

St Dunstons Review November 1985





From the Chairman

The autumn has come, the clocks have been put back and the longer dark evenings of winter are again upon us. Even the gardeners have abandoned the damp, raw, murky twilight by 4.30 p.m. and are secretly delighted to relax over a cup by the fireside.

What then?

I thought we might run a winter story-telling competition. Will you join in and help make it a success? Several themes are possible, such as describing the most amusing/embarrassing/surprising/satisfying/memorable thing that has ever happened to you. If it catches on we will have a different theme each winter.

Three independent judges, to be named in a future issue, will assess the entries and prizes will be awarded to the two best storytellers. The rules are:

- 1 The competition is open to St. Dunstaners, their wives or husbands, and to widows.
- 2 Theme: Your most amusing experience.
- 3 One entry only from each person, from 500-1,000 words, must be original and not previously published. (With double line spacing, there are about 400 words on an A4 page.)
- 4 Entries to be submitted under nom-de-plume addressed to the Editor. In a separate sealed envelope addressed to 'Writing Competition, *St. Dunstan's Review* at Headquarters', please write your nom-de-plume, the title of your story, your actual identity and full address. These envelopes will not be opened until the judges have chosen the winning stories.
- 5 Entries should reach the Editor by the end of February 1986 and be typed in double line spacing.
- 6 First prize: £30 and an inscribed commemorative plaque. Second prize: £15.

The successful entries will be published in the *Review*.

I know you've all got something to tell tucked away in your minds — let's hear it.

Henry Leach

CONGRATULATIONS

Our sincere congratulations to Mrs. Elizabeth Dacre, M.B.E., T.D., J.P., who has recently been elected as Lady Paramount by the St. Dunstan's Archery Club. The title is a very old one and gives her supreme authority to arbitrate in any dispute between archers.



This photograph shows the brooch in actual size.

REMINDER

The annual **Bridge Congress** will be taking place from and including December 6th to 9th. On Saturday, December 7th there will be a **dinner/dance** in the Wintergarden, so anyone who would like to attend don't forget these important dates!

1986 CRUISER SAILING COURSES FOR THE BLIND

The 12th annual Cruiser Sailing courses for the blind, organized by the R.Y.A. Seamanship Foundation will be run from R.C.Y.C. Falmouth from Sunday 6th until Saturday 12th July 1986. Three concurrent courses for 12 students each, will be held at beginners, advanced and 'French Cruise' levels. Cost to the students will be approx. £60 per head.

Application forms are available from the Sports and Recreation Officer, RNIB, 224 Great Portland Street, London W1N 6AA, Tel. 01-388 1266. These forms should be returned as soon as possible and in any case, not later than 13th January 1986.

ST. DUNSTAN'S BROOCH

Those of you who expressed interest in the marcasite brooch will be pleased to know that we have received sufficient orders to enable us to go ahead with production, and we would be glad to receive remittances from those who have not already sent. If you would like a brooch and haven't yet written to the Editor, please send your order and payment as soon as possible. The brooches cost £16 each, and will take six weeks to make.

'NAVY NEWS' ON TAPE

Former members of the Royal Navy among St. Dunstaners will be interested to know that Navy News is now available in recorded form on compact cassette.

Anyone interested in receiving this should write to:

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Cover: Margaret Paterson and Barbara Bell pause on a bridge during the Women's Reunion tour of Cambridge.



Lady Trumpington presents the 'DHSS Shield' to Fred Galway. Photo: David Castleton.

St. Dunstaner wins Top Craft Prize

At the 29th Annual War Pensioners' Homecrafts Exhibition, held at the Victory Services Club, in London, in September, the grand prize was won by a St. Dunstaner, Fred Galway.

The War Pensioners' Welfare Service, 'DHSS Shield' was presented to Fred by Lady Trumpington, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Department of Health and Social Security. The shield bears this inscription, 'Awarded for the most meritorious piece of work in the National Handicrafts Competition! Beneath are the names of holders of the trophy over the years and it is interesting to note that as well as 'Fred Galway 1985' there is another St. Dunstaner's name: 'Tommy McKay 1962'.

Fred's entry was a solid oak box. On the lid is an inscribed plate: 'Made by F. Galway of St. Dunstan's, a war-blinded soldier. This chest contains a complete set of games for blind people.' Slotted into place within it are a chess and draughts board,

chess and draughtsmen, dominoes with a five's and three's board and braille playing cards. The cards and the chessmen were the only items Fred did not make.

The box is French polished, 'Old Frank Ralph taught me how to French polish,' said Fred, 'I mix my own with lacquer crystals and methylated spirits — it took hours of sanding and polishing.' The Games Box was Fred's own idea, 'It took three months to design it and think about it. I came to HQ for some good wood and some good advice from Mr. Patterson. He has been very helpful. I never thought I would have won. The judges don't know what disability you have and I thought this was wrong. But when you win, you know you have won it on your own merit — not as the "poor blind man".'

Another St. Dunstaner at the exhibition was Walford Davies. He had a macramé shopping bag on show which had won a First Class certificate.

THE CREATOR OF 'OLD BILL' AND THE 'BETTER 'OLE'

To those who fought or lived through the First World War the name 'Old Bill' will be instantly linked with Bruce Bairnsfather, cartoonist and creator of this, most famous cartoon character.

To coincide with the 70th anniversary of the publication of Bairnsfather's best known 'Old Bill' cartoon — with the caption, 'Well, if you knows of a better 'ole, go to it' — a biography has been published under the title, 'In Search of a Better 'Ole.'

The authors, Tonie and Valmai Holt are collectors of Bruce Bairnsfather memorabilia and at the launch of the book at the National Army Museum in Chelsea a small part of their collection was on view. Jugs, plates, playing cards, jig-saw puzzles were included — and a St. Dunstan's 'Old Bill' collecting box.

Bruce Bairnsfather contributed greatly to St. Dunstan's appeals by lending his character to two novelty boxes: the one on display and another called 'Old Bill's Magic Drawer'. There was also the 'Old Bill Fraternity' — members of which paid regular sums into a club for the purchase of articles made by St. Dunstaners. A special cartoon appeared on the membership certificates. It showed 'Old Bill' helping a blinded soldier on the battlefield and turning to say, 'Lend us a hand, Mate, he can't see'.

References to St. Dunstan's in the book include a reproduction of one of these certificates from St. Dunstan's archives, which bears the signature H.R.H. The Duchess of York — now, of course, Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother.

Tonie and Valmai Holt have another connection with St. Dunstan's. Some of our St. Dunstaners will know them through a different business activity, Battlefield Tours, which Jerry Lynch praised in the *Review* of August 1984.

Their book is a fine volume of 256 pages, full of illustrations. Published by Milestone Publications in hardback at £11.95, it is available from all established booksellers. If any difficulty is experienced, books may be ordered by post from the publishers at 62 Murray Road, Horndean, Hampshire, PO8 9JL.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

From Mrs. D. Thompson (wife of Les Thompson), Casa Lesandi, 8 Calle Mocan, Parque Tajinaste, La Paz, Puerto de la Cruz, Tenerife, Canary Islands.

I am compiling an anthology called 'These I have Loved' and would like to include the adapted version of Rudyard Kipling's 'If' written to a Guide Dog. It was published in the *Review* I believe many years ago. I wonder if anyone has a copy. I would appreciate it.

From Mr. M. Oliver, West Wickham

Just a few days ago I met two chaps. Easy enough. Well. I just happened to say 'When I was shot there, over at Ravensbourne'. One immediately 'jumped' at me. 'When you were hurt where?' 'At Ravensbourne. I think that is the name of it now'. He whistled. 'On Sunday, at the end of January 1945'. 'Yes!' 'I was at the Fire Station, and two cadets came in, said, "Can you give First Aid?" I went with them. I saw your temple shot in, and the 'out' pattern on the jaw the other side...' I interrupted, 'It was 12 days later I woke up from that.'

Amazingly this chap had been there when I was shot, January 28th, 1945. It is now, well, 1985! Funnily enough, my Greenline arrived in about two minutes, but if I have ever had a kick out of a handshake, that was it. Just an event, a meeting at a bus stop. I was shaken, cheered — it is indeed a great world we live in.

GAME FOR A LAUGH

By Phillip Wood

Notice in the Board-room of a Large Company

Any executive without a secretary may take advantage of the girls in the typing pool.

Definition

One milli-Helen is the amount of feminine beauty required to launch one ship.



Group photograph of St. Dunstaners, Helpers and 'Dogs' in the Ward Room, HMS Daedalus.

DAEDALUS CAMP 1985

By Bill Shea Photographs from HMS Daedalus

Flaming June!—hardly, more like flooded, the same in July, surely it must be fine in August when we get to camp? Let's keep our fingers crossed Into the coach at H.Q., dull day but so far dry; lovely surprise to have Avis on board to keep us company. En route down came the rain, never mind it will be fine at Lee — sure enough we tumble out of the coach, true, into vast puddles but the sun is warm on our faces and we are all set for another wonderful week of activities and friendship. Chatter, chatter as we greet old friends and try to catch our dogs to retrieve our luggage; will never be able to keep a leash on mine he sounds about ten foot tall — am told he is, Scooby by name and Ted & Joe's is not much smaller — Chris — oh well we will just have to get them broken properly and well to heel. Find our familiar cabin, great to see Joe Humphrey back in form and trip over his accordian once more.

After supper we all forgather to hear from Elspeth the plans for the week and

who our fellow campers are to be. Two bits of sad news to tell us: one, that Robert Nobbs had died after a gallant fight against MS and, two, that a couple of days before Diana had tripped and fallen in Romsey Abbey and broken her left hip and arm and was mad at having to miss her first camp in some 30 years! Later it was arranged to send her a card of good wishes and some fruit and flowers during the week, to Southampton Hospital where she was laid up. Hope by now Diana you are up and about again and will be fit for next year. But there was also a cheerful telegram from our mongrel dog Ike who said that as he was on probation he could not be with us but would be snapping at our heels again for sure in 1986! Elspeth wished everyone a very happy time including those birthday boys with anniversaries in August. Adjourning to the newly re-furbished Chiefs' Mess where the Mess President Richard Hadfield was waiting to greet us, we then had to find our way around anew. The 'Glen' had disap-

peared so a new one had to be staked out and then began the great chattering of dogs, helpers and old friends catching up on all the news of the past year.

