

OUT AND ABOUT IN APRIL AND MAY

The past month has featured two Circle events at Exbury Gardens and Salisbury Cathedral.

At the end of April, the beautiful 200 acres of Eden that are Exbury Gardens played host to a Circle outing and the intrepid few who donned comfortable walking shoes were not disappointed as the gardens were arguably at their very best. The day was best summed up by the poetess Eileen Ridgers who said this about her own visit to a garden:

"For I was absolutely spellbound at such a beautiful sight,
the poet that said we were nearer God in a garden was so right.
For the beauty of each avenue just took my breath away,
I could only stand and stare. What a truly magical day."



The photo above features, from left, Christine and Bro. President Graham Palethorpe, Maggie and John Farran, Bob Millar, Clare and Mike Lund Yates. Clearly there were no April showers on that day!



The tour around Salisbury Cathedral in late May was a most fascinating visit and provided a great insight into the history of this incredible building. The highlight of the tour was an opportunity to witness one of the four remaining copies of the Magna Carta! The Salisbury Cathedral copy is the best preserved of the four surviving manuscripts and the group were amazed to see how tiny the writing was. One wonders how King John was able to see what he was signing.

The photo left was taken in the Chapter House where the Magna Carta is kept and, clearly, the Cathedral had a miraculous effect on Bro. Harry Harrison who appears to have suddenly become the tallest in the group! Needless to say,

lunch was next on the agenda and the visit finished on a high note in the Refectory whose glass ceiling allowed the diners to appreciate the beautiful architecture of the Cathedral exterior.

Many thanks to Bro. President Graham Palethorpe and wife Christine for two excellent and entertaining events.

JUNE COUNCIL MEETING

The next Council meeting will be at 7.30 pm on Tuesday 28 June 2016 at the Mercure Dolphin Hotel, Southampton.

JULY MEETING DETAILS

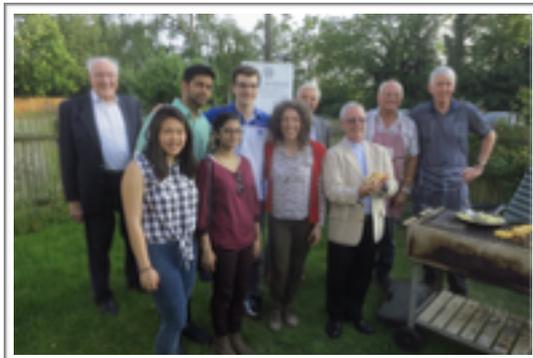
- **Circle meeting:** 7.30 pm on Monday 4 July 2016.
- **Venue:** Mercure Dolphin Hotel, 34-35 High Street, Southampton SO14 2HN.
- **Dress code:** Brothers' night. Jackets and ties.
- **June Welfare Officer:** Philip Crook (report at July meeting).
- **July Whisky donor:** John Farran

JUNE Meeting Statistics

Circle Strength	49
Present	26 (85%)
Apologies	23
No apologies	0
Visitors	15
Visiting gentlemen	1

SAYING ADIEU TO OUR CATHSOC FRIENDS

At the end of May the Southampton Circle hosted an 'end of academic year' barbeque for the CathSoc students. As always, the gathering took place following the Sunday evening Mass. The Circle members were pleased for the opportunity to celebrate the students' individual successes with sizzling gourmet delights cooked by our barbeque expert, Provincial President Roger Lillie. Bro. Roger even provided a fire blanket and a bucket of water which was very much in tune with Bro. President's health and safety side! Bro. Andy Philpott attended in his office of Deacon as well as socially. As you can see from the photo above, Bro. President donned an apron and gave a helping hand.



Our bond with CathSoc is part of the Circle's Youth Programme and the attendees at the June dinner were delighted to welcome next year's President and Vice President, Stephano Cinti and Cleancy Raina Braganza. Events such as the May barbeque and Circle dinners reinforce that relationship. Let us hope that it may encourage some of the students to take on the mantle of Catenian brotherhood in the future.

THE JOE GLEESON MEMORIAL FUND (PRESIDENT'S LOTTERY): Not so much a rollover, rather a carryover! The May draw took place alongside the June draw. The lucky winners are:

May draw:	1st prize: Mark Owen	2nd prize: Joe Gleeson
June draw:	1st prize: Joe Gleeson	2nd prize: Folkert Van Galen

JUNE WHISKY DRAW: The winner was Bro. Jim Moriarty on his first evening as a member of the Circle!

JUNE BIRTHDAYS: Congratulations to those who celebrate birthdays 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).

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PRESIDENT'S WEEKEND, SWANAGE, 10-12 JUNE 2016: For those brothers and wives attending this unique event, Bro. President Graham writes: "I have created an information booklet about the weekend which I have sent to your home addresses. I hope you will find it useful and that the weekend will be an exciting one for all."

