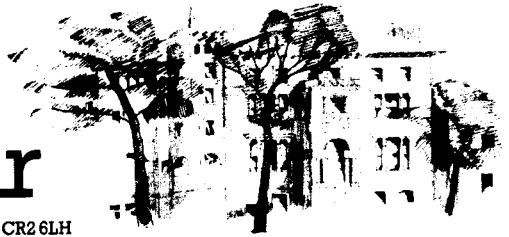


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### Friends of James Terry Court

Like everyone, James Terry Court needs all The Friends it can get. Not just for the income that membership generates, though that is important, but also to offer **time and active encouragement** to the staff and residents. As with all similar organizations there is a core of Friends that undertake practically all support. It is assumed by everyone else that everything will continue to be done as it always has been, so why bother? **We do need your help, though, both directly and by encouraging other members of your Lodge to join The Friends.**

**Life Membership costs £20**, a bargain even for those of advanced years. Tell the members of your Lodge, and give them our Hon. Secretary's name and address as shown above. A Magnum of Champagne or a Litre of Scotch (winner's choice) will be sent to the 500th Life Member to sign up.

Formal meetings for Lodge Representatives are held every three months at James Terry Court and are well worth attending. You can meet committee members and staffers and discuss your interest in the running of the Court. Most importantly, you can meet the residents, who love to talk to both friends and strangers. **The next meeting will be held on Monday, February 24 1992, 8.00pm at James Terry Court.**

**Open Coffee Mornings** are held on the Second Sunday of every month. Come along, have coffee and biscuits and meet the Residents from 11.00am. Meet Lady, the 10-year-old dogfriend of everyone; as a therapeutic pet with a lovely personality, she takes some beating.

Friends are invited to send birthday cards to Residents, (especially, but not exclusively, if they share the same day as you). Those coming up in the next few months are:

Feb 22: Mrs A Stiff	Apr 5: Mrs E M Scott	Apr 9: Mr G R Judkins
Apr 17: Mrs A Mickle	Apr 22: Mrs V M Coldwell	Apr 24: Mrs M Allo
Apr 29: Mrs E P Halden	Apr 30: Mrs I M Everett	May 8: Mr D Cole
May 11: Mrs A Player	May 12: Mr H de Lacey	May 26: Mrs E Mosley
May 27: Mr F Bateman	May 29: Mrs V Smith	

## NEWS

### Mini-bus

Pending further information from suppliers (conversion is the problem), no decision has been made just yet. **Look, we are still about £5000 short of funds for this vital facility** for our Residents mobility, so anything your Lodge can organize to raise the extra money quickly would be welcome.

### Christmas events

The Christmas Coffee Morning & Bazaar on November 16 did not attract as many Friends as last year, but financially it was well worthwhile, producing £464 for our funds. A big "Thank you" to all those who worked so hard running the stalls, making home-made "goodies" and providing other items for sale.

The Christmas Lunch was a great success, writes Resident Mrs Pym, despite the coach being delayed by traffic when on its way to pick up the forty-plus participants. No matter, we all arrived at Oakfield Road to be met by helpers at the door, coats taken and ticketed and sat down for sherry, before moving into the dining room where small round tables split us into family-sized groups. A beautifully cooked Christmas lunch, with wine and crackers was delightfully served, leaving everyone replete and happy. Our thanks again to Mr and Mrs Hunter and all The Friends involved in so well organizing this lovely celebration of Christmas.

Carols on Friday 13 were thoroughly enjoyed, with the New Venture Brass band leading some 30 residents in carols and Christmas songs in the Oak Lounge.

It was the band's first visit to James Terry Court and, says a Resident, we hope it will not be the last. Everyone joined in the singing, also the laughter when a visiting Friend (who had organized the band's visit), joined in tunefully with a hose and funnel as an extra instrument. Mr Hunter gave a vote of thanks to them for giving up their valuable time and presented a cheque from The Friends for their charity, St Christopher's Hospice. A lovely evening of coffee, carols, music and Christmas Spirit.

Pantomime visit, January 8: Mrs Lilian Walker, one of the party who saw "Cinderella" at Fairfield Hall, writes to thank the League of Friends for their kindness and dedication in arranging this splendid outing.

There were Christmas presents too for all Residents from The Friends. By all accounts they had a lovely festival season, thanks to Matron and the Staff, visits from family for some and, for others, visits from The Friends. A lovely time, celebrated in style.

### 1992 Fete

June 20. Mark it in your diary for now, but be prepared to help: stall-holders, tea-makers, washer-uppers, setter-uppers and breaker-downers. Lots to do, and few (yet) to do it. Volunteers, please as soon as you can. Together with those who have already offered Stalls, please call Matron (081-688 5529) before the end of March.

### **Passing the Time**

Many Residents enjoy reading, walking out and around, talking and debating, listening to interesting visitors and music, playing Bingo, taking part in plays and even watching television. Facilities for all of these and more are available, but what is missing is YOU. Have you led an interesting life and can talk about it? Conjure rabbits out of hats? Produced a play? Can you play music? Organize a debate? Let Matron know (081-688 5529) and discuss the details.

Other Residents are not able to while away the time so easily: they need visitors to talk to them (and listen), read their letters to them, or write them, or just have a friend from time to time. It's not hard to do, and worth every minute spent doing. Ask Matron for advice on how best to help those less lucky than we are.

### **Bingo**

A Bingo session is held every week at James Terry Court, eagerly looked forward to by many of the Residents.

Sessions start at 7.30pm each Tuesday, lasting no more than an hour. Callers and Assistants are **urgently wanted**: any volunteers? Call Matron on 081-688 5529.

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### **Editor's Note**

This is my first effort at The Circular and is based largely on those going before. The intention remains the same, to keep The Friends in touch with their local RMBI Home, and to encourage more active support from Masons and their families. Please let me know if you think it should include other news; there is plenty to report, but I need to know what interests you, if The Circular is to be effective.

**James Terry Court 100 'plus' Club**

Originated by Panmure Lodge No 720 in November 1988, the 100-plus Club commenced operations in March 1989, with all profits going to the benefit of James Terry Court. Details of the way this is spent will be in the next issue of The Circular.

A cheque is sent every twelve weeks, and so far this has raised £2915, reflecting profits of £1400 per annum currently.

All this from members' 50p per week contributions,  
and the chance of a worthwhile prize every week!

Membership of the 100+ Club is NOT limited to 100 (see that 'plus' sign), and is open to all Masons, their families and friends.

Prizes, drawn every week, are valued  
from a 3rd Prize of £8 to a 1st of £24.

They vary within the twelve-week cycle, and you pay £6 up front to join. The next period starts on April 1, so join before then and you are in with a chance.

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