shell which exploded some four feet in front of him at Soissons on 23rd July, 1918. Said Alf, "the 23rd July, 1983, was a more fortunate day for me than the same date in 1918!". He was employed by the Post Office Engineering Department for 45½ years and was operating long-distance communications for many years prior to his retirement.



Alf Lincoln receives his badge from Ted John, Secretary and Treasurer of St. Dunstan's A.R.S.

### Reel to reel tapes

The Public Relations Department has a large quantity of 5 inch reels of quarter inch tape kindly donated by Thames TV. Please apply to the department if you are interested.

# AN INDIAN HOLIDAY

by Joyce and Colin Beaumont-Edmonds

With the February snow still on the ground, we left Heathrow for Paris, where we were to join a Thai Airways flight for Delhi.

Soon after boarding the Thai plane, we were presented with a fresh purple orchid, and nine hours later at 1.45 a.m. as we left Delhi airport a garland of marigolds was put around our necks, as part of the traditional Indian welcome.

Even at that hour the noise around the island site of our five star hotel was terrific, with horns blowing, and cars, lorries and buses starting and stopping at the corners.

The next morning we took a taxi, which, for the equivalent of £1.70, took us the five miles to the centre of modern Delhi, where we walked around the shops, bought a map, and eventually ended up at an older and more stately hotel, having a light lunch on the patio, overlooking its lovely colourful garden, at a temperature in the high 70s.

## Palace on wheels

The next evening we joined 'The Palace on Wheels', a 12-carriage train, made up of coaches once owned and used by maharajas, viceroys and directors of the railway company. Each carriage had been re-designed to accommodate six or eight people for sleeping, had two shower rooms and toilets, a small lounge, and a galley and room for the captain and his boy, who looked after all our needs in providing breakfast, non alcoholic refreshments, saw to the laundry, and kept the compartments clean.

The carriages are much narrower than our European ones, and much of the accommodation was cramped; but Joyce and I had the compartment at the end of the carriage with the full width of the coach, with two comfortable mahogany beds, little chandelier and wall lights, pleasant curtains at the windows, and four fans to keep us cool. We travelled at night, and during the eight days that we were on the train we covered almost 3,000 kilometers.

Our first stop was at Jaipur, where the main interest was the astronomical observatory, being an arrangement of stones marked in such a way, that as we looked down at them it was possible to tell the time to the very minute, and to gain much other astronomical information; in a way it was like an immense sun-dial on the ground. As we left it, and walked across to the palace, monkeys skipped about on the grass and in the trees, and just inside the palace doors were two huge silver urns, each of which could hold 500 litres of water.

## Tolerant Maharaja

All the palaces and forts were huge and spacious; the one at Fatehpur Sikri had a perimeter wall a mile and a half round. It was a very tolerant maharaja who built that palace, for he had Moslem, Hindu and Christian wives, while the ruler who occupied the Red Fort at Delhi, had a harem of 300.

At Jodpur the last courtyard and gate were added in 1808 by the Moslem Maharaja in memory of his Hindu water-carrier, who was killed while loyally defending his master against the Hindu enemy.

It was difficult to imagine the riches and grandeur that adorned these cool, lofty halls and rooms in years gone by, but at one museum we were able to see and touch some of the richly worked materials that hung in the rooms, and decorated the elephant howdas, and the small palki's-like Sedan chairs. Some idea of the immense wealth that existed, can be gained by the fact that when the Persians plundered Delhi and the surrounding area, they needed 1,000 horses, 7,000 elephants and 10,000 camels to carry the treasures back home, amongst which was the Peacock Throne, on which the Maharaja sat for public and private audiences, and to watch the dancing girls.

In one fort we were shown a small area,

where elephants were goaded into fighting each other, but the only ones we saw were placid creatures, that carried us up the long steep hill to the Amber Palace.

We were to have another ride of a very different kind, for after an hour's drive from Jeisalmer, where the Thar desert begins, we were met by a group of camels and their boys, who were waiting to take us on a ten minute ride out into the desert, where we gathered around a typical five piece band, who played to us until we had seen the sun set over the sands. What a contrast to the lovely gardens that we visited at Udaipur, with its geraniums and sweetpeas, petunias and antirrhinums, nasturtiums and many other plants and shrubs, all in flower at the same time.

Normally we left the train at about nine o'clock in the morning, but on one occasion we had to be ready to leave at seven o'clock for we were to visit a bird sanctuary. For half an hour we wandered along an earth road between two man-made lakes; then we were taken out in a flat bottomed punt, to glide quietly between the small islands, so that we could see the birds close to. There were 110 species resident there, which fed mainly on the fish, eels and frogs in the lake, while the 218 migrant varieties, which have been observed in the sanctuary, feed on the vegetation and insects.

## Goa

We were to spend the last five days in Goa, but unfortunately Joyce fell and broke her hip on the third day, which resulted in three days in hospital, and a further three days back in the hotel making the necessary arrangements for a stretcher, and an escort from the Bombay office, which the London Medical Department of British Airways wisely insisted upon, and a seat for myself. Had it not been for the efforts of two members of the British Airways staff, who happened to be on holiday at the same hotel, these arrangements might have taken much longer for the overloaded telephone system was useless, and the Telex only a little better. However, Joyce and I will always remember everyone's kindness, and the friendliness of the Goans, and apart from the wonderful and fascinating holiday, the great feeling of relief as we touched down at Heathrow, where we were met by our family, and an ambulance, which took us back to Folkestone.



Lord Lucas of Chilworth with Walter Thornton at the crossing in Parliament Square.

## TEXTURED PAVEMENTS

'Textured pavements' were officially launched by Lord Lucas of Chilworth, spokesman for the Department of Transport in the House of Lords, on Monday July 18, outside the Members' entrance of the House of Commons in Parliament Square. Our St. Dunstaner Walter Thornton, in his capacity of Chairman of the Advisory Committee of the National Mobility Centre, contributed towards the research project and was there to put the pavement to the test.

The new pavement is set level to the road with a ramp in place of the kerb to aid wheelchair users. It incorporates small round humps to enable blind people to recognise more easily that they are approaching a pedestrian crossing, and to align themselves straight to cross the road. 2,500 such pavements have been made for experimental sites all over the country. The use of the crossings will be monitored by the Transport Road Research Laboratory.

In his speech Lord Lucas said: "If we really care for the disabled it does need a lot of imagination and determination, but with any kind of will we can make life more tolerable for them".



Above, orderly, Peter Wiltshire navigating Harry Petty in his wheel chair aboard the coach.



Left, Keith Wakefield, one of our drivers, demonstrates the folding steps.

### NEW COACH LIFT

St. Dunstan's has become one of the first places in the country to install a new type of coach lift in one of its coaches at Ian Fraser House. The 'welfare lift' has been designed by Ratcliffe Tail Lifts Ltd. to overcome the need for two entrances—one for the lift and one for pedestrian access—if a coach is to be used by disabled people.

As the new lift can be quickly converted into 3 conventional steps, only one entrance to the coach is needed making valuable seating space available and reducing the cost of body building.

### A Memorable Visit

#### Correction

583 E.O.D. Squadron is 'Royal Engineers' not 'R.A.' as printed in the August *Review*.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

From Mr. E. Ford, Middlesbrough

Our holiday in Sarawak was wonderful, in fact the whole trip from London Airport to Dubai, Singapore, where we stayed for two nights, and then on to Bintulu via Kuching and Sibul, was indeed the trip of a lifetime. Although we had never flown before we managed to take everything in our stride. I got quite proud of myself actually, the way we managed, in strange places. We had a lovely time, everyone on the camp was very kind to us, making us very welcome and inviting us to everything that went on in the camp. We spent time at the pool and on the beach, which was deserted almost all the time except for Sundays. The sea was so warm it was a joy to be in, so you can imagine we got quite brown. We spent one day with families and children celebrating the birthday of the Dutch Queen, there are quite a few Dutch people working out there, and had trips up the Bintulu River and also a very quiet jungle river which looked as though it had been undisturbed for 1000 years. We visited a Malayan home on stilts on the edge of a river on the Dayak and also a Long House.

