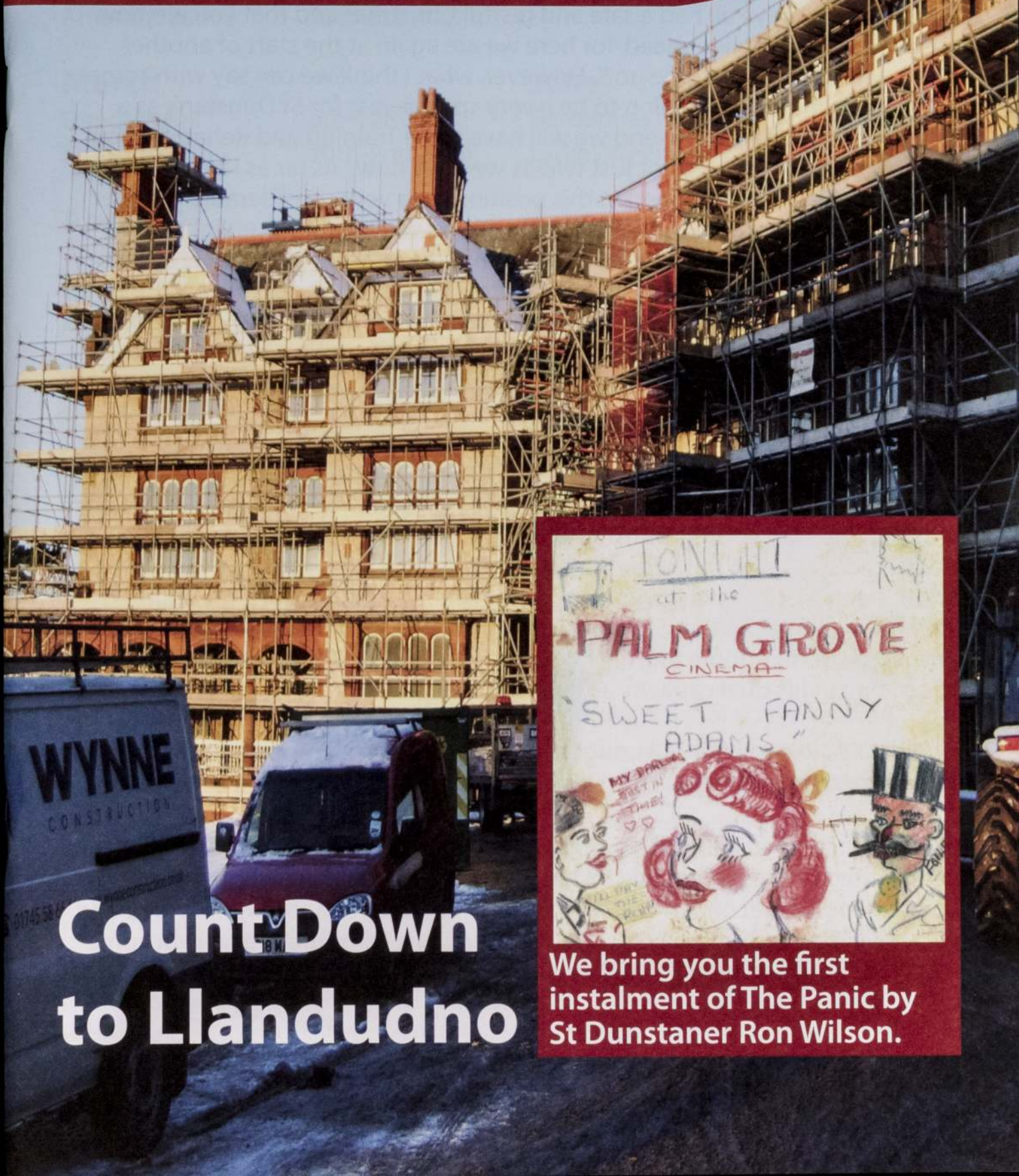


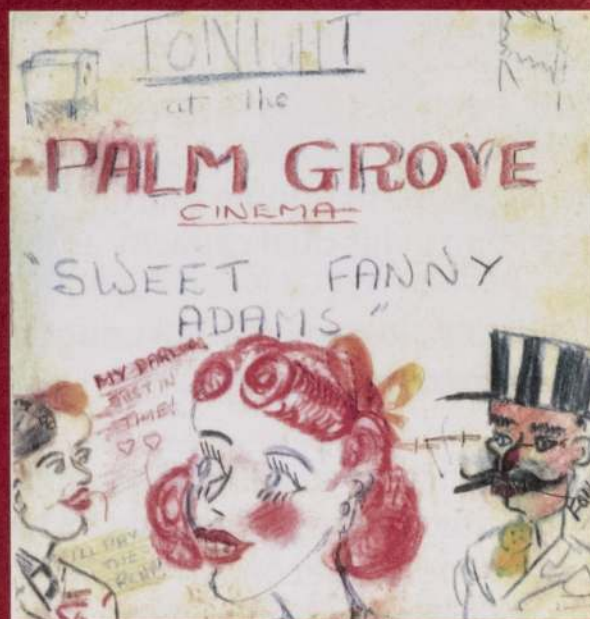
St Dunstan's

February 2011

Review



**Count Down
to Llandudno**



We bring you the first instalment of The Panic by St Dunstaner Ron Wilson.

From the Chairman.

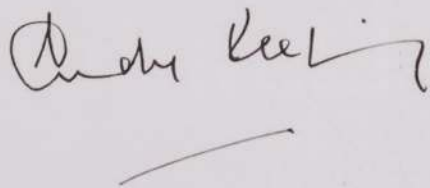
Your message from Major General Andrew Keeling, CB, CBE, RM.

I do hope you have all had a safe and restful Christmas and that you are now ready for whatever lies ahead, for here we are again at the start of another year – where does the time go?! However, what I think we can say with some certainty is that 2011 is going to be a very special year for St Dunstan's as a whole, for before the year-end we will have three Training and Rehabilitation Centres up and running, not just two as we have now. As far as I am aware this is the first time we have been in this position for a very considerable number of years – and I am sure that at least one of you will be able to enlighten the rest of us on the historical correctness of my suggestion! But what is even more important than the number of Centres we have is *the amount* of Training, Rehabilitation and other services we are able to offer to you St Dunstaners, and there is no doubt that this is going to increase significantly when Llandudno opens.

As many of you are already aware Ray Hazan will be retiring as a member of staff on 3rd February. I sang his praises in the last Review, but in case any of you missed that I want now, on your behalf, to record again my huge gratitude for what Ray has done for St Dunstan's over the past 34 years. His energy, example, dedicated service to this organisation and his inspiring leadership have, I know, been a beacon of hope for many of you over many years. His name is synonymous with all that St Dunstan's is and does. We are truly grateful to him, and of course to Robbie too, and I know that we all look forward to continuing to see him in his dual capacity as President and Member of Council.

I would also like to offer our congratulations to General the Lord Dannatt on his elevation to the peerage.

In closing I wish you all a very happy 2011 and also to thank all those who contributed to the two delightful Carol Concerts in December – the first in London and the second in Brighton. They were both beautifully arranged and very well attended, and having been so enjoyable I am sure they will become much sought after events in future years.



St Dunstan's Calendar.

February

Archery (I) 5th-13th
Computer Club (I) 23rd-24th
Amateur Radio 25th-5th March

March

Dance Week 6th-12th
Bowling Club 20th-2nd April

April

Widow's Week (I) 3rd-9th
Ex-PoW Re-union 15th-18th
Masonic Weekend 29th – 1st May

May

Blind/Handless Reunion 12th-16th
Archery Club (II) 28th-5th
June

June

Gardening Week 12th-18th
Ladies Week 19th-25th

July

History Week 17th-23rd
Royal Marines Band Concert 20th
Race Week 24th-30th

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On the cover:
Refurbishment of new
Centre in Llandudno and
illustrations from Ron
Wilson's The Panic.



To make the Review easier to read using a screen magnifier or screen reading software we have set the text to run across the page, rather than in columns. We would value your feedback on the new layout and contact details are given above.

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Noticeboard.

Dates for your diary and useful information.

Extra medication.

When staying at Ovingdean over the winter months it would be greatly appreciated if you could bring extra medication with you in case you need to stay longer due to unforeseen circumstances, such as inclement weather.

Talking Book Machines at Ovingdean.

Due to the demand for Daisy Player talking book machines at Ovingdean it would be greatly appreciated if St Dunstaners who would like to use one during their stay could please bring their own Talking Book Machines with them.

Ex-Pow Reunion.

The Ex-PoW Reunion will take place at Ovingdean from 15th-18th April. Any Far East Prisoners of War who wish to attend the three day Reunion should ensure they book their place as soon as possible. If you require nursing or residential care please book through your Welfare Officer.

For those with non-nursing or residential care requirements please book with Claire Green at Ovingdean by telephone: 01273 391422 or email claire.green@st-dunstans.org.uk

Correction.

In the In Memory section of the December edition it was stated that St Dunstaner Richard Cheale met his wife Joan in Greece during World War II. That was incorrect as it should have read that he met his first wife Evangelitsa in Greece during the War and they had two daughters after they returned to England in 1949. Mr Cheale was subsequently widowed. Joan and Richard Cheale met in England and married in 1987.

Buy a Brick Appeal

at the Llandudno Centre and be part of St Dunstan's future!

By Ray Hazan, President

Whilst Help for Heroes, The Royal British Legion and many individual donors have given generously to the Llandudno appeal, we are inviting St Dunstaners to Buy a Brick at the new Centre.

The Chairman has kept readers well up to date with the purpose and progress of the Llandudno Centre. It will enable St Dunstan's to spread its services as widely as resources allow, shorten waiting lists and cut the time and effort of transporting people from one end of the country to the other!

Here is a chance to contribute to the future of St Dunstan's and be a 'shareholder'.

£50 will purchase a Brick at the Llandudno Centre and contribute towards both the cost of the building and the subsequent cost of running the Centre.

To date 88 of the 1,000 Bricks have been sold. The St Dunstan's website shows a wall of Bricks with the name of the buyer engraved on the Brick, or the name of the person to whom the Brick is dedicated.

As this is a special price for St Dunstaners you cannot Buy a Brick online for £50, the minimum price is £100. However you can pay by cheque or by phone and details are below. Remember to state the name you wish to feature on the brick.

For those who prefer to pay by cheque they should be made payable to St Dunstan's and sent to Sonel Patel, St Dunstan's Fundraising & Communications, 12 – 14 Harcourt Street, London W1H 4HD, with a note to specify the £50 is to Buy a Brick at the new Centre in Llandudno. Or to pay by telephone contact Sonel Patel on 020 7616 8366.

