



### Apostleship of the Sea?

*Bro. President's charity is Apostleship of the Sea which provides support for seamen across the seas. Here we learn about the work of the Southampton Chaplain and why our generosity during this year is so important to the charity.*

When Apostleship of the Sea Port Chaplain, Rev. Roger Stone, visits the ships along the Sussex and Hampshire coast, he never knows what to expect.

“When I recently visited a cargo ship, the Third Officer complained to me that he was being bullied by the Chief Mate who had struck him twice, although I couldn't judge whether it was a strike or a tap or what it was. I advised the Third Officer to lock his cabin at night when he was sleeping so the Chief Mate could not simply walk in. I spent an hour with him and we prayed together. On my subsequent visits to the ship, the Third Officer was much happier and reported that the situation had improved. He no longer wanted to sign off but was happy to extend his contract.”

Roger, a permanent Deacon working in the port of Southampton, thrives on the unpredictable nature of his ministry and enjoys the various challenges that he faces each day. His patch covers eight ports where everything from oil tankers and container ships to cargo ships and cruise ships drop anchor.

Accidents on ships are common and an important part of Roger's work is visiting seafarers who have been taken to hospital. When he was informed that a Russian seafarer was in Southampton General Hospital after fracturing both ankles, he went to see how he could help. “There were some complications when he was discharged. The company had not arranged proper transport for him or appropriate seats on the aircraft. I sorted that out with the company and he returned home safely. He sent me an email saying thanks and that maybe we will meet again in the future.”

Life on board is difficult for seafarers because they are away from home for so long - typically nine months. They work hard and long hours and often for little pay. Seafarers often endure prison-like conditions until their contract ends and they are afraid to say anything. It is really stressful for them, living in constant stress of fear and anxiety. Many seafarers have a deep faith and are keen to nourish it. When Roger goes on board, he takes prayer cards and other faith materials with him. In Advent, he takes cribs and calendars and during Lent he takes crosses.

#### MAY COUNCIL MEETING

7.30 pm,  
Tuesday 30 May 2017  
Mercure Dolphin Hotel,  
Southampton

#### JUNE MEETING

7.30 pm,  
Monday 5 June 2017  
Mercure Dolphin Hotel,  
Southampton

Ladies night  
Jacket & tie

**June Welfare Officer**  
John Singleton

**June Whisky Donor**  
Tony Murray



#### MAY MEETING STATISTICS

Circle Strength:	47
Present:	26
Apologies:	21
Visitors:	0
Visiting Gentlemen:	1



**Apostleship of the Sea**  
Supporting Seafarers Worldwide

Roger says Catholic parishes can play a vital role in supporting seafarers. "Seafarers derive comfort from knowing that someone cares. They leave their homes and families and risk their lives so we can enjoy the goods we use every day. Our Christian vocation is to be Christ to seafarers when they visit our ports. Without the support and generosity of people in parishes, Apostleship of the Sea wouldn't be able to function and seafarers would be completely abandoned."

The charity is far-reaching across the seas. Many of our Circle Brothers and wives enjoy taking cruises and the charity provides the cruise ships with an on-board chaplaincy to support the crews and to celebrate Mass with the guests.

Apostleship of the Sea's Development Director, John Green, thanks Bro. President and the Southampton Circle for supporting the charity during this forthcoming year. He invites all Circle Brothers and wives to a Catholic Mass and reception at Portsmouth Cathedral for all those who are associated with the charity and who support it. The Mass will take place at 12.15 pm on Monday 4 September.

*To learn more about the Apostleship of the Sea or make a donation, visit [www.apostleshipofthesea.org.uk](http://www.apostleshipofthesea.org.uk)*

## A Walk of Remembrance

by David Palmer



On Sunday 21 May, I will be swapping cycle clips to lead a Heritage Walk for the Friends of Southampton Old Cemetery to commemorate the Centenary of the Commonwealth (formerly the Imperial) War Graves Commission. This organisation is responsible for maintaining over 1 million, 700 thousand war graves and memorials of those who perished in the two World Wars. Nearly everyone is familiar with major cemeteries such as Tyne Cot (pictured above) but are unaware of a large number of smaller cemeteries of which Southampton Old Cemetery is one with 125 war graves.

The walk is open to the public and will start at 2.00 pm at the Cross of Sacrifice by the main cemetery gates on Cemetery Road and will cover the Jewish and Catholic areas as well as major memorials near the main entrance. It will take us on a journey through a history of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission with individual stories about some of the graves. The walk should last an hour and a half and will conclude with a short Act of Remembrance.

