

# SOUTHAMPTON CIRCLE 12

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## NEWSLETTER

President: John Singleton

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**JOHN  
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YEARS!**

The Southampton Circle took time during Clergy Night to mark Bro. John Berridge's 40 years as a Catenian brother with a scroll for John and flowers for his wife Mary, presented by the Provincial Director, Bro. David Cawdery. A speech given by the Provincial President, Bro. Terry Quinn, in which he wryly noted that it was not one, but two doctors who 'certified' Bro. John's suitability as a Catenian brother! What could he have been implying?

Bro. John first joined the North Glamorgan Circle in 1974 and three years later he was elected President, enjoying a year visiting the circles in Province 12 from Swansea in the west, Gloucester in the east and Bristol in the south. He also served as the Circle Secretary for many years during which he was involved with other Circles around the provinces in paying for a Jumbulance to transport disabled children to and from Lourdes. In 1984 when his company moved to the south coast, Bro. John was welcomed to the Southampton Circle by its then President, Bro. Philip Crook. Since then he has held various offices including Membership Officer and Marshal.

Bro. John has been involved with the Catenian Association from a young age when he attended family outings organised by his father's Circle in north London during the '40s and '50s. In summing up what the Catenian Association has given him and Mary throughout the years, he quotes from the centenary booklet: faith (the communion of prayer), friendship (meeting with like minded people) and fun (many happy memories).

*Photographed above, from left: Bro. Ian Bell (Basingstoke President), Bro. David Cawdery, Bro. John Berridge, Mary Berridge, Bro. Terry Quinn, Bro. John Singleton and Bro. Charles Harkins (New Forest President)*

**PRAYERS** Your prayers are requested for those who are unwell: Myra Andrade, Rita Forster, Bro. Philip Crook and Bro. Joe Gleeson. Please also remember Bro. Ferdie Alves (Poole), Bro. Dick Jones (Salisbury) and Bro. Ray Rocks (Bournemouth).



**IN MEMORIAM** Please pray for the February anniversaries: Josephine Barber, Bro. James Cosgrove, Bro. Sonny Lewis, Gertie McDonald, Bro. William O'Neill and Bro. Robert Tickle. Also for Bro. Rob Biddle (Bournemouth), Bro. Bob Cooney (Jersey), Bro. Anthony Martin (Jersey), Bro. Andre Mussert (Andover/Winchester) and Dominic Bell, son of Bro. Pres. Ian Bell (Basingstoke), all of whom recently passed away.



### SOUTHAMPTON CIRCLE MEETING

The 1145th Southampton Circle meeting will take place at 1930 hrs on Monday 3 March. It will be brothers only. Dress code: lounge suits. Venue: Mercure Dolphin Hotel, 34-35 High Street, Southampton SO14 2HN.

### CIRCLE DUTIES

February Welfare Officer: Malcolm Forster (report at March meeting). Whisky Donor for the March meeting: Daverio Matteucci.

### NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

The next Council meeting will be at 1930 hrs on Tuesday 25 February 2014.

### February Meeting Statistics

Circle Strength	45
Present	23 (52%)
Apologies	22
No apologies	0
Visitors	16
Visiting gentlemen	1

## CLERGY NIGHT



Bro. President John Singleton hosted a dinner for around 90 people on Clergy & Ladies Evening. The clergy were well represented by eight priests, two sisters and one reverend. Also present were both Presidents and twelve brothers from the Basingstoke and New Forest Circles with wives. (Coincidentally, one of the brothers from the New Forest Circle was Bro. John Lewis whose father, Sonny, is mentioned in 'In Memoriam' on page one of this issue.) The President and a member of the University Catholic Society were also guests for the evening. There was barely enough room for the brothers and wives of the Southampton Circle and nearly half of Bro. President John Singleton's speech was taken up with welcoming everyone! Mgr Vincent Harvey, who celebrated the joint centenary Mass last June, replied on behalf of the clergy and praised the Association for providing a social gathering for like-minded Catholics and for the charitable awards that it makes.

Several clergy had already made their escape by the time Bro. President and wife Felicity managed to organise a group photo at the end of the dinner. Those who were successfully 'captured' were (from above left): Fr. Anthony Gatt, Mark Graham (UCS), Fr. Michael Peters, Fr. Michael Cronin, Mgr Vincent Harvey, Bro. President John Singleton, Felicity Singleton, Fr. Anthony Pennicott, Sr Catherine Cruz, Donald Henderson (UCS) and Sr Valentine Stilo.

