

James Terry Court Circular

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Peter & Margaret Goodenough Died 19th/21st April, 1995

Peter and Margaret had a fatal car accident whilst driving on their way to visit Family and Friends in the North of England. They will both be sadly missed, not only by their three sons and six grand-children, but also by the Committee and all the Friends and residents of JTC.

Peter Goodenough was one of the original Founders of the Friends of James Terry Court, and he was elected to the Committee at the Foundation Meeting in April, 1981. At the first Committee Meeting, Peter was appointed Treasurer and he carried out this important Office for us for 14 years, right up to his untimely death.

Margaret not only supported Peter as Treasurer, but also helped the Home Manager and Residents in very many ways, almost every week throughout the 14 years.

The Committee of the Friends have decided to donate a Garden Seat to the Home in memory of Peter and Margaret. The seat will be shaded by a flowering orange blossom tree, the significance of which is togetherness, which his family have kindly requested to donate.

On a happier note, our Chairman John Hunter has been recovering from two operations. Good luck, John, and take it easy for a change.

I was talking with Marcia Warburton, our Home Manager, the other day and she was telling me that James Terry Court has been developing the Nursing Care side, so there are now fifteen nursing beds available, up from nine before, which has meant adding more trained nurses to the staff and using a whole wing

of JTC as a specialist centre for those who need it. It occurs in passing that it is worth a telephone call to Marcia if you know someone who is in need of such support; maybe they are in a home now which leaves something to be desired, a charge that cannot be levelled at JTC.

If you haven't ever been to see James Terry Court, you should. It really is an excellent example of its kind. The coffee mornings on the second Sunday of each month (not November - that is Remembrance Sunday) are open to any Friends who want to pop in for a sup and a biscuit and a chat with the Residents, who are always delighted to meet us. Around 11 a.m., until everyone starts moving away around an hour later. You don't have to be invited: just turn up.

Marcia tells me the response for vases for cut flowers in the February issue was excellent, but vases are breakable and anyway there weren't quite enough, so if anyone has spares they can do without (or which they sincerely wish they did not have), a good home awaits them at JTC. Call, or drop a line, to make arrangements for delivery.

Cheryl Spencer, who is on the staff at JTC, did a brave, some would say foolhardy, thing in April when she entered "and completed" the London Marathon in 3 hours 57 minutes. She was sponsored widely through the RMBI and at present has raised £1000. It was a splendid thing to do for a good cause and we congratulate her.

It has been a busy social period for our Residents this Spring, with a number of varied evening entertainments on offer:

There was Joe Aquilina's Race Night again, when Residents had their gambling fever assuaged on the horses. Always great fun, and nobody loses their shirt;

The Melodions, a professional group, entertained everyone with an evening of music and song;

Ann Bayley came to talk about the Royal Academy of Dramatic Art, the first of a number of talks on different subjects arranged through the Summer. We have Mrs Beecher-Brown, a neighbour of Marcia's to thank for these;

Lilian Hogben, another from the same group, told of her youth in Folkestone in Kent. These talks are followed by tea and a chat and are always of interest for the Residents who turn up;

Impressively, Leander Live Entertainments, a voluntary group, came and turned the Oak Lounge into a full-blown theatre, for a show on the subject of 'Water', with songs about the subject and with musical accompaniment;

The Croydon Phoenix Ladies Choir held an afternoon tea concert which was enjoyed by all.

For Residents with a classical musical ear there was a lovely visit to the Fairfield Halls to hear the Mozart Players, a group renowned for their excellence.

Finally there was the Easter Tea Party at John Fisher School. Organised by the boys of the school, Residents were collected and taken to Purley where they attended a show replete with music of a high standard, a dance demonstration (which a number of Our Gang joined in!), with a super tea and a bingo session, then home and happy. Thank you, boys of JFS, it was a generous gesture much appreciated by all concerned.

These were all indoor entertainments, suitable to the weather we have been having this year, but with Summer coming on there will be the opportunity for walks and drives to see some of our beautiful countryside. We now have a volunteer Friend who drives Residents once a week, and we need more of the same, either for the Peugeot estate or (after a test) the Minibus. Residents have already been to walk on Wimbledon Common, and there are plenty more commons, woods and parks to visit. Even if you don't want to drive, but could accompany the group as a helper, your services would be welcome. There is sure to be a favourite place you would share with the others. Tell Marcia, Cheryl or Gillian Quayle if you can offer to help.

Now, The Summer Fete. Mike Hurst (0181 777 0228) is the co-ordinator for this vital RMBI fund-raiser, and he needs your help on the day (17th June) and/or a few days before, and after. Do you have any gifts, bottles, sweets, etc., which we can use as prizes for the 'Friends Raffle'. Have you, like most of us do, sown far too many bedding plants? Pot them on (but for heaven's sakes name them) and give them to him for sale; if they are in flower, pot them

and they can decorate the tea tables. Do you have any other items around the home that could be sold on the white elephant stall, or the knitting and embroidery stall? Can you, or your other half, bake a cake or cook biscuits? Good. We can sell them.

Of course we are assuming there will be volunteers to set up and staff the stalls: can you offer your services for these vital jobs? Every year it is a close-run thing, staffing, but every year folks offer and it is all right. Make this year the year you volunteer. Please.

Birthdays

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

MAY

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| 5th | Mrs. M.L. Bartlett |
| 8th | Mr. T.R. Payne |
| 7th | Mrs. V.I.M. Chapman |
| 12th | Mr. H.G. Delacey |
| 29th | Mrs V.N. Smith |

JUNE

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| 5th | Mr. R.A. Ruddock |
| 15th | Mrs.P.E. Fowler |

JULY

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| 2nd | Mrs. E.A.A. White |
| 5th | Mrs. F.C. Roberts |
| 6th | Mrs. A.A. Allworthy |
| 20th | Mr. W.H. Lee |
| 24th | Mr. S.J. Greenwood |

DO NOT FORGET!

17th JUNE, 1995

25th JUNE, 1995

GRAND SUMMER FETE

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING