

# James Terry Court Circular

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## Friends of James Terry Court

This edition of the Court Circular is being distributed using the new mailing list, so it should be going to Friends and Lodge Representatives much more accurately than before. The list has been compiled following an excellent response to the notice in the last Court Circular, which asked for changes of address and names. No doubt, though, there are still a few who meant to respond and didn't, so if you are in this category, please write to our Secretary and tell him.

Our House Manager, a.k.a Matron, has asked that her thanks be passed on for the sewing machines that were donated by Friends, following the advertisement in the Court Circular. They are in regular use by the residents and save a lot of money on refurbishment costs for the old models. JTC has a big family to keep busy and happy, so there are always items in demand.

Some time ago we asked for knitting wool and the response was tremendous. Now we need more to keep the needles clicking. Do you have any remnants of materials? Tapestry that was started but never finished? Embroidery? Silks? All these are wanted, so please rummage through and send to JTC; they will be most welcome.

This is the time of the year when the gardeners amongst us find that the trays of seedlings we sowed in the Spring were enough to keep Kew in bloom. What to do with the rest? Deliver them to JTC, where they can be put to use to brighten the garden.

The many services The Friends do for our Residents includes the offer of a seat in the car on a Sunday afternoon, when you are driving out to see the beauties of our countryside. Next time you are planning a trip and have a spare place in the car, give JTC a ring and see if they can name a Resident who would appreciate the offer.

Writing of mobility: the Minibus is proving to be worth its weight in gold, one of the best things The Friends have done. Now we need more help in the transport department.

JTC are now able to offer Residents more carers to accompany them on shopping trips, trips to hospitals for out-patient treatment and the like. But the cost of using the Minibus for these short two- or three-person trips is horrendous. Now your committee has launched an appeal for the purchase of a small car and already donations are coming in. The car will be a Nissan with sliding doors: not too expensive to buy when compared with the Minibus and so much cheaper to run. Also, the need for the driver to have had a certain amount of experience before using the Minibus does not apply to using the "Nipper". We shall be using the profits from the Summer Fete which we hope will go a long way towards the cost of buying the car.

Not all our Residents like to be driven by car everywhere: quite a few enjoy a walk now and then. The House Manager needs volunteers to accompany them to local parks, or combining a walk with a short car-ride to one of the local Commons. Some of us could do with the occasional walk too! If you are in the habit of this kind of exercise and live locally to JTC, do call HM to make arrangements. We are not talking Marathons against the clock, more like a two-mile wander with a friend.

## Summer Fete

It is only a few weeks now until the 18th June and our Summer Fete, and there is much work to do in the mean time.

Mike Hurst (081-777 0228) is in charge of detailed arrangements and has asked that the following points be publicised:

**Stall-holders and Volunteers are asked to meet at JTC on Sunday May 22nd at 11 a.m. to discuss and settle arrangements. Coffee will be served.**

Any potential stall holders who would like to bring along their ideas, could be welcomed. The stalwarts who come year after year are essential at this meeting, so please be sure to attend.

Volunteers are required to help setting up stalls before the event: come to the meeting so that Mike can estimate this vital support.

**You can help at home too:** Home-made cakes, biscuits, preserves are always amongst the most popular items for sale.

Garden and house plants, unused packets of seeds, surplus garden tools, unneeded Christmas presents of gardening gloves, bird-feeders, the list is endless. They can be turned into much-needed profits for our local Masonic Home.

Turn out the bric-a-brac, look out the nearly-new unwanted, and offer them for sale.

**Lodge representatives:** Have a final sweep among your members and friends, to sell the last of the Fete tickets you were sent. Then give the money to our Treasurer on the day, or as soon afterwards as possible.

**To all The Friends:** The Summer Fete has always been successful in raising funds. This year we have a particular aim, to buy that much-needed runabout car, so success is even more important than usual.

## 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. Anyway we offer them our congratulations and wishes for many happy returns:

### JUNE

15th: Mrs V Fowler  
30th: Mr F R Baker

### JULY

2nd: Mrs E A White  
6th: Mrs A Allwaorthy  
8th: Mr S J Relph  
16th: Mrs V Marshall  
20th: Mr W H Lee  
24th: Mr S Greenwood

### AUGUST

5th: Mrs M Jennings  
9th: Mrs D Davis  
13th: Mr R A Axtell  
14th: Mr Smith  
22nd: Mrs D Burge  
24th: Mrs E Wall  
25th: Mrs R C Markham

### Wanted

Record player  
Cassette player  
even a  
Music Centre

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Your now-replaced unit would really  
help our Residents to enjoy their  
music. Call 081-688 5529

### Annual General Meeting

The AGM of The Friends  
will be held on **June 26th**  
at James Terry Court.  
10.30 a.m.