



WALKING THE WALLS

Bro. David Palmer organised a most interesting guided walk around historic Southampton which Bro. Folkert shares with us below.

Eleven people and two dogs met up with a Blue Badge guide at the historic 12th Century Norman Bargate, once the northern entrance to the medieval city of Southampton. This part of the city was once the Roman settlement of Clausentum on the northern banks of the river Itchen. Later, in 635 AD under Anglo Saxon rule, it was called Hanwic and was the first Christian settlement in the area of which the parish church of St Mary's is a later, remaining symbol. East Street, leading out of the city walls to the river is said to be the oldest existing street in the area.

A walk along the northern walls and footbridge brought us to the castle where we entered some of the remaining vaults which stored the wine brought in from Angevin Bordeaux, one of the regular imports for the English court. The 14th century Western wall with its regular 'loops' for bowmen is still intact and still has an original toilet: a flush gate from which the double tide removed all the waste.



Within the city, the oldest church of St Michael's still stands intact, as do some of the medieval houses that act as reminders of the flourishing port business that defined life within the city walls. Our guide also drew our attention to the effects of patchy bombing from WWII in the high street where several historic buildings survived the bombing raids whilst other buildings in between them did not. New housing has

replaced much of the slum-style habitats where seamen and workers used to live as did the many lanes and side streets like Juniper Lane.

We finished the walk off with lunch and beer at a new discovery for us, the Platform Tavern, where we were joined by other Brothers and wives. A big thank you must go to David Palmer for organising this event and we are looking forward to the next visit to the eastern part of the city, hopefully with the same dedicated guide.

Bro. Folkert Van Galen



Left: In the Western Esplanade, across the road from the 14th Century cargo boat is an ordinary red brick wall with grey glazed coping. Here the guide pointed out, scratched into the bricks, the names of American soldiers stationed in Southampton during WWII who wanted to leave their mark. Some soldiers also included the date.



JUNE COUNCIL MEETING

7.30 pm,
Monday 26 June 2017
Mercure Dolphin Hotel,
Southampton

JULY MEETING

7.30 pm,
Monday 3 July 2017
Mercure Dolphin Hotel,
Southampton

Brothers night
Jacket & tie

July Welfare Officer
Peter Summerton

July Whisky Donor
Pat O'Neill



JUNE MEETING STATISTICS

Circle Strength:	46
Present:	24
Apologies:	20
No Apologies:	2
Visitors:	4
Visiting Gentlemen:	2

CARITAS - THE WAY FORWARD by Kevin Gallagher

Kevin Gallagher, Director of Caritas Diocese of Portsmouth, gives us a summary of the presentation he gave at Monday's Circle dinner.

Just fresh off the plane and after 26 years in Taiwan working with the severely disabled, I now find myself in a very fortunate position with Caritas in the Portsmouth Diocese. So, after 3 months, what are initial impressions? Well, the most encountered issue is explaining: "What exactly does Caritas do?". The meaning of Caritas is 'Christian Love of Humankind' but a more precise soundbite would be 'The Social Action Voice of the Catholic Church'. Although the second largest non-governmental organisation worldwide next to the Red Cross, Caritas remains rather unknown in the UK.



Caritas began in Germany in 1897 but was not established internationally until 1951 with the creation of Caritas Internationalis and is now present in over 200 countries. It exists as a Catholic agency for social action, running its own social action projects or assisting others in initiating new projects. The main focus is where needs are greatest, reaching out to the most vulnerable. At present, in England and Wales there are already 7 dioceses with a Caritas presence out of a total of 22. Note that Caritas exists for local social action; overseas action is under the management of CAFOD.

As to what we presently do, there is a mental health drop-in centre in St. Johns Cathedral, a children's holiday club in Southampton, an English learning program in Reading and a 'Stella Maris' project for seafarers in Fawley. Other projects will emerge in the coming months and years and our doors are open to others who may have ideas for different social action projects.

Caritas encourages all to step out of our comfort zones and into the world of the marginalised: only when we are personally willing to share in the suffering of others, does humanity take a step forward.

Above right: Kevin Gallagher with Bro. President Pat Feighery. Above left: Bro. Tony Wilson had an interesting discussion with Kevin about how Caritas could support his parish's projects.



We were delighted that CathSoc Student Mamede Broa Fernandes was able to join us for the Circle meeting and dinner. Mamede said that he found his first Circle meeting to be most interesting. Here Mamede poses alongside Bro. Andy Philpott and Bro. President at the end of a most enjoyable dinner.

CIRCLE DINNER GALLERY



This photo of Bros. Derrick Austin and Harry Harrison was prompted by Bro. Daverio Matteucci who pointed out that this pairing truly represented the successful past and the promising future of Southampton Circle. Now in his nineties, it was great to see Bro. Derrick at the June Circle meeting.

A WORD FROM OUR BENEVOLENT OFFICER

When we join the Catenians, we promise to help a Brother in difficulty or need and that includes our families and widows. The Benevolent Fund is available to help where a financial need arises. The key is that Brothers or families may not have the financial liquidity to deal with times of need, hardship or distress. So often we can be asset rich but cash poor.

The fund is there to help by way of grants or interest free loans. The latter may be secured by a mortgage on a property, to be repaid when the property is sold.

Support may be required, for example, when someone is temporarily unemployed, or when one spouse needs to go into a care home. It may also be necessary to make alterations to the family home to accommodate someone downstairs. Costs can be significant and it would be imprudent to rush into selling the house to pay for the costs of care. The priority is to deal with the health problem without worrying about the immediate funding – and that is where the Benevolent Fund can help.

It is important not to regard such funding as charitable handouts. It is more in the nature of an insurance policy since the fund is paid for by the Brothers themselves. I also need to emphasise that all applications for assistance are dealt with in the strictest confidence.

Now what I need you to do is to keep your eyes and ears open for Brothers or their families, and also the widows, who may be in financial difficulties for whatever reason and let us know. We will then follow it up. Our Circle Benevolent Board is John Berridge, Peter Summerton and me. Otherwise, have a word with our President or our Director, Roger Lillie and they will pass the request on to us.

Bro. Tony Wilson

CIRCLE WELFARE

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



Myra & Bosco Andrade, Tony Brady, Roger Carter, Rita Forster, Christine Grummitt, Simon Grummitt, Margaret Kemhadjian, Pat O'Neill, Kathleen Parker, Jean Reese and Katie Smith. Also Eileen Malloy, sister of Claire Lund Yates.

IN MEMORIAM

Please pray for Circle Brothers whose anniversaries occur this month:



Charles Marston, Harry Parker and William Tickle.

Please pray for the Repose of the Soul of Bro. Joe Gleeson who died last week and for the Gleeson family at this time. Bro. Joe's Requiem Mass will be at 1.00 pm on Monday 19 June at St. Boniface Church, Shirley, followed by a service at 2.15 pm at the Crematorium (East).

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

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

JUNE PRESIDENT'S CHARITY LOTTERY

1st prize:
Alison Dobell

2nd prize:
David Palmer

JUNE WHISKY DRAW

Winner:
Bill Eales



JULY CIRCLE DINNER MENU

Roasted tomato & basil soup
with crunchy croutons

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Slow-braised beef steak  
with red wine & rosemary gravy\*

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Grilled fillet of hake with capers,
parsley & garlic butter*

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Green bean Nicoise salad  
with a poached egg

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Meringue nest with Chantilly cream
and fresh strawberry compote

or
Cheese platter

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\*served with chive mash,  
carrots and broccoli

