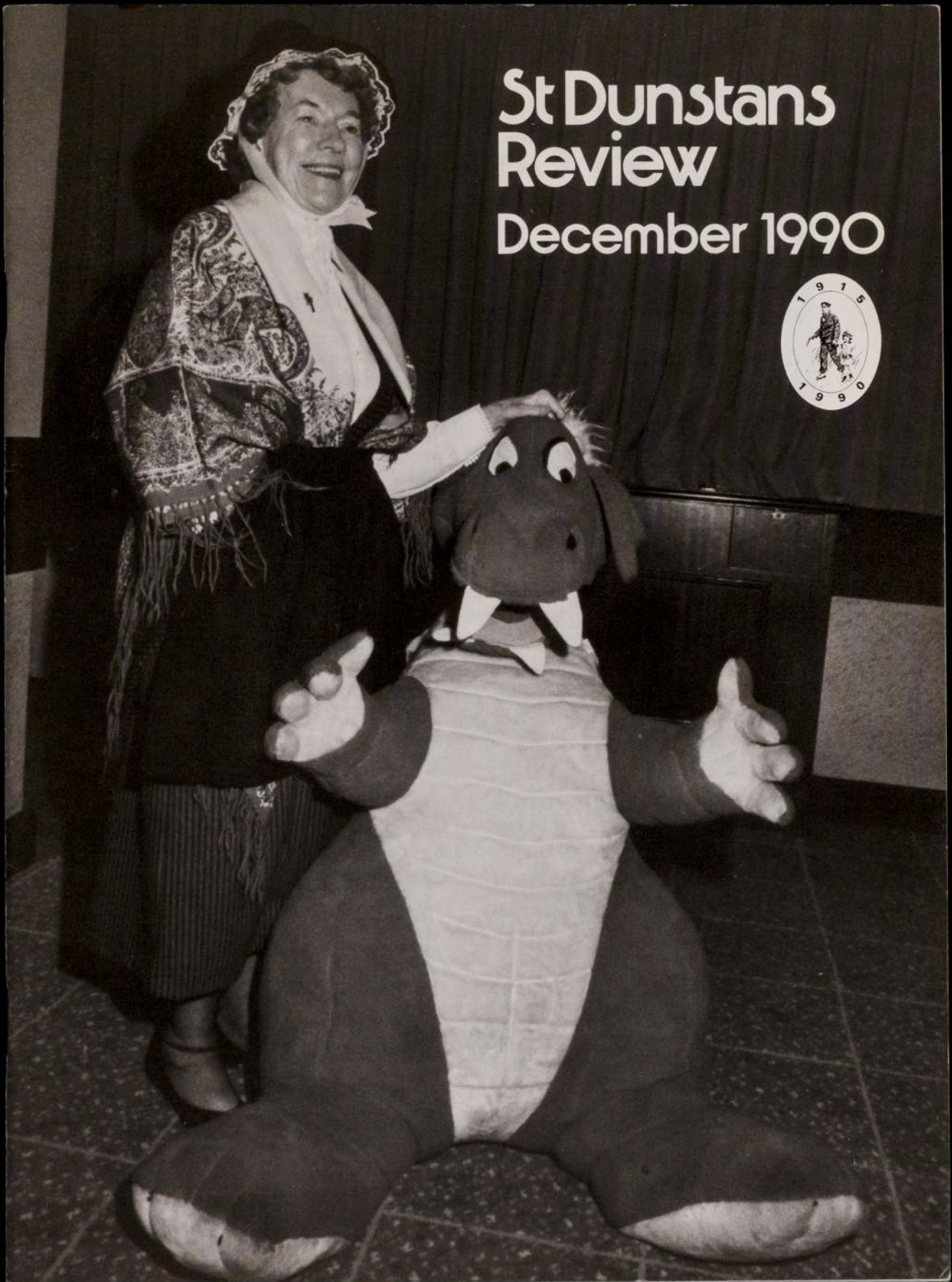


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Cover Picture: Gwen Oborn  
with the Welsh Dragon at the  
Ladies' Reunion.

# From the Chairman

There have been changes. Duncan Watson, until recently Chairman of the R.N.I.B. and a Member of our Council, has retired from both to enable him to concentrate on being President of the World Blind Union. His successor, John Wall (a practising solicitor) who has been involved with work for the R.N.I.B. for many years, has assumed Chairmanship of the R.N.I.B. and is now a Member of our Council.

Major Arthur Neve, Manager of Ian Fraser House, has retired after a number of years of outstanding service. We shall all miss him but send him our grateful thanks and best wishes for the future. He has been relieved as Manager by Lieutenant-Colonel David Bray, a recently retired Gunner who has since been Bursar of an independent school.

And so to the end of our momentous 75th Anniversary Year. A very Happy Christmas and best wishes for 1991 to you all from Mary and me.

*Henry Leach*



## NOTICE BOARD



### ANNIVERSARY BOOK PUBLISHED THIS MONTH

'Blind Man's Vision - The Story of St. Dunstan's in words and pictures' will be published this month. Planned as a 75th anniversary gift for each St. Dunstaner and his or her family, copies will be posted with the aim of the books arriving in time for Christmas.

The title recalls Sir Arthur Pearson, the blind man of vision who founded St. Dunstan's. Deeply affected by the plight of the newly blinded young men returning from the Western Front in ever-increasing numbers he set up an organisation dedicated to helping them lead full, independent and satisfying lives. At that time, the popular image of the blind man was that of the beggar or a match-seller at the corner of the street. Within a few years the name of St. Dunstan's had become synonymous with blindness, and blinded ex-servicemen were making their mark in the world as able, competent and valuable members of the community.

Pearson expressed his philosophy in simple words: 'Lots of people see without perceiving; blind people learn to perceive without seeing.'

The book tells the story of the men and women of St. Dunstan's and of their remarkable achievements. It is profusely illustrated by photographs from St. Dunstan's archives, many of which have never previously been published.

'Blind Man's Vision' is published in a limited edition and one copy will be sent free to St. Dunstaners. Its publication price is £14.95 but it is offered to other readers of the *Review* at the special price of £10.

Orders, accompanied by cheque only, made out in favour of St. Dunstan's, please, should be sent to Books Department, St. Dunstan's Review, 12-14 Harcourt Street, London W1A 4XB.

A recording of the entire text of the

book is available through the tape library. Please send two C90 cassettes and quote catalogue number SD 53.

### GARDEN PARTY VIDEO

A video recording was made of the events at the 75th Anniversary Garden Party at Buckingham Palace. This material has now been edited and a commentary by John Dunn of the B.B.C. has been added. The recording, entitled 'A Time to Remember', runs for about 19 minutes and copies are available in VHS form only from:

Leith Air Ltd.,  
447 Edgware Road,  
London,  
W2 1TH

Please send cheques made out to Leith Air Ltd. with order. The price of 'A Time to Remember' is £17.25 (inc. VAT).

### SWIMMING - OUT OF ORDER

The Swimming Pool at Ian Fraser House will be closed for a period of 2-3 weeks from January 6th, 1991 for essential maintenance.

### WALKING HOLIDAY

A two tier walk, similar to this year's, is being organised between April 22nd and the 26th, 1991. The longer walk will have the objective of covering the 80 miles of the entire South Downs Way in four or five days, probably involving one or two overnight stays in a B&B. The shorter walk will be exactly the same as this year, i.e. five local walks covering some 10 miles daily.

Please will you let Ray Hazan at HQ know if you would like to take part, and in which walk you would like to participate. It is essential that participants arrange their own escorts. Please book your stay at I.F.H. in the usual way.



## PEARSON HOUSE BIRTHDAY PARTY

The nearest Sunday to October 16th has become an annual highlight in the Pearson House calendar. The 16th is the actual date on which the house, then West House, was handed over to St. Dunstan's in 1918 by the Federation of Grocers' Associations of the United Kingdom.

So, on October 14th, St. Dunstaners and their guests sat at table for a celebratory luncheon. The company numbered around 70 but not all were in the dining room and quiet lounge, which had been converted for the day. Those not able to come down for the main meal had their lunch in the dining room on the first floor of the nursing wing, which had been laid out as beautifully as the rooms downstairs.

Matron Chris King spoke after the lunch. She thanked the PBK staff for a superb meal and the Pearson House staff for all the hard work that had gone into the preparations for the occasion. 'In previous years, at our annual anniversary

lunch, I have spoken about the history of Pearson House. For most St. Dunstaners here today, Pearson House is your home. Some of you are staying on a temporary basis and will return, in time, to your own homes.

'Living in a building such as Pearson House can never be quite the same as living in your own home, within your own family, but there are some similarities. An important part of family life are the guests you invite into your home. Throughout the year, here at Pearson House, you invite friends and relatives to come and visit you. Some stay for a few nights, some visit for the day, and you enjoy each other's company.'

Saying that it is natural to invite guests to meals, Matron pointed out that the only difference at Pearson House was that space did not permit St. Dunstaners to eat with their guests, except by the special arrangements on this anniversary day. 'To

all of the guests here today, I say welcome to Pearson House.'

Turning to the staff, Chris King said that although they have their private lives to lead. 'As they step through the doors of Pearson House, they become part of the family here. Indeed, I know this family feeling with the St. Dunstaners of Pearson House has a tendency to continue even when staff are not at work.'

Matron said that belonging to a family is wonderful and that the best place to be is at home. She compared family life at home with family life at Pearson House, 'All members of a family need to follow the straight forward guidelines of courtesy if you want an harmonious life. Sometimes you wish to be alone, sometimes you want company and need to know there is someone to turn to. This a normal part of family life.'

'Any members of the family will have their good days and bad days, their happy days and sad days but most of the time I hope that, here at Pearson House, with all the members of our large family, there is comradeship, tolerance and love. These are the best qualities of family life. God Bless you all.'

*Norton Christal, Matron King and Alec Morton cut the cake.*



*Kerry Winter and Margaret Oldham, Nursing Orderlies, with Peter Piper.*

After lunch the guests went into the Winter Garden for a party. Tony Back came to play the organ and his selection of familiar songs had everyone singing along. Soon the floor was crowded with dancers and the energy shown by some of the older members of the Pearson House family might be envied by dancers much younger!

The afternoon ended with tea and the cutting of the handsomely decorated 'birthday' cake by Matron, assisted by a large group of her 'family'.

