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Now that the Masonic "season" is well under way, and with Christmas coming closer, it is the time to ask you to remember James Terry Court when the Broken Column is next passed round. Alternatively (or as well), your Lol might apply some of their charity collection to the Home. It is difficult, I know, to introduce another charity into a system that has probably been traditionally applied, over a limited number of meetings in a year, but have a word with your Lodge Representative and/or the Charity Steward about including JTC. It might be easier if you specify a need, and without doubt that is still the Minibus Fund. The new bus has been ordered, so it is urgent that we make up the nearly-£3000 we are short.

Like your own Lodges, we of The Friends committee have to spread your contributions over various needs within the Home; the most immediate is the matter of making Christmas a good one for our Residents. To this end we shall be holding the annual Christmas Fayre on Saturday 21st November, 10.00 am to Midday. Entrance is £1, but since you get a free coffee and a mince pie, it is virtually no cost. Tickets are available in advance from Eric Evans, which gives you the opportunity of selling them to your Lodge members ahead of the day.

Profits from the Fayre go towards the Christmas lunch at Oakfield Road and presents for the Residents.

When we had the Lodge representatives' meeting in September, it was agreed that a new leaflet about James Terry Court should be produced. At present I am gathering information on the history of the Home, mostly so far in a fascinating chat with James Terry III himself, but I need more. Were any of you involved when it was first opened? Have you any stories to tell about it or personalities of or in the Home? Let me know, please; the more the merrier the final product will be.

Life-Membership of The Friends has passed the 500 mark as expected. Mr Holden was the lucky man to be issued with the five-hundredth card and will be receiving his personal choice of a bottle of gin, kindly donated by Peter Kendall.

News

Earlier this year the RMBI Management Committee discussed the need for personal telephones in Resident's rooms. The decision was made that those who wanted them and who felt they could afford the BT charges, should be able to have them. BT came along and wired the whole Home and put in a quantity of external cabling to the exchange. The telephones have started to be ordered and in some cases are installed. Also, a new pay-phone has been installed for general use, at a low cost.

A group of the Residents attended the annual service in Guildford Cathedral during the Summer.

The need for dictionaries was mentioned in the August Court Circular, and Matron asks me to thank you for the response, which was splendid. We should now have the most literate Residents in the business.

As usual, the RMBI is to the fore in following new legislation covering the Quality Assurance requirements for all Residential Homes; in more friendly terms, this is a move to improve the quality of life of our Residents. It all costs money, of course. The funds for this come from the RMBI, with the support of The Friends as great additional value.

Money for what? Additional staff and equipment: more Care Assistants, for instance, applying the QA requirements by being available to the Residents for personal care. This means helping Residents in ways that range from assistance with wheelchairs for those who cannot help themselves, to motivating them in their hobbies and interests, lifting their enjoyment of their stay in our Homes.

A specific example: "Creativity sessions" were started a few months ago, with an enthusiastic lady Care Assistant being hired to encourage the Residents in arts and crafts, in which they may have been active in the past but which have not been pursued in recent times; others may want to take up new crafts. Initially this was to be for one afternoon per week, but she has proved to be such an outstanding success that there are five sessions a week now, to the delight and interest of the Residents.

One craft that is very active is the making of soft toys, tea-cosies, cushion-covers and the like. This needs a regular supply of wool and material off-cuts, and Friends are encouraged to raid their homes (with permission from the Manager, of course) for these. Not just once, but on a regular basis, please.

Residents are encouraged to go out and about, away from the Home, whether to shop, or visit a museum, art gallery or the like. Many of them need to be accompanied, and again it is the Care Assistants who escort them until the trip is successfully completed. When the new minibus is available, one of its uses will be for these occasions, allowing one member of staff to look after several of the Residents.

There is a shop in James Terry Court, open on Saturday mornings in the Library, when Norah and John Hunter lay out tables of goodies for sale to Residents who have run out of the small necessities of life. A valuable and much appreciated service on a wet or windy day, or any day if you are not too steady on your pins.

Dates

Don't forget the Christmas Fayre, Saturday 21st November, 10.00 am - Noon. Can you run a Stall at the Fayre? Or just help? Tell our Hon. Secretary Eric Evans (081 777 1714) please.

Friends are always welcome to drop in, especially around Christmas time. On Christmas Eve there are Carols round the Tree, and on Christmas Day and Boxing Day there is open house each morning until about 12.30 pm. Check with Matron (081-688 5529) if you are going to the Carols.

The following Residents have their birthdays in the coming months, and Friends are encouraged to send them a card, especially if a birthday coincides with your own:

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| Dec 2: | Mr H K Campbell | Jan 4: | Mrs M T Somerville | Feb 1: | Mrs N Mee |
| Dec 8: | Mrs F M Barker | Jan 17: | Mrs L I Walker | Feb 16: | Mr L H Torrance |
| Dec 25: | Mr E N Brown | Jan 18: | Mrs E Hutchings | Feb 16: | Mrs I N Pym |
| Dec 31: | Mrs G Goodby | | | | |

Matron asks:

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jig-saw puzzles?

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