We flew to Sabah for 3 days, to the capital Kota Kinabalu which used to be called Jessleton. It was flattened by the Japanese during the war so it is mostly a very modern city. On our way home we stayed in Kuching for two days, we had to change planes there anyway so thought we may as well. We took pictures of the War Memorial, which is quite impressive, also of the lovely parks, etc.

When we got to Singapore we had several day trips to Kranji Cemetery, the harbour and Johore. After meeting our grand-daughter arriving from school here in England and seeing her on to Sarawak for her summer holiday, we went on a coach tour up into Malay Peninsula as far as Penang. This too was a great experience since we were the only Europeans on the trip. All the rest were Singaporeans, mostly of Chinese extraction. They too, were very kind to us. The food was quite an experience too, since all the meals were eaten in Malay/Chinese restaurants.

From Mr. G.F. Pennington, South Glamorgan

I just returned last Saturday from the Advanced Sailing Course on the Solent and I must say I absolutely enjoyed every minute of it. I was allocated to the Nat West Bank's yacht, Portcullas 3, a thirty-six foot racing animal only commissioned in March this year, very fast, all the latest equipment, three speed winches, etc.

All the various Sailing Clubs we visited were absolutely marvellous, showers, use of club facilities, moorings, they were all kindness itself, all desperately wanting to help or be of assistance.

I was quite pleased that at the end I found I had passed the R.Y.A. Seamanship Advanced Sailing Course, and received a certificate to prove the point.

It really was a most wonderful week, but you really do have to want to be able to sail, and be prepared to work quite hard, but in saying this I would in no way want to put anyone off from trying it.

From Mr. P. Baker, M.C.S.P., Sidmouth, Devon

In case it is of interest to those who garden, or do odd jobs as I mainly do weeding and edging, Robby, in his last notes, talks of edging the lawn and using the good old long-handled shears. Years ago I found, being a total dim, sheep shears far better, as one needs to feel what one is doing. Since then my wife bought me some better ones made by Wilkinsons. One can use these for edging, and also for cutting down such as michaelmas daisies, etc. the obvious benefit over any ordinary shears being that one uses one hand and one's free hand is there as guide etc. and picker-up to put gubbins into trug.

From Miss Irene Newbold, Coventry

My family and I are so grateful for all your letters and cards of sympathy following the sudden death of Jim and for the floral tributes some of you sent.

I do just want to say a simple 'Thank You' to you all.

## INAUGURAL LECTURE

### Professor Maurice Aldridge in Johannesburg

Professor Maurice Aldridge, our St. Dunstaner teaching at the University of the Witwatersrand in Johannesburg, who recently published a book, 'English Quantifiers; a study of Quantifying Expressions in Linguistic Science and Modern English Usage', now has had his inaugural lecture, 'Linguistic Windows into the Nature of Mind', published by the university. He writes:

In the life of a full professor, the inaugural address probably represents the most paradoxical, enigmatic, exciting and awesome occasion in his career. The address is delivered only when, and if, he has survived the three year period of probation at his university—there are many who do not survive that rather long time of testing! It marks his full acceptance by the university community as a worthy incumbent of his chair and is, thus, a public address, open to town and gown without restriction. In it, the inaugurator is required to give full token of his ability as an academic and to show, if only by implication, what will be the major concern of his department in the coming years.

The inaugural is paradoxical in the sense that, before one may deliver it, one must have been confirmed. On the other hand, since most of one's colleagues are not involved in the process of deciding upon confirmation and are not, therefore, familiar with one's work, especially as a lecturer, it is the occasion when the victim is required to prove to his peers that they were not in error in confirming him. The difficulty with such an address is, of course, that it must be sufficiently high powered to interest other academics, including those in the same discipline and, at the same time, being truly public, must be sufficiently popular to hold the attention of the completely uninitiated. It is almost as though one were required to give a display of aerobatics to a flock of seagulls and duchesses simultaneously!

The whole event is highly ritualistic, with the inaugurator entering the lecture hall in the midst of an academic procession, in all the pomp and finery of doctoral scarlet and even grander robes of chancellorship. The opening address is given by the most senior academic, the deputy vice-

chancellor and, after the lecture, a speech of thanks is given by a senior colleague.

Actually, when I gave my inaugural, things went off fairly well. Luckily, the lecture was introduced by Prof. Karl Tober, a German scholar of extraordinary distinction and a man of the most generous disposition—he has since been elected as principal of the university. Karl was far more flattering than I could possibly deserve and Prof. Hammond-Tooke, an internationally known anthropologist, delivered a speech of thanks which was so witty and generous that it has already passed into the folklore of Wits' oratory. For my own part, my only anxiety was that I would make a total mess of the whole thing, especially as I had to read it verbatim from my braille script, but, *mirabile dictu* that seems not to have happened.

### NATIONAL METRO SPORTS

by Jimmy Wright

The National Metro Sports Competitions for the Visually Handicapped took place at Harringay Athletics Stadium on Saturday, 9th July.

Stan Tutton came second in the 3 kilometre walk for the totally blind with a time of 29 minutes 19 seconds, winning the silver award. Incidentally, Mike Brace, Chairman and founder member of the Metro Sports Club for the Visually Handicapped, was the winner of the walk in a time of 16 minutes 54 seconds, breaking his own British record for the totally blind.

Peter Walker came first in the Javelin event for the partially sighted with a distance of 29 metres 24, and third in the triple jump with a length of 10 metres 36.

The writer managed to come fourth in the walking race with a time of 29 minutes 24 seconds, but perhaps it might be best not to mention his result in the discus, javelin and shot put!

Once again, these national sports competitions for the visually handicapped were enthusiastically supported by athletes from all parts of the U.K., and several international and British records were broken. The meeting was a great tribute to the ability of the visually handicapped organisers and their helpers.

## WARMINSTER REPORT

by Harold Smith

Thursday 7th July was the start of our annual trip to the West Country. The more I think of the name, the more I feel it ought to be changed to 'Warm Hearted Minster', for this is the feeling that we got throughout our 5 day holiday with the Rotarians, Round Table and Inner Wheel, plus the ministrations of the School of Infantry and of course the Royal British Legion—in fact nearly the whole of Warminster! They put themselves out to make sure we had a marvellous time. I feel sure that this is the right time to say a big thank you for all those who were present at the camp.

We had many outings, tales of which I could fill the *Review* but dare not, especially the one where five men nearly forgot to go to church, arriving just in time for the sermon. You won't get away with it next year lads. Many of us have memories of our Sunday invitations to our particular family friends. Mine was sitting in the garden with the sound of the river falling gently over the

### ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

by 'Tiny' Pointon

In January I celebrated my 62nd birthday by going on a snow ski trip—just as well that I have a long suffering wife, because to celebrate our ninth Wedding Anniversary, what do you think happened? My first water ski trip of the season (well, it's better than drinking too much booze, to swallow a lot of lake!).

A variety of circumstances had prevented us from going to Lydd since the weather returned from the ice age; the lake being too full and too cold were the incidental ones. However, at long last we got there on the Saturday but I was apprehensive how badly I might have been affected by the receding youth and hair to match which had taken place since I was last on water skis in September of last year. But, a perfect days weather was something I could not resist and the enormous good will and encouragement, as well as every kind of help from other Lydd Water Ski Club members, was given so freely that I decided to have a go for the first trip on Saturday afternoon. My first deep water start was rather inelegant to say the least,

weir. Weatherwise this must have been the hottest visit on record. This entailed a larger fluid intake, purely 'medical' men I assure you.

One feature of the visit that must be marked, is the most generous gift of a garden seat, donated by Mrs. Roy Haslam in memory of Roy. This was placed just outside the Sergeants' Mess and we feel sure it will be occupied in spirit by Roy on the visits to come: thank you Mrs. Haslam.

Mac, you must have known we were coming, everything was perfect. I must not close this without mentioning the efforts of the Chairman Gordon, Phyl, Charles, Roland and Ken, Ray, Basil, Robin G. and of course RSM Newbold and staff who wine and dined us so magnificently.

One last vote of thanks is for the travel arrangements and refreshments supplied on our way down, mind you it was so hot returning that a 'pinta' might have solved our heat problem.

but I got up and only fell off once when I hit the wake awkwardly. I had an involuntary drink of lake and then the owners of the boat put my skis into my hands, and thanks to the training done in the Fraser House swimming pool, earned me the observation from one of them that they wished sighted skiers could get skis on as quickly.

