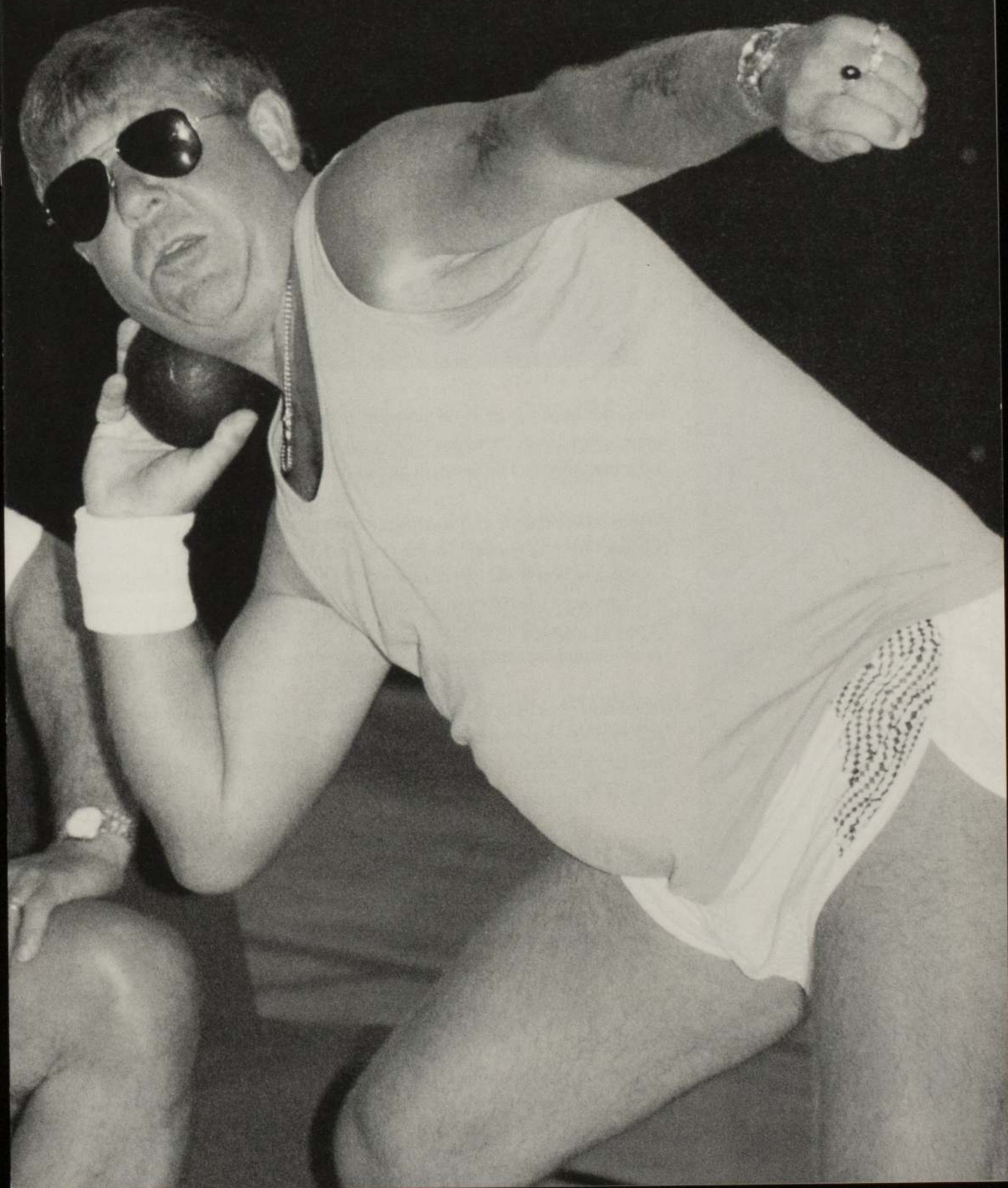


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Don Planner throwing the
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HMS Sultan.

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From the Chairman



I sincerely hope you enjoyed the summer months whether you spent them at home, abroad or at Ovingdean. The house was fully occupied and enjoyed a full programme and there is still more to come before the year is out!

At the end of September, I had the pleasure of welcoming war blind delegates from 12 countries to the 11th Triennial Meeting of the International Congress of War Blind Organisations (IKK) held at Ovingdean. The initials IKK have been taken from the German title Internationaler Kriegsblinden Kongress. Reports on current activities were exchanged as well as considerations especially with regard to their future.

St Dunstan's has been involved in the IKK since its inception in the late 60's. Previous representatives, Lord Fraser, Sir Mike Ansell and Robin Buckley have been succeeded by Ray Hazan, who is the current President of the IKK.

Hopefully, all the delegates returned home richer for the experience. I am sure that Ovingdean will have been seen as a fine example of the care and training of blind ex-Service men and women.

Michael Gordon-Lennox

Captain Michael Gordon-Lennox, RN



NOTICE BOARD



POSTCODE CHANGE FOR HQ

Please note that any correspondence addressed to St Dunstan's headquarters should now use a new postcode - W1H 4HD. The old PO Box 4XB part of the address has been phased out. The correct address is:

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INSURANCE REGULATIONS

Would anyone coming to spend time at St Dunstan's Ovingdean, who has an item of jewellery with an individual value in excess of £1,000, please ask for it to be deposited in the safe in order to comply with our insurance regulations.

CHRISTMAS CARDS FOR SALE



St Dunstan's Christmas Cards are available in two colour designs. One is titled *Stained Glass Peace* and features a watercolour image, the other is *Three Wise Men*, a gold on black silhouette of the star-following travellers. The cards measure 3 3/4 by 5 inches. A pack of ten (which includes five of each card and envelopes) is priced £2 (including p&p). To place an order, please contact the Public Relations department at 12-14 Harcourt Street, London W1H 4HD. Tel: 020 7723 5021.



2001 TACTILE CALENDAR

Fieldsman Trails have produced a Tactile Calendar for 2001 which is available with a choice of country scenes. The cost is £5. Contact Colin, Fieldsman Trails, Fron Deg, Clayton Road, Mold, CH7 1SU. Telephone 01352 756202.

CHURCH STRETTON REUNION

A reunion for those people who trained or worked at Church Stretton is being planned for Tuesday, May 29th to Thursday, May 31st 2001. The approximate cost is £40 per head per night (inclusive of breakfast and evening meal). The venue is the Longmynd Hotel, Church Stretton. Enquiries can be made to Bill Shea via the Public Relations department at St Dunstan's Headquarters.

LAST FEW SHIRTS

The Public Relations department has a limited amount of t-shirts, polo shirts and sweatshirts left with the original logo reading "For Men and Women Blinded in the Services". This includes:

Cotton t-shirts, white with small blue left-hand logo, in large at £4.00.

Cotton polo shirts in blue with a left-hand yellow chest logo in medium or large only or at £8.00.

A blue sweatshirt with a left-hand yellow chest logo and priced £8.50. Large only.

To order contact 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.

ST DUNSTANERS TIES

The St Dunstaners tie, sporting our familiar torch emblem, is available from the PR department at Headquarters. Priced £5, it is French Navy in colour and made from polyester for easy washing.

REVIEW FORMATS

St Dunstan's Review is published monthly and is also available in braille, tape, computer disk and large print formats. For any variation, please contact the Public Relations department.

DEADLINES FOR FUTURE ISSUES

The final date for submitting items for publication in the December *Review* is October 27th.

The final date for submitting items for publication in the February *Review* is January 8th 2001.

PIN ON A POPPY

The Poppy Pin has a design of a single red poppy with three tiny leaves and stalk on a white background. It has a gilt edge and the single word "Remembering" curving around the base in gold. It measures 2cms in diameter.

To order your pin just write to Sue Cox, Fovant Elm, Tisbury Road, Fovant, Salisbury, Wiltshire, SP3 5JY enclosing a cheque or postal order made out to her for £2.50 and it will be sent by return post.



TALKING SHOP MAGAZINES

A handful of magazines produced for supermarkets and other retailers are now being made available in cassette tape format by Talking Newspaper Enterprises. The magazines are:

Waitrose (monthly and quarterly)

Special offers, recipes and news on food updates.

M&S Magazine (bi-monthly)

Recipes, fashion and latest news from Marks and Spencer.

M&S Direct (twice a year)

Home shopping catalogue. Order anything from sofas to a little black dress.

Avon (quarterly)

Details of latest products and amazing offers.

Comet (irregular)

TNE have produced a series of audio cassettes on the products, testing a range of each one, showing which are best suited to older and disabled people.

To receive any of these tapes contact Cindy Duchesne or Tricia Williams on 01435 862737. Fax: 01435 865422. E-mail: info@tnel.co.uk. Postal requests should be sent to TNEL, Heathfield, East Sussex TN21 8DB.

TV LICENCE CONCESSIONS

As reported in the May Review, registered blind persons can now claim a 50 per cent discount on the cost of a TV Licence. To qualify for this concession, you must produce documentation certifying that you are a registered blind person. From November 2000, concessions are being extended so that those over 75 years of age will receive a free TV Licence. If you require further information please contact TV Licensing- General Enquiries on 0990 763763 between 8.30-6.30 (Mon-Fri) and 8.30-1.00 (Sat).

BBC PROMISE FOR 2001

The BBC has recently issued its latest *Statement of Promise to Viewers and Listeners*. This year's publication has four main sections covering its core promises and specific promises for this year; its services and standards; a report on its performance against last year's promises; and how to contact the BBC. One promise is for the BBC to comply with the Disability Discrimination Act. Another is to develop their audio description service on digital channels.

The BBC welcomes feedback from all its listeners and viewers. If you would like a copy of the Statement it can be found in local libraries, on BBC Online (www.bbc.co.uk/info), by calling 08700 100 789 or by writing to Freepost, BBC Promises. It is available in audio cassette form, print, Welsh, Gaelic and British Sign Language.

The how to contact the BBC section is very useful for anyone who has queries or comments about the BBC's services, or wishes to make a complaint. It provides details also for people wishing to attend BBC shows or concerts, visiting the BBC experience in London, or go on tours of the regional centres.

LOW VISION KITCHEN PRODUCTS

The Royal National Institute for the Blind (RNIB) has launched a series of brightly coloured kitchen gadgets which clearly stand out from work surfaces and backgrounds. The new accessories include a bright red, stick to any surface Dycem mat for food preparation, blue grippers and yellow pull and jar openers. Call RNIB's Customer Services on 0845 7023 153 (cost of a local call) for details.

ENABLELINK

A website featuring current events, technology, entertainment and lifestyles has been set up. Browsers pointing to www.enablelink.com will find "an online community for people who are blind and visually impaired, their families, friends and colleagues."

A STITCH FOR TIME

St Dunstaner Gwen Obern is being feted in a Millennium project that celebrates the history of the Cynon Valley. Her portrait is included on a tapestry covering the Penderyn, Rhigos, Hirwaun, Penywaun area. Gwen was blinded and lost a hand and fingers in an explosion at a Royal Ordnance Factory in 1940. The tapestry organisers said: "She went on to make so much of her life as to be an inspiration to all. She is an accomplished soprano and has received the freedom of the Cities of London and Cardiff."

The Cynon Valley Millennium Tapestries consist of four panels, each 5 by 3ft, and stitched in wool in half cross-stitch (tent-stitch). Each panel features a large portrait of a prominent person in the valley's history, stitched in silk to make them stand out.

The layout has been drawn from the Bayeux Tapestry, borders at the top and bottom frame a central theme that runs through the centre. Tapestry No1 covers the top end of the valley, its main theme is the Tower Colliery with miners walking away after their shift with pithead winding machinery behind them. The portrait of Gwen is based on a watercolour by the late Goronwy Owen. The borders include a message in morse code and music from *The Maid of Penderyn*.



The first of the Cynon Valley Tapestries with portrait of Gwen. Below: Gwen feels the tapestry to gain an idea of how it is progressing.



Morton takes the silver medal

St Dunstaner Morton Williams of Llanelli, Dyfed won the Silver Medal at the Finals of the Welsh Visually Impaired Singles Championships in the B2 Classification. The event took place September 4th to 6th in Newport, Gwent.

"The Section was very well contested," said Morton. "I won four of the six games in the final round, and the games that I lost were a very close call - 21-20 and losing to the eventual winner by the closest of measures on the 21st and final end 17-16!"

