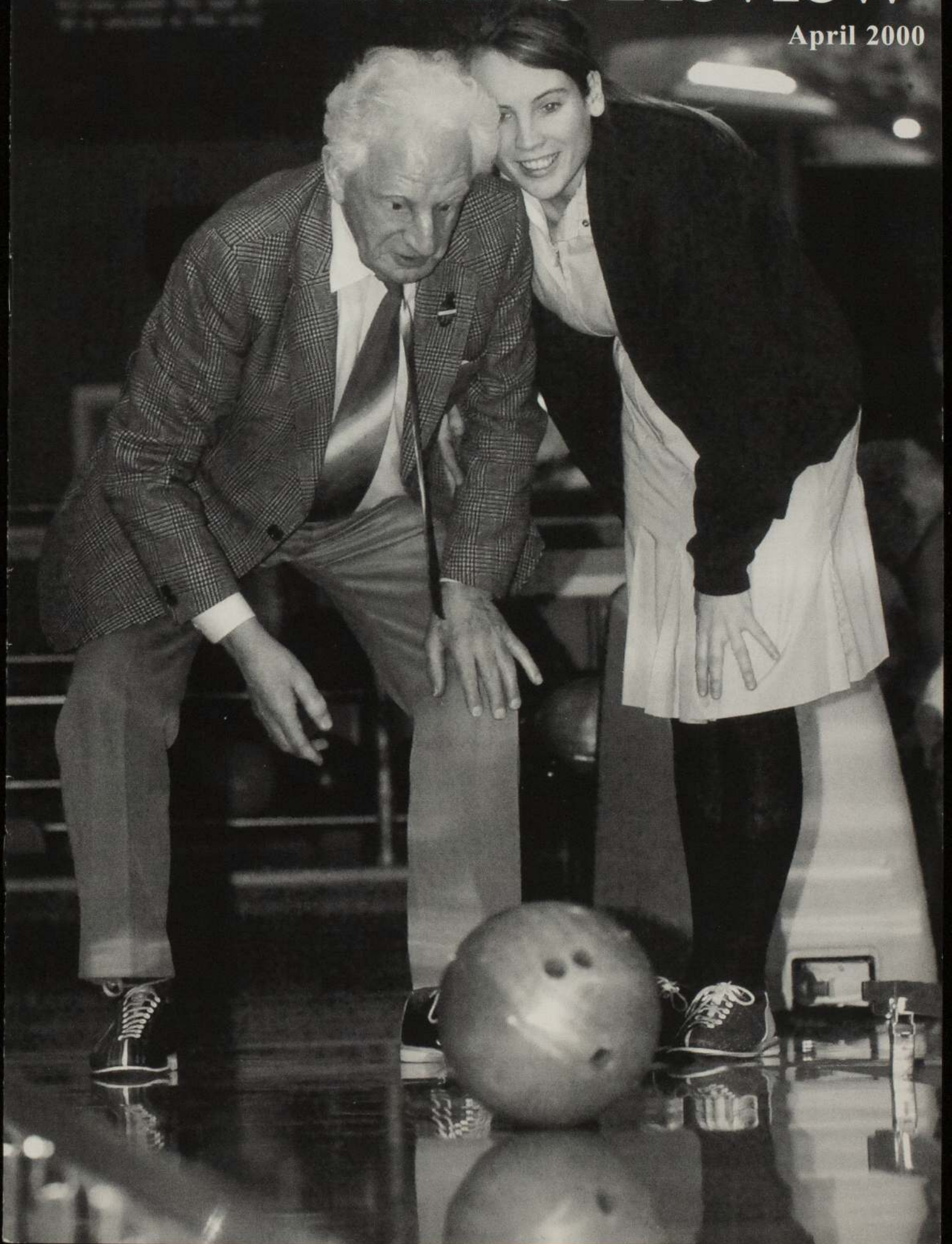


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Cover picture: Alf Waters,  
escorted by Nursing Care  
Assistant Deena Davies, on  
a roll during a recent game  
at Brighton Marina.

Picture courtesy of  
The Evening Argus.

## From the Chairman



I have frequently pondered the fact that when several St Dunstaners are gathered together, laughter is generally never very far away.

Is one reason that we ridicule things by laughing at them and it is St Dunstaners' way of making light of their handicap and keeping it in perspective? Or is it simply that having overcome the loss of their most important sense, they are making the best of life?

Laughter is infectious and I know that meeting such groups of St Dunstaners has helped many newly blind people come to terms with their visual impairment. Whatever the reason, please just keep on laughing!

I wish you all a Happy Easter.

Captain Michael Gordon-Lennox, RN



## NOTICE BOARD



### SUMMER CRAFT EXHIBITION

The Rehabilitation and Training department at Ovingdean is organising a Summer Craft Exhibition which will run for one week in July.

Categories will include pottery, sculpture and papier mâché, painting and drawing, woodwork, basketwork and weaving, needlecraft, cooking, leatherwork and flower arranging.

