

# St Dunstons Review

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## From the Chairman

In the many speeches given over the years by St Dunstaners at various functions, most have alluded to help from 'without'. This can take many forms. In the forefront are their wives. There are the members of Staff and here I pay personal tribute to our late Estates Manager Trevor Lloyd. Trevor's contribution to St Dunstan's will be mentioned elsewhere in this *Review* but I take this opportunity to send my deepest sympathy to Dawn, Rachel and Simon.

St Dunstan's could not carry out its work without the support of the general public and the many Trusts and Companies, who contribute towards our funds. I quote here an extract of a letter recently received from a regular benefactor:

'Dear Sir,  
Having reached 90 years of age, I have saved this money and wish you to have this £500. I don't wish to go on holiday now, so hope it will help in some small way.'

We are grateful to such friends in the 'outside' world (but do **not** ask for contributions from St Dunstaners themselves).

*Henry Leach*



Cover Picture: Stephen Nixon with Major-General Keeling after receiving his Gulf War Medal.



## NOTICE BOARD



Joe Kibbler stepped in to conduct the Queen Victoria Band at Ian Fraser House.

### FIRST PERFORMANCE OF ST DUNSTAN'S MARCH

On May 21st, Ian Fraser House hosted the Queen Victoria Band of The Royal Military School of Music, Kneller Hall. For an hour, under student Bandmaster J. Ridgeway, the musicians delighted a packed lounge with a pot-pourri of military, classical, dance band and show time music. Before the school's own march and the National Anthem were played at the end, the very first public performance of St Dunstan's own march, referred to in the February *Review*, was rendered. It was well received.

The band were thanked at a luncheon in the Winter Garden afterwards. Our President, Colin Beaumont-Edmonds, thanked the band and presented them with a plaque to mark the occasion. In his reply, Lt-Col. R. Tomlinson said how grateful the band were in return as it was the first outside concert for most of the trainee musicians, and, therefore, vital experience for them. He hoped it might become an annual event.

The following passage appeared in the programme:

'The Royal Military School of Music was formed in 1857 by Field Marshal

HRH The Duke of Cambridge, then Commander in Chief of the British Army. It was established at Kneller Hall which had been built by Sir Christopher Wren in 1709 as the country house of Sir Godfrey Kneller, the celebrated court painter of those days. The house was burned down and rebuilt during the 1840s.

'The School aims to give a comprehensive musical education. All army musicians are also trained in peacetime for tasks which they would be required to carry out in the event of emergencies, such as medical duties, driving heavy goods vehicles or communications work, together with the use of the weapons they would carry in such circumstances. For example during the Gulf War 34 British Army bands were deployed on active service as medics.'

### PRESIDENT DOUG

Doug Field has become the first President of the Horsham branch of the Guide Dogs for the Blind Association after retiring as their Chairman.

Doug was responsible for setting up the branch and has given tremendous support to their fund raising efforts.



### MEDAL PRESENTATION

One of the proudest moments of a Serviceman or woman's career is the presentation of a medal by his or her Commanding Officer. On May 7th, in the Winter Garden at Ian Fraser House, in the presence of a group of relatives and friends, Stephen Nixon was presented with the Gulf War Medal by Major-General Andrew Keeling, CBE.

Major-General Keeling, pictured above with a delighted Stephen, is Major-General Royal Marines and was Stephen's Operation Commander in Turkey.

### BRIDGE TUITION

A bridge 'teach-in' will be held at Ian Fraser House from Friday, November 26th to Thursday, December 2nd. Any St Dunstaner, wife or widow is welcome to attend. Those wishing to take part please contact Home Bookings at IFH.

Bill Phillips,  
Bridge Club

### JACKIE HOLDS SINGLES TROPHY

Jackie Pryor has come out on top in the English National Totally Blind Bowling Championship for the second year running. It's the fourth time that he's won the English National Association of Visually Handicapped Bowlers trophy and the eighth time in 11 years that a St Dunstaner has held the title.

Jackie, of Peacehaven, Sussex, braved torrential rain and beat 13 other competitors to the final at Hastings in June. The official pairs competition was cancelled because of an overwhelming number of contestants, but Jackie, teamed with Bob Osborne, also won an impromptu replacement tournament.

### SELL OUT SWEEPSTAKE

The Grand National might have got off to a false start, but things were much different with the St Dunstan's Review Derby Sweepstake 1993. All tickets printed were sold giving the highest prize value for at least four years — £621.60 after expenses were deducted.

This was good news for J. Ormond of Burgess Hill, W. Sussex who drew the winning horse, Commander in Chief. That meant he claimed 50 per cent of the prize — £310.80.

Mr. J. Harris of Caversham, Reading, Berkshire not only claimed the second prize of £124.32, thanks to Blue Judge, but also a share of the Starter's Prize courtesy of Shareek.

In third place was Mr. T. Gaygan of North Harrow, Middlesex, whose horse, Blues Traveller, earned him £62.16.

The Starter's prize was also shared between: Mr. T. Page, Morecombe, Lancs; Mr. E. Quinn, Ripon, N. Yorks; Mr. J. Nicol, Cottingham, North Humberside; Mrs. D. Jacobs, Wallasey, Merseyside; Mr. H. Bramley, Cleveleys, Blackpool, Lancs; Mr. A. Edmunds, Alfreton, Derbyshire; Mrs. R. L. Cooper, Hastings, E. Sussex; Mr. V. G. Garner, Wallington, Surrey; Mrs. M. Brooke, Wirral, Merseyside; and Mr. S. Tutton, Pearson House.

Congratulations to them all and good luck to everyone for next year.

### QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY HONOURS AWARDS

Congratulations to Sir Duncan Watson, former Chairman of the RNIB and Member of St Dunstan's Council, and immediate past President of the World Blind Union on his appointment as Knight Bachelor.

Mr Michael Barrett, General Secretary of the National League for the Blind and Disabled, was made an OBE.

### TANDEM FOR SALE

St Dunstaner Ray Peart of Gloucester has a light-weight ten speed Pashley tandem for sale, priced £350. Anyone interested can contact Ray, Monday to Friday, nine-to-five, on 0452 526782.

### HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN

On the occasion of Her Majesty The Queen's Official Birthday, our Chairman, Admiral of the Fleet Sir Henry Leach, sent this message of congratulation:

'On behalf of St Dunstan's Council and our blinded Ex-Servicemen and women I would be grateful if you would kindly give Her Majesty The Queen our most loyal greetings on the celebration of her Official Birthday on Saturday, 12th June.

'We send Her Majesty all our good wishes.'

Mr. Robin Janvrin, LVO, Assistant Private Secretary to The Queen, replied on her behalf:

'I am commanded by The Queen to thank you, the Council and Members of St Dunstan's for your kind message of greetings sent on the occasion of Her Majesty's Official Birthday.

'The Queen received this with pleasure and your thought for her is much appreciated.'

### A LETTER FROM THE DUCHESS

The following letter was received by our Chairman, Sir Henry Leach, after Her Royal Highness The Duchess of Kent visited the Brighton Homes in April:

'The Duchess of Kent was so delighted to be back at St Dunstan's and she thanks you and everyone there for the very warm welcome she received and for entertaining her so kindly at lunch.

'As you know, St Dunstan's, and especially St Dunstaners themselves hold a very special place in Her Royal Highness' heart and she was pleased to have had the opportunity of meeting so many residents and members of staff.'

