

James Terry

Court

Circular



Friends of James Terry Court, 51 Warham Road, South Croydon CR2 6LH

WINTER 1984/85

Dear Members

DIARY NOTES

First things first. Please get your diaries out and make a note now of the dates of forthcoming events:

**CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING** - Saturday December 1st at 10.30. Full details will be found in the separate letter enclosed with this circular. Please come along and support us.

**MATRON'S COFFEE MORNINGS** - Sunday 9th December, Sunday 13th January 1985, Sunday 10th February 1985 & Sunday 10th March 1985. Come along and meet the 'Family' and some of the Friends. Matron serves Coffee free of charge, and we promise you, no fund-raising on these mornings!

**CHRISTMAS CAROLS** - At the Home, in the Clerkenwell Lounge at 7.30. Noel Carpenter will be bringing his Electronic Organ and leading the singing of all our Old Favourites. All members of the Friends will be most welcome on Sunday 16th December.

**REGULAR MONTHLY WHIST DRIVES** - Anybody interested in a really enjoyable evening playing whist with the 'Family' should contact Maurice Seear on 01-651 4887 for full details.

**JAMES TERRY COURT SUMMER FETE** Saturday 9th June answered all our prayers and developed into a beautiful, warm, typical "flaming June" afternoon. During the morning all the stalls had been built, stocked and manned by members of various Lodges and their Ladies in good time for the Official Opening. The Brass Belles Quintet took up their places in front of the Clerkenwell Lounge balcony and beguiled our ears and eyes by the harmony of their music and the beauty of the Musicians until the time came for a fanfare to herald the arrival of our honoured guests, R.W.Bro the Right Honourable the Earl of Shannon, his deputy W/Bro Philip Toler and W/Bro M E P Jump Vice-Chairman of the R M B I.

Our Chairman introduced the Provincial Grand Master who opened the Fete and exhorted us all to spend our money generously on all the stalls.

Our President, R.W.Bro James Terry then escorted the Earl of Shannon round the various stalls and his Lordship set an example to us all by supporting all the stallholders. Having heeded his advice, the rest of the assembled company followed his example in generous fashion so that we were able later to hand over to Matron a cheque for £2,500 for the R M B I as a result of all our efforts.

Congratulations to everybody who helped in this fine effort - Matron, her Staff, the Residents, the Friends and Members of participating Lodges. Thank You All.

**GOOD OLD SUSSEX BY THE SEA.** On Wednesday 22nd August, just after the 'Family' had had their lunch, a sleek 52 seater luxury coach drew-up outside James Terry Court. In record time, 37 Residents, Staff and Friends had joined the Driver on board the coach and we set off through Purley and Caterham to join the Old Eastbourne Road, the A22, for a lovely drive through the countryside of Surrey and Sussex via East Grinstead, the Ashdown Forest and Lewes. In just over an hour we had arrived at Newhaven on the South Coast. We then drove along via Peacehaven and Brighton to Hove, where we paused for a stroll along the front and a breath of Real Sea Breezes. From Hove we went through Shoreham-by-Sea and up the Adur Valley to Henfield, where we all had tea and scones in the delightful old Norton House Tearooms before returning by a different route to James Terry Court, arriving in good time for the evening meal. Our thanks are due to Toler Travel for so kindly lending us the coach, and to the Driver who

was none other than our Deputy Provincial Grand Master, W. Bro Philip Toler. We were very happy to have with us not only his charming wife, but also his equally charming Mother.

Another coach trip is being organised for May 1985 - but more about that in our next Court Circular in the Spring of next year.

OOM-PAH, OOM-PAH On Wednesday 15th August the members of Old England Lodge provided us with a German Band and German wines and cheeses (not to mention German sausage) so that we could enjoy an evening of singing and dancing and other jollification in accordance with Teutonic Tradition. Unfortunately the weather did not permit us to hold this function in the grounds this year, but being indoors in the Dining Hall did not in any way detract from the enjoyment. Thankyou Old England Lodge.