After a good night's sleep, only being wakened at 7 a.m. by heavy rain which soon cleared, on with the swimming trunks, wet suit and jump jacket and at about 1 p.m. on the Sunday, off again, this time quite an improvement both on start and ski posture—mind you, not K.P. Masters stuff by a long chalk! Great Stuff, I thought, will have another go, which was when my receding youth made itself obvious! It took three goes to get up, but I made it and felt fine, but this morning a hefty chunk of oak is more flexible than I feel, in spite of the elation at finding there is life in the old dog yet!

I think that my wife enjoyed our anniversary, at least there have been no complaints so far—probably because our dogs had a ball over there too.

Now, how long is this Mediterranean weather going to hold so that I can make progress to barefooting—I wonder.

# A Moment to Spare with Syd Scroggie

## I HAVE BEEN HERE BEFORE

It is not vouchsafed to everybody, sixty-three years having passed, to return to his birthplace for the first time, in particular if this birthplace should be in some land other than the one where he got his schooling, grew up, married, and got his living, became a citizen of, in the cultural and social sense as much as the merely political. Under such circumstances to visit his birthplace is to open his eyes not only to its geographical nature, its laws and customs, its social atmosphere, but also to the kind of person, things having been otherwise, which he himself might have grown up to be, as different in his style, speech and assumptions as were the two countries involved, his merely native one and the country which early adopted him.

Lake Kootenay stretches eight miles northward from the U.S. border between the mountain ranges of southern British Columbia. Ospreys dive after fish in its waters, chipmunks and black squirrels inhabit its forested shores, and surrounded by snow-capped peaks the Kokanee Glacier feeds its chill air down into the valley below. An arm of the lake, where the Kootenay River leaves to join the Columbia beyond, reaches to the west, and it was to a tiny hamlet here in the spring of 1910 that two Scottish immigrants came, twenty years of age, physically fit, and aiming at making some kind of life for themselves in what was then a wild and primitive environment. The sons of gentle families they had long prepared themselves for the rigours of



life on this Canadian frontier, working on a farm back home, learning to bake bread, and not least making themselves proficient, with a view to a rough-and-tumble existence, in ju-jitsu and boxing.

Scott and Scroggie settled around Harrop, built their own shack, and set about taming the area of bush, untouched since Creation, allocated them by the Provincial government of the day. Hummingbirds hovered round blossom in the summer, grizzly bears came about in the winter, nosing after food, and what with the ring of axe and the rip of saw a home was created, a means of livelihood secured, much like the others around, adequate at least for subsistence. The glamour of Jack London and Robert W. Service, whose books had turned two adolescent heads, was replaced by the realities, exacting and inexorable, of life in the Kootenays as this was dictated both by time and place. The surroundings were rugged and beautiful, but as a Canadian pioneer once said you can't live on scenery.

Here I was born, the coyotes howling at night, the bald eagles soaring by day, the waters of Kootenay Lake imperturbably lapping the pebbles. Here, as things went, I was never to return 'til my late middle years, having left the hamlet of Harrop in my infancy and so far as anyone could guess for ever. But only this year, I came back, myself and my wife Margaret, and camping on the shores of the lake sniffed the same air, cool and drizzly on this



*Mr. and Mrs. Norman Perry, Miss Barbara Bell and Miss Joan Clark and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lawrence outside St. Dunstan's before leaving for Buckingham Palace and the Royal Garden Party. Through Barbara speaking with the Lord Chamberlain, she and her escort and Mr. and Mrs. Perry were introduced to Her Majesty the Queen. "She took my hand, firmly, in hers, lifted it and gave it a hearty squeeze", said Barbara, who had hesitated to offer her hand. "I thought it showed thoughtfulness on her part".*

## Syd Scroggie—continued

occasion, which had first activated a squalling infant in the autumn of 1919.

Scott was long dead, blown up in the Great War, likewise my father, Scott's partner and friend in that adventurous exploit of old, but the same ospreys dived after fish in the lake, the same chipmunks hopped about in the grass, as observed by these plaid-shirted immigrants.

The Kokanee Glacier, subject to forces uncontrollable by man, fed down its slow-moving ice to the valley below as inexorably and imperturbably as before. But Nick Dosenberger, a local farmer, provided a human link with the past, that past which is important to me, a native. At eighty years of

age his memory is clear regarding the old days in Harrop, he himself having arrived there from Hungary to join his father in 1908. The cable-ferry pulled itself over the West Arm of Kootenay Lake, the wooden cabins of Harrop showed amongst trees on the opposite shore. "Scott and Scroggie," said old Dosenberger; "I remember them coming here. Scott's first job was on my father's farm."

Here at home are the old family albums, the towering Selkirk range, my father's shack, the shot grizzly sprawled amongst tree-stumps, but it took the words of Nick Dosenberger, the Kootenays themselves odoriferously and audibly around, to bring these dead snapshots to life.



Above, Adjustment for Jimmy of the two way radio link which kept him in contact with the ground.

## St. Dunstaners Parakiting Record

Sponsored attempt on the Parakiting Record for a Disabled Person, in aid of the Royal School for the Blind Development Appeal

by Jimmy Wright

Photos: Mac Smith

Left, The line tightens and in a few seconds Jimmy and Andy will be airborne.



On 22nd May, Brian Tripp and his Land-beach Parakite Display Team, staged sponsored parakiting for disabled young people and others, at a Celebrities Cricket Match at B.P.'s Meadhurst Club, Sunbury-on-Thames, with all proceeds going to the Royal School for the Blind at Leatherhead. That was my first attempt at parakiting and I thought it a marvellous experience.

Brian Tripp discussed the kind of heights that he thought it might be possible to attain, using the appropriate tow-line, a large enough space within which to operate, coupled with the right wind conditions. We discussed the current world record of 1,200 feet for a disabled person and Brian felt that we could easily beat it. The International Parascending Championships were to be held during the week of 21st August at North Weald Aerodrome, and Brian suggested we might make a sponsored attempt on the altitude parakiting record for a disabled person on this occasion.

August 25th was chosen as the date for the attempt, subject to the weather conditions being favourable; the parakiting team

don't take up disabled people if the wind speed is in excess of about 14 m.p.h. Chief Superintendent Fred Luff, who is in charge of Shepherds Bush Police Station and who is helping me with some fund raising for the RSB, drove me to North Weald Airfield in Essex, where we arrived soon after 7 a.m., to be greeted by Frances Coverdale of BBC TV News, along with her cameraman and sound recordist. There was a chilly breeze blowing but not sufficiently strong to cancel the attempt. I donned a sweater and the standard parakite team's red overalls and crash helmet, and made my way over to the launch point. I was to be accompanied by Andy Cowley, the World Parascending Champion and designer of the 450 square foot parachute which measured 30 feet by 15, and was shaped like the wing section of an aircraft. The parachute harness is designed in such a way that as soon as one is airborne, one is in a comfortable sitting position. After the team had made certain that the harness was fitting perfectly, the safety clips were fastened and the tow-line attached. Andy's harness was attached eighteen inches away from mine, so that when in flight, he would be behind and slightly above me. A two-way radio was attached to my harness, and we were ready for the lift-off.

### Up and away

The slack of the tow-line was taken up, and soon the giant parachute lifted into the air and Andy and I were gently pulled forward as the tow-line tightened, and on tip-toe we were pulled from side to side and then the tension of the line increased and we were up and away with great speed. Andy had an altimeter and camera in readiness to photograph the meter at the time when we had broken the altitude record. As we shot aloft, he read off the height from time to time, so that I was able to keep those on the ground informed of our progress. 1,000 was reached within a matter of seconds, and as soon as Andy indicated 1,600 feet, I announced that we had well and truly broken the record, and at just over 2,000 feet, the Land Rover with the winch hit some soft ground, and it was necessary to release the tow-line, otherwise we might have reached an even higher altitude. It was a marvellous feeling floating high in the air, rather like sitting in a swing as we turned from left to right, taking



'We have lift-off!'—Jimmy Wright and Andy Cowley soar upwards with the tow-line still attached.

advantage of the wind as Andy took us to the perimeter of the airfield and back over the crowd below for a super touch-down near our launch point.