Everyone is welcome to join in. Judging will be in three sections: St Dunstaners; friends and relations; staff and volunteers. More details will follow, but in the meantime start carving, painting and stitching...

### COMPUTER CLUB MEETINGS

These gatherings take place at Ovingdean and are open to everyone, whatever the level of knowledge or experience. It provides a good forum to discuss and share interests and learn about new developments.

The October meeting has been brought forward by one day and will now take place on Wednesday, October 4th to Thursday, October 5th. So why not come along and see what it is all about!

For more information contact Ray Hazan at St Dunstan's Headquarters on 020 7723 5021.

### DOLPHIN DROP-IN DAY CHANGE OF DATE

This will now be held a day later on Thursday, June 29th at St Dunstan's Ovingdean from 10am to 3pm. Dolphin will be teaming up with Zychem and Pulse Data, making the day into a mini-exhibition. Anyone interested in IT and access technology is strongly recommended to attend.

No appointment is necessary, just turn up and "drop-in". For more information contact Janis Sharp at St Dunstan's Ovingdean on 01273 307811 ext 3297.

### SERVICE MAGAZINES ON TAPE

Would anyone interested in receiving the *Soldier* magazine on tape please contact the PR department. This monthly magazine covers current military topics. Although not yet available on cassette, the project will be undertaken if there is sufficient demand.

The *Talking Navy News* is published monthly on one cassette and is available from *Talking Navy News*, Portsmouth Area Talking News, 48 Stubbington Avenue, Portsmouth, Hants PO2 0HY. Tel: 02392 690851.

The *Talking Airmail* is the journal of the RAF Association. It may be obtained by telephoning or writing to Mr W. Berry, 660 Bradford Road, Birkenshaw, Bradford, West Yorks BD11 2EE. Tel: 01274 681571. This is a quarterly magazine and is published on two cassettes.

You do not need to send any postal wallets or cassettes to receive either of the above tapes.

### ROYAL MILITARY TATTOO 2000

The Royal Military Tattoo 2000 is being held on Horse Guards Parade from July 10th to 15th. Performances start at 9pm and finish around 11pm. Tickets for all members of the general public (£20, £30, £40 and £50 each) can be ordered on 0870 241 0301. Payment can be made by MasterCard or Visa.

A special performance for members of the Services and ex-Services is being held on Sunday, July 9th. Tickets cost £6 and £10. Tickets for wheelchairs will cost £10 (including carer) but there are limited places. Each ex-Service person may apply for up to four tickets but must quote their Service number.

Tickets can be ordered by post from RMT 2000 Tickets, Dept RMT 100, PO Box 1940, Fairford, Gloucestershire GL7 4NA. Cheques should be made payable to RMT 2000.

### DEADLINE FOR NEXT ISSUE

The final date for submitting items for publication in the June *Review* is April 28th.

The final date for submitting items for publication in the July *Review* is May 30th.

## DERBY SWEEPSTAKE 2000

Tickets are now available for *St Dunstan's Review* Derby Sweepstake. The draw is open to St Dunstaners, widows and widowers.

This year the race is being run on June 10th. Tickets are 30p each and issued consecutively to a maximum of 25 (costing £7.50). Cheques should be made payable to St Dunstan's and crossed. Loose money should not be sent unless it is registered. The closing date is June 5th.

Of the total money received, distribution amongst the winners will be as follows:

**50 per cent** to the holder of the ticket drawing the winning horse.

**20 per cent** to the holder of the ticket drawing the second horse.

**10 per cent** to the holder of the ticket drawing the third horse.

**20 per cent** to be divided equally among those drawing a horse which actually starts the race.

No prize won in the sweepstake will be paid to anyone other than the person to whom the winning ticket was sold.

Each applicant should send their name and address, the number of tickets required, and a stamped addressed envelope, to The Editor, DSS Department, *St Dunstan's Review*, 12-14 Harcourt Street, London W1A 4XB.

## A SHIRT FOR THE SUMMER

A new all cotton polo shirt is available in blue with a left-hand yellow chest logo in medium or large or white with a blue logo, medium, large and XL. The polo shirts cost £8.00 each.

St Dunstan's t-shirt, white with small blue left-hand logo, is available in large and XL. It is made from 100 per cent cotton and costs £4.00. T-shirts with the old large blue badge are still available in medium.

St Dunstan's sweatshirts are blue with a left-hand yellow chest logo and priced £8.50. Available sizes are large and XL. All of these items can be ordered from the Public Relations department at HQ either by telephoning 020 7723 5021 or by mail. Please add £2.00 to your order to cover p&p.

We apologise that some sizes are currently unavailable.

## TROOPING THE COLOUR

Trooping the Colour takes place on June 17th. It is possible that St Dunstan's will be allocated tickets. St Dunstaners wishing to go should send their name and address to Carole Woodgate in the Welfare department by May 19th. A draw will determine the final allocation of tickets. Those attending will be responsible for their own travel and accommodation expenses.