The Duchess went on to thank St Dunstaners for the gifts presented during the visit and send her very best wishes to all at St Dunstan's.

### NEW LEGION PRESIDENT

The Royal British Legion has elected Vice Admiral Sir Geoffrey Dalton, KCB as its National President.



### AUTOMOBILE, THREE LETTERS ACROSS

Liz Chandler, wife of St Dunstaner Des Chandler of Leves, recently had the good fortune to win a prize in a national celebrity crossword sponsored by Chat magazine. Liz, Des and family are pictured above with the prize, a 1.1 litre Kia Pride, a three-door family hatchback car. Des commented that they were now a two car family but he still had to walk to work.

### SECURING CARS AT IFH

Steering-wheel locks are now available for the cars of St Dunstaners staying at Ian Fraser House. These can be obtained from the Hall Porter on arrival. Although easy to fit, a member of staff will be on hand to give assistance if required. Once locked, the steering-wheel can only be released with a key which is held by the Hall Porter for safe keeping.

### NEW ASSISTANT PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER

On May 28th, Mr. Peter Yates became St Dunstan's Assistant PRO. Peter, aged 38, retired from the RAF in February this year. He served as an Air Traffic Controller.

His duties will include editing and layout of all printed material, producing copy and photographs for the Review, as well as preparing publicity material for our organisation. He will also be involved in appeals work.

Peter, who is married, is a keen photographer and is experienced in organising and leading both mountaineering and skiing expeditions. We bid him welcome to the staff of St Dunstan's.



### ST DUNSTAN'S CHRISTMAS CARD

This year, we are producing our own Christmas card. It measures six by four inches. On the front is the reproduction of a colour photograph taken in the Chapel at Ian Fraser House. The Cross on the altar is flanked by the Union flag and St Dunstan's Standard. On the step below the altar is a large St Dunstan's badge. On the left inside page are the words:

'Photograph by D. A. Castleton for St Dunstan's working for men and women blinded in the Services.'

The opposite right-hand page bears the words 'Season's Greetings' reproduced underneath in braille.

The cards, including envelopes, cost 25p each. They will be available from early October onwards though orders can be taken at any time. Please contact the PR Department at Headquarters (for collection in person or by post), or from Ian Fraser and Pearson Houses (collection in person only).

Payment must accompany each order; cheques or postal orders payable to St Dunstan's.



### PROVINCES WIN IKE PELLINGTON TROPHY

Lady St Dunstaner Vi Delaney proudly accepted the Ike Pellington Memorial Trophy on behalf of the victorious Provinces Bridge team.

Vi was captain of a team which also included Bill Allen, Bill Miller, Peter Surridge, Bert Ward, Ralph and Kay Pacitti, and Gwen Hannant.

### HAIL AND FAREWELL AT IFH

The following will take effect at IFH from August 2nd onwards. Daily, at 1015 in the Blue Room, all new arrivals within the past 24 hours will be welcomed by a member of the Senior Management. Similarly, at 1615, also in the Blue Room, those leaving within the next 24 hours will be given the opportunity to make suggestions or complaints to Senior Management.

This is intended to improve communication and service at Ian Fraser House.

Lt.-Col. Bray

### COMPUTER HOTLINE CLOSED

Mike Gammon's Computer Hotline at IFH has been suspended. Any enquiries should be sent to Janis Sharp in the Computer Training Room.

### CASSETTE ADDITION

The following has been added to the library:

G59. 8 x C90s. *A Maverick at War - Sea Harriers over the Falklands* by Commander S. Ward and read by Peter Westbrook.

### READ ON MACDUFF

There will be an audio-described performance of *Macbeth* at the Royal National Theatre, London on August 18th. Further details can be obtained on 071-928 2033.



### THE WRITE STUFF

In May, a young blind girl won a poetry competition sponsored by the Parker Pen Company. Her winning entry was in braille and Terry Walker was asked to transcribe the piece.

As a mark of gratitude, the Parker Pen Company presented Ian Fraser House with a pen for use with the visitors' book. David Bray and Christine Dickens are pictured accepting the pen on behalf of St Dunstan's from Louise Guest and Louise Dudley-Ward of the Parker Pen Company.

### FESTIVAL OF REMEMBRANCE

We expect to receive a small allocation of tickets for the afternoon and evening presentation of the Festival of Remembrance at the Royal Albert Hall on Saturday, November 13th.

St Dunstaners are invited to apply before September 9th to Keith Martin at HQ. Please state any preference for afternoon or evening presentation.

Priority will be given to those who have not attended previously. A ballot will be held and allocations will be limited to two tickets per St Dunstaner.

### ADVENTURE, ALTITUDE AND ALCOHOL

It is not generally realised that you do not have to be a Guide Dog Owner to join and participate in the wonderful range of holidays organised by the Guide Dog Adventure Group.

At present there are several thousand members of GDAG, made up of blind, partially blind and sighted people. There are a number of groups going on holiday each week of the year and throughout the world.

I have just returned from two weeks sailing with GDAG, joining a flotilla of ten Moody boats sailing round the Greek islands in the Ionian Sea. I parti-

cularly wanted to sail to Ithica, the birth place of Odysseus, the hero of *The Odyssey* written by the allegedly blind minstrel Homer. I went by myself, meeting up with 20 visually impaired folk and 30 sighted assistants.

GDAG had put the party together so that there were two blind and three sighted crew to each boat. They had taken a great deal of trouble to match the personalities which made up a crew so that we all got on well.

Next year I am joining GDAG on a fortnight's trip to China and a three week trip to Kenya to climb Mount Kenya and Kilimanjaro. Prices are very reasonable and are supplemented by GDAG. The trip to China costs around £1500 for two.

As I like adventure, I have chosen this type of holiday, but parties are organised for all tastes. Women can go on a pampering week to enjoy good food, dancing, massage and luxury. Trips cover canoeing, tandem riding, walks for different categories of fitness, and skiing, both in Europe and America. I would encourage any St Dunstaner to take the plunge; join GDAG and they will find an escort for you. Have a great holiday!

• The annual membership fee is £10.00 with an extra initial enrolment fee of £2. Cheques, payable to GDAG, should be addressed to: GDAG, Hillfields, Burghfield, Reading, Berkshire RG7 3YG. Tel: 0734 835555.

Mike Tetley

### OBITUARY: 'Winnie' Dean

Many St Dunstaners will be sad to learn that 'Winnie' Dean died on May 11th while on holiday in the Isle of Wight. She had been an escort for over 30 years.

Eve King

### APOLOGY

The cover of the June *Review* showed Ernie Brown presenting Her Royal Highness The Duchess of Kent with a miniature wheelbarrow during her visit to Pearson House. We inadvertently reported the presentation as being made by Ernie Ford. We apologise to both Ernie Brown and Ernie Ford for this error.

# OBITUARY: Trevor Lloyd, MA, FRICS

St Dunstan's Estate Manager —  
Died June 18th, 1993

Trevor Frederick Lloyd died three weeks after his 65th birthday and six weeks before his planned retirement date. He was a wonderful servant of St Dunstan's. Those who worked with him enjoyed his company and respected his professional skills and, like so many members of St Dunstan's family, regarded him as a dear friend who will be greatly missed.

He joined the staff of St Dunstan's in June 1973 and, in January 1978, succeeded the late Peter Matthews as Estate Manager. Trevor was recruited early in support of Peter who had already had some spells of ill health. Happily, however, with Trevor's invaluable assistance, Peter remained in office until his retirement at the end of 1977.

