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**Mike 'empresses' the lunch club!**

Bro. Mike is known for his sweet tooth but he got more than he bargained for when he ordered a dessert at the Empress of Blandings. Lunch club organiser Bro. David looked on in amazement as the dessert was demolished in record time. That Bro. Mike is probably the slimmest member of the Southampton Circle may suggest that perhaps, after all, he isn't getting his just deserts!



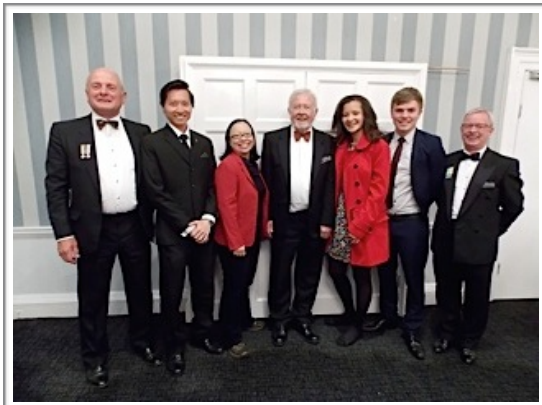
Photo by Bob Millar

**10:10 scores highly with diners**

*John 10:10: "The thief comest not, but for to steal, to kill and to destroy.*

*I am come that they might have life and they might have it more abundantly."*

The Southampton Circle dinners have hosted many uplifting talks in the past but the speaker at the dinner on 1 June gave one of the most inspiring speeches which left Circle brothers, wives and visitors very moved. '10:10' is a Southampton University CathSoc initiative which so incredibly reflects the message in John 10:10 from which it takes its name. It began when two CathSoc students became aware of the number of homeless people on the streets of Southampton and yearned to give these impoverished people a better start to their day. Thus began a daily, early rise for the CathSoc students who take it in turns to meet at around 6.45 am and, in pairs, go around a designated route in Southampton, giving out hot drinks, food and often clothing to the homeless, before embarking on a day of study. Amanda Silva, CathSoc Vice-President and co-founder of 10:10, spoke about the



L-R: R. Lillie, N. Wong, K. Tan, P. Clapham, A. Silva, T. Hutchinson and A. Philpott

people CathSoc encounter each day: how they value the interaction with the students as much as the provisions because passers-by do not even wish them a good day; that many of the homeless genuinely wish to have a place to live and be regarded as part of society rather than as its outcasts. The students reap reward for their efforts; Tom Hutchinson told the Circle of the joy they share with the homeless people who finally get a house to live in. It was such a heartwarming story which evoked many questions from the diners. The students have already raised funds of £150 from a sponsored marathon which, along with a weekly donation from CathSoc, finances the supplies. A long glass, handed around the Circle tables, provided an additional £230 which prompted post-graduate student, Karen Tan, to exclaim how amazing it was to have their funds doubled without having to run another marathon! Amanda, Tom and Karen were joined by Nick Wong and the addition to the evening of these caring students with their inspirational story made it a special evening for everyone.



Photos by Dawn Harrison and Andy Philpott

**SOUTHAMPTON CIRCLE MEETING**

The 1,163rd meeting of the Southampton Circle will take place at 7.30 pm on Monday 6 July. It will be a brothers only night. Dress code: suits. Venue: Mercure Dolphin Hotel, 34-35 High Street, Southampton SO14 2HN.

**CIRCLE DUTIES**

June Welfare Officer: Peter Summerton (report at July meeting). Whisky donor: Pat Tomlins (July meeting).

**NEXT COUNCIL MEETING**

The next Council meeting will be at 7.30 pm on Tuesday 30 June 2015.

**June Meeting Statistics**

Circle Strength	46
Present	25 (54%)
Apologies	21
No apologies	0
Visitors	2
Visiting gentlemen	3

## YOUTH PROGRAMME

### Farewell to friends at CathSoc Barbeque

It was a bittersweet affair at the Southampton University CathSoc barbeque on the last day of May. A record number of students, over 60, attended Mass officiated by Fr. George Ngwa and the barbeque organised by Bro. Roger Lillie. But, for some of those students, it would be the last time as they leave the university this summer to forge new lives or careers further afield. Fr. George Ngwa recently arrived in the St. Swithun Wells Parish as Assistant Priest at St. Joseph (Romsey) and St. Andrew (N. Baddesley) and he very much enjoys celebrating Mass with the students. He has gained a reputation as a very spiritual man and Bro. Andy Philpott, who was the Deacon at the Mass, says that "he gave the most sublime blessing over the leaving students." As you can see from the photo left, Fr. George is a great fan of the British barbeque and, along with the students, he was most appreciative of the barbeque fare that was provided and cooked by brothers and wives of the Southampton Circle.



The relationship between CathSoc and the Southampton Circle has played a pivotal role in the birth of the Circle's youth programme. Southampton is the first Circle to have a designated Youth Officer and Youth Committee and a short article on page 33 of the *Catena* June issue describes the CathSoc initiatives that Southampton Circle has supported. Bro. Roger reports that a former CathSoc student has been introduced to the Oxford Circle and this clearly demonstrates how crucial the youth programme is to not only supporting and encouraging young Catholics but also ensuring the future of Catenian Circles.



