COURT AND SOCIAL

Court Circular

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
July 15th

The Queen, accompanied by The Duke of Edinburgh, took the Salute this evening at a performance of the Royal Tournament at Earls Court.

His Royal Highness today visited Leicestershire and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant (Mr Timothy Brooks).

The Duke of Edinburgh this morning visited Loughborough University of Technology.

His Royal Highness later visited St Matthew's Community Health and Social Care Centre, Malabar Road, Leicester, and opened Prince Philip House.

The Duke of Edinburgh this afternoon visited and opened the Leicester Young Men's Christian Association Aylestone Residential Centre, Belvoir Drive, Leicester.

His Royal Highness afterwards visited and opened the Southern Fire Station of Leicestershire Fire and Rescue Service, Leicester.

The Queen was represented by Lieutenant General Sir Maurice Johnston (Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Wiltshire) at the Memorial Service for the Lord Margadale (formerly Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Wiltshire) which was held in Salisbury Cathedral this afternoon.

The Duke of Edinburgh was represented by Brigadier Clive Robertson.

The Prince of Wales was represented by the Earl of Shelburne.

The Princess Royal was represented by Lady Carew Pole.

The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, was represented by Viscount Folkestone.

The Duke and Duchess of Kent were represented by Mr Andrew Palmer.

Princess Alexandra, the Hon Lady Ogilvy, was represented by Dame Mona Mitchell.

ST JAMES'S PALACE
July 15th

The Prince of Wales was present this morning at a Parade in Bandar Seri Begawan to mark the birthday of The Sultan of Brunei.

His Royal Highness later attended an Investiture in the presence of His Majesty.

The Prince of Wales this afternoon visited the Kuala Belalong Field Studies Centre and was shown a number of rain forest projects.

His Royal Highness this evening attended a State Banquet in celebration of the Fiftieth Birthday of The Sultan of Brunei.

KENSINGTON PALACE
July 15th

The Duke and Duchess of Gloucester attended a Dinner given by His Excellency the Ambassador of Finland and Mrs Blomqvist at 14 Kensington Palace Gardens, London W8.

YORK HOUSE
July 15th

The Duchess of Kent, Colonel-in-Chief, The Prince of Wales's Own Regiment of Yorkshire, this afternoon received Major General Anthony Crowfoot on relinquishing Colonelcy of the Regiment and Major General Edwin Beckett on assuming the appointment.

Her Royal Highness, Colonel-in-Chief The Prince of Wales's Own Regiment of Yorkshire, also received Lieutenant Colonel Christopher Wood on relinquishing Command of the 3rd Battalion and Lieutenant Colonel Duncan Barley on assuming the appointment.

The Duke of York will open the World Wheelchair Games at the Guttmann Sports Centre, Stoke Mandeville, Buckinghamshire, on Sunday.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS

Prof Sir Hugh Ford, mechanical engineer, is 83; **Baroness Llewelyn-Davies of Hastoe** 81; **Mr Edward Miller,** Master of Fitzwilliam College, Cambridge, 1971-81, 81; **Gen Bernard Rogers,** Supreme Allied Commander Europe, 1979-87, 75; **Lord Westbury** 74; **Lord Prentice,** former Conservative and Labour Government Minister, 73; **Mr J.J. Warr,** President, MCC, 1987-88, 69; **Miss Shirley Hughes,** author and illustrator, 69; **Mr Justice Morland** 67; **Mr Tom Rosenthal,** publisher, critic and broadcaster, 61; **Sir George Young, MP,** Secretary of State for Transport, 55; **Mr Frank Field, MP,** 54; **Mrs Margaret Court,** three times Wimbledon ladies' singles champion, 54; **Mr Pinchas Zukerman,** violinist, 48; and **Señor Miguel Induráin,** five times winner of the Tour de France, 32.

Today is the anniversary of the explosion of the first atomic bomb, in New Mexico, in 1945.

FORTHCOMING MARRIAGES

Mr R.D. Leatham and Miss G.S. Mounsey

The engagement is announced between Richard David, son of Mr Simon and Lady Victoria Leatham, of Burghley House, Stamford, and Georgina Susan, youngest daughter of Mr Simon Mounsey and the late Mrs Mounsey, of Barnes House, Piltdown, East Sussex.

