

St Dunstons Review

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Cover Picture: St Dunstan's Handless Group received a warm welcome from the Royal Artillery at Woolwich. See page 11 for full details.

From the Chairman

A very warm welcome to Captain Michael Gordon-Lennox, Royal Navy who has just joined both the Council and the Finance and General Purposes Committee. I have personally known him for some 20 years; he is a fine officer with a charming wife and they are both looking forward to meeting you in due course.

As you all know the last year has seen many cuts and changes introduced to improve our financial position. I am glad to say that the measures taken have proved to be effective, though we still have some way to go.

I am therefore pleased to be able to announce that we are planning to reintroduce area reunions in 1994. These will be organised within a tight budget and details will be announced in a future *Review*. I hope that this news will be widely welcomed.

I wish all St Dunstaners, their families and all Staff a very happy Christmas and a peaceful and prosperous New Year.

Henry Leach

MERRY CHRISTMAS ALL

Members of staff at HQ, Ian Fraser House, Pearson House and Visiting Staff would like to wish all St Dunstaners, widows and other friends a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

The next issue of the *Review* will be out towards the end of January for February. In the meantime, letters, suggestions and family news are more than welcome.



NOTICE BOARD



DISABLED PARKING AT IFH

We are trying to prevent misuse of the disabled parking slots at Ian Fraser House by traders and members of staff. These parking spots are, of course, primarily for St Dunstaners.

Staff members frequently check the slots to track down illegal parkers, but St Dunstaners can help in two ways:

First, make sure that your orange badge is displayed prominently when you park in the slots.

Secondly, by giving the Hall Porter your car number when you arrive at IFH.

We hope that this will prevent any inconvenience of having your car mistakenly identified as illegally parked.

Sue Reynolds,
Assistant Manager

NORMANDY BY BIKE

Seven places are available on a seven day tandem tour of Normandy from June 8th to June 16th. Staying near Bayeaux, the holiday costs approximately £300 full board, inclusive of transport.

The trip will start from IFH. Bookings should be made in the usual manner.

LET YOUR TALKING DO THE WALKING

Fly-fishing J. R. Hartley's favourite reference book has its own speaking incarnation. *Talking Pages* is the dial-up version of *Yellow Pages*. Although the same number, 0345 600900, is used nationwide, calls are charged at local rates.

ROTARIANS AWARD FOR BILL GRIFFITHS



On August 16th, at a Rotary Vocational Evening in Blackpool, Bill Griffiths was presented with the Rotary International Award, the Paul Harris Fellowship.

The presentation was kept a secret from Bill who is pictured receiving the award from the Lord Lieutenant of Lancashire.

NEW RESERVATIONS CO-ORDINATOR

Jackie Hunter has been appointed Reservations Co-ordinator at Ian Fraser House. She will be dealing with all booking enquiries on ext. 3230 or 3218.

CALL TO THE WILD

An adventure training week has been organised at the HMS *Daedalus* Mountain Training Centre in Bethesda, North Wales for June 19th-26th.

There are places for 15 St Dunstaners who will require guides. There will also be a limited number of places for wives. Accommodation is basic and you will be required to supply your own bedding/sleeping bags, boots and foul weather clothing.

The week will consist of climbing, abseiling, mountain walking, canoeing, tandem riding, pot-holing and many other adventurous pursuits.

Costs will be minimal and bookings should be made with Jackie Hunter at IFH. This week replaces the usual Climbing Trip to Barmouth Slabs.



SUPREME ENDEAVOUR WAS ON TARGET

St Dunstaner John Lilley of Offerton, Stockport, Cheshire, was feted for his perseverance when the Archery Club visited the Isle of Wight.

John, above with his wife, Sue, won the George Wilson Trophy for Supreme Endeavour. There's more archery news on page 24.

CHRISTMAS STOCKING FILLERS

With the festive season rapidly approaching, here are some ideas for Christmas gifts, both large and small.

- **Diaries and Calendars.** A range of braille diaries, musical diaries, calendars, moon calendars and organisers, together with refill packs.

- **Publications.** Various books and a range of braille publications, both fictional and on a variety of seasonal subjects.

All the above items may be obtained from RNIB Customer Services who can be telephoned until 7pm every Monday and Wednesday until December 15th for the price of a local call on 0345 023153.

The last date for orders to be guaranteed delivery before Christmas is Wednesday, December 15th. Last minute purchases can be made at the Resource Centre at Great Portland Street up to 4pm on Christmas Eve.

Finally, a range of talking timers (ranging in price from £49 to £69), clocks, watches, radio alarms, timers and personal and kitchen weighing scales is available from Cobolt Systems Ltd who can be contacted on 0493 700172.

PHYSIOTHERAPY CONFERENCE

Small in quantity, but great in quality were the 20 physiotherapists who met at Ian Fraser House for their annual conference on October 1st/2nd.

'The way forward' was high on the agenda of both the Physiotherapy Advisory Committee meeting on the Friday evening and the AGM on the Saturday.

The AGM was followed by two talks before lunch. Mr. Andrew Holdom, MCSP, MAPA, updated the group on the McKenzie approach to spinal therapy. Mr. Andrew Fisher, a podiatrist, spoke on Podiatric Bio Mechanics (the working of the foot, in layman's terms).

In the afternoon, a demonstration of banking via the home computer was given by Ray Hazan, followed by a general discussion on technical aids including the Cobolt talking timer (as mentioned in *Christmas Stocking Fillers*).

The guest speaker at the dinner on Saturday evening was Colonel Jim Adam, RAMC. The Colonel is a born raconteur and regaled the diners with tales of his time as a physiologist in the Army. His job was to both advise on and devise the right equipment and clothing for conditions from the Antarctic (the Fuch's expedition) to Korea and the Jungle. His Scottish wit made it an evening to remember. A dance and social in the Annexe rounded off a most pleasant and fruitful conference.

AWARD FOR JOHN BLANCH

We are pleased to announce that Australian St Dunstaner, John Blanch of Victoria, who was President of the Blinded Soldiers of St Dunstan's, Australia, between 1991 and 1993, has received the John Wilson award from the Association of the Blind of Victoria.

GOLF CLUB

Plans are afoot to start a St Dunstan's Golfing Society. Anyone who is interested in teeing off should contact Grant Cooper, Sports Co-ordinator, at Ian Fraser House.

LODGE MEETING

Any St Dunstaner who is a Freemason is cordially invited to attend the next St Dunstan's Masonic Weekend at Ian Fraser House on February 26th/27th.

For further information contact Ron Freer, c/o David Bray, The Manager, Ian Fraser House.

SPIN US A YARN

The 1994 Story Writing Competition has a bigger selection of prizes to be won.

You can choose any subject or style, your story can be fact or fiction and will be judged by an independent panel. They will assess the entries and prizes will be awarded accordingly.

First prize is £60, second prize £25 and there are now three runners-up prizes of £5 each. The first and second prize winners will have their tales published in the *Review*.

Full rules were published in the October *Review*, and entries should be received by the closing date, April 30th, 1994.

Send your tale to Story Writing Competition 1994, St Dunstan's Review, 12-14 Harcourt Street, London W1A 4XB.

OUR PRESIDENT QUIZZED

Our President, Colin Beaumont-Edmonds, recently attended the AGM of the Devon County Association for the Blind. After the official business Colin was a panel member for a quiz, during which questions were answered concerning the provision of services to the blind and partially sighted, the need to keep pavements clear of street furniture and other obstacles and the successes and failures enjoyed and suffered by each member of the panel.

STEPPING OUT

The Walking Holiday will run from April 18th to 22nd. Anyone interested in putting their best foot forward should book in at IFH. Further details will be issued as soon as possible.

HISTORY ON THE WAVES

A 'touch talk' on the history of ships will be held at the National Maritime Museum, Greenwich, London on February 27th. Ships Through the Ages makes extensive use of models.

Further details can be obtained from the Special Needs Adviser on 081-858 4422.

A VISIT TO THE GREEN JACKET MUSEUM

On a rather wet morning, Eric Bradshaw, Corporal Tilakman Pun and myself visited the Green Jacket Museum at Winchester. The visit was arranged by Mrs. Garnet-Orme, who also kindly entertained us to lunch en-route to Winchester.

On arrival at the museum we were met by Major-General G. H. Mills, C.B., C.V.O., O.B.E., who told us of his experiences with the Regiment and how he reorganised the Museum.

The museum is laid out in chronological order and explains the history of the Regiment from its foundation in 1755 in the, then, American Colonies to its present day function as the 2nd Green Jackets. The histories of different regiments are fascinating and it is sad that we are losing so much of our tradition, but it is thanks to people like General Mills who will help to preserve our heritage.

Tom Hart

PAINTING PRESENTATION

An oil painting of the Lord Leycester Hospital, Warwick, by Hilda Carthy, wife of St Dunstaner William Carthy of Gloucester, was presented to St Dunstan's recently.

'It's splendid,' said IFH Manager David Bray. 'The picture now hangs in the waiting area of the Dispensary.'





CANADIAN BRONZE FOR JACKIE

St Dunstaner Jackie Pryor was part of the England Visually Impaired Bowling Team that challenged the rest of the globe in October.

Jackie, coached by his wife, Rita, flew out to Canada for the Fifth World Visually Impaired Bowls Competition at Juan De Fuch, Victoria Island. The team won the Bronze Medal. He will return to Canada to represent England again next year, this time in the Commonwealth Games.

ST DUNSTANER BLOWS HIS OWN TRUMPET

John 'Gusty' Gale, of Peacehaven, was recently spotted compering at the Isle of Wight Jazz Festival by Denise and Tony Lawrence, members of the Storeyville Tickle Band, who were also appearing at the festival.

They arranged for John to play in an all star session to an audience of over 300 enthusiasts with Alan Elsdon, a top British jazz trumpeter, and Milton Baptiste, from New Orleans.

DAEDALUS GOLD

The 50th Annual visit to HMS *Daedalus* will be held on August 5th/13th. As usual, St Dunstaners should contact Elspeth Grant at High Acre, Catmere End, Saffron Walden, Essex CB11 4XG, or by telephoning 0799 522874.

ERRATUM

We apologise to both Norton and Betty Christal for referring to Betty as a widow in the October *Review*. Norton is currently resident at Pearson House.

HAND WARMERS

Would anyone who took part in the Remembrance Sunday service at the Cenotaph and is still in possession of hand warmers, please return them to Matron King at Pearson House.

CHANGES TO £20 NOTE

A new style of £20 has been in circulation since September 27th. Although the overall size, design, watermark, paper and security thread remain unchanged, the following enhancements have been made:

The denomination symbol '£20' in the upper-left corner is printed in the same dark purple already used for the 'square' which is aimed to assist the partially sighted.

An additional denomination symbol '£20' replaces the crown feature in the top-right corner and is black in colour.