Saturday morning dawned fine and clear and perfect for the walk round the airfield. The walkers with their dogs firmly leashed were all set to go in fine form and goodly numbers with very satisfactory results from Bill Reed's excellent handicapping.

The winners were as follows:—

Denny Deacon Veteran's Cup	Stan Tutton
Bridget Talbot Novice's Cup	Brian Lang
Fastest Loser	Stan Tutton
Handicap: 1st Gold Medal	Trevor Tatchell
2nd Silver Medal	Terry Bullingham
3rd Bronze Medal	Mansel Lewis

The full results were as follows:—

Name	Actual Time	Handicap Allowance	Adjusted Time	Position Place
T. Tatchell	23.24	scratch	23.24	1
T. Bullingham	26.07	2.30	23.37	2
M. Lewis	27.15	3.30	23.45	3
C. McConaghy	25.47	2.00	23.47	4
B. Lang	30.25	6.30	23.55	5
J. Kibbler	28.06	4.00	24.06	6
C. Stafford	26.19	2.00	24.19	7
M. Burns	28.28	3.30	24.58	8
S. Tutton	25.01	scratch	25.01	9
C. Hague	27.39	2.30	25.09	10
F. Sunderland	42.10	10 mins.	32.10	11
C. Lloyd	37.45	5	32.45	12

Gliding

After a refreshing cuppa off to another part of the airfield to take to the air with the Gliding Club. The wind was blowing hard on take-off, this made the flight very bumpy behind the tow plane. At 600 feet we were above the wind and the flight was very smooth. The towline was cast off at 1500 feet and we turned over the Solent towards Cowes. Unfortunately, however, the conditions were not good for gliding with very little thermal lift. Nigel, the pilot, gave a very good commentary during the flight and so back to a safe landing. It was all most enjoyable. The evening saw a convivial social evening in the F/CPO Mess with dancing and fun and lots of chat with old and new friends.

Sunday morning we were allowed an extra half hour before Reveille after our late night and then to our united church service in the newly decorated All Saints Church where the Padre, The Rev. Roger

Devonshire, took the service of rousing hymns and then gave an inspired sermon commemorating V.J. Day, the anniversary of which fell during the week, and which must have brought back many memories to the FEPOW's in the congregation. Prayers were also said for two campers who had died during the past year, Fred Barratt and Robert Nobbs whose widow was with us in the congregation. A slightly damp day and to warm us up we were entertained right royally by Captain Roger Moylan-Jones, Commander Ron Edmonds and their officers in the Ward Room having first had our group photograph taken with loud cries of 'cheese' and other less printable sounds, for posterity.

Archery

The afternoon saw the bowlers taking off for the greens of Rowner and the Robin Hoods taking off Gosport to compete with the Gosport Bowman led by Maid Marian who with the rest of the Bowmen entertained the following competitions between the St. Dunstaners and Bowmen and the presentation of medals to the winners:—

Totally Blind	Semi Sighted	Novices
1st C. McConaghy 201	G. Hudson 270	A. Mitchell 103
2nd J. Cope 94	G. Allen 264	W. Bick 98
3rd	J. Lynch 242	G. Waterworth 97
4th		T. Tatchell 70

The Gosport Bowmen's Shields were won by Charlie McConaghy for the Totally blind and by George Hudson for the Semi sighted. The evening was spent most pleasantly with a social evening in the now familiar F/CPO Mess.

A bit of Sea Air

On Monday we were all ready for our trip on the Solent but as Elspeth had told us, this year we were not to have a naval boat to ourselves but were to go from Southampton on the Red Funnel Ferry. This turned out to be a great experience and a thoroughly enjoyable one — not so breezy as our normal naval vessel and no tripping over feet, bollards, stanchions or other naval gear and a proper seat to sit

on, either in the comfortable saloon or up on deck to enjoy the sea air. At Cowes we were given a great welcome and this year there was an organist to play to us and we were regaled with songs from several of our more extrovert St. Dunstaners as well as tunes from Arthur the organist. Walks along the Cowes Parade were made and the return trip was enlivened by a sing-song which vastly entertained the other passengers and who joined in with gusto. Perhaps next year the Red Funnel will pay for our trip as entertainment value! Later that evening we had a musical evening in the F/CPO Mess and danced to an excellent two piece band to all the old songs and tunes we remembered of yore but early to bed to prepare for the sports next morning.

Some serious sporting activity

The day dawned bright and fair with a slight breeze, enough to cool the sportsmen but not enough to blow their javelins, discus (or is it discii?) or weights off course. The PTI Terry Godfrey had laid out a splendid sports area with rows of seats arranged for the spectators and the three teams; Ron's Ravers, Stan's Stalwarts & Danny's Boys captained respectively by Ron Thurston, Stan Tutton & Danny McGoohan, entered into the spirit of the sports with energy, enthusiasm and tremendous skill. The competition was very keen and closely contested. The winners of the team event being Ron's Ravers with 17 points followed by Stan's Stalwarts with 12 points and third, Danny's Boys with 8 points. The winning team members were:—

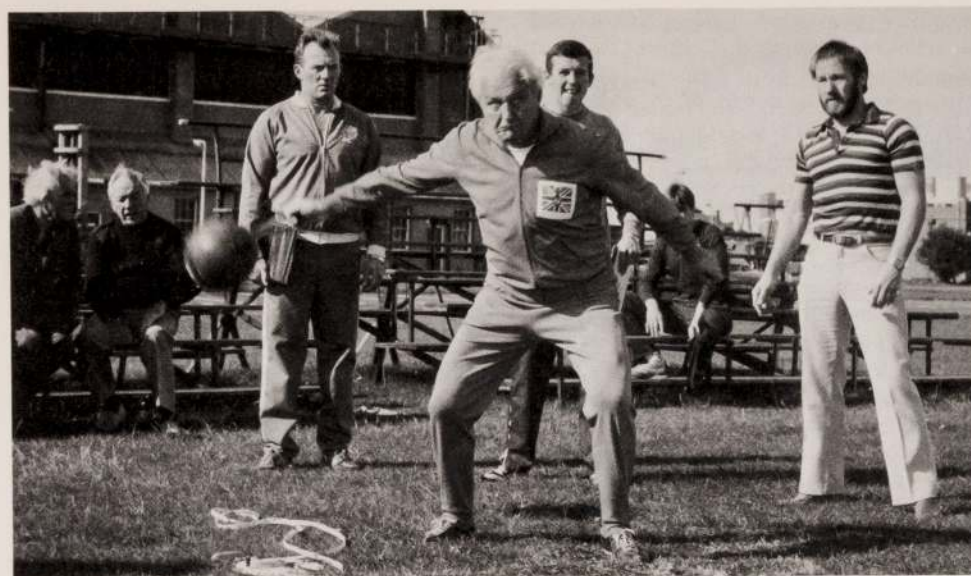
Ron Thurston (Captain)	Bill Shea
Trevor Tatchell	Colwyn Lloyd
Ernie Cookson	George Allen
Ted John	Brian Lang

Best Beginner Prize — Colwyn Lloyd — 53 points
 Double Handicapped Prize — Stan Tutton — 15 points
 Penalty kicks — Semi Sighted — Ted John — 5 goals in 18 seconds
 Penalty kicks — Totally Blind — Charles Stafford — 5 goals in 32 seconds
 Victor Ludorum — Semi Sighted — Ted John — 55 points
 Victor Ludorum — Totally Blind — Johnny Cope — 54 points

The afternoon was spent bowling and swimming in the magnificent pool at *HMS Collingwood* where we were also able to indulge in the luxury of a sauna by the pool, while in the evening as has now become our custom we all took off in coaches for the comfort of the F/CPO Mess at *HMS Collingwood* where we were given a great welcome and danced to a disco of good old fashioned tunes — one of our helpers who shall be nameless did require a map reading course to steer her partner back to his seat — really Elspeth you should know your way about by now! During the evening Cabin 12, Johnny Cope and Trevor Tatchell ably assisted by George Lilley and Kevin Rixon ran a raffle raising the terrific sum of over £200 for camp funds. Well done lads. On Wednesday because of a force 9 gale the fishermen were unable to take to the sea. Some of the campers went to the Royal Ordnance Museum where the barriers had been removed and they were allowed to touch the exhibits and heard interesting explanations and descriptions of them.

'Captain's Walk'

During the morning, of course, the 'Captain's Walk' took place, this has now become quite a tradition, some 15 miles walked by stalwarts round the countryside visiting numerous hostelrys en route. By the end two campers and their dog had visited every pub in Lee, Stubbington and Hillhead including the bars in the sailing and tennis clubs. The walk finished with a delicious tea on the lawns of Ross House though this year no one had the temerity to bowl the Captain out at cricket! After supper the brave entered for Tomo's Mystery Car tour hoping that they would not be marooned in the middle of Hampshire without a clue. This was won by the 'A' team consisting of Terry Bullingham as the reader, Liz Walker as his driver and Jane Fleetwood as his writer — The Kath Riley Trophy will follow you to Aberdeen Terry when we can dig it out of Mickie Burns' clutches — however, Mickie did provide a miniature in its place so that you will at least have something to show on the



Determination on the face of Charles Stafford.

Ron's Ravers, winners of the Sports team event. (Left to right) Ted John (behind), Bill Shea, George Allen, Colwyn Lloyd, Ernie Cookson, Brian Lang, Trevor Tatchell, Captain Roger Moylan-Jones RN, Ron Thurston, captain (front). Behind — 'dogs' Scooby and Del.



sideboard meanwhile! Later Martin Reed (Bill & Biddy's son) entertained with his guitar with a sing-a-long into the small hours.