Mr M. Pratt and Miss S. Jones

The engagement is announced between Michael, son of Mrs W.A. East, of Ashmore, Dorset, and Mr E.E. Pratt, of Southampton, and Sophie, daughter of Mr and Mrs T.H.S. Jones, of Longbridge Deverill, Warminster, Wilts.

Mr J-P. Renaud and Miss R.V. Gregory

The engagement is announced between Jean-Pierre, elder son of Mr and Mrs Christopher Renaud, of Haslemere, Surrey, and Rachel, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Barry Gregory, of Malvern, Worcestershire.

Mr P.R. McGinn and Miss G.E. Chapman

The engagement is announced between Piers, eldest son of Mr and Mrs F.P. McGinn, of Beaulieu, Hampshire, and Emma, younger daughter of Mrs M. Chapman and the late Mr M. Chapman, of Hastingleigh, Kent.

WEDDINGS

Dr J. Redhead and Miss L. Stephenson

The marriage took place on Saturday, July 13, at St Giles' Church, Great Longstone, of Dr Julian Redhead, son of Prof and Mrs Michael Redhead, of Cambridge, and Miss Lucy Stephenson, daughter of Mr and Mrs Henry Stephenson, of Rowland, Derbyshire. The Rev Clive Thrower officiated.

The bride, who was given away by her father, was attended by Miss Joanna Martin, Polly and Louisa Wedderburn and Toby and Roseanna Dunn. Mr Alexander Redhead was best man.

Mr D. Rookes and Miss V. Acheson

The marriage took place on Saturday, July 13, at Bishop's Hull United Reformed Church, Taunton, between Mr David Rookes, of Geelong, Victoria, Australia, and Miss Veryan Acheson, of Shoreditch, Taunton.

A reception was held at Taunton School and the honeymoon is being spent in Australia.

DINNER

The 1900 Club

Baroness Thatcher was guest of honour at a dinner held by The 1900 Club last night at the Savoy to celebrate the 90th anniversary of the Club.

MR C.S. GULBENKIAN

To mark the 41st anniversary of the death of Mr Calouste Sarkis Gulbenkian, a memorial service will be held at the Armenian Church of St Sarkis, Iverna Gardens, London, W8, on Sunday, July 21, at noon, after the celebration of the Divine Liturgy which will commence at 11 am.

RECEPTIONS

Prime Minister

The Prime Minister and Mrs Major were hosts at a reception held at 10 Downing Street yesterday evening.

Lord Mayor of Westminster

The Lord Mayor of Westminster, Councillor Robert Davis, and the Lady Mayoress, Miss Carole Franco, gave a reception last night at Westminster Council House in honour of the Captain and crew of HMS Westminster.

LUNCHEONS

Baroness Birk

Baroness Birk presided at the annual luncheon of the Ladies' Committee of the European-Atlantic Group held yesterday at the House of Lords. Baroness Dunn spoke on the future of Hong Kong and the other speakers were Baroness Hooper and Baroness Seear.

Her Majesty's Government

Sir Nicholas Bonsor, MP, Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, was host at a farewell luncheon held by Her Majesty's Government yesterday at Lancaster House in honour of the Ambassador of Guatemala.

Zaiwalla & Co

Mr Sarosh Zaiwalla, Senior Partner of Zaiwalla & Co, Solicitors, 33 Chancery Lane, London, gave a luncheon on Friday at the Savoy in honour of the Hon David Gore-Booth, British High Commissioner to India. Among those present were:

Baroness Flather, Sir Neil Thorne, Chairman, One Nation Forum, Mr Keith Vaz, MP, Mr Piara Khabra, MP, Mr Ramniklal Solanki, Mr Frank Hunt, Head of India Desk, DTI, Mr Khalid Ansari, Mr Nigel Bell, Mr M.N. Nandkumar, Executive Director, Bhartiya Vidya Bhavan, Mr Ranjit Mathrani, Mr J.W. Rea, Mr A. Narayan, Mr Alastair Dacre Lacy, Chairman, International Committee, London Chamber of Commerce, Mr Sajjad Haider, Mr Maneck Patel, Mr Pankaj Vora, Mr Harsh Kumar and Capt D.K. Tewari.