Website: For St Dunstaners who wish to Buy a Brick online, which will mean paying £100 or more, the website address is: www.buyabrick.st-dunstans.org.uk

I hope you will feel this is a very worthwhile cause, starting in our own back yard! Thank you in anticipation.

Future Focus.

by Robert Leader,
Chief Executive

In five years time St Dunstan's will be celebrating a century of service to those men and women who have served our Country and have now lost their sight, either in the course of their military service or subsequently through age, accident or illness. What do you think the next hundred years will look like for those who will be carrying the beacon lit by Sir Arthur Pearson in 1915?

I am convinced that we will still be holding true to our original values and continuing the strong family ethos which makes this organisation unique. We will still believe that anyone who has served our Country and now lost their eyesight should not have to battle blindness alone and that each and every one of them should have access to the finest services to help them overcome the challenge of blindness.

We know however that, in this rapidly changing world, there will be many challenges ahead for St Dunstan's and indeed for all those other organisations which have their roots in the two World Wars. We are fortunate currently to have an army of loyal supporters, but many of these are from the generations that knew those wars and we now need to find ways of appealing to younger and different audiences who are bombarded with requests for their support and donations on a daily basis. So who are these new audiences and how do we reach them?

These two questions led us to carry out some research during 2010 to gauge the awareness and perception of St Dunstan's among our supporters, potential supporters, St Dunstaners and staff.

This research told us that we are a respected charity with a strong heritage; we are associated with providing a quality service and we are seen as a worthy cause. It also revealed however that to some people we are perceived as old fashioned and having a low profile. We found there was often confusion among potential supporters about what we do and who we are. Are we a church? Are we a school?

If we are to continue to go from strength to strength over the twenty first century we need to make it very clear who we are and what we do. In short what is our 'Brand'?

It must be something that will immediately make people recognise the value of our work and therefore wish to support us. Branding is not just about logos and

typefaces but is also about how we describe St Dunstan's, how we speak with the public to gain their understanding of our work and its importance; how we gain recognition for the great people we work with. Our 'Brand' is what will make St Dunstan's visible.

As part of this review of our 'Brand' we will be considering whether the St Dunstan's name is a help or a hindrance in overcoming the anticipated challenges. The St Dunstan's name, as you will all know, is an accident of history stemming from Sir Arthur Pearson being lent St Dunstan's Lodge in Regent's Park. It was a name that was widely recognised, respected and understood fifty years ago, but sadly amongst younger generations this is no longer the case.

This doesn't mean that we intend to abandon our heritage and our name but we do need to consider all options so that we can make well founded decisions that will ensure the future of this organisation for the next hundred years. The final decision on all these things will be taken by the trustees later this year but, in order that the trustees are in a position to make the right decision, they need to know the views of all stakeholders, St Dunstaners, supporters and staff.

In the next issue of the Review we will include a survey which will formally ask for your feedback but, in the meantime, if you have any initial thoughts that you would like to share you can contact the project manager, Susanne Lund, directly. Her contact details are at the bottom of this article.

The possibility of a name change will undoubtedly raise other issues that need to be considered; such as what will happen to the term St Dunstaner or what will the badge be like. These are key questions where we need to know how you, the St Dunstaners, feel. Change doesn't have to be wholesale and it may be perfectly possible to retain some things whilst changing others. Please tell us what you think and what is important to you as you will be helping us on our journey to find the best expression for St Dunstan's to the rest of the world.

As the exercise progresses the project team will keep you regularly updated through the Review but if, at any stage, you would like further information or want to give your initial feedback, please contact the project manager Susanne Lund on 020 7616 7949, or speak to senior managers or directors at some of the reunions. You can also send an email to futurereview@st-dunstans.org.uk.

I wish you all a very happy 2011.

St Dunstan's Complaints Procedure (Community).

by
Alison Bradley

Complaints

We aim to provide the best possible care and service within St Dunstan's. If there is something that you are not happy about, or you can see an area in which improvement is needed, please tell us. It gives us the opportunity to investigate the matter and address it, thereby improving our service to you.

You are encouraged to raise concerns at any time directly with the person involved. He or she will investigate your concerns, try to resolve the problem and advise you if further action is needed. However, if you are unable to discuss your concerns at this level, or you are not happy with the outcome, you may wish to lodge a formal complaint. The following information explains how to do this.

Formal Complaints: you may wish to lodge a formal complaint if:

Your concerns have not been satisfactorily resolved through the informal complaints process.

The informal complaints process is not acceptable or appropriate to you, for whatever reason.

How do I make a formal complaint?

Put your complaint on tape, email or in writing preferably using the leaflet available through Reception at Harcourt Street.

Make it very clear what the complaint is and what you think should be done about it. If you are unable to do this yourself, ask a friend, relative, advocate or member of the senior staff to assist you.

Send your complaint to:

Alison Bradley, Welfare and Grants Manager, St Dunstan's, 12-14 Harcourt Street, London, W1H 4HD or Tel: 020 7616 7920 or Email : alison.bradley@st-dunstans.org.uk

What will happen after I lodge my complaint?

You will receive a letter of acknowledgement, usually within three working days of the complaint being received. You may be asked to give more details of the complaint. You may want to ask a friend, relative or other representative (such

as an advocate) to speak on your behalf or to attend any meeting which may be required in connection with the complaint.

The Welfare and Grants Manager will investigate and address the complaint, and will write to you within ten days to advise you of the outcome.

What if I am not happy with the outcome?

If you are not happy with the outcome of the complaint, you need to advise the Welfare and Grants Manager who will refer the complaint to the Chief Executive. The Chief Executive will carry out further investigation of the matter and will write to you within ten days of the complaint being referred to him to advise you of the outcome.

What if I am still not happy with the outcome?

If the complaint has still not been resolved to your satisfaction, you need to advise the Chief Executive. The Chief Executive will refer the complaint to the Chairman of St Dunstan's. The Chairman will investigate the matter further and will write to you within one month of the complaint being referred to advise you of the outcome.

Is there anywhere else I can go?

The Care Quality Commission (CQC) is a public body responsible for regulating the standards of care provided in care homes, including St Dunstan's. You can make a complaint to the CQC at any time. Any complaint that is not resolved through the Home's internal complaints process as described above can also be referred to the CQC.

You may wish to discuss your concerns with an advocacy service, such as those provided by Age UK or Counsel and Care. Their contact details, along with those of the CQC are as follows:

Useful Contacts

Age UK (Head Office), Astral House, 1268 London Road, London SW16 4ER, Tel: 020 87657200.

Consel and Care, Twyman House, 16 Bonny Street, London, NW1 9PG, Tel: 020 7241 8555.

Care Quality Commission CQC, Citygate, Gallowgate, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE1 4PA, Tel: 03000 61616.

Accommodation Charges Update 2011.

As we enter into 2011, St Dunstan's remains committed to providing the best quality and range of services to our St Dunstaners. Our Centres in Ovingdean and Sheffield continue to provide specialist support and care and are constantly developing to meet the needs of our beneficiaries.

As with previous years, part of our ongoing dedication of responding to and meeting our beneficiary needs, calls for the review of our accommodation charges at our Centres. This review ensures we are still achieving viable operating costs for the organisation whilst allowing us to continually strive to provide and develop innovative services. Below are the new charges for our Ovingdean Centre effective from 1st April 2011 and as you will see the increases have been again kept to the absolute minimum.

Ovingdean Clubs will still be eligible for an accommodation discount in 2011 subject to certain terms and conditions. Club presidents will receive further information regarding these.

Our new Llandudno Centre will be completed later on this year. Information on the progress of Llandudno, booking availability and charges will become available in upcoming Review articles over the next few months.

Ovingdean and Sheffield Charges from 1st April 2011

Ovingdean Charges for Non War Blind

	2010	2011
Permanent Care		
Nursing	£532 (£76 per day)	£539 (£77 per day)
Residential	£434 (£62 per day)	£441 (£63 per day)
Respite		
Nursing	£476 (£68 per day)	£483 (£69 per day)
Residential	£350 (50 per day)	£357 (51 per day)
Holiday		
Low Season (1st Oct – 31st Mar)	£210 (£30 per day)	£217 (£31 per day)

	2010	2011
High Season (1st April – 30th Sept)	£266 (£38 per day)	£273 (£39 per day)
Ovingdean Charges for War Blind		
Permanent Care		
Nursing	£280 (£40 per day)	£287 (£41 per day)
Residential	£217 (31 per day)	£224 (32 per day)
Respite		
Nursing	£280 (£40 per day)	£287 (£41 per day)
Residential	£217 (31 per day)	£224 (32 per day)
Holiday		
Low Season (1st Oct– 31st Mar)	£178.50 (£25.50 per day)	£182 (£26 per day)
High Season (1st April – 30th Sept)	£196 (£28 per day)	£199.50 (£28.50 per day)
Theme Weeks Surcharge	£25 depending on the event + the seasonal cost	£25.50 depending on the event + the seasonal cost
Port Hall/Beacon Hill	£157.50 (£22.50 per day)	£161 (£23 per day)
Introductory Week		
St Dunstaners	Free	Free
Spouses at Ovingdean	£95	£98
Spouses at Sheffield	£65	£68
Training		
St Dunstaners	Free	Free
Spouses at Ovingdean	As per accommodation booked	As per accommodation booked
Spouses at Sheffield	£89	£92

Llandudno Construction Report.

by Catherine Goodier

The Review caught up with Mick Byrne, St Dunstan's Project Manager responsible for the refurbishment and construction of the new Centre in Llandudno. Mick humbly pointed out while he may head up the project for the transformation of the former North Wales Medical Centre, the real transformation will take place from the early autumn of 2011. A transformation to the lives of new St Dunstaners who come to the Centre.

The Grade II listed building was designed by the architect Edward Blakeway L'Anson and built between 1902 and 1904. It was originally the Lady Forester Convalescent Home as the healing effects of the seaside were advocated by doctors, and convalescent homes and hospitals were built in spa towns across Wales and England.

The building was used for its original purpose as a convalescent home until the 1970s when it was sold to a private medical company and utilised as the North Wales Medical Centre until 2006.

Speaking of progress Mick Byrne said: "We purchased the site in 2008 but as it is a Grade II listed building we first had to gain planning permission for any work to be carried out. As there is only a certain amount of change we can make to the building we are working to stringent guidelines from the planning authority and Cadw, the body responsible for the retention of the character of listed buildings in Wales.