## OBITUARIES:

### MRS ELIZABETH "BETTY" BABONAU

The "Girls" as the lady St Dunstaners were known, will be sad to learn that Mrs Betty Babonau died on February 17th, aged 95. She came to Port Hall, a holiday and convalescent Home near Ovingdean for the lady St Dunstaners with her dog Jock. She was there until her retirement in 1965, when Port Hall closed. The "Girls" then moved up to the Big House at Ovingdean. Port Hall had only one permanent resident, Ethel Whiteman.

Mrs Babonau ran Port Hall as her own home, doing anything and everything, as well as looking after the "Girls". She always stayed up late to welcome them home and see them safely in bed. She was loved and respected by all.

On her retirement she lived with her sister in Shoreham. In later years she suffered much debilitating ill health and her final two years were in a Nursing Home where she died peacefully. Our sympathy goes out to her nephew, Roger Crichton and his wife, Sara.

**Mrs Jean Blackford**

### Miss Nancy Feaver

Miss Nancy Feaver passed away on February 10th, aged 84. She worked at the Brighton Homes from 1952 to 1977, finishing her 25 years service as Assistant Matron of Pearson House. Those who remember her will recall her gentleness of manner, her impartiality and dedication. We extend our sympathies to her nephew and niece, Nigel and Christine Feaver.

### Miss Kathleen Broughton

We regret to announce the death in October 1999 of Miss Kathleen Broughton. Those St Dunstaners and widows from the North West will remember her as their Welfare Visitor from 1981 to 1985.

# Life & Times of Ovingdean

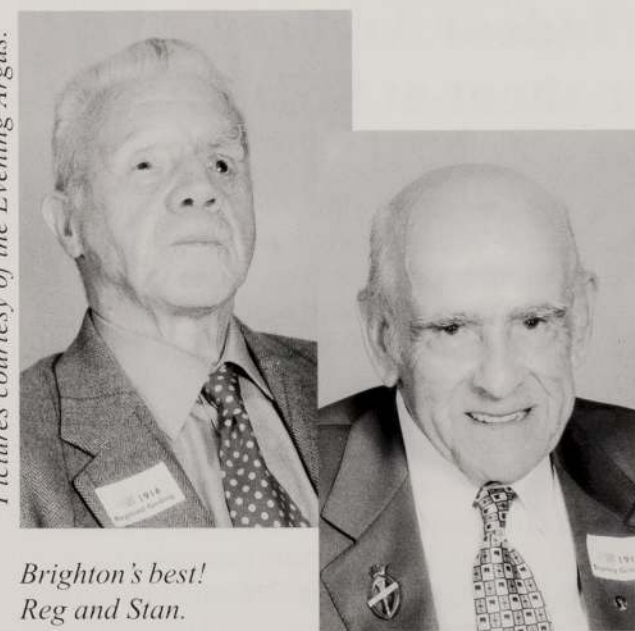
by Lyn Neville

After the relative quietness of January, February has been quite an eventful month. On February 14th, the day chosen by Ovingdean to celebrate the 85th birthday of St Dunstan's, we had a combined birthday and St Valentine's Day tea dance. Local St Dunstaners, beneficiaries of the Diana Gubbay Trust and widows joined in the fun. Music was provided by Olga Millard and her husband Phil. In all about 80 people waltzed, cha-cha'd and tangoed all afternoon before being surprised by a wonderful birthday cake alight with 85 candles and a rousing rendition of Happy Birthday St Dunstan's.



*The Mayor chats to St Dunstaner Richard Bingley.*

## MEN OF THEIR YEAR



*Brighton's best!  
Reg and Stan.*

Two St Dunstaners represented the years of their birth for a Millennium photographic exhibition celebrating 100 years of life in Brighton and Hove. The project underscores hopes that the area will win the privilege of being declared the first new city of the 21st century. One hundred people were gathered, one for each year, with Reg Goding and Stan Grimsey marking 1916 and 1917 respectively. The photographs have been displayed in Churchill Square and are soon to be remounted in Hove Town Hall. At the time of going to press, Brighton and Hove was favourite to receive city status.