### Gentle landing

Brian's team moved forward quickly to catch me on the point of impact, which was rather more gentle than on our practice run a few days earlier, when we were caught by a gust of wind and made quite a hard landing, but without any ill-effects.

I had hoped that if the weather conditions had been suitable, we might have attempted a solo flight for me using a much smaller parachute and using the two-way radio for directions, but the wind was too strong, and that experience must await another day.



## D. F. Robinson's GARDENING NOTES

May I hope that you all had good holidays and that the garden was in good shape on your return. There will no doubt be plenty of things to be done in order to bring everything to the condition that you really like, despite being well looked after.

Do remember to get all the orders for bulbs to give colour outside in the spring and any needed for colour in the home. Rearranging the flower beds can be done now, plus any new plants you want to have in place before the winter frosts arrive.

Naturally there will be plenty of leaves coming off the trees and making a mess of the beds and lawn, so get the fork and hard brush to get all cleaned up and stop places for the insects to live in the winter. These leaves are very good items for the compost heap. Get all the gravel paths and walks well rolled and repaired where necessary.

### Vegetables

Still keep the hoe going and rake up the weeds, which can be placed on the compost heap, plus the bean and pea haulms. Dig over the empty areas fairly deeply and leave for the frost to break down. This will make it so much easier for making and breaking up for the spring sowing of seeds. A covering of manure or compost will do good, and where you have heavy clay sprinkle some gypsum around at the same time. This will break up the clay and give you some good soil to use.

Get all the main crop carrots and beet lifted as soon as the leaves wilt, and leave on the top soil to dry off, before storing in the shed covered with some dry sand or even peat. Do ensure that you have all the main crop potatoes dug up and stored in a shed away from frost. Hessian bags are the best bags for storing. Thin out any rows of onions and turnips which you may have planted for next year's use. Fresh rhubarb crowns can be set out in their permanent spots. Brussels will be showing their worth by now, so keep them going well and strip off any leaves which are going yellow or the sprout buds may suffer. Also ensure that the plants are firm in the soil and stake any which are shaky.

### Lawns

Get the mower put away for the winter. Clean up thoroughly and put some light oil on the mobile parts, plus grease on the blades, to stop rust on either hand or power driven machines. It might be a good thing to give the edges of the lawn a trim with the shears. Turf can be laid this month either to make a new lawn, or to repair the various bad areas which are showing a plentiful growth of weeds, especially where the weed killer did not do its job properly.

### Fruit

Thin out the fruit on apples, pears and plums, which still have a rather large crop, so as to get quality later on, especially the types which are for storing. Get the grease bands in place on the main trunks of the trees as this will cut down the crop of insects next year. The mature insects climb the main stem from the ground to find suitable places in the branches, twigs and leaves to lay their eggs. Thin out the branches/shoots on the black currant and red currant bushes down to ground level. I have found that on being unmerciful in my pruning last season I got a very large crop, and it stopped a good deal of 'Big Bud'. All shoots should be stopped and thinned on gooseberries as well. Cut away all those canes on raspberries and loganberries which have fruited, thin young growth out to a few and stop these when grown to a reasonable height. Get rid of all superfluous runners on the strawberries, though if you are short of some young plants retain a few. It is a good time to buy in new fruit trees for replacing old ones or to make an orchard. Do have the soil really well dug over with some compost or manure added ready for the new arrivals.

### Flowers

At this time of the year it is a good idea to rearrange borders if necessary. I would think very hard before making changes as you may find it more difficult to move about in the new conditions for some time. The best thing would be to replace some existing shrubs which are getting old, out of

hand and not giving much in the way of colour. New perennials can also be planted, or dig up some of your present items and thin them out at root level, discarding the centre pieces but replanting the outer pieces with good roots. It will also give you extra pieces for other parts of the garden.

Get up all the dahlia tubers and gladioli corms before the frosts come along. After digging up shake off all the soil and dry off for a while, then store in boxes or trays of sand or dry peat, in a frost-proof shed.

Clear all the beds of summer bedding items unless there still is some colour and fork over to get rid of the weeds and make for good soil for next year's planting. Ensure that you have got all the spring flowering bulbs in their places. Where you have a heavy clay soil it might be a good idea to put some sand in the holes where you are planting the bulbs. Hardy biennials such as wallflowers for spring flowering can be set in their places.

It might be a good thing to cut the tops off those rather tall roses to stop the winter gales from rocking them too much and so loosen them at root level. Leave main pruning till spring but cut away stems where there is 'Black Spot', and if the infection has been very bad on some bushes it might be a good idea to dig up and discard on the bonfire.

### Greenhouse

Where you have plants in pots for a winter and spring show, get the heat going at night whenever there is a chance of frost about and keep the windows shut. Cut out heat during the day and give plenty of ventilation.

Many of the bulbous items such as achimenes, begonias and gloxinias will be finished and leaves starting to die off, so cut down on the water and retain in their pots near the warmer part of the greenhouse until early spring when one can start them off again. Keep the geraniums which were saved from the garden a little on the dry side but not completely without water. The cuttings which were taken earlier will need more moisture to have good plants next year.

Cyclamen will be growing well so give them a feed every so often, plus a spot with plenty of light. Late chrysanthemums will need regular disbudding, so as to get really large blooms. The same can be said of carnations. Calceolarias and cinerarias will be

in their flowering pots. Give them good light, plenty of water and some feed every so often. Bring in any pot roses before frosts wreak havoc, plus any azelias which you have forgotten, so you can have a show at Xmas.

The solanums (winter cherry) will be turning to their red colour and need a feed every so often to keep the colour of the cherry and leaves good. Don't overdo heat or water or you may lose the berries before they have really set. Do ensure that all plants that are brought in from outside are clear of insects and disease and give a spray just in case.

Where you may still have some tomatoes with fruit on them, it would be a good idea to pick even if not ripe and put them on a sunny window sill to ripen the fruit. This I have often done with great success. Throw out the small ones and the plants onto the compost heap. Spread the soil from any pots or bags on garden.

To start the autumn and winter clear of pests and diseases, light a combined smoke especially as a deterrent against white fly on cinerarias which seem to harbour them.



This attractive floral picture was designed, drawn and painted by Mrs. Katherine Rowe, wife of St. Dunstan Mr. Eric Rowe. Mrs. Rowe's design was taken up by the Federation of Women's Institutes. They have had it printed on notelets which they are now selling in aid of their funds. Mrs. Rowe is Secretary of the Minehead branch of the W.I.



Above, Mr. Kenneth Baker, M.P., Minister for Information Technology, examining the Alpha-vision closed circuit T.V. reading aid for the partially sighted.



Left, A demonstration of the Micro Braille.

## CONCERNED TECHNOLOGY

The first of the Concerned Technology Travelling Exhibitions took place on the 9th September, at the Pier Dome in Hastings. The exhibition, funded by the Department of Trade and Industry, has been organised to encourage the development of aids and micro chip equipment for disabled people. A wide range of aids were on show including devices for the blind, one of which is the Micro Braille MB2400. 'Concerned Technology' will travel to a total of 29 venues during the next year, closing in Inverness on 22nd July 1984.

The organisers would like to hear from any St. Dunstaners who would be prepared to man a stand and help demonstrate some of the equipment. Meals will be provided and assistance will be given with accommodation if necessary. If you are interested in manning a stand please contact the P.R. Department at Headquarters.

## CONCERNED TECHNOLOGY

### Exhibition Timetable

7-9/10/83	Plymouth
12-14/10/83	London
21-21/10/83	Newquay
28-30/10/83	Milton Keynes
4-6/11/83	Ipswich
11-13/11/83	Norwich
9-12/2/84	Birmingham
17-19/2/84	Shrewsbury
24-26/2/84	Nottingham
2-4/3/84	Manchester
9-11/3/84	Hull
16-18/3/84	Darlington
23-25/3/84	Newcastle
4-6/5/84	Swansea
11-13/5/84	Aberystwyth
19-20/5/84	Caernarfon
25-27/5/84	Belfast
1-3/6/84	Liverpool
8-10/6/84	Lancaster
15-17/6/84	Carlisle
22-24/6/84	Glasgow
29/6-1/7/84	Edinburgh
6-8/7/84	Dundee
13-15/7/84	Aberdeen
20-22/7/84	Inverness

## STANDARD CHARTERED ABILITIES AWARD

Jimmy Wright OBE, DFC, and Mrs. Jan Wright were this year's recipients of the Abilities Award presented by the Standard Chartered Bank in London on Tuesday 5th July. It is given for 'outstanding achievement in enabling people with severe disabilities to realise their full abilities and independence'. The Award is a portable video camera which, with guidance from Jimmy and Jan, will be used to help disabled people make video films.