SERVICE DINNER

Sussex Army Cadet Force

The Sussex Army Cadet Force Officers' Mess dined at the Royal Military Police Training Centre, Roussillon Barracks, Chichester, on Saturday evening. The principal guests were Maj-Gen Sir Philip Ward, Lord Lieutenant for West Sussex, and Councillor Mrs Clare Apel, Mayor of Chichester.

FUNERAL

Mr Timothy Jones

A funeral service for Mr Timothy Jones was held yesterday at Chelsea Old Church, SW3. The Rev Dr Peter Elvy officiated. Mr Frederick Nicolle (brother-in-law) gave a reading and the address was given by Sir Martin Nourse. Among those present were:

Mrs Jones (widow), Mr David Jones (son), Mr and Mrs Rupert Watson, Major and Mrs Giles Baxter (sons-in-law and daughters), Miss Prudence Jones (sister), Miss Elizabeth Goodman and other members of the family.

The Lord Lieutenant for West Sussex: Mrs Phylida Stuart-Roberts, representing the Lord Lieutenant for East Sussex, with Lt-Col Tony Fleek, Clerk to the Lieutenancy; and representatives of other organisations with which Mr Jones was associated, together with many other friends.

RECENT CHURCH APPOINTMENTS

Recent Church appointments include:

Revv Christopher Morgan, v, St Hilda, York: to be t v-designate, Christ Church, East Greenwich, Southwark; Geoffrey Ravalde, v, Wigton, and r d of Carlisle: to be also an hon canon of Carlisle Cathedral; Brian Sampson, asst c, Glem Valley utd benefice, St Edmundsbury & Ipswich): to be c-in-c, Pentlow & Foxearth w Liston & Borley, Chelmsford; Captain Paul Shackerley, Church Army, asst c, All Soul's, Harlesden, London: to be p-in-c, All Saints, Chelmsford; Colin Southall, formerly asst ch, Leicester Royal Infirmary: to be asst c (nsm), Fleckney & Kilby, Leicester.

Revv Peter Swain, p-in-c, Bromfield w Waverton & Westnewton, and r d of Solway, Carlisle: to be also an hon canon of Carlisle Cathedral; John Sweatman, c (nsm), Mayfield, Chichester: to be p-in-c, Malborough w South Huish, West Alvington & Churchstow, Exeter; Martyn Trembath, c, St Erth & Hayle, Truro: to be asst ch, The Royal Free Hospital, London; Noel Walter, ch, East Surrey Hospital, Redhill, Southwark: to be ch, Hospital for Sick Children, Great Ormond Street, London.

Revv Kevin Ball, asst c, St George w St James, New Mills, Derby: to be asst c, Walthamstow, St Saviour, Chelmsford; Anthony Boyd-Williams, v, Treharris w Bedlinog, Llandaff: to be v, Tipton St Mark, Ocker Hill, Lichfield; Canon Alan Brown, v, St John, Newport, Isle of Wight, Portsmouth: to be also p-in-c, St Thomas, Newport; Pat Chapman: to be p-in-c, Mansfield Oak Tree Lane, Southwell; Sharon Crossman, c, St Andrew, Chippenham w Tytherton Lucas, Bristol: to be asst Anglican ch, University of the West of England, Bristol; Dr John Cullen, dir of training, Winchester: to be also an hon canon of Winchester Cathedral.

Revv Francis Cumberlege, v, St Mark, Tunbridge Wells: to be also r d of Tunbridge Wells, Rochester; George Davies, ind ch, r, St Michael's, Fobbing, and ch, Thurrock Lakeside shopping centre, Chelmsford: to be r, St Andrew, Mottingham, Southwark; Jonathan Eades, t v, Leek & Meerbrook: to be t r, Wolstanton team ministry, Lichfield; Canon John Edge, c, Briercliffe, Burnley, Blackburn: to be resident minister, West Felton, Lichfield; Debbie Flach, asst c, Chantilly, France: to be asst c, Holy Trinity, Maison-Lafitte, France.

Revv Jeremy Fletcher, p-in-c, St Andrew's, Skegby, and All Saints, Chapel of Ease, Stanton Hill: to be also p-in-c, Teversal St Katherine, Southwell; Timothy Gill, asst c, North Hull, St Michael & All Angels: to be p-in-c, Sculcoates, St Paul w Christ Church and St Silas, and p-in-c, Sculcoates, St Mary, York.