## A PASSAGE TO INDIA



By the time this newsletter is issued, Bro. Simon Grummitt and wife Christine will have arrived in India. This trip will have a personal significance for Bro. Simon as they will be visiting the place of his birth, Bangalore, where he lived for the first 18 months of his life. In the photo on the left, you can just about glimpse baby Simon in his mother's arms on the occasion of his christening. Simon is hoping to be able to stand on those very steps of St Patrick's Church, Bangalore, once again!

The trip to India has a dual purpose. The Catenian Association has been very successful in India and Bro. Simon and Christine will be supporting Bro. Grand President upon the inauguration of the country's two newest circles; Vasco de Gama (363) is in Goa and will be the state's fifth circle and the other new circle, Mumbai Malad (364), will be the first Catenian circle in India to be established outside Goa. At Clergy Night, Bro. President John Singleton charged Bro. Simon and Christine with presenting both Circles with gifts from the Southampton Circle. These were a Southampton centenary tie for each new President and a scroll of congratulations, crafted by Bro. Roger Lillie, to be accompanied by fraternal greetings to the brothers of the new Circles. Bro. Simon accepted this commission with much pleasure.



*Seen right, Bro. President John presenting Bro. Simon and Christine with the gifts accompanied by (from left) Bro. Ian Bell (Basingstoke President), Bro. David Cawdery, (Provincial Director), Bro. Terry Quinn (Provincial President), and Bro. Charles Harkins (New Forest President) (far right).*

## EXTRACTS FROM THE ARCHIVES

by Bro. Roger Lillie

### Circle meeting, 29 May 1961 at the Cotswold Hotel

"Worthy Brother President also reminded the brothers that the Treasure Hunt was sponsored by our Circle for another year. All circles of the Province together with the Chichester Circle were invited and the rally was to take place on July 12th. Worthy Brother President then thanked Brother Bob Angibault for a most enjoyable evening when he invited the Circle members and their ladies to the Esso Refinery at Fawley on Wednesday 3rd May and took them around on an interesting tour of inspection."

## CIRCLE EVENTS 2014

### FEBRUARY

Tuesday 18 February	LUNCHEON CLUB 	12.00 noon: <b>The White Horse, Ampfield, SO51 9BQ</b> <i>Please advise Bro. David Palmer of your attendance and contact him for directions to the venue at drtpalmer@hotmail.com</i>
Saturday 22 February	KUTI'S THAI EVENING	7.30 pm: Kuti's Thai Restaurant, Royal Pier, Southampton. Buffet style dinner at £17.50 per person.
Sunday 23 February	SOUTHAMPTON UNIVERSITY CATHOLIC STUDENTS MASS	6.30 pm: Nightingale Building, Southampton University Campus, Salisbury Road. <i>Contact Roger Lillie at roger.lillie@gmail.com.</i>
Monday 24 February	PRESIDENT'S VISIT	Portsmouth Circle

### ADDITIONAL EVENTS FOR 2014

Sunday 23 March	CURRY EVENING	P.O.S.H. Indian Restaurant, Queensway, Southampton. Buffet style dinner at £15.00 per person. <i>Please confirm your attendance to Bro. Folkert at fvangalen@aol.com by Friday 7 March.</i>
Monday 7 April	INSTALLATION NIGHT	7.30 pm: Mercure Dolphin Hotel

### CATENIHENS 2014

Monday 3 March	CATENIHENS DINING CLUB	7.30 pm: Mercure Dolphin Hotel, Southampton <i>Ladies, please let Dawn Harrison know if you will be attending at dawn.harrison13@btinternet.com or on 01794 388 418.</i>
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### AROUND THE PROVINCE AND BEYOND

17-27 March 2014	Pilgrimage to the Holy Land	Includes additional days in Jordan. Details to follow
20 May 2014	CAFOD Golf Day	Royal Winchester Golf Club

### CIRCLE BIRTHDAYS

*Congratulations to those whose birthdays are in March.*

Frank McKeever (4), Myra Andrade (4), Ilda Ourique (5), Philip Crook (6), Valerie Summerton (6), Pat Feighery (10), Paul Andrews (10), Christine Grummitt (12), Bill Day (19), Malcolm Forster (21), Louise O'Shea (26) and Tony Murray (31).

### LOTTERY WINNERS

*February winners were:*

1st: Mark Owen (1)  
2nd: Alison Dobell (107)

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