The denomination symbol in the upper-left corner has been enlarged and changed to make it more apparent. An extra denomination symbol sits in the top-right corner near the head of Michael Faraday and is purple/grey in colour.

The existing version of the £20 note will continue to circulate and a £10 note with additional symbols is also anticipated.

OBITUARIES:

Annie Bannell

Miss Annie Bannell, sister-in-law of late St Dunstaner *John Carl Hibbert*, died on September 10th, aged 111.

She was the oldest woman in the Royal Borough of Kingston and was believed to be the second oldest woman in Britain. Our sympathy goes to all members of the family.

Miss Beryl Griffith

Miss Beryl Griffith died peacefully on September 23rd. As a VAD/Enrolled Nurse, 'Griff' worked for St Dunstan's from 1947 until 1979 when she first retired. She then worked for St Dunstan's as a dental assistant from 1982 until June 1993, when she finally retired aged 76.

She is sadly missed by St Dunstaners and her colleagues at Pearson House.

THANKS TO FUND-RAISERS

We are most grateful to the following for fund raising contributions:

A gift was received to mark the Diamond Wedding Anniversary of Sylvia and Harry Meleson.

Eric Nixon, brother of St Dunstaner Steve Nixon, ran a sponsored half marathon in September.

Members of PBK, IFH staff and St Dunstaners, who competed in the Dragon Boat Race finals.

Gwen Obern, who continues to raise funds from family and friends.

Donations have been received in memory of:

Mrs. Monica Campbell, a great friend of the Bridge Club. Ralph Paccitti pays tribute to her in his Harrogate report on page 23.

Mr. Gordon Osborne, a former member of the Estates Department.

Mrs. E. Aldridge, widow of Cyril Aldridge of Worthing.

Dame Margot Turner of Pearson House, a tribute to whom appears on page 22.

Thank you all,
Ray Hazan

BARMY BUNGEE MAN

Putting aside the production of pages and perpendicular pronouns for one day, the *Review's* Simon Rogers plummeted a perilous 180ft from a Docklands crane. His fall from grace was a rather bouncy bungee jump and sponsors donated over £400 for the occasion.



COFFEE WITH CREAM



Mrs. Betty Freeman, wife of Dennis Freeman, gave St Dunstan's a very welcome present during the 75th anniversary of Pearson House. She presented our Chairman, Admiral of the Fleet Sir Henry Leach, with a cheque for £680.

That grand sum is the initial instalment of proceeds from a coffee evening, during which the St Dunstan's film was shown and items of handicrafts and wooden toys were sold.

PHOTO OFFER

Photographic suppliers Leith Air have offered to donate 50p to St Dunstan's for every film they develop that we send them up to January 31st.

Prints are 6x4 and prices are:

1-3 prints	£2.99
4-15 prints	£3.99
16-27 prints	£4.99
28-40 prints	£5.99

Films, with payment and 34p stamped-addressed envelope, should be sent to the Public Relations Department at Headquarters.

COLLECTOR'S ITEM

Mr. Barry Hope of Tamworth, Staffordshire is donating part of the proceeds from the sale of a limited edition print of Lancaster HK 535. Painted by aviation artist Geoff Bell, each print is signed by test pilot Alex Henshaw, representatives of both test and operational crews, Jaguar cars and Terry Bullingham, who represented St Dunstan's at the recent anniversary celebrations.



Tilakman receives the Kukri from his Colonel-in-Chief.

Royal honour for Gurkha

The first Gurkha St Dunstaner received a surprise, additional award at a ceremony at IFH on October 25th.

Corporal Tilakman Pun (2nd Goorkhas), of Muna, Myagdi-Dhawalagiri, Nepal, who became a St Dunstaner in July 1993, was presented with his St Dunstan's badge and watch by Lieutenant General Sir Peter Duffell, KCB, CBE, MC, as he expected. The General, who is Inspector General Doctrine and Training and had himself been commissioned into 2nd King Edward VII's Own Gurkha Rifles, announced that Tilakman was also to be presented with the award of the Prince of Wales Kukri.

The Citation for the award was read out and the red and black lanyard, worn to denote the award of the Kukri, presented.

General Duffell had one further surprise in store. The Colonel-in-Chief of 2nd King Edward VII's Own Gurkha Rifles, His Royal Highness The Prince of Wales, was so impressed with Tilakman that he wished to present the Kukri to him in person.

Tilakman overcame his surprise and thanked the General for the award and St Dunstan's for all the help and

kindness he had received. Council Member Air Chief Marshal Sir John Gingell, GBE, KCB, replied on behalf of the Chairman and presented General Duffell, who was escorted by Captain (Queen's Gurkha Officer) Krishnabhadur Gurung, MBE, a Queen's Gurkha Orderly, with an inscribed copy of *Blind Man's Vision*.

On November 4th, Corporal Tilakman Pun, accompanied by his Regimental Adjutant, Captain Edward MacInnes (who had flown in that morning from the Regimental Headquarters in Hong Kong, and who flew back to Hong Kong that evening!) and General Duffell's ADC, Captain Fraser Lawrence, travelled to St James's Palace.

His Royal Highness The Prince of Wales presented the Kukri, which had been specially brought from Hong Kong, to Tilakman and spent some time in private conversation with the proud young soldier.

As Colonel-in-Chief of Tilakman's regiment, Prince Charles had instigated the award of the Kukri in 1979. It is awarded annually to the soldier below the rank of WO2 who is considered to have contributed most to the enhancement of the regiment.

75 years of Remembrance

At 11.00 a.m. on November 14th, two minutes silence was observed at Remembrance Sunday services throughout the world. In addition to comrades lost in conflict, this year our thoughts and prayers were also for Gerry Durrant, who had passed away suddenly the previous evening whilst preparing to join the St Dunstan's contingent at the Cenotaph.

On this extremely cold November morning, with the threat of rain ever-present, 71 St Dunstaners, including 16 in wheelchairs, and 52 escorts joined proudly the march of ex-members of all Arms of the Services past the Cenotaph.

Our column was headed by Sir Henry Leach guiding the President of St Dunstan's, Colin Beaumont-Edmonds, and Corporal Tilakman Pun, closely followed by St Dunstaner veterans from the Second World War to the present day. Sadly, this year no St Dunstaner veteran of the First World War was able to attend the service at the Cenotaph.

On Horse Guards' Parade the salute was taken by His Royal Highness The Prince of Wales, who was celebrating his 45th birthday, accompanied by the Presidents of The Royal British Legion, Vice Admiral Sir Geoffrey Dalton, KCB, and The Royal British Legion, Scotland, General Sir Michael Gow, GCB.

The service over, St Dunstaners and escorts made their way through to the

Russell Hotel for lunch. After lunch the Chairman spoke, welcoming everyone and reminding them that, whilst it may be convenient and more comfortable to forget the past, complacency must never be permitted to cloud the fact that it was a time to remember.

To remember not only those who have made the supreme sacrifice, but also the unfailing support of wives, without which many would not have got as far as they had, and bravery of the widows, who carry on alone. Sir Henry looked forward with confidence '... hoping that our successors would never have to endure what we have been through. But, should they be put to the test, they will acquit themselves well...'

The response on behalf of St Dunstaners was given by Ted John, who spoke about the changes which take place in life.

'We must continue to live within our limitations and give a great example of how it is to be a St Dunstaner,' he said.

Ted concluded with a vote of thanks to Keith Martin for organising the weekend, then reminded everyone that November 18th saw not only Sir Henry's 10th anniversary as Chairman of St Dunstan's, but also his 70th birthday and led a pre-emptive chorus of *Happy Birthday* followed by three rousing cheers. Sir Henry thanked the company for their good wishes.



DROP RED

Daredevil Ray Sheriff tells how he fulfilled an ambition 13,000 feet in the sky

FOR many years I have wanted to do a tandem free-fall with the Parachute Regiment Red Devils Free-Fall Team, so I was quite pleased when I received a letter from Captain Terry Carroll, the current Team Leader, informing me that they would fix me up with a jump.

Two scheduled jumps had to be called off but on October 19th, we made a 150 mile dash to the airfield at South Cerney, Gloucestershire. The weather held. It was really ideal for parachuting. Sunshine with a blue cloudless sky and just about the right amount of wind.

My tandem master on this trip was Cpl Dave Mitchell, a tough wee Scot from Dundee. His quiet efficiency made me feel quite relaxed.

The Red Devil aircraft was the small piston engine Islander which is quite noisy in flight. Conversation is impossible.

It took about 20 minutes to reach the altitude of 13,000ft, the agreed height for exit (my previous jumps have been from 10,000 and 12,000ft).

The exit went perfectly, I was not at all rushed. Moving quietly through the hatchway, we paused on the edge of the doorway to cross feet and curl legs under the aircraft. Arms crossed, head

back we rolled forward and away ...

We had a free-fall of approximately 8,000ft. Quite fast and furious but all the same exhilarating and exciting. It took 45 seconds. The remaining 5,000ft to earth were very peaceful in contrast.

Thankfully, I had a soft landing, all credit to Dave.

Two members of the team joined up with us in mid-air, joining hands with the tandem master. The whole venture being videoed from start to finish.

I was finally presented with the Red Devil Jump certificate. Their symbol is a flying pig, so I am now 'a humble flying piglet'.

During spring, next year, I am required to spend a day at the Joint Services Parachuting Centre at Netheravon on Salisbury Plain. Here I shall be scrutinised on a further two tandem jumps by way of a dress rehearsal for a drop at Arnhem on September 17th — the day that we landed to capture the bridge crossing the Rhine at Arnhem, the bridge which proved too far.

Our strength on this drop will only be around 90 strong, all ex-Arnhem Vets. This contingency will be made up of old codgers from the age of 69 to 84, marking the 50th Anniversary of the Battle of Arnhem, 1944 — 1994.

CANNON AND CABARET by Ted Miller

HOW time passes. Once again, it is time to make our way to the Winter Garden for supper and words of welcome at the beginning of the Blind Handless Weekend. We were greeted by our usual friends; Elizabeth Dacre, David Bray, Sue Reynolds, Peter Wiltshire, Carol Aggett and Mary Stenning, who were all to play such an important part in making our weekend so enjoyable.

Friday saw us bound for Woolwich, where we were guests of the Royal Artillery. Colonel Hislop, our Vice-President, met us at the Officers' Mess and introduced us to our host, Major-General Mike Tennant, who is Director Royal Artillery. After pre-lunch drinks we were escorted into the magnificent dining room, where a string quartet played as lunch was served on tables laid out with some of the regimental silver.

The General talked to us about the history of the regiment and the building and after coffee Gwen Obern gave a vote of thanks and presented him with a St Dunstan's plaque.

We were then shown the Silver Room and given a brief history of some of the more important and interesting pieces on show, including the Abyssinian Cross, which dates from the 4th or 5th century and was 'relieved' from a church at Magdala in 1868 by the victors of the Abyssinian Campaign and presented to the Officers' Mess by G Battery, 14th Brigade, on their return to England in 1870.

The story goes that Emperor Hailé Selassie once lunched in the Mess and on seeing the cross, demanded its return. However, having secured the return of the cross, he promptly presented it formally to the Mess on behalf of the people of Ethiopia, much to everyone's relief, but with the proviso that it should never again be placed on the dining tables, so it has its own special display niche in one of the dining room walls.

Our next stop was the Rotunda and a guided tour of the Museum of Artillery. John Nash's circular building was built

in 1820 and contains exhibits dating from the 14th century right up to the present date. Iron and brass, plain and decorative, early breech-loaders and machine guns, small arms and missiles, all are represented and all very interesting.

Time flew, and we made our slow way 'home' through the Friday evening traffic, delayed even further by an accident which blocked the road ahead of us.

On Saturday, we set out for lunch at Ye Olde Smugglers Inn, at Alfriston, followed by an evening visit to the High Sheriff of East Sussex, Mr. Ian Cox, at his home at Robertsbridge.

Mr. Cox told us that we were 700 feet above sea level, the second highest point in East Sussex and very cold in winter. We were made to feel very welcome and entertained by the Coxes and their friends, several of whom we had met last year. Mr. Courtney Kenny, a professional musician, entertained us with songs in the style of Flanders and Swan, Ivor Novello and Noel Coward and caused much merriment; even Gwennie was persuaded to sing. The evening passed too quickly and Mrs Dacre rose to thank our hosts and Gwennie presented them with a plaque and some plaited dog leads, which had been made by a St Dunstaner.

Battle of Britain

Sunday was Battle of Britain Day and we attended Morning Service in the Chapel, conducted by the Rev. Brian Tyler. Sue Reynolds read the Lesson and after communion and the closing hymn we made our way into the Lounge Garden for the dedication of a rose in memory of our late Vice-Chairman and very good friend Air Vice-Marshal Ted Colahan.

After lunch, we attended the Battle of Britain Service at St Martins in Brighton, again conducted by the Rev. Tyler. It was very impressive. Standards were presented at the altar and the Lesson was read by Squadron Leader Branson, DSO, DFC. During the service



Gwen Oborn presents a St Dunstan's shield to Major General Mike Tennant of The Royal Artillery.

a plaque and four plaited dog leads which she really seemed to appreciate. I hope our hostess enjoyed our visit as much as we did. Thank you for having us.

On Monday, our last day, we met in the morning to discuss several ideas amongst ourselves, before meeting with Bill Weisblatt, Penny Lord and Cynthia Mosley from Headquarters in the afternoon. That evening our final dinner was held in the Winter Garden. Our Guest Speaker was Air Marshal Sir Kenneth Hays, who gave us a very interesting talk, as did Council Member Air Chief Marshal Sir John Gingell, GBE, KCB, who was among the guests.

After dinner Gwen presented Elizabeth Dacre with a small present as a token of our thanks and thanked the catering staff for a fine meal, then, all too soon, our weekend was over. Our party is getting smaller with the passing of the years and we miss the old familiars. Our thanks go to all who contributed to making it a grand occasion, allowing we handless to meet and chat about old times, etc.

Bill Griffiths, accompanied by Mrs. Dacre, laid a wreath of poppies by a memorial tablet.

After tea in the church hall, we returned to IFH to prepare for a trip to Arundel Park for cocktails with Lavinia Duchess of Norfolk. The Duchess made us very welcome at the Dowager House and introduced us to her four little dogs. Her butler, Bernie, kept us well supplied with food and drinks and said he would have to put us on the list for another visit in the near future. Before we left the Duchess was presented with

SPEED RECORD BLOWN OUT

High winds chilled out an attempt to break the land-speed record for a blind driver but the man behind the wheel still managed to crack speeds up to 120 mph.

PC Ken Moss planned to set a new standard for blind driving exactly one year after the tragedy that robbed him of his sight. Sharp winds cutting across the runway at an airfield in Elvington, Yorkshire prevented the attempt on November 14th but didn't stop Ken getting some time in behind the wheel.

A crowd of well-wishers, including Craig Neller, who trained with Ken at IFH, braved the sub-zero temperatures to see him handle the Ford Escort normally driven in competition by Robbie Head.

Navigation for Ken, who plans to have another go in the spring, was provided by long-standing friend Ray Owen.



The rain was torrential, the wind was perpetually gale-force, but Ken Moss kept the wheel steady all the way.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letters to the Editor are always welcome.

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

From: Richard Bingley, Newton Abbot

We are fortunate in having at Ian Fraser House a splendid chapel. To me the word chapel means one can expect inter-denominational services.

I am surprised at the changes which have taken place recently. The hymns, for instance, are of the modern type. It has been overlooked that most St Dunstaners have been unable to read a hymn book for some 50 years, therefore we only know the words and tunes of the old hymns.

A skilled reader in braille can not read fast enough to follow the words of the new hymns.

There are at least 50 hymns in the present hymn book which we could sing on Sunday mornings, but they are not included in the services.

It seems to me that we are now having a High Church of England service which can not be acceptable to Baptists, Congregationalists, Presbyterians, Salvation Armyists, etc. I have to indicate that I myself am Church of England, but I do not believe a Church of England service to be appropriate to our chapel.

From: Irene and Les Bushell, Mosley Hill, Liverpool

I would like to thank on behalf of Les and myself all the St Dunstaners, friends, staff and everyone, for the many cards, letters, phone calls, floral tributes and donations received on the death of my dear sister, Vi.

We also wish to thank all at Headquarters for their care and kindness given to Vi always and have some very happy memories of the many bridge matches played there. We would like to thank Colonel Bray and all the staff at Ian Fraser House for being so kind and caring always to Vi, Les and myself. We can never thank you enough.

It was comforting to see so many St Dunstaners, friends and staff at the Memorial Service and to know that Vi was so loved by all.

We thank the Padre, Sue Reynolds for reading the Poem, Ron Freer for reading the Lesson, Bill Phillips for the Address and Ted John for the Citation.

Thank you all for the lovely Memorial Service. God Bless you all.

From: Sally Slade, Bognor Regis, West Sussex

Everything worthwhile usually has many problems, especially when dealing with the media, airports, passport offices . . . plus a St Dunstaner who has never flown before.

All would appear to have been awe inspiring — had it not been for David Castleton (a guardian angel indeed) whose kindness took us through a very dramatic time. Thanks also to Ray Hazan for taking over on the last lap.

Many thanks as well to David Bray for sending us our wonderful driver, Mark, who took all the problems of getting to Heathrow on time and making sure we actually got on the plane. He was there on time when we returned from Australia. Thank you Mark!

It has been a year to remember. Many grateful thanks to everyone concerned.

IN MEMORY OF MRS. HATTER

Miss Jean Hatter, daughter of the late Mrs. Eveline Hatter, wishes to thank all the members of staff at Headquarters who helped to make her mother's 100th birthday party such a memorable and successful occasion. She also wishes to thank all St Dunstaners and members of staff for their support, kindness and letters of comfort following her sad loss.

BOOK PUBLICATION

Endure No Makeshifts: Some Naval Recollections by the Chairman of St Dunstan's, Admiral of the Fleet Sir Henry Leach, GCB, DL, was published recently, price £21.50. It is anticipated that the book will be recorded in the near future and a further announcement will be made in the *Review*.

OCTOBER 16th saw the 75th anniversary of the presentation of West House, Kemp Town, Brighton to St Dunstan's by the Federation of Grocers' Associations.

The Federation raised £11,000 (an exceptional amount in 1918) to purchase and equip the building now known as Pearson House. It was built on the site of an earlier and much larger mansion which burned down in September 1825.

On Sunday, October 17th, resident St Dunstaners, their invited guests and the staff gathered to celebrate the anniversary.

After lunch Matron Chris King outlined the history of St Dunstan's at Pearson House:

'When thinking about this special day I tried to find out what material, metal or jewel represented a 75th anniversary but without success,' she said. 'So we are calling this our Silver and Gold Anniversary.'

'Silver threads among the Gold reminds us that Pearson House is a home to a friendly family of older St Dunstaners. The Silver of 25 years takes us from 1918 and the last years of the First World War to 1943 in the depths of the Second World War.'

'The Gold of 50 years brings us to 1993, to a world that sadly still has conflicts which means that there is a continuing need for St Dunstan's. First of all as West House, then as Pearson House, this building has played an important role in St Dunstan's and during these 75 years many changes and alterations have taken place.'

'In 1918 West House was used as a convalescent and holiday home for St Dunstaners. In those days it consisted of what we now call the 'Old Building' and up to 60 St Dunstaners could be accommodated.'

'In 1922, financial difficulties forced St Dunstan's to economise and several St Dunstan's Annexes were closed and permanent invalids were transferred to live in West House. In 1927, all training activities, including classrooms and workshops, were, in the words of Ian Fraser, "moved to our Seaside Annex at Brighton".'

'To continue quoting Ian Fraser, "To



WEST HOUSE TO PEARSON HOUSE

Peter Yates reports on a rather special celebration



Top: Pearson House as it looked just after the Second World War. **Middle:** The class of '93. The men (and ladies) of Pearson House after the birthday dinner. **Below:** The care of St Dunstaners has always been a priority as this post-war picture of a Pearson House ward shows.



meet this influx West House expanded until it had accommodation for 90 men in addition to the resident Matron, Sisters and Staff. With permanent invalids and men who came for convalescence or a holiday it was sometimes a bit of a squeeze. However, it meant that we could put all our facilities for sport and recreation under one roof. We had our own grounds for daily use and on Saturdays we were allowed the use of the sports ground at Brighton College. Dances were held regularly in the lounge and business girls from the town joined the Sisters and VADs as partners for the men. Good friends of St Dunstan's arranged visits to theatres and concerts and motor runs and boat trips".

'In 1935, West House could no longer meet all the needs of St Dunstan's and a site on the Sussex Downs outside Brighton was chosen for the building of a new Home.'

'Originally it was intended that West House should be sold, but by August 1938 St Dunstan's had changed its mind and West House was retained and used to accommodate the After Care Department of St Dunstan's.'

'In 1940, West House was taken over by the Admiralty and permanent residents were evacuated to Melpash Court in Dorset. Five years later, in 1945, St Dunstaners again moved back to West House. Once more a quote from Ian Fraser, "We congratulated ourselves anew on not having sold West House, which was soon got into shape again. The permanent residents were moved back in July 1945, before the workmen had finished. As the rest of the building was prepared, other men were able to go there on holiday or convalescence. Christmas was something like old times with 75 St Dunstaners in West House".'

'In 1949, "Something had to be done about West House. It had served us well and faithfully and the permanent residents loved every step and corner of it - and there were plenty of both - but it was blatantly sub-standard old and old fashioned, with no lift, rambling passages and inadequate accommodation and ventilation".'