I think I ought to record that during the week one of the helpers — who shall be nameless though she comes from Wales — dropped a number of clangers concerning the blind. She has now been christened ABL (Anti Blind League) and it is to be hoped she will be fully re-habilitated before next year's camp! It's O.K. Snowdrop we're only kidding! It is always sad when Thursday arrives as it means only two full days to go till the end of camp, however, still lots to do with the final of the bowls competition in the afternoon, with the Ben Mills Cups being won by Percy Stubbs and Monty Golding in the Pairs Competition, with Ted Brown and Colwyn Lloyd as runners up, and Ted Brown winning the Singles Medal with Colwyn Lloyd again the runner-up. Then visits for lunch to *HMS Collingwood* and a privileged few were invited to the new *HMS Ark Royal*. First of all though in the morning a trip in a British Hovercraft on the Solent — much enjoyed — with the

Captain Moylan-Jones presents Ted John with the Victor Ludorum for the Semi Sighted.



journey back from Cowes taking a scant ten minutes.

A 'small' Presentation

During the day the trainers Spyda Webb and George Lilley took a party to Gosport to the King's Head, now run by a former Field Gunner, Tigger Goodwin, who said he had a small presentation to make from his customers — this 'small' presentation turned out to be a large cheque for £100 to the camp funds raised in various ways through his customers' generosity, one being a sponsored train ride by one customer named Martin who got as far as Aberdeen and Bristol in a given number of hours. Thank you Tigger and your friends.

Prize Giving

Then in the evening the Prize Giving, always a keenly anticipated event with lots of mental calculations as to who was to get what. A glittering display of cups and medals was set out on the stage ready for their presentation by the Captain, who arrived with Mrs. Moylan-Jones and Commander Ron Edmonds. Master of Ceremonies was POPTI Terry Godfrey announcing the results and Captain Moylan-Jones presenting the trophies to much applause. The Captain congratulated all the prize winners and welcomed us again to *Daedalus* and told us how much they all enjoyed and looked forward to our visit — the Navy certainly know how to take their punishment! As Thursday was the anniversary of VJ. Day, Fred Livermore as the oldest FEPOW at the camp, gave the vote of thanks to the Captain, Officers and Ship's Company of *HMS Daedalus* and reminisced about how on VJ Day 40 years ago he had been a prisoner near Hiroshima and said how lucky he was to be here to enjoy the wonderful hospitality of all at *HMS Daedalus*. Ron Thurston, also a FEPOW, gave the vote of thanks to the Mess Presidents, Trainers, Field Gun Crew and 'Dogs'.

David Bell made a special presentation to CPO Spyda Webb, First Trainer, of a

plaque with St. Dunstan's crest on it for the Field Gunners' Mess. In his reply of thanks Spyda took the opportunity of a plea to Admiral of the Fleet Sir John Fieldhouse whom he had espied slipping into the audience, for the Field Gun Crew to be continued for ever to loud applause and many hear hears. A final and surprise presentation was then made by the Captain to Elspeth — a cheque for £1,000 from the sponsors of the Field Gun Crew at Earls Court! The Sponsor, Desmond Cracknell of Food Brokers Ltd., had told the Crew that for every winning run at the Tournament he would donate £100 to a charity of their choice. The Field Gun Crew had with enormous generosity designated our Camp Fund to receive this magnificent bounty. Elspeth in thanking them and the Sponsor said she was really quite overcome and found it difficult to find words in which to thank them adequately both for the cheque and for all the kindness, caring and friendship given us over the years. Altogether a memorable evening with plenty of excitement, nostalgia and emotional reminders of times past and present happiness.

The Last Day

Friday came all too soon with a visit to the Royal Marine Museum housed in what used to be the Officers' Mess in Eastney Barracks where I was born when my father was serving with the Royal Marine Artillery. During the visit the Warden recognised Joe Humphrey, they were shipmates in *HMS Ramillies*. The Museum is full of items which cover over 300 years of Corps history. We walked through the barracks, sadly now empty, but full of memories for us and on to the Sergeants' Mess of a small Holding Unit for liquid refreshment and chat and a cheerful time was enjoyed there. Swimming in the afternoon, final visits to friends, bits of shopping and packing to do till, alas, it was our final evening celebrated with a dance in the F/CPO Mess with many old friends including Tug Wilson who was my 'dog' many years ago. He and his wife Maria were on holiday from Singapore where he works for a diving firm. Tomo organized

his vast raffle which through the generosity of all raised £373. Dancing went on till late and I believe there were a few who did not get to bed so that next morning there were some rather bleary eyed St. Dunstaners stepping into the early morning light and onto the coaches and away to all points, north, south, east and west — the dogs did not look all that fresh either and were slow to come to the whistle but with loud cries of goodbye and see you next year, take care, don't dare come back again etc, etc., we were away with our memories of another super camp. Roll on 1986.

Jimmy Wright adds:

David Bell presented the St. Dunstan's plaque to Chief Petty Officer Spyda Webb, this year's first Trainer of the Fleet Air Arm Field Gun Crew and next year's first Trainer, Petty Officer George Lilley. It was whilst on a visit, earlier in the year, to the Field Gun Crew Mess, that Johnny Cope and his wife noticed that a St. Dunstan's plaque was nowhere to be seen among the various exhibits on display. So, thanks to Johnny and his wife, and of course, St. Dunstan's, a St. Dunstan's plaque takes pride of place on the wall of the Fleet Air Arm Field Gun Mess! The plaque is inscribed with the words: Grateful Thanks and Best Wishes from the Men of St. Dunstan's to their guide dogs the Fleet Air Arm Field Guns Crew *HMS Daedalus*.

MESSAGE TO ST. DUNSTAN'S LEE CAMPERS — FROM THE ONE WHO WASN'T THERE

From Diana Hoare, a camp helper

Having missed camp for the first time since 1948 owing to being in hospital with a broken leg, I was greatly cheered and touched by all the flowers and fruit you sent me, and the cards. I was thinking about you all the week, and it was so nice to be remembered. You will be glad to know that I am getting quite active again now and have every hope of being with you again in August 1986.



Mike Tetley addresses the conference.

Physiotherapy Conference

Story and Pictures: David Castleton

Physiotherapists who gathered at Ian Fraser House over the weekend of October 4th-6th voted their Annual Conference the best for many years. The pattern is a traditional one but the ingredients this year were somehow livelier.

The weekend began with business for the members of the Physiotherapy Advisory Committee on Friday evening as they received reports and discussed final arrangements for the following day's conference. There followed a very enjoyable 'get-together' of physios from all points of the compass with their wives in the annexe for a buffet supper. It was enjoyed the more by wives knowing that this year they would not have to make a journey to accommodation away from St. Dunstan's now that the new double rooms were available in the House.

Des Coupe took the chair for the A.G.M. on Saturday when the report of his committee was unanimously adopted by the

meeting. Norman Hopkins and Gordon Smith, the retiring members of the committee, were re-elected unopposed and, at a brief meeting of the committee at the conclusion of the A.G.M., Des Coupe and Mike Tetley were re-elected as Chairman and Vice-Chairman respectively. The first speaker at the conference was Mr. Derek Stevens, who is himself partially sighted and trained at the North London School of Physiotherapy for the Visually Handicapped. He spoke on combined movements in manipulations, drawing on his experience of studies in Australia. He is now a senior physiotherapist at University College Hospital, London, where he specialises in teaching students techniques to apply in spinal problems.

After lunch Mrs. Versha Talati, a community dietitian with Brighton Health Authority talked about new trends in diabetics. A St. Dunstan's audience will always take a great interest in what it eats

and there was plenty of commonsense advice from Mrs. Talati. There were groans when she mentioned alcohol but her listeners brightened somewhat when she said a little alcohol could be beneficial — nine drinks a week for women and for men a little more. The speaker was closely questioned on a number of subjects at the end of her talk — a sure sign of the interest she had generated.

The subject of non-verbal communication for a blind audience seemed a surprising one but we soon learned from Miss Gerry McNulty that communication without words can be made through tones of voice — her demonstration of different ways of saying 'hello' on the telephone was a tour de force and the audience got her message every time. Her interesting and entertaining talk involved her audience in experiments to show how we can encourage or discourage someone speaking to us. How the way we sit can be defensive or open. However successful our physiotherapists are in communicating



Des Coupe taking the Chair.

Geraldine McNulty demonstrates the 'open-handed' approach.



confidence to their patients, I am sure some of Miss McNulty's tips may come in useful.

Among the guests at dinner on Saturday evening were Admiral of the Fleet Sir Henry Leach and Lady Leach, Mr. and Mrs. Ion Garnett-Orme and Mr. and Mrs. D. Perham. The guest of honour was Mr. John Hosken, of the BBC, who was accompanied by Mrs. Gillian Hosken. Des Coupe welcomed all the guests and expressed the appreciation of his colleagues to St. Dunstan's and its staff.

Then followed 'Hosken's Half-Hour' during which time the company rocked with laughter at John's remarks and, especially, to the tape-recorded excerpts he played of great 'gaffs' in BBC broadcasts. From William Hardcastle forgetting his own name as he announced his programme, to the famous — or notorious — 'the fleet's lit up' commentary.

Mike Tetley's toast to St. Dunstan's concluded the formal part of the evening, which continued with dancing in the annexe until a late hour.



John Hosken entertains after dinner.

GOLDEN JUBILEE

On June 21st the RNIB Talking Book Service celebrated its 50th Anniversary with a visit from the Prime Minister.

Mrs. Thatcher was shown earlier versions of the Talking Book playback machine and then did a tour of the expansive library. Since 1935, the library has considerably grown and improved: from 55 titles to 5,500, from 369 members to 60,000, and from one new title a fortnight to 10 new titles a week. The service, which once was a luxury, has now become a luxurious necessity, and we wish it all possible success in the future.

NOTE

Catholic St. Dunstaners may be interested to know that the *Catholic Talking Newspaper* is available from C.A.B. Newspapers, 15 Ashford Road, Maidstone, Kent. Subscription is £1 per annum.

COOKERY CORNER

Tom and Betty Page, who are both blind, send this recipe as suitable for blind cooks.

Sponge Parkin

2 cups S.R. flour
1 cup sugar
1 tsp. ginger (ground)
1 tsp. bicarbonate of soda
4 ozs. margarine
1 egg
1 Tbsp. golden syrup
 $\frac{1}{2}$ pt. milk (boiling)

Method: Mix together flour, bicarb, sugar and ginger. Rub in marg. Add beaten egg and syrup. Pour on boiling milk. Mix well. Place in lined 9" cake tin. Bake on middle shelf. Gas 4 — Reg 350°F.

TRIBUTES

J. HARVEY LYNES

J. Harvey Lynes, founding President of the Sir Arthur Pearson Association of War Blinded in Canada and a beloved friend to many, passed away in Sedona, Arizona, on July 31st. Mr. J. P. Lynes, brother of the late Harvey Lynes and Honorary Secretary of the Sir Arthur Pearson Association of War Blinded, has prepared the following lines in memory of Harvey:

J. Harvey Lynes was born in Orillia, Ontario on April 4th 1896, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Lynes, and received his education in the local school. Harvey enlisted with the 157th Simcoe Battalion, and went overseas in 1916. He transferred to the field artillery, was wounded three times and lost his sight on September 30th 1918.

He returned to Canada in 1919, was resident of Pearson Hall, where he trained as a physiotherapist, and was posted to Christie St. Hospital. He was elected first President of the Sir Arthur Pearson

Association of War Blinded in 1920 and maintained a keen interest in the affairs of the Association until his death.

Harvey had a very interesting career including politics and business. He remarried and is survived by his widow, Agnes, and his brother, Joseph.

Mr. & Mrs. BAXTER

St. Dunstan's, Zimbabwe, mourns a double loss in the death of their Honorary Life President, Mrs. Edith Baxter, and her husband, Lionel.

Mrs. Baxter suffered a stroke and died in hospital. Her husband, driving through Bulawayo to the hospital was involved in a collision and was taken to another hospital, unconscious, where he later died.

Edith Baxter served St. Dunstan's in Rhodesia, later Zimbabwe, for 50 years and was made a Member in recognition of her great contribution.

ENQUIRY SERVICE

Broadcasting Support Services has set up a new information and referral service for disabled people who want to know more about how micro technology can help them live more independent lives.

This Chip Enquiry Service, which started on September 3rd, is part of the support being provided to the new BBC2 series on technology for disabled people 'With A Little Help From the Chip' and is announced after each programme in the series. Viewers and listeners are invited to write in with questions to the letter-answering panel of specialists.

Supplementing the letter-answering panel, there is a network of nearly 200 computer clubs, colleges and voluntary groups up and down the country. They have agreed to help enquirers in their area who need low level technical assistance, e.g. in connecting up equipment, or help with software writing, or even in developing a piece of hardware such as an electronic aid.

GREETINGS FROM AUSTRALIA

While in Australia as reserve for the England Blind Bowling Team, Johnnie Cope met an old friend and fellow St. Dunstaner, Norman Daniels.

They were in training together at Ovingdean just after the war and Norman went on to physiotherapy at the RNIB School. Now retired, Norman is President of the Australian Blind Bowling Association. He asked Johnnie to convey his greetings to old friends and fellow physiotherapists in England.

VSC-1000 CASSETTE RECORDER

There is a tape recorder on the market which may be of interest to those wanting to speed up their reading. Here is a relatively cheap machine (£79.95) with pitch control which removes the 'Donald Duck' quality from speeded up playback. It is available from branches of the Tandy Corporation (**not** Men's Supplies.)

THIRD WORLD BOWLS, AUSTRALIA

By Ted Brown

On Saturday evening, August 24th, accompanied by my wife Rae, I joined the other six members of the team, our coaches, and a few friends and supporters who were going to visit friends and relations after the tournament was over. We met at Heathrow airport to begin, what was for me, the culmination of extensive bowling and the chance to play and represent my country, England, in the Third World Bowls Tournament which was held in Australia.

After an uneventful, but pleasant flight, calling at Muscat in the Gulf and then Singapore, we landed in Sydney at 0640 on Monday morning, August 26th, in brilliant sunshine. We all said, 'If this weather holds we should have a very good tournament, weather-wise.' We eventually arrived at our hotel in Auburn after a lengthy coach ride, and everyone went off to bed to get some long earned sleep. Then down to dinner where we met quite a number of competitors from other countries, and everyone seemed so friendly. When dinner was over we all went back to bed again to get ready for our practice games at the Wentworthville Bowling Club.

Tuesday dawned bright and sunny, and after breakfast we were taken to the Bowling Club by coach, which was to be routine every morning, but the first two days were crucial to us as we had already heard about the greens and how fast they were, and fast was the understatement of the year. The first jack that was sent up went off the green like an arrow and the bowls followed suit for quite a few ends, but after the first morning things looked a little better. The greens were so completely different to anything we have ever come across or will ever come across outside Australia. It looked as though it would suit New Zealanders and Zimbabweans, as well as the Aussies, but we came to do a job for our country, and we did just

that. By the way for those who might be interested, the grass (ha ha!) was called Coogie grass, it was imbedded in light rock and was very tiring on your feet.

At last the opening day came and it was very impressive indeed. The teams marched on to the greens and the opening ceremony started with a member of each country's team raising their standard while all the national anthems were sung in turn. After that was the serious part and the matches started. I am very pleased to say the English squad won the first seven matches and spirits were very high. The next day spirits were dashed a little, as the wind had gone round to the south-west and brought the cold winds from Antarctica, and we could have been back at Weston-Super-Mare. But after putting on extra woollies we carried on as usual. Two matches were played every day: singles in the morning, and mixed pairs in the afternoon, and I can assure you all that it was more than an ordeal when playing against an opponent who is being coached from the front. Some of those matches went on for four hours, and after you have played one game in the morning and another like that in the afternoon you feel completely whacked at the end of the day.

Although England was the smallest team, in numbers I mean, we did remarkably well. The tally for the team was: four individual silver medals, runner-up in the team, and three bronze medal places. Every bowler gave a very good account of himself, and no one could have bowled any better. I would like to thank all the coaches for doing a wonderful job, and a special thank-you for all those who stayed and supported the team, we all appreciated it very much.

I would like to say how wonderful everybody was during and after the tournament, especially at lunch time in the club, they turned out meals like a five-star hotel, and everyone was so helpful

and friendly, and this my wife and I were going to witness after we had our five days relaxing at Coogie Bay. We were taken to several different parts of Australia, and the hospitality shown to us was out of this world. They made our stay absolutely wonderful.

It was certainly a chance of a lifetime, and I felt very privileged to have taken part in it. I would like to thank all those

people who made it possible for my wife and I to have been given that chance. We will always treasure the comradeship between the teams, and the friendships which were made were very genuine from every country. I would like to thank St. Dunstan's for the help they gave us, and to all the well-wishers from Ian Fraser House, and the surrounding areas. Thank-you all once again.

READING TIME

by Phillip Wood

Cat. No. 4220

Cry Guilty

By Sarah Woods

Read by Tom Crowe

Reading Time 6½ hrs.

A ring of art thieves seems to be operating — very successfully — from a base in London. Louise Chorley is arrested for killing her husband who, it transpires, was one of the gang. She claims that she shot him because he was about to denounce her secret lover as head of the ring, 'The Organiser'.

Meanwhile Alan Kirby a young researcher, is arrested for being in possession of a stolen Rubens. But barrister Anthony Maitland is sure that Kirby is being framed. . . but why? . . . and by whom?

Kirby, out on bail is shot to death in the street and Maitland sets out to discover the truth about Louise Chorley's mysterious lover. When Mrs. Chorley is brought to trial, Maitland appears for the prosecution.

The defence maintains there never was a lover and Louise Chorley was mentally unbalanced when she shot her husband. But Maitland is convinced that the 'Organiser' does exist and sets out to uncover his identity. . .

Jolly good courtroom drama stuff. Totally unbelievable, but you can't have everything.

Cat. No. 4467

Scoop

By Evelyn Waugh

Read by Gabriel Woolf

Reading Time 6¼ hours

John Boot is a best-selling author, the darling of the wealthy and the well-born. When Lord Copper, owner of *The Daily Beast* decides there is going to be a war in tiny Ishmaelia he orders his henchmen to find him a War Correspondent, the finest that money can buy. Lady Stitch, a friend of John's, wangles the job for him.

But there is another Boot, William, a distant relative. His only claim to literary fame is his weekly column in *The Beast*, about our feathered friends and the pretty things one can find in the hedgerows. By mistake he gets the job.

Off he goes with a most bizarre collection of equipment including cleft sticks for the native runners who will carry his despatches (Ishmaelia has a perfectly good radio station) His despatches are far from riveting . . . 'I am quite well' and 'the weather is much better today'. Lord Copper's blood pressure, unlike his newspaper's circulation, rises dramatically.

But William muddles through. With the invaluable assistance of an extraordinary multilingual multi-talented gentleman of dubious origins who appears, like the genie in the pantomime, just when he is needed, 'the wrong boot' pulls off a sensational world scoop, to the great chagrin of the rival paper *The Daily Brute* . . .

Waugh's brilliant comic novel is just as funny, just as fresh as it was when it first appeared almost half a century ago.



The ladies of St. Dunstan's outside King's College, Cambridge.

St. Dunstan's Ladies in Cambridge

By Margaret Bingham

Photos: David Castleton

The ninth St. Dunstan's Women's Reunion was held at the Cambridgeshire Moat House, a motel situated about five miles north of Cambridge — the majority of the ladies and their escorts having assembled at Headquarters and being brought on from there.

This was to be a longer weekend, Thursday to Monday, and we were looking forward to it immensely. We had dinner at the motel that evening and Mr. Cadman, a member of St. Dunstan's Council, with Mrs. Cadman, were guests of honour. It was nice to meet old friends and there was much to talk and laugh about, especially as it was roughly 12 months since we last met.

On Friday we were taken by coach to the centre of Cambridge and were able to have a look around this wonderful city and note some of the history of those magnificent colleges. Christ's College (built in 1505) interested us and after admiring the

beautifully carved 'gateway' we found an inscription saying that Lady Margaret Beaufort, grandmother of King Henry VIII, had been responsible for it being built. The nearby street name of Petty Cury intrigued us and later we found it was derived from the French 'Petite Curye' — the little cookshops — and meant a lane which contained medieval bakers and take-away food shops. Set in a wall we saw a post box with a 'V.R.' cypher, and also, outside one of the other colleges an early Victorian pillar box with a 'pineapple' shape on its rounded top.

Anglesey Abbey which we visited in the afternoon was named after the nearby hamlet of Angerhale and was founded in 1135. Situated in remote Fen countryside we found the house full of objets d'art — tapestries, bronzes and furnishings gathered from all over the world. We felt the intricacies of a Renaissance oak cabinet (1509) and carefully felt a 13th Century

quern — a stone hand mill for grinding corn — and an 11th Century vase carved with basketwork (probably Italian.) A marble lion's head worked by a Roman in the 1st Century was still discernible and its two incisors were very real. It was very interesting to note that Thomas Hobson acquired the Abbey in the early 17th Century. He was a Cambridgeshire carrier who would only let out his horses in rotation — hence the phrase 'Hobson's choice'. The many gardens deserve a mention and the guide explained how each season of the year had its own variety of flower or shrub so there was colour continuously.

Sherry was served on the lawn of the quadrangle before we entered Corpus Christi College for dinner on Friday evening. Jane and myself, both in wheel-chairs, were taken into the kitchens, up to the next floor by service lift and, when permission had been obtained, through a dining hall where several Fellows were eating dinner at the high table, to join the rest of our party. Dinner was a very substantial and enjoyable meal, made more pleasant by the august surroundings we



Blodwyn Simon presents a basket of flowers to Lady Leach.

were in and the feeling of an unusual setting.

An early start for the Chilford Hale Vineyard on the Saturday morning and our host there, Mr. Sam Alper, gave a talk on growing grapes and even stripped some small bunches to illustrate his talk and show the various stages of growth. A man of many talents, Mr. Alper had acres of farmland, vineyards and a massive old

Before dinner, sherry is served on the lawn of Corpus Christi College.





Eileen Williams checks on the prospects for the 1985 vintage.

barn which had been restored, containing farm tools and implements of bygone days, a pre-war Rolls Royce, and many of his own and other acquired sculptures could be seen around.

The Cambridgeshire Moat House is a fine motel and very comfortable. Our rooms, en suite, were pleasant with a tea-maid, radio and colour TV. The food was good and the staff went to a lot of trouble to see that we lacked nothing. As well as squash courts, heated swimming pool and a sauna, there is an 18-hole golf course and a number of us were taken around the latter, on a set trail, by buggy. We certainly experienced the rough!

On Sunday with our two guides, Isobel and Janet, we did a tour of five colleges including the 15th Century King's with its majestic chapel dating from 1446 and its wonderful fan-tracery ceiling, the only one of its kind. There is so much history attached to these colleges and the city also, that it is impossible to take it all in a few hours. Perhaps, so that we should not

Sam Alper's lecture on growing vines had its humorous side!



be overcome by the beauty surrounding us, we were told of a fascinating group employed in the past at the colleges, known as 'Bedders', a kind of chambermaid, I think. They had to have three qualifications: all had to be married, all had to be old and all had to be very very ugly. In fact they were judged by a panel to see if they were ugly enough!

Our Chairman, Sir Henry Leach with Lady Leach were the guests of honour at dinner on Sunday. We were a merry party and Sir Henry made a very nice speech in which, as usual, he told an extremely funny story. Gwen spoke for the girls and said how much we had enjoyed the get together. A lovely basket of flowers was presented to Lady Leach by Beryl and later she came to each of us and described the flowers. Gifts were given to Mr. Wills, Miss Mosley, Miss Lord and David Castleton and to them we owe our thanks. Also to the hotel staff, guides and drivers who helped to make the Cambridge Reunion one of the best we have had.



Janet Jeacock has an attentive audience in King's College Chapel.

Muriel Bryant dreams of her own Rolls-Royce encouraged by Mrs. Mooney, her escort.



ARCHERY DISPLAY AT GAME FAIR

By Ted Bradford

Following the success of the St. Dunstan's Archery Club's display team at the 1984 Country Landowners' Game Fair, a request was made for their reappearance at the Game Fair for 1985. Consequently, after the Club's Championships in June, a team consisting of Messrs. Norman Perry, Tommy Gaygan, Fred Galway, Walford Davies and Phil Duffee were chosen to represent the club at the Fair in the grounds of Stoneleigh Abbey, Warwickshire. Also in the party were the wives/escort of the team together with the in-house coach, Laurie Austin and his wife, Amy, and Chief Coach, Ted Bradford and his wife, Brenda. The coach driver was Keith Wakefield.

A request from the Organiser of the archery section meant an appearance of the team the day before the public opening in order that Press and media interviews and photographs could be taken while the team were practising.

Arriving at the site on July 24th, the party were aghast when faced with the area allotted to them. This was on a slope and from where the archers were asked to shoot was quite impracticable, not only for disabled archers, but also for the able-bodied. After protest the organiser agreed that the site was unsuitable and measures were taken to alter the shooting area and the spectators were rerouted past the new shooting area. Once everything was prepared the team settled down to serious practice and were well pleased with the result. During the course of the day Norman Perry and Walford Davies were interviewed and photographed by the *Birmingham Post*.

During shooting Ina Perry and Audrey Gaygan acted as spotters for them; Walford Davies had his escort, Nancy, to act as a spotter for him, while Amy and Brenda acted as spotters for Phil Duffee and Fred Galway respectively. Fred's wife, Elsie, volunteered to act as i/c refreshment. It was in the refreshment area that our sec-

ond problem arose when Elsie went to collect food and drink for the team; she discovered that no provisions had been allocated. She told the organisers of the Game Fair that her 'boss' would be told and hurried back to the shooting area with the bad news that there would be no food and drink for the team and that her 'boss' was to sort it out. This resulted in the Chief Coach appearing at the Organiser's tent and after several phone calls the matter was resolved and the team were assured that they would not go hungry or thirsty over the next four days. After a good day's shooting and ironing out the problems the team left for a night's rest in preparation for a long day's shooting on the morrow.

Arriving back at the ground at 9.15 a.m. the next morning the team discovered that all the preparation and changing of routes had been for nothing. The site was as originally laid out! This was because the public participation sector were not, as anticipated, able to move to a lower site and the arena would have been dangerous if the disabled archers had shot in the new direction. The team therefore had to

Ted Bradford, Laurie Austin and Audrey Gaygan adjust Tommy's stand.



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Laurie Austin gives a helping hand to the arm of the law.

agree to shoot 'up the hill' but much nearer the top than previously planned. Ted Bradford insisted that a level platform be dug in order that Fred, Tommy and Phil could sit and stand comfortably. Norman and Walford elected to have footholds dug for them. The new position meant that the spectators (over 50,000 on the first day) were some 15-20 yards from the shooting and Ted requested that a gateway be made in the fence in order that they might get a better view. This was done and immediately spectators came forward to watch as the team shot throughout the day. Ted had arranged a programme of a full day's shooting so that although it was two hours on and two off for each man there were always two men on the demonstration line. This proved very successful and the spectators went away amazed at the prowess of the St. Dunstaners.

During the day Ted was interviewed by Hospital Radio and suggested that some of the team also be interviewed. This was done and after the interviews were over the presenter of the programme asked if

he could have a go. The team obliged him with a bow and some arrows and after he had shot three arrows (which only travelled halfway to the target) he also left muttering something about not believing it! Later it was learnt that the radio broadcast had been sold to independent stations and broadcast nationwide.

Balloon Shooting

Towards the end of the day's shooting, balloons were placed on the targets but the archers were not told where. This was to give a bit of fun and also to let the archers find their way around the target, thus gaining more confidence. The spotters were instructed not to tell their charges where the balloons were placed and only to report where the arrows landed. If in the event an arrow was sufficiently close to a balloon to touch it then the archer could be told his arrow was touching the balloon. This proved to be great fun, both the archers and spectators enjoying themselves, 'Ooohs' and 'Aahs' coming from the onlookers when an arrow was very close. Tommy Gaygan was the first to find the location of his balloon and when he burst it a great cheer went up. Tommy had a grin from ear to ear as the rest of the team congratulated him. Shooting was over for the day so the team returned to the hotel in Coventry for dinner and after-dinner chat before resting.

The following morning the team was on station again, giving a display similar to the previous day's. As expected, around 11 a.m. a team from Rugby Sport for the Disabled turned up to give, as we were originally informed, a helping hand with the display. However, on arrival they informed us that they could only be present until 3 p.m. This meant that a trophy for the disabled donated by Bulmers had to be shot for immediately and not on Saturday as planned. The shoot was duly held and afterwards the Rugby team departed. This left the St. Dunstan's team again holding the arena on their own for the rest of the day, which finished with a repetition of Thursday's balloon shooting and again the spectators joined in and many were the sighs as arrows landed very close to a balloon. Eventually Norman put an arrow right on target and as the bal-

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Norman Perry receives his Gold Medal, Tankard and Bulmers Cup for the Disabled.

loon burst a loud cheer went up from those watching. During the afternoon the team was joined by Mrs. Dacre and her companion, Mary Stenning, and later the Club's Patron, Lord Guernsey and his wife came to have a chat with the team and were agreeably surprised that the team shot so well.

The crowds on Saturday were expected to be even larger than the two previous days and so the police asked that the team be inside the grounds earlier than usual. Although leaving the hotel earlier, the traffic caused a delay but, even so, the men were shooting by 9.15 a.m. Many on-lookers asked questions of the two

Applause for Norman Perry.



coaches and Keith Wakefield and Mrs. Dacre brought some of those especially interested over the fence to chat to team members. Shooting for the day finished at 3 p.m. in order that the trophies and medals from the tournament of the previous day could be awarded. The C.L.A. Committee Member and liaison officer for the archery areas was present as the manager of the local branch of Bulmers presented the prizes. Here we learned that St. Dunstaners had a clean sweep of the awards

and had taken five of the top six places. Norman Perry received the Gold Medal, a tankard and the Bulmers Cup for the Disabled, Tommy Gaygan was the Silver Medallist and Phil Duffee won the Bronze.

The team had acquitted themselves well and were a credit to St. Dunstan's and, as many able-bodied archers remarked, to archery. The C.L.A. liaison officer has sent a letter to his successor strongly recommending the appearance of a St. Dunstan's team at the 1986 Game Fair.

MUSIC MAKERS' WEEK

By Bill Miller

The gathering of the Music Makers was later than usual at Ian Fraser House this year, as we had to postpone our normal week following the *HMS Daedalus* camp, until September 14th.