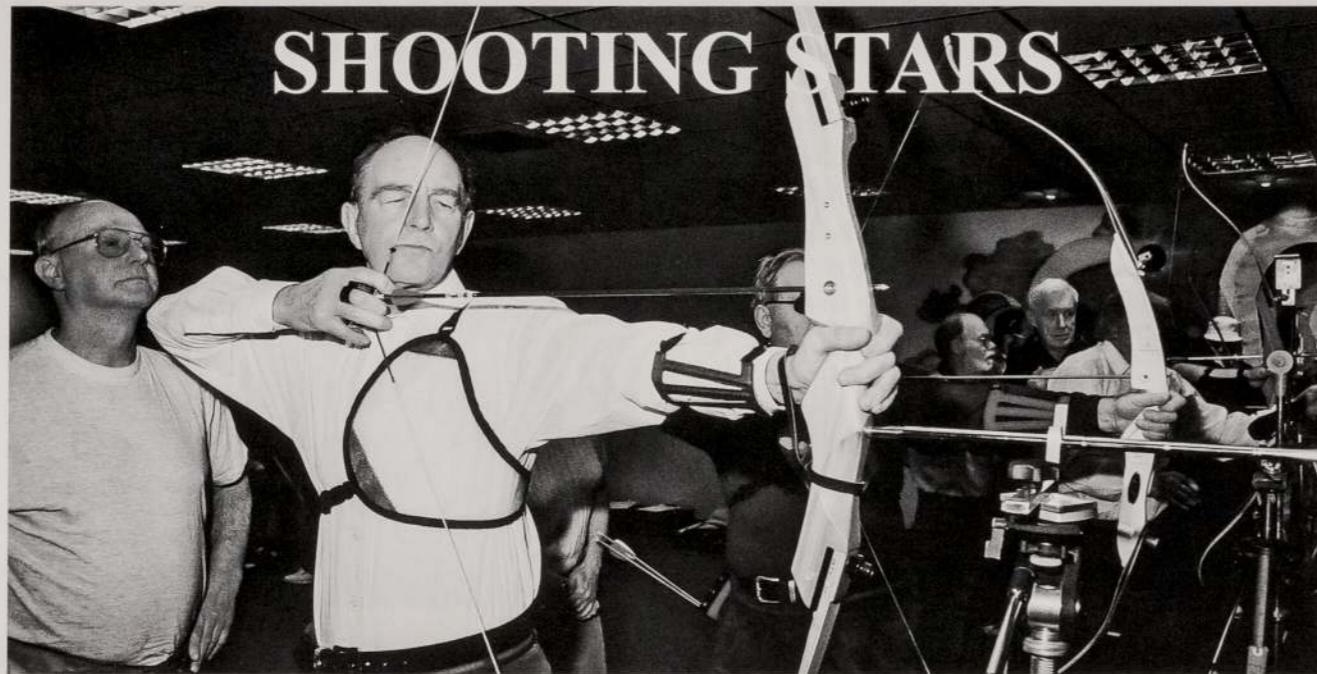
This certainly was a busy week at Ovingdean! On February 18th we had a visit by the Mayor of Brighton & Hove, Councillor Mrs Jenny Langston. She had coffee with everyone in the lounge where she spent quite some time chatting to St Dunstaners. Afterwards she was given a tour of the building and was able to meet with people in the craft rooms and see the work that is done there. She also spent time talking to trainees in the Rehabilitation & Training department and was greatly interested in all activities happening at St Dunstan's.

The afternoon brought a somewhat different scenario as a group of St Dunstaners and their escorts boarded the coach heading for Hove town hall and the annual CAMRA Sussex Beer and Cider Festival. Needless to say a good time was had by all.

Alf Waters got his picture in the local paper along with Deena Davies when the *Argus* photographed them during a game of tenpin bowling. The photograph is featured on the cover of this *Review*. It was taken at the Brighton Marina Bowlplex where a group of St Dunstaners play every week.

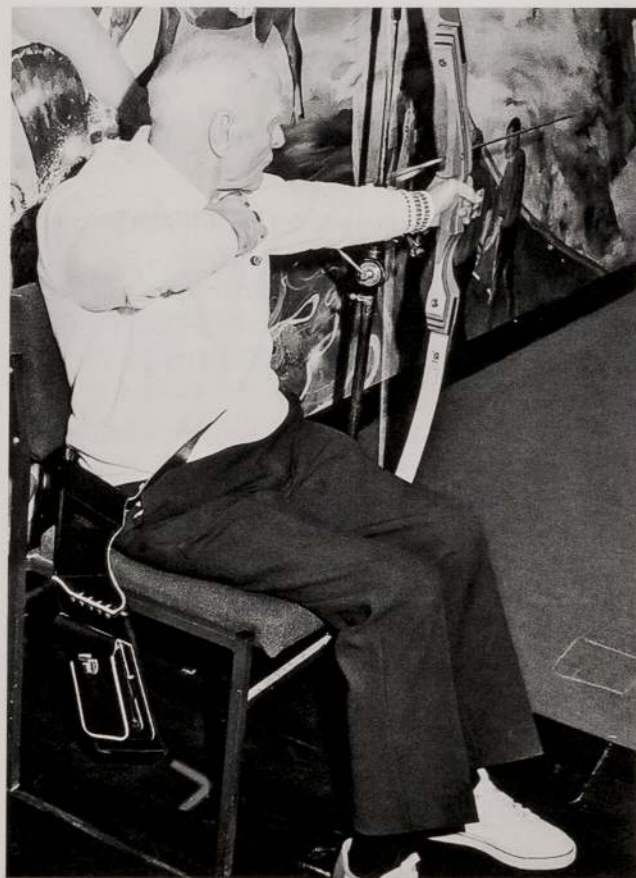
## FIFTY YEARS AGO

St Dunstaner Joe Doubler was feted for his skill as a pigeon fancier having won a host of prizes over three seasons. Although he had been blinded by a German torpedo, Joe developed a sense of touch that could select a good racing pigeon without seeing it.