Morton takes pride in holding the B2 Welsh Singles Record of 6 Gold, 2 Silver, 1 Bronze. He feels his greatest success was winning the UK Singles Gold Medal at Victoria Park, Swansea in 1992. He also represented Wales in the World Championships at

Harare, Zimbabwe 1989 and Hamilton, New Zealand 1997.

Morton introduced Blind Bowling to the Llanelli District on the opening of the Indoor Bowling Centre in Llanelli in September 1986. He is a Founder Member of the Llanelli Blind Bowling Club which has had excellent results in competitions over the past six years.

"Lawn Green Bowls is a game most blind people can enjoy," added Morton. "The only concession to the traditional game is the centre cord. This is a friendly game that you can enjoy throughout the year."



ARROWS IN SANDWICH



St Dunstaner Steve Moseley draws back his bow.

The historic town of Sandwich, Kent was invaded by a baker's dozen of St Dunstaners with their hearts set on a couple of rounds - of archery - on August Bank Holiday Monday. Once again St Dunstan's met Sibertswold Archery Club on The Butts, a field used as a practice ground for archers on their way to Agincourt in 1415.

The Bank Holiday Weekend coincides with the Sandwich Festival, a celebration of art and music. For several years now, St Dunstan's and Sibertswold have used the occasion to meet in friendly combat, adding their own skill and fortitude to the event.

This year was no exception. Eric Bradshaw, Dennis Crouch, Sid Doy, John Lilley, Arthur Lowe, Tony Parkinson, Norman Perry and Bert Wood were joined on the green by Cliff Ford, Steve Moseley, David Poyner, Terry Ottewell and Nigel Whiteley.

Their prowess with the bow was witnessed by the Mayor and Mayoress of Sandwich, who were introduced to the practicalities of the tactile sight as Eric Bradshaw took his shots.

St Dunstan's baker's dozen proved to be a lucky 13 as a predicted downpour never materialised. Dark clouds teased through the afternoon but the only rain, shortly before end of play, was over almost as soon as it started.

That luck held through to the final score! Sid Doy, Tony Parkinson, Bert Wood and Dennis Crouch won the day for St Dunstan's with a score of 5930. Sibertswold's Martin Jenner, Alan Christie, Anne Ladd and Jenny Jenner scored 5685.

St Dunstan's Archery Club returned to Ovingdean looking forward to a week of bowmanship. Full details will appear in the November *Review*.



St Dunstaner Eric Bradshaw hits the target.

Life and Times of Ovingdean

by Lyn Neville

August has been a very busy time with lots of people enjoying their holidays and, thank goodness, we finally enjoyed some good weather. August Bank Holiday brought its usual mixture of sun and showers. On Monday evening it brought a good deal of fun too!

Everybody danced the night away to the music and excellent voice of Rick Bonner. He played everything from Frank Sinatra through to rock & roll and disco. We danced to it all too!

In fact everybody had so much fun that he has been booked to appear again on November 5th for a Halloween/Guy Fawkes Night party and on December 15th for a Christmas party for all St Dunstaners, family and friends. So polish up your dancing shoes and come and join us. Further details are available from Lyn Neville at St Dunstan's Ovingdean (01273 307811 ext 3212).

We have enjoyed having so many guests during the summer and look forward to seeing more of you soon.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letters to the Editor are always welcome.

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From: Margaret McKinstry, Support Worker, Sense

I accompanied St Dunstaner David Corscadden when he travelled to St Dunstan's Ovingdean on April 5th for the Brighton Reunion. David travelled from Belfast City Airport to Gatwick. On arrival in Brighton, David was greeted by Susan Harrison, who gave him a very warm welcome.

David first attended the sherry reception and then the luncheon. Captain Michael Gordon-Lennox RN, Chairman gave us all a warm welcome. There were presentations of flowers as there were some birthdays. A few of the guests were called to say a few words and this just added to the afternoon.

When David went down to the lounge before the evening meal, people staying on short break holidays all greeted him warmly and took a great interest in him. From the time David arrived at St Dunstan's until he left, the staff were excellent and couldn't do enough to make sure we felt at ease. Not one member of staff ever passed us without saying hello no matter how busy they were. This just added to the experience. On reflection, I was the lucky one and feel very privileged to have met such warm and caring people, who are so dedicated to their work. I hope our paths will cross again some day.

From: Arthur Lowe, Ovingdean, Brighton

Five minutes after arriving in Dublin for the first time in my life, I was stopped by a mature gentleman who said he had noticed my St Dunstan's badge and was very interested because his father was a St Dunstaner, Ned Ward.

Immediately my escort, Marjorie Humphrey, said she had known him and his wife and also his brother-in-law Mike Delaney and their friend Sean McNamara.

Apparently, the three were blinded together by an accidental explosion when they were serving with the army of the Irish Republic in the early Forties. Sir Winston Churchill asked Sir Ian Fraser, as he then was, if he would accept them as Honorary

St Dunstaners. Mike, of course, became a physiotherapist and eventually became Vi Delaney's husband.

We were also delighted to hear that our new friend's sister was raising money for St Dunstan's at a public house she runs in Leigh-on-Sea in Essex.

This incident not only turned a dull day into a memorable one but goes to prove how important it is to show the flag and wear the badge.

Prague salutes Guinea Pigs

The bravery of the members of the Guinea Pig Club has been hailed in Eastern Europe. St Dunstaner Bill Foxley recently returned from Prague where he witnessed the naming of a Czech airliner in honour of a Czech pilot, one of his fellow Guinea Pigs.

This was Bill's second visit there this year. In April he travelled as part of a group which included 18 other Guinea Pigs, their wives and friends. Also on that trip Jan Wright, widow of St Dunstaner Jimmy Wright.

"Their hospitality was absolutely amazing, we were taken everywhere," said Bill. During the visit, Bill and his fellow Guinea Pigs were presented with Memorial Medals by the president of the Czechoslovakian equivalent of the British Legion.

DAISY'S THIRD CENTURY

There can be few people who can claim to have experienced three centuries, but Daisy Kenward of Peacehaven is one of them. She was born on August 28th 1894, six years before the end of the 19th century, and having experienced the tumultuous changes of the 20th century, she recently celebrated her 106th birthday at the start of the 21st century. We wish her a very happy birthday! Daisy's late husband was the First World War St Dunstaner Edward Kenward who served in the Munster Fusiliers.