## RETIREMENT

Fred Dickerson of Bristol retired in May after 37 years service as a telephonist with Barclays Bank. He began in London at the Regent Street Branch but later transferred to the Corn Street Branch in Bristol.

For 32 years Fred travelled to work from his home at Fishponds in Bristol to the Bank and he chose the time of his retirement to express his thanks, through the local press, to bus drivers and fellow travellers on his route for the help he received over the years—a very nice thought.

## TRIATHLON

Keen sportsman, Ray Peart, of Gloucester, took part in a Triathlon over the August Bank Holiday, to raise money for local disabled. The Triathlon was organised as part of the two weeks of Gloucester's Centenary celebrations. Ray had to swim one and a half miles, then bicycle 56 miles and finally run a half marathon over the Haresfield Hills, a distance of some 13 miles! He was one of ten, out of the original 15, to finish, with a time of 6 hrs. 28 mins. This was an admirable achievement, even though Ray says 'the hills took it out of me' and is intent on improving his running speed.

Ray used his newly purchased tandem for the cycling event, accompanied by Roger Roberts, while his wife partnered him during the run, on her bicycle. So far Ray has raised over seventy pounds as a result of his great effort and money is still pouring in.

## MR. J. NEWBOLD

We are very sad to report the sudden death of Mr. Jim Newbold, which occurred at his home on the 10th August. As the brother of our Welfare Visitor, Miss Irene Newbold, Jim was well-known to the St. Dunstaners in her area, not least those he chauffeured to and from Brighton on so many occasions. We were most appreciative of his ever willing help and he will be sadly missed.

**The Chairman writes:** We all send our sympathy to Miss Newbold in the loss of her brother, who gave her so much support in her work. Jim Newbold was a very good friend to St. Dunstan's.

## ADDITION TO R.N.I.B. CATALOGUE

### Football with bells (catalogue no 9232)

This 500 gram football is available in white with a diameter of 21.5 cm and is suitable for both indoor and outdoor games. £10.61

### Medicine ball with bells (catalogue no 9233)

This 2 kgs ball is available in brown with a diameter of 27 cm and is suitable for Goal Ball. £17.71.

## Welcome to St. Dunstan's



*On behalf of St. Dunstan's, we welcome a St. Dunstaner recently admitted to membership and the Review hopes he will settle down happily as a member of our family.*

**John Rowles** of Staines, joined St. Dunstan's on the 5th July.

Mr. Rowles, who is 76, was in the Regular Army and enlisted in 1927. During the Second World War he served as a Gunner in the Royal Horse Artillery, when, as a result of a land-mine explosion, he lost his right eye.

Prior to enlistment, Mr. Rowles was in the Metropolitan Police Force and after the war was employed as a clerk until retiring in 1966.

### RNIB INCREASES ITS BRAILLE AND TAPE OUTPUT

RNIB's six month old Customer Liaison Unit, which deals with requests for Braille and tape, is now organising the production of a wealth of material ranging from DHSS pamphlets to gardening books and slimming magazines. Once requested material has been transcribed it is made available either free to keep or on loan to any interested blind person. Titles are listed every month in the New Beacon and in braille monthly additions.

The Customer Liaison Unit welcomes requests from individuals. If you want information on a new hobby or piece of equipment, a legal matter, your consumer rights—ring the Unit on 01-837 9921. If the material you want is not already available from RNIB (or elsewhere) they can usually arrange to have it transcribed or recorded for you.

### MR. LAURIE SLADE

Several St. Dunstaners have suggested a fund to provide for a gift to Mr. Slade, whose resignation was reported in our August issue. Mr. W. Weisblatt has agreed to act as Treasurer and contributions may be sent to him at Headquarters; 191 Old Marylebone Road, London NW1 5QN.

### MUSEUM OF LONDON TAPE GUIDE FOR BLIND VISITORS

Individual blind visitors to the Museum of London can now be provided with a tape guide, giving information about more than 20 objects they can touch. All the items are on permanent display in the galleries and blind and partially sighted visitors should ask at the Reception Desk for loan of a personal player, together with a brief written guide for a sighted companion if desired.

The Museum, situated at London Wall EC2, is open on Tues.—Sat. from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and on Sunday from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.

### BRUSH UP YOUR BRIDGE

Below is another Bridge problem to test your skill.

#### Solution on page 22

Dealer W (4)		Game all
	N	
	S Q.J.10.7.	
	H Q.	
	D K.J.7.4.	
	C 9.5.4.2.	
	W	E
S K.9.5.3.		S A.6.4.2.
H J.10.9.2.		H 8.6.5.4.3.
D Q.9.8.3.		D 2.
C 3.		C 8.7.6.
	S	
	S 8.	
	H A.K.7.	
	D A.10.6.5.	
	C A.K.Q.J.10.	

### WORD SEARCH COMPETITION

Win a small cash prize in time for Christmas. How many words can you derive from the phrase, "Never go with a stranger"? Words may not be less than 3 letters in length, and must contain the letter 'a' in each. Words may not be plurals, proper names, slang, abbreviations or initials. Ideally, lists should be submitted with words grouped under the same letter heading.

Your answers must reach the Editor by 30th November, being clearly marked with your name and address. 1st prize: £10, 2nd prize: £5.

## READING TIME

by Phillip Wood

Cat. No. 2676

### Indian Summer

by James Cameron

Read by Robert Gladwell

Reading Time 9½ hrs.

For twenty-five years the celebrated journalist has known and loved India, here, in his characteristically astringent and idiosyncratic style, he gives his impressions of that country.

In 1971 he returned to the sub-continent with his new Indian wife, travelling the length and breadth of the country, recording his impressions, and seeing a new India through the eyes of his wife and her family.

He talks of the shimmering beauty, the appalling poverty, the richness and the stinking squalor, the ancient wisdoms and the unbelievable incompetence of this, 'the most dishonest society on earth'.

The 'exclusive' clubs, where, under the British Raj, no Indian dared to set foot, still flourished, with the same silly pretentiousness—except now the faces were brown.

Cameron talked with some of the Maharajahs deposed and dispossessed by Mrs. Gandhi. Said one, 'she might have left us our dignity—after all we have nothing else left'.

An absorbing book in which Cameron, shrewd observer and iconoclast, covers a wide range of topics concerning this enigmatic, despairing, infuriating, beautiful country.

Cat. No. 3186

### The Year of the Conquest

by David Howarth

Read by George Hagan

Reading Time 8 hours

1066 promised to be a very good year for the English. There was peace in the land, a succession of unusually mild winters and dry summers had produced high yield harvest, the people were well fed and prosperous and even the detested taxes had been reduced. In a few short months the

scene was to change dramatically and tragically, with the land put to fire and sword, thousands of innocent people slaughtered and the survivors left homeless and starving, under the domination of a foreign invader.

Edward the Confessor died in January, leaving no heir, and Harold was crowned King. Duke William of Normandy was dismayed and furious at the news. He claimed that for fifteen years all Europe had regarded him as Edward's rightful heir.

His claim was, to say the least, tenuous, so he persuaded the Pope to give his blessing to 'this Holy war to bring the errant English Church back to Rome'. The rest, as they say, is history.

The book raises some fascinating imponderables and unanswered questions. Did Harold, as William claimed, make a pact with him in 1064 in which, upon Edward's death, Harold would become *de facto* head of state, with William as nominal ruler? If Harald Hadrada had not invaded when he did, would William have still won the day? The Channel weather was astonishingly kind to the Normans. If the wind had changed in direction (11th century boats were unable to tack) would our twentieth century lifestyle be very different?

I found this a most interesting book. School history lessons were never like this! More's the pity.

Cat. No. 2698

### A Three Pipe Problem

by Julian Symons

Read by David Strong

Reading Time 7 hrs.