Trevor was educated at Stowe and Trinity College, Cambridge, with two years in the Royal Artillery in between school and university. He qualified as a Chartered Surveyor and had a successful career in private practice before making the career change which was to prove of such value to St Dunstan's and was to be a source of satisfaction and fulfilment to him.

Given Trevor's background and experience, we could take his professionalism for granted, but he brought to his work qualities of warmth and insight which made him quite exceptional and earned him the affection of all who worked with him and all those for whom he worked so untiringly.

He had a masterly grasp of the technical demands of his job which involved managing several hundred properties, but he never for a moment lost sight of the human element. He was equally at home surveying a house, expressing sympathy to someone newly bereaved or forcefully arguing a case in Committee, but foremost in his mind was the thought that the provision of housing was of fundamental importance, and he dedicated himself to giving the best possible service to those for whom he was responsible.

Even for so conscientious a man as Trevor, life was not all duty and hard work. He had been a keen oarsman in earlier days and he retained a great enthusiasm for the sport of rowing. His son followed in his footsteps as an accomplished oarsman and Trevor took great pride in Simon's achievements. Trevor had long been a member of a choral society but, rather late in life, he also took to the stage and played character parts in St Dunstan's Christmas shows as to the manner born. In succession, he played an obsequious butler, a drunken colonel and a pantomime dame, all with surprising panache for so quiet and modest a man.

Trevor was busy working in his office when taken ill and although, characteristically, he insisted that there was nothing much wrong with him and that he wanted to carry on with what he was doing, he was eventually persuaded that he ought to go home. In fact, he was taken straight to Charing Cross Hospital where it was confirmed that he had had a heart attack. He received treatment and, after some days, was allowed to go home but he then suffered another severe attack and was taken to Queen Mary's Hospital, Roehampton.

It is particularly sad that this fine man should have died so close to a very well earned retirement, but he did not succumb to his final illness without a gallant fight. In his last days his sense of humour and natural courtesy endeared him to the doctors and nurses who cared for him, and, during this time, he received unflinching and loving support from his wife, Dawn, and his children, Rachel and Simon. We send them our deepest sympathy.

Bill Weisblatt,  
Secretary

## Trevor Lloyd's Funeral

Trevor Lloyd's funeral service was held at the riverside church of All Saints, Fulham on June 28th. St Dunstaner Tom Hart read a passage from *Corinthians* 1, XIII, and David Castleton, recently retired as Public Relations

Officer, gave the Address.

Those present, in addition to the family, included the President of St Dunstan's, Mr Colin Beaumont-

Edmonds, MC, and the Chairman, Admiral of the Fleet Sir Henry Leach, GCB, DL, and a good-sized party of St Dunstaners, staff, ex-staff and friends.

## GOODBYE WEARY

On behalf of all Ex-FEPoWs Bill Griffiths pays tribute to Sir Edward Dunlop, a surgeon and saviour

*Sir Edward 'Weary' Dunlop, AC, CMG, OBE, died on July 2nd, aged 86. Specialist Surgeon at St Mary's, Paddington 1939, he served in the Royal Australian Medical Corps, 1939-45, and was Consultant Surgeon at the Royal Melbourne Hospital, 1967-93. Our sympathy goes to his wife, Helen, and two sons, and all members of the family.*

Everyone who shared those years in PoW camps with Sir Edward 'Weary' Dunlop will remember his skilled surgical achievements, his insistence upon camp hygiene to prevent disease, his constant confrontations with Japanese Commanders to lessen the inhuman treatment of prisoners.

There are innumerable instances where he lightened the burdens and anxieties of prisoners catalogued in the book, *War Diaries of Weary Dunlop, 1939-45*.

Shortly after he began my restoration to good health on the operating table, after he prevented a Japanese guard from bayoneting me, he commenced his mission of persuading me and my FEPoW colleagues that life, even in those circumstances, was precious. Weary represented hope and sanity in the midst of misery and madness in the Prison Camps.

Japanese PoW life for three-and-a-half years with all its insecurity and brutality did not for one single moment diminish the immense psychological boost of determination, hope and optimism given by the mere presence of Weary.

After the war, he continued to be involved in FEPoW activities and was National President of the Australian Ex-PoW Association for several years. He attended conferences and reunions throughout the Commonwealth. We last had the honour of his presence at St Dunstan's three years ago.

Friendship, firmly established during those difficult PoW years, has flourished during the past 48 years between Weary, myself and both families. This applies to many other FEPoWs. I mourn the loss of Weary very deeply, but treasure the happy memories and will be forever grateful for all that he has done for me and my FEPoW friends.

## POET'S CORNER

### BOB — WAR BLINDED

by Nancy Bickley

She was her father's daughter  
Chubby, bright and gay  
With rose-bud lips  
Which were too young to pray.

He cradled her within his arms  
And looked down upon her face  
He traced her features gently  
With the skill of an artist's grace.

She laughed and gurgled back at him  
As he traced those features fair  
And many times his hand did trace  
This wonderment so small.  
Unseeing eyes were gazing on his little  
angel's face.

No bitterness or despair  
Were ever expressed by him,  
Love and kindness were his theme  
As his babe was lulled to sleep.

Now he's on that golden shore  
Where problems are no more  
And still his light will always shine  
On his babe for ever more.

*Nancy Bickley is the widow of St Dunstaner Robert Bickley.*

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Drop us a line or tape at 12-14 Harcourt Street, London W1A 4XB



Above: Don Westaway as he is today.

**From: Don Westaway, Gold Coast, Australia**

You can imagine how delighted I was when the news arrived telling me I had won the story competition with my tale about Peshawar. My only regret was my inability to collect the money in person from your office.

Incidentally, all the action now happening around Peshawar involving drugs, sexual harassment, and terrorist training suggests I should go back there and expand my story into a book!

However, living the 'good life' here in sunny Queensland with my wife and two children all tends to make me go for the soft option rather than the adventure. Someday though, I feel sure Jane, the children and I will manage a trip to London but until then, let's keep in touch.

With warmest personal regards to anybody at HQ who remembers me and again, thanks.

**From: David Castleton, Addiscombe, Surrey**

I am writing again to reiterate the thanks of Audrey and myself to all those St Dunstaners, Widows and other friends who so generously contributed to my retirement gifts.

We thought they might like to know we have bought a canteen of cutlery —

our first! — a rug for our sitting room and some garden furniture.

We send good wishes to everyone in St Dunstan's.

**From: Mrs. Alice Poole, Peacehaven, E. Sussex**

The family of Alice Poole thank all the friends of St Dunstan's for the cards, donations and kindly thoughts which were a special comfort to them when George passed away on May 26th.

We sincerely thank the staff at Ian Fraser House for the caring kindness and concern when George was in hospital and especially on the night he died.



Above: The late Norman Drew at IFH.

**From: Richard Bingley, Newton Abbot, Devon**

I offer a few words in memory of St Dunstaner Norman Drew. He was 71 years of age, happily married to Bertha, he had two sons, David and Christopher, who joined their father in the family building firm in Brixham, Devon; he also had a daughter, Karen, and ten grandchildren.

We served together in the same

platoon in S Company 1st Parachute Battalion in North Africa, Sicily, Italy and Arnhem. He was a splendid chap to serve with and highly respected.

He died of a heart attack at his home on April 24th. My deepest sympathy is extended to his wife and family.

