

James Terry Court Circular

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**Eric Evans
Hon. Secretary
1991 - 1994
died June 6 1994**

The Chairman and Committee of The Friends of James Terry Court regret to announce that Eric Evans died suddenly on June 6 1994. Eric was the hard-working Honorary Secretary of The Friends for three years and will be greatly missed. We extend our sympathies to his wife Joyce and his family.

The Fête and Other Events

Our Annual Garden Fête was blessed by wonderful weather and many visitors this year, resulting in a very pleasant and productive event. It was opened by Peter Groves from the RMBI Management Committee and we were also delighted to see Bryn Bevan there. The Committee agreed that the money made would go towards the purchase of a small car nicknamed "The Nipper" for JTC, which will be a valuable addition to transport for Residents when shopping, or visiting the hospital and the like. Whether it was because there was a specific target for the profit, or the unfailing generosity of the crowd; the dedication of Residents who fashioned silks into saleable items; the hard work of the stall-holders and the staff of JTC; Mike Hurst's committee's superb organisation of the day, or a combination of all of these, but a cheque for £8,500 was handed to RMBI Home Director Kevin Harris, at our Birthday Party on July 20th. That won't buy us a Nipper, but it goes some way towards it. Kevin told us that the money would be held at Head Office and added to as further donations came in, until there was enough. The RMBI buys such items

because they can get discounts that are not available to others, but without our donations nothing will happen.

You may have read recently that the laws affecting charities are in the process of being tightened up, so you will be happy to hear that The Friends of JTC has now been recognised and registered as an official Charity. This has important advantages when dealing with Inland Revenue and the banks, so you may be sure that your donations continue to be *wholly* applied to the charity and *none* to HM Government.

Residents have been enjoying the long hot Summer. The large umbrellas have been in constant use shading quiet groups settled round tables on the lawn, with the pleasant sound of croquet mallet on ball in the background. This is the craze of the season since the recent purchase of a croquet set. I am told that Gamesmanship rules can be applied to this otherwise gentle pursuit, but Friends can be reassured that, at least so far, Hurlingham is the order of the day.

The Minibus that The Friends purchased has been in regular use, with JTC staff taking Residents on day outings to places of interest and beauty, such as Brighton, Richmond Park, Shirley Wood, Selsdon Nature Reserve (for the bluebells) and others.

The Actors Theatre Group revisited James Terry Court on Monday June 13 to perform a one-act play for the Residents. Stephen Smith's comedy "Departure" lasted 45 minutes and was much appreciated by everyone. Produced by Jan Spurden and with a cast of four, the play is set at Gatwick Airport Passenger Departure Lounge. Afterwards the Group spent a some time mingling with the Residents, discussing the play and other topics.

A Message from Melvyn

I should like to thank all those Friends who nominated me as Hon. Secretary following the sad death of Eric Evans. I had worked with Eric for some time in preparation for taking over when he moved to Fareham. His inspiration and humour will be missed. At our AGM on 26th June 1994, my nomination was confirmed. John Hunter was re-elected Chairman and Peter Goodenough re-elected Treasurer. The existing Committee of Joseph Aquilina, Mrs Norah Hunter, Peter Kendall, Roy Pitt, Ian Scales and Reg White was re-elected. We also welcomed four new Committee Members: Paul Calderwood, Michael Hurst, Keith Nash and Roger Thompson. With this strengthened and revitalised Committee we will be able to meet the many challenges which lie ahead in taking your Association on to greater deeds and nobler achievements. Some changes have already been made, and there are many more to follow. With your help and support we can achieve our objective of being happy and making the Residents of James Terry Court even happier.

The Home Manager.

Mrs Warburton has asked for this space to thank all The Friends and JTC Staff who contributed to the success of the Summer Fête: to Mike Hurst and his committee, to all those who gave or made goods for sale, to those who turned up to put out the stalls, chairs, tables, flags, to stall-holders and raffle organisers, in short to everyone who helped.

Now we have to start thinking of next year's Fête. Volunteers' names are needed now: those who could make cakes and biscuits, those who can turn out handcrafted items for sale, those who will work in the background both before, during and after the day.

Please give your name to The Home Manager NOW; she will contact you nearer the time.

And thanks again for all you did for the Fête this year.

James Terry Court needs pictures to hang on the walls. This is something that somehow has been overlooked in the past, and it would make a great difference to the warmth of the Home, so please contact the Home Manager (Matron) if you can help.

Christmas Bazaar Saturday November 19 1994

10.00 a.m. - 12 noon

£1 entry includes coffee and mincepie

Contact **Norah Hunter** on **081-680 9852** if you can run a stall, or help set-up and take down the stalls.

We need stock to sell on the stalls, e.g. bric-a-brac, home-made cakes etc.

Also raffle prizes, as many as possible.

Delivery of goods can be made direct to JTC nearer the date.

Birthdays

The following Residents have their birthday in the coming months. Friends are asked to send a card, especially if they share a birthday.

	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER
5th.	Mrs M Jennings	9th. Mrs E Ord	6th Mrs G H Burrows
6th.	Mrs I Casselle	10th Mr A A Allo	6th Mr A J Meares
9th.	Mrs D Davis	16th Mrs M Nuttall	7th Mrs F E Cole
13th.	Mr R A Axtell	21st Mrs J Sly	11th Mrs R Burbage
14th	Mr E C Smith	22nd Mrs L J Rogers	22nd Mrs N V Homan
22nd.	Mrs D Burge		25th Mrs D E M Jeffery
24th.	Mrs E Wall		
25th.	Mrs R C Markham		