

James Terry

Court Circular

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



Dear Member

5th April 1987

EVENTS FOR YOUR DIARY

Saturday April 11. Wine and Liqueur Tasting. Admission £1.00 which includes first glass, thereafter 25p. 7.30 to 9.30pm
FRIDAY May 15. Luncheon for residents and friends at Alders Department Store, Croydon.
SUNDAY June 7. League of Friends A.G.M., 10am for 10.30am.
SATURDAY June 20. Annual Grand Summer Fete. Gates open 2pm. Admission 50p. including entry to the draw for a case of champagne.
SUNDAY Sept 6. Garden Party - 3pm to 5pm.
SATURDAY Nov. 28. Christmas coffee morning and Fayre.

Once again arrangements are in hand to take the residents on the "Blossom Run" and a visit to the Thames Barrier, both of which have been previously well attended - volunteer drivers with their cars are required.

Preparations for the Grand Summer Fete are well in hand, but more hands would make lighter work of the task - are you able to help? Also gifts of bottles of wine or any unwanted presents would be most welcome, and would be used as prizes or to add to the stalls.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP

Life Membership continues to increase and very soon the TWOHUNDREDTH member will be registered - send in your cheque for £20 to the Treasurer and you may be the recipient of a Bottle of Whisky.

THANKS FROM THE RESIDENTS

The residents continue to enjoy the Bingo, Whist Drives and Race Nights and have asked that their thanks be expressed to the "few" who regularly organise these sessions.

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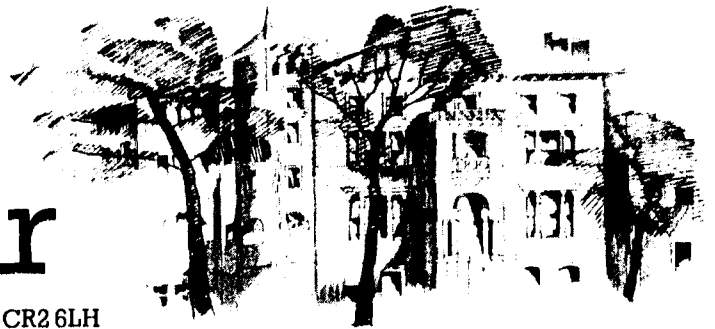
If you are able to assist or require further information on any of the above events, please contact any of the following:-

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22 May, 1987

Dear Member

Once again our Annual Grand Summer Fete draws near -

SATURDAY, JUNE 20th.

This year there will be a greater variety of stalls, raffles, etc. and we are naturally hoping for a fine sunny day! Please do try to come along - Gates open at 2p.m. admission 50p which includes entry into a raffle for a

'CASE OF CHAMPAGNE'

To date very few gifts have been received for inclusion on the stalls for sale, or for raffle prizes - Ladies, why not make a few cakes for the cake stall? It would help immensely.

Regretfully the TWO HUNDREDTH Life Member has not yet been registered - send in your Membership Form - the lucky person to receive the bottle of whisky could be you, but HURRY.

NOTES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Sunday	June 7th	League of Friends A.G.M.	10am for 10.30
Saturday	June 13th	Fete Stallholders Meeting	10.00am
Sunday	June 14th	Coffee Morning	10.30am
Saturday	June 20th	THE FETE of FETES at	2.00pm
Sunday	July 12th	Coffee Morning	10.30am
Sunday	Aug. 9th	Coffee Morning	10.30am
Sunday	Sept 13th	Coffee Morning	10.30am

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26th August 1987

EVENTS FOR YOUR DIARY

- Sunday September 13 COFFEE MORNING - 10.30am
- Sunday October 11 COFFEE MORNING - 10.30am
- Saturday November 14 FANCY DRESS SUPPER - 7.30pm Admission £2.50 including supper.
- Saturday November 28 XMAS BAZAAR - 50p including coffee and mince pie - 10.30am.
- Sunday December 13 COFFEE MORNING - 10.30am

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The Annual Summer Fete was held on Saturday 20th June and proved to be a worthwhile event. As a result of the Fete the sum of £5000 has been donated to the R.M.B.I.. Already the committee of the League of Friends are making plans for the 1988 Fete which will be held on Saturday 18th June 1988. It is imperative that we increase the number of stalls next year - this is the only way we can hope to retain our "existing customers" and to interest new ones. If you or your Lodge are able to organise and man a stall - Coconut Shies, Punch and Judy, Skittles etc. - we should like to hear from you, sooner rather than later!

Since our last Circular thirty Residents enjoyed an outing to Worthing on the 3rd July, with afternoon tea at St Peters Cottage, Cowfold. Mr James Terry once again hosted a party to the R.H.S. Gardens at Wisley where they joined up with Residents from Lord Harris Court, Sindlesham.

CHARITY BALL - 6th MAY 1988 - ARNHEM GALLERY, FAIRFIELD HALLS

The ballroom/banqueting room has been booked as above. This we hope will be our main charity function for not only next year, but for the years ahead. Much work has already been done in the planning of this event. More details will be given in the next Court Circular - in the meantime PLEASE make a note of the date.