Class of 2000. The assembled Sultan campers, helpers and 'dogs' outside the Wardroom.

CLOSE ENCOUNTERS WITH THE MILLENNIUM SEA-DOGS

by John Stevens

With some trepidation I, with others from Ovingdean, on Friday July 28th departed for Gosport, me as the new boy, accompanied by residents of Ovingdean and others who had chosen to travel from Brighton. The journey took longer than expected due to the roads being congested, nevertheless we arrived safely and in reasonably good time. We were met at the gate by security, one Rating with a gun. I wondered what I had let myself in for, will they release me at the end of my term? I needn't have worried they all turned out to be extremely helpful and considerate. We were escorted to Fisher Block, our home for the week. Luggage was unloaded, unpacked and safely ensconced in our quarters. The noticeboard in the lounge displayed lists of activities for the forthcoming week, the "dogs" (a term of endearment given to the helpers) assisted with the selection of the activities. After supper we all mustered in the Warrant Officers and Senior Rates Mess Snug Bar for a briefing by WO Dave Burrows and Elspeth Grant about the housekeeping and the forthcoming weeks events. Old friendships were rekindled and new friendships forged by the six newcomers.

After breakfast on Saturday we departed for the Gosport Cruising Club for a day or half-day sailing. The members welcomed and escorted us to our respective vessels. Trevor Tatchell, pipe in mouth, hat on head, was reminiscent of Popeye, the only thing missing was the tin of spinach! I was concerned

the fish might have my breakfast though I needn't have worried, the sun shone, the breeze was slight and the sea calm. The morning flashed by even though our speed under sail did not exceed 4.4 knots. My eternal thanks to the father and daughter crew for the experience. Kevin beware, Yvonne is showing an unhealthy interest in sailing! Lunch was supplied for the half-day sailors, packed lunches for the full day. I had selected archery for the afternoon but the prospect of gliding with WO Dave Howells was more inviting. Bad choice, the weather closed in and gliding was suspended. The archery, I was told, resulted in some budding William Tells. After supper, right arms were exercised in the Snug Bar, then back to our quarters for a bedtime story read by Tom Mcleish.

Sunday welcomed us with blue skies. Chris Ottewell, Don Planner and myself felt the need for some exercise, we arranged to meet Tom Mcleish (Don Planner's "dog") at noon at the car park opposite the Blue Cafe. After a pleasant stroll and rest on the Lee-on-Solent sea front, we went to the designated meeting place, unfortunately the meeting with Tom didn't happen. Apparently search parties were sent out so when we arrived at the Conservative club we were suitably admonished, sorry Tom. In the words of Grant Cooper we were never lost just a little off course! The afternoon was spent pleasantly on the airfield of HMS *Daedalus* for gliding, the new boys and others were treated to another first experience,

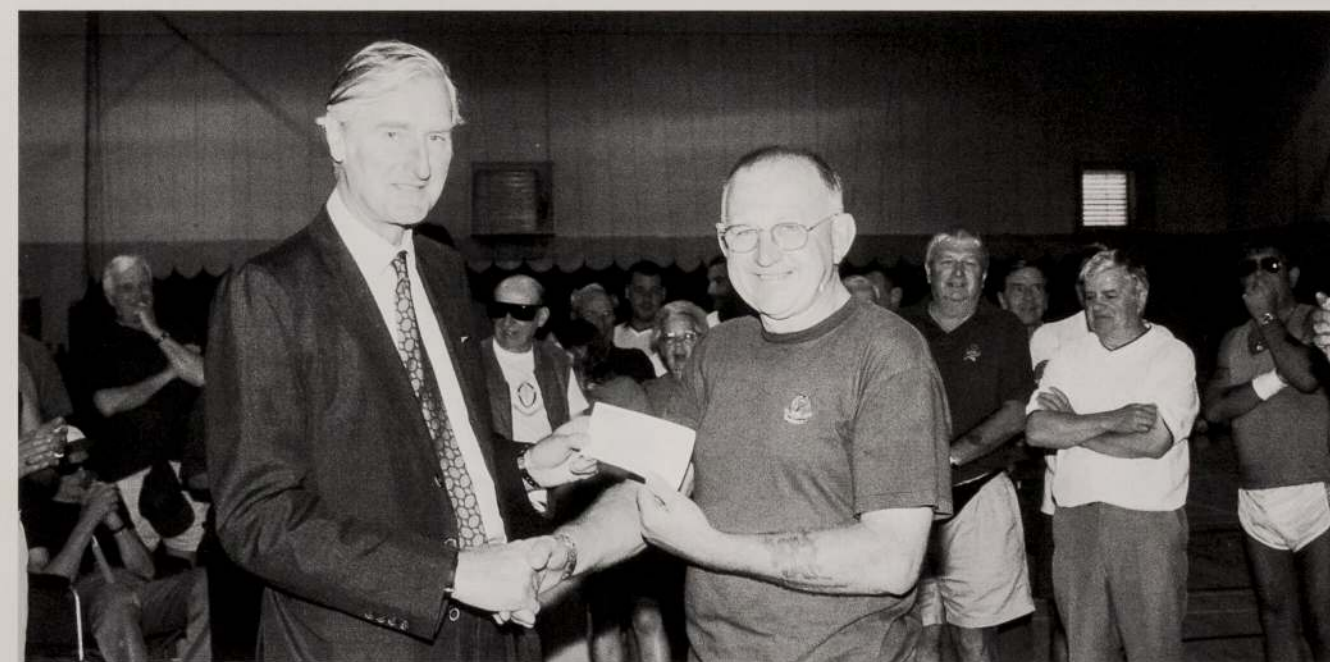
pulling 3G in a loop, in a 50 year old, two seater glider is a truly thrilling experience. I don't know if it was Elspeth's first trip (Elspeth says "No, it wasn't") but she came to ground with lovely rosy cheeks! The day was rounded off with a musical evening. The singing duo proved to be a great success, it appeared that the female singer was known to the audience as there were requests for her "braille" tattoo to be "seen"! Norman "Twinkle Toes" Walton put the ladies through their paces on the dance floor.