## HIGHWAY CHRISTMAS EDITION FROM ST. DUNSTAN'S

The Christmas edition of the television programme 'Highway' which stars Sir Harry Secombe, will be based on St. Dunstan's Brighton Homes. The special hour-long edition marks our 75th anniversary year and will be broadcast on Independent Television (commercial) channels at 6.15 p.m. on Sunday, December 23rd.

# ST. DUNSTAN'S AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY MEETING

by Arthur Taylor  
(Short Wave Listener)

The meeting opened with the Chairman (Bill Shea G4AUJ) welcoming everyone present including Sir Henry Leach, who was attending in his capacity as President of the Society, also Jim Caldwell, G4WDI, and his wife who were attending their first meeting. He felt sure that all would join him in congratulating George Shed on attaining his 'A' licence and receiving the call-sign G0NUY.

Nominations were now being taken for the award of the G3MOW Memorial Trophy for 1990, and two names had already been put forward.

Visitors to the Radio Shack in July included parties from The Wellington public house and the Shoreham Lifeboat Station.

The Society has received donations in memory of Vic Reeves and John Cowan, and it has been decided to purchase a purpose-built talking clock, suitably inscribed, which Brian Jordan, G4EWJ, an electronics expert, has undertaken to construct, and it will be installed in the Radio Shack.

Details were given of a proposed visit to Gatwick Airport, which came about through the good offices of John Proctor, G3JFP. This will be organised at some future date and, as party numbers are limited, a ballot may have to be held. The reaction from the floor was one of enthusiasm, and, should any member not present at the meeting feel they would like to have their name included, they should notify the Secretary accordingly. Security will, of course, be tight and an identity card will have to be carried.

Due to the success of the Jordanian trip, there is now a suggestion to visit Malaysia. Robin Bellerby has done a considerable amount of research into this venture and outlined a proposed itinerary. Several members present expressed their interest

in the visit, and if any member not present is interested they should inform the Secretary at an early date.

The question of running a refresher course for CW (morse code) was raised, and George Cole, G4AWI, said that he would be willing to run a tutorial course at Ian Fraser House for those who were interested in improving their knowledge of the system. Any member who would like to take advantage of this most generous offer should contact George direct, in order that the necessary arrangements can be made.

Events in the Middle East have deteriorated to the point where Jordan has a very serious refugee problem, and John Proctor suggested that members present might wish to make a donation to the Jordanian Refugee Fund. During the course of the meeting, the sum of £85 was collected — a very good effort.

Bill Shea told of a letter he had sent to Ibrahim JY5IM, Station Manager of the Royal Jordanian Radio Amateurs Society in Amman, suggesting that we should try and make contact during the week. No reply had been received, but it was decided that the Society would call the Base Station, JY6ZZ, at a certain time each day. Unfortunately, conditions were such that no contact could be made. We shall keep trying!

Following the report of the presentation to Major Arthur Neve in July, Sir Henry paid tribute to him and explained the reason for his delayed retirement.

Sir Henry also paid tribute to the Society for what it had achieved in the relationship with its counterpart in Jordan. He added that it was no exaggeration to say that this had been a masterpiece in international relationships, and the fact that the King himself was involved made it even more excellent. It was a great plea-

sure to have Sir Henry's company and to hear what he had to say.

At the conclusion of the meeting, members were served an excellent lunch in the Winter Garden.

After lunch the members went on the air and, from then until the Station closed, some 400 contacts were made with amateurs all over the world, including Japan, Australia, New Zealand, Hong Kong, South Africa, Bahamas, Cuba, Brazil and Alaska to name but a few. Best wishes were received congratulating St. Dunstan's and its members on its 75th Anniversary. It was quite surprising to learn of the number of contacts abroad who had been to Brighton at some time in their lives — some 40 years ago!

A Special Event Station, using the call-sign GB75STD, will be in operation from December 5th to 12th, 1990, and any member wishing to participate should make their arrangements through Headquarters in the usual way.

Sincere and grateful thanks to all members of staff at Headquarters and at Ian Fraser House for helping to make the whole of our stay a happy and memorable occasion.

The programme of events for 1991 is as follows:—

March 2nd — Extraordinary General Meeting followed by Annual General Meeting. Provisionally extended to March 7th.

July 20th — Ordinary Meeting. Provisionally extended to July 25th.

October 12th — Ordinary Meeting. Provisionally extended to October 17th.

Members are advised to book their accommodation at Ian Fraser House through the usual channels as soon as possible.

A very happy Christmas and New Year to you all.

#### Editor's Note:

Since this article was written Ted John, the Secretary, has informed the *Review* that the suggested visit to Malaysia in 1991 will not now take place.

## THE NATIONAL TRUST

The National Trust welcomes visitors with disabilities to its properties. It provides beautiful and largely accessible historic buildings, gardens and countryside, and the means to see these properties in comfort and peace, with staff at hand to give help and advice if necessary.

The Trust has many attractions for people whether they have sight or not. It offers scented plants, herb gardens, fountains, streams and many aural and tactile delights to visually handicapped visitors in its gardens and countryside. It admits guide dogs to nearly all its houses and gardens. At several properties braille guide books are provided and the Trust has recently taken the first steps in a programme to supply taped guides which can be sold or loaned to people with personal stereo equipment.

A new scheme is currently being planned which would provide blind members with free tapes of the Trust member's magazine, which is published three times a year. Whilst the Trust awaits a sponsor, they are keen to collect names and addresses of people who would be interested in such a provision. Any St. Dunstan's who are, should send their details to Mrs. Valerie Wenham, Adviser, Facilities for Disabled Visitors, The National Trust, 36 Queen Anne's Gate, London, SW1H 9AS.

## MISTAKEN IDENTITY

In the last issue of the *Review* we mistakenly attributed the Gardening Report to Margaret Bingham when in fact it was by Pat Harris. We apologise for the mistake and any embarrassment it may have caused.

## FREE BIBLE CASSETTES FOR BLIND

Free Bible cassette tapes of the New Testament in 25 languages are available as a gift, FREE OF CHARGE to every person who is visually impaired or blind.

Orders and requests for further details may be directed to Bible Alliance, Inc., P.O. Box 621, Bradenton, FL. 34206, USA, a non-profit and non-denominational organisation. Telephone (813) 748-3031.



*Jamie Cuthbertson scales the rock face at Barmouth Slabs.*

## Wet 'n Wild in Wales

by Patrick Flanagan

It may have been a long hot summer but it certainly made up for it on Saturday, October 3rd, when five intrepid St. Dunstaners decided to go walking in the Welsh Hills. The group consisted of veteran climbers Ted John, Ray Sheriff and Trevor Tatchell and two newcomers John Gilbert and Jamie Cuthbertson. Barry Ellis collected the party at the Bryn Melyn Hotel where they had arrived the night before. But all the plans came undone because of the weather and it was decided the best and safest option was to go to the Gwynffynydd Goldmine.

This may only have been the second option but it was nonetheless a most invigorating and enlightening experience. The party were all attired in wet gear, but John Gilbert suggested scuba gear would have been of more use.

The mine had been worked until recently and evidence of this could be seen all about. Some of the party went into

one of the shafts, but even here they couldn't escape the water as the floor of the mine was flooded. Barry explained how the machinery extracted the gold from the ore and said it was unlikely that anyone would find nuggets lying about. Even so, it was remarkable to see the sighted members of the party with their eyes peeled to the ground.

Jamie Cuthbertson, who was accompanied by his brother, Donald, and (Donald's) girlfriend, Naomi, took particular interest in the various forms of fungi growing on the side of the gravel path. The fact that most of the times he inspected were poisonous didn't seem to deter him.

As the party made their way back down the valley the streams that they had passed on the way up were now raging torrents swelled by the torrential rain. The waterfall at Pistyll Cain was now a spectacular sight, sending clouds of spray into the air. A less spectacular sight was the motor

rally that was using the same track as the walkers, making it necessary for everyone to leave the path as the cars passed. But neither this, nor the rain could take away from the beauty and serenity of the valley.

The group arrived back at the hotel a wet and bedraggled lot, but a shower and a cup of tea soon revived the spirits. Ted and Beryl John went down to Barmouth to do some sightseeing. The word 'down' is the operative word here, for the hill from the hotel to Barmouth was so steep that the climbing gear was nearly brought out a day early. After dinner that evening the group gathered in the hotel bar, but only a few of the hardier members stayed till late.

Sunday was a much more suitable day for rock climbing, and at 9.30 a.m. the minibus collected the party and took them the short distance to Barmouth Slabs. The Slabs are sheer rock faces with climbs of varying degrees of difficulty. For John Gilbert and Jamie Cuthbertson it was a new experience, but they rose to the challenge and tackled both the climbing and the abseiling.

For Ray Sheriff, Ted John and Trevor Tatchell this was old hat. They moved about the rock face as if they did it every day. Watching over them was the Rhinog

*John Gilbert abseils down Barmouth Slabs.*

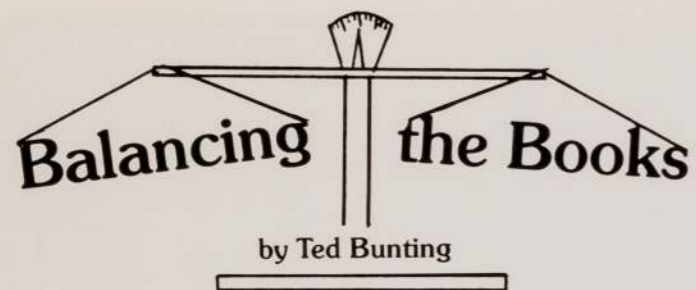


*Trevor Tatchell feels his way along the cliff face.*

Mountain Rescue Team, who ensured that everything was done by the book without removing the excitement that comes with risking life and limb. Even Beryl John couldn't resist the challenge and abseiled over the rock face.

That evening the members of the Rescue Team were guests of honour at dinner. Ray Sheriff thanked the members of the team who had given up their weekend, for their help and patience over the two days. He mentioned in particular Barry Ellis, Wally Cook, Brian Porter, Colin Jones, Andy Wilson, (mad) Mike Orton and Andy and Clare for the attention they gave. He also thanked St. Dunstan's for the superb organisation, and Jock and Beryl for helping things run smoothly.

Trevor Tatchell thanked David and Carol of the Bryn Melyn Hotel for the excellent food and service, promising to return some time in the future. He also thanked the St. Dunstaners wives, Betty Sheriff, Beryl John and his own wife, Beryl. A suggestion was put forward that maybe next year the Mountain Rescue Team might like to take part in the South Downs Walk. Everyone agreed this was a great idea and it now remains to be seen if it can be organised.