OBITUARIES

John Boon

Boon: books better than Valium

JOHN BOON, who has died aged 79, was chairman of the publishers Mills & Boon, and an architect of its modern success.

The firm was founded in 1909. Despite having several distinguished authors, including Hugh Walpole, its sales remained modest up to the 1930s. Then the spread of commercial libraries vastly increased demand for its small romantic list, which came to dominate the firm.

After the Second World War, public libraries began to lend popular literature, so that commercial libraries went into decline, and with them the fortunes of Mills & Boon. The company tried arts and crafts books. In 1961 it bought the small educational publisher Allman.

The firm was again saved by romance. Harlequin Books of Canada published paperbacks, which it distributed through the news trade. Mills & Boon romantic novels were one of its mainstays, and early in the 1960s John Boon decided to import a few of these Canadian editions back into England. His gamble turned out to be inspired; at the time, though, it was an act of desperation.

The romantic formula that the firm developed has been much mocked, not least by feminists. But though many have felt themselves called to write novels for Mills & Boon, relatively few have succeeded in mastering the art. Potential authors discovered a publishing house dedicated to maintaining its standards, and attentive to details in a mannner that put many supposedly superior firms to shame.

To write a good Mills & Boon novel, John Boon insisted, it was necessary to *believe*. "It is exceptionally difficult," he added. "You can't do it if you have your tongue in your cheek." But, for those writers who made the grade, the rewards were generous. No other publishing house has made so many novelists so rich.

Mills & Boon was the first British publisher to take market research seriously. It discovered that its readers were represented in all income groups and classes, both in Britain and overseas. The firm publishes nearly 700 titles a year and sells in 23 languages in more than 100 countries.

"I'd like the company to continue," Boon observed in 1989. "I think it will, provided someone doesn't do anything silly. Someone might suddenly decide they want to *educate* the public. Bloody disaster. The public don't want to be educated by us. They want to be amused. We really think we serve a most valuable function. We ought to be prescribed by the NHS. We're much better than Valium."

John Trevor Boon was born on Dec 21 1916, the third son of Charles Boon, who was sales manager at Methuen before setting up his own company with G R Mills. The boy was educated at Felsted School, and went on to Trinity College, Cambridge, where he obtained a double first in History, and won an athletics Blue..

He joined the family firm in 1938, but left at the outbreak of the Second World War to join the Royal Norfolk Regiment. Later he transferred to the South Wales Borderers, commanded a company on D-Day, and was mentioned in despatches. He ended his war service in the historical section of the War Cabinet before returning to publishing.

Boon was an excellent organiser and administrator; having started in a small business he never lost sight of the importance of getting the small decisions right. But if the amiable, kindly, ever courteous exterior represented the man, it was never the whole man. His character and intellect enabled him to cope equally well as the company expanded.

Mills & Boon sold out to Harlequin in 1972, and the Torstar Corporation bought a controlling interest in 1975. Boon served as vice-chairman of Harlequin from 1972 to 1978, as chairman of Harlequin Overseas from 1978 until his death, and as a director of the Torstar Corporation from 1981 to 1985.

Though erudite, and a good judge of a book, he was not an editor. That side of the business was left in the capable hands of his brother Alan. The two of them possessed talents that were perfectly complementary.

Throughout his life John Boon worked indefatigably for the book trade. As president of the Publishers' Association from 1961 to 1963, he led the successful defence of the Net Book Agreement in the Restrictive Practices Court. From 1972 to 1976 he was president of the International Publishers' Association. A member of the advisory panel of the British Council, he was also a director of the Book Development Council, and for 20 years on the board of Book Tokens.

He was appointed CBE in 1968.

Boon's outward appearance was benign, even twinkling. As the years passed he became a little plump, and it became difficult to see in him the youthful Cambridge sprinter. He often seemed a little crumpled. He enjoyed good food and wine and was for many years a member of the committee of management of the Wine Society.

He married, in 1943, Felicity Logan; they had four sons.

Les Allen

Allen recording 'Little Man' with his wife and son in 1934

LES ALLEN, who has died aged 93, was a popular dance band vocalist during the 1930s; in America he became known as "the Bing Crosby of England".