'This led to a major refurbishment

with the inside of the Home being completely rebuilt. By this time, West House was firmly established as being a permanent home for older St Dunstaners and those who were ill.

In 1957, West House was renamed Pearson House after Sir Arthur Pearson, the Founder of St Dunstan's. In 1973, His Grace the Duke of Norfolk unveiled a plaque to commemorate the reopening of Pearson House after renovation and the addition of a nursing wing. In 1988, Ion Garnet-Orme, CBE, unveiled a plaque to commemorate the reopening of Pearson House after its extensive modernisation. And the building work continues.

Since 1988 a residential bar has been added, also a conservatory on the ground floor and one on the Nursing Care Wing.

Today, the Old Building is surrounded by scaffolding while the exterior is being refurbished, and tomorrow work will be starting on an additional Day Room at the north end of the Nursing Care Wing.

To all of you St Dunstaners and to all the Staff, I want to thank you for your tolerance and good humour during the disruption this building work causes.

The changes that have taken place in Pearson House over the last 75 years have all been made with a view to improving facilities and the quality of life for the St Dunstaners that live here.

Ernie Brown, who had his own cause for celebration, cuts the anniversary cake.



St Dunstaner Tom Higgins and Sir Henry chat with Mr. and Mrs. Baker, representatives of the British Independent Grocers' Association.

In 1927, the Old Building could accommodate 90 St Dunstaners. Today, in the enlarged, modernised Pearson House, we can accommodate 61 St Dunstaners. But some things do not change.

I would like to finish with a quote from Sir Arthur Pearson. He made this comment in the very early days to a new St Dunstaner arriving at a Home belonging to St Dunstan's in Portland Place, London; Pearson House is built opposite Portland Place, Brighton. I think the sentiment is equally appropriate.

'Sir Arthur said "You'll be all right here, I think. There's plenty to do and lots of nice people about".'

After her speech, Matron King introduced our Chairman, Admiral of the Fleet Sir Henry Leach, GCB, DL, and Mr and Mrs Baker who were representing the British Independent Grocers' Association, the modern day successor to the Federation of Grocers' Associations.

Entertainment in the Winter Garden was very kindly provided by the "Not Forgotten" Association in the form of Master of Ceremonies and soloist John Murphy, pianist Denis Matthews, soloist Joan Manning and accordionist Tommy Lees, after which Harry Norman played a repertoire of old favourites on the organ.

Ernie F. Brown, who had his own celebration — his 87th birthday — cut the Anniversary Cake. At 5.00pm a very happy celebration drew to a close. Here's to the next 75 years!

Blooming in Buxton

Marjorie Humphrey on the Gardening Club's latest expedition

ABOUT 40 of us arrived at the Old Hall Hotel, Buxton on September 1st, full of anticipation for the forthcoming exciting programme. The hotel was built in the 16th century and once accommodated Mary Queen of Scots for two years while she 'Took the Waters.'

We were very impressed by our first view of Hardwick Hall, built by Bess of Hardwick in the ostentatious style she acquired while married to four rich men (and inheriting their fortunes), the last of whom, the Earl of Shrewsbury, was Chancellor of the Exchequer at the time. The interior decor of the mansion was reminiscent of a royal household; when the lady entertained she sat in regal style on a raised dais.

Our guide gave us a comprehensive tour of the gardens, explaining the evolving styles of, for example, the courtyard at the front of the Hall, now a blaze of colour with flowers closely matched to the original layout.

We were intrigued to hear how one of the fire conscious owners had built a large pond 11ft deep at the back of the Hall and how, at enormous expense, a metal safety grid had been recently placed 18 inches below the surface.

Next day we lunched at the Bass Brewery Museum of Brewing in Burton-on-Trent and particularly enjoyed the stables of the magnificently groomed shire horses.

Saturday was a little cooler and we were free to visit Buxton Market. Some people took the opportunity to see Haddon Hall, which was not able to accommodate a large party, whilst the remainder went to the small village of Eyam, where the villagers isolated themselves from the outside world during the Great Plague after the local tailor and some neighbours died from an infection carried on a roll of damp cloth from London.

Little did we suspect that this was the day of the Eyam Carnival, but we joined in with the festivities and watched a whole sheep being roasted, tasted toasted oatcakes dipped in the dripping,

cheered the bands and decorated floats carrying Carnival Queens. We generally sported ourselves among people in fancy dress. It was brilliant!

Sunday, we went to Arkwright Mills, Comford (where Sir Richard Arkwright invented the Spinning Jenny) which are now transformed into units selling woollens and craft-ware.

The home of the Curzon family, at Kedleston, was our next breath-taking venue where Robert Adam was the architect and every room had one or two of his magnificent fireplaces.

We were told that when the family entertained, apart from lighting the fires, they brought 300 Estate workers into the Great Hall for five hours before the guests' arrival to warm the place up.

The panoramic vistas from the beautiful Curved Gallery were unforgettable, as were the tremendous marble and silver wine coolers, one of which weighed three-quarters of a ton.

Finally, the pearl of the visits was Chatsworth, where we were the guests of the Duke of Devonshire. This really felt like a home apart from being stately. There was so much to impress here; the magnificent decoration of the walls and ceilings, superb paintings and endless wood carvings all well maintained. Here, apart from the usual souvenir shop, we visited the farm shop where the venison, game and other produce from the Estate was on sale. More than one St Dunstaner had the Duke's sausages for their first meal when they returned home the next day.

The gardens are very impressive containing the highest gravity-fed water fountain in Europe (nearly 290ft), fed from a lake a former Duke created in the hills behind the house. This was done to impress the Czar of Russia in whose honour it is called 'The Emperor'. Everything in the gardens was immaculate, from neatly trimmed box borders to large ponds.

The week passed quickly and not one drop of rain, our Chairman's prayers for good weather had been answered and a good time was had by all.

A SHINING EXAMPLE

There is something almost mystical about French-polishing. It is an esoteric art that transforms ordinary household furniture into minor pieces of treasure — but surely that's to be expected when its practitioners charge the earth for their service?

Yet, according to one St Dunstaner, it needn't be that way! 'I don't know why more people don't do it themselves,' said Walter 'Joe' Attfield at his home in Paignton, Devon. 'You can buy the items ready mixed in a DIY place, they cost just a couple of pounds a bottle, but you could cover 20 doors with that.'

'All of what the French-polishers did in secret you can buy in a bottle now!'

So what is it that makes French-polishing so expensive? 'What you're really paying for, when you hire a French-polisher, is the time and labour. It's a long process. It is not a five-minute job, a lot can go wrong and it is so easy to make mistakes.'

'It is very time consuming, you really need to have a lot of patience to do it.'

It seems that Joe has that patience, since he has been amazing a select group of people with a skill that he hadn't bothered with for almost 40 years.

His return to the field of French-polishing was a self-imposed challenge, but it required a turnabout in self confidence to do so.

'When I first went to St Dunstan's, I'd lost a lot of faith in myself. I didn't think I was good for anything any more.'

Joe credits HQ Workshop supremo John Newman with convincing him otherwise, of introducing him to tools and methods that would allow him to continue with carpentry.

'It made all the difference to me,' said Joe. 'It made me feel I'm still as good as the next bloke.'

It convinced Joe that he could still use skills developed over a lifetime of working with wood, but where did French-polishing come into the equation? It all started with a boxing tournament . . .

'I used to belong to the local Sea Scouts,' revealed Joe. 'I was boxing for them in this tournament, which involved quite a few fights during the week.'

Joe battled his way to the final. Victory would mean that his troop would hold the trophy for the next year. The President of the Scouts came to me and said: "Look, this is amateur boxing, so I can't give you any money, but if you win, I'll buy you a present — anything you want!"

Spurred on, Joe won the tournament and began considering a present.

'My father said: "Why don't you ask him to teach you a trade?" This was at a time

Pam's Recipe

CHRISTMAS PUDDING

INGREDIENTS: Shredded suet 8 oz; 1 heaped teaspoon mixed spice; $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon grated nutmeg; $\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon ground cinnamon; self-raising flour 4 oz; soft brown sugar 1 lb; white breadcrumbs 8 oz, grated from a stale loaf; sultanas 8 oz; raisins 8 oz; currants 1 lb; almonds 2 oz, blanched, skinned and chopped; mixed peel 2 oz, finely chopped; grated rind of one orange and lemon; one apple, peeled, cored and finely chopped; four eggs; barley wine 5 fl oz; four tablespoons rum.

Put the suet, flour, breadcrumbs, spices and sugar in a bowl, mixing in each ingredient thoroughly in turn, followed by the fruit, peel and nuts finishing with the apple and rind.

In a different bowl, beat up the eggs and mix in the rum, barley wine and stout. Empty this over the dry ingredients — then stir very hard indeed.

More stout may be needed, but the mixture should be of a good dropping consistency (it should fall from the spoon when tapped sharply against the side of a bowl).

Cover the bowl with a cloth and leave overnight. Next day, grease two pudding basins and pack the mixture in right to the top. Cover with a square of greaseproof paper and pudding cloth, tie these round the bowl rims with string and the cloth corners together on top.

Steam the pudding for eight hours, making sure the water doesn't boil away. When cooked, remove paper and cloth and replace with a fresh lot. Store in a cool dry place and steam for a further two hours when ready to eat.

Joe Attfield reveals the secrets of French-polishing to Simon Rogers

when most people had to pay £100 or more to get their sons on an apprenticeship.'

Joe made the request to the Scout President, a Mr. Huddy, who ran a shop fitting company in Plymouth, and, at 14 years old, started work at three shillings a week.

'It was the only shop fitting firm in the west! There was nothing else between Plymouth and Bristol.'

This led to Joe fitting out shops such as Timothy White's, Boots and Taylors. At the age of 18,

he helped fit a series of airtight display cabinets in Exeter Museum — they have not been replaced because the curators have been unable to find a contemporary firm capable of matching the standard of workmanship.

During this time, leading up to the Second World War, Joe was exposed to a wide range of joinery skills — including French-polishing, part of the finishing process.

'I wasn't involved with the mixing, but I had to go and buy the ingredients from the chemist. So I got to see how they did it.'

That knowledge lay dormant over the years, until a friend and neighbour, Mrs. Betty Blennerhassett, commented on the state of a dining table in her possession.