# Balancing the Books

by Ted Bunting

## The Godfather

Author: Mario Puzo  
Reader: Robert Gladwell  
Duration: 19.25 hours  
Catalogue number: 1185

Oh dear oh dear! What a naughty book this is! My word it really is; you have to be thick-skinned and broad-minded to keep on listening to this stuff. There's more sex than Soho sees in a six months; more swearing than a bombardier ever heard in a bawdy barrack-room; and enough crime to make a prison warder whistle with wonder.

And what naughty people the hundreds of characters are! They go around stealing, cheating, and murdering in a way that even their being Sicilian can't excuse. And it's not just my fancy either, when I say they'd cut a man's throat as soon as look at him; because the one they called the 'Godfather' actually did it.

Now I don't know about you, but it's not the sort of thing I'd want MY godfather to do, but the folk who knew this one didn't mind it a bit, in fact they seemed to like him all the better for it. Mind you, some of these people did things much worse than the Godfather did; and I suppose that's where the point of the story really lies; one man does one thing, so another responds with something worse, and before you know it, it's out with the knives, the guns and the hand-grenades, and Death comes reaping with a blindfold on.

So if this sounds like the kind of story you'd like to know more about, send for it and good luck to you. Personally I've only two more points to make about it. The first is that with all the Italian names and phrases which crop up, I feel that the talking book medium really comes into its

own, and the other is that if I'd realised how naughty 'The Godfather' is, I'd have asked for it months ago.

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## Down and Out in Paris and London

Author: George Orwell  
Reader: Anthony Higginson  
Duration: 7.25 hours  
Catalogue number: 5536

On the face of it, the saying; 'When you've got nothing you've got nothing to lose', appears to be a self-evident truth, but, as this remarkable account of George Orwell's experience on the poverty-line in the early 1930's makes clear, the loss of material things is only the beginning for the down and out.

He also loses, for instance, all social standing or rank he had ever had. As a 'have not', he must now choose between eating and starving and, because this forces him to accept the most ill-paid jobs, like that of restaurant washer-up, as Orwell describes, he becomes the lowest of the very low in the kitchen. In this menial post of course, he is also in great danger of losing his own self esteem and personal pride. Indeed, it would be almost a miracle if he did not, for to retain his employment he must meekly submit to everybody's criticism and verbal abuse, and after a few weeks of this treatment, it is more than possible that he'd lose his hopes for a better future too.

But even at the height of his need and the depth of his despair, George Orwell did not lose his sense of humour, and because of this, he has produced, in my opinion, a very enjoyable book. The episode in which he helps a destitute

friend to 'do a midnight flit' in broad daylight, is tragi-comedy at its best, and in other desperate situations also, Orwell brings a suggestion of mirth where no other writer could have done so.

But having said that, I wouldn't like you to run away with the idea that this book is a laugh a minute; because it certainly is not. It faces, in fact, a sad and shameful subject head-on, and it describes all the filth and degradation in the lives which the down-and-outs were forced to lead. The author's purpose, needless to say, was to shock his readers and shake them out of their complacency in order that things might be changed. But if you read this book now, as I certainly hope you will, it may occur to you, as it did to me, that there are still beggars on the streets of London, and a place called 'Cardboard City' where they sleep.

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## The Brotherhood

Author: Stephen Knight  
Reader: Ray Jones  
Duration: 11 hours  
Catalogue number: 5200

Well, I don't know that I really can tell you this: if this is not the biggest load of codswallop since the 'Goon Show', then it must surely be one of the most disturbing books I've ever read. According to its author, you see, every aspect of the society we live in, is either wholly controlled by, or subject to, the evil influence of the secret brotherhood known as the 'Freemasons'. And this secret brotherhood, he says, is actually more sinister than even the majority of its own members can even imagine.

Generally, explains Stephen Knight, the men 'on the square' are aware of the three 'degrees' which take a brother to the rank of 'Master Mason', but they are quite ignorant of the further 29 ultra-secret steps, which lead up the masonic ladder to influence and power on a massive scale.

Most people, I dare say, have heard how advancement in the police force is supposed to be almost impossible without 'rolling up the trouser leg', as they say, but if the material in this book is true, it is also simplicity itself for the masons to make or

break careers and lives in practically every business or profession in existence. Apart from the police force, the author writes about alleged masonic influence in the legal professions and on the judges' bench; he claims it is a similar story with financiers, stock-brokers, architects, and all levels of local government. He names several senior officers in the armed forces whose masonic rank set them higher than a Royal Duke, and he includes at least one bishop amongst the churchmen he claims have given him secret information about the brotherhood.

The further into this book you go, the more and more fantastic the author's claims seem to be. That the 'Jack the Ripper' murders were carried out under masonic orders is one of them, and another is that the Russian K.G.B. is aiming to take over the world by gaining control of the masons.

As I said at the beginning, personally, I don't know what to think... so why not ask for a copy yourself, and see if YOU can decide whether Mr. Knight's claims are probable, possible, or just plain poppy-cock.

## HARROGATE 1990

by Ralph Pacitti

After last year's landmark of our 50th Anniversary, the old cliché of 'follow that' might have proved difficult to avoid. However, after this year's event, the comparison need not be applied as we have all returned home after a lovely week. Firstly, I would like to say how nice it was to have Bert Ward with us, even though it was only for two nights, and Reg Palmer, who I know enjoyed his first experience of Harrogate. Our first fixture, at the Harrogate Bridge Club, was to be for the St. Dunstan's Cup, and was won by a team from Harrogate captained by Monica Campbell. Robert Evans gave the vote of thanks.

Sunday evening we were at the Spa Hotel, Ripon. We normally play a match, and this time we decided to play in teams of four, so at least one St. Dunstan's pair would come top. Jo Huk and George

Hudson did well with their Ripon partners. We had a lovely supper, and would like to take this opportunity to say many thanks to the management of the Spa Hotel for the use of their lovely room. Reg Goding, our Secretary, gave a very nice vote of thanks.

Monday evening we returned to the old format and played a match. We were guests at the Civil Service Club where St. Dunstan's had a win. I would not suggest for one minute that Ernest would cook the books, but possibly a little massaging? I gave the vote of thanks that evening.

Tuesday evening we were back to the Harrogate Bridge Club. Tonight, we had another change as Dr. Alex Flet decided it would be a straight pairs match. Alf Dodgson and myself were fortunate enough to have the luck to come out on top. Alf gave a very warm vote of thanks.

We were in Bradford on Wednesday. Here we did play a match; it was what you call nip-and-tuck. St. Dunstan's finished just slightly ahead, but the score would be a draw. Bob Fullard thanked them for their kindness and their lovely picnic. Thursday evening we were at the Oakdale Golf Club. This was to be a match and, of course, the last one for the year. Like Bradford, this match could have swung in either direction. Luckily, it swung in our direction, therefore giving us a win. Bill Phillips, our Captain, gave a vote of thanks.

We spent Friday with our Harrogate friends and had a lovely luncheon at the Drovers. After the warmth of Yorkshire hospitality all week, St. Dunstaners want to take the opportunity to say thank you for making us all so welcome and how good it is to renew old friendships. Relaxing before lunch with our friends of today, we remember all those we have known. Robert Evans, at the end of a lovely meal, gave a very fitting vote of thanks on our behalf. Cedric Cockcroft, who I have not mentioned as yet, was on hand all week — apart from Sunday — and he makes himself available at any time. Cedric responded with his usual flair, injected

with plenty of humour. We would very much like to voice our appreciation for all he does.

On Friday evening we held our Bridge drive; again we wish to thank the Civil Service Club for the use of their premises. The bridge drive this year was won by our own Vi Delaney partnered by Mrs. Maureen Maxwell. Second place was taken by our Bridge Captain and Cedric. Third prize was won by Ted Nathan partnered by Reg Goding.

#### Final thanks

After the prize-giving, Bill Phillips brought the week to its end, and gave a final vote of thanks. We would like to offer our thanks to Ian Dickson and his wife, Nancy, for all they do for the St. Dunstan's Bridge Club throughout the year. Jock Carnochan, also, is very lovely to have around, and apart from looking after Wally, is always alert to anyone's needs. I am sorry to end on a sad note, but Stan Medcraft has been to Harrogate for the last time. It is some nine years since Stan first came along on escort duty. We will all miss you Stan, and on behalf of my bridge friends, thanks for all you have done at Harrogate. We are thankfully not losing him altogether as he will continue to support the bridge drives in London.

#### MUSIC by Ken Revis

Our music group at Ovingdean has recently concentrated on Jazz, but as we only have three instrumentalists and two of those are rhythm players the problems speak for themselves. It has been suggested that we should broaden our outlook and we are looking for suggestions from anyone interested in music, talk, concerts, organ, musical appreciation, call it what you like. We have a loyal group of followers and I hope that any reader, player or not, will write to Ian Fraser House marking the envelope 'Music'. Please write — Thank you.

## JACK JARROLD AT NINETY

Mr. Jack Jarrold, who will celebrate his 90th birthday on December 29th, worked for St. Dunstan's for 23 years before retiring in 1967. He had come to St. Dunstan's from the Royal Air Force as Physical Training Instructor and Sports Organiser in 1944. Jack was among those responsible for the spirit of optimism and encouragement which led many blind people to take up sport in Church Stretton and at Ian Fraser House after the Second World War.

#### Australia

After his retirement, he continued serving St. Dunstan's in the Brighton Homes, where he was a voluntary reader. Jack had also been a participant, and onetime organiser, of social events and shooting matches for St. Dunstan's. In September 1979, he was forced to give these activities up due to his own failing sight.

Since then, Jack has been to Australia three times, having known St. Dunstan's Down Under. He now enjoys listening to Talking Newspapers and his monthly Talking Review.

#### Salute

As we come to the close of our 75th Anniversary Year, I am sure all members and staff of St. Dunstan's would like to salute those individuals, over the years, who have contributed to the making of this organisation. As he approaches his 90th birthday, we wish Jack both health and happiness and pay tribute to his efforts on behalf of St. Dunstan's throughout the years.

#### POET'S CORNER

Mr. Robinson, a St. Dunstaner since 1950, died on October 11th. His beloved wife Elizabeth, to whom he was married for 51 years, died in 1985. Micky's daughter sent this poem to the *Review*, which he dedicated to his wife, and which we publish now as a tribute to him.