Originally a saxophonist, Allen came to prominence as a crooner in the clubs and hotels of London with the bands of Mantovani, Alfredo and the Savoy Orpheans. In 1932 his smooth and easy voice became familiar to millions of wireless listeners after he joined the BBC Dance Orchestra under the direction of Henry Hall.

An accomplished all-round musician, Allen composed popular songs as well as performing them, including *Just a Little Grey Haired Lady*, *Slumberland* and *Pal o' Mine*.

He released hundreds of recordings, both as a soloist and as a band member. The most successful of these was *Little Man, You've Had a Busy Day*, which was released by Columbia in 1934; it featured Allen, his wife Anne and their small son, Norman, accompanied by Sydney Torch at the organ of the Regal Cinema, Edmonton.

The record sold in such numbers that Allen was encouraged to launch himself into variety. His act changed a number of times: he was a soloist; he sang duets with Kitty Masters; he fronted his own instrumental group, the Les Allen Melody Four, and his own vocal group (Les Allen and his Canadian Bachelors). He appeared before the Prince of Wales at two Royal Command performances.

Thanks to his sleek good looks, Allen became a pin-up, and during his time with the Dance Orchestra the BBC received an unprecedented 50,000 items of fan mail in two years.

His good looks also attracted the film industry and in 1935 he was given a lead part in *Heat Wave*. The Second World War curtailed his career as a film idol, but in 1946 he was still well-known enough to be given his own series by the BBC, *Les Allen, Canada's Golden Voice of Melody*.

Les Allen was born in London on Aug 29 1902; at the age of three he moved with his family to Toronto. Encouraged by his musical father, young Les learned the clarinet and the saxophone. As a boy he won several silver medals at YMCA competitions, for his playing and his singing, and broadcast a saxophone solo from Toronto's first radio station, opened by the *Toronto Star*.

In 1929 he toured Canada with the 48th Highlanders' Band as a vocalist and clarinet player. Most of the venues were in the open air and without the benefit of microphones. Allen had to sing his repertoire, inluding his favourite song, *Bells of St Mary's*, through a megaphone.

He returned to England in 1923 with the All Canadian Dance Band for a tour of London and the provinces, and remained here after securing contracts to play at the Savoy, Piccadilly and Berkeley hotels, and the Embassy Club.

During the Second World War Allen devoted most of his time to entertaining the troops, particularly Canadian regiments stationed in England.

In 1947 he returned to Toronto, where he worked for a stationery company, though he still sang at weddings and made occasional guest appearances. One of these was in 1954, when he travelled to England for an emotional reunion with Henry Hall and the BBC Dance Orchestra. His renditions of *Try a Little Tenderness* and Hall's signing-off tune, *It's Time to Say Goodnight* proved that his voice had lost nothing over the years.

Les Allen married in 1926; Norman was his only child.

Muwaffaq al-Allaf

Allaf: 1991 deadlock

MUWAFFAQ AL-ALLAF, who has died in Cairo aged 70, was a Syrian diplomat who led his country's delegation to the Middle East peace talks.

A civilised Damascene, fluent in French and English, he was a career diplomat who chose to remain in Syria and serve the Ba'ath Party government when it came to power in a military coup in 1963.

He was a Sunni Muslim, and not a member of the Shiite Alawite sect, a numerical minority in Syria, to which the coup leader and later president Hafez al-Asad belongs.

Under Asad, posts in the inner workings of the regime, particularly in the intelligence services and armed forces, are filled by members of the Alawite sect, while Sunnis represent the outer fabric of the regime.

Muwaffaq al-Allaf was born in Damascus in 1926. He was a graduate of the University of Damascus where he specialised in international law.

In 1977, as Syria's representative to the United Nations, he bitterly denounced the visit by President Sadat of Egypt to Jerusalem, and the diplomatic overture to Israel. He called the Camp David agreement of the following year "a stab in the back of the Arab people".

His rhetoric was so vehement that the Egyptian delegate, Esmat Abd al-Majid, a friend of Allaf, left the General Assembly chamber in protest.

Allaf later said publicly that the difference in policy between Syria and Egypt would not affect his friendship with Abd al-Majid, now secretary-general of the Arab League.

Allaf later served as a Syrian representative to the United Nations in Geneva.