**From: Mrs. Kath Wiles, Quintrell Downs, Newquay, Cornwall**

The wife and family of the late George Wiles wish to thank the staff of Pearson House and Headquarters and his many friends at St Dunstan's who sent messages of sympathy and flowers on their recent bereavement. Special thanks to Liz Pearce for all her help.

**From: Mrs. Joyce Hudson, Peacehaven, Sussex**

I would like to thank everyone for their kind thoughts, letters, cards and donations after my sad loss.

Also, many thanks to David Bray, for making my journeys backward and forward to hospital much easier, and to Elizabeth Dacre for her tribute.

St Dunstan's gave George a new lease of life (I hope I did too!) as he had always been such a keen sportsman. It will be a great comfort to know that I have so much support. Thank you all.

*The Review would like to apologise for the late publication of this letter.*

## TINY'S GOLDEN EEL



Tiny hauls up the massive beast he plucked from the murky fathoms.

St Dunstaner Alfred Pointon might be nicknamed 'Tiny' but he landed a big catch during a recent angling adventure.

He scored pure gold when he caught a massive 90lb 3oz. conger eel off the coast of Newhaven. His catch is reckoned to be the biggest eel to pass through the port this year.

The catch was a full 15lb over the 75lb that he required to qualify for a gold medal from the British Conger Club. He was one of nine anglers who went out with skipper Chris Martin in *Nikaria* on June 24th.

Mr Pointon, of Telscombe Cliffs, E.Sussex, joined St Dunstan's in 1944 after being blinded while serving with the Royal Marines. He now works as a physiotherapist.

His interest in sea-angling has been chronicled in the *Review* over the years, but despite Mr Pointon's experience landing the conger eel wasn't that straightforward.

'While I was playing the fish another vessel was bearing down on our stern,' he said. 'Chris had to start the engine and cut the anchor warp to get out of its way, but fortunately someone must have been on look out and she veered off and missed us.'

'That vessel was not in any of the recognised shipping lanes. We were about 40 miles off Newhaven and only about 15 miles from the French coast.'



**I**n January this year, the Chairman and Secretary had a meeting with the Charity Commission at which the effects of the recession and the long term future of St Dunstan's were discussed. The Commission agreed that a limited fund raising appeal was in order. Every St Dunstaner can help in focusing the public's attention to this fact.

Fund raising, and the acknowledging and recording of donations has always been and continues to be the responsibility of the Public Relations Department. At the height of the appeal in the 1950s, the Department numbered some 30 people working in this area. The appeal ceased in 1960.

Today, with more limited numbers of staff, we are working to re-awaken awareness of St Dunstan's, and its continuing need for funds. This is not an easy task in the current recessionary climate. The organisation is striving to achieve this through a team of full time speakers.

Currently, Bill and Alice Griffiths cover the North of the country, and Terry and Maria Bullingham the Midlands and South West. Several other St Dunstaners have kindly volunteered their services. Our film *Partnership for Life* is available through our speakers, by post or through film libraries.

We distribute our literature wherever possible. We try for media publicity, though as handicap becomes more accepted, so the headlines have become harder to attain! Please let us know if you have anything of interest for the newspapers. Our aim is to stress that the services of St Dunstan's will be required well into the next century due to the young age of some of our new beneficiaries. In addition, the cost of caring for the older generations is substantial nowadays.

It is not the easiest of times during which to launch an appeal. Our Chairman has done sterling work in writing personally to many Trusts and Companies, with encouraging success.

## St Dunstan's returns to fund raising

Ray Hazan outlines our forthcoming appeal



*The IFH pool provides both therapeutic and recreational benefits. Top left: A St Dunstaner trains with the long cane. Bottom left: St Dunstan's encourages careers in many fields. Above: Computer skills play an increasing role in modern life.*



Regimental Associations and Benevolent Funds have been approached and have responded generously. We ask solicitors to bear us in mind when advising on the making of Wills. Several St Dunstaners are now active in encouraging donations, and we are grateful to them. There are many charities all appealing along similar lines — the going is tough!

We have always prided ourselves in a personal response to our donors. Many have been giving for over 50

years and have struck up a close devotion. We shall continue to maintain this stance.

Do please feel free to encourage local sponsored events, coffee mornings, etc. Please contact the PR Department if you would like any help in the way of leaflets, facts and figures. We have cards available which advertise our speakers and film. Please do not accept money, but if possible ask that it be sent to Public Relations at HQ.



# SPLICE OF LIFE



Our taping team outside Dudley Zoo.

## TAPE RECORDING TRIP TO BIRMINGHAM

by Sue Reynolds

THE Apollo Hotel in Edgbaston was the gathering place for the Tape Recording Club on June 1st. At this stage there was little sign of flaming June and we were all equipped with waterproofs and woollies. However, a good meal and a few drinks soon set us to rights.

Next day, we set off amid the drizzle to the Black Country Museum in Dudley a few miles up the road. Whilst on the coach, we sorted out the business of the day — our Derby Sweepstake with Bernard's hat doing duty as the ticket barrel once more.

We received a very friendly welcome from the museum staff and split up to see what was what for recording. The highlight of the day for many of us was the canal tunnel trip. Although the rain had stopped our waterproofs came in handy to protect us from the dripping water in some parts of the tunnel.

When volunteers were called for to 'leg' us out on the last part of the trip, the St Dunstaners all used their Service training to good effect and kept their heads down! Fortunately, some of the natives volunteered so we didn't get stuck in the tunnel.

June 3rd saw us heading south for the Cotswold village of Bourton-on-the-Water and a day strictly for the birds — the feathered variety that is. The morn-

ing was spent at Folly Farm among the geese, ducks and hens and in the afternoon it was the penguins and parrots at Birdland.

Our day out in Worcester was mainly a shopping day but there was the added bonus of the cathedral organ being played for those with recorders.

On Saturday, the energetic ones set out for the hills of Dudley Zoo. All birds and animals in Britain seem to know when the St Dunstaners are coming and make lots of noise in the distance and shut up when we approach. However, patience is often the key and Barbara was especially lucky with the spider monkeys and penguins.

Sunday was a social day and after a visit to a Sunday Market we joined Colin Bentley and his staff for a barbecue. We all enjoyed ourselves and would like to thank Colin and his crew for being such wonderful hosts.

Our last jaunt was to Hatton Country World near Warwick. Our main interest there was the rare breeds of farm animals and the Children's Corner proved the most vocal with the animals gaining the upper hand over the children. Some stalwarts took the nature trail to Hatton Locks and were rewarded by finding a pub at which to have lunch although I suspect tape recordings of beer consumption sound the same anywhere.

All in all we had a terrific week and our special thanks go to Bob Wilkins who drove Julian's wheelchair and pushed the bus — Oops, I think I have that the wrong way round.

To end on a business note, Bernard Blacker agreed to stay on as Chairman of the club and it was agreed to go away again in 1994. I have sent away for information on East Anglia and the West Country as possible venues. Once we have it club members will receive details of next year's plans.

• All St Dunstaners please note that new members are welcome and you can notify Sue Reynolds at IFH if you are interested in joining and she will pass names to Bernard Blacker.