## V.I.P.

by Micky Robinson

*This important lady  
The pride of your life  
with no fancy title,  
She's just called your 'wife'.*

*Sweet, precious and lovely  
So tender and kind  
There's no greater partner  
On earth you will find.*

*She'll share all your troubles  
And ease all your pain  
Turn a cloud into sunshine  
Tho' it looks full of rain.*

*Let's examine the work  
She gets through in a day —  
And does it for love  
Without any pay.*

*She will rise with the dawn  
As bright as a spark  
And toil all the hours  
Till well after dark.*

*She will care for the children,  
Keep them all spick and span,  
Get you off to work  
With a kiss for 'her man'.*

*She will do all the housework  
So many chores  
And cook all the meals  
Without any flaws.*

*She's an absolute marvel  
This human machine  
And she never sits down  
'Till all is serene.*

*When you come home from work  
And you've had a rough ride  
She'll put her arms round you  
And sit by your side.*

*She's an angel of mercy  
This queen in her right  
Who gives you your strength  
To win any fight.*

*And to all other men  
Who have such a wife  
— Take care of your darling  
She's nine tenths of your life.*

## Welcome to St. Dunstan's

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

**Mr. Roy Cobb**, of Penzance, Cornwall, who joined on October 10th.

Mr. Cobb entered the Royal Navy as an Officers' cook in February 1941 and served until December 1946. He was drafted to *HMS Prince of Wales*, remaining with her until the Japanese invasion of Malaya when he was captured and spent the rest of the war as a POW. He worked on the building of the Sumatra Railway and suffered badly from malnutrition.

He is now retired and living in a Cheshire Home.

**Mr. George James Eaton**, of Crewe, following his admission to Benefits on October 10th last.

Mr. Eaton served as a Rifleman in the Kings Own Yorkshire Light Infantry from 1940 to 1945 and fought throughout the North African and Sicily campaigns and was involved in the Tarranto and Anzio landings. He was wounded in Italy. Mr. Eaton is single.

**Mr. Michael Ryan**, of King's Lynn, who was admitted to Benefits on October 3rd last.

Mr. Ryan served in the R.A.F. from 1978 to 1985 as an S.A.C. in the United Kingdom and Germany. He is married with a young family.

**Mrs. Mabel Mary Simpson**, of Aldershot, Hants., who joined on October 10th.

Mrs. Simpson was an Admiralty scientist in World War II and worked on torpedo development at Greenwich. She was injured in the same air raid in which her husband was killed in September 1940. Mrs. Simpson was totally blinded but following training at Church Stretton remained in the Civil Service as a telephonist until retirement age.

**Mr. Robert William Charles Lucas**, of Ash, near Aldershot, who was admitted to benefits on November 1st.

Mr. Lucas, who is 80, was called up and posted into The Loyal Regiment in 1942, serving as a Private, and was discharged in 1945. He was wounded whilst on a training exercise in Northern Ireland when a damaged grenade exploded destroying the sight of his right eye.

After discharge from the Army in 1945, Mr. Lucas returned to his pre-war trade of joiner and continued working until his retirement in 1975.

Our St. Dunstaner and his wife, Helen Mary, have been married for 15 years.

**Mr. Joseph Dalton**, of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, who was admitted to benefits on November 1st.

Mr. Dalton served as a Driver in the Royal Army Service Corps from 1941 to 1943 and was wounded in Tunisia. He went to Church Stretton in 1943 where he met and married his wife, Hanna Raeyer, who was an orderly there. They have a grown up son.

### BRITISH GAS HELP FOR THE BLIND

British Gas have published a new set of initiatives which it hopes will solve some of the difficulties experienced by their visually disabled customers.

Your regional Home Services Advisor can arrange to have your thermostats, switches and controls marked in either braille or Hi-Mark — a fluorescent substance which is useful for the partially sighted.

Those customers with any hand disability may request that British Gas adapt the controls on any gas equipment, fires, cookers etc., so as to enable the user to operate it more easily. Enlarged and marked controls could make the world of difference to those people who have difficulty with gas appliances.

We have a tape in the St. Dunstan's Library (No. G50) which contains all of this information in full and is available on request.

## REFLECTIONS by the Reverend C. Le M. Scott

Who wants improvements? So often they are clumsy efforts imposed on us in a spirit of condescension. Here is one I am putting forward. Up until a year ago the Prayer for St. Dunstan's used in the various Chapel services went like this:

*O loving Father we pray for all those who have been blinded in the service of their Country. May they all learn the mystery of the road of suffering, which Christ has trodden and saints have followed, and bring you this gift which angels cannot bring — a heart that trusts you even in the dark; and this we ask in the Name of Him who took our infirmities upon Him, even the same Jesus Christ our Saviour.*

Now it goes like this:

*O loving Father we ask you to bless those who have been blinded in the service of their Country. We give thanks for the courage and dignity of their lives, and for the kindness of those who love and care for them. Show us, good Lord, how to learn from the way of*

*suffering which Christ has trodden and saints have followed to trust you even in the dark: Through Him who offered Himself as the light of the world, our Saviour Jesus Christ, Amen*

I have presumed to suggest alteration because, as the Minister who has the duty of reading this prayer on behalf of us all I found an unease, and awkwardness in the former set of words. In them I appeared to be telling St. Dunstaners what they should do. '... may they all learn' etc. My experience has been, on the contrary, that I am in the presence of men and women from whom I myself, and those who generously escort and aid St. Dunstaners, might learn — the teaching is on the other foot. The stature of those I meet at Ian Fraser House and Pearson House is tremendous. So I have consulted some of them, and re-written the prayer a dozen times; and presume to offer this amendment. If someone with a better gift with words would amend it further I would love to hear it.

## NEW TELECOM CHARGE FOR DIRECTORY ENQUIRIES

From April 1991, British Telecom plans to begin charging 43p per call for their Directory Enquiries Service. Blind users will be able to claim exemption from the new cost only if they have registered in advance with the company's special bureau for the blind.

Mike Bett, British Telecom's Vice-Chairman and Managing Director of British Telecom UK, admitted that, 'it would be wrong to charge those customers who, for one reason or another, are physically unable to use the phone books. This is why we are introducing arrangements for them.' These new arrangements, unfortunately, place full responsibility for registration on the blind person themselves. A card will be issued only once the blind caller has phoned a

Linkline number — 0800 919195 — where personal information must be given and an application form completed. The form must later be verified and signed by a community or health worker. There is widespread fear that only regular users of the service will bother to register and that, consequently, there will be no free service available to blind people in an emergency.

British Telecom insist that, since they do not have records detailing the names and addresses of blind customers, the method of registration they have chosen is the best. The idea of the identity card was formulated after consultation with the Royal National Institute for the Blind and B.T.'s own advisory committee on disabled phone users.





*Sir Maurice cuts the reunion cake, Lady Johnston is sixth from the left.*

## LADIES' REUNION 1990

by Margaret Bingham

The 14th Ladies' Reunion held at Cardiff, South Wales, proved to be one of the happiest we have had and yet the most unusual in a bizarre kind of way. As usual we had tea in the suite allotted us — the Sophia Rooms, dining room and bar-lounge, then returned to our respective rooms to have a rest or unpack. We made a noisy gathering as we sat down for dinner later that evening as we had all had a drink or two at the bar. It was an excellent meal and as most of us had not met since the previous year there was a great deal of news to catch up with.

With members of Headquarters Staff, Bill, Cynthia and David, Welfare Visitors Irene and Viv, Sandra who accompanied me from Pearson House, Colin Bentley, escorts and 18 Lady St. Dunstaners we made a very merry party of 44 and the noise was incessant. Included in the number was a new lady St. Dunstaner, Alys Briggs, her husband Walter, and Mme. Zofia Bregula from Poland and her escort

Miss Catherine Adamiec. An adjournment to the bar, then in a very happy mood, to bed.

On Friday morning some of us visited the shops in the precinct only a few minutes walk away. As most of it had been pedestrianised it was quite easy to walk around. There were branches of all the big stores and supermarkets which gave us the opportunity to have a really good spending spree. On Friday afternoon we visited Dyffryn Botanical Gardens and Arboretum in the Vale of Glamorgan not very far from Cardiff. The mansion there had been owned by the Button family, well known in South Wales, for well over 400 years but had passed to Reginald Cory, a keen horticulturist and Vice-President of the Royal Horticultural Society. That family resided there until 1934 and it eventually passed to the former Glamorgan County Council.

Our party was split into two, each with a well-versed guide from the gardening

staff. As we rounded the house the guide explained that although this house was not on public view, the focal point was the gardens, the forefront also being used as the backdrop for wedding groups. This was evident as he explained the structure; two storeys high, built of stone with stone dressing, parapet walls and dormers and chimney stacks. It also had a Doric colonnade to the centre of the south garden front 13 bays long.

### Victorian Mansion

The mansion is of Victorian style and with the extensive garden surrounds was an absolute picture. The sizeable lawn and croquet lawns were beautifully kept and the grass was a lush green. This was explained by the fact that the River Taff flows under the gardens and there are three bore-holes in the area which must have been a great boon in the current long, dry spell.

Large circular beds of autumnal colourful flowers were a prominent feature with a series of walks and yew-hedge enclosed gardens leading up to the numerous oriental trees and shrubs, many grown from seed brought to this country. It was of interest to find that yew trees although a healthy green on the outside were 'dead' or entirely devoid of leafage within. As we came along the path we came across a Chapel garden where church-like windows had been cut into the yew. Beyond that was the Theatre garden where plays were enacted.

The long narrow herbaceous garden with its high interwoven fencing was a mass of colour as was the dahlia garden — it seems there are at least 100 species of the flower and one was such a deep purple it looked to be black. There was so much of interest in this garden it would have taken us all day to visit every section but our time was limited and we had to return to the hotel to prepare for dinner and to meet and listen to a very important Guest-of-Honour.

Viscount Tonypandy, erstwhile George Thomas who was a former Labour M.P.