As one of Syria's most prominent diplomats, Allaf was chosen to head its delegation in the peace talks that began in Washington after the Madrid summit in 1991, which also involved Lebanon, Jordan, the Palestinians and Israel.

The talks became bogged down almost immediately in procedural wrangling, and proceeded agonisingly slowly.

Syria insisted on complete withdrawal of Israeli forces and settlers from the Golan Heights, captured from Syria in the 1967 Six Day War.

The Syrian terms that Allaf delivered seemed inflexible. "For a comprehensive peace," he said, "you do not talk about partial withdrawal or partial solution."

But he also presented for the first time proposals for a peace agreement that recognised Israel's security needs.

The Syrian-Israel peace talks ended in deadlock. Syria would not accept Israeli peace proposals that entailed the thinning out of Syrian ground forces, and a level of economic integration that included the absorption of the Syrian electricity grid into Israel's, proposals which Syria feared would allow the larger Israeli economy to swallow it up.

For their part, the Israelis, who had little patience for the official channels of diplomacy as represented by Allaf, wrongly thought that Allaf had no direct channel to President Asad. As Asad's man at the peace talks, he had little room for diplomatic manoeuvre.

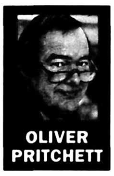
The "sphinx of Damascus," as Asad had been called, preferred to handle foreign relations personally without the mediation of ambassadors.

Even now, 30 Syrian embassies around the world are without ambassadors, including those in Japan, France, Italy and India. Inside Syria, 20 foreign ambassadors to Damascus are waiting to present their credentials.

Last year, Allaf was appointed assistant secretary-general for international political affairs at the Arab League in Cairo.

He was married to Huda Yafi; they had two sons and a daughter.

Why those with joined up eyebrows take the biscuits



OLIVER PRITCHETT

WHEN the European Psychiatry Conference in London last week was told that body hair is a sign of intelligence in men, I accepted this right away. This is probably because I have flat kneecaps. It was established some years ago that people with flat kneecaps tend to believe anything which is said at psychiatry conferences.

It is not that people with more rounded kneecaps are more sceptical, but simply that they will have missed the statement about hairy men because they have low concentration and a short attention span. At psychiatry conferences, they are so busy looking out for people whose eyebrows meet in the middle that they hardly have time to listen to what is being said by the experts addressing them.

People whose eyebrows meet in the middle are inclined to be pushy. This means that when there is a coffee break in a psychiatry conference, they get to the coffee pot first, and grab the best biscuits.

The people with rounded kneecaps like to keep an eye on them so that they can try to race them to the biscuits. Those readers of this column who have short upper lips (and are therefore more quick-witted) will already have spotted the dilemma in all this. I will spell it out for the rest of you, and particularly for those unfortunates whose ring finger is the same length as their index finger.

The dilemma is that the people whose eyebrows meet in the middle, being pushy, will be seated in the front rows in any psychiatry conference. How can the people with rounded kneecaps, who are seated further back, know which ones have eyebrows that meet in the middle? The answer is that they study the earlobes. This is because if you have translucent earlobes, it is a sign that your eyebrows meet in the middle.

Many people with inquiring minds (and pointy shoulder-blades) will be wondering, if a hairy body is a sign of intelligence in a man, what is a sign of intelligence in a woman? I can offer some guidance here. If the length of a woman's big toe is one-fifth of the length of her forearm, it means she has a well-organised logical mind.

People with a slight flatness on the tip of their nose will recognise the reasoning behind this. If a woman knows the length of her big toe, and also the length of her forearm, she must know where in her house to find a tape measure, and if she can find a tape measure so easily, she must be a well-organised sort of person.

At the beginning of psychiatry conferences, I always make a point of mingling with the other people there, and casually asking the women about their big toe and forearm measurements, so that I can find a well-organised person to sit next to, who will probably know a quick way round the back to where the coffee and biscuits are being served, and we can get there before all those pushy people with joined up eyebrows.

Of course, I avoid putting the question to women whose thumbs bend backwards, because they tend to jump to the wrong conclusions, and also to act violently on the spur of the moment.

Now we come to the subject of beards. At any psychiatry conference, there will be a high proportion of psychiatrists with beards. Surveys carried out recently show that psychiatrists with beards tend to take sugar in their coffee. This means that, in the scrum round the table in the coffee break, your route to the best plate of biscuits may be blocked by a bearded psychiatrist thoughtfully stirring his coffee.

The interesting thing is that the fuller the beard and the greater the volume of facial hair, the longer a psychiatrist will spend stirring his coffee. I can't go into the reasons for this now, but it is all to do with insecurity. If you are faced with this sort of obstacle, the best thing to do is to get behind a person with eyebrows and hope that he will push him aside.

In these coffee breaks, I try to avoid the bores (warning sign: fleshy lower lip) and seek out the company of people with sloping shoulders who are more likely to be generous enough to part with a spare biscuit. It is most important to avoid falling into conversation with an intelligent man, because there is a serious risk that he will shed body hair into your cup of coffee.

IN MEMORIAM

Lord Margadale

The Queen was represented by the Lord Lieutenant for Wiltshire, Lt-Gen Sir Maurice Johnston, and the Duke of Edinburgh by Brig Clive Robertson at a memorial service for Lord Margadale held yesterday in Salisbury Cathedral.

The Prince of Wales was represented by the Earl of Shelburne, the Princess Royal by Lady Carew Pole, Princess Margaret by Viscount Folkestone, the Duke and Duchess of Kent by Mr A. Palmer, Princess Michael of Kent by Lt-Col Sir Christopher Thompson and Princess Alexandra by Dame Mona Mitchell.

The Dean of Salisbury, the Very Rev the Hon Hugh Dickinson officiated, assisted by the Very Rev Robert Willis, Dean of Hereford, and the Rev Jonathan Meyrick, Rector of Tisbury. The lessons were read by the Hon Alastair Morrison, the Hon Hugh Morrison and Mr David Morrison (grandsons) and Lord Kimball gave an address. Trumpeters from the Royal Yeomanry and the Royal Wessex Yeomanry sounded *Last Post* and *Reveille*.

The Mayor and Mayoress of Salisbury were represented by Councillor and Mrs P.N. Chubb. Among others present were:

Lord and Lady Margadale, the Hon Sir Charles and Lady Morrison (sons and daughters-in-law), the Hon Mary Morrison (daughter), Viscount and Viscountess Trenchard, Mr and Mrs David Loyd, the Hon Lady Sophia Morrison, the Hon Mrs Hugh Morrison, Mrs David Morrison (grandchildren), the Hon Alexander Trenchard, the Hon Katie Trenchard, the Hon William Trenchard, the Hon Laura Trenchard, Tara Morrison, Geordie Morrison, Jamie Loyd (great grandchildren), Mr and Mrs David Yorke, Mrs Nicholas Acland, Mr and Mrs Peter Sanguinetti, Edward Sanguinetti, Charlotte Sanguinetti, Viscount and Viscountess Hambleden, Mr and the Hon Mrs Michael Brand, Mr and the Hon Mrs Peter Townend, the Hon Philip and Mrs Smith, Mr and Mrs Julian Smith, Miss Alexandra Smith.

The Duchess of Devonshire, Diana, Duchess of Newcastle, Jane, Duchess of Somerset, the Duke of Somerset, Lady Doreen Prior-Palmer, the Earl of Airlie, the Earl of Clanwilliam, the Earl of Home, the Earl and Countess of Pembroke and Montgomery, the Dowager Countess of Radnor, the Earl and Countess of Radnor, the Countess of Shelburne, Maj-Gen Lord Michael Fitzalan Howard, Phillipa, Viscountess Astor, Viscount and Viscountess Head, Viscount Leverhulme, Viscount and Viscountess Ullswater.

Lord and Lady Congleton, Lady Faringdon, Lord Grimston of Westbury, Lady Herschell, the Dowager Lady Hindlip, Lord and Lady Hindlip, Lord Kimball, the Dowager Lady Mancroft, Lord Talbot of Malahide, Baroness Trumpington, representing the Government Chief Whip, House of Lords, Dreda, Lady Tryon, Lord Tryon, Lady Anne Cowdray, Lady June Onslow, Mr Michael Jopling, MP, Sir John and Lady Nott, Capt the Hon Sir Nicholas and Lady Beaumont, the Hon Mrs Richard Palmer, the Hon Diana Makgill, the Hon Edward Lowther, the Hon Mrs Hugh Astor, the Hon Mrs Humphrey Humphreys, the Hon Mrs Hugh Dickinson, the Hon Mrs S. Myddleton, the Hon Lady Smith-Ryland, the Hon Richard Arundell, the Hon Mrs Macdonald, the Hon Mrs Meynell, Sir Richard Carew Pole, Sir Dudley Forwood, Sir John Wills.