Dennis Crouch achieved the highest score during St Dunstan's shoot against Cuckfield Archers.

## British Blind Sports Indoor Archery Championship starts winter shoot at St Dunstan's



Ron Freer gracefully lets loose an arrow.

St Dunstan's Archery Club started their winter shoot on February 19th-26th by hosting the British Blind Sports Indoor Archery Championships. This is the first time the contest has been held for visually impaired archers. We welcomed 15 archers and their spotters from all over England.

Friday was practice day and we were filmed for TV by *BBC South Today* for the *Sports on Friday* slot. John Lilley, right on cue, put one arrow in the centre of the gold, much to Roger Johnston's amazement. Roger McMullan also did a radio interview to promote the competition and St Dunstan's.

Saturday saw the competition for real, with all archers shooting a Portsmouth Round; 60 arrows at 20 yards on a 60cm face. Tony Parkinson shot a personal best. There were different categories and the winners were:

B1 Novice	Tony Parkinson
B1 Recurve	Eric Bradshaw
B1 Compound	Roger Rees-Evans
B2 Compound	Nick Hague
B2 Ladies Recurve	Sandra Nesbitt
B2 Gents Recurve	Ken Robson
B2 Non-Tactile	David Schofield

Presentation of the hotly contended medals took place in the Blue Room at St Dunstan's at 7.30pm by the Lady Paramount, Jackie Greer, Head of Care at St Dunstan's. This was a great end to a great day of competition with everyone enjoying the hospitality at St Dunstan's. We thank them for allowing us to hold the championship here. Everyone is hoping to do it all again next year.

On Monday St Dunstan's Archery Club began the winter shoot with the AGM, when all the Committee were re-elected and a brief résumé of the previous year was given. An outline of plans for the coming year also came under discussion.

The Committee stands as follows:

Chairman	John Lilley
Secretary/Treasurer	Roger McMullan
Equipment Officer	Alan Holden
Records Officer	Phillip Varden
In-house Coach	David Habgood
Members	Ron Cattell and Norman Perry

Tuesday saw practice and in the evening a competition against Greenways Archery Club took place:

1st	St Dunstan's
2nd	Greenways

On Wednesday the Laurie Austin Trophy was vigorously contested and won by Eric Bradshaw. On Thursday the Longhill shoot took place and was won by Leslie George. Friday was a long awaited rest day with the annual shoot against Cuckfield Archers rounding off the week and St Dunstan's team being victorious again.

The Gaygan Gold Trophy, which is awarded annually to the archer with the most golds scored in all the competitions held during the year, was won by John Lilley with 115 golds. The Handicap Medal went to Sid Doy with a handicap of 93 to 85.

Congratulations to all the winners and a big "Thank You" to all the helpers and St Dunstan's for making it a very successful week.

Anyone interested in joining St Dunstan's Archery Club can contact Roger McMullan on 01273 309927 before 9pm, or leave a message at St Dunstan's Ovingdean on 01273 307811 for Roger to get in touch.



Lady Paramount Jackie Greer presents a medal to Eric Bradshaw, a B1 winner in the BBS Championship.



Archers from Tyneside Recreation Club, who had been competing in the BBS Championship.



Eastbourne Archers' Sue Koch presented British Blind Sports Archery with a cheque for £400. The sum was raised during a sponsored shoot and accepted by BBS Archery Chairman John Lilley.

# Welcome to St Dunstan's

We welcome the following to St Dunstan's and hope they will settle down happily as members of our family.

**Mr Arthur Hardy** of Southwick, Sunderland joined St Dunstan's on February 15th having served in the Royal Navy from 1937 to 1952. He joined HMS *Caledonia* as a boy and later saw service in the Icelandic patrol, Mediterranean and Pacific. In 1943 he attended a torpedo and electrical course at St Dunstan's Ovingdean which the Admiralty occupied. After leaving the service he worked in the electrical trade within the shipbuilding industry. Later on he worked at a steel foundry in Sunderland before retiring. Mr Hardy has a daughter.

**Mr John Appleton** of Blackpool, Lancashire joined St Dunstan's on February 22nd. He served in the Royal Air Force from 1935 to 1967 on bombers in India, Malaya and Singapore. Having survived the sinking of a ship, he was taken prisoner in Sumatra and forced to work on the railway until the end of the war. He resumed duties with the RAF, serving worldwide until his discharge as a Squadron Leader. Mr Appleton then worked for British Aerospace until retiring in 1982. His interests have included golf and tennis and he is an active member of his local FEPOW Association. He and his wife Mona have two sons.

**Mr Kenneth Lane** of Harborne, Birmingham joined St Dunstan's on February 22nd. He served in the Royal Air Force from 1943 to 1946. Prior to enlisting he was employed making railway engine boilers for ICI. In the RAF he flew in Halifax and Stirling bombers conducting air photographs. After the war he returned to ICI where he became manager of their engineering section before retiring. He then worked as an engineering consultant before finally retiring aged 83. His interests included golf, gardening and home improvement. He has two daughters and a son.