*Right: A leaning palm interests Barbara Bell.*



*Brenda Rea examining some garden sculpture.*



and then for some years much admired Speaker of the House of Commons, was our Guest-of-Honour. We felt very privileged to have such a well known person to join us for dinner. Having drinks in the bar-lounge he moved amongst us and Bill introduced each one of us ladies to him. He had a good laugh and joke, which, as he had a very bad cold and sore throat, certainly endeared him to us. The tables looked beautiful with glistening glasses and cutlery, white napery and candles in candelabra flickering in a sudden draught. The food was excellent but an apology was made concerning English roast beef — we had had succulent Welsh lamb the previous evening. After the Loyal Toast, Bill introduced Lord Tonypany who then proceeded to give an excellent speech telling us anecdotes of his days as an M.P. and his life in general.

It was obviously a great effort for him to give such an amusing talk and he sat down to a great round of applause. Gwen who was seated next to Lord Tonypany then stood up and made a little speech in which she thanked his Lordship and then presented him with a statuette of a coal miner with a truck of black, shiny coal. The slab on which it stood was a piece of slate from one of the quarries.

### Brecon Mountain Railway

The weather was cold and windy with only a little sunshine on the Saturday morning. We had an excursion on the Brecon Mountain Railway with a drive to the Brecon Hills. We could have wished for a little more sun to have given warmth to the area. We made our way up a steep slope inside the Railway Station and there the engine and carriages awaited us. The engine, a most handsome monster in black and tan, was made in Germany and named Graf Schwerin-Lowitz — although there were two or three carriages, we travelled in the caboose, an excellent replica of a carriage used in the Mid-West of America.

Glynn, the guard, was a mine of information giving details of how the caboose was constructed — the long pieces of wood (probably maple which is a hard wood) about 2" wide which ran diagonally to



*Lord Tonypany has Gwen Obern and Alys Briggs laughing.*

make the floor, the number of seats and window-frames and also the railed platform at the rear where he could stand and survey the countryside. (I suppose in days gone by the guard would be on the lookout for desperados intending to rob the passengers).

Also towards the rear was the 'Observation Post' and children love to climb the three steps and peer through the window. We passed through beautiful countryside, valleys on one side and mountains on the other. It was surprising to note how green the vegetation was; maybe the proximity of so many reservoirs and lakes could account for this. Hawthorn bushes grew in abundance and Glynn said some of the valleys, as viewed from the railway, were a beautiful sight of white blossom in the Spring.

On our return after about a 30 minute journey we alighted at Brecon Mountain Station to mingle with throngs of children mainly who had been on the train in other carriages. All the repair work such as stripping down engines and other parts is done on site. Later, after an excellent lunch at the Station Restaurant I had a word with Sarah, one of the waitresses who is also the Company Secretary. She said the owner is Mr. Anthony Hill and his



*Eileen Williams, Zofia Bregula, Rene Bushell, Vi Delaney, Elsie Aldred and Barbara Bell entering Cardiff Castle.*

wife, Jenny, does the catering. There are three sons, two of whom work on the railway. They live in an old signal-box made into a home at the end of the line and hope to add another five miles to the track — making seven in all, eventually.

Outside the station was a flock of piebald sheep similar to Jacob's Sheep found in Sussex. We resumed our seats in the coach and Colin then took us on a long drive through the picturesque Brecon mountains. It had been a long day and the foyer of the Crest Hotel was pleasantly warm as by now the day had turned rather cold and we were ready for a cuppa! The Hotel was very pleasant and the Staff was most kind and considerate. We found the food excellent and one of the senior waitresses named Frankie was an extremely jolly girl and knew us all by name.

Standing, or squatting on its haunches, in a very prominent place in the foyer was a huge stuffed toy, a Red Welsh Dragon with claws and wings and a ferocious looking snout which opened on a hinge to reveal a pinkish cavern and long pointed teeth. It was used at children's parties and the squeals of horror can be imagined as little fists were plunged into the Dragon's mouth! Tea and sandwiches had been laid

out but Gwen had a little surprise for us which she had kept to herself. A relative or friend had arranged for a large, round fruit cake to be made by a baker in Aberdare. It was covered in white icing and an exact copy of Gwen's St. Dunstan's badge lay on the top. It was delicious and Gwen informed us it was a wedding cake mixture.

At about 5 p.m. we did a tour of the nearby Museum of the Queen's Dragoon Guards at the 12th century Cardiff Castle courtesy of the Member of our Council, Lieutenant-General Sir Maurice Johnston. We were given a brief account of the Regiment and then made a tour of glass cases which showed uniforms of Officers

*Elsie Aldred and the Graf Schwerin-Lowitz.*





*Sir Maurice Johnston shows Margaret Paterson the embroidery on a saddle cloth.*

*Margaret and John Bingham with Nurse Lorna Williams.*



and men over the years. Also gas masks were displayed and there was one ghastly looking affair with two eye-holes and a long nose which fitted over a horse's head. Opposite the illuminated cases, the wall was an exact replica of the sand-bags used to line the trenches and dug-outs during the First World War. The carpet in this corridor was of particular interest with a background of a beautiful royal blue it has the crest of the Dragoon Guards emblazoned on it at regular intervals. This motif was about 15" x 12" and done in silver and maybe some red and green. We entered a wide hall — on stands stood life-size models of beautiful horses and soldiers of different eras either sitting astride them or standing 'at ease'.

It was a most fascinating experience and we were indeed most grateful to Sir Maurice for laying on this visit and also for presenting each of us with a beautiful silver cap badge. Later he and Lady Johnston were our Guests-of-Honour at dinner. As always the dining room was a picture and we had a really splendid meal. Sir Maurice gave a short speech and Barbara Bell presented Lady Johnston with a beautiful arrangement of flowers.

#### Folk Museum

On Sunday we drove the comparatively short distance to the Welsh Folk Museum, St. Fagan's. Here, set in 100 acres of woodland and gardens, are 23 reconstructed old buildings brought from the Welsh countryside to depict the life styles of Welsh people through the centuries. A row of six terraced houses from Merthyr Tydfil portraying life in a Welsh mining community spanning nearly 200 years was assisted in its progress through the course of time by a display by the District Nurses of Wales.

I spoke to one of them, a Midwife, and she mentioned that the green uniform she was wearing had been worn by Nerys Hughes in the T.V. series *District Nurse*. The smell of newly baked bread emitting from the Derwen Bakehouse was very enticing and quite a few succumbed to temptation and were seen avidly eating a tasty bun or scone. Orders for a selection of breads were taken and a girl delivered them to

the coach ere our departure to the Castle Restaurant for a very tasty lunch.

Dinner was informal that evening but it was a festive occasion we shall talk about for years. A harpist, Margaret Harries, one of the most accomplished performers in Wales, entertained us and later Gwen, dressed in traditional Welsh costume, sang some Welsh airs as she played. The haunting music was delightful. Zofia made a beautiful speech in which she said how she and Catherine had enjoyed the weekend and it was an experience they would never forget. Walter spoke also and said he and Alys had not realised what a wonderful time we had at the Ladies' Reunion and they hoped to be able to attend many more. On each side-plate was a little gift of a daffodil and we also had a miniature Miner's Lamp key-ring. Gifts were presented to members of the staff and a bottle of whisky to Colin by various ladies.

#### The Red Dragon

As usual this was well organised and executed by Eileen. She also mentioned that Penny Lord was very much in our thoughts and flowers had been sent to her with our best wishes. The waitresses joined in with the gaiety and as the evening was still young we adjourned to our Bar-Lounge. And here we found an unexpected guest: The Red Dragon of Wales! It wasn't long before he was carried into our midst and made welcome. Some had photos taken with him, Viv kicked off her shoes and jockeyed him around the floor. He was laid on his side at my feet and I put my plastered leg on his body at the same time raising my right arm in the time honoured 'I Killed the Dragon' attitude! We really did knock the stuffing out of that creature as his battered remains testified.

#### Diolch Yn Fawr, Gwen

What a triumphant ending! Thanks to all who helped to make this a wonderful Reunion especially Irene and our St. Dunstaner Mr. Norman Follis, but I think a lot of the credit should go to Gwen who had such a large hand in its success. Thank you very much Gwen or, as the Welsh would have it, DIOLCH YN FAWR, GWEN.

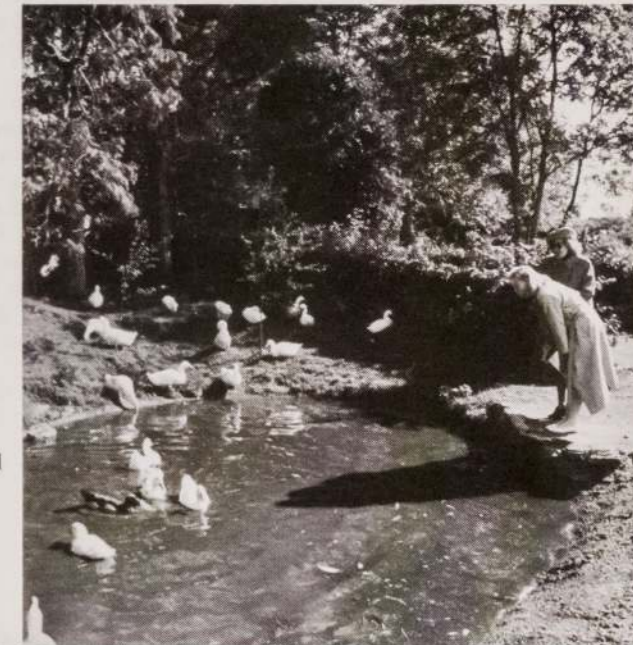


*Margaret Harries and Gwen Obern.*



*Flowers for Lady Johnston from Barbara Bell.*

*Zofia and Catherine meet some Welsh ducks at St. Fagan's.*



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# Cassette Library List

Copies of the following cassettes are all available from the PR Department at HQ. They can be obtained by sending the appropriate number of blank cassettes, and stating the reference number and title clearly.