Four teams competed in the sports, on Monday, after a welcome brief by Commodore Kidner. Shot-putting, football, speed kicking into open net, medicine ball throwing, hockey/quoins puck putting, basket ball. Everyone enjoyed the activities, some more competitive than others. After the indoor sports "dog" Josh Morris presented a cheque for £1,172 to St Dunstan's, raised by himself and the customers of his hostelry. It was accepted by our Chairman Captain Michael Gordon-Lennox. Thank you Josh and your customers. The morning was rounded off with a 500 metre walk around the cricket field, Gary Lomas led, hotly pursued by Don Planner and Chris Ottewell. The not so competitive all managed the distance. In the afternoon we enjoyed the hospitality of Gosport and Fareham Inshore Rescue Service (GAFIRS). All dressed up with life jackets, resembling Disney characters, we boarded the rigid inflatable the powerful engines sped us towards the

Isle of Wight and back in minutes at 35 knots. Another first for me, unforgettable! Further games in the WO and Senior Rates mess finished the day - indoor bowls, skittles, guess the cocktail ingredients, dominoes, hoopla and kick the soft football.

Day four dawned and again we were blessed with wonderful weather. We all boarded the coach for the journey to Southampton the crossing to West Cowes on the Red Funnel Sea Cat was smooth and uneventful. Packed lunches at the British Legion who provided the liquid refreshment, after lunch we ventured out into the heaving mass of people on the Island for the annual regatta. This was where the "dogs" truly showed their commitment to their task, in situations like these I am in extreme difficulty, WO Jey Muir was always on hand to help, thank you Jey. Whilst walking along the sea front Fez Parker, Des Chandler's "dog", gently guided him towards the water lapping the footway. Needless to say, Des got his feet wet. On the return Fez was on the wrong side and was gently pushed into the water, game, set and match Des! Good company, brilliant day! In the evening, after the group photograph at the Wardroom entrance, an excellent supper was provided followed by a Quiz, teams were formed from the wardroom members, helpers and St Dunstaners, the results remain a mystery to me.

Wednesday, day five. Not to be deterred by the rain and wind, we donned our wet weather clothing for



Well done Josh! St Dunstan's Chairman Captain Michael Gordon-Lennox accepted a cheque for over £1,000 from the Sultan 'dog'. The excellent sum was raised by Josh and the customers of his hostelry.



Mark Brewin received the Novice Archers' Shield from Commodore Peter Kidner.

the golf. Liz Walker organised us into three groups headed by herself, Fez Parker and Josh Morris. After the second hole the sun shone, there were plenty of water hazards but we all enjoyed the nine holes. Des, ably assisted by Fez proved a formidable pair, Steve Pendleton also shone and new boy Chris Ottewell is believed to have caught the disease. After a pleasant lunch at the 19th hole, we returned to *Sultan* to make ready for the evening entertainment at *Haslar* in the Senior Rates Mess. Everyone had been quite excited about this event after last year! I don't think they were too disappointed this year either.

With the weekend fast approaching day six was more relaxed. Steam Lorry rides for those interested, some of us however decided again to walk to the Lee-on-Solent Conservative Club for lunch, this time accompanied by Des Chandler and his "dog", Fez to make sure we came to no harm. Liz Walker shepherded us all into the garden for our sausage and chips. Bad move, Liz! The heavens opened and the meal was finished indoors. In the afternoon we were treated to a presentation by HM Coastguards at HMS *Daedalus*, a talk about the helicopter maintained by Bristows, then a short flight over Gosport and the surrounding area, another thrilling experience. The presentation evening was held in the WO and Senior Rates mess Grand Lounge. Cups, medals and trophies were presented by Commodore Kidner, the unofficial award for best dressed went to Gary Lomas. A vote of thanks was given by: Billy Miller to the Commodore, Commander and ship's company; Steve Pendleton to the Mess President WO Dave Burrows, his staff and "dogs"; Nigel Whiteley to the Wardroom and Mess members. Nigel also surprised Elspeth, presenting her with a commemorative Fleet Air Arm plate. One final

presentation was made to our Aussie cousin Paul receiving a valedictory scroll authorising him to dispense "Limey" beer.

Finally Friday, we all departed for the putting green at Stokes Bay, listening to all the ooh's and aah's from around the green, balls were not quite finishing up where they should! As people seemed to enjoy themselves perhaps it could be put into the programme for next year? Don "Ollie" Oliver suggested we walk to the next venue, the British Legion at Lee-on-Solent. "It's only a couple of miles." So off we went, on the way we found a suitable watering hole. Ollie and Fez inquired of the bar staff "Isn't this the place where Nell Gwynne had a liaison with the King?" This question was met with a veil of silence. I've cleaned that up for publication, use your imagination! After several miles Ollie was still saying "It's only a couple of miles." I think that must have meant by sea. We had a fine lunch at the British Legion. Winding down in the Mess with a farewell dance and entertainment by the singing duo. "Twinkle Toes" Norman was again in action. Afterwards we all retired to our quarters for a final bedtime story this time read by Fez, constantly interrupted by Tom (Roald Dahl) Mcleish "You're making all this up" and so to bed for the last time. On Saturday morning we all said our farewells. Perhaps I will be invited back next year!

I have written this from a personal perspective but I am sure that everyone got as much pleasure as I did. My thanks to all of you Elspeth, "dogs" (I prefer helpers) and sponsors Dave Burrows and all the crew of HMS *Sultan*, and of course fellow campers.



Commodore Peter Kidner and St Dunstaner Steve Pendleton holding his sporting cup.



Commodore Peter Kidner presenting Gary Lomas with his Victor Ludorum prize.

SPORTS RESULTS

Archery

This year was the 20th anniversary of the archery event and Isobel Burke made the occasion a very special one. Unbeknown to the competitors the targets had been marked in various places. The archer whose arrow hit or was closest to the mark was awarded an additional prize. They presented by Isobel on the day. Eric Bradshaw, Mark Brewin, Norman Killick, Trevor Tatchell and Carl Williams each received a bottle of wine.

Arnold Thompson presented Isobel and her husband Chris with a cup and tankard duly inscribed.

(Arthur Carter must now be considered a "skilled" archer whilst Steve Nixon has achieved his highest score and is gradually moving up the table).