It would be my pleasure to welcome my fellow Catenians and their friends to the Heritage Walk and to share with you the personal accounts of those soldiers who gave their lives and the work of those who help us to remember their sacrifice.

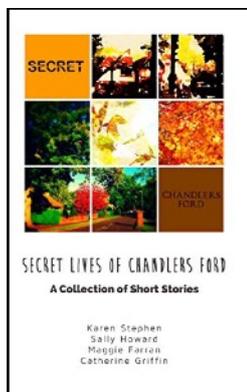
## City Walls Walk

*The penultimate weekend in May will be a busy one for Bro. Secretary. He will not only be leading a public Walk of Remembrance on the Sunday but he has also arranged an interesting walk as part of our diary of events on the previous day, Saturday 20 May. The City Walls Walk will be lead by Jake Simpkin and the cost is £5.00 per person, payable in cash only on the day please.*

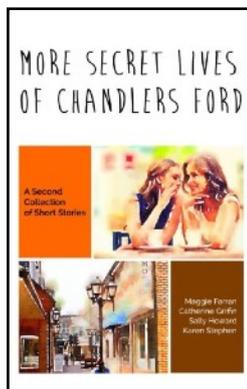
*We meet at the Bargate at 10.30 am and the walk, which will last around an hour and a half, will conclude at Town Quay for drinks and lunch at the Platform Tavern. Bro. Secretary has kindly tummy-tested this chosen CAMRA-rated hostelry on our behalf and can recommended the excellent fare and wide choice of ales and beers. The Platform Tavern, which backs onto the City Walls, is named after the 'Saluting Platform' which was once stationed on the other side of the road. As always, Brothers, wives and friends are welcome to join the walkers for the lunch only.*

## Circle Profile: Maggie Farran and the Secret Lives of Chandler's Ford!

Behind the hedges and net curtains of leafy Chandler's Ford, lives are throbbing: marital issues, blossoming of new love and the death of old love, dodgy deals and desperate dieting. The sleepy suburb has it all. And now the world can read all about these 'throbbing lives' in a series of books written by four local women, one of whom is our own Maggie Farran!



It all began at a local creative writing class a few years ago when Maggie and three fellow students formed their own writing group with the aim of discussing ideas and reading out their work to each other. This approach was so successful that the group felt confident enough to self-publish their work in a collective book of short stories. But there was a problem; the four writers have different styles. Maggie's preference is for gentle, romantic, family-centric stories while her co-authors each prefer fantasy, historical and children's genre so a common theme was needed to unify the collection. As the saying goes: "Write about what you know" and what they all know about is the area in which they live. During the summer and autumn months of 2015, the group's imagination focused on what might be going on in the lives of fellow residents. The writing muse flowed and the result is the fictional 'Secret Lives of Chandler's Ford'.



Available not only in local stores but also on Amazon, the group's first foray into the literary world has been very successful. Local interviews and book signing events as well as appearances at fairs and shows have raised the profile of the four authors and their book sales. In November 2016, just 11 months after the publication of the first book, 'More Secret Lives of Chandler's Ford' was issued and the reviews have been as favourable for this second book as they were for its predecessor. Fans look forward to the third book in the series!

*Paperback and Kindle editions of both books can be ordered via [amazon.co.uk](http://amazon.co.uk). Hard copies are also available at Andersons, Bay Leaves Larder and the Hospital of St. Cross, Chandler's Ford, and Chandler's Ford Station.*

### To HTTP or to HTTPS? - that is the question

You may have noticed that our website has been updated and the members area is very different in style. This is to make the site more secure against outside interference (hacking). It is unlikely that our website would be hacked but it is vulnerable because the website address is prefixed with the letters HTTP. Shopping websites and other sites that handle secure information are prefixed with HTTPS and it is this additional letter at the end that signals to the user that all data is encrypted and that the site is secure.

Google have started marking websites with an HTTP prefix as 'Not secure' in their Chrome browser which highlights the non-secure status and encourages the website owner to switch to HTTPS. The cost of switching is around £200 which is not justified for our purposes as all our data is publicly available elsewhere. So if some of you might receive a Google warning that the website is not secure when you log in, please ignore this message and be assured that there other measures in place to protect our website.



On another note, there has been a suggestion from within our Circle that we consider having a 'closed' Facebook page as a companion to the website. Many of you already find this networking site invaluable when keeping in touch with their families. A 'closed' Facebook page is open to invited members only and although security would not be as good as our website, again the Facebook content is publicly available elsewhere.

The Facebook suggestion arose from a wish to further enhance our image as a modern thinking Circle. It gives us an ideal opportunity to seek the assistance of our new affiliated friends, the CathSoc students, in setting up the Southampton Circle Facebook page and I look forward to updating you on our progress.