"However as the former hospital stood empty from 2006 there was a lot of work to do before the refurbishment work could start. When we took possession of the building it was still filled with equipment, this included an operating theatre complete with operating table, a table laid with surgeon's instruments and even an X-ray of a hip on the screen. We cleared the building, giving the contents to a medical museum and to a charity in Manchester that provides an air ambulance service for children and one that works in developing countries.

"In May 2010 Wynne Construction started work on the refurbishment of the building and construction of the extension. Starting with the exterior the stonework has been repaired and the windows refurbished to be in keeping with the architectural tone of the building. The roof is being repaired to ensure it is sound and waterproof and guttering put around the building and the tops

of chimney stacks rebuilt. The five storey building will include 50 bedrooms, a dining room, a lounge and bar, training rooms, a kitchen, staff rooms and administrative offices. We have also combined two former bedrooms to make a training flat, which will be especially useful to younger St Dunstaners to learn independent living skills.

"The entire building has been rewired and new heating and electrical systems installed. Again in keeping with the history of the building we have retained the internal structure, keeping the dining hall and stairway.

"The integrity of the rooms has been preserved, with modern fixtures and fittings added. Ceilings have been replaced in a number of the bedrooms and the size of the en-suite bathrooms increased to accommodate wheelchairs. There is a choice of rooms with either a shower, bath or assisted baths with seating.

"Behind the scenes in the lower ground floor plant room new boilers and laundry facilities have been installed. A lot of the work has been to improve access, widening doorways and installing a new lift, as well as adding rails with tactile signals to help with orientation. Outside we will lay paths to help people navigate the lawns and there will be plenty of space for archery and outdoor sports."

Construction has started on the extension with the ground and base works and retaining wall completed. The extension will contain 11 high dependency nursing beds fitted with hoists and ensuite wet rooms. There will also be a rehabilitation gym, which will be named the Help for Heroes Gym, in honour of their £1 million donation. It will include the latest equipment where St Dunstaners will receive training from sports and recreation staff and there will be a separate sports room for archery, bowls and acoustic rifle shooting.

Along with a Craft Workshop there will be a ROVI Resource Room. In the training kitchens ROVIs will provide one to one guidance to equip people with the skills and confidence to safely learn how to navigate their way around a kitchen without the use of their sight. In the kitchen they will relearn how to make a hot drink and to cook for themselves and their family without risk of injury.

The upper floor will contain the bedrooms and a station for nursing staff. There will also be a lounge and a small dining room. A patio in the link between the main building and extension will be built to give outside space that's easy to access.

Mick Byrne concluded: "When the construction work has finished we will equip the buildings to have everything ready for the first St Dunstaners who come to the Centre for residential training weeks, holidays or for nursing and respite care."

The Panic.

First Instalment by Ron Wilson.



Pictured: The illustration is a self-portrait of the author, Ron Wilson made in 1944.

During my service in the Far East in 1944 I was posted to the Island base of Diego Garcia.

At this time, to ease the periods of boredom, I made notes of our more exciting times and edited The Panic, a newspaper which included my personal cartoons of this period. The Panic includes mention of RAF Auxiliary Shenking, which was the supply vessel for the Indian Ocean bases.

At the end of the War I packed The Panic into my kitbag and returned to Leeds, where I resumed my career as a lithographer. Life took over as it has a tendency to and work took me to Canada for several years where I met my wife Margaret who had moved there from Scotland to work as a teacher.

The Panic lay forgotten in my kitbag for over 50 years until Margaret discovered it quite by chance.

I went by the pseudonym of Pip, and The Panic was published on the canteen wall at RAF No 29 Advanced Flying Boat Base, Diego Garcia in the Indian Ocean. The original Panic was set up to make amusing reports from routine orders. It gradually developed into highlights of some of the main events on the Island.

In this first instalment I shall now begin my reminiscences, which will be illustrated with extracts of cartoons from The Panic newspaper and more personal notes, starting with this from January 1944.

On Friday 14th January left Koggala by rail, the Ceylon base for flying boats, and arrived at Torrington Towers, which was in Colombo, the capital of Ceylon, now Sri Lanka, and main seaport for the Indian Ocean. This was the transit camp for personnel who were to be posted on special missions. It was where they waited for sea transport to take them to the Island Bases. On 25th January boarded RAF Auxiliary Shenking and set sail for Keeling Island.

Arrived at Keeling Island on Wednesday 26th January at 1400 hrs, we anchored in the lagoon and started unloading supplies into bomb scows. These were small native boats that had been modified to carry armament. General provisions were unloaded into dhows and transported to the RAF base as reserve stores.

The Shenking was anchored at this base for a short time and during this period RAF passengers were allocated positions for sea watches, which we retained whilst sailing to Mali, the capital of the Maldives Islands.

On Monday 31st January arrived at Mali and we were amazed to be greeted with two boats similar to those used in the Oxford Cambridge boat race. It transpired that the Cox of the leading boat was a high dignitary of the Maldives Government who had been educated at one of the aforementioned universities. We were invited to visit Mali, under escort, and warned to keep away from the harems.

We arrived in Diego Garcia, which is the main island in the Chagos Archipelago, on Saturday 5th February. The purpose of the base at Diego Garcia was to refuel flying boats which were omnipresent on anti-submarine and air sea rescue duties in the Indian Ocean. We were here to report the presence of any U Boats and to guide and refuel allied flying boats to our lagoon to further shadow enemy vessels.

RAFA Shenking and other vessels used to bring the fuel in Jerry cans to the Island and were stacked a quarter of a mile away from the RAF jetty. The light railway was built between the jetty and the fuel dump. Manpower was used to load a trolley to convey the fuel between the jetty and the fuel dump and vice versa. From there the marine section of the RAF would convey the fuel to the aircraft.

When the flying boats needed refuelling, all RAF hands were diverted onto the fuel dumps and jetty. They would load a trolley to convey the fuel between the jetty and the fuel dump and vice versa. From there the marine section of the RAF would convey the fuel to the aircraft. I have since found out that after I left DG, Flt Sgt John Logan installed a pipe line from the fuel dump to the jetty and thus eased the load of the 'Erks'.

I was a High Frequency Direction Finder Operator responsible for supplying bearings to the flying boats in that area. DF Diego Garcia seemed to be somewhat erratic for operational purposes and the wireless mechanic was almost in permanent residence looking for faults which seemed to be mainly concerned with power failure.



Pictured: The above illustration depicts the inside of the direction finding hut and if memory serves me well shows the receiver Marconi DFG12 and Goneo, an instrument used to define the position, or direction of aircraft.

Visit to Ovingdean from members of the Blinded Veterans Association USA.

By Colin Williamson



Pictured: Roy Kekahuna Ph. D Blinded Veterans Association National President.

Discussions are currently taking place with Tom Zampieri, Director of Government Relations with the Blinded Veterans Association based in the USA, regarding a proposed visit in May 2011 of five members of the organisation to our Centre at Ovingdean.

The five members include two who were injured in Operation Iraqi Freedom and two injured in the current conflict in Afghanistan, Operation Enduring Freedom. The group will also include the Blinded Veterans Association President, Dr. Roy Kekahuna, a former Special Forces Major who served in the Vietnam War, who will be accompanied by his wife Laurel.

They will be the first group of American war blinded to visit St Dunstan's in what is hoped to be an annual exchange which will see members of St Dunstan's head across the pond as guests of the BVA. The Exchange Programme is named Project Gemini, Gemini being the name of a transatlantic communications cable that links the UK and the US and is also Latin for 'Twins'.

Reunion dates for 2011.

Area	Date	Location
Brighton	23rd Feb	Ovingdean
Brighton	1st Mar	Ovingdean
Derby	15th Mar	The Hallmark Hotel, formally The Midland Hotel, Midland Road, Derby, Derbyshire DE1 2SQ
Middlesborough	31st Mar	Thistle Hotel, Fry Street, Middlesborough TS1 1JH
Cambridge	6th Apr	The Cambridge Belfry Hotel, Cambourne, Cambridge, CB23 6BW
Birmingham	12th Apr	The Birmingham Botanical Gardens, Westbourne Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham B15 3TR
Northern Ireland	14th Apr	The Ramada Hotel, Shaws Bridge, Belfast BT8 7XP
Central London	20th Apr	RAF Club, 128 Piccadilly, London W1J 7PY
Leeds	5th May	Thorpe Park Hotel, 1150 Century Way, Leeds LS15 8BZ
Edinburgh	9th May	Marriott Hotel, 111 Glasgow Road, Edinburgh DN12 8NF
Eastbourne	11th May	Hydro Hotel, Mount Road, Eastbourne BN20 7HZ
Cardiff	12th May	St Mellons Hotel & Country Club, St Mellons, Cardiff CF3 2XR
Brockenhurst	26th May	Balmer Lawn, Lyndhurst Road, Brockenhurst, Hampshire SO42 7ZB
West Sussex	1st Jun	Millstream Hotel & Restaurant, Bosham, Chichester, West Sussex PO18 8HL
Exeter	8th Jun	Mecure Southgate Hotel, Southernhay East, Exeter EX1 1QF
Surrey	15th Jun	Effingham Golf Club, Guildford Road, Effingham, Surrey KT24 5PZ
Liverpool	21st Jun	Marriott Hotel, 1 Queens Square, Liverpool L1 1RH
Llandudno	22nd Jun	Imperial Hotel, The Promenade, Llandudno LL30 1AP
Eastbourne	28th Jun	Hydro Hotel, Mount Road, Eastbourne BN20 7HZ
Barrow	29th Jun	The Abbey House Hotel, Abbey Road, Barrow in Furness LA13 0PA
Eastbourne	13th Jul	Hydro Hotel, Mount Road, Eastbourne BN20 7HZ
Hook	25th Jul	Tylney Hall Hotel, Rotherwick, Hook, Hampshire RG27 9AZ
Inverness	10th Aug	The Kingsmills Hotel, Culcabock Road, Inverness IV2 3LP
Newcastle upon Tyne	23rd Aug	Royal Station Hotel, Neville Street, Newcastle upon Tyne NE1 5DH
Durham	24th Aug	Ramside Hall Hotel, Carville, Durham DH1 1TD
Watford	1st Sep	The Park Inn, 30-40 St Albans Road, Watford WD17 1RN
Blackpool	6th Sep	De Vere Herons Reach, East Park Drive, Blackpool FY3 8LL
Chorley	7th Sep	The Pines Hotel, Preston Road, Clayton-le-Woods, Chorley, Lancs PR6 7ED
Norwich	14th Sep	Barnham Broom Hotel, Honingham Road, Norwich, Norfolk NR9 4DD
Kent	20th Sep	Chart Hill Golf Club, Weeks Lane, Biddenden, Kent TN27 8JX
Bristol	22nd Sep	TBC
Worcester	4th Oct	The Whitehouse Hotel, Foregate Street, Worcester WR1 1EA
Cornwall & Plymouth	5th Oct	Lanhydrock Hotel & Golf Club, Lanhydrock, Plymouth, Bodmin, Cornwall PL30 5AQ
Sheffield	11th Oct	Kenwood Hall Hotel, Kenwood Road, Sheffield S7 1NQ

ASK ROD.

Your queries answered by the
ROVI on Duty Kate Taylor

ROVI on Duty Tel: 01273 391447 E-mail: rovionduty@st-dunstans.org.uk

Watches are often a good choice as birthday and Christmas presents and surely being able to establish the time is one of the most basic elements of independence. Thankfully, for those with a visual impairment, there is a wide range of accessible watches available from organisations such as RNIB who can be contacted on telephone 0303 123 9999, or specialist equipment suppliers such as Cobolt Systems Ltd on telephone 01493 700172.

Watches range from basic models with clear, easy to read faces and good black on white contrast, to more sophisticated talking watches with calendar and alarm functions, as well as tactile models for Braille users. There is even a vibrating timepiece for those unable to use a talking watch due to hearing loss. Radio-controlled watches are popular, as daily automatic updating from the GMT signal removes the need to manually change the time by an hour in March and October. The radio-controlled watch should be left with its back to a window each night to obtain the clearest GMT signal, which updates at around 3am. If the watch misses a signal it will function as normal and update at the next signal.

The St Dunstan's ROVI on DUTY, RoD Service can be contact on telephone: 01273 391447 for queries about equipment or training. We receive a large number of enquiries for advice from St Dunstaners about their 'faulty' watch, often unaware that watches need to have batteries replaced occasionally, and that may be the problem. Unfortunately, RoD is unable to supply and replace batteries, but local jewellers should generally be able to, or the RNIB. For radio-controlled watches, the RNIB will replace batteries for a modest fee from £3.50. Radio-controlled watches require resetting after the insertion of new batteries which can be difficult for local jewellers to manage. This has meant on occasion that a St Dunstaner has spent a considerable sum on the supply and fitting of batteries, but is still left without a watch in working order. If all you require is to have a watch reset after a battery has been fitted, then RNIB will reset the watch free of charge.

To use the RNIB battery replacement service call their Customer Service Department on 0303 123 9999, ask for a reference number to return a watch for battery replacement. You should write the reference number on the outside of the package you send your watch in, and keep a note of the number for your own records, as it will make it easier for you and RNIB to trace your watch in the event of query.

Computer Security Scare.

by David Dent, IT Instructor

There is a new confidence trick that targets home computer users; although this is a nationwide problem, and we have no reason to believe that our beneficiaries are being specifically targeted, we have heard from several St Dunstaners who have been contacted by the con men.

Cold-callers phone people at home, claiming to be working for Microsoft and offering to repair the security problems that they say they have detected on that person's computer.

Sometimes this phone call will come after having clicked on a pop-up warning encountered on a website that urges users to download a program to scan the computer for security threats.

At best, the fraudsters will encourage users to believe they have repaired the PC and will then ask for payment; in the worst possible scenario they will gain access to personal information and may have actually worsened the computer's security.

Microsoft, or other software companies do not monitor the security of individual computers, and websites cannot tell very much about the state of a computer's security when someone visits it. Please ignore any unsolicited contact about your computer and trust your anti-virus program to let you know if there really is a problem.

If in doubt about your computer's security, please contact a trusted local technician or our IT Support Line (01273 391432) for reassurance and advice. For more general information about staying safe online visit this website: www.getsafeonline.org

If you feel that you have fallen victim to this confidence trick please consider warning others in your local community, and reporting it to 'Action Fraud' on 0300 123 2040 (www.actionfraud.org.uk/report_fraud); where you can also receive advice and support.

Requesting Campaign Medals.

by David Habershon

St Dunstaners often ask me about campaign medals and how to obtain them. Most entitled Servicemen and women receive campaign medals while still serving. If you were discharged before the medal was issued it is your responsibility to claim it from the Ministry of Defence Medal Office. As a result there are probably many St Dunstaners who have not received their medals, particularly those who fought in World War II.

As a general rule, most Second World War veterans were not issued with medals before they were demobilised. This differed from the First World War arrangements when the majority of medals were despatched automatically. It was not considered practical after WWII as most people had returned to 'Civvy Street' before the medals were instituted and manufacture did not start until the late 1940s. The task of locating individuals was considered immense and only those still serving received their medals automatically. Everyone else had to claim them. Although availability of medals was widely advertised at the time, many people for a variety of reasons did not do so.

Even now, 60 years later, several hundred veterans, or their next of kin, still make an initial claim for WWII medals every month. They are issued free of charge and can be obtained by the legal next of kin of deceased ex-Servicemen and women with proof of kinship.

To claim medals which have never before been issued, or to replace medals which have been stolen or destroyed, or find out if an individual is entitled to a medal, you should write to the Ministry of Defence's Medals Office at:

MoD Medal Office, Building 250, Imjin Barracks, Gloucester GL3 1HW

You need to provide the following information:

Service number, Service/Corps/Regiment, Rank and date of discharge, plus of course your name and address. All this information is held on St Dunstan's database if you need it. The medals office is currently unable to accept claims by email, and be mindful there could be a backlog.

Ten questions on...

The subject "Catch Phrases".

by Harry Beevers

- 1) "Hello Possums", is the catch-phrase of which Australian-born entertainer?
- 2) "Don't panic", "We're doomed" and "Permission to speak" are catch-phrases from which TV series?
- 3) Which entertainer and former swimming champion born in 1930 is well known for the words, "Can you tell what it is yet?"
- 4) Which comedy film starring Barbara Streisand and Ryan O'Neal took its name from a cartoon character's catch-phrase?
- 5) Who was a guest on radio's Desert Island Discs on a record four occasions and was known by his catch-phrases, "Hello playmates", "Before your very eyes" and "I thank you"?
- 6) In which radio series did entertainer Kenneth Williams first use the phrase "Stop messing about"?
- 7) What was the name of the film actor playing the character famous for the words, "Where've you been? Who've you been with", "What've you been doing?" and "Why"?
- 8) Who in the 1931 film "Blonde Crazy" made the accusation, "That dirty, double-crossing rat"?
- 9) Said to have been Joseph Stalin's favourite film star, who had the catch-phrases "It's turned out nice again" and "Oh mother"?
- 10) Which 17th century member of the Admiralty is remembered for the words written at the end of the day, "And so to bed".

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Family News

Congratulations to:

Proud grandmother Sylvia Burton, widow of St Dunstaner Ken Burton, who is pleased to announce the birth of Daniel Thomas Burton on 10 November 2010, who weighed in at 7lb 15oz. Parents Carl and Rachel are delighted with the new addition to their family.

Mark and Elisabeth Maddock of Harmagor, Austria on the birth of their daughter Miriam, who was born on 10 December at 0029 hrs, weighing in at 3460g and measuring 51 cm. Miriam is their fourth child.

Birthdays

Congratulations to St Dunstaner Ernest Freeman of North Shields, Tyne and Wear who celebrated his 100th birthday on 12th January.

Congratulations also go to St Dunstaner Alfred Burrell who celebrated his 102nd birthday on 26th January.

Weddings

Congratulations to:

Silver Anniversaries

Dennis & Michelle Sargins of Scunthorpe, South Humberside on 11th January.

Pearl Anniversaries

Roy and Janet Davis of Wallasey, Merseyside on 31st January.

Ruby Anniversaries

John and Maureen Skilton of Plymouth, Devon on 2nd January.

John and Agnes Roberts of Bognor Regis, West Sussex on 23rd January.

Henry and Val Shelton of Wigston, Leicestershire on 30th January.

Golden Anniversaries

Geoffrey and Phyllis Nicholson of Stanley, County Durham on 14th January.

Diamond Anniversaries

Maurice and Betty Chubb of Stourbridge, West Midlands on 6th January.

Robert and Janet Braithwaite of Spondon, Derbyshire on 20th January.

Arthur and June Adlem of Hungerford, Berkshire on 20th January .

Brian and Josie Costin of Bognor Regis, West Sussex on 24th January.

David and Kath Raybould of Tipton, West Midlands on 24th January.

Charles and Jean Reagan of York, North Yorkshire on 29th January.

Blue Sapphire

Leonard and Lillian Rees of Swansea, West Glamorgan on 24th October.

Thomas and Martha Davies of Blackwood, Gwent on 31st October.

Platinum Anniversaries

Jim and Betty Deller of Peacehaven, East Sussex on 25th January.

Deaths

We regret to announce the death of:

Margaret Birks of Newcastle, Staffordshire died on 1st July 2010. She was the wife of St Dunstaner Frank Birks.

Ivy Brand (Whiteley) died on 8th January 2011. She was the mother of St Dunstaner Nigle Whiteley

Marion Douglass of Ruislip, Middlesex died on 5th January 2011. She was the widow of St Dunstaner the late John Douglass.

Bertha Drew of Brixham, Devon died on 5th November 2010. She was the widow of St Dunstaner, the late Norman Drew.

Jean Finnemore of Richmond, Surrey died on 8th September 2010. She was the wife of St Dunstaner William Finnemore.

Lucy Hulme of Stafford, Staffordshire died on 13th November 2010.

Winifred Leaver of Narrabeen, New South Wales, Australia died on 31st December 2010. She was the widow of St Dunstaner the late Ivor Leaver.

Ava Lidbury of New South Wales, Australia died on 8th April 2010.

Audrey Lowman of New Barnet, Hertfordshire died on 17th November 2010. She was the widow of St Dunstaner the late James Lowman.

Joan Martin of Tadworth, Surrey died on 24th December 2010. She was the wife of St Dunstaner Frank Martin.

Ruth Moore of Mayfield, East Sussex. She was the wife of St Dunstaner James Moore.

Norma Phillips of Sutton Coldfield, West Midlands died on 28th December 2010. She was the wife of St Dunstaner Ernest Phillips.

Pamela Rhoades of Stockbridge, Chichester died on 17th April 2010. She was the widow of St Dunstaner the late Reginald Rhoades.

