



## Southampton Circle Newsletter – May, 2016

"I am" is reportedly the shortest sentence in the English language. Could it be that "I do" is the longest sentence?

Pauline & Tony will be celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary (an "I do" event) in early June and they are having a special Mass on Sunday 29th May at 9am at St Edward's, Chandlers Ford to which you are cordially invited. Tea and coffee will be available after Mass. Please show your support and pray for them both on this very special day.

Tony and Pauline first met through the auspices of a Catholic Youth Club when they were both 17. He looked at her and she looked at him and well the rest is history. However, they had known about each other for some time as Tony's sister Anne had attended the same school in Sompting, West Sussex and together they completed a

pre-nursing course at Littlehampton.

Tony and Pauline were engaged on their 21st birthdays (they are only six days apart) but marriage had to wait until they were 23 years of age as Her Majesty had need of Tony to provide two years National Service in the Royal Engineers! Their first home was a new bungalow in Emsworth at a cost of £1,975 – where they struggled to pay the mortgage! They were blessed with two boys followed by two girls, but sadly their eldest son, Andrew, died in 2009 of a rare brain disorder. They have seven grandchildren spread around the country.



## Stop Press

**President's Weekend, Swanage.** For those attending the President's Weekend in Swanage on the 10<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> June, 2016. Graham writes ... Having just given the hotel a test drive this last weekend, I can confirm it really is a lovely venue, you will not be disappointed. The food too is of the highest quality, the staff are very welcoming and friendly. We are going to have a wonderful time. The pictures are of the hotel foyer and Corfe Castle from the Swanage Steam Railway which is definitely worth a visit. Or you might just wish to sample one of the hotels cream teas, or just take a short walk down hill to the sea front and the fish festival.

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**Drinks are on Colin McDonald from West Surrey  
Circle who won the monthly whisky raffle.**



**Winners of the Monthly Draw:**

**The May draw was not held this month so it will  
be carried over to June.**

## Upcoming Events

25 <sup>th</sup> May	Vocations Mass at St Edmunds @ 7:00pm followed by coffee, tea and cake.
27 <sup>th</sup> May	A private tour of Salisbury Cathedral with an optional afternoon tower tour. Lunch to be taken. Accompanied Tour starts at 10:30am. Price per person £6-50
10 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup> June	President's Weekend at Swanage staying at the wonderful Purbeck House Hotel. The room rate (£88pp per night) includes Dinner, Bed and Breakfast. The weekend coincides with the Swanage Fish Festival. Please contact Bro. Graham Palethorpe for details. Other Circle Brothers are very welcome to apply – a brochure is available.
24 <sup>th</sup> June	Tangmere Air Museum. Arrive for 11am with introductory talk.

**Southampton Circle Meetings:** The next Circle Meeting will be held on the **6th June at the Dolphin Hotel** is a ladies night.

**Circle Duties:** The Welfare Officer reporting at the June Meeting is **Martin Counihan**

**Whisky Donor:** The whisky donor is **Patrick Dobell**

**The next council Meeting.** Is cancelled due to a clash with the joint Bournemouth and Poole meeting celebrating the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Ken Eastham.

**Circle Strength** – 48. In addition, Jim Moriarty who is planned to be enrolled at the June Circle Meeting.

**Menu for the June Circle Meeting:** Please inform the dining officer **David Palmer** of your choice

**Starter:** Baked Black Pudding or Toasted Brioche

**Main:** Slow Braised Rump of Beef or Baked Sea Trout or Baked Aubergine filled with Ratatouille

**Dessert:** Apple Tart Tatin with Custard or Cheese



The next meeting of the Lunch Club will be on Tuesday 17th May at 12.00 mid-day at:

The Bear and Ragged Staff  
Michelmars  
Romsey  
SO51 0LB  
01794 368602



Paul Andrews has a very severe attack of Shingles. Dick Barber is very frail. Pat Tomlins is having Chemo-therapy and has been advised to avoid meetings for the moment where he might catch an infection. Rita Forster is now at home but remains unable to walk. Myra Andrade remains unwell. Valerie Summerton is doing well but will start Radio-therapy later this month. Joe Gleeson was given the wrong dose of a drug and was severely affected as a result. Katie Smith is unchanged but Louise O'Shea has had a minor stroke but is recovering. Ann McNamara died at the age of 98 and a large number of the Circle attended her Requiem.



Brother Andy encouraged members to attend the final Cathsoc Mass for the University academic year on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> May. Brother Roger has agreed to cook a BBQ following this Mass and has asked the Circle for help in cooking this and also for the Circle to contribute £100 toward the cost. So far Brothers have donated £50 towards the cost. Please contact Bro Graham if you can help donate.

#### MAY BIRTHDAYS

Harrison Harry (3), Tony Brady (5), Peter O'Connor (6), John Singleton (8), Maire Whelan (20), Anne Brady (21), Jim Shine (28), Kathleen Parker (28)

### JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Margaret Lillie (1), Bob Millar (6), Felicity Singleton (11), Helen Matteucci (21), Christine Palethorpe (23 ), David Palmer ( 25 ), Wilma Van Galen (25).

### President's Visits

Axminster Circle	Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> May (starts at 7pm)
Bournemouth and Poole (joint meeting)	Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> May (starts 6:30 for 7:15pm registration)
Blandford Circle	Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> June (starts at 7:30pm)

Please Contact Brother Graham if you can attend.

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