**Roger Lillie**

[www.southamptoncatenians.org](http://www.southamptoncatenians.org)

**MAY BIRTHDAYS:**

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



**MAY PRESIDENT'S CHARITY LOTTERY:**



1st prize: Peter Summerton  
2nd prize: Simon Grummitt

**MAY WHISKY DRAW:**

Winner: John Farran

**CIRCLE WELFARE**



*Your prayers for these Brothers and wives who are currently unwell would be much appreciated.*

Myra Andrade, Tony Brady, Roger Carter, Rita Forster, Joe Gleeson, Christine Grummitt, Margaret Kemhadjian, Pat O'Neill, Kathleen Parker, Alma Phillips, Jean Reese and Katie Smith.

Please also remember Wilma's father who is recovering from a recent stroke, Richard Nicole who is a friend of John Singleton and is seriously ill, and Michael Doughty (Reigate Circle) who has had a heart attack.

**IN MEMORIAM**

*Please pray for Circle Brothers whose anniversaries occur this month:*

Fergus Holland, Joe McGarry, Mick Pettit, Bill Stowe, Dick Thompson and Maureen Tomlins.

Please also pray for the Repose of the Soul of Bro. Ted Thompson (Portsmouth).



**JUNE CIRCLE DINNER MENU**

Crispy deep fried whitebait  
served with salad & garlic mayonnaise dip

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Chargrilled pork steak, Moroccan couscous  
& cherry tomato salsa

or  
Grilled fillet of sea bream, Moroccan couscous  
& cherry tomato salsa

A vegetarian option is also available  
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Mandarin cream slice  
served with mango coulis

or  
Cheese platter  
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*Please advise Bro. David Palmer  
of your choice of meal  
if you intend to dine.*

## CIRCLE EVENTS 2017

|                       |                             |                                                                                                                                                                  |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Tuesday 16 May        | HOOBIGANS LUNCH CLUB        | 12.00 noon: La Pergola, Lyndhurst, SO43 4BQ. <i>Please advise Bro. Secretary if you wish to attend.</i>                                                          |
| Saturday 20 May       | SOUTHAMPTON CITY WALLS WALK | 10.30 am: Meet at the Bargate. 12.00 noon: Drinks and lunch at the Platform Tavern. £5.00 per person. <i>Please advise Bro. Secretary if you wish to attend.</i> |
| Tuesday 30 May        | COUNCIL MEETING             | 7.30 pm: Dolphin Hotel, Southampton, SO14 2HN.                                                                                                                   |
| Monday 5 June         | CIRCLE MEETING & DINNER     | 7.30 pm: Dolphin Hotel, Southampton SO14 2HN. Ladies night. Jackets/ties.                                                                                        |
| Tuesday 20 June       | HOOBIGANS LUNCH CLUB        | 12.00 noon: Empress of Blandings, Copythorne, SO40 2PF. <i>Please advise Bro. Secretary if you wish to attend.</i>                                               |
| <u>Monday</u> 26 June | COUNCIL MEETING             | 7.30 pm: Dolphin Hotel, Southampton SO14 2HN.                                                                                                                    |
| Friday 30 June        | MASS FOR VOCATIONS          | Details to be advised.                                                                                                                                           |

Please see Southampton Circle website for the full year's diary events.

## BRO. PRESIDENT'S CIRCLE VISITS 2017/18

| <i>Date</i>        | <i>Circle</i>                    | <i>Date</i>                                           | <i>Circle</i>                    |
|--------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Tues 27 June       | 7.00 pm: New Forest Circle       | Thurs 26 October                                      | 7.30 pm: Salisbury Circle        |
| Mon 10 July        | 7.00 pm: Weymouth Circle         | Sat 4 November                                        | Bournemouth Circle 100th meeting |
| Weds 2 August      | 7.00 pm: Poole Circle            | Tues 21 November                                      | 7.30 pm: Blandford Forum Circle  |
| Weds 16 August     | 7.30 pm: Andover Circle          | Mon 26 February                                       | 7.30 pm: Portsmouth Circle       |
| Thurs 14 September | 7.30 pm: Bournemouth Circle      | Tues 6 March                                          | 7.30 pm: West Surrey Circle      |
| Weds 20 September  | 7.15 pm: Isle of Wight           | Mon 19 March                                          | 7.30 pm: Basingstoke Circle      |
| Sat 23 September   | Basingstoke Circle 600th meeting | No visit is currently planned to the Axminster Circle |                                  |
| Weds 11 October    | 7.30 pm: Fleet Circle            |                                                       |                                  |

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