

'Name of Julian Maclaren-Ross'

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Sir, - In his piece about Julian Maclaren-Ross as literary mentor (1 April 2011), A. D. Harvey says the writer's baptismal name was 'James Maclaren-Ross'. However his biographer Paul Willetts gives this early name as 'James McLaren Ross'. He says that 'the extra letter and hyphen [added] just the required touch of distinction'. Willetts ends with the comment that in making this change the writer 'took another step towards reinventing himself in the guise of the urbane figure he yearned to become'. (See *Fear and Loathing in Fitzrovia* (Dewi Lewis Publishing, 2003), pp. 48-9.)

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