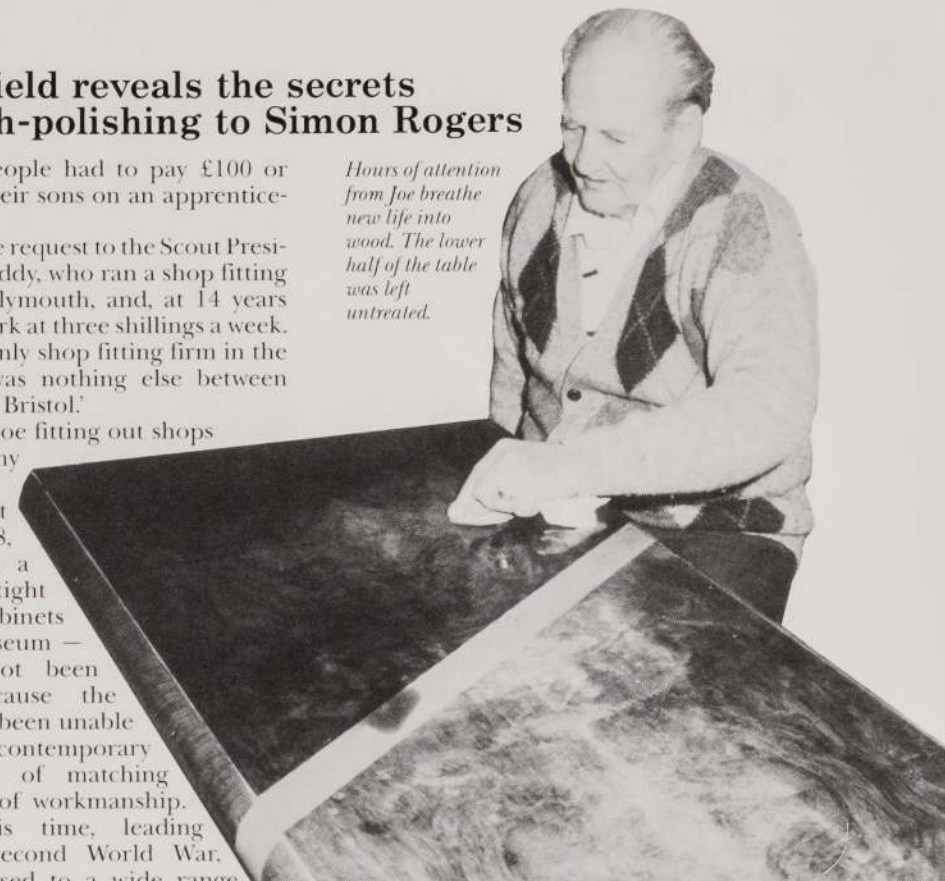
The table, a Captain's table, had been rescued from maritime use, but had been dulled by years of use. Joe took it upon himself to restore it.

Getting the necessary materials seemed to be a problem at first. A request for shellac baffled a local chemist, but Joe found he could purchase what he needed, ready mixed, in a local DIY store.

Eventually, Joe had polished Mrs. Blennerhassett's table so she could see her face in it. Word got round and he found himself with other requests for French-polishing. Two antique tables now take pride of place in Rowcroft House, a hospice in Torquay.

In his workshop, Joe demonstrated on

Hours of attention from Joe breathe new life into wood. The lower half of the table was left untreated.



a table the technique that breathed new life into this furniture.

Joe stressed that French-polishing is for hardwood items, rather than chipboard furniture with veneer surfaces. The process starts with a piece of glass-paper. Hours and hours of rubbing with three grades of glass-paper smooth the wood down to the grain.

The wood is washed with hot water and allowed to dry, before the glass-paper is applied again. 'You put the polish on when there's no more grain to come up.'

From there, begins a painstaking process of applying polish, meths and oil, in a series of coats — the quantities are applied in dabs — that have to be smoothed out and left overnight to dry.

And after that — more polish, more meths, more linseed oil, all rubbed on in small doses. 'Time is the factor,' said Joe. 'You can't rush it.'

All this is done by touch and the end result, as Mrs. Blennerhassett, Rowcroft House and others are willing to testify, is a gleaming work of art.

Cut glass and cosmetics

Margaret Bingham on the 30th Ladies Reunion

THE first Ladies' get-together was in London when we stayed at the Waldorf Hotel. During that weekend some saw *The Sound of Music* and others *The Mousetrap*, which was still relatively new to the West End.

Thirty years on, we gathered at Ian Fraser House for the 1993 Reunion, where we were pleased to welcome a new Lady St Dunstaner, Miss Cynthia Rouse. We hope to see more of her at IFH.

In his after supper speech, Bill Weisblatt spoke about Vi Delaney, who had so recently died and said what a brave person she was and how well she had overcome such daunting obstacles. She was sorely missed.

On Friday we made a fairly early start to visit Polesden Lacey, a National Trust stately home near Dorking, Surrey, where we were welcomed by the Administrator, Mr. John Vandeleur-Boorer, who gave us an introductory talk on the property before we split into three guided groups to explore the house.

Bequeathed to the National Trust in

1942, by the Hon. Mrs. Ronald Greville, Polesden Lacey is not as old as some Trust properties. It was built in 1821, replacing a mid-17th century house which had once been the home of the playwright Sheridan.

The house contains a large, and valuable, collection of silver, porcelain, furniture and paintings. In the hall were four large Mandarin vases from the reign of Chien Lung (1736-95) and a cabinet containing a collection of 16th century Italian Maiolica (tin-glazed earthenware), whilst the walls were hung with Flemish tapestries. The dining room was very elegant and hung with crimson silk and in the drawing room, an opulent and glittering room, the eye was drawn to a massive ormolu and cut glass chandelier made around 1860 by the French firm Baccarat.

The room was also fitted with highly burnished gilt panelling exported from an Italian palace. We enjoyed a ploughman's lunch in the converted stables, where each stall has been fitted out with a table and seating, and took advantage of the sunshine to stroll around the lovely gardens, planted with 20,000 trees, until it was time to leave.

After supper, we had a talk and demonstration by Kim and Sue from the Body Shop in Brighton. This well-known enterprise began in Brighton and all shops are decorated throughout in the same green, to match the mouldiness of the first premises!

We heard about aromatic oils and soaps and some of us had our hands massaged, while wooden massagers (made in India) were handed round for our inspection and various perfumes sampled. The Winter Garden never smelled so exotic!

The weather for our long day visit to Chichester was nowhere near as warm and sunny as the previous day, but it was pleasant inside the cathedral as we wandered around with our guides who gave us such an interesting insight into the history of the building and its treasures.

In 1075, the See of Chichester was established in what had been an

important Roman city and the first part of the cathedral was dedicated in 1108. Over the years the cathedral has been further developed in different styles. The quire stalls date from circa 1330 and the detailed and beautiful tapestries and religious panels date back to the 13th and 14th centuries. Two panels depicting *The Raising of Lazarus* and *Christ being greeted at Bethlehem by Mary and Martha* date from around 1125.

These Romanesque carvings contain great detail and are the most distinguished monuments in the cathedral, lacking only the original colour in the garments and jewels in the eyes. Below the floor level in this area is a 2nd century Roman mosaic which is greenish-grey and can be viewed over some railings.

After leaving the cathedral we made our way to The Old Cross Restaurant for lunch, and what a smashing meal it was. A large menu to choose from and piping hot food served by very pleasant and helpful staff. We all enjoyed our visit there very much. Thank you, Carol, for choosing such a good place.

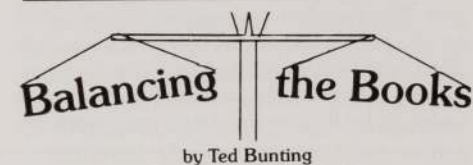
That evening, during supper in the Winter Garden, Bill made the very sad announcement that Dame Margot had passed away at Pearson House earlier that day. An exceptionally brave lady, it had been a privilege to know her.

On Sunday the Rev. Brian Tyler conducted a sung Eucharist in the Chapel, followed by the dedication of memorial roses to Blodwyn Simon and Douglas Wills in the Lounge Garden; the names of the roses are *Just Joey* and *Fragrant Delight*.

In the afternoon we had a film show, *Hear My Song*, the story of Joseph Locke. We then met in the Staff restaurant for pre-dinner drinks, followed by a delicious dinner, when glasses were never empty and talk never stopped! Bill said a few words, followed by Gwen, who gave a lovely vote of thanks. Presentations of gifts to the Staff were made, masterminded by Eileen, and there then followed a gradual winding-down until about 11 p.m.

Throughout the evening, music was played by the John Nicholl Trio, forming a pleasant background to our chatter.

Monday morning saw a general departure. Yet again it had been a lovely weekend and our thanks go to Sue and Carol for making all the arrangements to ensure we enjoyed ourselves. Thanks also to Bill Weisblatt, Cynthia Mosley, David Castleton, David Bray, Colin Bentley for his sterling efforts behind the wheel and PBK for the delicious food and excellent waiter service.



Royal Feud

Author: Michael Thornton
Reader: John Westbrook
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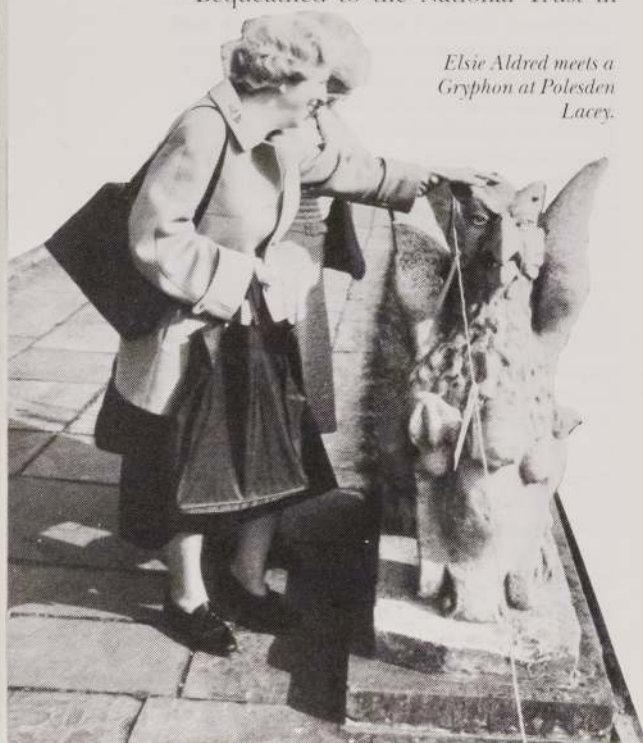
Loyal devotees of our British Royal Family will be both fascinated and appalled by this book, for I am sure many of the facts it reveals about their heroes will be discordant to their ears.

Ostensibly, it tells the respective stories of Lady Elizabeth Bowes-Lyon, our present Queen Mother, and Wallis Warfield, better known as Mrs. Simpson who became the Duchess of Windsor.

It is, in fact, much more than that, being an in-depth examination of the personalities of all the individuals who were concerned before and after the abdication of King Edward VIII.

For a book so comprehensive in its scope as this, I find it surprising that the author has achieved such a readable blend of historical facts with observations of both the subjective and objective kind. But Michael Thornton is obviously a gifted writer with the discipline of a good historian too; he has researched his subject very thoroughly indeed and produced a book of genuine quality.

