

Miscellaneous

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James (Jimmy) Wilson Vincent SAVILE
(Title, if any, followed by Forenames in full) Surname (CAPITALS)

By whom recommended: R.R. Mrs. M. Webb, Mrs. A. Greenwood. Previously by Mrs. Patricia Sherratt, Miss Rachael Discey and others.

Present position or appointment: For services to charity.

Age: years

Recommendation: OBE

Previous Honours & Dates:

B 1970 (name removed by P.M.)
Previous Recommendations: NY 1971

Ground of Recommendation

By profession a disc-jockey, he has raised thousands of pounds for charity - children, hospitals, pensioners deformed etc. - by organising charity walks, runs, cycle trips, climbing etc. He works as a porter in the Leeds Infirmary, pays for all old lady pensioners in his district to go to the hairdressers once a week. He has worked for some 300 charities at one time or another.

D/HSS: Mr. Savile has been associated with the General Infirmary at Leeds since January 1960 when he commenced playing an active part in the Hospital Broadcasting programmes. Concerts are held each week for ambulant patients & staff & these are relayed to the wards. In January 1968, during the "Back Britain" campaign, Mr. Savile offered his services as a porter for two days per week for two months. After consultation, the Chairman of the Board of

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Governors agreed to this & Mr. Savile was attached to the Diagnostic X-ray Department. He worked under the Departmental Porter & was involved in transporting patients from the wards to the X-ray Dept. each day. At the end of the two months, Mr. Savile had become so involved with the patients & and hospital work that he asked to be allowed to continue & this was agreed. He is still working on two days a week in a voluntary capacity and is said to work extremely hard. He has not been confined Do not use this space to his original posting but is said to have worked in the Casualty Department & on General Porter's duties. Wherever he goes, all heads of departments have spoken highly of his work. The Surgeon in charge of the Casualty Department says that Mr. Savile is extremely good with all the patients & especially so with children. Other voluntary actions of his have been his willingness to help the Infirmary in whatever way is possible. For instance, in 1968 when there was a fire in one of the wards on Whit Saturday, he cancelled all engagements & spent the next two days, which were public holidays in working at the hospital to remove furniture & beds & clearing away the debris. [In addition

(Continue below this line) he raises about £50,000 per year for charities of one kind and another. The medical charities which have benefited from his help include the British Heart Foundation, The Student Nurses' Assn., The Leeds General Infirmary Patients Amenities Fund & the Leagues of Friends at many hospitals. In ~~1968~~ 1969 when the Renal Unit at the Leeds General Infirmary needed £3,500 for alterations he volunteered to do a non-stop 27 miles sponsored run which raised more than the £3,500. When Mr. Savile offered his services as a voluntary porter, there was concern about the Press implications & how he would fit into a busy teaching hospital. This concern was wholly unfounded & he has done an extremely good job & is accepted by all sections of the hospital staff as one of the best workers at the hospital. [With regard to the level of honour, they would have no hesitation in recommending that they sponsor at MBE level, but as there have been precedents of 'O' level being awarded for work solely in the field of entertainment

then perhaps full support at this level. They have been unable to establish where of abode, but are informed that a large received c/o The House Governor, The G Great George Street, Leeds 1. [5.3.7]

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