Our programme started on the Sunday evening, when we took all our instruments to the *Railway Tavern* at Portslade, to join our friend Billy Jones, the blind civilian entertainer, who sings and plays his electric piano there. The joint evening of music and songs was so successful that our boys received an invitation to play at the Winter Gardens, Eastbourne, in a charity concert at Christmas.

Following a day of practice on Monday, we supplemented the Ernie Took Band for the dance in the annexe in the evening, and a most enjoyable time was had by the dancers and players alike.

The Brunswick at Hove was our Tuesday rendezvous, where we were entertained and encouraged to join in and help entertain by the landlord of the premises; this we did with great gusto and Bob Forshaw, Ken Revis, Johnnie Gale and Jerry Lynch all took part on the stage.

We had arranged to visit the *'Kings and Queens'* on Wednesday, to listen to the Panama Jazz Band, but alas, something went wrong with our reservation and our collective evening was spoiled, although one or two who found good vantage points did enjoy the music.

Our A.G.M. on Thursday was followed by a late request to do the tea break in the Lounge, but without a set programme this was a little gappy. Even so, yours truly had requests from the boys to do this more often. In the evening Mr. Bert Arnold brought his Brighton Saxophone Quartet to entertain in the annexe. Their renderings of classical, comical and popular music, the blending of soprano, alto, tenor and baritone saxophones, together with good witty chatter, produced a concert not to be missed. With the pleasure of their company in the bar afterwards, we all had a wonderful evening.

It was all systems go on Friday, for this was the day we were to 'wine and dine' our friends and helpers. Of these Harry Leader, who was still recovering from a serious illness and had given much time and invaluable assistance to us, his wife Rhona, Billy Jones and his girlfriend Debbie, and Ernie Took and his wife Rickie — a gorgeous live-wire asset to any party — to name but a few, were entertained to a wonderful 'thank-you' party. Even Commander Conway, all wired for sound, with his guitar, got carried away with a sense of the occasion, let his hair down and thoroughly enjoyed himself. To them we all said a great big 'thank-you', and we hope that we in our turn brought them pleasure for they certainly did all that and more to us.



Mabs Hart presents a bouquet to Lady Leach — Photo: John Barrow.

ST. DUNSTAN'S GARDENING CLUB

By Tom Hart

Once again, owing to its popularity, the Gardening Club had to be held over two weeks, beginning September 2nd until the 13th. At a General Meeting held on the first Monday morning in the Wintergarden, members agreed that the Committee should remain as it was, i.e. Reg Newton, John Walbrugh, Margaret Bingham and Tom Hart as a co-opted member.

A previous proposal that subscriptions should be raised from £3 to £5 and that membership should be restricted to those who had paid their dues was adopted by members. Members who were not able to attend the meetings should send their subscriptions to John Walbrugh, cheques made payable to St. Dunstan's Gardening Club.

The Chairman emphasised that to prevent any misunderstanding, bookings for these weeks and for the activities on a

daily basis should only be made through Mrs. T. Coyne at Headquarters. Please make your own bookings and to prevent disappointment and overcrowding, bookings will be closed four weeks prior to the event.

During the two weeks several parks and gardens were visited, including Wye College, Hever Castle, Hampton Court, Borde Hill Gardens, Heaselands and Nymans. At Wye College, which we visited during the first week, Mr. D. Sykes and Mrs. Shirley Wright told us of the history and the activities of the College, which is part of London University. Many students come from all over the world to graduate and to do research into agriculture and horticulture. A tour of the gardens and greenhouses followed lunch and both of our hosts were warmly thanked by David Bell.

Our visit to Heaselands, which unfortu-

nately was only possible during the first week, was a joy. It was especially opened for us by the owner Mrs. Kleinwort, and both she and her head gardener, Mr. Staples, walked around with us explaining the planning that went into such a lovely place. Mr. Jim Moore, our Vice President, gave a talk on the propagation of soil and the use of fertilisers; this he kindly did on both weeks and on the second week he invited the club to a social evening at the Peacehaven Gardeners Club. A 'Call my Bluff' on gardening words, enjoyed by the members, was arranged by John Walbrugh, Reg Newton and Tom Hart.

The first week was highlighted by a dinner in the Wintergarden, the principal guests being Sir Henry and Lady Leach, the latter kindly presented Mr. and Mrs. Joe Harris with a bouquet to celebrate their 48th Wedding Anniversary, and in return she herself was presented with a bouquet by Mabs Hart. Sir Henry presented Commander Conway with a Gardening Plaque to be placed in a suitable position in the house in memory of Freddie Barratt, our late Chairman. Mr. and Mrs. Weisblatt were our guests at the dinner on the second week, Margaret Bingham one of the committee members presented Mrs. Weisblatt with a bouquet.

P.S. Do not attempt to go around the maze at Hampton Court with Mary Barratt without emergency rations.

After the Gardening Club visit to Borde Hill, near Haywards Heath, the management there found a large red purse. If any lady member of the Club lost a purse that day would she please contact John Walbrugh, The Loft, 1 Priory Barns, Boxgrove, Chichester, W. Sussex, PO18 0DX.

CORRECTIONS

In the article about Joe Attfield's boxing career in the August *Review*, Dick Burt was mentioned as Lightweight Champion of the R.A.F. He actually was Joe's second at that fight and champion of the West of England. We apologise for our mistake.

In the October edition of the *Review* in Family News, we congratulated Mr. and Mrs. G. Durant, of Goring-by-Sea, on the birth of a grandchild. In fact, Mr. Durant has been a widower since 1967. We are deeply sorry for this error.

WALTER THORNTON PRESENTS PRIZES

Walter Thornton, of Birmingham, had cause for special pleasure when he was recently invited to present the prizes at the first Speech Day of the Queen Alexandra College, Harborne, Birmingham. (You will remember the article in the May *Review* about the successful appeal initiated and run by Walter Thornton for the College, which raised £350,967.) The reason was that among the prizes was the Walter Thornton prize for Orientation and Mobility, so named, to quote the Chairman of the College Governors, Mrs. Veronica (nee Cadbury) Wooten, 'because of Walter Thornton's outstanding contribution to the development of orientation and mobility training.'

CALIBRE

Members of St. Dunstan's might like to know of Calibre, a lending library of books recorded on to ordinary, standard cassette. It provides books for anyone who cannot read printed books in the normal way, including the blind, temporarily blind and partially sighted.

The library is free to individuals but relies on donations to keep going. It costs £16 to supply each member with recorded books and, therefore, any help given towards this cost would be much appreciated.

Information and membership forms can be obtained from Calibre, Aylesbury, Bucks., HP20 1HU, or by telephoning Aylesbury (0296) 32339 or 81211.

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POLISH AIRBORNE FORCES ASSOCIATION REUNION, September 8th.

By Dr. S.J. Sosabowski

This reunion took place on the 44th Anniversary of the formation in Scotland of the 1st Independent Polish Parachute Brigade Group, and practically on the eve of the 41st Anniversary of Arnhem and Driel. On the same day and at the same time, at the shrine of the Black Madonna in Poland the ceremony of offering the commemorative plaque of the Brigade to the Holy Virgin took place. This plaque, in the shape of the Cross with the Polish Airborne Eagle and suitably inscribed, was fixed to the wall of the monastery amongst the commemorative plaques of other famous Polish Regiments.

'For You, my Country' is inscribed on the cross, and above the cross are the words: '1st Independent Parachute Brigade Great Britain 1941-1947.'



The celebration started with Solemn Mass in the Polish Church of St. Andrew the Martyr in London. Andrew was martyred by men under orders from Moscow in the late 18th Century and made a saint in the Roman Catholic Church in the early 20th Century. A numerous congregation, well over a hundred, attended the Divine Service, the standard bearers with the colours prominently near the altar. Mass ended with the traditional hymn for the preservation of the Country: 'O God Almighty, who through the countless centuries surrounded Poland with your might and glory'.

From the church everybody moved to the Polish Institute and General Sikorski Museum, in Princess Place, Kensington. General W. Sikorski, the Supreme Commander of the Polish Forces and Prime Minister of the Polish Government in London during the war, died in 1943 in tragic circumstances, with his chief of staff and high ranking officers, in an accident off Gibraltar when his bomber, a Liberator, in which they were travelling, plunged into the sea. This tragic event was never satisfactorily explained. His Institute is a kind of shrine containing regimental colours and standards and other memorabilia of the three Polish Armed Forces fighting outside Poland during the last war. They totalled more than a quarter of a million. The Institute also contains a unique collection of historical documents connected with the last war and is open to students studying this particular period.

Everyone assembled in a big room upstairs. In front of the auditorium and raised on a platform were the Brigade colours on a stand and also seats for a small band. A few words on the Brigade colours: in 1941 a Polish Paratrooper dropped down in Poland, and amongst other commissions, he had one for the Polish women to create the colours for the Polish Parachute Brigade in Britain.

The work was done in Warsaw, the

material for the colours was an ancient red cardinal robe and the white material was silk from the wedding dress of a royal princess. The gold and silver thread was taken from church vestments. The whole colour is red on both sides. On one side in the centre is a white circle with St. Michael the Archangel in a short kilt and tunic, with a sword in his hand, in mortal combat with a serpent dragon. St. Michael being, I suppose, the first divine airborne soldier! All this is embroidered in gold and silver thread. On the other side there is in the centre a Polish Royal Eagle embroidered in gold and silver, with Crown, Sceptre and Orb. In 1942 the colours were consecrated in one of the churches in Warsaw and then sent by special courier to London where they arrived in 1944 and finally in the same year presented to the Brigade.

The Ceremony

The official ceremony was opened by General Rudnicki — an erect soldierly figure of a man despite his four score years. His brief address was followed by the welcoming address of the Chairman of the Association, Major Jan Lorys. Then followed the award and presentation of the honorary badge of merit of the Polish Airborne Forces Association to numerous people: amongst these were 28 British names and to my great pleasure I noticed the name of Para Sergeant Major George Gatland, M.B.E., a great friend of mine who received a golden badge of merit.

This ended the official part of the ceremony, which was followed by light entertainment. The M.C. was Captain ex-Quarter Master of the Brigade, with a gift of the gab! He told of his memories of the landing at Driel and subsequent adventures, often interrupted and corrected good heartedly by the audience. In the intervals the band played Polish folk and military tunes and the audience assisted by singing. The whole ceremony ended with the singing of the Polish National Anthem.