**Mr Leonard Pearman** of Friston, Eastbourne, East Sussex joined St Dunstan's on February 22nd. He served in the Royal Air Force from 1937 to 1946. Having joined the Reserves as a pilot, he gained his wings as a Sergeant Pilot before being commissioned. After being shot down he was taken

prisoner, eventually being liberated by the Russians. After the war he joined the Michelin Tyre Company and became their national sales manager before retiring. Mr Pearman is married to Josephine.

**Mr Philip Roche** of Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire joined St Dunstan's on February 22nd. He served in the Army from 1940 to 1946. Initially this was with the Royal Artillery at Dover, India, North Africa, Sicily and Italy. In 1944 when his battery was broken up he was posted to the Royal Engineers and was placed in charge of German POWs building Romney Huts. He returned to the carpentry trade and soon became senior foreman. His interests include geology, astronomy and meteorology.

**Mr Eric Sayce** of Coventry joined St Dunstan's on February 29th. He served with the Royal Air Force from 1957 to 1959. Originally an engineer, he continued this trade as an airframe mechanic, serving in the UK and Malta. In civilian life Mr Sayce worked in sales and marketing for Borg Warner Plastics. His interests include tandem cycling, theatre, walking, abseiling and rock climbing. Since losing his sight he has been involved with initiatives to open these activities to visually impaired people. Mr Sayce is a guide dog owner. He and his wife Jean have a daughter Nichola and three grandchildren.

**Mr Albert Wells** of Peacehaven, Sussex joined St Dunstan's on February 29th. He served in the Royal Air Force from 1944 to 1945. Having been an apprentice with De Havilland he became an engine fitter in 109 Maintenance Unit, serving in Egypt. After the war he worked in Rhodesia for five years before returning to the UK. He later set up an employment agency for engineers. Mr Wells founded the Peacehaven Writers' Circle in 1992 and is also a keen radio ham. Mr Wells has a son.

**Mr Roger Williams** of Barry, Vale of Glamorgan joined St Dunstan's on February 29th. He served with the Royal Artillery from 1954 to 1974 in Germany, Malaya, Borneo, Oman and the UK. Later he worked as a mechanic in the motor trade before turning to motor racing where he worked for Formula 1 teams. Mr Williams has a son and daughter.

## WALK TALL

### Jim makes Millennium milestone with the End to End Challenge



*Jim at Land's End with colleagues who drove down from Ovingdean.*

**J**im Johnson can put pride in his stride knowing that he has a most singular claim on "the" classic British walk. He was the last of the 20th century but the first to make his mark in the 21st century by walking the length of the nation.

Jim, aged 63, who works at Ovingdean as a lift operator, started a solo trek from John O'Groats as the clock struck midnight on December 31st 1999 turning into January 1st 2000. It was a new year, a new century and his destination was Land's End.

Jim conquered the trail end to end in 44 days – 850 miles from the furthest point north to the furthest point south. He was surprised to find that he was the only person setting out at this pivotal moment.

"I was expecting to find loads of people at John O'Groats ready to do the walk but I was the only one," said Jim. "There was a couple from Kent who were intending to drive the distance in an old Morgan sports car but I was the only one intending to set out on foot.

"There's a pub at John O'Groats and I sat there with several hours to go. When the landlord realised what I was doing, he got me to sign a book – the previous name in it was Ian Botham."

Had Jim set out from Land's End he would have found a similar state of affairs. Although most people make the walk south to north, nobody set out on foot from Land's End on Millennium's Eve.

During his walk, Jim had to contend with rain and snow. "It wasn't too bad though," he added with modesty. He had some company to cheer him on along parts of the walk. Maeve Dillon, an Associate

Nurse at Ovingdean, walked with him from Fort William down to Glasgow. St Dunstaner Stan Grimsey teamed up with Jim along a very significant part of the trail – Church Stretton, home to St Dunstan's during the Second World War. Stan praised Jim's determination to finish the course.

Forty-four days after he had set out, Jim hit Land's End. There were more familiar faces waiting for him, Maeve again, Head of Transport David Vinal and Associate Nurse Maureen Davies. They took part in a final eight-mile hike to the coast.

A certificate with a map of the UK emblazoned with the trail from tip to toe feted Jim's 850-mile walk. Well done, Jim!



*First name in the book this century! Jim Johnson signs on at John O'Groats.*

## MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD OF FUND RAISING

by Neil Swan

### STRATOSPHERIC SUPPORT

Sometime in 1999 John Greaves learned that St Dunstan's was not receiving any Government or Lottery money. So he decided that, aged 77, it was not too late to volunteer to undertake a sponsored free-fall skydive for St Dunstan's and the Gurkha Welfare Trust.

He wrote 2,000 letters to Industry and Charitable Trusts, from whom he received mixed responses. These varied from one extremely generous Charitable Trust who made a donation to a public limited company who said that it was company policy to support up and coming artists and no one else!