Totally Blind

4th	52 points	Des Chandler
3rd	54 points	Norman Perry
2nd	58 points	Trevor Tatchell
1st	98 points and 1 gold	Eric Bradshaw

Partially Sighted

5th	86 points	Steve Nixon
4th	109 points and 1 gold	Norman Killick
3rd	109 points and 2 golds	Carl Williams
2nd	128 points and 2 golds	Bert Wood
1st	131 points and 2 golds	Arthur Carter

Novice

48 points	Mark Brewin
The Walk	
Bronze	Chris Ottewell
Silver	Don Planner
Gold	Gary Lomas

The Denny Deacon Veteran's Cup

Arthur Carter

The Charles Stafford Cup for Best Beginner

Chris Ottewell

Penalty Goals

Totally Blind	Brian Lang
Partially Sighted	Gary Lomas

Sheila McLeod Cup for Best Beginner

Chris Ottewell

Victor Ludorum - Partially Sighted

Gary Lomas

Victor Ludorum - Totally Blind

Brian Lang

Team Results

4th	The Bears
3rd	The Hounds
2nd	The Otters
1st	The Bulls - Gary Lomas (Captain) John Stevens, Arthur Carter, Norman Killick

Doubly Handicapped Overall Winner

Steve Pendleton

Golf

Best Beginner

3rd	John Stevens
2nd	Steve Pendleton
1st	Chris Ottewell

Overall Winners

2nd	Arthur Carter
1st	Des Chandler

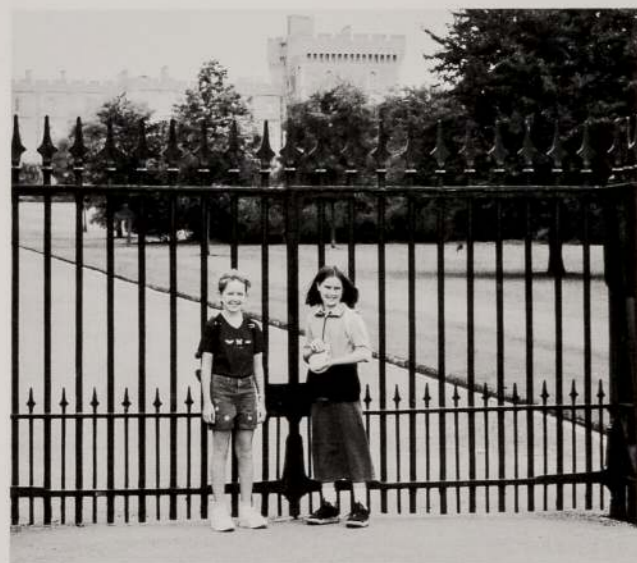
ALL THAT JAZZ

Last month's quiz answers: **1)** Cab Calloway sang *Minnie the Moocher*. **2)** The Dave Brubeck Quartet performed *Take Five*. **3)** Art Blakey led the Jazz Messengers. **4)** Billie Holliday sang *Strange Fruit*. **5)** Al Jolson sang in the first "talkie". **6)** Peggy Lee sang *Fever*.

MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD OF FUND RAISING

Walking the copper horse course

by Neil Swan



Katie with Emily (holding a St Dunstan's teddy bear) at the gates of Windsor Castle.

Recently there have been three noteworthy fund raising achievements by groups and individuals of all ages starting with Emily Blake from Windsor. Emily, aged 11 and her friend Katie Allen carried out a sponsored walk on August 9th. They walked from the statue of George III astride the copper horse, all the way to Windsor Castle and back via the Long Walk. Emily and Katie successfully completed the round trip of over six miles and raised the splendid total of £261 for St Dunstan's.

David Hillman may be more than eight times older than Emily at 59, but that has not stopped him from recently cycling from John O' Groats to Land's End, completing nearly 1,000 miles at 50 miles plus per day. Mr Hillman from Porthcawl, Glamorgan decided that he wanted to raise money for St Dunstan's after he had lost the sight of one eye. Remarkably he did not do any training beforehand, believing that the best training to be had would be completed during the actual ride itself. In his second week the weather turned very bad and he was blown off his bike by high winds, sustaining damage to his ribs. But he battled right on to the end despite worsening

conditions and having to compete with much higher levels of traffic. Mr Hillman admits that he is not a keen cyclist and he would be most unlikely to complete another trip like this one! He has raised at least £1,500 to date, but sponsorship money continues to come in and the final total is likely to exceed this amount.

Still in the Cornish Peninsula but this time on foot, soldiers from 17 Regiment Royal Logistic Corps walked the cliff paths from Bude on the North coast to Looe in the South, once more via Land's End. They were well looked after by RNLI during the event. During this highly organised and challenging venture traditional West Country wet weather, snakes, bulls and electric fences beset them. By the end of Exercise "Marius Challenge" they had raised more than £5,000 of which they have kindly declared their intention to donate one quarter to St Dunstan's at the Regiment's disbandment parade in September.

Once again we are distributing fund raising packs during the autumn. As in previous years I should like to reiterate the message that these packs are sent to all houses in any one road and if one should go through your door, it is not aimed at St Dunstaners, widows or widowers so do please ignore it. This method of fund raising for St Dunstan's is proving to be the most cost-effective way of reminding people about St Dunstan's whilst at the same time soliciting their support by way of a donation.



The previous Mayor and Mayoress of North East Lincolnshire presented cheques raised for their chosen charities. Jeffrey Redbond accepted on behalf of all St Dunstaners.

Welcome to St Dunstan's

George Allan of Grundisburgh, Suffolk joined St Dunstan's on August 24th. Now aged 81, he was in the Militia before the war started. He joined the Royal Fusiliers in 1939 but transferred to the Parachute Regiment in 1941. He saw action in North Africa, Sicily and Taranto. Mr Allan jumped at Arnhem and was able to escape on one of the last boats. After his discharge in 1946 he returned to gardening, initially at the public park in Ilford and then for John Lewis of the John Lewis Partnership, where he was head gardener. He then became an expert on tree husbandry and worked in Sheffield before retiring in 1984. Mr Allan and his wife Marjorie have a son and daughter, three grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. They both enjoy classical music.

Dennis Jones of High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire served in the Royal Army Service Corps from 1940 to 1946. He was sent to Algiers as part of the 850-ship invasion fleet and fought through to Tunis. He saw further action in Sicily, Italy, Cassino, the Po Valley and the Austrian border. Back in the UK, he renovated cars before becoming a chauffeur. Mr Jones is married to Emily.