Julia Richards of Bournemouth, Dorset died on 3rd December 2010. She was the widow of St Dunstaner the late Thomas Richards.

Patricia Walker of Portsmouth, Hampshire died on 12th November 2010. She was the wife of St Dunstaner Terence Walker.

Kenneth Withers of Kingswood, Bristol died on 7th December. He was the husband of St Dunstaner Violet Withers.

Welcome to **St Dunstan's**.

Harold Aboe of Epsom served in the Royal Army Medical Corps from October 1939 to March 1946.

Bertram Bale of Newport served in the Welsh Guards from December 1953 to December 1956.

Bernard Beevers of Saltburn-by-the-Sea served in the Royal Artillery from September 1942 to July 1947.

Peter Bennett of Swindon served his National Service from March 1951 to April 1953 and in the Royal Army Veterinary Corps from April 1953 to September 1956

Philip Belton of Newhaven served in the Royal Navy from June 1944 to January 1948.

Ernest Booker of Saltburn-by-the-Sea served in the Royal Northumberland Fusiliers from November 1957 to December 1959 and in the Green Howard's, Alexandra, Princess of Wales Own Yorkshire Regiment, from December 1959 to April 1963.

Stephen Briggs of Newton Aycliffe served in the Royal Air Force from January 1941 to April 1946.

Frederick Brown of Kidderminster served in the South Staffordshire Regiment from April 1944 to July 1944 and in the Royal Army Ordnance Corps from July 1944 to January 1948.

Nicholas Browne of London served in the Royal Navy from November 1943 to March 1947.

Irene Brown of Romford served in the Auxiliary Territorial Service from June 1945 to March 1948.

Arthur Bunn of Norwich served in the Royal Signals from April 1939 to July 1946 and in the Royal Army Medical Corps from November 1952 to June 1959.

Edward Callaghan of St Helen's served in the Royal Engineers from June 1955 to December 1960.

Donald Carter of Thornton-Cleveleys served in the Royal Air Forces from October 1950 to October 1952.

William Carter of Eastbourne served in the Royal Navy from March 1943 to August 1946.

Rev Canon Roy Cochrane of Retford served in the Royal Air Force from December 1942 to April 1946.

Harry Connors of Stockport served in the General Service Corps from September 1944 to October 1944. He served in the Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers from October 1944 to September 1945 and in the Royal Irish Fusiliers from September 1945 to March 1948.

Patricia Cormack of Fakenham served in the Women's Royal Army Corps from July 1956 to April 1965.

Gordon Craig of Sunderland served in the Royal Air Force from January 1946 to February 1948.

Peter Crean of Newton-le-Willows served in the Lancashire Fusiliers from July to August 1952 and with the King's Own from August 1952 until September 1955.

Lorenzo Cridland of Haywards Heath served in the Royal Signals from March 1937 to May 1946. He served in the Royal Engineers from March 1950 to March 1952 and with the Royal Signals from April 1952 to April 1960.

Sydney Davis of Ashford served with the Home Guard from May 1940 to December 1945.

James Davies of Ammanford served in the Royal Army Service Corps from 1945 to 1947.

Roger Dunford of Hove served in the Royal Navy from December 1940 to August 1946.

George Ferguson of Coventry served in the Royal Air Force from October 1956 to April 1960.

Paul Findlay of Dunfermline served in the Royal Army Medical Corps from February 1989 to July 1994.

Joy Folkard of Leatherhead served in the Royal Navy from March 1944 to August 1946.

Donald Goffi of Hove served in the Royal Air Force from July 1943 to July 1947.

John Graham of Ipswich served in the Royal Marines from October 1941 to April 1946.

Harold Griffin of Birmingham served in the South Staffordshire Regiment from October 1941 to September 1942 and in the Royal Engineers from September 1942 to January 1947.

Jack Grimes of North Walsham served in the General Service Corps from May 1946 to June 1946 and in the Army Catering Corps from June 1946 to August 1948.

Henry Haden of Brighton served in the Royal Engineers from May 1940 to August 1946.

Peter Hardman of Widnes served in the King's Regiment from October 1949 to November 1949 and in the Royal Pioneer Corps from November 1949 to April 1955.

Albert Hardwick of Camberley served in the Royal Air Force from June 1942 to April 1947.

George Hardwick of Swansea served in the Royal Artillery from October 1939 to October 1946.

John Harrison of Scunthorpe served in the Royal Signals from March 1949 to September 1950 and in the Royal Artillery from September 1950 to September 1954.

Brian Harvey of St Ives served in the General Service Corps from June 1943 to July 1943 and in the Northamptonshire Regiment from July 1943 to February 1944. He also served in the Queen's Royal Regiment, West Surrey, from February 1944 to January 1946.

Ethel Harvie of Littlehampton served in the Auxiliary Territorial Service from September 1942 to June 1946.

William Heath of Liverpool served in the Royal Air Force from April 1941 to January 1946.

Arthur Hollands of Halifax served in the Royal Navy from January 1943 to December 1946.

Michael Hotherstall of Worthing served in the Royal Green Jackets, from March 1961 to August 1964.

Michael Hulse of Solihull served in the Royal Signals from October 1950 to April 1956.

Henry Hymers of Jarrow served in the General Service Corps from August 1946 to October 1946. He served in the Royal Signals from August 1946 to October 1948 and in the Royal Signals from January 1951 to January 1955.

Geoffrey Johnson of Salisbury served in the Royal Navy from November 1948 to October 1951 and from July 1952 to August 1954. He then served with the Royal Air Force from May 1958 to May 1967.

Michael Johnson of Liverpool served in the King's Regiment from November 1992 to June 1999 and the Cheshire Regiment from June 1999 to January 2005.

Marie Jones of Colwyn Bay served in the Woman's Royal Air Force from October 1941 to March 1946.

Peter Jones of Peterborough served in the Royal Air Force from July 1942 to September 1946.

Ronald Jones of Slough served in the Royal Air Force from May 1941 to September 1946.

Derek Keen of Llanidloes served in the Royal Artillery from August 1952 to August 1955.

Stanley Kirk of Basingstoke served in the Royal Artillery from July 1940 to April 1946.

Kenneth Lansley of Tiverton served in the General Service Corps from August 1944 to September 1944. He served in the East Lancashire Regiment from September 1944

to March 1946 and in the Lancashire Fusiliers from March 1946 to February 1948.

Valerie Maskell of Newbury served in the Voluntary Aid Detachment from September 1944 to November 1946.

Eric Maskew of Shipley served in the Royal Air Force from December 1942 to June 1945.

John McKay of Birmingham served in the Royal Artillery from April 1939 to May 1946.

Joan McLean of Oxford served in the Women's Royal Naval Service from October 1942 to August 1945.

William Menzies of Hosham served in the Royal Artillery from January 1940 to August 1946.

Ronald Mills of Chichester served in the Royal Air Force from June 1941 to September 1946.

Dora Minney of Prescott served in the Auxiliary Territorial Service in May 1941 to June 1942.

Charles Morrison of Liskeard served in the Royal Navy from March 1942 to August 1946.

Peter Mould of the Isle of Bute served in the Scots Guards from November 1987 to February 1988.

Hester Nottage of Salisbury served in the Royal Navy from May 1942 to July 1946.

Peter Olney of Ellesmere Port served in the Royal Air Force from May 1952 to September 1953.

David Oram of Watford served in the Royal Air Force from December 1949 to May 1953.

Gerald Parfitt of Exeter served in the Royal Navy from January 1943 to May 1946.

William Pick of Liverpool served in the Royal Artillery from February 1941 to May 1945, with the Royal Warwickshire Regiment from May 1945 to January 1946 and with the Gloucestershire Regiment from January 1946 to October 1946.

John Pillans of the Isle of North Uist served in the Royal Army Pay Corps from March 1957 to March 1962.

Stanley Portway of Cleveland served in the Household Cavalry Regiment from December 1942 to 1946.

Winifred Rand of Ashford served in the Royal Air Force from April 1943 to September 1946.

Arthur Roberts of Lytham St Anne's served in the Merchant Navy from July 1942 to July 1946.

Harry Roberts of Cowes served in the Merchant Navy from January 1942 to February 1947.

Ronald Robinson of Buckingham served in the Royal Navy from March 1943 to November 1946.

Andrew Ronald of Lichfield served in the Royal Air Force from March 1943 to July 1947.

James Ross of Eastbourne served in the Royal Navy from March 1943 to July 1947.

Reginald Same of Warminster served in the Royal Artillery from April 1941 to July 1945 and in the Royal Army Service Corps from July 1945 to May 1947. He then served with the Royal Army Service Corps from May 1951 to May 1955.

Albert Sanders of Mitcham served in the Royal Artillery from July 1940 to March 1945 and in the Sherwood Foresters, Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire Regiment, from March 1945 to October 1946.

Alfred Scarth of Scarborough served in the Royal Army Ordnance Corps from September 1939 to October 1942 and in the Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers from October 1942 to March 1946.

Sydney Sharples of Preston served in the General Service Corps from February 1948 to April 1948 and in the Royal Army Medical Corps from April 1948 to January 1950.

Francis Simpson of Wilmslow served in the Royal Navy from May 1943 to August 1944.

Joseph Stackhouse of Walsall served in the Royal Engineers from February 1955 to February 1958.

William Stiven of Kirkcaldy served in the Royal Air Force from October 1946 to October 1968.

Barbara Taptiklis of Cambridge served in the Women's Auxiliary Air Force from 1939 to 1945.

George Tate of London served in the Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers from January 1950 to July 1955.

Keith Thompson of Saltburn-by-the-Sea served in the Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers from May 1951 to May 1953.

Benjamin Thorne of Bury served in the Lancashire Fusiliers from August 1950 to February 1956.

Ronald Tudor of Flint served in the Royal Signals from April 1962 to December 1967 and from December 1968 to December 1969.

Ronald Tuft of Mansfield served in the Army Catering Corps from October 1954 to April 1960.

Roger Turner of Uttoxeter served in the General Service Corps from March 1943 to July 1943. He served in the Cheshire Regiment from July 1943 to July 1944 and in the Royal West Kent Regiment from July 1944 to October 1945. He served in the Hampshire Regiment from October 1945 to September 1947.

Keith Watson of Kendal served in the Royal Air Force from September 1954 to March 1956.

Paul West of Blandford Forum served in the Royal Air Force from November 1978 to October 1980.

Alfred White of Bath served in the Royal Engineers from May 1939 to March 1946.

Sylvia Wilde of Callington served in the Women's Royal Army Corps from October 1963 to October 1971.