BIRTHDAYS The Association of Friends, plus one or two individual members, make a regular habit of sending Birthday Cards to the members of the 'Family' each year. Why not join them in sending a card or two yourself? The Residents love to be remembered on their Birthdays and if you sign your card with your name and 'one of the Friends' they will know who they are from. Anniversaries coming up are as follows:

20th December Mr C Lepine-Smith.

January 1985. 15th Mrs E Jolly; 24th Mrs E Beck; 27th Mr W Clark.

February 1985. 16th Mrs I Pym; 18th Mrs E Hepple.

March 1985. 16th Miss W Arthur; 22nd Mr C Ireland.

VOLUNTEERS WANTED - ARTS & CRAFTS - Would any member of the Friends be willing to run a Handicrafts Class for the 'Family'? What we need is a willing volunteer able to help and to instruct, say one afternoon per fortnight. If sounds 'up your street' please contact Matron (Mrs Warburton) on 688 1745.

MINI-BUS DRIVERS - You all know about and most of you have seen, our magnificent mini-bus ambulance, presented to the Home by the Province of Surrey. If anything it is easier to drive than a family saloon. We need several voluntary drivers to help in the following ways:

i) Regular Shopping runs to Croydon on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. Leaving the home at 10.30 for the shops. Leaving the pick-up point at 11.30 for the return to James Terry Court. A rota of eight drivers would mean one morning per month each.

ii) Occasional drivers to take Residents to Hospital appointments, mainly at Mayday Hospital. We need a few volunteers that Matron can telephone a day or two before they are needed.

iii) Occasional drivers to take Residents on pre-arranged afternoon outings round the Surrey/Kent/Sussex countryside for a breath of fresh air. You would decide when and where in consultation with Matron.

ALL VOLUNTEERS please contact Matron on 688 1745.

LODGE VISITS We regularly receive invitations for our male Residents to visit Croydon Lodges, and those who accept the invitations always thoroughly enjoy themselves. Why not suggest to your Lodge that they invite a Resident to one of their meetings each year? (Not always Installation, please, not all our brethren are Past Masters.) We could also accept invitations for Chapters, Mark and Rose Croix. Please drop a line to our Chairman (John Hunter) at the above address.

ENROL A FRIEND If every Member of the Friends enrolled another Friend, there would be twice as many pairs of hands to share the work, and twice as many subscriptions to help pay for all the activities that we organise. Do you know somebody who might like to join?

SEE THE NEW YEAR IN AT JAMES TERRY COURT The Friends are arranging a New Years Eve Party for the 'Family' this year. Why not come and join us and join in all the fun and games that we are laying-on? (A modest charge will be made at the door to cover refreshments) The date? 31st December of course!

GUILDFORD CATHEDRAL On Sunday October 14th the Annual Service for Freemasons took place in Guildford Cathedral. Most of our male Residents attended the Service, accompanied by Matron (Mrs Warburton) and driven to Guildford in our own mini-bus ambulance by our Secretary, Mike Hurst. On arrival the men all donned their Masonic Clothing before entering the beautiful modern Cathedral.

After the Service the whole James Terry Court party were entertained to tea in the marquee by the Provincial Grand Master before returning to Croydon.

HALLOWEEN There were ghoullies and ghosties and long-leggity beasties of all kinds in the Dining Hall at James Terry Court during the evening of October 31st. Matron had laid-on Punch, hot Baked Potatoes and Fudge for everybody at the party. There were games of various kinds and dancing and singing, but the major event was the decorated hat competition. All the members of the 'Family' had been so creative and original in their efforts that the Judges had a hard job in deciding who had won. In the end, however, they were unanimous in choosing Mrs L D Oliver and Mr Bartlett, who each won a small bottle of the 'hard stuff'.

PANTOMIME We are planning to take as many members of the 'Family' as wish to go to the Pantomime 'Treasure Island' at the Fairfield Hall early in the New Year. We shall be opting for a Matinee performance. If any of you would like to join us please let us know as soon as possible so that we can reserve a seat for you. (Dates times and prices available soon from our Hon. Secretary.)