In the space of a couple of weeks, three men are murdered in London. Each one is from a different walk of life. There is nothing to connect the three—except the manner of their death. Each was killed by a sharp blow on the back of the neck.

Det. Chief Supt. Devonnage is completely baffled by these apparently motiveless crimes. There are no clues, no logical starting point to his investigations.

But help is at hand, enter Sherlock Holmes, or rather Sheridan Haynes, actor. Haynes is playing the Great Detective in a long-running television series. Over the months he has become totally absorbed in the part, studying in the minutest detail the methods of the Master. He has, so to speak, got right inside the skin of Sherlock Holmes. He decides to take on the case.

The newspapers are delighted at this bizarre turn of events. Less delighted are the television company and threaten to terminate his contract if he goes ahead with his half-baked scheme. His wife is not too enthusiastic either, she tells him that if he is bent on making a complete fool of himself in public, she's off. And off she goes.

Nothing daunted, 'Sher', as he likes to be called, sets about his self-appointed task. For his 'Baker Street Irregulars' he recruits a most unlikely group, the local Traffic Wardens, with the supervisor as his Watson...

And does Sherlock Holmes Mark 2 succeed in solving the Case of the Karate Killings? To reveal that would be spoiling the fun. All I am prepared to divulge is that the Black Nasties didn't do it.

## CLUB NEWS

### MIDLAND

#### Outing to the Severn Valley Railway

Our outing on 10th July to the Severn Valley Railway was a great success. The day dawned bright and clear, everybody was on time for the coach 'knowing they had a train to catch'. On arrival at Bewdley we had an hour to inspect the steam engines and G.W. carriages, also the buffet where we made up for an early breakfast. We had a reserved carriage to ourselves and were well looked after by the guard. The train left on time at 11.55 a.m., for the 12½ mile journey to Bridgnorth. We travelled alongside the river for most of the way, through some of the most beautiful countryside in the county. We had stops at 5 lovely little country stations and had one hold up in a siding to wait for the down train to go by; this was no bother at all, as there was a bar and a restaurant carriage attached to our carriage with easy access to

### CASSETTE LIBRARY ADDITIONS

These may be obtained by sending a blank cassette to the PR Department

- SD 24 C90 2 FEPOW programmes
- SD 25 C90 Gardener Magazine for April '83
- SD 26A C90 Savoury recipes
- SD 26B C90 Sweet recipes
- SD 27 C90 Gardener Magazine for July '83
- R 55 C90 Ragchew for May '83
- R 57 C90 Technical Innovations Bulletin (TIB) for Jan '83.
- R 58 C90 TIB Apr '83.
- R 59 C90 TIB Jul '83.
- R 60 C90 IRTI catalogue for spring '83.
- R 61 2 C90's SKTF for spring '83

### BRIDGE SOLUTION

A very unlucky slam. Six diamonds has no chance and in six clubs, the best line of discarding two diamonds on the A.K. of hearts then ruffing a diamond fails because of the four-one break.

both. The journey took just under the hour and most of us would have liked it to go on for another hour at least.

Our coach was waiting for us when we arrived at Bridgnorth station ready to take us all up into the town. We had to leave some of our party at the station, as one of the ladies was taken ill while on the train and was eventually taken to hospital. The rest of us explored the town, then took the cable car down to the river and sat (or slept), until it was time to join the coach for the return journey home, as it had turned out so hot.

On the way home we called in at 'The Badgers Hole' and sat in the garden for an hour or two with our liquid refreshment. We arrived back in Birmingham around 9.30 p.m. having enjoyed an interesting outing.



Joe Kibbler and Eddie Hordyniec by the Dining Car.

### AUGUST

Our August meeting was held on Sunday 14th. It was a rather depleted meeting owing to several members being on holiday; but all were very pleased to see Bruno and George back from a holiday in Poland. We all sent our condolences to his sister on the death of her husband while Bruno was over there.

We had a very pleasant meeting discussing our outing of last month which was enjoyed by all who came, plans were made for our Christmas Dinner and Children's Party. Several games were played off in our Domino Competition both doubles and singles. An excellent tea was put on by the Ladies who were thanked in our usual way.

The meeting came to an end rather later than usual around 7 p.m. Our next meetings will be on Sundays: October 9th, November 6th and December 11th, which will be the Children's Party.

*E. Hordyniec*

### BRIGHTON

#### Entertainment Section

Regardless of the very hot evening on July 16th, a reasonable number supported the social club and bowlers dance. Prizes for the Sir Michael Ansell Bowling Competition were presented by Mr. Len Bridge, an Honorary member and good friend of the Club, to Walford Davies, Jimmy Morrish and Harry Preedy, well done.

The indoor competitions are coming to an end and we look forward to the club meetings commencing again on Sept. 7th, when we hope that the members who have been unable to come recently will join us again.

Please do not forget the Annual Dinner Dance which is being held at Butlins Hotel, Saltdean, on November 10th. The cost of the five-course meal plus coffee is £5.50 for members and £8.50 for non-members.

Any newcomers to the area will be made most welcome if they would like to join the Brighton Club.

*Phyllis O'Kelly*

### Bridge

#### RESULTS FOR INDIVIDUALS AND PAIRS

#### BRIDGE PAIRS 3rd July 1983

##### NORTH/SOUTH

R. Evans : Mrs. Barker	60.8
W. Lethbridge : Mr. Goodlad	53.3
R. Freer : Mrs. Macpherson	45.8
Mr. & Mrs. Bradbury	40.0

##### EAST/WEST

W. Phillips : Dr. Goodlad	55.8
R. Pacitti : Mrs. Pacitti	49.2
J. Majchrowicz : Miss Stenning	48.3
A. Dodgson : Mrs. Buller King	46.6

#### 7th August 1983

Mr. & Mrs. Padley	2150
Mr. & Mrs. Turner	2050
Mr. Tybinski : Mrs. Penney	980
Mrs. Macpherson : Mrs. Buller King	560

#### INDIVIDUALS 3rd July 1983

G. Hudson	69.2
W. Lethbridge	58.0
W. Phillips	56.8
J. Whitcombe	55.7
R. Freer	54.6
W. Allen	53.4
J. Majchrowicz	48.9
J. Padley	48.9
F. Dickerson	42.0
P. McCormack	40.9
R. Pacitti	39.8
R. Fullard	31.8

*Bill Phillips, Captain.*

## Bowling

Once again our outdoor bowling season seems to be speeding towards its close, but we are able to report that our bowlers have enjoyed meeting many old friends, and making new ones, during our visits to sighted bowling clubs who invite us each year.

On Monday June 20th, 12 bowlers, accompanied by wives and escorts, made the trip to Marine Gardens Bowling Club at Worthing, where a very good afternoon was spent on the Bowling Green and a fine tea was provided by our hosts, to whom we send our sincere thanks.

On Tuesday July 5th we visited our old friends at Hurstpierpoint Bowling Club, where once again a very enjoyable afternoon was had by all. On Sunday July 17th we made the long awaited trip to Woolston Bowling Club, Southampton, where a wonderful reception awaited us. What a wonderful cheerful club this is, and the hospitality bestowed upon us was out of this world. It was great meeting such friends again, and the three or four of our bowlers who had never visited Woolston before were quite taken with the day and vowed that they would be returning to Woolston as soon as possible.

On Friday 22nd July we visited Rottingdean Bowling Club for our annual fixture, and it was grand to have our Club President, Mrs. E. Dacre, with us on this occasion and once again a very enjoyable afternoon was had by all. On Saturday July 30th we made the trip to Mayford Bowling Club at Woking and although it was a very hot day, the bowling was very competitive. Despite losing a few pounds in weight, due to the weather, the day was very enjoyable and we are looking forward to meeting our friends from this Club in the near future.

*H. Preedy*

## ST. DUNSTAN'S OUTDOOR TOURNAMENT

The first St. Dunstan's Outdoor Bowls Tournament took place during the week of July 11th-16th, at the Queen's Park Bowling Green. There were 19 competitors in all, 9 TB and 10 PS in two leagues making 81 matches in all. The weather could not have been kinder with temperatures in the 80's each day. In fact for some of the very hard

working wives looking after their husbands on the green it was too hot and as a consequence they had to give up, but glad to say no one suffered the pangs of sun-stroke.

