

# Friends of James Terry Court

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## NEWSLETTER

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We could not find a better way to start this letter than by quoting the comments made by Matron, Mrs M E Warburton, to the members of the Committee some time ago:

"We are providing a home for people aged 72+. When they come to James Terry, they are active and ambulant, but one of the problems of old age is that they do not remain so. We therefore have to look after them for the rest of their days. Whilst the staff can feed them, clean their rooms and give them comfort in a nice home, they are usually too busy to spend time in the type of friendly chat that a family of this age needs so much. The Friends can help by giving of themselves to dispel the loneliness, and to stimulate the Family to continue to take an active part in life, even though life in James Terry Court is different to the lives they have previously known."

Matron's coffee mornings, held on the second Sunday in every month, are an ideal way for you to respond to this request. You will be very surprised at the level of conversation that takes place on these very special mornings.

During the year we have held a number of social events such as regular Bingo evenings and Whist Drives, and of course, many special events organized by the Friends, or by individual members and Lodges. Our thanks to all who have so freely given of their time and of course, themselves.

The Christmas Coffee Morning was a great success, and as a result of this and the other fund raising activities, we have been able to supply a number of items so sorely needed, including the patient hoist, that could not be supplied by RMBI.

The old year is over and we must now look to 1984. In the next few months we shall have a full calendar of events for you to note, but here is one you should put in your diaries at once:

SATURDAY, 9th JUNE 1984

### GRAND SUMMER FETE

The Provincial Grand Master will officiate at the opening and the results of the Provincial Appeal for a Mini Ambulance will be made known.

We are in very great need of volunteers to assist on this day. Can YOU help? Do we have a budding Punch and Judy man in our midst, to entertain the kids? Or perhaps you would like to try your hand at manning a stall. Maybe some kind lady or group of ladies, would be prepared to supply and run a cake stall, or organize the refreshments? ANY assistance you can give will be appreciated. If you would like to help, please contact a member of the Committee.

It is intended to circulate a Newsletter two or three times during the year. If you have a particular item you would like included, please let us know.

Finally, a plea from our Treasurer - if you have not yet renewed your subscription, please do so as soon as possible.

A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL, AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING MANY MORE OF YOU IN  
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