William Would of Telford served in the Royal Air Force from November 1947 to October 1957.

Marion Young of Chinnor served in the Auxiliary Territorial Service from July 1941 to September 1945.

In Memory.



It is with deep regret that we record the deaths of the following St Dunstaners and we offer our heartfelt condolences to their widows, family and friends.

Zoe Baker

Women's Royal Naval Service

Edwina Baker of Hebden Bridge, West Yorkshire died on 26th November 2010, aged 73. She joined the WRNS in November 1955. She qualified in meteorology and served at various air stations including RNAS Culdrose, Daedalus and Lossiemouth. Discharged as a Leading Wren in November 1959 she worked for the Met Office.

Ronald Barker

Royal Navy

Ronald Barker of Faversham, Kent died on 12th November 2010, aged 87. He joined the Royal Navy in April 1946 and trained at HMS Excellent, Portsmouth and later at Woolwich. He then served in the battleship HMS King George V as an ordnance artificer, maintaining the guns. He left the Royal Navy in September 1947 and returned to civilian life.

Ronald Berry

Royal Armoured Corps, Royal Army Ordnance Corps and Royal Electrical & Mechanical Engineers

Ronald Berry of Norwich, Norfolk died on 24th November 2010, aged 89. He joined the RAC in 1942 and four months later moved to the RAOC. In October 1942 he transferred to the REME and served in France, Belgium and Germany following the Normandy landings. He lost his right eye in a parachute accident and was discharged as medically unfit in January 1947 when he returned to civilian life setting up his own painting and decorating business.

Charles Bibb

General Service Corps

Charles Bibb of Erdington, Birmingham died on 22nd November 2010, aged 89. He joined the GSC in 1942 and transferred to the REME. He was posted

to France, moving through to Germany where he was wounded in a mine explosion. Mr Bibb was demobilised in February 1946.

Leslie Bottrell

Royal Navy and Royal Electrical Mechanical Engineers

Leslie Bottrell of Barrow in Furness, Cumbria died on 7th December 2010, aged 88. He joined the Royal Navy in August 1945 and served as an Acting Engine Room Artificer 4th Class in Singapore before he was demobilised in October 1946. He joined the REME in September 1950, serving in the British Army of the Rhine, Tripoli and Cyprus prior to discharge in September 1962. He then worked in Germany for 14 years.

Alan Brice

Royal Artillery

Alan Brice of Gillingham, Kent died on 20th December 2010, aged 75. He served in the Royal Artillery from 1953 to 1956 as a Gunner.

Albert Burns

Royal Navy

Albert Burns of Eastbourne, East Sussex died on 31st December 2010, aged 89. He served in the Royal Navy from May 1937 to May 1961, leaving as a Chief Engineer. He joined the training ship Warspite and from there he joined the Royal Navy after he passed his exams. He then went to HMS Ganges to start his Royal Naval training. He served on the Battleship HMS Royal Sovereign and sailed on the North Atlantic. He was later transferred to Q ships in the South Atlantic Conveys on escort duty. He later sailed in the Eastern Mediterranean.

William 'Bill' Butcher

Royal Horse Artillery (and Kings African Rifles)

William 'Bill' Butcher died on 30th November 2010, aged 96. Mr Butcher joined the Royal Horse Artillery in May 1932 and trained at Woolwich. He was posted to K Battery in Monmouth, Wales and later to Cairo for four years. He returned to the UK in October 1937 and did a six month training course as a Chauffeur Gardener. Joining the Reserves he worked as a delivery van driver, but he rejoined the Army in August 1939 and served in the UK as an instructor for two years. He was then posted to Northern Ireland and later to Kenya. After service in Palestine and Burma he was demobilised in January 1946.

William 'Cliff' Carlton**Royal Engineers**

William 'Cliff' Carlton of Ovingdean, East Sussex died on 7th November 2010, aged 94. He served in the Royal Engineers, 38 Bomb Disposal Section (DE) from May 1940 until April 1941. He was discharged after he was wounded whilst on bomb disposal duty and a heavy calibre shell exploded. Mr Carlton suffering head and face injuries, losing both eyes and he sustained further injuries to his right leg. However went on to train as a physiotherapist.

Nancy Chadwick**Auxiliary Territorial Service**

Nancy Chadwick of Oldham, Lancashire died on 26th November 2010, aged 89. She served in the Auxiliary Territorial Service in the Pay Corps, Royal Engineers from April 1942 to September 1945 when she was demobilised leaving as a Sergeant.

James Church**Royal Army Ordnance Corps**

James Church of Hingham, Norwich died on 2nd January 2011, aged 81. He joined the RAOC for National Service in October 1947 and served in the UK before discharged in September 1949 at the completion of normal service.

Joseph Collins**Royal Engineers**

Joseph Collins of Basingstoke, Hampshire died on 1st November 2010, aged 95. He joined the Royal Engineers in Jun 1940, training in Scotland and landing at Normandy in July 1944. His unit fought through to Lübeck, Germany on the Baltic Sea. He was demobilised in May 1946 and he returned to his work with Lascelles Ltd in London.

William Cooban**Royal Corps Signals**

William Cooban of Liverpool, Merseyside died on 12th February 2010, aged 94. He joined the Royal Signals in February 1945 in Northampton and held the rank of Private Driver/Mechanic serving in the UK, followed by Egypt and North Africa, along the coast to El Alamein, before he was demobilised in September 1947.

George 'Terry' Cook**Royal Corps of Transport**

George 'Terry' Cook died on 6th December 2010, aged 75. He joined the Royal Corps of Transport as a boy soldier in May 1952, serving in the UK, France,

Cyprus, British Army of the Rhine and Northern Ireland, as well as taking part in the Christmas Island atomic tests in the 1950s. He was commissioned in 1977 and did short tours in Belize and Singapore retiring as a Major in September 1989.

John 'Tommy' Cooper**Fleet Air Arm**

John 'Tommy' Cooper of Scunthorpe, South Humberside died on 6th November, 2010, aged 87. He was a steel worker before he joined the Fleet Air Arm in June 1943, qualifying as an Air Mechanic, Electrical. He served with 834 Squadron and onboard the aircraft carriers HMS Victorious and HMS Stalker. Discharged from the Royal Navy as an Air Mechanic, Electrical, 1st Class in May 1946 he returned to civilian life.

William Coulthard**Royal Air Force**

William Coulthard of Morpeth, Northumberland died on 5th November 2010, aged 75. He joined the RAF in 1954 and served at Catterick as a trainee gunner before he was discharged. He then went to work at Crown Paints technical department in Newcastle before leaving to work at Morpeth Hospital as a porter.

Thomas Craig**Black Watch (Royal Highland Regiment) and Royal Engineers**

Thomas Craig of Jarrow, South Tyneside died on 21st December, aged 83. He served in the General Service Corps from April 1946 to August 1946, the Black Watch from August 1946 to December 1948, the Royal Engineers from December 1948 to July 1952 and thereafter on Reserve with the Royal Engineers until September 1959 leaving as a Sapper. He served at home as well as in India, Trieste, British Army of the Rhine, France and Germany.

Wilfred Cross**Royal Navy**

Wilfred Cross of Blackpool, Lancashire died on 30th November 2010, aged 96. He joined the Royal Navy in January 1941, serving in small patrol boats and minesweepers mainly off the South East Coast of England with the Royal Navy Patrol Service. A qualified gunner he was discharged as a Petty Officer in Dec 1945.

Alan Daniel**East Riding Yeomanry**

Alan Daniel, Thame, Oxfordshire died on 31st October 2010, aged 92. He joined the East Riding Yeomanry in October 1939 and served in Catterick until June 1944. He took part in the second front in France and fought through to Germany. He was discharged as a Lance Corporal in April 1946.

Thomas Davies**Royal Horse Artillery**

Thomas Davies of Blackwood, Gwent died on 4th December 2010, aged 90. He joined the Royal Horse Artillery in February 1939 and trained at Woolwich. He was deployed to a variety of locations throughout the south of England with a Field Artillery Unit and subsequently sent to France with the British Expeditionary Force where he was captured and made a Prisoner of War. He spent most of his time in Upper Silesia and also some time at Konisberg and Peenemünde where the flying bombs were sent from. Mr Davies was eventually repatriated by the American Forces and was demobilised in July 1946 when he spent some time recovering from his experiences. He then found employment as a carpenter and remained in the building trade in South Wales until he retired.

Dennis Ede**Royal Air Force**

Dennis Ede of Dorking, Surrey died on 22nd December 2010, aged 79. He joined the RAF in March 1950 and served in Oxford. He was discharged as an AC1 in April 1952 at the completion of normal engagement.

Hans Eilenberg**Pioneer Corps and Royal Engineers**

Hans Eilenberg of Twickenham, Middlesex died on 7th December 2010, aged 92. Born in Wjerzburg and brought up in Berlin he left Germany in 1936 to join relations in London. He qualified as a civil engineer before joining the Pioneer Corps in June 1940 followed by Officer Training in 1943, after which he was commissioned in the Royal Engineers in March 1944. He served in Egypt and East Africa. He returned to the UK in 1945 and was medically discharged in 1947 following a motorcycle accident in which he lost his leg. Following his discharge he set up as a Consulting Engineer working in Thailand and Ghana before he returned to the UK in the 1980s.

Victor Evans**Royal Army Ordnance Corps and Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers**

Victor Evans of North Walsham, Norfolk died on 18th November 2010, aged 90. Mr Evans was first employed as a welder. He was called up to join the

RAOC in October 1941 and immediately employed as a welding instructor. He transferred to the REME in October 1942 when he served in the UK. He was discharged as a Sergeant in October 1946. Following service he returned to the Army workshops in Mill Hill and continued as an instructor.

Kenneth Fildew**Royal Air Force**

Kenneth Fildew of Tiverton, Devon died on 12th November 2010, aged 75. He joined the Royal Air Force in 1953 and served in Moreton-in-Marsh, St Athan, East Dereham and Swanton Morley. He was discharged as a LAC in March 1957 after an extension of service.

William Foxley**Royal Air Force**

William Foxley of Ware, Hertfordshire died on 5th December 2010, aged 87. Mr Foxley served in the Royal Air Force from January 1942 until December 1947. He was injured when the Wellington bomber he was in crashed during training on 17 March 1944. He escaped relatively unscathed but went back into the bomber to help his crewmates. The plane was like an inferno and he had to climb out of the astrodome at the top, which was when he sustained severe burns to his face and hands and the loss of his right eye and burns to the surface of his left eye. Three of his crewmates were killed and three, including him, survived. He was a member of the 'Guinea Pig Club' at East Grinstead where he underwent 29 operations during three and a half years when his face was rebuilt and surgeons repaired what was left of his hands.