Pack lunches and refreshment were provided daily, most excellent they were, and we were able to create our own picnic atmosphere in what is a very nice park.

As you can imagine to get all the bowlers, escorts, officials and refreshment to and fro, required good departmental co-operation, therefore may I say thank you to the Lounge Desk staff for providing us with C.A. help each day, also to the transport and catering staff.

Prizes were presented at the St. Dunstan's Brighton Sports & Social Club dance held in the annexe on the Saturday evening, where a nice time was enjoyed by all.

No tournament can ever be successful without the help of the wives and other outside helpers who are always on hand at such occasions, particularly the umpires who very often have to make unwelcome decisions, so a special thank you to Mrs. Stubbs, Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Cope and last but not least out stalwarts Mr. & Mrs. Bridge whose stamina seems to get better as they get older.

*J. Carnochan*

### RESULTS

#### T.B.

Name	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.A.			Pts.	P/ice
					Shots	Agg.			
J. Cope	8	7	-	1	114	44	70	14	1
P. Stubbs	8	7	-	1	88	27	61	14	2
J. Prior	8	5	1	2	45	59	-14	11	3
W. Allen	8	5	-	3	53	51	2	10	4
A. Waters	8	4	1	3	55	69	-14	9	5
H. Preedy	8	4	-	4	52	73	-21	8	6
E. Richards	8	1	1	6	34	89	-55	3	7
R. Osborne	8	-	1	7	18	24	-6	1	8
R. Evans	8	-	-	8	4	27	-23	0	9

#### PS.

Name	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.A.			Pts.	P/ice
					Shots	Agg.			
R. Freer	9	9	-	-	128	53	75	18	1
R. Forshaw	9	7	-	2	124	68	56	14	2
G. Hudson	9	6	-	3	123	101	22	12	3
E. Brown	9	5	-	4	118	96	22	10	4
A. Carter	9	5	-	4	108	104	4	10	5
W. Davies	9	4	-	5	94	95	-1	8	6
T. Bradley	9	4	-	5	82	102	-22	8	7
D. Hodgson	9	3	-	6	80	110	-30	6	8
M. Golding	9	2	-	7	85	116	-41	4	9
T. Whitley	9	-	-	9	51	148	-97	0	10

## FAMILY NEWS

### PERSONAL ACHIEVEMENTS

#### Congratulations to:

Helen Griffen-Coles, granddaughter of *Mr. J. Kibbler* of Warley, who has become a Queen's Guide. Helen is 14 years old.

Rosalind, daughter of *Peter and Eileen Jones*, of Sheffield, on graduating from Magdalen College Oxford with a Second Class Honours degree in Modern Languages.

Bert Lloyd, son of Mrs. Dorothy Lloyd of Great Malvern and the late *Mr. Evan Lloyd*, who was ordained at St. Woolos Cathedral, Newport, Gwent, on the 2nd July.

Stephen Loska, son of *Mr. and Mrs. Jozef Loska* of Brighton, who has obtained a Second Class Honours degree in Politics at Sussex University.

Esther, daughter of *Mr. & Mrs. David Thomas* of Bury, who has gained good A level results and can now go on to achieve her ambition to train for physiotherapy. Esther will attend the Withington College in Manchester for the next three years.

Paula, younger daughter of Mrs. F.M. Revell, widow of *Mr. G.A. Revell*, of Watford, on gaining Second Class Honours in Electronic Engineering at Sheffield University, and on her marriage to Paul Anthony Turton on the 10th September.

*Mr. Alan Reynolds* of Shrewsbury, on his promotion to the Past Provincial Grand Registrar within the Provincial Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Shropshire.

### GRANDCHILDREN

#### Congratulations to:

*Mr. and Mrs. W. Bradshaw*, of Porthcawl, who are pleased to announce the birth of a new grand-daughter, Kelly Lois, born to their daughter Carol, and her husband on August 1st.

Mrs. Flora Cameron of Northolt, widow of *Mr. Robert Cameron*, who is pleased to announce the arrival of her fourth grand-child, Allison Rose, born on the 4th June to Ian and Susan Cameron.

Mrs. Gladys Carpenter, widow of *Mr. Alfred Carpenter*, of Ipswich, who is delighted to announce the arrival of her first grand-daughter, Shelley Louise, born to her daughter Louise and her husband Pete, on the 27th June.

*Mr. William Charity*, of Willesden, London, who is pleased to announce the arrival of a grand-daughter, Emma Caroline, born 29th July to his son and daughter-in-law, Phillip and Pauline Charity.

*Mr. and Mrs. Harry Harding* of Bagborough, near Taunton, who are delighted to announce the arrival of their third grandson, Wayne, on the 27th April, born to their son Rodney and his wife Sandra.

*Mr. and Mrs. L. Hollamby*, of Oldham, who are delighted to announce the arrival of a grand-daughter, Jennifer Lydia, who was born in May.

*Terry and Ann Horsfield* of Bath, who are delighted to announce the arrival of their first grandson, born to their eldest son Roger and his wife on August 2nd, 1983.

*Mr. Joseph Laverty* of County Down, Northern Ireland, who is delighted to announce the arrival of a grandson, Michael Joseph, born to his daughter, Maureen and her husband, Charles McKeown on the 10th June.

*Mr. and Mrs. S.W. Smith* of Worcester, who are pleased to announce the arrival of two new grand-daughters, Samantha Lin, born to their son Dave and his wife Lin on 13th May, and Elizabeth Jayne, born to their daughter Karen and her husband Colin on 7th July.

## FAMILY NEWS—continued

Mr. and Mrs. W.G. Stanley, of Peacehaven, who are pleased to announce the birth of their first grandson, Lee David Stanley, born to their son David and his wife Elizabeth on the 21st May.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Wilkins of Rotherham, who are pleased to announce the arrival of a grand-daughter, Charlotte Anne, born recently to Mrs. Wilkin's daughter Susan, and her husband.

## GREAT GRANDCHILDREN

### Congratulations to:

Mrs. Mary Duxbury, widow of Mr. Herbert Duxbury, of Buxton, who is delighted to announce the arrival of her second great grandson, Samuel John, born on the 30th June to her grandson, Michael and his wife Gill.

Mr. and Mrs. Forster, of Sidcup, who are pleased to announce the birth of their first great grandchild, Andrea Caren Jewett, on the 25th May.

Mrs. McGrath, widow of Mr. Edmond McGrath, of Plymouth, who is pleased to announce the arrival of a great grandson Mark, born on August 4th to her grandson Andrew, and his wife Karen.

Mr. and Mrs. George Nolan of Great Sutton, who are proud to announce the arrival of their first great grandson, Lyndon, born on the 24th June to their grand-daughter, Elaine and her husband, Michael Robinson.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Perrett of Devizes who are delighted to announce the arrival of two great grandsons, Michael Thomas, born to their grandson, Martin and his wife on April 15th, and a second great grandson born on the 7th July to their grand-daughter, Christine Gay and her husband.

## WEDDINGS

### Congratulations to:

Angela, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G.W. Bunting of Norwich, on her marriage to Mr. Robin Whitlam which took place on 30th July, at Christ Church, Catton, Norfolk.

Mrs. E. Simpson, widow of Mr. J.A. Simpson of Peacehaven, on the marriage of her daughter, June Marie, to Clive Kite on Saturday, 3rd September at Brighton Registry Office.

Mr. and Mrs. B. Temple of Petts Wood, on the marriage of their son John to Dorothy Dewar, on the 15th July in Cooper, Scotland.

## SILVER WEDDINGS

### Congratulations to:

Mr. and Mrs. P.M. Harry of Bridgend, Mid Glamorgan, on the occasion of their Silver Wedding Anniversary, on the 23rd August.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Jones of Sheffield, who celebrated their Silver Wedding Anniversary on the 26th July.

## PEARL WEDDING

### Congratulations to:

Mr. and Mrs. John Walbrugh of Woodgate, West Sussex, who celebrated their Pearl Wedding Anniversary on the 29th July.

## RUBY WEDDING

### Congratulations to:

Mr. and Mrs. S.R. Jones, of Leighton Buzzard, on the occasion of their Ruby Wedding Anniversary on the 17th August.

