

# James Terry Court Circular

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## **John Hunter**

This edition of the Court Circular marks the end of an era, being the first after the retirement of John Hunter as Chairman of The Friends.

Before James Terry Court was even opened in July 1980, John was hard at work organising a group to support the coming Residents, raising money to purchase luxuries and extras that the RMBI could not fund. The success of The Friends in these aims has largely been due to his diligence over the intervening years, his wise counsel at all times and his continued support of JTC in the Council of the RMBI.

John has suffered ill health in recent months, and though he has made an excellent recovery he felt that fifteen years was quite enough and that it was time to hand over the reins to others. His final act as Chairman was to preside over the AGM in June, when The Friends unanimously voted him to be Vice President of the Association, and presented him with a fine cut-glass decanter with an engraved stand, in thanks for all his services, and for all he had achieved over the years.

## **AGM**

The fourteenth AGM of was held on 25th June, with over twice as many Friends present as has been usual. On the committee, not only was John Hunter retiring as Chairman, but we had lost through death, three valuable member in the past year. Peter Goodenough (Treasurer), Reg White and Roy Pitt. It is a pointer to the success of an association like ours that there should be a contested election. One normally tends to hope that there will be enough volunteers to fill the various posts, but we had to choose between

Melvyn Danciger and Peter Kendall as Chairman. The matter was amicably resolved when Melvyn was elected, and asked Peter to accept the Office of Vice-Chairman. Such a move demands a change to our constitution and details of this are shown overleaf.

The elevation of Melvyn left open the Office of Secretary, which Keith Nash has taken on. When Peter Goodenough and his wife were so tragically killed it was essential that we have a Treasurer to continue Peters excellent work, and we were very lucky to co-opt Charles Beauchamp onto the committee, and his post as Treasurer was confirmed at the AGM. The remaining members of the committee were re-elected and the committee was strengthened by the addition of Betty Gazeley, Ronald Everard and Anthony Wright.

Melvyn thanked the members on behalf of himself and the other Officers and committee members, stressing that the whole object of The Friends' organisation was the well-being of the Residents of JTC, so his aim as Chairman would be to continue to introduce plans to extend our support. He mentioned the need to increase the number and kind of fund-raising activities, (indeed JTC had been the first among RMBI homes to introduce a system of Patrons, and this had already produced over £4000 in the past six months), to offer more direct facilities and activities to the Residents, both in and out of the home, and encourage more Friends to visit so that they can see for themselves the quality of care offered. James Terry Court now has to share the service and finance of Masons in Surrey with Shannon Court, so if we are to sustain JTC we have to work doubly hard.

So into another year. We have been successful in the past and must continue our efforts in the coming years. We have a worthwhile cause to support. The committee needs your help in all its activities, so do not be shy of offering your ideas, abilities and services.

### **Summer Fete**

Everywhere on 17th June, there were summer fetes, bazaars, car-boot sales, and everywhere there were anxious faces lifted to the sky, praying for blue between the murky clouds, or at least for the rain to hold off. There wasn't and it didn't, but it could have been a whole lot worse. In short, it was a typical English Summer's day and we are well used to those. So the JTC fund-raiser went ahead, busy in spite of the weather. The stalls were laid out and the goodies displayed. Raffle and tombola tickets were bought, plants purchased and later put into gardens across the length and breadth of Croydon (mine have grown splendidly), food and soft drinks were consumed and a truly excellent

afternoon was had by all, despite the damp. The Fete was opened in great style by George Major, the Pearly King of Peckham, and we were honoured by the presence of The Rt.Hon. the Earl of Shannon, our Provincial Grand Master, accompanied by the Countess, her two sons, and superb support from members of the Provincial Executive.

In all we raised £7000 for the RMBI. An excellent result under the circumstances, for which thanks are due to Marcie Warburton, the Home Manager, and Mike Hurst and his band of merry people. There is a terrible lot of hard work in running a fete, but it is all worth while in the end. It is worth while filling in your ticket too, or a least Mr.D.J. Gates of Holborn Lodge, No.2398 thinks so, because he won £150 in the lucky draw. Congratulations to him, but don't expect it every year. Friends, next time it could be you!

### **Christmas Bazaar**

This is one of our other main fund-raisers, and will be held at James Terry Court on **18th November**. It is always well worth a visit and this year will be even better than before. The entrance fee of £1, includes coffee and a mince pie, which practically makes it free to get in. We need your help, or course, and volunteers to run stalls and goods to sell on said stalls, also raffle prizes, will be welcomed. Call the Home Manager with your offers.

### **Thanks**

It is often invidious to select one or two people out of many for a special thanks. So often people slave away at a project and do not seek nor expect praise, and thank heavens for them. Two such people are Arthur and Hilda Bradham. For several years now, since 1989, they have taken on the whole organisation of 'The Hundred Plus Club', with the sole intention of raising funds for James Terry Court. Cash prizes are drawn every week, with special cash prizes drawn every quarter, and after these have been allocated the balance is sent to JTC. In between time they are chasing up new members (there is always room for more), by writing letters and talking personally to anyone who will listen. Now they have passed the £8000 mark (£8122 to be exact) and they are still hard at it.

Thanks Hilda, thanks Arthur. What a splendid effort. Keep going.

## Birthdays

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

### AUGUST

5th Mrs. M. Jennings  
9th Mrs. D. Davis  
13th Mr. R.J. Axtell  
14th Mr. E.C.B. Smith  
23rd Mrs. I.R. Perry  
24th Mrs. E. Wall

### OCTOBER

6th Mrs. G.H. Burrows  
6th Mr. A.J. Meares  
11th Mrs. R. Burbage  
25th Mrs. D.E.M. Jeffery  
29th Mrs. G. Ball

### SEPTEMBER

9th Mrs. E. Ord  
10th Mr. A.A. Allo  
11th Mr. H. Bues  
16th Mrs. M.A. Nuttall  
21st Mrs. J.N. Sly  
22nd Mrs. L.J. Rogers

### NOVEMBER

19th Mr. O.J. Ferber  
20th Mrs. W.G. Harrison  
28th Mrs. W.N. McCann  
30th Mrs. B.E. Nash

## **NOTICE OF EXTRA-ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING**

to be held at James Terry Court on  
**SUNDAY 8th OCTOBER, 1995 at 10.00 a.m.**

### CHANGES TO CONSTITUTION.

Article 5 COMMITTEE: from:

.....The Officers shall be a Chairman, Treasurer and  
Secretary.....

to:

.....The Officers shall be a Chairman, Vice Chairman,  
Treasurer and Secretary.....

Article 6

from:

The Annual General Meeting shall be held within three months of  
the end of the Financial Year, and 21 days notice shall be given by the Secretary.

to:

The Annual General Meeting shall be held within three months of  
the end of the Financial Year, and 21 days notice shall be given by the Secretary.

Nominations Forms for the Officers and Committee Members shall be returned to the Hon.  
Secretary no later than the one month prior to the date of the Annual General Meeting.