He commuted to London where he worked for the Electricity Board. When asked how his experiences had affected him he would say that your personality will come through and he had learnt not to worry too much, just to get on with it.

Robert Freeman**Royal Engineers**

Robert Freeman of Ilkeston, Derbyshire died on 12th November 2010, aged 90. Mr Freeman joined the Royal Engineers in October 1940 and served in North Africa, Italy and Greece before being demobilised in October 1946.

Ronald Gadsby**1st Battalion Duke of Wellington, West Riding Division**

Ronald Gadsby of Leeds, West Yorkshire died on 6th January 2011, aged 86. He served in the 1st Battalion Duke of Wellington, West Riding Division from July 1943 to February 1945. He was injured in action in Italy in September 1944 which resulted in the loss of both his eyes.

Peter Gould**Royal Armoured Corp**

Peter Gould of Brighton, East Sussex died on 25th November 2010, aged 88. He joined the Royal Armoured Corp in September 1941. He transferred to the 42nd Armoured Division in March 1942, and then the 11th Armoured Division in October 1943, landing in Normandy on D+6. He fought through Germany before he was demobilised in December 1946.

John Gossage**Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers**

John Gossage of Northampton, Northamptonshire died on 29th December 2010, aged 86. He was originally an apprentice mechanic at Central Motor's in Kettering before spending some time working in a munitions factory in Kettering. He joined the Home Guard but was called up for regular service in February 1943, training at Britannia Barracks in Norwich. Posted to the REME he served in a variety of locations around the UK prior to landing in France on D + 10 at Caen. He was returned to the UK for medical treatment and on recovery was posted around the UK before he was sent to Gibraltar for 18 months. He was discharged in July 1947.

John Grinham**Royal Marines**

John Grinham of Birmingham, West Midlands died on 16th December 2010, aged 85. He joined the Royal Marines at the age of 16 in December 1942. Following initial training in Portsmouth he served onboard Royal Navy escort vessels on Russian convoys. He remembered HMS Diadem and recollects the German battleship Tirpitz as a threat to allied convoys. He took part in the D-Day landings at Juno beach providing cover to the beach parties. He was discharged in July 1946.

Bertha Haley**Woman's Royal Army Corps**

Bertha Haley of Oxted, Surrey died on 15th November 2010, aged 96. She joined the Women's Royal Army Corps and after basic training specialised as a driver. She was posted to York Barracks and spent her time as a driver until she was demobilised in January 1944.

Edward Hare**Royal Scots Fusiliers and Cameronians**

Edward Hare of Kingsbridge, Devon died on 20th November, aged 88. He joined the Royal Scots Fusiliers in 1936 and transferred to the Cameronians in July 1942. Serving in India and Burma he was injured by gunfire whilst serving in Burma during World War II and his left arm was amputated above the elbow. He was discharged as medically unfit in March 1946 and returned to civilian life.

Leonard Hiscock**Royal Navy**

Leonard Hiscock of Farnham, Surrey died on 2nd December 2010, aged 84. He joined the Royal Navy in November 1943 and trained as a 'Hostilities only' rating. He trained at HMS Royal Arthur, Skegness and served in Rosyth, Fife in HMS Dauntless and transferred to the supply branch. He then served in HMS Ceylon and was stationed in South East Asia, including Rangoon and Singapore. He was posted ashore in Ceylon and demobilised as a Petty Officer in December 1946.

Roy Hughes**Royal Signals and Territorial Army**

Roy Hughes of Maidstone, Kent died on 1st December 2010, aged 79. He was called up for two years National Service in August 1949 when he trained at Catterick as a Radar Operator before he was posted to Germany. At the end of his National Service he signed on in the Territorial Army and qualified as a TA Yeoman which was highly unusual at the time. He was commissioned in 1972 and retired from the TA as a Major in October 1990. He remained involved with his regiment.

William Jenkins**Royal Navy**

Williams Jenkins of Cambridge died on 9th November 2010, aged 87. Having worked as a carpenter's assistant he used his skills during the war to repair

bomb damage. He joined the Royal Navy in December 1942 and trained in Wales at HMS Pwllheli. He was based at Chatham on general sea duties before he was drafted to Newcastle to commission HMS Abercombie. He then moved to the Mediterranean on convoy duty and took part in the invasion of Sicily and Italy. He also spent a brief period in Gibraltar and Malta before he was demobilised in March 1946.

Ronald 'Ron' Jones

Royal Air Force

Ron Jones of Newton Abbot, Devon died on 14th December 2010, aged 91. He left school at the age of 15 to begin an aircraft apprenticeship at RAF Halton, which he completed at the outbreak of WWII. He was posted to RAF Locking as potential aircrew but became a Flight Engineer and trained at RAF Scampton. He completed 35 sorties over Germany on Lancaster Bombers and then applied for Transport Command. He was posted to the Far East flying on the Manchester Aircraft. He spent time in Calcutta, Karachi, Sri Lanka and Burma and at the end of the war he remained in the RAF to complete his 12 year engagement. He then became a Flight Engineer on freight airlines joining Caledonian Airline in 1962 and retiring at 60.

George King

Royal Navy

George King of Skelmersdale, Lancashire died on 28th December 2010, aged 93. He served in the Royal Navy September 1940 to January 1946 leaving as an Able Seaman. He served in the North Atlantic on a Q ship which was torpedoed. He was then sent to Gibraltar where he joined HMS Wild Swan and was stationed in Freetown West Africa. HMS Wild Swan was bombed and sunk. He then joined HMS Vienna an MTB mother ship and he sailed to North Africa and on to Sicily and Italy.

Ivor Lambe

Home Guard

Ivor Lambe of Mumbles, Swansea died on 8th November 2010, aged 94. Mr Lambe initially worked with the local authority and when the war started drove an ambulance during the Cardiff Blitz. He manned a trawler during the Dunkirk evacuation and joined the Home Guard in August 1941, serving as a driver in Cardiff. He was demobilised in December 1944.

Beryl Leach

Women's Royal Naval Service

Beryl Leach of Cirencester, Gloucestershire died on 20th October, aged 89. She joined the WRNS in Portsmouth and, after a brief spell in the Admiralty, she was commissioned at Greenwich specialising as a Cipher Officer. She was posted to the Orkneys, then to Gibraltar before returning to Portsmouth to be demobilised in June 1945.

Ivor Leaver

Australian Forces

Ivor Leaver of Narrabeen, New South Wales, Australia died on 17th March 2001, aged 89. He served in the Australian Forces from 1939 until 1947, leaving as a corporal.

Leslie Lightfoot

Royal Air Force

Leslie Lightfoot of North West London died on 29th November 2010, aged 97. He joined the Royal Air Force in 1934 at Uxbridge and trained at RAF Hawkinge in Folkestone where he flew from cruisers. He was involved in HMS Devonshire, a pilotless target aircraft and flew out of Malta, where he was in Malta when war broke out. He was posted to Cairo where he worked in a Squadron looking after equipment and repairing US aircraft: P40s and Kittyhawks. He also ran the Squadron football team. He was demobilised in January 1946, leaving as a Sergeant.

Jack Lillington

Royal Army Service Corps

Jack Lillington of Poole, Dorset died on Monday 8th November 2010, aged 81. He joined the RASC in September 1947 and served in East Africa before he was demobilised in August 1949.

Rose Maddocks

Auxiliary Territorial Services

Rose Maddocks of Wigston, Leicestershire died on 12th November 2010, aged 84. She was brought up in various locations as both her father and brother were in the Army. She was at a military boarding school before joining the ATS in Feb 1943. She qualified as a Cook, serving in the UK holding the rank of Corporal before she was demobilised in March 1947. Her husband remained

in the Army Catering Corps for a full career and they were posted to Germany, Hong Kong, Singapore and Malta.

Anthony Male

Royal Navy

Anthony Male of Gosport, Hampshire died on 22nd November 2010, aged 66. He joined the Navy Clubs, Sea Cadets, as a boy and then the Royal Navy when he was 16 years old. He served in the Royal Navy from 1961 to 1963, leaving as a Steward. He was a junior assistant steward on HMS Pembroke, a shore based establishment. He was then posted to HMS Hermes in Hong Kong followed by HMS Centaur and from there to Mombassa.

Kenward Mason

Royal Tank Regiment

Kenward Mason of Balcombe, West Sussex died on 30th November 2010, aged 91. Mr Mason joined the 48th Battalion Royal Tank Regiment in April 1939 having fought during service in North Africa and Italy. He was demobilised in May 1946 when he held the rank of Lance Corporal.

Kenneth MacDonald

Royal Navy

Kenneth MacDonald of Formby, Merseyside died on 9th January 2011, aged 88. He served in the Royal Navy from March 1942 to August 1943 leaving as an Acting AB. He served at home, in India and in New York.

Peter McNeil

General Service Corps and Royal Army Ordnance Corps

Peter McNeil of Plymouth, Devon died on 14th November 2010, aged 86. He joined the GSC in March 1945 and transferring a month later to the RAOC. Demobilised in March 1948 Mr McNeil re-enlisted on 15 December 1951 and served in East Africa, the Middle East Land Forces and the British Army of the Rhine before finally leaving as a WOII in June 1963.

Thomas Mitchell

Royal Air Force

Thomas Mitchell who lived at the Ovingdean Centre died on 24th December 2010, aged 94. He served with the Royal Air Force from 1939 to 1946, leaving

as a Corporal. Mr Mitchell started his military training in Padgate before he was posted to Henlow to receive training for aircraft electrical installations. He was then posted to Tern Hill and from there to Canada where he served for three years, training air crew. He remained in Canada until December 1943 when he returned to Cosford. In 1946 he returned to civilian life leaving the RAF as a Corporal Instructor.

Reginald Newton

Royal Artillery

Reginald Newton of Didcot, Oxfordshire died on 1st January 2011, aged 91. He joined the Royal Artillery in March 1940 and served on the Ack-Ack batteries in London before being posted to Antwerp after D-Day. He was in the Hartz Mountains, Germany until the end of the war. Demobilised in July 1946 he returned to civilian life.

Frank Norris

General Service Corps, Dorset Regiment and Royal Army Ordnance Corps

Frank Norris of Hayes, Middlesex died on 6th January 2011, aged 86. Mr Norris was called up in January 1943 and after two months training with the General Service Corps in Brentwood and Colchester he joined the Dorset Regiment and was posted to Yorkshire. After that he joined the Royal Army Ordnance Corps and he was torpedoed off North Africa en route to India. He eventually arrived and moved through to Burma and into Rangoon. He then moved into French Indo China and subsequently Saigon prior to returning to Aldershot where he became the Pay Sergeant.

