

James Terry

# Court Circular

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



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Dear Member,

NOTES FOR YOUR DIARY.

Some important dates for your diaries, please - and the Committee would be grateful for your support at all these events.

CALLING ALL WITCHES!

Bring your broomsticks (and your familiars) to the HALLOWE'EN PARTY on Thursday 31st October. The Party starts at 7.30.p.m. and tickets are £1.50 each. Matron and Friends are organising all sorts of fun and games, including a hat competition. Don't miss out on this!

A LADIES NIGHT is to be held at the Aerodrome Hotel, Purley Way, on Wednesday, 6th November at 6.30.p.m. for dinner at 7.p.m. Residents will attend as guests of Woking Lodge, and we plan to hand over to a representative of the RMBI a cheque for £4,250, as a result of our Grand Summer Fete. Tickets for the Ladies Night are £14.50 each and may be obtained from the Hon.Sec. Mike Wilson (telephone 01-657 1236). Let's make this a night to remember! Dress is optional, by the way, so why not bring out your glad rags?

Last, but by no means least, do make an effort to come along to the CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING on Saturday, 14th December, at 10.30.am. Entrance is 50p per head, and includes coffee and hot mincepies.

Matron will not be holding her regular coffee morning on the second Sunday in November, but looks forward to a good attendance on Sunday, 8th December.

The ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING was held on 2nd June, when Mike Hurst retired as Secretary, and Maurice Sear retired from the Committee. Our grateful thanks go to these two stalwarts, for all their past efforts.

Mike Wilson is the new Secretary and Reg White has accepted the job of Membership Secretary. Mrs. Shirley Trueman has also joined the Committee, membership of which is as follows.

President - James Terry.

Chairman - John Hunter.

Secretary - Mike Wilson.

Treasurer - Peter Goodenough.

Other members - David Haigh, Geoffrey Robinson, Joseph Aquilina, Darrel Wilkinson, Ken Darby, Walter Bailey, Mrs. Norah Hunter, Mrs. Shirley Trueman, Roy Pitt, Reg White, Ray Claxton and Mrs. Avis Claxton.

Main resolution passed at the AGM was that Life Membership can now be obtained and will cost £20. Why not think about taking out Life Membership instead of paying annual subs.?

These, by the way, are now due and reminders have been sent out. It would save time and postage if payments could be made at once.

Despite the terrible weather, our GRAND SUMMER FETE was a great success and we made £5,740. After all expenses have been paid, the sum of £4,250 remains and a cheque for this amount will be presented to the RMBI at the Ladies Night on 6th November. Special thanks are due to those Friends (their families and friends) who ran the stalls and the sideshows.

The STRAWBERRY TEA on 30th June was much enjoyed by the residents and those few of the Friends who were able to attend. Tea was served in the dining room, because of the biting wind, but the weather was sunny and dry. Funds benefitted by £25.

The CHEESE AND WINE EVENING held on 12th July, run by Mesdames Avis Claxton and Norah Hunter, was not well supported, but made about £37.

It is disappointing for the organisers when events are not well supported and we would like to appeal to Friends to come forward with suggestion for events which they would be prepared to support. A wine tasting evening has been suggested as a possibility - but would any Friends attend? Please let us have your views and ideas for future events.

BIRTHDAYS. The following residents have birthdays before the end of the year. Why not send a card to at least one of those listed, particularly if you share the same birthday? It's just a small gesture, but it gives so much pleasure to the recipient.

NOVEMBER.

9. Mrs. W.A. Murray.	19. Miss E. Nield.	21. Mr. H.C. Davis.
22. Mrs. E.M. Hayhoe.	26. Mr. W.D. Craswell.	30. Mr. H.H. Kent.

DECEMBER.

20. Mr. C. Lepine-Smith.

OUT AND ABOUT.

On 14th June, a group of 25 residents enjoyed a splendid lunch at Allders restaurant. The outing was provided by Clerkenwell Lodge of Instruction and the Association of Friends. An added bonus was provided in the shape of a gift for each resident from the Directors of Allders Ltd.

A magnificent show of rhododendrons and azaleas added to the delights of a group visit to Leonard's Lee Gardens in Sussex, which was much enjoyed by all who attended. It was one of Summer's rare fine days and residents travelled comfortably in a coach provided by Philip Toler. Afternoon tea was provided by the Friends.

In July, a small party of male residents enjoyed a trip to Sheffield Park and the Bluebell Railway. They particularly enjoyed travelling first class on the railway to Horsted Keynes.

Visits to the Thames Barrier on 3rd and 10th September were highly successful. In all, 25 residents joined these trips.

Keen theatregoers among the residents much appreciated a visit to see "Private Lives" at the Old Mid Whitgiftians Pavilion, by courtesy of Whitgift Lodge.

On 21st September Noel Carpenter and Mike Wilson organised a Singalong, with Deanna joining the men in singing, while Sarah accompanied and played flute solos. The selection of Golden Oldies was much enjoyed and the residents had a great time.

The German evening organised by Ken Putt of Old England Lodge on 26th September was well attended by the residents, but only seven Friends were able to come. This was another very successful evening, with German wine and beer to wash down a wide selection of German foods. There was even a three piece "oompah" band, with tuba, accordeon and drums, led by Ray Probert. After all the singing and dancing, the assembled company were happily exhausted at the end of the evening.

### HELP!!!

We urgently need drivers for the Minibus for shopping runs on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. An ordinary driving licence covers all requirements and the bus is a pleasure to drive. Volunteers are asked to pick up passengers from James Terry Court at 10.30.am., drive to Croydon shopping centre, then pick up the residents an hour later to return them home. Please contact Matron if you can help.

Please remember that Matron welcomes visits to James Terry Court on Saturday afternoons and can cope with parties of up to 20 Lodge members with their ladies. Why not arrange for your Lodge to visit and see just how much is being done for the residents at James Terry Court? Phone Matron to fix a date.

And finally - a reminder that male residents very much appreciate invitations to visit a Lodge, particularly Mark Lodges and Chapters.

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