

James Terry

# Court Circular

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## SUMMER FETE SATURDAY JUNE 16TH

At long last the tickets for the 1990 Fete are being mailed to Surrey Lodges, Chapters, and the Lodge Representatives throughout London and West Kent. Unfortunately for reasons beyond our control we must rely on the Lodges in Surrey this year and I make this special plea to all members of Surrey Lodges to support the only R.M.B.I., home in the Province. If we could get 100% support from the limited mailing to which we are restricted we could break even but without it this year's fete could be financially disastrous. If on the other hand all concerned could be prevailed upon to make an extra effort we could turn a potential disaster into a resounding success despite the fact that the Masonic season is drawing to a close.

It is important also to encourage fresh Lodges to play an active part by running stalls. Members of the Friends of the Association could play a vital part here in persuading their friends to help us out. Finally with a smaller ticket distribution publicity will be restricted. May we rely upon you to turn up on Saturday 16th June and bring guests with you? We are deeply concerned that through no fault of our own this year's fete will be a bitter disappointment to Matron and all concerned.

### LODGE REPRESENTATIVES AND LIFE MEMBERS

We are anxious to continue the drive for Lodge Representatives for these loyal friends are very supportive. Similarly we urgently need to increase the Life membership of the Association. There are currently 414 members. A member of St. Leonard's Lodge No 3809 was delighted to receive his bottle of scotch as the 400th member. Life membership is £20.00 and annual membership is £3:00.

### THE 100 CLUB

The James Terry 100 Club run by the members of Panmure, London Lodge No. 720 goes from strength to strength and has so far generated over £600:00 to Association Funds. The Secretary of the Association of friends was delighted to become a prize winner in the 1st week of February draw. Your secretary recommends the "100 Club" to you @ £6:00 per quarter. "Money well spent" he says.

Mr Arthur Wadham of 63, Mulholland Close Mitcham , Surrey CR4 1SX  
Telephone 01-648:5216 would be delighted to enrol you and so help  
to turn the '100 Club' into a '200 Club'

#### CHRISTMAS BAZAAR AT JAMES TERRY COURT

On Saturday 25th November, we held our Annual Christmas Bazaar in the home . This year it was organised by Norah Hunter and a small band of helpers. There were stalls selling all kinds of 'goodies' in the Clerkenwell and Oak Lounges - raffles in the entrance Hall and the Dining Room - and Coffee and Mince Pies in the Dining Room also.

This function raised £433.81 for the Association's funds. We are grateful to all those who supported us by : providing stalls, making cakes, preserves and other goods, by selling raffle tickets, and above all by coming along to spend a little money.

#### SEEING THE LIGHTS OF LONDON

Thanks to the generosity of the members of the Mandalay Club (a group of Freemasons and their Ladies, who hold Social Functions to raise money for Charities), the Friends were able to take a Coachload of Residents up to London to see the Christmas Decorations.

The route took us from Piccadilly Circus, up Regent Street to Oxford Circus, along Oxford Street and on past Marble Arch to Kensington High Street, on to Hammersmith Broadway and back via Cromwell Road.

Mrs Pym writes:-

"I would like to thank the Friends for enabling us to see the Christmas Lights in London. For me it brought back many happy memories of working there, and I know it must have done the same for many others. The difference this time was that we did it in supreme comfort in that lovely Coach."

#### TOLKIEN'S "THE HOBBIT"

Many grown-up children still enjoy the 'Adult Fairy Tales' of J.R.R. Tolkien, so when a stage version came to the Fairfield Halls in November a minibus load of residents expressed an interest in seeing it. The Friends waved their magic wand and took them to the afternoon Matinee. The very rumbustious cast gave a thoroughly good performance, which was well enjoyed by all those who went.

## SUMMER OUTINGS 1990

We are planning to make trips to Chartwell and to the Thames Barrier when the warmer weather comes. If any members of the Friends would like to come along ( and help to entertain our residents) please let us know. They will be most welcome. Watch the Court Circular. or the Friends' Notice Boards at the Home and Oakfield Road for news of the dates.

## REGALIA

From time to time Gentlemen come into James Terry Court either with no Masonic Regalia, or with Masonic Clothing that (often due to as much as 50 or 60 years fair wear and tear) is no longer servicable. Gifts of unwanted Regalia are therefore welcome.

In particular, at the present time, we need an Apron Badge and a Collar Jewel for a Past Provincial Grand Sojourner of Surrey Royal Arch Chapter ( to up-grade the Regalia that we have lent him ) - and a couple of Mark Master Mason's Aprons & Breast Jewels.

If you know where any of these items are 'going spare', please send or bring them to the Home, marked for the attention of the Chairman of the Association of Friends.

## BIRTHDAYS

Finally as always if any of you share a birthday with one of the following residents, a card from you would be a lovely thought and much appreciated :-

17.03.1895	Mr A Nicholls	03.05.1900	Mrs R.R Porter
09.04.1897	Mr G R Judkins	11.05.1898	Mrs A Player
14.04.1894	Mrs B L Clark	12.05.1902	Mr H de Lacey
17.04.1898	Mrs L D Oliver	14.05.1902	Mr L Hartsilver
17.04.1908	Mrs A Mickle	18.05.1901	Mrs L D Ball
		21.05.1891	Mrs M Playfoot
		29.05.1897	Mrs V N Smith
		29.05.1897	Mrs M Oakley

### CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON AT OAKFIELD ROAD

On Thursday 7th December, the Friends entertained 28 Residents to a traditional Christmas Luncheon at the Masonic Centre in Croydon. Three Minibus loads arrived in Oakfield Road to be greeted by four Committee Members and a member of the Friends - and a glass of Sherry each.

When they had all arrived they were taken into the Dining Room for Melon Boats, followed by a full Turkey Luncheon, with all the trimmings, and finished off with Christmas Pudding and Mince Pies & Coffee (and after eight mints). The meal was accompanied by wine and Christmas Crackers.

A Resident wrote to us to say " I should like to thank the Friends for the delicious Christmas Lunch which you arranged for us all at the Masonic Rooms last Thursday. It must have taken a great deal of organisation. Everything went so smoothly and a nice relaxed atmosphere and pleasant surroundings, which all added to this special occasion, which I am sure was enjoyed by everyone."

Without the support of all the members of the Association of Friends - and their Lodges - such functions could not be arranged.

### FATHER CHRISTMAS

Father Christmas made his customary appearance on Christmas Day morning and distributed gifts from the Association of Friends and the R.M.B.I. He told me he enjoyed himself immensely but he is not so sure about the residents who wondered if he was a substitute for the crackers traditionally served with Christmas Dinner.

### SPRING BLOSSOM RUN

A favourite outing for the residents of the home is the meander through the Surrey Countryside which we try to organise towards the end of April beginning of May. This is obviously dependent on finding volunteer drivers with 4 door cars who also enjoy a country run. If you and your wife would be prepared to help us out please contact Matron who will take your telephone number and phone you back with a suitable date when and if sufficient volunteers come forward. Alternatively you could 'phone the home and take a couple out of your own volition. Such trips are a delight to the folk in the home.