

James Terry

Court Circular

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



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It may be Summertime and the Lodges are sleeping, but it is not long before the Autumn, when most of us start our meetings again. So, Friends, please cast your mind over ways in which your Lodge or Chapter can help our local RMBI Home.

For some reason, Lodges and Chapters have stopped inviting Residents to their meetings, and we need to reverse this trend. One-third of the Residents are Freemasons, and while some are unable to attend outside functions due to ill-health or simply old age, many can and have enjoyed such visits enormously. It is a simple act of brotherliness which means a lot to the visitor; it costs little or nothing to the Lodge (and must of course cost the Residents nothing). The man to contact about arranging a visit is John Hunter, our Chairman; contact him through James Terry Court. He knows who should be invited, and when, so as to line up with your meeting dates. Maybe your Lodge has a member who is resident in JTC but who has difficulty in getting to the meetings; be sure to arrange his transport.

How long is it since your Almoner or other members visited the widow your Lodge sponsored for JTC? In many cases it has been ages since contact was made. Some Residents are lucky and rejoice in regular visits from family and friends, others are not. Do bear them in mind, and remember the monthly Open Coffee Mornings on the second Sunday of each month (except November, when it clashes with Remembrance Sunday services); turn up at around 11.00 a.m.

Lodges and Chapters are welcome to arrange a visit of small groups, to see James Terry Court. Contact Matron to arrange a suitable date and time. It is a splendid Home, one that we should all be proud of and be keen to learn more about.

The appeal for money to buy the new Minibus was splendidly answered by The Friends, and we are now using the continuing flow of donations towards replacing it in the fullness of time, so please do not feel you have left it too late to give. However, if you feel you have supported this project enough, there are other needs. In the NEWS section below you will see that Residents have been out on trips in the Minibus; also there are visits to the pantomime and other outings either arranged or intended. The Friends exist in part to make the money available for such as these, plus the purchase of equipment and facilities that are not normally paid for by the RMBI. The sort of sum that could be raised by a whip-round at a meeting, say £25 would pay for the teas on an outing, so it would be well worth collecting.

The point is, you don't have to belong a rich Lodge or Chapter to be very helpful indeed to JTC. Make your cheque payable to The Friends of James Terry Court, and send it to the Hon Treasurer, The Friends of James Terry Court, 51 Warham Road, South Croydon, CR2 6LH. Include a letter explaining how you would like the money allocated if you wish.

News

James Terry Court is now a teenager, though it is profoundly to be hoped it will not suffer the slings and arrows of that unfortunate age. July 23 was the birthday and, as always, there was a party, with fifty-two Residents and twenty-seven guests enjoying the occasion.

Amongst the notable happenings at the party, Mike Hurst of The Friends handed over a cheque for £7,000, the profit from our Summer Fete, to Jane Reynolds as Chief Executive of the RMBl. Accepting the cheque, Ms Reynolds gave her assurance that it would benefit the Residents of James Terry Court, also saying that the RMBl spends £7½m - £8m annually on the Masonic Homes.

The summer Fete in June was blessed with reasonable weather, passing off without rain — a notable occurrence this year. Attendance was well up on last year, reports Mike Hurst, Fete Secretary, who adds that his committee would like to thank everyone who contributed their time and effort to making it such a success. A seven-piece brass band played; 40lbs of strawberries donated by a Friend, with cream of course, were prepared and sold by Residents to those partaking of the excellent teas available in the Dining Room.

Part of the Fete publicity, organised by Paul Greenwood, resulted in a photograph in the Croydon Advertiser of Mrs Holden, a Resident who had knitted a whole toy family, "The Scarecrows", for the occasion. Visitors were invited to name a suitable home for them, so that they would be loved and cherished as a family. The vote was in favour of the NSPCC in Croydon, who are celebrating their centenary this year. This was a splendid idea which attracted many to come to our Fete, displayed the talents of our Residents, and helped nail the canard that Freemasons only look after their own.

The new minibus is clocking up the miles, in regular use taking Residents on shopping trips, to (and from) hospitals, and out into the country on fine days. Amongst these last have been rides to Westerham and Chartwell at bluebell-time and in the high summer. (We could report in greater detail on these occasions if Residents would tell us about them, so how about it? We want to know).

A short history of James Terry Court has been prepared and will be sent to all Friends. To save postage costs it will be sent with the November edition of the Court Circular.

The next major date in the Court Calendar is the Christmas Bazaar. The intention is to raise the money needed to be able to give each Resident a Christmas gift, pay for the Christmas Lunch at Oakfield Road and contribute towards the cost of the pantomime outing and such. Last year we made a profit of £997.37, a record due to the support of the Residents, the organisers, the stall holders and those who came.

This year the Bazaar is on Saturday, 20 November, 10 - 12.00 a.m. It sounds terribly early for a Christmas date, but we have to know how much we have to distribute and it takes time to collect the money that Lodges and Chapters have taken in selling tickets. Your Lodge Representative will have them for sale shortly, so be sure to buy; they account for a lot of the income.

Birthdays

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

<u>September</u>	<u>October</u>	<u>November</u>
9th: Mrs E Ord	6th: Mrs G H Burrows	19th: Miss E Neild
10th: Mr A A Allo	6th: Mr Meares	20th: Mrs W Harrison
16th: Mrs M Nuttall	7th: Mrs F E Cole	21st: Mr H C Davis
21st: Mrs J Sly	11th: Mrs R Burbage	30th: Mrs B Nash
22nd: Mrs L J Rogers (her 100th!)	22nd: Mrs N V Homan	

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10 - 12.00 a.m. 20 November 1993

Come and buy your Christmas presents at

James Terry Court
51 Warham Road
South Croydon

STALLS, RAFFLES, COFFEE, TEA
Meet our Residents and Staff

Plenty of parking for cars

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We need volunteers, to run a stall, sell raffle tickets and help set-up and take down the stalls.

We need stock to sell on the stalls, such as bric-a-brac, bottles, home-made cakes, garden produce.

We need raffle prizes of all sorts; the more we have, the more tickets we shall sell.

For all the above, please call
Norah Hunter on 081-680 9862

Deliveries of stock, produce etc. can be made direct to James Terry Court nearer the date. Advise Matron as to when you intend to deliver.