Edward Gowers of Garlinge, Margate, Kent joined St Dunstan's on August 25th. Now aged 83, he served in the Royal Air Force from 1942 to 1945, guarding airfields and radar sites. In 1945 he transferred to the West Kent Regiment and trained at Enniskillen before being posted to Greece. After the war he joined his father in the building trade. Later, he travelled the country as a carpenter working on civil engineering projects. Mr Gowers then joined Pearce Signs, managing their factory producing glass fibre road signs. His interests include bowls and model making.

Henry Foster of Brighton, East Sussex joined St Dunstan's on September 4th. Now aged 87, he served in the Royal Air Force from 1940 to 1946. As a member of a salvage and recovery team, he deployed to France, where he had a roving commission to repair and recover aircraft and vehicles. After leaving the service he worked as a motor mechanic. He officially retired at 65 but continued to work, processing motor warranty claims until he was 82. Mr Foster has one son and two grandchildren.

William Gaskell of Southport, Merseyside served in the Royal Air Force Regiment from 1940 to 1942, manning a 40mm Bofors gun in the Shetlands. He then transferred to the 2nd Battalion The King's Regiment where he served until 1946, serving in North Africa, Italy, Greece and Cyprus. After the war he returned to his job as a painter and decorator. Now aged 78, his interests included football. Mr Gaskell and his wife Constance have two daughters, three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

James Hobbs of Terriers, High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire served in the Royal Navy from 1942 to 1945. After training, he sailed on the Queen Mary to Boston to collect the first Landing Ship Tanks. He remained with the same LST throughout the war, taking part in landings in Sicily, Palermo, Syracuse, Solerno, and other Mediterranean operations. The ship then took part in the D-Day landings at Omaha, Juno, Sword and Gold. After the war he worked as a carpenter. Mr Hobbs and his wife Alice (who served in the ATS) have three sons, four daughters, 25 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren.

Arthur McGuire of Etal Park, Newcastle Upon Tyne served in the Royal Engineers from 1954 to 1957. He trained as a railway operator with 8 Railway Squadron at Longmoor. He was then posted to the Suez Canal. After leaving the service he worked as a printer, photographer and draughtsman. His interests include chess, computers and amateur radio.

Wilfred Sharman of Finedon, Northhamshire served in the Royal Air Force from 1943 to 1947. He flew as a rear gunner on Lancasters for 106 Squadron in Lincolnshire. After leaving the service he worked as a builder. His interests include gardening, snooker and billiards. He is a member of his local blind club and Royal Air Force Association.

Alan Stretton of Wigston, Leicester served in the Royal Navy from 1943 to 1946. He served in the Far East on HMS *Bugloss* and *Rifleman*. He was serving in Singapore when the peace treaty was signed. After leaving the service he returned to work at a knitwear factory in Leicester. After losing his sight in 1969 he worked as a capstan lathe operator.

His interests include fishing and other sports. Mr Stretton and his wife Monica have two children and four grandchildren.

Violet Withers of Kingswood, Bristol served in the Women's Royal Naval Service in 1947. She trained as a signaller and was posted to Reading, Petersfield and Chatham. After leaving the service she worked as a secretary for the Co-op

before moving to an insurance company. She studied to be a music teacher, qualifying as a piano, melody and harmony and theory teacher. She retired after teaching for 25 years. Her main interests are playing the piano, singing and literature and she is an active member of the RNIB Bristol Choir. An accomplished braille reader, she also plays the acoustic guitar. Mrs Withers and her husband Kenneth have two children and three grandchildren.



The Winter Women

Author: Mary-Rose Hayes
Reader: Pauline Munro
Catalogue number: 7579
Duration: 14 Hours, 41 minutes

Mr Bowdler, the chap who took all "the naughty bits" out of Shakespeare, would have had a field day expurgating this book and at sunset he would have improved it immensely. Personally, I don't object to the obscene language and sexual fantasy it contains purely on the grounds that it might "bring a blush to a young person's cheek" as Dickens's Mr Podsnap was wont to say. But rather because it is totally unnecessary; the absurdity of the plot already guaranteed its mediocrity.

Three sisters leave home, "escaping" as they would put it, from a father who considers he has been cruelly betrayed by their desertion. They all return again, rich and famous, when he dies; at which time, "Mother", but a shadowy character hitherto, reveals facts about themselves they neither knew nor suspected. In the meantime, that is to say between their leaving and their return, we hear the unlikely tales of how each girl gains fame and fortune.

And I don't think it would be unfair to call them fairy stories for adults only; the sex nonsense alone ensures you'd go a long way to find anything more improbable.

Whether at the end "they all live happily ever after" is something you'll have to discover for yourselves, I can only say that I didn't enjoy finding out.

POET'S CORNER

MEIN KAMPF

Today I'm going shopping, reluctantly I fear,
My wife's been very nice to me, she's even called me "dear"!
She says we'll catch an early bus and go to Milton Keynes,
My heart sinks for now I know that she'll spend beyond our means.
The bus ride is quite pleasant through open countryside,
We reach the shopping centre and the bus stops just outside.

We head straight into Marks and Sparks for they have got their sales,
I'm parked up in a corner while my wife goes through the rails.
Now I don't mind as I can't see as she looks for tops and skirts,
But when we get to Lingerie that's when it really hurts.

My wife pays for her purchases and we go to Lingerie.
I'm parked up facing a loaded rack, it's done deliberately.
I hear two ladies talking as they pause there for a while,
One says "Come on Ada, they're certainly not your style."
They say "That man's a pervert, they should lock away his kind,"
Then they hurry further on their way not knowing that I'm blind.
My wife returns I ask her what's displayed upon this rack,
She tells me that they're flimsy, very sexy, and they're black!

We visit all the other stores and there are quite a few,
In BHS we have our lunch and a visit to the loo.
It's now approaching half-past two and it's time to catch our bus,
I'm loaded up with shopping bags (I think I need a truss!)

Our bus comes in, we find a seat, our shopping bags we nurse,
My wife seems very happy even with an empty purse.
She does not have to worry with a temporary cash drought,
We have a banking joint account, I put in and she takes out!
George W. Powell

THE MARINE

The following item comes from the **Mildenhall Church Magazine**.