- SD 1. C60. Visit by HRH Duchess of Kent to IFH.
- SD 2. C60. Lord and Lady Fraser's Memorial Services.
- SD 3. C60. St. Dunstan's dance band, 1927.
- SD 4. C60. Lord Fraser; 'Wireless for Blind' appeal, 'In town tonight', 1952.
- SD 5. C90. Track 1: KRM press conference.  
Track 2: KRM extracts from radio and TV.
- SD 6. C90. Track 1: Sound track 'To Live Again'.  
Track 2: Sound track 'Ability is where you look for it'.
- SD 7. C90. BBC 2: 'History of Medals', Gen. Sir John Hackett.
- SD 8. C90. Track 1: J. Wright, BAFTA award; Radio 4: 'Profile'.  
Track 2: Radio 4: E. Knight, 'Death of the Hood'.
- SD 9. C60. Track 1: D Day recordings.  
Track 2: Film on sailing, J. Wright.
- SD 10. C90. Radio Brighton at IFH.
- SD 12. C90. FEPOW Forum — extracts.
- SD 13. Electronic Organ course. Part 1 (6 × C90); Part 2 (7 × C90); Part 3 (7 × C90).
- SD 15. C90. D. Reeves — Musical talk and demo.
- SD 16. C90. T. Back — talk and demo on Yamaha organ.
- SD 17. C90. T. Back in concert.
- SD 18. C90. M. Leary on Wersi organ.
- SD 19. C90. B. Pagan — musical talk and demo.
- SD 22. 4 × C90's. 'To revel in God's Sunshine', story of RSM Lord.
- SD 23. C90. S. Jack reads poems by John Masefield.
- SD 24. C90. Radio 4: 2 programmes on FEPOW's.
- SD 26A. C90. Savoury recipes.
- SD 26B. C90. Sweet recipes.
- SD 29. 2 × C90's. G. Watkins — talk and concert on Wersi organ.
- SD 30. 2 × C90's. M. Leary — talk and concert on Wersi organ.
- SD 31. C90. T. Back on Elke Organ.
- SD 33. C90. Gas Board recipe hints.
- SD 34. C90. Nat. Tape Magazine feature on IFH.
- SD 35. C90. 75 years of army songs: Harry Wheeler, Bill Harris, Peter Spencer.
- SD 36. 2 × C90's. J. Man on Eminent electronic organ.
- SD 37. C90. M. Leary on Dr. Bohm organ.
- SD 38. C60. On 1 track only — 'Blind Faith', film on sailing by Jimmy Wright.
- SD 39. C90. 'Learn to be Blind.' Radio 4, February 1985.
- SD 40. C90. Visit to museum of mechanical music.
- SD 41. C90. Evening of songs at IFH — June, 1984.
- SD 42. C90. Radio Sussex coverage of Royal Visit to IFH, July, 1985.
- SD 43. C60. 1 track: Sound track of Jimmy Wright's film, 'Educating Brian'.
- SD 44. C90. Microwave recipes.
- SD 45. C90. Story of Accomplishment (History of St. Dunstan's).
- SD 46. 2 × C90's. Christmas Concert 1986 at IFH.

- SD 47. C90. Guide to Southwark Cathedral.
- SD 48. C90. Memorial service for Avis Spurway — March 1988.
- SD 49. C90. Service of Dedication, Church Stretton — October 1987.
- SD 50. C90. Sound track 'Partnership for Life'.
- SD 51. 2 × C90's. Conquest of Blindness by Sir Arthur Pearson read by John Hoskens.
- SD 52. C90. After dinner speeches at Hilton, August 1st, 1990, and an afternoon with Dame Vera Lynn.
- SD 53. 2 × C90's. Blind Man's Vision (Text of anniversary, illustrated history of St. Dunstan's).

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- R 1. C90. New RAE format — R. Canning.
- R 2. C90. Interference — J. Hoolahan.
- R 3. C90. Repeaters and 70 cms.
- R 4. C90. New licence regulations.
- R 5. C90. Morse code, slow time.
- R 6. C90. Morse code, quicker time.
- R 7. C90. Sattellites — R. Ham.
- R 8. C90. G5RV antenna.
- R 9. C90. Experiences with the BBC — F. Hennig.
- R 10. C90. Radio teletype.
- R 11. C90. 'Worked all Britain' award.
- R 12. 2 × C90's. RAE revision notes.
- R 13. C90. Experiences in S. America — L. Varney.
- R 14. C90. Microwaves.
- R 15. C90. Ragchew No. 1, Nov. '78.
- R 16. C90. Ragchew No. 2, May '79.
- R 17. C90. NE555 — i/c timer.
- R 18. C90. Wiring by touch — P. Jones.
- R 19. C90. RAE question papers for May '79.
- R 20. C90. Telecommunications.
- R 21. C90. Ragchew No. 3, Aug. '79.
- R 22. C90. Talk on HM Coastguard.
- R 23. C90. Ragchew No. 4, Nov. '79.
- R 24. C90. Life with BBC — H. Hatch.
- R 25. 5 × C90's. Passport to Amateur Radio (from *Prac. Wireless* 1981/2).
- R 26. C90. Ragchew No. 5, Feb. '80.
- R 27. C90. Ragchew No. 6.
- R 28. 12 × C90's. 'Guide to amateur radio'.
- R 29. C90. Various appendices to above.
- R 30. C90. Ragchew No. 7.
- R 31. C90. RAE question papers for Dec. '80.
- R 32. C90. Ragchew No. 8, Apr. '81.
- R 33. C90. Talk by Pres. RSGB July '81.
- R 34. 6 × C90's. RAE Manual.
- R 35. C60. 'Becoming a radio amateur', RSGB publication.
- R 36. C90. Ragchew No. 9, Oct. '81.
- R 37. C90. Auditory aids — G. Day.
- R 40. C90. Ragchew No. 10, June '82.
- R 41. C90. Speakers at March '82 AGM — R. and J. Ham, E. Howard.

Cassette Library List *continued*

- R 44. C90. Ragchew No. 11, Aug. '82.
- R 47. 2 × C90's. Instruction manual — Trio 130S.
- R 48. C90. Ragchew No. 12, Dec. '82.
- R 55. C90. Ragchew No. 13, May '83.
- R 56. C90. Ragchew No. 14, Aug. '83.
- R 62. C90. Ragchew No. 15, Oct. '83.
- R 67. C90. Ragchew No. 16, March '84.
- R 68. C90. Ragchew No. 17, Oct. '84.
- R 69. C90. Ragchew No. 18, March '85.
- R 70. C90. Ragchew No. 19, July '85.
- R 71. C90. Ragchew No. 20 for Oct. '85.
- R 72. C90. Ragchew No. 21 for March '86.
- R 73. C90. Ragchew No. 22 for June '86.
- R 74. C90. Ragchew No. 23 for Oct. '86.
- R 75. C90. Ragchew No. 24 for April '87.
- R 76. C90. Ragchew No. 25 for Nov. '87.
- R 77. 4 × C90's. Morse Code.
- R 78. C90. Early History of Radio, by Louis Varney, June '88.
- R 79. 3 × C90's. Questions and Answers.
- R 80. C90. Ragchew No. 25 for April '88.
- R 81. C90. Ragchew No. 26 for Oct. '88.
- R 82. C90. Ragchew No. 27 for March '89.
- R 83. C90. Ragchew No. 28 for July '89.
- R 84. C90. Ragchew No. 29 for March '90.
- R 85. C90. Ragchew No. 30 for Aug. '90.
- R 86. C90. Ragchew No. 31 for Oct. '90.

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- G 1. C60. P. Jones — DIY hints.
- G 2. C90. R. Smith — ultra sounds, bats and whales.
- G 3. C90. R. Smith — trip to Outer Hebrides.
- G 4. C90. R. Dufton on research, and TSI open day, 1978.
- G 5. C90. BBC 2 — 'Gardener's World'.
- G 7. C90. R. Smith — trip to Shetlands.
- G 8. C90. Track 1: Machines that talk.  
C60. Track 2: Machines with ears.
- G 9. C60. Acol bridge system.
- G 10. C90. Black box in flight recorder.
- G 11. C90. Track 1: A guide to Windsor Castle.  
Track 2: Introduction to RAF Uxbridge wartime operations HQ.
- G 12. C90. BBC Micro computer, with speech: keyboard, demo, intro to programming.
- G 13. C90. Lake Isle Relaxation tape.
- G 14. 2 × C60's. 'Bird's eye view of New Zealand'. 4 programmes recorded from NZ TV.
- G 15. 3 × C90's. Philips 'Guide to Business Computing and the Electronic Office' (abridged).
- G 16. 4 × C90's. 'Basic, basic: an intro to programming.' (abridged).
- G 18. 2 × C90's. Spanish grammar revision and verb tables.

- G 19. 4 × C90's. 'The Beginners Computer Handbook'.
- G 20. C90. 'Using the Computer', by N. Ardley.
- G 21. C90. Votrax speech synthesizer appraisal.
- G 22. C90. ESSO, story of oil.
- G 23. C90. Guide to Leeds Castle.
- G 24. 2 × C90's. Guide to Canterbury Cathedral.
- G 25. C90. BBC Computer Keyboard (description).
- G 26. C60. Editing Program instructions for BBC Micro.
- G 27. C90. Music box collection of George Reed.
- G 28. C90. R. Smith. Sounds of East Sussex — 1984.
- G 29. 2 × C90's. An introduction to computing (BBC Micro).
- G 30. C60. (1 track). Fire precautions in the home.
- G 31. British Telecom Annual Report 1984-85.
- G 32. C60. Guide to using public telephones.
- G 33. C60. Crime prevention in the home.
- G 34. 4 × C90's. 'Tasks of Gavin Lee' by Domingo Sweetman.
- G 35. 3 × C90's. 'Conaloo: Tell Mom I Love Her', by Gipsy Goldpiece.
- G 36. C90. Extracts from World of Stanley Holloway.
- G 37. C90. Western Birt Arboretum, compiled by Bristol University.
- G 38. C90. R. Smith. Talk on insects.
- G 39. 3 × C90's. Reference Manual to 'Inter-Sheet' computer program.
- G 40. C90. Journey by Royal Mail Coach. From New Zealand TV.
- G 41. C90. Introduction to contract bridge.
- G 42. C90. Light entertainment.
- G 43. 2 × C90's. Wartime speeches of Sir Winston Churchill.
- G 44. 4 × C90's. Evening Primrose Oil.
- G 45. 4 × C90's. The Upstart Gardener by D. Arscot.
- G 46. C90. Sandbags and Tilly Lamps. Some Old Soldiers' Tales.
- G 47. 3 × C90's. The Night of the Full Moon by Laurens van der Post.
- G 48. C90. George keeps his work a secret. Autobiography by G. Hewett.
- G 49. C60. British Telecom Services.