# Hunting the Koningsberg

AFTER the death of St Dunstaner Lt. Comdr Douglas Williams RN, aged 103, in March, his sister, Mary, discovered a letter written by Douglas to his mother shortly after the action against the *Koningsberg* at Rufiji River in 1915. This letter gives a personal insight into battle and is reproduced below by kind permission of Miss Mary Williams. The Rufiji River is in Tanzania, formerly British East Africa, and *Monitors* was a generic name for a bombardment vessel specially constructed with a shallow draught.

22nd Aug 15

My dearest Mother,

I am sorry I could not write last week as I promised but we are up to our necks in work getting the ship ready for sea again about three weeks sooner than we expected.

We are going back to the same place as we came from but I do not know how long we are stopping there. Thank you very much for the photo I think it is A1 and I am very pleased indeed with it. I was jolly glad to know that you are all well and I am glad to say the same of myself. Now I must tell you a little of what we have been doing. I suppose you have read the accounts in the papers about the destruction of the *'Koningsberg'* but I don't think this ship has been mentioned once.

We were there and hard at it all the time, although we did not actually go up the Rufiji River after her (which was due to our ship drawing too much water). I am very glad to say that a large percentage of our ship's company offered their services to go up in the smaller ships. As many as could possibly be spared, went in the *'Monitors'* and tugs.

The tugs were two from London and two from Liverpool which escorted the *Monitors* over here after they had been bombarding the Belgian coast, and they were intended for towing the *Monitors* or any other ship into deep water should they happen to go aground whilst going up the river, and there is

very little or no protection from gunfire on board of a London tug. Well we started off one Wednesday morning and all ships got up anchor at about 3 am and then proceeded towards the entrances to the river arriving there just before daybreak. There were any amount of black troops ashore with the *'Koningsberg'* besides their own ships company and right along the banks of the river there were snipers and field and machine guns. The ship was roughly about 12 miles up the river and she has been up there since last Sept or Oct: so that they had had plenty of time for leaving mines and putting any obstacles they wished to stop us from getting up there and we were fully prepared and quite expected to sweep up a mine or two before the ships went up.

As soon as it began to get daylight the *Monitors* began their trip up the river and although we could not see them after they had got inside we very soon heard the firing. They had a very hot time going up the river for they were being fired at from all sides but the worst of it was that the trees were so thick that they could not see a soul to fire back at. The *'Monitors'* anchored 10,000 yds from the *'Koningsberg'* but still out of sight owing to the bends in the river. The *Koningsberg* had already opened fire but her shots were falling short. They had an observation station on top of a hill and they were getting the bulk of their firing from them, but as the *Monitors* spotted them, they put a stop to their taking observations anymore. After that the *'Koningsberg's'* fire began to get erratic but she put one of the *Monitors* guns out of action and killed four men and wounded six but two of the wounded died later on the day which made six killed. We had two aeroplanes fitted with wireless telegraphy to observe for us and according to their reports the firing was very accurate and at about 10 am big volumes of smoke were seen to be coming from the *'Koningsberg'* which clearly showed that our shell had been



doing its work and that she was on fire. Her firing then began to get slower and she did not have so many guns supplying as she did at first and at about 2.30 pm she ceased firing altogether and but that time she was well alight. The *Monitors* returned down the river at 4.0 pm and then they had a hotter time still from the banks, but they got out alive.

The Captain of the *'Monitors'* in his report to the Admiral said that he did not think that the *'Koningsberg'* was totally disabled but he considered that

she was damaged quite enough to prevent her from coming out any more during the war and that she had been on fire for 7 hours. Well that did not altogether satisfy the Admiral, so he decided to have another go in two or three days after the *'Monitors'* had been repaired. I will tell you about the next days operations in my next letter as time is a bit short now so I will just say good-bye with fondest love and heaps of kisses to you all from

Your ever Loving Son  
Douglas

## Eighty years of Morris cars



On May 1st, the British Motor Heritage Museum was opened at Gaydon in Warwickshire. Among the guests was Ken Revis, because this new collection is the successor to a museum he helped to found.

'Among the exhibits are many cars that were restored under my direction before I retired,' said Ken.

Ken has been President of the Bullnose Morris Club for 30 years, having succeeded the late Lord Nuffield, who was the first President, in 1963. In this capacity Ken recently attended another motoring occasion marking 80 years of Morris Motors at the Patrick Collection at King's Norton. He was driven there along the M40 from Oxford in a 1914 Bullnose. With the President of the Morris Register he jointly proposed a toast to the memory of Lord Nuffield, the founder of Morris Motors. Appropriately, they drank the toast from glasses engraved with a drawing of the famous Bullnose car.

## Balancing the Books

by Ted Bunting

**The Way of All Flesh**

Author: Samuel Butler

Reader: John Richmond

Duration: 16.24 hours

Catalogue number: 1639

What would happen today, if, contrary to his father's wishes, an Anglican parson's son would not become a clergyman himself? Probably very little of course, for we live in enlightened times, but in the 19th Century, as *The Way of All Flesh* makes very clear, a family man expected and demanded that the whole of his household should show him obedience in all things.

No father, however, can demand that his son must BELIEVE what he does not believe, and no son, however obedient, can more than pretend to believe if the conviction is not there.

This is not a book of obscure philosophical themes. On the contrary it is a brilliant down-to-earth story. It deals with complex emotional relationships, but it does so in a way which we can all understand. At the time of its first publication I dare say it was considered quite shocking, Victorian fathers would have been horrified if their daughters had read the life of Theobald Pontifex, the parson's son of this tale. I would recommend it to you though, with no qualms whatever. The style and the language are a little dated, as you might expect, but the actual gripping story, being one of basic human nature, is as fresh as tomorrow's milk should be.

# CANADIAN ANNIVERSARY

Colin Beaumont-Edmonds on the CNIB celebrations

JOYCE and I felt very proud to be invited to represent St Dunstan's at the 75th Anniversary of the Canadian National Institute for the Blind. Readers will recall the article about Col. Eddie Baker's braille watch in the June *Review*, and it was pleasing to be greeted by his son John Baker as we arrived to attend the Annual General Meeting, and a moment later to meet Robert Waugh, Chairman of the CNIB.

The AGM was a strictly formal meeting, with a most interesting report by the President and Chief Executive, Dr Euclid Herie, who drew on the events of past years along with the three words which headed the printed report — 'progressive, responsible and inspiring.'

The Technibus was one of the more imaginative achievements, for this mobile resource centre was to visit 175 towns across the country during 1993. Like our own RNIB, stress was being laid on access to information, but distances, a variety of languages, and a growing number of visually impaired people increases the problems.

The Anniversary Dinner was attended by over 200 guests. Chief Stan Joseph of the Squamish tribe from the West Coast of British Columbia, opened the dinner with a native Indian Dedication Ceremony.

He used the four eagle feathers representing the origin of the earth and its four corners to bring a spiritual message of good will and future success.

Chief Stan Joseph restored the 200 year old, 60ft. totem pole which stands on the CNIB property of its Bowen Island Lodge.

After the meal a roving microphone gave me the opportunity to deliver the greetings from Sir Henry Leach and the many friends within St Dunstan's.

A special song had been composed for the occasion, and this was sung by John Allan Cameron, a popular singer over there.



Chief Stan Joseph performed a native Indian dedication ceremony to open the CNIB's Annual General Meeting.

The evening closed with the presentation of a number of awards to staff and volunteers, who had done so much to enhance the work of the Institute throughout the provinces.

When I was at Church Stretton in 1944, I knew a Canadian, Fred Woodcock, whose name is now linked with a Scholarship Trust, initiated originally by the members of the Sir Arthur Pearson Association, and on the following morning, Joyce and I attended a little ceremony in the SAPA Lounge, when the Institute undertook to perpetuate and run the Trust should there be no members of the Association to do it. A new picture of Col. Baker hangs in the lounge, with a plaque on either side of it, one from St Dunstan's, which I had presented, and the other from SAPA, which their Chairman, David Dorwood, had presented the previous night.

When we left Canada, Joyce and I were so pleased that we had been able to be there, for, as when we visited Australia and New Zealand, we felt that we had helped to strengthen the bonds between us all, especially during these times when so much is falling apart.

# On the Tomato Trail

News of the Gardening Club Week by Margaret Bingham

IN the Winter Garden, our assembled company welcomed three new members, Norman Follis, Paul Walker and Robert McConnell. We stood for a minute's silence in memory of Lorna Chatfield and Eileen Fowler, both of whom will be sadly missed by all Club members.

About 70 of us were at the meeting, making a rather noisy but happy crowd. Captain Bingley gave us an up-to-date report on the Sensory Garden at Newton Abbot to which our Gardening Club donated two seats. Richard will be doing a sponsored walk towards raising some £8,000 for Phase Two of the Project with which he is so closely embroiled.

On Monday afternoon we had a talk by Cyril Edwards on vegetable growing, particularly tomatoes. He recommended Ailsa Craig and Moneymaker varieties as being good croppers and having a nice flavour. He brought a very sturdy little plant to pass around and said this variety, *First in the Field*, could be grown on a string either upright or diagonally. Growing to about three feet in height it would produce a very high yield of flavoursome fruit. There were many questions from the floor, all of which Cyril answered aptly and descriptively.

We made an early start on Tuesday to visit our Chairman, Sir Henry Leach, at Wonston in Hampshire. We broke our journey at Cheriton to call on Mrs Garnett-Orme. The lane to her house was rather narrow, but the local police constable was on hand to direct traffic whilst our coaches turned on to the drive. We divided into groups, with friends and neighbours acting as guides. On a large table stood a variety of flowering plants, some very unusual. They were explained to us by Mr Brown, Mrs. Garnett-Orme's gardener, who had delayed his holiday to help in our visit!

Our lady guide handed those of us in wheelchairs pieces of the herbs to smell, explaining their uses in cookery

and medicine. The large beautifully trimmed lawn sloped gently down to a stream (which I understand ran part way round the house) and moisture-loving plants grew in abundance on either bank, an idyllic setting. Our visit was greatly enjoyed. It was lovely to see you again Mrs. Garnett-Orme and thank you for inviting us.

It had turned out to be a lovely warm late-Spring day and when we arrived at Wonston, Sir Henry and his charming daughter awaited us with jugs of ice-cold wine and our glasses were replenished constantly. Sir Henry rang a ship's bell when he wanted our attention and this was such a novelty to us as we sat on the patio or lawn eating our lunch — sandwiches followed by strawberries and cream! Sir Henry lives in a bungalow in the grounds but his daughter and family live in the house. I think he was instrumental in the formation of the beautiful garden which is on two or three levels, at the lower level is a pond with several varieties of duck. A tributary of the River Test runs nearby and is ideal for trout fishing. Thank you, Sir Henry, for your kind hospitality. We really enjoyed being with you.

St Dunstan's version of *Call My Bluff* took place in the Annex on Tuesday evening. Researched and compiled by Sue and Mary, they with Tom gave very convincing definitions to Elizabeth's questions. The team won 7-4. John was MC. A thoroughly enjoyable evening.

The weather was not quite so good for our visit to Sheffield Park but it was dry and we were able to walk around the extensive grounds at will. The rhododendrons of white, pink or crimson were beautiful and all the trees and shrubs were in full leaf. The lake with clumps of deep blue and yellow iris made a vivid splash of colour. Rather hilly though and wheelchair pushers had an exhausting walk I'm afraid.

About eight special guests, including David Castleton, Arthur Neve, Lt.-Col.

Bray and Sue, joined us in the Winter Garden that evening for what proved to be an extremely good dinner. Thank you Kozy and PBK. You did us proud.

Our visit to Parham Park in West Sussex was somewhat curtailed as heavy rain prevented our seeing the gardens. (One or two stalwarts did venture into the greenhouses though). We had a guided tour through this very interesting Elizabethan house with an original fireplace which had remained hidden until this century and huge paintings of royalty and ancestors. Thank you Mr. and Mrs. Titton and guides for making our visit so memorable.

In the evening a number of us were taken to Ditchling to take part in a Radio Sussex gardening programme. The St Dunstaners present put their questions to the panel of three very knowledgeable gardeners. Unfortunately, the programme goes out at our lunchtime but some folk were able to hear a good part of it. Thanks to the

Ditchling Gardening Club for inviting us and we hope we can join you again.

The wind-up meeting on Friday began earlier than usual as the Band of The Royal Military School of Music, Kneller Hall, would be entertaining us in the Lounge. Everyone agreed it had been an excellent week and Tom, John and Elizabeth were congratulated on its success. Arrangements were well in hand for the away visit to Buxton in September and the management of The Old Hall Hotel were being most helpful. Tom Hart and John Walbrugh wanted to stand down as Chairman and Treasurer respectively and Richard Bingley and Phil Duffee volunteered to take on the posts. They were duly proposed, seconded and voted into office.

A small party visited Roundstone Garden Centre in the afternoon, the usual ending to our Gardening Week. Finally, our most sincere thanks to all who helped in our Gardening Week activities.

## Commando reunion

Having beaten the rail strike on April 16th, members of 40 Commando Royal Marines (1942-1946) Association and their wives assembled at the Broadway Park Hotel in Sandown on the Isle of Wight for their annual reunion.

Three St Dunstaners and their wives were in the party, Des Bissendon, Joe Humphrey and Bill Shea. A fourth St Dunstaner, Bill Heffernan, was unfortunately unable to attend.

Friday evening was spent meeting old friends and reminiscing, or in Royal Marines language 'swinging the lamp'.

At the AGM on Saturday morning, Bill Shea was elected a Vice President of the association, replacing Lt.-Col. Morgan who died very suddenly last year. After lunch members joined local civic leaders for a wreath laying ceremony at the Sandown war memorial. This was followed by more wreaths being laid at 40 Commando memorial at the Upper Chines school in Shanklin where the Commando was 'locked up' before the Dieppe raid on August 19th, 1942. At the annual dinner on Saturday evening, the principal guests included Lieutenant-General R. J. Ross, CB, OBE, the

recently appointed Commandant General, Royal Marines, accompanied by his wife, and M. Alan Buriot, President of Association Jubilee, from Dieppe. After the loyal toast, Bill Shea proposed the toast to the Captain General, Royal Marines, HRH Prince Philip.

Des Bissendon received a presentation for his effort in selling an enormous number of raffle tickets, so helping to swell the Association funds.

On Sunday morning, a service was held at the 40 Commando Memorial which is set in The Chines and flanked by two seats dedicated to two commanding officers who were killed in action. The service, which was attended by the Lord Lieutenant, High Sheriff and other civic leaders of the Isle of Wight, was led by The Right Reverend D. Wakeling, former Bishop of Southwell and a former 'A' Troop Commander in 40 Commando.

Members said their farewells on Monday morning after a really excellent weekend, thanks to the hard work put in by Ken Morris, Chairman, and Alan Saunders, Secretary.