LUCKY WINNERS Case of Champagne.....K. Hodgson of Cliffe, Kent
200th Life Member.....A. Trayling of Surrey

We are now well on the way to reaching our 300th member and he/she will be the recipient of a ONE LITRE BOTTLE OF WHISKEY - it could be you.....but only if you complete the Life Membership Form in the near future. Our Chairman, John Hunter has kindly donated this prize and is most anxious to hand it over as soon as possible - meanwhile it is maturing!

URGENTLY NEEDED DRIVERS - HELPERS to assist Residents on Outings -
HANDICRAFT TEACHER - please contact Matron for any of these vacancies.

OUR THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO HAS SUPPORTED US IN OUR WORK.
PLEASE, PLEASE, CONTINUE TO DO SO

* DONATIONS OF CAKES, MARMALADE, JAM WILL BE APPRECIATED

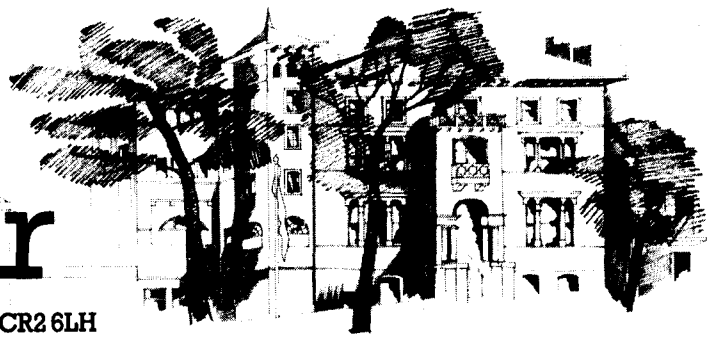
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Following the publication of the last circular one or two members asked for the dates of matron's coffee mornings. Matron holds 'open house' on the second Sunday in each month with the exception of November. She and the residents would love to see you for coffee from 10:30 onwards. All the residents look forward to these gatherings.

The home was opened officially by the Earl of Cadogan in July '81. Interestingly enough the very first Masonic Old People's Home was opened in 1850 right here in Croydon. The original buildings are still standing and can be seen from the right hand windows of London bound trains soon after they leave East Croydon Station. The premises now belong to Croydon Corporation and are sheltered homes for old age pensioners. In 1955 the R.M.B.I., opened the first of its modern residential homes at Hove, known as Harewood Court. Among its first residents were the 32 freemasons and their dependents then living at Croydon.

Mr Bernard Stroulger has just joined the residents at James Terry Court, his article entitled "First Impressions" says it all.

First Impressions by Bernard Stroulger

My only other visit to an R.B.M.I. home was to the dedication of the Odfer Rutler window at Porthcawl about 15 years ago. I went as a clerk representing the Basketmakers Company of London of which he had been Prime Warden in its 400th year.

My first impression of James Terry Court was that of an elegant Victorian house. Of the internal arrangements, the handrails almost everywhere are attractive to me, "as a faller about"! Another thoughtful feature is the whitening of the stair tread edges. The conversion of the house is excellent and of particular merit is the sound proofing of the bedroom walls. These rooms are well prepared and this attracted me on the first visit.

Now to people: "Caring" is the word and I am ever struck by the politeness. I am surprised by coming in to see so many ladies reminding me of my relative longevity in that they and the staff wear skirts - not trousers!

Coming into James Terry Court I have a real sense of security knowing that well or ill I will be cared for.

After a very busy life to age 77 and having been active in the craft and other masonic entities for over 40 years this is very important to me being not too fit nowadays.

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We had hoped that the flow of Life members would increase following the publication of the last circular. Friends, could you make a point of mentioning the home and Association amongst your friends and acquaintances. The more subscriptions we have both in London and Surrey the sooner we will be in a position to bid for the new minibus which will shortly become a priority.

It is not generally known that the Summer Fete held each year is not in support of James Terry Court in particular but to raise funds for the R.M.B.I. in general. This year's Grand Summer Fete is on Saturday 17th June and we hope to see many of you on that occasion.

We are anxious to build up the library at the home and we are looking most especially for large print books. They are often sold off by local libraries and would be invaluable to the residents. If you know of a possible source could you let the matron know.

The residents enjoyed a number of Christmas Festivities which included a visit to the Fairfield Halls pantomime "Aladdin". We still need a handicrafts teacher.

The following residents have birthdays in the next quarter:-

Mrs Nesta Mee	1:02:10	Mr Albert Nicholls	17:03:95
Mr Leslie Torrence	16:02:02	Mr Cecil Ireland	22:03:96
Mrs Ivy Pym	16:02:05	Mr George Judkins	09:04:97
Mrs Evelyn Heppell	18:02:90	Mrs Beatrice Clark	14:04:94
Mrs Georgina Tapp	20:02:99	Mrs Lilian Oliver	17:04:98
Mrs Ada Stiff	22:02:05	Mrs Daisy Patterson	19:04:91

Finally we are trying to arrange a "Country Run" A short drive through Surrey's countryside for the residents on Saturday May 20th returning to the home at 3;30 for tea. Are there any volunteer drivers who would care to join us .

I am constantly amazed at the way in which time speeds by and am reminded of the following poem :-

When as a child I laughed and wept,
Time crept.
When as a youth I dreamed and talked,
Time walked.
When I became a full grown man,
Time ran.
Later, as I older grew,
Time flew.
Soon shall I find while travelling on,
Time gone!

What a blessing that for the happy residents of James Terry Court time stands still..

January 1989