## I

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- I 1. C90. Instructions — Fidelity Chess Challenger.
- I 2. C90. Instr. — Sharp Talking Clock.
- I 3. C60. Instr. — Sharp EL620 Talking Calculator.
- I 4. C60. Instr. — Casio VLI tuner.
- I 5. C90. Metalcraft Manual (wrought-iron patterns).
- I 6. 2 × C90's. APH Vari speed 2 recorder manual.
- I 7. 2 × C90's. Instr. — Sharp EL640 Talking Clock/Calculator/Calendar.
- I 8. C60. Monarch 120 switchboard; description and brief instrs.
- I 9. C60. Elke electronic organ manual.
- I 10. 2 × C90's. Monarch switchboard users handbook.

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D.F. Robinson's

## GARDENING NOTES

May I wish you all a Happy Christmas and Good New Year, before I proceed with this month's gardening notes.

There isn't much to be done in the garden and greenhouse this month, but keep everything looking tidy especially where you have trees; leaves are a nuisance when coming off the trees. Put them all on the compost heap or even burn them so as to have some good ashes for the garden.

It will be the last time to get any prunings done this season. Get all the repairs done on the frames and greenhouse, both inside and out. Check over the garden tools and if some are pretty bad, purchase new ones as Christmas presents for one another. Ensure that you have enough plant pots and seed boxes for the greenhouses.

### Vegetables

Carry on hoeing the soil between the growing crops and dig over the spare beds. A few beans and peas of the earliest types can be sown when the weather is free from frost. Where you have some cloches, sow some lettuce for early use in the house.

Cover rhubarb for forcing and having early sticks.

Some tomatoes can be sown towards the end of the month when you have some heat. Some French beans can also be sown for forcing plus radish, mustard and cress.

Get the sprouting trays for potatoes ready for use. Also check over the potatoes and onions which are in store and get rid of any bad ones and those shooting too much.

### Fruit

Carry on the pruning of all fruit trees till the end of the month but leave it out during frosty spells. Spray all the trunks of the trees with an insecticide which will kill all

the insects which are living in cracks and crevices plus those which are flying in from other sources and crawling up from the soil. Where you are wanting to put in new trees leave till the Spring. Get all the currant and gooseberry bushes pruned now. All the suckers from the raspberries should be removed.

### Lawns

Where you have lawns showing mossy sections it would be a good thing to sprinkle some carbonate of lime or chalk over the whole area this month. Worms can be a pest on good lawns and it might be a help to water the whole area with potassium permanganate at the rate of half an ounce per gallon of water. Keep the edges nice and tidy by trimming with a pair of long-handled shears.

A fertiliser composed of finely sieved farmyard manure and a little soil which is nice and fine will be a good thing this month. Brush over the grass a little while after this mixture has spread as there may be some large pieces of manure still there and these can be brushed off.

### Flowers

This is a good month to plant any climbers that you want to get in round the house etc. Provided that there is no frost about, all the vacant spaces should be dug over and some manure added ready for the plants in the spring. After you have had severe frosts, the roots of carnations, pinks and pansies will be brought to the surface so put a bit more soil on them and push them down into the soil. Michaelmas daisies should be planted and roses can also be put in but it would be better to leave planting till the Spring. Many other shrubs can be planted if the ground is frost-free. Don't try and plant any perennials till the Spring.

### Greenhouse

Keep the temperature at about 45°F where you have some pot plants coming into flower and other items which are growing. Give plenty of air during the day when there is no frost or strong winds around. It would be better to keep all windows closed at night.

All cacti should be kept dry this month. Make sure you have plenty of cuttings from this year's chrysanthemums and then throw these plants out. Freesia, roman hyacinth and narcissus can be gently forced into flower. Clean up all the staging which is not in use and wash the floor with some mild disinfectant.

Ensure you have all the empty pots and seed trays washed over in a liquid containing a little disinfectant so that they are ready for use in the new season. Wash down the glass on the outside so that full light can get to all the growing plants inside. Set a couple of smokes during the month as deterrents against pests and diseases.

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### LETTER FROM QUEEN ELIZABETH THE QUEEN MOTHER

Sir Henry Leach has received this reply to his message on behalf of St. Dunstan's to Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother published in the October *Review*.

Dear Sir Henry,

I write at the bidding of Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother to thank you for your letter of July 31st which Her Majesty received with much pleasure.

Queen Elizabeth greatly appreciated your message of greetings on her 90th birthday and I am to convey to you and to all St. Dunstan's blinded ex-Servicemen and women throughout the world, to your Council and to your Staff The Queen Mother's very sincere gratitude for your kind thought.

Yours sincerely,

Martin Gilliat

Private Secretary to Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

From Mr. & Mrs. R. Chalmers, of East Boldon

May we thank all who gave support to my wife and myself when I had the misfortune to take ill while at Ian Fraser House. Doctor Knott, the Lady Doctor and the two nurses coped very well as did Peter and the young boy (Derek I think) who cared for me also. I thank Major Neve, as always, a calming influence on all St. Dunstaners and their wives.

I was taken down to Pearson House for the rest of my stay and must give praise to Matron King, her nursing staff and all other staff there; to Audrey, Phyllis, Mrs. Cooke Ferguson and the three sisters for their company which helped my wife very much indeed.

Sorry to be late in sending these thanks but my wife hurt her shoulder and legs while travelling to Brighton and I had trouble with this after our return. Sadly, neither of us have been well. But glad to say we are on the mend. It is nice to have so many helpful friends.

We would like to thank Miss Mosley and Miss Casey for travel arrangements that went very well indeed. Regards to all involved in St. Dunstan's, what would we do without them?

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## CLUB NEWS

### JUNE AND SEPTEMBER ARCHERY CHAMPIONSHIPS

In spite of the hazards of rabbit and dog droppings, the September Archery shoot took place on the green at Ian Fraser House with only one casualty — when a lady spotter put her foot in a rabbit hole and suffered a sprain, after which all drop-

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pings were marked with small red flags. Most people have heard of 'Box Car Willie', hear now of 'Wheelchair Billy'. Bill Grimes and his petite, hardworking wife, Kathy, are newcomers to the Archery Squad. Bill shoots from a wheelchair and does so very well. Good shooting and a low scoring handicap enabled Wheelchair Billy to wheel off with two trophies — the 'Spurway' and the 'Royal Insurance'. Runners up on both occasions were Norman Perry and Sid Jones. Bert Wood collected highest score medals for each trophy, also receiving the handicap medal for managing to increase his handicap by six points. Trophies and medals were presented by Council Member Mr. Ken Wills and his charming wife, Lady Paramount.

The June results in brief: R.U.C. pairs won by Jerry Lynch and Bert Wood. Lawrie Austin Trophy, by Bert Wood (a fantastic archer!) and the Dacre Trophy, by Sid Jones. Wins were also recorded both home and away against the 'Cuckfield Bowmen'.

**October Pairs Bridge played on Sunday, October 14th, 1990**

**RESULTS**

1st	Bob Evans & Mrs. Barker	62.5
2nd	Alf Dodgson & Mrs. Holborow	56.9
3rd	Wally Lethbridge & Mr. Goodlad	54.9
4th	Bill Allen & Mrs. A. Clements	52.8
5th	Bill Phillips & Dr. Goodlad	46.5
6th	George Hudson & Miss Stenning	43.7
7th	Jo Huk & Mrs. Tebbitt	43.1
8th	Reg Goding & Mrs. McPhearson	39.6

**Bridge Pairs Competition overall results for season 1990**

1st	Bob Evans	291.8
2nd	Alf Dodgson	280.6
3rd	Bill Phillips	277.7
4th	Bill Allen	274.9

5th	Reg Goding	270.0
6th	Wally Lethbridge	265.9
7th	Jo Huk	245.4
*	Vi Delaney	171.0
*	George Hudson	152.0

\* Completed only three rounds. Four others took part in less than three rounds.

**October Individual Competition played on Saturday, October 27th, 1990**

**RESULTS**

1st	Reg Goding	62.5
2nd-	Jo Huk	61.8
2nd-	Alf Dodgson	61.8
4th	Bill Phillips	59.7
5th-	Vi Delaney	52.8
5th-	Bob Evans	52.8
7th	George Hudson	52.1
8th	Mr. White	50.7
9th	Mrs. White	49.3
10th-	Reg Palmer	48.6
10th-	Peter Surridge	48.6
12th	Mrs. Clements	47.9
13th	Mrs. Hannant	40.3
14th	Bob Fullard	38.2
15th	Mrs. McPhearson	36.8
16th	Wally Lethbridge	36.1

**BRIGHTON SOCIAL CLUB — TOURNAMENT RESULTS 1989/90**

**Dominoes**

Ladies		Gents	
J. Osborne	33	T. Giles	36
M. Wilkins	32	B. Blacker	33
E. Simpson	31	R. Osborne	32
M. Blacker	28	F. Bentley	31
P. O'Kelly	28		

**Whist**

Ladies		Gents	
J. Osborne	667	T. Giles	685
P. O'Kelly	666	J. Pryor	659
M. Wilkins	654	F. Bentley	631
M. Blacker	640		

**Darts**

Ladies		Gents	
Winner	J. Walters	Winner	J. Pryor
2nd	N. Bickley	2nd	F. Bentley
BSF.	M. Blacker	BSF.	T. Mugan
BSF	M. Wilkins	BSF	T. Giles

**5s & 3s**

Ladies		Gents	
1st	J. Osborne	1st	T. Giles
2nd	N. Bickley	2nd	B. Blacker
BSF	T. Mugan	BSF	F. Bentley
BSF	R. Pryor	BSF	B. Osborne

**Cribbage**

Ladies		Gents	
1st	P. O'Kelly	1st	F. Bentley
2nd	J. Osborne	2nd	T. Mugan
BSF	E. Simpson	BSF	T. Giles
		BSF	J. Pryor

The prizes for these competitions will be presented at the Christmas Dance on December 15th, which we hope will be well attended.

*Phyllis O'Kelly*

**FAMILY NEWS**

**PERSONAL ACHIEVEMENTS**

**Congratulations to:**

Stephen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Ward, of Leeds, who is Principal Lecturer at Bath College of Higher Education. He is joint Editor, with David Coulby, of a book entitled *The Primary Core — Policy and Practice of the National Curriculum*. Published recently, the book received an excellent review in the *Times Educational Supplement*.

Michael, the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Chatfield, of Worthing, who works at Chichester Station Travel Centre, on winning the Service Excellence Award and earning a highly commended in the Chichester Commercial Assistant of the Year Competition.



*Newlyweds Ray and Roberta Hazan.*

**MARRIAGES**

**Congratulations to:**

Mr. & Mrs. D.C. Clarke on the marriage of their son, Hedley, to Elizabeth East on July 28th. The newlyweds will be living in Sevenoaks.

Ray Hazan and Roberta Johnston, both of whom work in the Public Relations Department at St. Dunstan's, who were married at Marylebone Register Office on Saturday, October 6th. They wish to thank all those who sent presents and best wishes.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Planner, who's son, Stuart, was married to Jean Housey, on Saturday, October 27th, in Plymouth.

Mrs. R.A. Hedger's grandson, Michael Hedger, who was married to Kenna Marie Ashley on September 29th in West Virginia, U.S.A. They are making their home out there. Congratulations are also due to another grandson, Neil Hedger, and his wife Carol, from Elgin in Scotland, who had a baby boy in August and they have called him Martin Christopher.

### SILVER WEDDING

#### Congratulations to:

Mr. and Mrs. D.F. Giffard, of East Preston in Sussex, who celebrated their Silver Wedding Anniversary on November 18th.

### GOLDEN WEDDING

#### Congratulations to:

Mr. and Mrs. G.H. Taylor of Loose, Maidstone, Kent, who celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary on November 9th.

### RUBY WEDDING

#### Congratulations to:

Mr. and Mrs. J. Martin, of Boreham Wood, who celebrated their Ruby Wedding Anniversary on November 13th.

### BIRTH

#### Congratulations to:

Brian Whitley and his wife Daniel, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Whitley, on the birth of their first child on 16th October. She is to be called Abigail Elizabeth Mary and is Mr. and Mrs. Whitley's first grandchild.

### DEATHS

#### We offer our condolences to:

William Burnett, of Gateshead, who mourns the death of his sister, Jessie, who passed away suddenly on August 13th.

Jim and Amy Donohoe, of Liverpool, who mourn the death of their only daughter Patricia Williams who passed away earlier this month at the age of 44.

The family of the late Mrs. Gwendoline Dunkley of Lancing who died on October 14th, aged 71. She was the widow of Mr. Bertram Dunkley and they formerly lived at Northampton where the funeral took place.

Dennis Freeman, of Coventry, who mourns the death of his mother who passed away in September.

Reginald Holmes and family, who are sad to record the death of his mother, Mrs. Annie M. Holmes, of Woburn Sands who passed away on September 28th, at the age of 93 — she was the widow of Percy Holmes who was for many years a poultry farmer before his death in 1959.

Edward K. Kitson, of Brecon, who mourns the death of his wife, Pat, who passed away on October 17th last. Many will remember her as Sister Watkins at Longmynd, Church Stretton.

Family and friends of Mrs. Edith May Latham from Thorpe-on-the-Hill, Lincoln, who died on October 10th at the age of 91. She was the widow of Sidney Latham who passed away in 1981 — they had their home for many years in Worcester.

Ted and Iris Miller, who mourn the death of our St. Dunstaners' sister, Bette, who died on October 14th.

Harold O'Neill, of Orpington, whose brother-in-law, Thomas, died on February 27th in Preston and to his wife, Joyce, whose sister passed away in Gravesend on January 29th.

Stephen and Cheryl Powell and family, son of Mrs. Gladys Powell who died on

October 20th in hospital in London where she had undergone major heart surgery. She was the widow of Victor Powell who passed away in 1979.

The family and friends of Mrs. Florrie G. Price, widow of our St. Dunstaners, Edward

D. Price, who died in 1981. She passed away on October 17th in the nursing home where she resided for the last two years.

Mrs. M. Sutherland of Rochester, widow of the late Mr. S.D. Sutherland, whose sister Joan died in New Zealand on September 29th.

## 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, family and friends.

#### George Betteridge, Green Howards.

Mr. George Betteridge, of Hucknall, Notts., passed away at his home on October 22nd last at the age of 68.

Mr. Betteridge was a Private in the Green Howards from 1941 and was discharged from the Army in 1942 after suffering damage to his sight from a blank cartridge while on manoeuvres in Grimsby. He was able to follow employment until 1969 but by the time he became a St. Dunstaner three years later he was unfortunately in rather poor health.

Nevertheless in spite of the restriction imposed upon him, Mr. Betteridge was encouraged to have a greenhouse as a hobby which he enjoyed, and he always looked forward to the times he and his wife were able to spend on holiday at the caravan they had for a few years on the East Coast. During the last two years when his health failed further, Mr. Betteridge took the opportunity of holidaying and making new friends at Ian Fraser House.

Our sympathy goes to his widow, Thelma, who nursed her husband so devotedly and their sons, David and Carl, and their families.

#### George Wreyford Causey

It is with deep regret that we report the sudden and unexpected death of George Wreyford Causey, of Paignton, on October 24th whilst undertaking guide-dog training in Exeter. He was 64 years of age and had been a St. Dunstaners since 1985.

During the Second World War, Mr. Causey lost both eyes in September 1942 whilst working on motor torpedo boats in a Dartmouth shipyard which was attacked by enemy aircraft. Nevertheless, our St. Dunstaners trained as a physiotherapist, remaining in private practice until the end of 1985 when he had to retire on health grounds.

Following retirement, he remained busily occupied with various hobbies and activities. He was a keen brailist and greatly interested in tape-recording and computers to a sophisticated level. Mr. Causey also enjoyed walking, aircraft spotting, 'big band' music and swimming. He was also involved in community services and was a member of the Access Committee in Torbay as well as being Vice-Chairman of the Devon County Association for the Blind. Our St. Dunstaners was always a welcome visitor to Ian Fraser House and at our Physiotherapy Conferences and will be greatly missed.

We offer our condolences to his widow, Iris, to whom he was happily married for 42 years and with whom he shared many of his interests as well as to Mrs. Leach and all members of the family.

#### Edward Victor Farrer, East Yorkshire Regiment.

We are sad to record the death of this St. Dunstaners who passed away in hospital on September 6th, 1990 after a short illness. He was 74.

Mr. Farrer was a Corporal in East Yorkshire Regiment from 1940 to 1945. He took part in the Normandy campaign, landing shortly after D-Day and then in August 1944 suffered gun shot wounds which caused the loss of an eye and other injuries. Nevertheless, he was able to follow employment in the Fish Docks in Hull and then as a security officer for British Aerospace in Bristol until reaching retirement age and it was with the failure of his remaining sight that he became a St. Dunstaners in 1985.

Although he was much restricted by a serious chest complaint, Mr. Farrer was able to make a number of visits to Ian Fraser House



with his wife and he particularly enjoyed the handicraft instruction he received there. He also completed a woodwork course at Headquarters and did more hobby work at his local Day Centre, winning a plaque for his Cane work in the War Pensions Exhibition in 1987 and a cup for his knitting in 1988. Our sympathy goes to his widow, Emily Lavinia, their son John and all the family.

**Frederick Lipscombe, Royal Artillery.**

We are sad to report the death of Frederick Lipscombe on October 23rd. He was aged 77 and had been a St. Dunstan since 1950. Mr. Lipscombe enlisted in October 1941 and served as a gunner with the Royal Artillery (Heavy Anti-Aircraft) until his discharge in 1946. His eyesight seriously deteriorated thereafter due to his war service.

Before the war, Fred had worked as a power press operator and after receiving training following his admission to St. Dunstan's, worked as a telephonist until his retirement in 1978. In his spare time, his main interest was gardening, and he also had an outstanding collection of around 500 miniature bottles, including over 150 of whisky.

He married in December 1944 and he and his wife Florence celebrated their Ruby Wedding Anniversary in 1984. Sadly, she died in March of last year, a great loss which he bore with courage. We send our sincere sympathy to his son Alan, to his daughters Margaret and Elizabeth, and to all other members of the family.

**Mr. Alan David Moore, 2/4th Battalion of the Hampshire Regiment.**

Alan Moore died suddenly on Friday, October 5th, at home in his sleep. He was aged 67 and had been a St. Dunstan since 1944.

He enlisted in January 1942 and served as Corporal in the 2/4th Battalion of the Hampshire Regiment until his discharge in 1945. This was a result of being injured in action in Italy when he lost his left eye.

Before the war he had worked as a baker and as a lorry driver, and later worked in industry right up to his retirement in 1985. In his spare time he greatly enjoyed bowls and picture framing and also gained a lot of pleasure from playing cards and listening to Talking Books and the radio.

Alan Moore married in November 1946 and he and his wife Anne celebrated their Ruby Wedding Anniversary in 1986 in fine style, surrounded by their children and grandchildren. Sadly, in September of last year, their son Michael was lost on a yachting trip back to this

country. We send our most sincere sympathy to Mrs. Moore, to her son Kevin and daughter Barbara, her many grandchildren and all other members of the family.

**Arthur 'Micky' Robinson, Royal Artillery.**

Arthur Robinson, affectionately known as 'Micky', died at Pearson House where he was a permanent resident, on October 11th, two days after his 76th birthday. He had been a St. Dunstan since 1950.

'Micky' Robinson enlisted in the Royal Artillery in June 1934 and served as a gunner until he was discharged in 1943. This was as a result of his eyesight failing after exposure to gun flash while in action. Before the war he had worked as a wrestler. Following his admission, our St. Dunstan was employed as a telephonist until he retired early in 1956 on health grounds. In his spare time he greatly enjoyed playing bowls and was in fact a founder member of the St. Dunstan's Bowling Club. He also liked the races, and Goodwood Week in particular.

He and his wife, Elizabeth, had been married for 51 years when she sadly died in 1985. Following her death he went to live at Ian Fraser House and, more recently, at Pearson House. He will be missed by the staff at both our homes and we send our sincere sympathy to his five children and all other members of the family.

**Richard Joseph Stinson, Northants Regiment.**

Dick Stinson died suddenly on October 16th last at Ian Fraser House where he and his wife were on holiday. He was 67 years of age and had been a St. Dunstan since 1974.

Mr. Stinson served as a Private in the Northants Regiment from 1940 to 1946 and suffered injuries to his eyes through a grenade attack at Imphal in 1944. After coming to St. Dunstan's he trained for industrial work but was able to follow this employment for only a short time because of a chronic chest complaint. However, he was in due course able to become interested in various hobbies and took training in wrought iron work and, more recently, toy making, which he especially enjoyed.

Mr. Stinson spent many holidays with us over the years and he and Gladys arranged for their wedding to take place in Brighton in November, 1988 and their reception was held among their friends at Ian Fraser House.

It is to Gladys and her family that we now send our sympathy.