## GOLDEN WEDDINGS

### Congratulations to:

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Cork of Salisbury, who celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary on the 28th July.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Jones of Charlton, Kent, who celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary on the 3rd August.

## DIAMOND WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

### Congratulations to:

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Campion of Ewell, near Epsom, who celebrated their Diamond Wedding Anniversary on the 17th July. They received a congratulatory message from H.M. The Queen.

## FAMILY NEWS—continued

## WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

### Congratulations to:

Mr. George Pullen and his wife, Doris, of Leigh-on-Sea, who celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary with their family and friends at a local hotel on the 6th September.

## DEATHS

### We offer sympathy to:

Mr. Shirley D.W. Blackmore, of Fareham, whose elderly mother passed away recently.

Mrs. Ivy Emerson of Horley, widow of Mr. Arthur Emerson, on the death of her brother, following a serious operation.

Mr. W.D. Faulkner, of Sutton Coldfield, on the loss of his father who passed away on the 24th July at the age of 83.

Mr. Joseph Foran of Langley, whose brother, Frank Foran, died suddenly on the 14th July.

Mr. D.R. 'Bob' Forshaw and his wife, Grace, of Bognor Regis, on the tragic loss of their grand-daughter, Amy Louise, who passed away on the 23rd July, aged sixteen years. Amy was the elder child of their daughter, Mrs. Susan Elizabeth Stevens, and we offer heartfelt sympathy to Mrs. Stevens, her husband, and all members of the family.

All members of the Heyes family, on the death of Mrs. Agnes Naomi Heyes, widow of Mr. John Heyes of Fulham. Mrs. Heyes passed away in a London residential home on the 3rd September aged 85.

Mr. Edward King of Southend-on-Sea, whose wife, Mrs. Amy Phyllis King, died in hospital on the 12th July at the age of sixty-three. Our sympathy is extended to their daughter, son-in-law and all members of the family.

Mr. Peter McCormack of Hove, on the death of his uncle, Patrick Keenan.

Mr. Harry Read, of Clacton-on-Sea, who mourns the death of his dear wife, Nell, who died on the 20th July after an illness of some months.

Mr. Elmer Richards, at Ian Fraser House, who mourns the death recently of a sister.

Mrs. Lilian Sedman of Bury, widow of Mr. Cyril Sedman, who mourns the death of her youngest daughter, Irene, aged 27, whilst on holiday with her husband, Colin, in Scarborough.

Mr. Patrick Spring of Chessington, who mourns the death of a brother suddenly at the end of June.

Mr. Charles Taplin of Trowbridge, whose wife, Eva, passed away in hospital on the 2nd August. Mrs. Taplin was 82 years of age and they had been married for almost 22 years.

## 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.

### W. Carr, Pioneer Corps

Mr. William Carr of High Wycombe, affectionately known as 'Bill', passed away at his home on the 21st August after several months of ill-health borne with great fortitude. He was 75 years of age and had been a St. Dunstaner for thirty seven years.

He served as a Private in the Pioneer Corps during the 2nd World War and was discharged from the Army at the end of 1945 following a serious accident which affected his sight.

Mr. Carr was trained by St. Dunstan's as an upholsterer and in 1948 commenced employment with Parker Knoll Ltd. of High Wycombe where he remained a highly valued and competent member of their staff for twenty two years. When the factory burned down and was relocated in 1970, Mr. Carr retired and filled his leisure hours happily with rug and toymaking as well as listening to music and talking books. He also enjoyed regular holidays at Ian Fraser House.

Our St. Dunstaner and his wife, Ivy, celebrated their Ruby Wedding Anniversary in 1980 with, to quote his own words, a 'never to be forgotten party with family and friends'. We send our sincere condolences to his widow, their son and daughter, grandchildren and all members of the family.

**E.W. Dudley, Royal Engineers**

Edward William Dudley of Croydon died suddenly whilst on a fishing trip with his son, on July 19th. He was 64 years of age.

Mr. Dudley enlisted in the Royal Engineers in 1938 and was wounded in Libya in 1942, when he lost both eyes. He trained at Church Stretton in telephony and started his first job in 1944. For many years he suffered from severe rheumatoid arthritis which affected his hands and he took early retirement in 1975.

We extend our condolences to his widow, Eileen and to all members of the family.

**G.L. McKay, Royal Army Service Corps**

George Lyall McKay of Ilford died suddenly on the 9th August 1983, in his 69th year.

Mr. McKay served as a Private in the Royal Army Service Corps during the 2nd World War. He enlisted in June 1940 and in 1942 became a Prisoner of War of the Japanese in Singapore during which period he suffered considerable deprivation and ill-health. Mr. McKay was discharged from the Army in 1946, and as his eyesight had been affected during his years as a F.E.P.O.W., he was admitted to St. Dunstan's in the Borderline category in 1949 and was trained as a telephonist. Our St. Dunstaner was a highly-valued and efficient operator and remained with one company in Ilford for a total of 26 years before retiring in 1978 on health grounds. He became a St. Dunstaner in 1972 and in retirement was a keen gardener and undertook voluntary work for the local blind. Many St. Dunstaners, who regularly attend the HMS Daedalus Camp and spend holidays at Ian Fraser House, will have been deeply saddened to learn of his passing.

We offer our deepest sympathy to his widow, Cora, to whom he had been married for over thirty years, and to all members of the family.

**W. Muir Royal Engineers**

William Muir of Newcastle on Tyne, passed away on the 17th July at the age of 87.

Mr. Muir had been a St. Dunstaner since 1919. He served as a Sapper in the Royal Engineers from August, 1914, and was wounded in France in September, 1918, being discharged from the army the following summer. After training at St. Dunstan's he went back to his native Scotland where he kept himself busy with picture framing and tray making but in 1924 he took training in telephony and this became his career for the next 36 years. He was employed by the Ministry of Labour, firstly in Leeds and then in Newcastle and South Shields and he took his well earned retirement in August, 1960. In retirement Mr. Muir enjoyed his garden and greenhouse. He and Mrs. Muir moved to the South in 1963 but returned to Newcastle seven years later to be nearer members of their family.

We send sympathy to his widow, Alice, and their daughters and grandchildren.

**W. Pinder Durham Light Infantry**

William Pinder of Co. Durham, died on the 14th July at the age of 87.

Mr. Pinder served as a Private with the Durham Light Infantry from August, 1914, and was wounded at Ypres in 1915, suffering the loss of his left eye. It was with the failure of his remaining sight that he became a St. Dunstaner in 1976, by which time he had been retired for some years from his work as a coal miner. Although he did not enjoy the best of health Mr. Pinder was a remarkably alert man, very interested in music and cricket. He took a great pride in his old Regiment, to whom he had donated a pair of binoculars which are now on display in the D.L.I. Museum.

Our sympathy goes to his devoted wife, Matilda, and all members of the family.

**R.W. Richards Northamptonshire and Leicestershire Regiments**

Reginald Walter Richards of Northampton, passed away on the 16th August, aged 84.

Mr. Richards served as a Private during the 1st World War with both the Northamptonshire and Leicestershire Regiments. He was gassed in France in 1918 and lost the sight of one eye. Following his discharge from the army in 1919, he was able to follow employment and he had been working in a boot and shoe factory at the time of his retirement at 65. It was with the failure of his remaining sight that Mr. Richards became a St. Dunstaner in 1978, by which time unfortunately his mobility was very restricted because of arthritis but nevertheless he was usually able to holiday at one or other of our Brighton homes once or twice a year.

Our sympathy goes to his widow, Margaret, who had cared for him so devotedly at home with great help and support from their two sons and two daughters living nearby.

**S.V. Roberts, Hussars**

Sidney Victor Roberts, formerly of Salisbury, died at Pearson House on the 16th July. He was 86 years old and had been a St. Dunstaner since 1969.

Mr. Roberts enlisted in the Hussars in 1916 and was wounded in the face, losing one eye, whilst serving in France. After the First World War he worked with the NAAFI for thirty years. Mr. Roberts was cared for devotedly by his wife during nearly sixty years of marriage. Mrs. Roberts died in February of this year when Mr. Roberts became a permanent resident at Pearson House.

We extend our condolences to his sister, Mrs. Morgan, and to all members of his family.