All lovers of good history will enjoy it. You may imagine you already know the facts about King Edward and Mrs. Simpson but no preconceptions can alter the truths of *Royal Feud* and it is more than possible your views may have changed when you've finished it.



Elsie Aldred meets a Gryphon at Polesden Lacey.

Mightiest of the Mighty

It was 1943, I was one of many slaving on the Burma Railway as a prisoner of the Japanese.

For seven days, a 120 km slog had taken us up winding jungle tracks in the terrible heat. Many were barefoot even then. Food was a handful of rice if we were lucky.

After three weeks, we had reached 211 km up what was going to be the railway. We had been sleeping in the open until some tents arrived. They were riddled with holes and had no sides to them.

Our job here was building bridges and culverts by felling the huge teak trees up

the steep hillside. The work was heavy and the days were long. The near starvation diet and lack of vitamins was taking its toll and the beatings got worse.

The sky had now turned dark grey. The monsoons were here to add to our misery. Sickness and death had now taken over with all of us looking more like skeletons than men. Cholera broke out.

The rain came down in sheets and after 12 days over 200 men had died. The Jap guards vanished and it was as if we were left to die.

The dead had to be cremated. Bamboo

A Tribute to Brigadier Dame Margot Turner, DBE, RRC

by Matron Chris King

Margot Turner was 27 when she joined the Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service in 1937. In 1964 she attained the highest position in the Queen Alexandra's Royal Army Nursing Corps (as the QAIMNS had become) when she was appointed Matron-in-Chief and Director of Army Nursing Services.

Margot Turner's career in the QA's was one of distinction and an example to all who knew her. She is especially remembered for the caring, courage and the will to survive that she showed during World War II.

Following the evacuation of all QA's from Singapore in 1942, Margot survived the sinking of two ships by Japanese bombers.

After the second ship was shelled and sank, Margot and another nursing sister managed to pick up 14 survivors, including six children, on to a raft, but after four days under the burning sun with no food or water, Margot was the only one to survive. She was 'rescued' by a Japanese battleship and spent the rest of the war as a prisoner of the Japanese.

Margot came to St Dunstan's in the summer of 1991. She coped with her failing vision with the same strength of



character that she had shown throughout her life.

Sadly, she was only to be with us at Pearson House for a couple of years, but her courage, determination and humour endeared her to us all. She died peacefully on September 24th, aged 83.

Her funeral service, held in the Chapel at Ian Fraser House, was attended by many former colleagues and friends who had come to pay tribute to a great lady.

Our deepest sympathy goes to her brother, Peter, her sister-in-law, June, her nephews and niece and all her many dear friends. We will never forget her.

had to be cut and brought from the jungle to build pyres to burn the bodies on. Cholera is a deadly killer that leaves the body dehydrated almost weightless. I, like the others, thought this was the end.

I was chosen to carry bamboo from the jungle and on one journey a strange thing happened.

Walking up the centre of a bullock cart track on my way back to camp, the ruts the cart wheels had made were full of water. The many sharp thorns from the trees and bamboo were hidden by the water. Being barefoot, I was in danger of scratches or cuts which could lead to the dreaded jungle ulcer. Many legs had been amputated down at the base camp as no medication was available.

Luckily, as the centre of the track was raised, I could see where I was putting my feet.

I was heading for camp with a load of bamboo balanced on my head, about eight lengths tied together. My mood was one of hopeless despair. The dark grey skies, the hammer of the rain on the trees, the screaming of the monkeys on the hill that sounded like the cries from hell.

My stomach was grinding to near starvation. How we found the strength to do anything still mystifies me. I was convinced that the end was only a few hours away.

Suddenly, a huge elephant was coming towards me, walking down the centre of the track. On its back was a marhouth who was hidden under an oilskin sheet.

I thought: 'Hell, I'll have to step aside to let the great beast pass.' To my great surprise, the animal stopped, stepped into the jungle and allowed me to pass.

I put down my load and watched the elephant step back on the track and continue on its way. The man on top saw nothing of this — the animal acted on its own initiative.

'As one beast of burden to another ...' I called out loud. 'Thank you pal!' And for one fleeting moment I forgot all my troubles and mellowed in a warm and wonderful feeling of admiration, which I will never forget.

I am as near to tears now as I was then, as I write this. If man's inhumanity to man is human behaviour, what would you call the action of this wonderful animal?

Sid (Badgie) Hoyle

HARROGATE '93

by Ralph Pacitti

Friday was our last full day in Harrogate and without doubt our busiest. We had lunch at The Drovers, inviting special guests to thank them for their hospitality during the week.

Since our last visit we have lost some very dear friends. Violet Delaney, George Hudson, Peter McCormack and Robert Evans — remarkable characters, all remembered with affection.

Monica Campbell, who died on September 21st, was involved with St Dunstan's visiting bridge party for many years. She was widely known and respected as a keen bridge competitor. A National Master and qualified bridge teacher, she will be sadly missed.

This year we had eight players. Though our group was smaller, we made a good account of ourselves. The atmosphere was always warm.

The programme was organised by Cedric Cockcroft. We are grateful to him for his friendship and direction of our matches. Anxiety hung over the family with Pat being so ill. We were all delighted that she came to The Drovers.

We congratulated Harrogate on retaining the cup. On Sunday we were guests of the Ripon Bridge Club. John Frith told us that both his wife, Maureen and Margaret Alderson were unwell. How good it was to have them both there on Friday. The Ripon Club came out on top. Margaret played a major part in their success.

We recorded our first win on Monday at the Saint George's Club. We returned to the Harrogate Club on Tuesday where we held them to a draw.

Wednesday, we took on a strong Bradford team. This game was nip and tuck with the home team coming out on top. Our last match was against the local golf club. The Oakdale have a fine bridge section. We won.

Alf Dodgson's after dinner speech had a fine blend of sentiment and humour. He summed it up very nicely: 'Without your invitation, there would be no Harrogate.'

Harrogate results

1st Norah Manby & Kaye Pacitti
2nd Maureen Frith & Wally Lethbridge
3rd Eileen Rogers & Jo Huk

Rainbow End Autumn Trophies

WET, wet, wet. The archers danced a soggy tune as they contested the remaining trophies of the year in foul autumn weather. Cold, strong winds and rain kept the idiots, I mean stalwart helpers and archers, dancing around like St Vitus. The arrows shimmied and tangoed their way to the targets. At 50 yards, the chances were remote.

Victory insured

The Royal Insurance Trophy was the first to be contested with eight dozen arrows at distances from 20 to 50 yards. On the morning of the event it rained heavily and looked to continue. Huddling in the centre of the old brown barn-type tent, the archers and their wonderful team of helpers discussed, decided and, muttering rich, profane words about the weather, scuttled back to the house.

To think, their motto is 'We can do it anywhere in all weathers!' Things were much better next day, although some people complained about the wind, so the shoot for the RI Trophy began.

After each archer had loosed eight dozen arrows and the scores adjusted for handicap the result was:

1st Bill Grimes	459
2nd Ron Cattell	213
3rd Bob Forshaw	39

Highest unrewarded score:

Bert Wood	394
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Spur on

Next day the Spurway Trophy followed the same pattern. This was a seven dozen shoot, four at 40 yards and three at 30. The result was:

1st Bill Grimes	427
2nd Ron Cattell	201
3rd Bob Forshaw	285

Highest unrewarded score:

Bert Wood	452
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Memorial Trophy

Instead of shooting for the George Allen Memorial Trophy, it was decided to combine the scores of the other competitions and the best handicap adjusted scores were, of course:

1st Bill Grimes	2976
2nd Ron Cattell	2840
3rd Bob Forshaw	2794

'Wheelchair' Billy's very good shooting also earned him the handicap medal and a six point increase for next year; should slow him down a bit, hard luck Bill!

Friday evening and the trophy and medal awards were announced in the Annexe by Chief Coach 'Grand Dad' Bradford and presented by the Lady Paramount, Sue Lilley. A few drinks and a knees-up put us in good shape for the next day's shoot.

The next day appeared all yellow outside and so it came to pass that we found ourselves smiling, shooting and wallowing in warm sunshine with the Cuckfield Bowmen on their patch. It never lasted long, for soon the wet stuff was dripping from the end of the bows. Halfway through the shoot and it was time for lunch. Piling into the coach, we made tracks down the road to the club-house.

As usual, a most enjoyable meal was prepared and served by Mrs. Grout and Mrs. Varden. The meal was soon demolished, a speech of thanks made by our suave Chairman of the Board, Tom 'Caring' Hart, and the ladies were presented with a box of chocolates each for their efforts. Then it was back on to the range to finish the contest. However, the adverse conditions finished it for us a dozen arrows short of the total proposed to be shot and Field Captain John Grout called a halt.

Scores were counted and he declared St D's had won this friendly of friendlies by a narrow margin. A wave, a chorus of *We'll Meet Again* and it was back to base to dry out.

Warm and dry

Sunday, September 12th. Another filthy looking day but dry for our trip to the Isle of Wight. It stayed like that until the wheels of the coach rolled on to the island, then guess what; it chucked it down, but fortunately we were able to shoot in a local drill hall where it was warm and dry. Two other

clubs attended the competition, the Wight Bowmen Annual for Disabled Archers, FASAD and Quivers Archery and newly appointed GNAS Judge, Roger McMullen, presided. After a pleasant afternoon's shoot, St Dunstan's team of Bert Wood, 365, Bob Forshaw, 319, Tom Hart, 249, and Ron Cattell, 209, were successful and took the trophy.

Our other success came when John Lilley's score of 182 won him the Endeavour Trophy for rookie archers. Our return ferry journey became a nerve tingling, stomach churning experience. The ferry moved to mid-channel where heavy seas and gale force winds caused her to dance a rock and roll. The coach, being on the open deck, slid to the side, but a heavy wave pushed it back. Those still sitting inside turned a lighter shade of pale; Audrey wondered how she could swim with Tommy on her back, but all was well and the ferry slid into dock to disgorge its cargo.

The Old White Cock Inn was our next stop, where we enjoyed a large, well-cooked dinner, then it was back on the road again. The coach ploughed through lashing rain and surface water until we were suddenly confronted with two feet of water lying under a bridge.

Driving slowly, Mike steered us through and we all put our shoes and socks back on, arriving back at base without further incident.

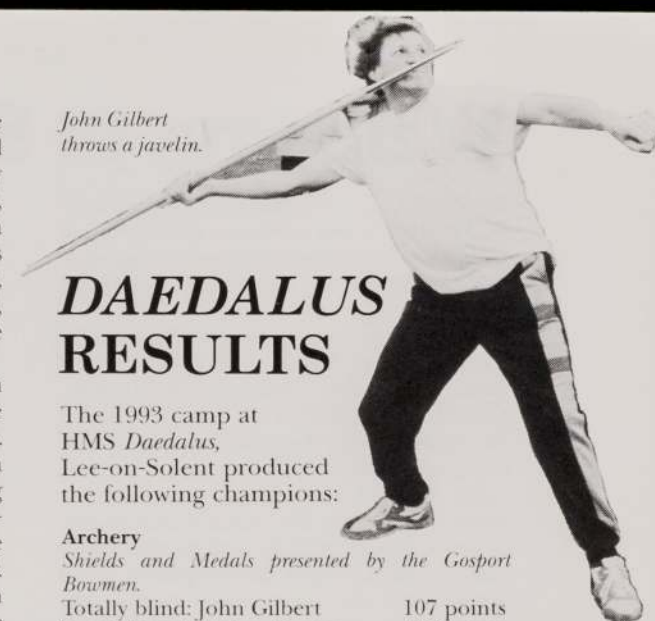
Sad news

The archery season ends with sad news. Owing to an old, troublesome war wound in his arm, Ted Paris, a long standing member of the club has decided to retire. He needs to save his strength for raising his pints! Cheers and good health Ted. Hope to see you around some time.

The saddest news came the other day with the sudden death of Ina Perry, wife and partner of Norman. May I, on behalf of all members of the Archery Club, their wives, friends and coaches, extend our deepest sympathies to Norman and his family and hope that his great strength of character will see him through these painful days. Bless you Norman.

Bert Wood

John Gilbert
throws a javelin.



DAEDALUS RESULTS

The 1993 camp at HMS *Daedalus*, Lee-on-Solent produced the following champions:

Archery

Shields and Medals presented by the Gosport Bowmen.

Totally blind: John Gilbert	107 points
Semi-sighted: Arthur Carter	102 points
Novice: Paul Walker	99 points
(and three golds)	

Bowls

Owing to lack of numbers, the pairs competition did not take place. Competition was open and the Ben Mills Cup was not awarded.

1st Arthur Carter	104
2nd Tom Whitley	70
Novice winner: Carl Williams	

Kath Riley Trophy for Mystery Car Drive

Braille Reader: John Gilbert
Driver: Chris Stilton
Writer/Navigator: Sue Stilton

The Walk

1st John Gilbert
2nd Arthur Carter
Denny Deacon Veterans' Cup: Stan Tutton

Sports

Goal Kicking, Totally Blind: Norman Walton
Semi-sighted: Dick Hall
Sheila McLeod Cup for Best Beginner: Gilbert Stanley
Victor Ludorum Totally Blind: Bryan Lang
Victor Ludorum Semi-sighted: Carl Williams

Team winners

Norman's Conqueror's — Norman Walton, Arthur Carter, Bryan Lang, Stan Tutton, Eric Church & Jack Mason

Ladies Team

Liz Walker, Yvonne Rixon, Sue Stilton, Pat Westbrook & Valerie Webster.

Individual Lady Winner

Sue Stilton

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.

There were four new St Dunstaners joining us on September 21st, starting with **Mr. John Bullock** of Oulton, Lowestoft. He joined the Royal Artillery Territorial Army Regiment in May 1938, entering active service in August 1939.

Mr. Bullock was wounded at the first siege of Tobruk. He transferred to the Royal Army Service Corps and held the rank of WO2 when discharged in June 1946 with the Territorial Medal. He returned to work in local government and became Director of Entertainments for Folkestone.

Mr. Bullock and his wife, Diane, have two daughters.

Mr. Anthony Haskey of Wimborne, Dorset is already known to some St Dunstaners, having received Gubbay training.

Mr. Haskey, now aged 34, joined the Royal Marines on leaving school. After training, he served with 42 Commando Royal Marines, where he developed an interest in boxing, representing his corps in 1981. He was also part of the Royal Marine unarmed combat display team for two years.

Later, Mr. Haskey joined 3 Raiding Squadron in Hong Kong. On his return to the UK he served with 40 and 41 Commandos, including emergency tours in Northern Ireland. It was then that he was diagnosed as suffering from a condition affecting his sight which resulted in his discharge in 1986.

Mr. Haskey has just completed his first year at university, reading Information Technology. He and his wife, Linda, have an 11-year-old son.

Mr. Fred Holding of Horwich, near Bolton served in the Royal Artillery from April 1915, rising to the rank of Bombardier, having served on the Somme and in Ypres Salient, where he was seriously wounded in May 1917.

Back in civilian life, he was employed

as a School Attendance Officer, retiring in 1961. His wife is Ellen.

Also joining us that day was **Mr. John Redstone** of Ringwood, Bristol. He was in a reserve occupation at the outbreak of the Second World War but joined the RAF in March 1941. He trained as a fitter armourer, reaching the rank of Leading Aircraftman.

It was while servicing aircraft weapons in 1942 that he received a serious injury to his right eye. However, he was able to remain in the RAF for the remainder of the war.

After several months at Church Stretton, he returned to his old firm and his job as a colour printer. Mr. Redstone and his wife, Ada, have one daughter.

On October 4th, we welcomed **Mr. Francis Orr** of Kilkeel, County Down, Northern Ireland who was injured in 1974 while serving with the Ulster Defence Regiment.

He was studying electrical engineering at Queen's University, Belfast, but after the accident he changed direction and read for a degree in medical sciences obtaining a good honours degree. He is now carrying out further research at the university.

Mr. Orr and his wife, June, have two daughters and one son.

Mr. Henry Benton of Ramsgate, Kent joined St Dunstan's on October 21st. Now aged 93, he is a veteran of the First World War.

Originally conscripted into the Bedfordshire Regiment, he was cross-posted to the Royal Army Service Corps as he had been trained in the use of horses in his previous occupation as a van boy.

In November 1918, while in Germany with the Occupation Forces, Mr. Benton was exposed to mustard gas which resulted in his discharge in 1919.

He then worked as a dock labourer, taking on night work as a fire watcher for the duration of the Second World War. He retired aged 65.

Mr. Benton's wife died in 1981 and he has two sons and a daughter.

Finally, two St Dunstaners joined us on November 3rd. **Mr. Iain Millard** of Thorpe Marriott, Norwich enlisted in the RAF in 1976 and served in the Falklands and Gibraltar. During his service, he developed a rare disease and was invalided out in 1990. He and his wife, Nicola, have a three-year-old son.

Mr. Joseph Kelly of Liverpool joined the Irish Guards in 1939 and his Battalion fought the rearguard action at Dunkirk. He was captured and sent to a prisoner of war camp in Poland for nearly four years. Mr. Kelly and his wife, Mary, have four adult children.

CLUB NEWS

BOWLS

The winter tournament at IFH was ravaged by flu, but the woods kept rolling.

Totally blind singles

Winner Tom Renshaw
Runner up Jackie Pryor

Partially-sighted singles

Winner Harry Davies
Runner up John Hopkins

Totally blind pairs

Winners Jackie Pryor & Alf Waters
Runners up Tom Renshaw & Bob Osborne

Partially-sighted pairs

Winners Jess Mills & Ernie Hannant
Runners up Eric Church & Frank Smith

Triples

Winners Bill Carthy, Frank Smith & Arthur Whittingham
Runners up John Perfect, Mansell Lewis & John Hopkins

Kathlyn Smith Trophy

Winner Frank Smith

BRIDGE CLUB

ANNUAL BRIDGE SCORES 1993

Individuals	
1st Alf Dodgson	306.7
2nd Wally Lethbridge	298.1
3rd Jo Huk	275.9
4th Reg Goding	268.3
5th Bill Phillips	252.5
6th Mrs. Pat Padley	246.6

Individuals match played at IFH on September 12th

1st Mary Stenning	66.67
2nd Equal: Audrey Clements, Bill Phillips & Wally Lethbridge	52.38

Pairs match played at IFH on October 17th

1st Mrs. Tebbitt & Mrs. Audrey Clements	61.1
2nd Mrs. Pat Padley & Mrs. Shirley Holborough	57.9

Individuals match played at IFH on October 24th

1st Alf Dodgson	64.3
2nd Equal: Reg Goding & Wally Lethbridge	54.8

FAMILY NEWS

BIRTHS

We offer our congratulations on the birth of: Edward Sheppard on June 30th. He is the grandson of Mrs. Patricia Downes of Bristol, widow of *Dennis Downes*.

Angelina Grasso on August 8th. She is the great grand-daughter of Mrs. Joan Spring of Chessington, Surrey, widow of *Patrick Spring*.

Gemma Thompson on September 9th. She is the grand-daughter of *Bill and Nancy Phillips* of Saltdean, East Sussex.

Calum Duff on October 6th. He is the great grandson of Mrs. Kath Harding of Little Bispham, Blackpool, Lancashire, widow of *Harry Harding*.

Sophie Bartlett on September 6th and Susannah Loveridge on October 25th. They are the great grand-daughters of Mrs. Yvonne Loveridge of Sevenoaks, Kent, widow of *Arthur Loveridge*.

Amy Louise on October 25th. She is the great grand-daughter of Mrs. Mary Warren, widow of *Edward Warren* of Porthcawl.

MARRIAGES

Congratulations to: Rebecca and Andrew Shaw on their wedding on May 1st. Rebecca is the great-grand-daughter of *Harry and Phyllis Pierrepont* of Boston, Lincolnshire.

Caroline-Louise and Ian Henderson on their wedding on October 9th. Caroline-Louise is the grand-daughter of Mrs. Louisa Curnow of Quethiock, Liskeard, Cornwall, widow of *Len Curnow*.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Congratulations to:

Malcolm and Violet Jarman of Rockwell Green, Wellington, Dorset on their golden anniversary on September 30th.

ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations to:

Matthew Elton on starting his Computer Science degree course at Essex University. He is the grandson of *Ted and Iris Miller* of Leamington Spa.

Michael Donald on his appointment as headmaster of Warlingham Park Prep School. He is the son of *Roman and Evelyn Donald* of Hove.

Dominic Thompson on obtaining nine GCSE's. He is the grandson of Mrs. Winifred Thompson of Great Horton, Bradford, widow of *Oswald Thompson*.

DEATHS

We regret to announce the death of:

Mrs. Eileen Orpin on August 11th, aged 97. She was the mother of Mrs. Mary Giles, wife of *Theodore Giles* of Saltdean.

Mrs. Lillian Moore on September 12th, aged 83. She was the widow of *Samuel Moore* of Welling, Kent.

Mrs. Maisie Ormond on September 18th. She was the wife of *Joe Ormond* of Burgess Hill.

Mrs. Nora Moss on October 3rd. She was the widow of *Harold Moss* of Ipswich.

Mrs. Evelyn Tyrrell of Oxford on October 5th, aged 80. She was the widow of *John Tyrrell*.

Mrs. Grace Alexander of Bournemouth on October 12th. She was the widow of *Archibald Alexander*.

