

# James Terry Court Circular

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**The Chairman and Committee regret to announce the death of Roy Pitt on 2nd November, 1994. Roy had served on the Committee from its foundation, and was a stalwart supporter. He will be sorely missed. We extend our sympathies to all his family.**

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## **Christmas**

The Christmas season went by with all the festivities usually associated with James Terry Court, and as always was hugely enjoyed.

The Christmas Bazaar got us off to a good start. Though the weather kept numbers down this year, the standard of goods for sale and the generosity of Friends who contributed prizes for the raffle resulted in £767 being made, which was used to finance our contribution to presents and outings over the Season.

The Christmas Lunch provided by The Friends in Oakfield Road was on December 14th. Three mini-buses brought the Residents; two of them were hired for the occasion and did find their way eventually round the one-way streets of West Croydon. The weather was kind, though cool enough to hurry everyone into the Centre, where a glass of sherry for each helped to warm the cockles. Then into a most excellent lunch, especially acceptable in that roast beef followed the soup rather than the almost-inevitable turkey. You can tell the pleasure a meal is giving by the level of conversation, and on that score alone everyone was having a really good time. Thank you, Friends, and especially thank you Norah for organising it all so well.

December 11th saw the first of our Pantomimes. A local drama group came to JTC, and performed Cinderella, which was enjoyed by all. December 23rd was

the occasion of the Staff Pantomime --- a most entertaining version of Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs, which was followed by carols, accompanied by Mrs. Sly on the piano.

Christmas Eve was marked by the usual lovely occasion of carols round the Christmas tree, with mince pies and drinks freely available.

Christmas Day events started with pre-lunch sherries and the visit of the Great Man Himself, looking remarkably like Keith Nash, who distributed three lots of gifts to every Resident: one from James Terry Court (RMBI), another from the Earl of Shannon and the Surrey Province, and a third from The Friends.

Christmas lunch was followed by a prolonged hush as everyone snoozed in their favourite chair, a vital part of Christmas that is just as traditional as any that preceded it.

Boxing Day evening was marked by bingo, sherry and a singalong and brought the official festivities to a close for one more year, saving that on January 4th, a group of Residents were taken to Fairfield Hall, for a further Pantomime.

It is easy to report these events, but an enormous amount of additional hard work goes into making them happen, so thanks to our Home Manager and her staff and The Friends involved for doing it all so well. A wonderful Christmas.

### **Marcia requests...**

First, says Mrs. Warburton our Home Manager, many thanks to all the friends who have given pictures to James Terry Court, following the appeal in a recent Court Circular. The response was tremendous and, as a result, many of the rooms look so much more welcoming.

Pictures are lovely, but flowers look beautiful too. There is no real shortage of the blooms, but what are needed are vases to put them in. By their nature vases have a limited shelf life, especially when knocked off the said shelf, so more are always needed. Do you have any at home? Perhaps they were unwanted presents at some time past and have led their life so far up in the loft or out in the garage. Root them out, please and send them to JTC, where they will be really useful and will brighten up the rooms where they are used.

We have asked for knitting wool and embroidery silks in the past and you have responded in your usual generous manner. But both of them get used up (and turned into cash via the Summer Fete and Christmas Bazaar), so have another look through your work-baskets and see if you can send more. Also, oddments of materials are useful.

Now to the **Summer Fete** on 17th June, 1995: It sounds very early to be thinking about that, but there is a lot to organise and to do. Tickets, for example, will be on sale very shortly, so when your Lodge Secretary or JTC Representative receives his batch, buy them liberally.

This year the Fete will be opened by The Pearly King and Queen. It promises to be a great day, so please come and support us.

Workers on the day, and stall-holders and assistants both on and before the day will be hard at it and it always seems that more are needed.

We welcome those who have helped in the past and look for new helpers this year. Would your Lodge or Chapter be able to sponsor a stall? Produce the goodies for sale, set it up and staff it on the day?

It is not something that requires experience, just a willingness to raise money for the RMBI and JTC; (in this matter the RMBI can be considered 'reliable waters', in that whatever money is raised at our Fete and passed over to the RMBI comes back to James Terry Court; for example the car we bought in 1994).

So, individuals and Lodges, if you can help, please call Mrs. Warburton on 0181-688-1745.

### **The 100-plus Club**

Many of us, as individuals or as Masonic 'units' subscribe to the welfare of the Residents in James Terry Court, either by direct giving or through our attendance at the various functions throughout the year. Others offer their time and service and, in no matter what form, such help is essential and thankfully received. But there is one group that goes on giving year after year that is especially worthy of note, and that is the 'James Terry Court 100-plus Club'. Originated by Panmure Lodge No. 720 in March 1989, it had donated, to December 1994, the grand sum of £7,396.00 Every quarter between £300 and £400 is added to that total and the only reason why it should not go on giving, even at an increasing rate, is **you**. How does it work? Regular giving is how, and at a rate of 50p per week per member nobody is going to be noticeably out of pocket.

The giving must be regular, and to that end one pays for a Quarter in advance. £6 per quarter buys one numbered ticket. Each number is entered weekly into a prize draw with three prizes every week, each prize being £8, £10 or £14, with one special draw at the end of each quarter; that week is well worth winning since the three prizes are £14, £18 and £24.

At present there are 136 numbers sold, so your chances of a win are good --- a lot better than nationally-advertised lotteries, that's for sure. But the more members there are, the more prizes will be drawn. Who does all this organising? It is Arthur Wadham and his lovely wife Hilda. The amount of effort they must put into it is staggering, and JTC have a lot to thank them for.

Some Lodges have a 100-plus Club representative who ensures regular collection of dues. These are Panmure Lodge, Croham Hurst Lodge, Operative Lodge, Elmbridge Lodge and Builders of the Silent Cities Lodge.

Other Lodges who have individuals as members of the 100-plus Club are, Rostrum Lodge, Fellowship Lodge, Addiscombe Lodge, Kayhough Lodge, Brownhills Lodge, Oakfield Lodge, Ladywell Lodge, Kingston-upon-Thames Lodge, Mandalay Lodge, Woodcote Lodge and St. Leonards Streatham Lodge. Is **your** Lodge listed? Could you make it happen? If you want to join, either as an individual or as a Lodge or Chapter, write to Arthur Wadham, 63 Mulholland Close, Mitcham, Surrey, CR4 1SX, or telephone him on 0181-648-5216. It's the sort of extra work he would love to perform.

### **Birthdays**

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

#### FEBRUARY

1st	Mrs. N. K. Mee
9th	Miss A. F. Hill
14th	Mrs. M. Ryan
16th	Mrs. I. N. Pym
27th	Mrs. A. M. I. Wardlaw

#### MARCH

No March Babies at the moment.

#### APRIL

5th	Mrs. E. M. Scott
9th	Mr. J. R. Judkins
12th	Mrs. E. E. Cropper
24th	Mrs. M. Allo
29th	Mrs. E. P. Halden