*Photos by Margaret Lillie and Folkert van Galen*

### Harvest of Talents

The March newsletter carried an article about a five week Lenten project led by Bro. Roger Lillie in his role as CAFOD Education Volunteer, and Katie Thom, Head of RE at St. Mary's College. The aim was to support 49 pupils in years 7 and 8 to put their extraordinary talents to use by raising money for CAFOD. Bros. Harry Harrison and Daverio Matteucci were on hand to act as mentors and offer business expertise. CathSoc students Karen and Nick, who attended the June dinner, and Davide Zilli, who has now made contact with the Oxford Circle, gave additional support. Using the £5 per group starting fund donated by the Circle, the groups of pupils used their talents for sporting tournaments, selling homemade cards and snacks, offering hairdressing sessions and performing a lunchtime concert. At the end of the project, the Catenian brothers and CAFOD students joined teachers and pupils at a meeting to find out who had made the most money, put in the most effort and came up with the wackiest idea. Over £500 was raised in total.

It was a wonderful initiative which highlighted the creative talents and hard-working spirit of the pupils. Interestingly, the groups who made things from scratch or added value to an existing product made the most money but the project was beneficial to all the pupils in teaching them organisation skills and financial awareness. Katie Thom praised Bros. Harry and Daverio for the instrumental part they played in guiding the students throughout the project. Praise should also go to Bro. Roger for his hard work in co-leading the Harvest of Talents.

#### CIRCLE BIRTHDAYS

Congratulations to those whose birthdays are in June.

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

#### LOTTERY WINNERS


1st prize: John Thompson (64)  
2nd prize: Jim Shine (54)  
Whisky winner: Simon Grummitt

**PRAYERS** Your prayers are requested for those who are unwell: Bosco and Myra Andrade, Dick Barber, Roger Carter, Rita Forster, Joe Gleeson and Katie Smith. Also Alan Bailey (Dawn Harrison's father).



**IN MEMORIAM** Prayers for June anniversaries are: Charles Marston, Harry Parker and William Tickle. Please also pray for Pauline Wilson's sister and Margaret Smith, the mother of Christine Palethorpe, who both recently passed away and for Pauline, Christine and their families.

## CIRCLE EVENTS 2015

Monday 8 June	MOTHER'S RUIN DAY	10.00 am: A visit to Laverstoke Gin Distillery, followed by lunch. <i>Please confirm your attendance to GrahamPalethorpe@gmail.com.</i>
Monday 15 June <i>DATE CHANGE!</i>	PRESIDENT'S VISIT	Basingstoke Circle. <i>If you wish to accompany Bro. President, please confirm your attendance to drtpalmer@hotmail.com.</i>
Tuesday 16 June	LUNCHEON CLUB 	12.00 noon: La Pergola, Lyndhurst, SO43 7BQ, 023 8028 4184. <i>Please confirm your attendance to drtpalmer@hotmail.com.</i>
Sunday 28 June	PRESIDENT'S SUNDAY	11.00 am: Mass at Bartley Lodge, Cadnam followed by lunch and an afternoon using the hotel's facilities.
25 July	JANE AUSTEN WALK IN SOUTHAMPTON	Details to be confirmed <i>Please confirm your attendance to GrahamPalethorpe@gmail.com.</i>
29 August	SOUTHAMPTON BRAAI	Details to be confirmed <i>Please confirm your attendance to GrahamPalethorpe@gmail.com.</i>
13 September	DAHLIA FARM & AFTERNOON TEAM	Details to be confirmed <i>Please confirm your attendance to GrahamPalethorpe@gmail.com.</i>
19 September	NEW FOREST WALK	Details to be confirmed <i>Please confirm your attendance to GrahamPalethorpe@gmail.com.</i>

### AROUND THE PROVINCE AND BEYOND 2015/16

3 June 2015	Arundel Visit	A day visit to the Cathedral and the Castle (to include lunch).
15 August 2015	Provincial Council Meeting	The Mercure Dolphin, Southampton.
15 September 2015	Inauguration of Blandford Circle	For more information, please contact Bro. Secretary.
24 October 2015	Trafalgar Event (Portsmouth Circle event)	6.30 pm: Brookfield Hotel, Emsworth. Ladies night/black tie. £30. per head. <i>Please confirm your attendance to GrahamPalethorpe@gmail.com.</i>
11-13 March 2016	Provincial Weekend	Holiday Inn, Bridgefoot, Stratford upon Avon CV37 6YR

### *July Menu*

*Poached salmon salad with tarragon mayonnaise*  
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*Meatloaf with tomato sauce*  
**OR**  
*Baked fillet of sea bass with chilli and prawn butter*  
*(both served with potatoes and seasonal vegetables)*  
**OR**  
*Couscous stuffed red bell pepper with basil tomato sauce*  
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*Choice of Desserts:*  
*Strawberry mousse with fresh strawberries and lemon zest*  
**OR**  
*Cheese platter*  
*(please confirm to Dining Officer)*  
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*Please advise the Dining Officer of your selection*  
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