Armed with these pledges, John jumped in tandem from 12,000 feet, reaching speeds of up to 130mph before his parachute opened at about 2,000 feet. Thereafter he remembers being carried upwards, downwards, sideways and backwards in a thermal (a column of hot air that provides extra lift), during his descent back to earth.

The result of John's jump was equally stratospheric! He raised more than £12,000 for St Dunstan's through his sheer determination and courage. This was a magnificent achievement by one person. One wonders just what John will now get up to for the encore!

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

*Letters to the Editor are always welcome.  
Send a letter, tape or disk to  
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Fax: 020 7224 9616.  
E-mail: ray.hazan@st-dunstans.co.uk*

**From: John Gilbert, Wimborne, Dorset**  
I was delighted to read the account of the ski trip to Italy this year and was particularly pleased to read the acknowledgement of the loyalty and faithfulness of those wonderful ski guides. They deserve every bit of praise and thanks accorded to them.

In particular, I would like to add my own appreciation for the many years of service Peter Zamudio has given. It was great to read his account of the day in the life of Charlie Daly on the slopes. I took part in the ski trip only once many years ago and my guide was the one and only Peter Zamudio. Thanks again Peter for your support and, I like to believe, your friendship during that wonderful week.

More power to your skier's elbows and indeed to your knees too.

## POET'S CORNER

### MY ODE TO THE DAWN

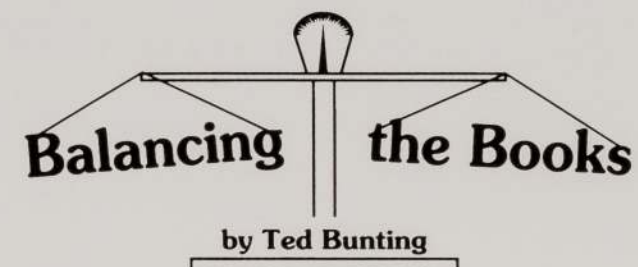
I'll never see the sun go down, I'll never see it rise.  
I'll never see a golden dawn paint pictures 'cross the skies.  
But joyous singing of the birds, a cock-crows strident call  
All tell me that the morning's come to chase away night's pall.  
Without the soothing balm of sleep I spend the long, long night,  
But I know when day has dawned without the aid of sight.  
So I thank my God for these and other sounds that I hold dear,  
Though Nature's wonders I can't see, praise be I can still hear.

George W. Powell

### All Saint's Quiz

Can you name these historical figures?

- 1) Sailors get fired up about this chap.
- 2) The son of a Roman prefect he drove snakes out of Ireland.
- 3) He foretold the consequences of Edward the Martyr's death and there is a pet shop named after him in Canterbury.
- 4) The King was rid of this damned priest.
- 5) Many people visit the home of this girl who nursed the wounded of the Franco-Prussian War.



### Desperate Journeys, Abandoned Souls

Author: Edward Leslie  
Reader: Erica Grant  
Catalogue number: 8296  
Duration: 23 Hours 35 minutes

Robinson Crusoe, the marooned mariner of fiction had many counterparts in the real world including, of course, Alexander Selkirk who provided Daniel Defoe with his inspiration. But although Selkirk on his island would not have had leisure enough to play gramophone records (had such things existed), his life was a picnic in comparison to the hardships endured by most of the subjects of this really fascinating book. It tells of hundreds of people whose lives have been placed in jeopardy.

In extreme adversity, often in isolation, the determination to prolong life drives man to truly desperate measures. Deprived of drinking water, for example, he seeks an alternative, *anything* and everything is considered - blood, urine, nothing is rejected out of hand! Disgust is a luxury the man fighting for his very existence cannot afford, bestiality and resourcefulness merge into one. And if he was not alone, if he was a member of a crew, say, or a passenger on board a vessel, then he might well be looked on as a source of meat himself. Particularly if he was a passenger for the chances were that the passenger would be no physical match for the strength and hardness of the sailor. Cannibalism, apparently, was not nearly so taboo as civilised persons might imagine. There seems actually to have been a widely recognised convention amongst men under sail which "regulated" who could be sacrificed for food, and when. As the author makes perfectly clear, the system of drawing lots to select a victim was still in practice well into the Victorian age, when morality was supposedly on an elevated plane.

Perhaps "enjoyment" is not the most appropriate word to use for the experience of hearing this remarkable book but there is a special magnetism in it that compels the attention and without hesitation I commend it to all but the faint-hearted.

### CAMP AT HMS SULTAN 2000

The camp at HMS *Sultan* will be held from July 28th-August 5th. Contact Elspeth Grant on 01799 522874 as soon as possible, not later than May 8th.

### FINAL REMINDER FOR TELEPHONE CHANGE

The telephone number for St Dunstan's Headquarters will be 020 7723 5021 from April 22nd.

## FAMILY NEWS

### BIRTHS

**Congratulations on the birth of:**  
Emma Kelly on August 25th. She is the great-granddaughter of *Arthur and Alice Morgan* of York.

Bethan Wilkinson on November 23rd. She is the great-granddaughter of *Adelaide Martyn* of Southgate, London, widow of *Herbert Martyn*.