Mike, Ray and Tilakman take a breather. Below: With the Mountain Rescue Team.

## Rock steady!

*Peter Yates reports on the annual climbing expedition to Wales*

**D**UE to unforeseen circumstances, several stalwarts were forced to drop out of this year's Climbing Weekend in Wales. However, after a long hot drive north, a small group of St Dunstaners, Ray Hazan and Mike Tetley, and escorts finally rendezvoused at the Bryn Melyn Hotel in Barmouth on July 2nd. An additional member of the group was Tilakman Pun, a young Gurkha who is undergoing training at IFH.

After dinner and a half of shandy, Gwyneth and Barry Ellis, our taskmasters for the weekend, revealed their

plans for the next two days. These included climbing a local mountain and the obligatory outing on to the Barmouth Slabs.

Saturday dawned dull and overcast, but thankfully cooler. A short drive in Barry's minibus brought us to a rendezvous with the rest of his team at the head of an isolated valley in which the Romans used to mine gold. One working mine remains which supplies the gold used in the royal wedding rings.

We set off uphill and were promptly engulfed by mist and low cloud. An old drove road was followed northwards and as we gained height, Barry recounted the story of Janet Haig who at the age of 74 (or 84?, or 94?) used to travel the path daily. At the top of the pass we left Janet's footsteps and made our way up to Dyfws, the chosen summit for the day.

Alas the only view was of the inside of a cloud, but a boundary wall



provided welcome shelter from a bitter wind whilst lunch was taken. Our steps were retraced and as we reached the lower slopes, the sun finally put in an appearance. In the late afternoon warmth, an opportunity was taken at a small river to wash down those of the party — both four and two-legged — who had wandered into one of the bogs on the mountain.

On an overcast Sunday, the party divided into two, with the majority heading for the Slabs with Gwyneth, Barry and the team, whilst Ray Hazan was driven down to Aberdovey. During his Army service, Ray had been a keen canoeist and a chance remark led to our being loaned a two-seat, sea-going kayak and an instructor for the morning by the Commandant of the Joint Service Mountain Training Centre at Tywyn. After a brief test run Ray and Sgt. Andy Phillips were off to explore the open water of the Dovey estuary, quickly disappearing over the upstream horizon.

An hour and a half later they hove back into view, making light work of moving downstream on the out-going tide. Following a welcome cup of coffee and picnic on a windy beach with Andy and his family, we loaded the canoe back on to the minibus and returned to

Ray and Sgt. Phillips riding the waves.



Barmouth, just in time to take a turn at abseiling down the Slabs. Mike, meanwhile, had been swarming all over the Slabs, both climbing and abseiling. Tilakman demonstrated his skill with speed and agility.

Sadly, the weekend came to an end all too quickly. After a celebratory meal with Gwyneth and Barry, all that remained was the homeward journey on July 5th — and yes, the sun shone all the way home.

Our thanks go to Barry, Gwyneth and the Mountain Rescue Team, the Commandant, Captain Dougie McGill and Sgt. Andy Phillips of JSMTTC (Wales) and David and Carol Clay and the staff at the Bryn Melyn for a super weekend.

## 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.*

**Mr. Arthur Lay** of Stamford, Lincs, joined St Dunstan's on May 6th. Mr. Lay was 18 when he enlisted in the Royal Artillery. Posted to Singapore in 1938, he served in a gun crew before being captured at the fall of Singapore. He was a PoW until the final surrender of the Japanese.

He married his wife, Evelyn, in 1955 and worked in the building industry until his retirement.

**Mr. Thomas Evans** of Broadstone, Dorset joined us on May 26th. Mr. Evans, aged 76, enlisted in the Royal Corps of Signals in 1940 and was subsequently posted to India.

Returning to the UK, he was severely injured during a training exercise. He was released from the Army in 1946 with the rank of Staff Sergeant and resumed his career as a chemist. However, with diminishing sight he had to retire early.

Our St Dunstaner and his wife, Constance, have been married for 49 years and they have one adult son.

# The Old Brown Barn Type Tent Mystery

Poor old Norman Perry was locked in the tent erected on the IFH green during the Archery Championship. His absence unnoticed by others, he eventually escaped by crawling out under the bottom.

We can't help but feel that his scores would have been higher if he hadn't endured such hardship and perhaps it's guilt that inspired Bert Wood to write about the incident in the following terms.

THE day's shooting had ended. All had packed up and departed to the house, all except Norman that is, more careful than the rest he packed his gear slowly as he knelt in the darkest corner of the old army medical tent.

The blood-stained walls of the gruesome and sinister brown barn type tent gave one a feeling of evil. Norman felt the coldness in the tent become more intense, suddenly he felt ice cold hands around his throat, terror gripped him, he slumped to the floor in a dead faint.

A snufferling in his ear brought him back to his senses. 'Is that you Fred?' he whispered. 'Yes, Guv,' said Fred. (Fred was Norman's white guide mouse). 'You all right Guv?' asked Fred. 'What happened?' asked Norm. 'Well,' said Fred. 'You put your hands to your throat and keeled over. Let's get out of here Guv, this old brown barn type tent is haunted and the door has been shut.'

'Who shut the bloody thing?' croaked Norm. 'It was some geezer called Justin,' said Fred. 'I heard another geezer called Ernie tell him to do it.'

'Did he not look in?' 'Only a cursory look,' said Fred. 'He didn't notice you lying in the dark corner with your spirit friends.' Norman shivered, he felt nauseated and threw up.

'Watch it Guv!' gasped Fred nipping smartly to one side. 'You nearly got me with that lot.' 'Sorry, how do we get out

of here?' asked Norm. 'Follow me Guv, I know a way.'

Norm fitted the harness to his guide mouse and crawled after him. 'Here we are then,' said Fred. 'You can pull up the side and crawl underneath.'

Norm followed the instructions of his very intelligent guide mouse and found himself outside in the fresh air. With Fred on a tight reign Norman crawled as far away from the evil old brown barn type tent as possible before collapsing.

By now, his troubled progress had been spotted by a member of the search party, that being Canada Kate, a temporary C.A. This bubbling young girl rushed to his side. 'Are you all right Norman?' she cried. 'What happened?' He related his story giving the occasional shiver. Kate looked at the sinister old brown barn type tent. 'I've heard strange noises coming from there when I pass it at night.' 'What sort of noises?' asked Norm. 'There were groans, grunts, high-pitched wailing, and a sort of gasping.' 'Well if it wasn't ghosts, they must have been rehearsing a scene for *Lady Chatterly*,' said Norm (What a card).

Kate helped Norman to his feet and then picked up Fred. 'OK sweet thing,' she said. Fred blushed. 'In my pocket is a piece of chocolate and it's for you.' 'Gee! Thanks gorgeous,' said Fred (a ladies mouse was he) and dived straight in.

## ARCHERY RESULTS

**Bert regained his composure enough to provide us with this bull's eye report of the Archery Club's Championship results.**

The much coveted **Dacre Trophy** was the first to be contested, with nine dozen arrows at three different distances, three dozen at each. Most archers wilted in the blazing sun, Bill Grimes defied all to make a magnificent score from his wheelchair.