Field Marshal Sir Roland Gibbs, Gen Sir John Waters, Honorary Colonel, Royal Wessex Yeomanry, Air Chief Marshal Sir John and Lady Gingell, Lt-Gen Sir Robert Ross, Soldiers', Sailors' and Airmen's Families Association, Maj-Gen Sir Simon Cooper, Honorary Colonel, The Royal Yeomanry, Maj-Gen Sir Desmond and Lady Rice, Sir John Miller, Peterborough Royal Foxhound Show Society, Sir Piers and Lady Bengough, Sir William Benyon, Sir Robin and Lady Carnegie, Sir Arthur and Lady Collins, Sir Sydney and Lady Giffard, Sir Michael and Lady Hamilton, Sir Stephen Hastings, Lady Holland-Martin, Lady Johnston, Lady Legge-Bourke, Sir Humphrey and Lady Prideaux, Sir Donald Stringer, Sir William van Straubenzee, Lady Mott-Radclyffe, Lady Brassey, Lady Barnett, Mr and the Hon Mrs M. Brand, Major and the Hon Mrs John Bartholomew, Prince and Princess Nicholas von Preussen.

Mrs A. Goodlad, representing the Government Chief Whip, House of Commons, Mr A. Christie-Miller, High Sheriff of Wiltshire; Mrs June Wood, Chairman, Wiltshire County Council, with Dr Keith Robinson, Chief Executive; Rear-Adml E.F. Gueritz, Salisbury Sea Cadets, Col J. Peel, Honorary Colonel, also representing the Colonel Commandant, Royal Wiltshire Yeomanry, and Mrs Peel, Col D. Robins, Royal Gloucestershire, Berkshire and Wiltshire Regiment, and Mrs Robins, Mr O.StJ. Girven, Chief Constable, Wiltshire Constabulary, Lt-Cdr B. Miles, RNLI, and Mrs Miles, Capt R. Wallace, Master of Foxhounds Association, Mr Gerald Evans, Hunters Improvement Society, Mr Ian Renton, Salisbury Racecourse.

Mr Arthur Davies, President, Royal Bath and West Show Society, Mr P. Caddy, South and West Wiltshire Hunt, Mrs M. Heffernan, Salisbury Conservative Association, Mr L. Mortimer, Nadder Valley Football League, Mr R. Randall, Dinton Cricket Club, Mrs A. Bowden, Salisbury Amateur Operatic Society, Mr M. Hayes, Macfarlanes, Mr P. Haynes, Kidsons Impey, Mr C. Fuller, Magistrates' Association, Mr R.D. Margesson, Magistrates Courts Committee, Mrs T. Richard, Tisbury Parish Council, representatives of Fonthill and Islay Estates, Council for the Protection of Rural England, British Field Sports Society, British Red Cross Wiltshire Branch, St John Ambulance, Chilmark Parish Council and South Wiltshire Girl Guides.

Mr Henry Beaumont, Maj-Gen and Mrs J. Brockbank, Maj-Gen and Mrs J.C. Hopkinson, Maj-Gen P. Cavendish, Maj-Gen and Mrs J.M. Strawson, Air Vice-Marshal and Mrs E.H. Macey, Lt-Col and Mrs R. Heywood-Lonsdale, Capt and Mrs John Macdonald-Buchanan, Mr J. Cordle, Mr and Mrs J. Cory, Mr and Mrs P. Douglas-Pennant, Judge Mark Dyer, Mr and Mrs R.A. Farquharson, Dr Charles Goodson-Wickes, MP, and and Mrs Goodson-Wickes, Mr Robert Key, MP, and Mrs Key, the Rev Gerald and Mrs Solomon, Prof B. Nevill, Mr Richard Southwell, QC, Mrs Richard Southwell, Dr I. Twinn, MP, Mr and Mrs J. Underwood and Mr and Mrs I. Wallace, together with many other friends.

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