From the Institute everyone walked to Exhibition Road to the Polish club, called the 'Polish Hearth'. Here we took a simple repast with some wine and many good yarns from the past.

ST. DUNSTANER ATTENDS D.C.M. MUSTER

St. Dunstaner, Mr. Jim Blackwell, of Chippenham, was surprised to receive an invitation this year from the D.C.M. League to attend the 1985 Muster at Windsor Castle on September 14th. The D.C.M. League had lost contact with Mr. Blackwell since he was awarded the D.C.M. in 1943 during the Italian campaign, and apparently had been trying to find him for years!

So of course, Mr. and Mrs. Blackwell attended the Muster with added pleasure and 'thoroughly enjoyed' the occasion. 174 D.C.M. holders from all parts of the Commonwealth attended, including the two youngest, both active servicemen; one had been awarded the D.C.M. during his service in Northern Ireland, and the other in the Falklands. Mr. Blackwell was the only blind man there, and had the honour of meeting The Duke of Kent, with whom he had a 'good chat'. After a 'very moving' service in St. George's Chapel conducted by the Dean of Windsor, there was a reception where he met some Australian D.C.M. holders and had some 'good fun' chatting to them of their experiences.

The other St. Dunstaner who is also a D.C.M. holder, Mr. J. R. Barlow, of Deepcar, near Sheffield, was unfortunately unable to attend because of an injury to his spine. We sincerely hope he makes a fast recovery back to good health.

TWO ST. DUNSTANERS MEET AGAIN

Reunion in Perth

Two Australian St. Dunstaners met again after 36 years, at the St. Dunstan's Reunion Dinner in Perth, Western Australia, on April 17th. Bill Gray, who is Hon. Treasurer of the Victoria Branch of St. Dunstan's was in Western Australia for the Biennial Conference. At the reunion he met up with Trevor Baker.

Bill and Trevor were two of the 19 Australians that came to St. Dunstan's in 1948 and did their training at Brighton.

Ham Radio Weekend

By Alf Lockhart SWL

On Friday September 20th we met in the Brighton Club Room for discussion. This change in venue occurred because we were double-booked for use of the Wintergarden with the Musicmakers. This, however, was but a small inconvenience as we were able to use the Wintergarden on the Saturday and Sunday.

We welcome four new members to the St. Dunstan's Amateur Radio Society: Jim Blake GO BUQ, Doug Faulkner, Ray Rimmer and Arthur Taylor. Jim Blake, of course, is already a fully licensed operator. The Hon. Sec., on behalf of St. Dunstan's A.R.S., said he hoped the new members would derive a great deal of pleasure and satisfaction from their new hobby.

The meeting on Saturday was well attended, but we were sorry that two of our stalwarts were unwell and unable to attend. We send our best wishes for a speedy recovery to Bob Davis and Tom Gaygan. Once again we find ourselves without a sighted aide to fill in our QSL cards. If any member has a relative or perhaps a friend who could, and would, take on this task the Hon. Sec. Ted John G3 SEJ would be very happy to hear from them. Speaking of QSL cards, when Her Majesty The Queen and H.R.H. Prince Philip visited our station GB4 STD during the Royal Visit to IFH, she showed a keen interest, and also a good working knowledge of our activities, and took one of our Special Event QSL cards away with her. These had been specially printed for the occasion and were eagerly sought by Radio Hams. The Hon. Sec. said that nearly 400 of these cards had been sent out world-wide, so great was the interest shown by international Radio Hams in the Royal Visit.

The G3 MOW Trophy was once again brought back into discussion because the Committee, who were to have chosen the candidate for the award, found themselves in an invidious position and were unable to comply with the proposition

which was put forward and carried, at the 1985 A.G.M. We will therefore, be returning to our previous balloting arrangements, with, perhaps, some guidance from the Committee.

Sir Henry Leach arrived in his capacity as President of St. Dunstan's A.R.S. and took part in the general discussion. Among the subjects which arose, were the arrangements for the next A.G.M. Nothing however, could be finalised as yet, and details of the A.G.M. will be sent as usual with the ballot slips for the G3 MOW Award. When the business of the meeting had finished, we made our way to the new Radio shack, which is not yet fully operational. It is a well appointed Shack, and after a good look round, some photographs were taken. These were of Fred Morgan G4 MWU on the two-metre rig, and George Cole G4 AWI on the TR 130, with other Society members in the background. By then it was time for lunch.

Our Guest Speaker for the afternoon was Dr. Peter Robinson Ph.D. G3 MRX, of Cambridge, and with him was Alan Jones, also of Cambridge. He spoke on a new dimension in Radio communications called 'Packet Radio.' This is a system whereby a message is typed on a computer. In the computer, the letters are changed into numbers, which in turn are converted into electrical impulses. This enables the data to be stored at a greatly reduced size. An example would be a message that would normally take 15 minutes to send, could be sent in approximately a tenth of a second. Various safeguards are encoded in the data, ensuring the message is received correctly. In bad transmitting conditions the message is automatically sent until a 'received correctly' is sent back to the transmitting station. As the message will take only a fraction of a second to send, this can be done many thousands of times in a remarkably short time period. To operate such a system efficiently, there is obviously a need to observe a standard

convention. At present there are two systems in operation, the *Antor* used in England, and the *Tucson*, which was developed in Arizona, USA. It is expected in the near future that the *Tucson* system will be accepted internationally. There are several reasons for the choice of *Tucson*, the chief one being that it is far superior to the other.

Sunday morning was spent on the air, with Bill Shea G4 AUJ contacting quite a large number of stations. Apart from our new members, we had several prospective members who were quite enthusiastic about Amateur Radio. Peter Jones G3 DRE had brought his computer, and was showing the people who were interested, the various uses that computers can be put to. After lunch we cleared up, and so ended a very enjoyable weekend.

TOMMY BICE RACES FOR CHARITY

A revved-up note of congratulations must go to St. Dunstaner, Tommy Bice, of West Moors, who on July 25th, drove six laps on the Ringwood Cheetah car race-track to raise money for the Guide Dogs for the Blind Association.

Mr. Bice, who was blinded in a mine explosion in 1943, completed his six-lap spin with the aid of a sighted navigator, Mr. Tony Lewis. He says the Army taught him first class driving techniques, before he had his accident. The sponsored drive at Ringwood raised £1000 for the GDBA and Mr. Bice doesn't intend to stop there: 'I'd love to drive a powerboat next,' he says!

Tommy Bice with his navigator, Tony Lewis.
Photo: The Western Gazette.



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D. F. Robinson's

GARDENING NOTES

The garden is starting to go to sleep now with very little growth anywhere, except perhaps in the greenhouse. It's a good time to continue with the job of getting everything tidied up and also to start making those alterations that you have planned for the new season. There will still be plenty of leaves falling and drifting in the winds. Pick them up and keep in a separate place to break down, and then put round shrubs and trees. Your compost heap will be choc-a-bloc, so gradually burn the surplus and hard wood prunings. Ashes can be kept for next season, scattered about and forked in.

Do try and complete all digging, both in the vegetable patch and flower borders, and add compost at the same time. This will give frosts a good time to break clay soils down, and so make it easy to cultivate in spring. It is a good time to get new paths set up and repair work done on existing ones, which may be breaking up a bit and letting weeds get their way. House plants of all kinds will need to be taken away from the windows at night, as frosts may be on the rampage and so cause damage. Cut down watering to a minimum and there will be no need to feed until growth starts again in spring.

Vegetables

Clear all beds of items which are past being of any use, get empty spaces dug over and add some compost or manure, plus lime, at the same time of digging, the latter especially where you are to put the cabbage family. Most root items, such as beet and carrots, should be cleared from their growing spots and stored for use in frost free places. Check over your potatoes, especially any which you have decided to use as seed. However I think it would be wise to buy in seed potatoes each year.

Broad beans and peas can be sown for an early crop but in the north they can easily be destroyed by winter conditions.

It is often said that these early beans are free of black fly but I wouldn't be too sure. I have found that this year, black fly has been worse than I can remember, but crops quite good. Those of you in the south who have cloches, can sow some lettuce to get an early crop and others who have frames can sow in boxes with some covering of hessian in bad weather.

Fruit

This month is the best time to plant any new trees and to replant some of your own to better sites. Do ensure that you do these jobs on frost free days, ram in the soil well around the main stem, and water in well. When you are planting ensure that the planting hole is a bit deeper than before, making sure that roots are spread out carefully, shaking the trunk as you put the soil in place so that it goes round the roots without leaving any air pockets. It might be a good thing to put a stout stake well into the ground at the position of planting and tie in the tree well.

As most trees are now dormant, pruning can be done, especially of dwarf trees to keep them at dwarf level, and spread out well. Currants and gooseberries can be planted and pruned as well. Put some good manure along rows of strawberries.

Flowers

All empty flower beds should be dug over and given a dose of manure or compost at the same time. Try not to disturb those spring flowering bulbs such as daffodils, crocus and tulips. Put in any extra bulbs, just after you have done the digging. Tidy all herbaceous items by cutting away stems that have given flowers, and perhaps some parts of the plants that appear to be dying away. In the north a good dose of peat or compost over roots will keep plants in good conditions for next year and give some protection from heavy frosts.

Where you would like to increase the quantity of paeonies in other parts of the garden, you can lift the large clumps that you have, pull away some roots and replant in new positions. These newer portions may not flower for a year or so and even the main clump may be affected by root disturbance. Wallflowers and sweet williams can be planted in their flowering places plus canterbury bells, polyanthus and other members of the primula family. Check over all shrubs and cut away any damaged shoots if the whole bush is tending to be loose at root level and toppling over, put in stakes and add extra soil at root level and firm in well.

Greenhouse

A rather dead period from now on in the greenhouse, with perhaps only a few plants growing such as calceolaria, cineraria, carnation, chrysanthemums and cyclamen. This means that little or no heat will be needed, only when severe weather conditions come along and then only a bit of heat at night. If you are not going to use the place before early spring, it would be a good idea to give it a thorough cleaning with some kind of disinfectant or detergent and don't forget windows both inside and out. All staging and shelving should be taken out and washed over with soapy water, including a mild disinfectant. Get rid of that white shading stuff such as Coolglas, but only use a dry cloth on dry days or it won't come off at all. Give a good dose of insect and disease sprays or use a couple of smokes to ensure that the whole place is ready for the spring sowing.