1st	Bill Grimes	1534	— well above his handicap.
2nd	Norman Perry	1361	
3rd	Eric Bradshaw	1346	

### The Curly Wagstaff Trophy

1st	Bert Wood	1377
2nd	Tommy Gaygan	1360
3rd	Tom Hart	1354

### The George Hudson Cup

1st	Bert Wood	178
2nd	Bill Grimes	155
3rd	Norman Perry	165

### The RUC Pairs Trophy

1st	Stan Sosabowski & Bert Wood	692
2nd	Norman Perry & Eric Bradshaw	667

### Friendly matches

The first of these took place in good weather on June 6th with the Isle of Wight Bowmen, only four St Dunstan's archers were available and so I guess we lost. A great day though.

Our next match should have been with the Cuckfield Bowmen on June 12th, but heavy rain caused it to be cancelled.

An RAF team were our next opponents, Leighton Buzzard the venue. Light to heavy drizzle persisted all the way there and during the shoot. We gave it our best but after four dozen arrows, they got the verdict.

An Army team came on June 16th, when it rained again. Halfway through, Field Captain Ted (Colonel Sanders) Bradford called it off, doubled the score, we got the verdict. And so ended Championship Archery '93. Many thanks to all the helpers, spotters, Justin the Cad, and all others too numerous to mention, but not forgetting Mary Stenning as Lady Paramount.

## CLUB NEWS

### BRIGHTON CLUB BRIDGE

#### Pairs match played at IFH on May 9th

1st	Alf Dodgson & Mrs. Vi McPherson	61.1
2nd	Bill Phillips & Audrey Clements	54.9

#### Individual match played on May 16th

1st	Alf Dodgson	61.4
2nd	Wally Lethbridge	57.6

#### Pairs match played at IFH on June 13th.

1st	Mrs. A. Clements & Miss M. Stenning	66.7
2nd	equal	
	Mrs. B. King & Mrs. S. Meleson	
	Bill Phillips & Dr. J. Goodlad	54.1

#### Individuals match played at IFH on June 20th.

1st	Bill Phillips	69.0
2nd	Bertha King	59.5

#### Pairs match played at IFH on July 4th

1st	Mrs. P. Padley & Miss Stenning	64.5
2nd	Bill Allen & Mrs. A. Clements	56.9

## FAMILY NEWS

### BIRTHS

We offer our congratulations on the birth of Anya Edwards on March 29th. She is the grand-daughter of Mrs. Winnie Edwards of Partridge Green, West Sussex.

Gregory and Jessica Hope on April 14th. The twins are the grandchildren of Frederick and Eileen Charlick of Keston, Bromley, Kent.

Michael Phillips on April 18th. He is the grandson of Caroline Bulbrook of Downham Market, Norfolk, widow of George Bulbrook.

Natalie Adams on May 5th. She is the grand-daughter of Mrs. Peggy Halse-Hearne of Hythe, Kent.

Katie Boyle on June 8th. She is the great grand-daughter of Mari Habberfield, wife of Herbie Habberfield of Cadoxton, Neath.

Bethan Bull on June 20th. She is the daughter of Andrew and Nicola Bull of Ebbw Vale, Gwent.

### WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

#### Congratulations to:

Wilf and May Evans of Hardwicke, Gloucester on their Golden Anniversary on May 8th.

Sam and Mary Worthington of Penwortham, Preston on their Diamond Anniversary on May 13th.

Joe and Phyllis Veale of Newquay on their Golden Anniversary on May 22nd.

Harry and Wyn Roberts of Heyhouses, Lytham-St-Annes on their Silver Anniversary on May 25th.

John and Pat Harris of Caversham, Nr. Reading on their Ruby Anniversary on May 30th.

### ACHIEVEMENTS

#### Congratulations to:

James Cunningham on gaining an RAF Scholarship to attend Christ's Hospital, Horsham. He is the grandson of Mrs. Edna Cope of Saltdean, widow of Henry Cope.

Hannah, niece of Reg and Eileen Goding of Rottingdean, on graduating as a veterinary surgeon at Bristol University.

Mrs. Janet Painter on gaining a BA degree in Geology with the Open University. She is the daughter of Mrs Bertha King of Crowborough, E. Sussex, widow of *Harold King*.

## DEATHS

### We regret to announce the death of:

Dr. Gerald Oxborrow. He was the brother of Mrs. Dorothy Harvie of Haywards Heath, widow of *Major J. G. Harvie*.

Mrs. Florence Beddoes of Birmingham on July 3rd. She was the widow of *Dennis Beddoes*.

Our sympathy goes to their families and friends.

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# 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.

### **Dennis Downes**, *Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers*

Dennis Downes of Bristol died on May 10th, aged 61. He served as a Craftsman in the Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers from 1953 to 1955, first in England and then BAOR.

In civilian life, he worked as a design draughtsman for Rolls-Royce until retiring on health grounds in 1983. He was a keen radio ham and very much involved in his local branch of The Royal British Legion and fund raising for the Guide Dogs for the Blind Association.

Our sympathy goes to his wife, Patricia, daughter, Susan, and son, Paul, and all members of the family.

### **Paul Baker**, *Warwickshire Yeomanry*

Paul Bertram Baker of Sidmouth died on May 22nd. Aged 73, he had been a St Dunstaner since 1944. A bank clerk, he enlisted with the Warwickshire Yeomanry in 1939, and served as a Lieutenant in the 4th Company of 'C' Squadron until he was wounded in action in Italy.

After training, he worked as Welfare Officer for the Ministry of Pensions and later became a physiotherapist. Mr. Baker practised at St Austell Hospital before branching out on his own.

Retiring in 1986, he was very much involved with local Rotary and Probud groups and gave his time freely to the local school for the deaf. More recently, he was chairman of the Sidvale RNIB Appeal Group.

Our sympathy goes to his wife, Cynthia, daughter, Janet, son, John, and all members of the family.

### **George Poole**, *Lancashire Fusiliers*

George Poole of Peacehaven, Sussex died on May 26th. Aged 75, he had been a St Dunstaner since 1945. Enlisting with the Lancashire Fusiliers in 1939 (1/8 Battalion), he served as Sergeant until 1945 when he was wounded in Burma by an anti-tank mine.

Before the war, he had worked in the tooling industry. Returning to civilian life, he became a telephonist and worked for Shell Mex until retiring in 1977.

Our sympathy goes to his wife, Alice, daughter, Janice, son, David, and all members of the family.

### **Ernest Patterson**, *King's Regiment (Liverpool)*

Ernest William Patterson of Birkenhead, Merseyside died on June 5th, aged 76. He served as a Private in the King's Regiment (Liverpool) from January, 1940 and although his sight was damaged in an accident two years later, he continued to serve until February 1946.

He had been a horticulturist before joining up and was working as a private gardener when he joined St Dunstan's in 1975. Keen on hiking, Mr Patterson did much to help other disabled people in his area, serving on the Environment Committee of the National Federation of the Blind and the Road Safety Advisory Committee of Merseyside County Council.

Our sympathy goes to his wife, Hilary, brother, Eric, and all members of the family.

### **Roland Swannell**, *Northamptonshire Regiment*

Roland Swannell of Wellingborough, Northants died on June 16th, aged 71. He had been a St Dunstaner since 1952.

Mr. Swannell was a Lance-Corporal in the 2nd Battalion Northamptonshire Regiment from 1941 to 1944. His loss of sight followed treatment for an attack of malaria suffered in North Africa. For as long as he was able, he followed a career as a signwriter but then took a general position with Northampton County Council where he worked for 20 years.

Our sympathy goes to his wife, Jean, son John, and all members of the family.