Mrs. Eveline Hatter of Croydon, Surrey on October 12th, aged 100. She was the widow of *David Hatter*.

Mrs. Barbara Levitt of Gosport, Hampshire on October 16th. She was the widow of *James Levitt*.

Mrs. Ina Perry on October 23rd. She was the wife of *Norman Perry* of Grimsby, Humberside.

Mrs. Rachel (Ray) Millar of Chessington, Surrey on November 3rd. She was the widow of *William Millar*.

Mrs. Winifred Worton on November 4th. She was the wife of *Frederick Worton* of Solihull, West Midlands.

Mrs. Winifred Earnshaw of Hellesdon, Norwich on November 6th. She was the widow of *Harold Earnshaw*.

Our sympathy goes to their families and friends.

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.

William Bunting, 5th Suffolk Regiment

William Robert Bunting of Stoke by Clare, Suffolk died on September 20th, aged 73.

Mr. Bunting served with the 5th Suffolk Regiment, having enlisted in June 1939, and was one of the original commandos. He came safely through the Norwegian campaign and then went on to Singapore where he was captured by the Japanese in February 1942.

He was a prisoner of war until September 1945 and became a St Dunstaner in 1946.

He returned home to live with his father and returned to his pre-enlistment occupation of poultry keeping. He built up a small business and his eggs and poultry were much in demand locally.

Mr. Bunting married in 1965 and with his wife and step-daughter added vegetables and chrysanthemums to the poultry farming. He retired in 1980.

Our sympathy goes to his wife, Joyce, his step-daughter, Sheila, and all other members of the family.

Margot Turner, D.B.E., R.R.C., QARANC

Brigadier Dame Evelyn Marguarite Turner, D.B.E., R.R.C., of Camberley, Surrey, known as Margot, died on September 24th, aged 83.

A distinctive career led to her appointment as Matron-in-Chief of the Queen Alexandra's Royal Army Nursing Corps.

Our sympathy goes to her brother, Peter, sister-in-law, June, and all other members of the family.

A full tribute appears on page 22.

WHAT'S ON IN 1994

A Calendar of St Dunstan's Events

Do not miss any event that interests you. Keep this handy supplement as a reminder throughout the year.

Most events are based at Ian Fraser House, but may involve excursions elsewhere. Events marked (p) are provisional and dates will be finalised as soon as possible. Check the *Review* for updates.

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>		
January		August	
9th-February 21st	Winter Bargain Break (Three weeks for the price of two)	5th-13th	HMS <i>Daedalus</i> Camp
31st-February 3rd	Bowling Tournament	9th-16th *	Widows Holiday Group A
		16th-23rd *	Widows Holiday Group B
		24th-30th	Music Club
February		September	
21st-25th	Archery Club	3rd-5th	(p) Chatham Camp
26th-27th	Masonic Weekend	3rd-10th	Bridge Club, Harrogate
		5th-11th	Archery Club
March		9th-11th	Golf Weekend
4th-11th	Amateur Radio Society	15th-19th	Handless Reunion
12th-27th	Bowling Club	22nd-25th	Ladies Reunion
25th-27th	Golf Weekend	30th-October 2nd	Physiotherapy Conference
April		October	
8th-10th	Ex-PoW Reunion	7th-14th	Amateur Radio Society
16th-17th	Computer Weekend	22nd-Nov 12th	Bowling Club
18th-22nd	Walking Holiday	16th	Pearson House 76th Anniversary
23rd-24th	Bridge Club Weekend		
May		November	
5th-11th	Music Club	13th	Remembrance Sunday
14th-21st	Bowling Club, Weston-super-Mare	18th-20th	Golf Weekend
16th-20th	Gardening Club	19th-20th	Computer Weekend
24th-31st	Bowling Tournament, Swansea	December	
27th-30th	Golf Weekend	2nd-4th	Bridge Club
		20th - Jan 3rd	
		1995	Christmas Festive Period
June		TRAINING TERMS	
1st-7th	Tape Recording Club	General/Hobbies/Cookery/Braille/Workshop	
4th-11th	Bowling Club, Southend-on-Sea	<i>Spring</i>	January 4th-March 25th
6th-10th	Fishing Week	<i>Summer</i>	April 5th-August 5th
6th-15th	Archery Club	<i>Closed</i>	May 2nd & May 30th
8th-17th	Tandem Tour, Normandy	<i>Autumn</i>	August 30th-December 22nd
9th-16th	Cycling Holiday, away trip	Computer	
11th	Open Day, IFH	<i>Spring</i>	January 4th-March 25th
13th-18th	(p) Fishing Club, RAF Chivenor	<i>Summer</i>	April 11th-July 22nd
19th-26th	Adventure Training, Wales	Half-term, week	commencing May 30th
		<i>Autumn</i>	September 5th to December 16th
		Half-term, week	commencing October 24th
July		<i>Arrival dates will usually be one day previous and departures one day afterwards. Any St Dunstaner wishing to take part in any of the above activities, please contact the relevant secretary. Accommodation bookings should be made directly to Reservations, Ian Fraser House.</i>	
2nd-16th	Bowling Club	* Please note that the Widows Holiday dates include the travelling dates.	
14th-18th	(p) Warminster Camp		
15th-22nd	Amateur Radio Society		
22nd-24th	Golf Weekend		
25th-August 5th	Sussex Fortnight		
30th-6th August	(p) Fishing Club, RM Arbroath		
30th	Summer Fete/Fun Day, IFH		

WHO'S WHO AT ST DUNSTAN'S

Admiral of the Fleet Sir Henry Leach, GCB, DL – Chairman

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Frost, Mr. Gerard – Chief Accountant

Hazan, Mr. Ray – Public Relations Officer; Editor, *St Dunstan's Review*

Higson, Miss Angela – Supplies Officer

Hobbs, Mrs. Helen – Hobbies

Kent, Miss Georgea – Secretary to Mr. Weisblatt

Lord, Miss Penny – Southern Area Welfare Superintendent

Marshall, Mr. Peter – Pensions and Admissions Officer

Martin, Group Captain Keith – Physiotherapy and Reunions

Mathieson, Mr. Hugh – Estates Department – insurance

Mosley, Miss Cynthia – Northern Area Welfare Superintendent

Newman, Mr. John – Supervisor, Woodwork Courses

Orr Deas, Mrs. Margaret – Secretary to Admiral of the Fleet Sir Henry Leach

Osborne, Mr. Tim – Estates Manager

Stanley, Mrs. Barbara – Head of Reception

Sweeting, Miss Susan – Legacy and Trust Officer

Weisblatt, Mr. William – Secretary to the Council of St Dunstan's

Wiggins, Mr. Len – (Friday morning) Technical Adviser

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Aggett, Mrs. Carol – Entertainments Officer

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Bray, Lt. Col. David – Manager

Dickens, Mrs. Christine – Training Officer

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Ford, Mrs. Elizabeth – Reservations and Movements Supervisor

Glowa, Mr. Gary – R & D Officer/Workshop Supervisor

Hordell, Mr. Mike – Services Manager

Hordell, Mrs. Ronnie – Pensions Officer

Knott, Dr. Martin – Medical Officer

Lewis, Mrs. Shirley – Secretary to Mr. Hordell

Mobsby, Mrs. Eileen – Cashier

Peacock, Mrs. Edwina – Head of Care Staff

Reynolds, Miss Sue – Assistant Manager

Taylor, Mrs. Olive – Housekeeper

Williams, Dr. Patricia – Medical Officer

Woods, Mrs. Clare – Secretary to Lt. Col. Bray

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Hampson, Mrs. Anne – Secretary to Matron

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King, Miss Chris – Matron/Manager

Talbot, Mr. Alan – Senior Steward

GENERAL INFORMATION FROM IAN FRASER HOUSE

Charges

All St Dunstaners, wives, widows and escorts are permitted to stay at IFH for a 14 day period free of charge. The calculation commences each year with effect from April 1st. Once the 14 day period has expired, a charge of £12 per person, per day is levied. Occasionally, there are modifications to this general rule due to medical or other welfare related circumstances.

Transport

Transport from home to IFH (return) and all outside activities/events remains free of charge. St Dunstan's is making every effort to reduce overall transport costs by group and weekday travel.

St Dunstaners are thanked for their co-operation in this respect.

Payments/Contributions for Special Functions and Outside Activities/Visits

The following charges are levied at IFH:

Event/Function	Contribution/Payment
Special Dinners in the Winter Garden	£5.00 per person

Special Luncheons in the Winter Garden	£5.00 per person
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Note: The above includes pre-drinks (wine, sherry and fruit juices only) and wine during Dinner/Luncheon.

Buffet (no drinks provided within the contribution)	£3.00 per person
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Outside Activities/Visits Places of Interest/Theatre, etc.	Full entrance charge/tickets
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Christmas Holiday Period

Bookings for the Christmas fortnight festivities at IFH can be made at any time during the year, the deadline is July 31st for both married quarters and single bookings.

Unless there are over-riding welfare reasons, those booking later will only be considered if there is space available. At the end of September, the provisional attendance list is sent to Welfare at HQ for agreement. Again, if the event is over-subscribed, and it invariably is, then allocations are made on a priority-of-need basis.

Confirmation slips are dispatched in the middle of October. A very small percentage of accommodation is held in reserve for any emergency situations.

Widows Group Activity Holidays 1994

As listed in the calendar, there are two holiday periods for widows this year. Bookings can be provisionally made from now until May 1st by contacting Jackie Hunter at IFH on ext. 3230 or 3218.

The provisional attendance list will be forwarded to Welfare at HQ for agreement before confirmation slips are dispatched in the first week of June.

If demand exceeds accommodation, then the final selection will be carried out by Welfare and IFH. Please note, these group holidays are not suitable for the less mobile or those wishing to rest and 'do their own thing'.

Widows Holidays Throughout the Year

For those wishing to take a quiet and less formalised holiday/break, we

recommend that you book, at your convenience, direct with Jackie Hunter. In normal circumstances there are a number of rooms available at IFH for most of the year. There are exceptions to this general rule, which will be explained at the time of your telephone call, and you will be advised accordingly.

Questions/Problems

If you ever have any queries/problems concerning your plans to visit IFH, please do not hesitate to either telephone on 0273 307811 or drop a line. We look forward to hearing from you and to welcoming you to 'your house' in the not too distant future.

The following members of staff are available to assist you:

Manager	David Bray ext. 3220
Assistant Manager	Sue Reynolds ext. 3215
Head of Care Staff	Edwina Peacock ext. 3228
Manager's Secretary	Clare Woods ext. 3221
Reservations & Movements Supervisor	Liz Ford ext. 3228
Reservations Co-ordinator (Bookings)	Jackie Hunter ext. 3230 or 3218
Movements Co-ordinator (Transport)	Linda Holder ext. 3217