MASS FOR VOCATIONS: Bro. President thanks those who attended the Mass on 25 May and who provided such a wonderful variety of cakes. You all responded magnificently!

FAWLEY OIL REFINERY TOUR will take place on 23 June 2016. Places are limited. Please contact Bro. President as soon as possible if you wish to attend.

TANGIER MUSEUM VISIT is no longer on 23 June and has been postponed until 30 September 2016.

TONY AND PAULINE WILSON celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary at the beginning of June. They send their grateful thanks to the Catenian friends for the many cards and kind wishes on the occasion of their 60th wedding anniversary. They say: "We are truly blessed and may God bless you all".

VICE PRESIDENT: Congratulations to Bro. Pat Feighery who was installed as Vice President at the June meeting.

NEW BROTHER: The Circle extends a warm welcome to Bro. Jim Moriarty who was enrolled at the June meeting. As he won the whisky draw on his very first evening, he will definitely have to be watched!

MALTA CONFERENCE 2016: Live streaming of the Malta conference can still be viewed from the members area of the website until 2 July 2016.

CIRCLE EVENTS 2016/17

10-12 June	PRESIDENT'S WEEKEND	President's Weekend at Swanage, staying at the wonderful Purbeck House Hotel. The room rate (£88 pp per night) includes dinner, bed and breakfast. The weekend coincides with the Swanage Fish Festival. Other Circle brothers are very welcome to apply - a brochure is available. <i>Please contact Bro. President Graham Palethorpe for details.</i>
21 June	CIRCLE LUNCH CLUB	12.00 noon: The Boot Inn, Houghton, Stockbridge, SO20 6LH. <i>Please advise Bro. Secretary David Palmer if you wish to attend.</i>
21 June	PRESIDENT'S VISIT	7.30 pm: Blandford Circle. <i>Please contact Bro. President Graham Palethorpe if you wish to attend.</i>
23 June	FAWLEY OIL REFINERY	Details to be confirmed. <i>Please contact Bro. President Graham Palethorpe if you wish to attend.</i>
4 July	CIRCLE MEETING	7.30 pm: Mercure Dolphin Hotel, Southampton. Brothers' only.
11 July	PRESIDENT'S VISIT	7.30 pm: Weymouth Circle. <i>Please contact Bro. President Graham Palethorpe if you wish to attend.</i>
29 July	CREAM TEA	Cream tea at Passford House, Lymington.
August	LASER CLAY PIGEON SHOOT	Details to be advised by Bro. President.
3 September	TANGMERE MUSEUM VISIT	Details to be advised by Bro. President.
18 November	MASS FOR DECEASED BROTHERS	Details to be advised by Bro. President.
November	CHINESE NIGHT	Details to be advised by Bro. President.
16 December	CHRISTMAS PARTY	7.30 pm: Mercure Dolphin Hotel, Southampton.
January 2017	NEW AGE CURLING	Details to be advised by Bro. President.
February 2017	ITALIAN NIGHT AT KEATS	Details to be advised by Bro. President.
March 2017	CIRCLE RETREAT	Details to be advised by Bro. President.

JULY CIRCLE DINNER MENU

Ciabatta tomato, basil and mozzarella melt

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Piri Piri chicken breast

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Baked loin of cod

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Mushroom Arancini balls

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Dark cherry cheesecake

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Cheese platter

Please inform the Dining Officer, Bro. David Palmer, of your choice

CIRCLE WELFARE

The Circle Welfare Officer reports as follows. Your prayers for our brothers and wives who are currently unwell would be much appreciated.

- Myra Andrade is still unwell.
- Paul Andrews has had a severe case of shingles but is recovering well and hopes to be at the next Circle meeting.
- Dick Barber is in a nursing home but has had several transfers to hospital and is in a frail condition.
- Roger Carter is much improves but is still tiring easily
- Rita Forster has returned home but remains unable to walk.
- Joe Gleeson was unfortunately given an incorrect drug dose and has been severely affected.
- Christine Grummit is still in hospital where it is anticipated that she will remain for the several weeks.
- Louise O'Shea has had a minor stroke but is doing well.
- Kathleen Parker is unwell and has asked for our prayers.
- Alma Phillip's sister has had a fall on the stairs and has fractured her hip.
- Valerie Summerton is doing well and is starting radiotherapy.
- Katie Smith's situation is unchanged.
- Pat Tomlins is having chemotherapy and has been advised to cease attending meetings to avoid infections.



CIRCLE PRAYERS

It was with sadness that the Circle learned of the death of Ann McNamara. As one of our Circle widows, Ann regularly attended ladies' nights and always looked very glamorous. She kept her age a close secret and so it was a great surprise to those who attended her funeral to learn that she had lived to the amazing age of 98 years. Ann will be greatly missed by the Southampton Circle for many years to come.

Please pray for the Circle brothers whose anniversaries occur this month:

- William Tickle
- Charles Marston
- Harry Parker



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