Cyril Pinfold

General Service Corps and Royal Army Veterinary Corps

Cyril Pinfold of Doncaster, South Yorkshire died on 4th January 2011, aged 85. He joined the General Service Corps in 1943 and trained at Omagh in Northern Ireland. He was placed with the Ulster Rifles where he remained until he was posted to the Royal Army Veterinary Corps in September 1943. He was posted to Italy where he took part in the campaign to free the country. He cared for the Army mules and was discharged in April 1946. He carried on as a reserve until June 1951.

Joseph Ponting**Royal Artillery**

Joseph Ponting of Nailsworth, Gloucestershire died on 26 November 2010, aged 87. He served in the 70th Battalion Gloucestershire Regiment from December 1941. He then transferred to the Royal Artillery in November 1942 and then to the Army Air Corps Parachute Regiment in June 1943. He was demobilised in December 1946 but rejoined the Gloucester Regiment whom he served with until 1965, when he held the rank of Colour Sergeant. During his Service he was deployed to North Africa and then on to Italy before he returned to the UK to prepare for D-Day. He dropped at Arnham where he was captured and was then marched from Dresden to Czechoslovakia on the 'Hunger March'. He escaped and met with the American Forces. He also served in the British Army of the Rhine and in Cyprus, Italy, Kenya and Bahrain.

Cyril Priest**Royal Air Force**

Cyril Priest of Rugby, Warwickshire died on 4th January 2011, aged 89. He joined the RAF in 1942. After training at Cardington, Beds, he was posted to Great Yarmouth and subsequently moved to a Lincolnshire air station, working on Lancaster bombers. He was then posted to RAF Wheaton, Blackpool for a driving course before going to No 3 MU at Stockport, Cheshire. He was attached to a Canadian Air Force Unit and moved to Odiham before deploying to France after D-Day. He fought through Belgium, Holland and Germany before being demobilised at RAF Wheaton as a Leading Aircraftsman in 24 December 1946.

George Sayers**Royal Navy**

George Sayers of Brighton, East Sussex died on 28th December 2010, aged 90. He joined the Royal Navy in March 1939 and trained at HMS Victory, specialising as a telegraphist. As war started and he was on the light cruiser HMS Dunedin, located in the Caribbean. The ship returned to home waters, carrying out convoy duties to Gibraltar and Sierra Leone. He then joined an experimental minesweeper for a brief period before serving on Fleet Destroyers on the Atlantic, Maltese and Russian convoys. He was in the Pacific prior to being demobilised in July 1946.

Reginald Schofield**Royal Navy**

Reginald Schofield of Rotherham, South Yorkshire died on 22nd December 2010, aged 85. He joined the Royal Navy in May 1943, training initially at Chatham, he later specialised in Pontefract becoming an Engine Room Mechanic 4th Class. He served in Brighton, servicing land craft and later went to Singapore as a landing ship engineer. He was discharged in December 1946.

Kathleen Shaw**Auxiliary Territorial Service**

Kathleen Shaw of Chislehurst, Kent died on 7th January 2011, aged 88. She joined the Auxiliary Territorial Service in June 1941. Following initial training in Lancaster she qualified as an Ambulance Driver at Greenford, Middlesex. She then served in a variety of locations around the UK as an Ambulance and General Duties Driver. She was discharged in November 1944 following her marriage.

Glyndwr Shoesmith**Royal Air Force**

Glyn Shoesmith of Llanelli, Carmarthenshire died on 27th November 2010, aged 76. He served in the Royal Air Force from August 1955 until August 1957.

Wilfred Sides**Royal Air Force**

Wilfred Sides of Mexborough, South Yorkshire died on 4th January 2011, aged 90. He joined the RAF on 1 January 1939 and carried out his training at RAF Scampton. He specialised as an aeroplane engine fitter and served around the South East coast of England. He was deployed to France following D-Day and served in Belgium, Holland and Germany. He was demobilised as a Corporal on 29 Sept 1945.

Frederick Smaggasgale**Royal Engineers**

Frederick Smaggasgale of North West London died on 10th January 2011, aged 90. He joined the Royal Engineers in June 1940 and served in Hampshire, Monmouthshire, Scotland and Aldershot. He was discharged in August 1946.

Albert Smith
Royal Air Force

Albert Smith of Burwell, Cambridge died on 4th January 2011, aged 88. He joined the RAF in October 1941 and was based at Waterbeach near Cambridge. He served in West Africa before he was discharged in September 1946 as an LAC at the cessation of hostilities.

John Smith
Royal Air Force

John Smith of Gloucester, Gloucestershire died on 22th November 2010, aged 89. He enlisted in the RAF in 1942 when he specialised as a radar operator. He was subsequently posted to Karachi and Delhi in India before he was demobilised in December 1946 when he returned to civilian life.

Harold Spivey
Royal Signals

Harold Spivey of Crediton, Devon died on 10th December 2010, aged 90. He started an apprenticeship as a printing craftsman with a local newspaper which was cut short by the outbreak of war as he was enlisted in the Royal Signals in November 1940. He served in the Middle East, notably Iraq, Cyprus and in various UK bases and was discharged as a Corporal in Oct 1946. After the war he returned to Yorkshire, completed his apprenticeship before he moved to London and worked for the Evening Standard for 37 years in printing.

Elsie Stanbridge
Women's Royal Naval Service

Elsie Stanbridge of Dunstable, Bedfordshire died on 26th December 2010, aged 94. She joined the local Civil Defence organisation and was an ambulance driver until she joined the Women's Royal Naval Service in November 1942. She trained at Mill Hill and acted as a driver before she moved to the Mail Office where she held the rank of Leading Wren. Serving in a variety of UK locations she was eventually demobilised on 25 December 1945.

Alfred Stansfield
Royal Air Force

Alfred Stansfield of Northwich, Cheshire died on 4th December 2010, aged 88. He served in the Royal Air Force from May 1941 to October 1946 leaving as a Corporal. He served in the UK and the Middle East. He was based in Cairo in the

accident investigation department. Prior to his demobilisation he moved to Cyprus and at the end of the war he returned to civilian life.

Philip Taylor
Royal Engineers

Philip Taylor of Saxilby, Lincoln died in 2009, aged 89. He joined the Royal Engineers in 1942 and completed his basic training near Chester. He joined 249 Squadron RE Airborne and was involved in the construction of defences. He was deployed to Germany and took in the Rhine Crossings with Pontoon Bridges before he later transferring to bomb disposal around the south coast of England. Mr Taylor spent some time in Norway on mine disposal. He also served in the Azores and Ardennes before he was discharged to the reserves in 1946.

Allan Tennant
Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers

Allan Tennant of Keighley, West Yorkshire died on the 7th November 2010. Brought up in Cannock he joined the Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers in September 1942 and trained in Shrewsbury. While posted in Lanark he had an accident in the REME workshop which left him with head injuries. He stayed in the Army but remained in the UK and was posted to Bicester. He was demobilised in July 1947 as a Corporal.

John Tibble
Royal Army Ordnance Corps

John Tibble of Basildon, Essex died on 21st December 2010, aged 92. When war broke out he joined the ARP before he was called up in 1941. He carried out his training at Woolwich Arsenal and was posted to the Royal Army Ordnance Corps. He spent his service in the UK based in Chippenham and Ascot until the end of the war. His duties were as a despatch rider/storeman on the ammunition lines. In 1946 he returned to civilian life and was employed as a bricklayer in the London area.

Albert Topping
Royal Artillery

Albert Topping of York, North Yorkshire died on 24th December 2010, aged 92. He joined the Royal Artillery in January 1940 and served in the Far East where he was taken prisoner by the Japanese and forced to work on the Burma Railway. After repatriation he was discharged leaving as a Sergeant in May 1946.

Peter Tranter**Home Guards 3rd Surrey**

Peter Tranter of Weybridge, Surrey died on 16th December 2010, aged 89. He served in the Weybridge Home Guard Section as a Lance Corporal and in the three man mortar team. He was also trained in demolitions and was discharged in 1944.

Sylvia Vickers**Woman's Auxiliary Air Force**

Sylvia Vickers of Market Rasen, Lincolnshire died on 30th November 2010, aged 79. She joined the WAAF in January 1949 and served in Moreton-in-the-Marsh, Gloucestershire.

Frederick Vinden**Royal Army Service Corps**

Frederick Vinden of Hook, Hampshire died on 17th December 2010, aged 94. He joined the RASC as a volunteer on 11 February 1939 and was mobilised when the war started. He deployed with the British Expeditionary Force to Dunkirk where he was later evacuated from. On his return from Dunkirk he served as a driver with the RASC in England and Northern Ireland before he was demobilised in February 1946.

Jack Wakeford**Royal Artillery**

Jack Wakeford of Brighton, East Sussex died on 28th December 2010, aged 92. He joined the Royal Artillery in May 1939 and served in the Middle East. He was demobilised in May 1946, leaving as a Bombardier.

Norman Walton**Royal Engineers**

Norman Walton of Southfields, South West London died on 11th November 2010, aged 80. Mr Walton served with the Royal Engineers from April 1948 until July 1949.

Iris Ward**Women's Royal Air Force**

Iris Ward of Kingsbridge, Devon died on 3rd January 2011, aged 90. She joined the WRAF in May 1941 and served at RAF Stations Brize Norton, Little

Rissington, Hornchurch and Melksham. She met her husband whilst at RAF Brize Norton, and was discharged as a LACW in May 1944.

Sydney Wiggins**Royal Air Force**

Sydney Wiggins of Kettering, Northamptonshire died on the 10th November, aged 98. He served in the Royal Air Force from August 1941 to June 1948. He carried out his training at Blackpool and qualified as a Morse Code operator. He also trained in small station operating services at Bletchley before he was posted to the Middle East in Egypt, firstly in Heliopolis and later in Cairo. He was then posted to Athens in Greece where he remained until 1945. At the end of the war he was demobilised as an LAC and he returned to civilian life.

Edwin Willmott**Royal Air Force**

Edwin Willmott of Sutton, Surrey died on 20th December 2010, aged 89. He joined the RAF in October 1945 and served at RAF Cranwell, RAF Burtonwood, and RAF Uxbridge before he was discharged in March 1948.

Answers to Ten questions on... The subject "Catch Phrases". from page 23

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