A HELPING HAND ACROSS LONDON

This easy-to-follow guide booklet is available free at all British Rail London terminals and gives a station by station guide of the most convenient underground and bus routes between terminals, highlighting all the facilities available at each location. It also gives fares and ticketing information, telephone numbers and a list of further literature available to help the disabled and elderly.

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.

Kenneth Roland Gray, of Altrincham, Cheshire, joined St. Dunstan's on September 12th.

Captain Gray served in the Royal Signals during the 2nd World War. He is married.

Edward Walter Wheatley Stebbing, of Bury St. Edmunds, joined St. Dunstan's on September 12th.

Mr. Stebbing served in the Royal Artillery during the 2nd World War and was a Far East P.O.W. He is married with one son and two daughters.

James William Whymark, of Ipswich, joined St. Dunstan's on September 16th.

Mr. Whymark served in the 4th Suffolks during the 2nd World War. He is married with one adult daughter.

CLUB NEWS

NATIONAL BRIDGE CLUB — HARROGATE WEEK

We had a very successful week of bridge. This was the first time, to my knowledge, we won all our matches.

Saturday evening we played for the St. Dunstan's Cup as usual — teams of four — this was won by a team from Harrogate. **Sunday evening** we took part in a match at Ripon and we had a very good win. We were well entertained by our hosts for the evening — thank you Margaret and all members. **Monday evening** we visited St. George's Social Club, the home of the Harrogate Civil Service. Thank you Ernie and all members for a jolly good evening. **Tuesday evening** we visited Bradford. We

did not play our usual match but simultaneous pairs. Bill Phillips and Bob Evans, with two Bradford players, finished top and we were again well entertained. **On Wednesday** we played a mixed team from ICI and the CEGB who are finding it difficult to find a team of their own. Thank you Alec and all members for a wonderful evening. **Thursday evening** we made our usual visit to the Oakdale Golf Club where we were again successful and had a very enjoyable evening. **Friday** is always our heyday and we made our usual visit to the Drover Inn for a luncheon where Cedric made his usual comical address. Bill Phillips (Captain) replied. In the evening we had a bridge drive where prizes were supplied which could only be won by our hosts.

I should like to thank Cedric who organised everything — it all went very smoothly. I must finish by thanking Ian Dickson, Norman Smith and Stan Medcraft who were always on hand when required.

Bill Allen

BRIGHTON — Bridge

Individuals — September 22nd

Miss Sturdy	60.2
W. Phillips	59.1
Mrs. Barker	58.0
R. Goding	56.8
Mrs. McPherson	56.8
Miss Stenning	54.5
R. Pacitti	51.1
W. Lethbridge	47.7
Mrs. Douse	40.9
R. Fullard	39.8
J. Majchrowicz	39.8
R. Evans	35.3

Entertainment Section

We have planned the Christmas party for Wednesday, December 18th, and the Christmas dance in the annexe, when the competition winners will receive their prizes. There will be a buffet supper.

We do hope many members will be with us on these dates.

Phyllis O'Kelly

FAMILY NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Alf Dodgson.



WEDDINGS

Congratulations to:

Alf Dodgson, on his marriage to Joyce Pellington on September 21st in the Chapel at Ian Fraser House.

Andrew Bull, of Nantyglo, on his marriage to Nicola Walker on September 14th.

RUBY WEDDINGS

Congratulations to:

Mr. and Mrs. F.C. Galway, of Sandbach, on the occasion of their Ruby Wedding Anniversary on September 22nd.

Mr. and Mrs. F.R. Greenaway, of Dibden Purlieu, near Southampton, who celebrated their Ruby Wedding Anniversary on September 15th.

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Ruby Wedding — continued

Mr. and Mrs. R.R. Marsh, of Walsall, on the occasion of their Ruby Wedding Anniversary on September 17th.

GOLDEN WEDDINGS

Congratulations to:

Mr. and Mrs. L. Faulkner, of Northwich, on the occasion of their Golden Wedding Anniversary on October 5th.

PERSONAL ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations to:

Teresa, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J.G. Forbes-Stewart, of Norwich, who was presented with her Grand Prior's Certificate from the St. John Ambulance Brigade during a Service of Re-dedication for the Order of St. John at Norwich Cathedral on September 28th, attended by Princess Alice, Duchess of Gloucester. (Readers will recall our article about Teresa's work for the Brigade in the July Review)

John, grandson of Mrs. S.L. Parker and the late Mr. B. Parker, of Stamford, on passing his Higher National Certificate in Mechanical and Production Engineering.

Stephen, son of Mrs. G. Powell and the late Mr. V. Powell, of Solihull. Stephen, who is Senior Auditor (Computer Systems) with West Midlands Gas, has passed his finals and is now qualified as an Institute of Cost and Management Accountant.

GRANDCHILDREN

Congratulations to:

Mrs. D.P. Coutts, widow of the late Mr. A. Coutts, of Morden, on the birth of her eighth grandchild, Michelle Louise, born on July 24th to Kevin and Sylvia Coutts.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Foster, of Barnsley, on the birth of their second grand-daughter, Rachel Elizabeth, born on August 21st to their daughter, Jane, and her husband, Paul.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Foster, of Farnham, on the birth of their seventh grandchild, Michael Robert, born on February 6th to their son, Melvyn and daughter-in-law, Therese, who are now temporarily resident in Australia for the next two years.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Naylor, of Mansfield Woodhouse, on the birth of their grandson, Steven John, born on August 13th to their daughter, Gladys, and son-in-law, Neil.

Mr. and Mrs. T. Phillips, of Paignton, on the birth of their fifth grandchild, Justina Anna Lynn, born on September 12th to their daughter, Mrs. Cheryl Ellis and her husband.

Mrs. F.M. Revell, widow of the late Mr. G.A. Revell, of Watford, on the birth of her first grandchild, Hannah, born on September 15th to her daughter, Paula, and son-in-law, Paul Turton.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Waterworth, of Coventry, who are pleased to announce the birth of their first grandson, Richard, born on August 6th to their son, Raymond, and his wife, Margaret.

Mr. and Mrs. J.F. White, of Rosliston, on the birth of their grandson, Adam Joseph Michael, born on August 17th to their daughter and son-in-law, Linda and Michael Chindley.

GREAT GRANDCHILDREN

Congratulations to:

Mrs. V. Chell, widow of the late Mr. J. Chell, of Eastbourne, on the birth of her first great grandchild, born on July 26th to Anthony and Susan Chell.

DEATHS

We offer sympathy to:

Mrs. J. Foster, wife of Mr. H. Foster, of Farnham, whose sister recently passed away unexpectedly in Guildford.

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Deaths — continued

Mr. A. Howell, of Colindale, whose wife, Ada Emily, passed away suddenly at home on September 12th. We send sympathy to all members of the family.

Mrs. P. Mortimer, wife of Mr. G.A.F. Mortimer, of Hove, whose mother passed away on July 12th.

Mrs. A. Poole, wife of Mr. G. Poole, of Peacehaven, whose brother-in-law passed away on August 30th.

Mr. J.L. Roberts, of Stockport, who mourns the death of his wife, Emily, on September 3rd.

In Memory

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

A.W. Anderson, Royal Garrison Artillery
Alexander Wilson Anderson, O.B.E., B.Sc., of Banchory, Scotland, passed away on September 6th in a residential home where he had been living for the past two years. He was 93 years of age and joined St. Dunstan's ten years ago.

Whilst serving as a Lieutenant in the Royal Garrison Artillery during the 1st World War, Mr. Anderson was the victim of a mustard gas attack in France during 1917 and, as a result, was discharged from the Army a year later. Until retirement he had a long and interesting career in the Civil Service and was awarded the O.B.E. for his services with the Ministry of Food and Agriculture in the field of food rationing at the beginning of the 2nd World War. Mr. Anderson and his wife, Lily, celebrated their Golden Wedding at the end of 1980.

He leaves his widow, niece, Miss Meg Anderson, and members of the family.

J. Foran, Royal Air Force
James Foran, affectionately known as 'Joe', who had been resident in our Brighton Homes for the past two years, passed away on September 28th in Pearson House, aged 60. He had been a St. Dunstaner since 1978.

He served as a Leading Aircraftman in the Royal Air Force from 1943 until his discharge in 1947 following serious injuries sustained in an explosion whilst on bomb disposal work in Egypt. His health was seriously affected by the extent of his injuries, although he was able to work until 1974.

Mr. Foran never married but leaves three sisters — Mrs. Peggy Shore, Miss Elizabeth Foran and Mrs. Mary Purser (wife of St. Dunstaner, Mr. A. Purser, of Gants Hill), and other mem-

bers of the family here and in Ireland. He will also be sadly missed by Matron Goodwin and the staff at Pearson House.

N. Lacy, Royal Artillery
Norman Lacy, of Cromer, passed away in hospital on September 26th, aged 75, after a very long illness.

Mr. Lacy was injured whilst serving as a Sergeant in the Royal Artillery in Persia in 1944, although he did not join St. Dunstan's until 1984 when his sight deteriorated. After the war Mr. Lacy worked as a night porter at an hotel. Because of his severe disabilities he spent the last few years of his life confined to a wheelchair.

He leaves his widow, Bridget, and members of the family.

K. Ward, Devonshire Regiment
Kenneth Ward, of Chandlers Ford, passed away in the Royal Hants County Hospital on September 12th, aged 66. He had been a St. Dunstaner for 36 years.

Mr. Ward enlisted in the Devonshire Regiment in 1941 and was injured six months later in a bomb blast in Liverpool. After his admission to St. Dunstan's he trained in basketry and worked successfully from home for several years, adapting well to his local markets. When the demand fell, he retrained in industry and had a varied career until his sight failed completely. He subsequently worked for our stores until their closure in 1979. Mr. and Mrs. Ward moved back from Devon to Hampshire in 1982 to be near their family.

He leaves a widow, Elizabeth, to whom he was married for 45 years, and a large devoted family.