A nurse took the tired, anxious serviceman to the bedside. "Your son is here," she said to the old man. She had to repeat the words several times before the patient's eyes opened. Heavily sedated, because of the pain of his heart attack, he dimly saw the young man in the Marine Corps uniform standing outside the oxygen tent. He reached out his hand. The Marine wrapped his toughened fingers around the old man's limp ones, squeezing a message of love and encouragement. The nurse brought a chair so that the Marine could sit alongside the bed.

Nights are long in hospitals - but all through the night the young Marine sat there in the poorly lighted ward, holding the old man's hand and offering him words of love and strength. Occasionally, the nurse suggested that the Marine move away and rest awhile. He refused.

Whenever the nurse came into the ward, the Marine was oblivious of her and of the night noises of the hospital - the clanking of the oxygen tank, the laughter of the night staff members exchanging

greetings, the cries and moans of the other patients. Now and then she heard him say a few gentle words. The dying man said nothing, only held tightly to his son all through the night.

Along towards dawn, the old man died. The Marine placed the lifeless hand he had been holding and went to tell the nurse. While she did what she had to do, he waited. Finally, she returned. She started to offer words of sympathy, but the Marine interrupted her. "Who was that man?" he asked.

The nurse was startled. "He was your father," she answered. "No, he wasn't," the Marine replied. "I never saw him before in my life." "Then why didn't you say something when I took you to him?"

"I knew right away, there had been a mistake, but I also knew he needed his son, and his son just wasn't here. When I realised that he was too sick to tell whether or not I was his son, I knew how much he needed me. I stayed."

The next time someone needs you, be there. Stay. You'll be glad you did.

FIFTY YEARS AGO

St Dunstaners R. Coupland and George Allen acquired some adapted equipment for their trading business at Hull Fish Docks. Avery Mechanics, aided their work by adding a notch and spring device to their scales to make weighing fish easier.

Bob Paterson of Thirsk found out that his guide dog had a nose for electrical safety. Some electricians were scouring the street for a leak in an underground cable as Bob walked by. Guide dog Marshall found the location of the problem, refusing to let his master pass the crackling pavement.

Items in need of a good home advertised in the *Review* included a St Bernard and used light bulbs.

EIGHTY YEARS AGO

An anonymous Scottish St Dunstaner became an Oddfellow. This was term used to describe lodge members of the Bolton Unity, a friendly society which was involved in administering the newly passed Health Insurance Act.

FAMILY NEWS

BIRTH

Congratulations on the birth of:
Cassie on June 30th. She is the first great-grandchild of *Clive and Yvonne Woods* of Southampton, Hampshire.

WEDDING

Congratulations to:
Jamie Weller of Nottingham, Nottinghamshire who married Katrina on July 22nd.

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY

Congratulations to:
William and Edna Harrison of Swansea, West Glamorgan on September 2nd.

SPECIAL ANNIVERSARIES

Congratulations to:
Geoffrey and Gladys Cock of Rawdon, Leeds who celebrated 62 years of marriage on September 3rd.

Joseph and Amy Harris of Tavistock, Devon who celebrated 63 years of marriage on September 4th.

Ernest and Eunice Johnson of Cherry Hinton, Cambridge who celebrated 61 years of marriage on September 6th.

Sydney and Ethel Whiting who celebrated 69 years of marriage on September 12th.

DEATHS

We regret to announce the death of:

Agnes Brocklehurst of Comcox, British Columbia, Canada on August 8th. She was the widow of *William Brocklehurst*.

Lorna Hicks of Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire on August 25th. She was the widow of *Francis Hicks*.

Irene Hill-Brown of Swanage, Dorset on August 27th. She was the widow of *Arthur Hill-Brown*.

Edna Roebuck of Withington, Greater Manchester on September 5th. She was the widow of *Albert Roebuck*.

David Cowing on August 12th. He was the son of Dorothy Cowing of New Milton, Hampshire, widow of *William Cowing*.

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 St Dunstaners and we offer our deepest sympathy to their widows, family and friends.

Lilian Smith

Women's Royal Air Force

Lilian Smith of Grayshott, Hampshire died on August 12th aged 88. Having joined the Women's Royal Air Force in 1940, Miss Smith served as a cook and reached the rank of Corporal when discharged in 1942. After training at St Dunstan's, Church Stretton, she worked as a telephonist. Her hobbies included knitting and singing in the local Methodist choir. Our sympathy goes to all members of the family.

Major Anthony Attenborough, MA

Royal Tank Regiment

Major Anthony Ralph Attenborough of Tunbridge Wells, Kent died on August 13th, aged 87. He had been a St Dunstaner since 1992. Having qualified as a solicitor, he volunteered for the Auxiliary Fire Service where he drove a 1922 Merryweather fire engine. In 1939 he joined the North Somerset Yeomanry serving in Palestine and Syria. Commissioned into the 3rd Royal Tank Regiment, he was injured at El Agheila when a shell hit his tank.

Unable to rejoin his Battalion after losing his left eye, Mr Attenborough joined the Claims Commission in Cairo. He moved on to Asmara as a Military Government Officer, but a further post of Senior Legal Officer was put on hold when he was repatriated to England. Persuading the War Office to find him a job abroad, he travelled to Hamm, Germany to aid moves to revive the civil legal system. In this position he was responsible for appointing the first High Court judges in post-war Germany. After his discharge in 1946 Mr Attenborough rejoined the family law firm in Lincoln's Inn. Our sympathy goes to his sons Charles and Jonathan, daughter Margaret and all other members of the family.

George Packham

Royal Artillery

George Henry Packham of Rottingdean, East Sussex died on August 15th, aged 87. He served as a Gunner in the Royal Artillery from 1942 to 1943. After leaving the Service he became a HGV driver for Southern Transport and later worked at Shoreham Harbour. Mr Packham's interests included engineering. Our sympathy goes to his friends.

Reginald Craddock

Coldstream Guards

Reginald Arthur Craddock of Warrington, Cheshire died on August 30th, aged 76. He had been a St Dunstaner since 1945. Having worked in aircraft assembly he enlisted in the Coldstream Guards in 1942. While serving with them in Germany as a Lance Sergeant he was wounded in action by machine gun fire. A bullet from that attack was finally removed from his leg in 1997. After training at Church Stretton Mr Craddock worked as a telephonist. Our sympathy goes to his widow Frances, daughter Denise, sons Peter, Alan and Vincent and all other members of the family.