Megan Wagstaff on January 13th. She is the great-granddaughter of *Arthur Lowe* of Ovingdean.

### RUBY ANNIVERSARY

**Congratulations to:**  
*Ted and Barbara Pepper* of Butterwick, nr Boston, Lincolnshire on March 5th.

### DIAMOND ANNIVERSARY

**Congratulations to:**  
*Frederick and Gwendoline Mills* of Tavistock, Devon on February 24th.

### SPECIAL ANNIVERSARY

**Congratulations to:**  
*Herbert and Gladys Frost* of Moston, Greater Manchester who celebrated 61 years of marriage on March 11th.

### DEATHS

**We regret to announce the death of:**  
Mrs May Dorling of Norwich, Norfolk on February 24th. She was the widow of *Robert Dorling*.

Mrs Olga Sedgwick of Littleborough, Lancashire on February 28th. She was the widow of *Fred Sedgwick*.

Mrs Marta Spink of Rickmansworth, Hertfordshire on March 8th. She was the widow of *James Spink*

**Our sympathy goes to their families and friends.**

# IN MEMORY

It is with deep regret that we have to record the deaths of the following and we offer our deepest sympathy to their widows, family and friends.

## **Leonard Hollamby**

*Lancashire Fusiliers*

Leonard Hollamby of Oldham Lancashire died on February 20th, aged 79. He had been a St Dunstaner since 1943. He worked in cotton mills before enlisting in the Lancashire Fusiliers in 1942. He was wounded in action in Tunisia. After training at St Dunstan's Mr Hollamby worked in industry. Our sympathy goes to his widow Hilda, daughters Kathleen and Brenda, sons Stephen and Leonard and all other members of the family.

## **Jozef Loska**

*Polish Army*

Jozef Loska of Ovingdean died on February 24th, aged 74. He had been a St Dunstaner since 1948. Having originally worked in farming in his native Poland, the onset of war found Mr Loska in the Heavy M/G Polish Army serving as a Corporal. Injured by a mine explosion in Italy in 1945, Mr Loska lost his right forearm, part of his left hand and was deafened. After training at St Dunstan's he took up weaving and settled in the UK. Over the years he regularly attended St Dunstan's Blind/Handless reunions. Our sympathy goes to his sons Adrian, John and Stephen.

## **Lt Col John MacLaren, OBE**

*Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry*

Lieutenant Colonel John Stuart MacLaren, OBE of Heytesbury, nr Warminster, Wiltshire died on February 27th, aged 82. He enlisted in 1939, serving with the Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry. While serving with them he suffered gunshot wounds to the chest. Lt Col MacLaren was discharged in July 1971. Our sympathy goes to his widow Régne and all other members of the family.

## **Dennis Fleisig**

*Royal Engineers*

Dennis David Fleisig of Sevenoaks, Kent died on February 28th, aged 80. He had been a

St Dunstaner since 1943. Originally a metal fitter and turner he joined the Royal Engineers in 1939. He was wounded by an explosion while destroying a bridge. Taken prisoner, he was held at Kloster Haina where the Germans had permitted a fellow prisoner Lord Normanby to establish a braille school. Hopes were raised in 1941 that Mr Fleisig and his fellow blinded POWs would be repatriated but it would be two years before these expectations were realised. In October 1943 they were released and taken to St Dunstan's at Church Stretton. After training he became a telephonist and worked at St Dunstan's at South Audley Street and Barclays Bank before retiring in 1983. Our sympathy goes to his sons Trevor, Colin and Roger and all other members of the family.

## **Frederick Baugh**

*2/5 Leicester Regiment*

Frederick Thomas Baugh of Queensville, Staffordshire died on March 4th, aged 81. He had been a St Dunstaner since 1944. Originally a decorator he enlisted with 2/5 Leicester Regiment in 1939. While serving with them as a Lance Corporal, he was wounded in action in Tunis and taken prisoner. After training at St Dunstan's he worked in industry. Mr Baugh's interests included walking, music, recording and carpentry. He made toys for the Walton Stafford Playgroup and the children's ward at Stafford General Hospital. Our sympathy goes to his widow Muriel, son Allan, daughters Christine and Linda and all other members of the family.

## **Ernest Brown**

*Royal Artillery*

Ernest Frederick Brown of Ovingdean died on March 9th, aged 93. He had been a St Dunstaner since 1987. Having enlisted in the Royal Artillery in 1941 he served as a gunner. He was injured in Burma in 1944. After his discharge in 1945 he worked as a boot and shoe operative until retiring. Our sympathy goes to his son Thomas and all members of the family.

## **Albert Pollitt**

*1st South Lancashire Regiment*

Albert Pollitt of Salford, Oxfordshire died on March 11th, aged 76. He had been a St Dunstaner since 1947. Originally a clerk, he enlisted in 1942 with 1st South Lancashire Regiment serving as a Corporal. He was injured in Germany. His interests included gardening and handicrafts. Our sympathy goes to his family.