*Please advise Bro. David Palmer  
of your choice if you wish to dine.*

## **JUNE EVENTS**

- The annual CathSoc Leavers Mass is at 6.30 pm on Sunday 11 June at the Chaplaincy and the Southampton Circle will be hosting a barbeque in the garden afterwards for the students. Brothers and wives are invited to the Mass and/or the barbeque. Bro. Roger Lillie and other Circle Brothers will be in charge of the cooking but are asking for help with the puddings.
- The Hooligans Lunch Club will be returning to the Empress of Blandings in Copythorne on Tuesday 20 June. The club has enjoyed many outings to this pub, situated on the edge of the New Forest.
- Bro. President will visit the New Forest Circle on Tuesday 27 June. This will be a Brothers only evening.
- Brothers are reminded that the Mass for Vocations will be held at St. Edmund's Church on Friday 30 June. Refreshments will be provided in the church hall afterwards. Please see the top of the page for a message from Bro. President regarding help with food.

*Further details of these and other events are on page 5.*

## **Mass for Vocations reception - a request for contributions!**

Bro. President and Sheila are asking the Circle for help in providing refreshments for the reception following the Mass for Vocations on Friday 30 June. If you are able to bring a finger buffet dish or a dessert to St. Edmund's Hall on the night, could you please advise Bro. Harry Harrison in advance, either by phone or email.

## **JULY IS BARBEQUE MONTH!**

- Brothers and wives are invited to a fundraising Gourmet Barbeque on the evening of Wednesday 5 July. Bro. Daverio Matteucci has kindly volunteered his own garden as the venue for this event which will begin at 7.30 pm. The three course gourmet meal will offer a delicious salmon or chicken main dish, or grilled halloumi with vegetables roasted on a spit as a vegetarian option. At a cost of £12.00 per person, the barbeque will raise funds for the CathSoc students who will be going on a pilgrimage later in the month, starting with a Mass at the Vatican and then walking to Assisi. Please advise Bro. Roger Lillie of your menu choice as soon as possible as numbers will be limited for this event.
- Bro. Tony Wilson reminds us that the annual CAFOD barbeque will take place on Saturday 15 July. As always, this will be held in the grounds of St. Edward's Church in Chandler's Ford. The cost per person will be £9.00, to include the first drink.



## **A LUNCH ON THE OCEAN WAVE!**

This coming August offers an unusual dining experience: a two course lunch while sailing on Southampton's waterways. Diners will cruise gently along the scenic Solent and the River Hamble to Southampton's port where they can witness the sights and sounds of this historic harbour and view the ships in dock.

Tuesday 15 August is the date for your diary. The cruise will embark from Southampton's Ocean Village at 11.30 am and return at 2.30 pm. Lunch on board will be roast beef, followed by profiteroles. A bar serving alcoholic and soft drinks will be available through the trip. The contact for this event is Bro. David Palmer.

## CIRCLE EVENTS 2017

|                       |                                     |                                                                                                         |
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| Sunday 11 June        | CATHSOC LEAVERS BARBEQUE            | 6.30 pm: Mass in the Chaplaincy, followed by the barbeque.<br><i>Contact: Bro. Roger Lillie.</i>        |
| Tuesday 20 June       | HOOLIGANS LUNCH CLUB                | 12.00 noon: Empress of Blandings, Copythorne, SO40 2PF.                                                 |
| <u>Monday</u> 26 June | COUNCIL MEETING                     | 7.30 pm: Dolphin Hotel, Southampton SO14 2HN.                                                           |
| Friday 30 June        | MASS FOR VOCATIONS                  | 7.30pm: St. Edmunds Church, SO17 1XJ, with refreshments.<br><i>Contact: Bro. Harry Harrison</i>         |
| Monday 3 July         | CIRCLE MEETING & DINNER             | 7.30 pm: Dolphin Hotel, Southampton SO14 2HN. Brothers only. Jackets/ties.                              |
| Wednesday 5 July      | CATHSOC GOURMET BARBEQUE FUNDRAISER | 7.30 pm: Bro. Daverio's home. A 3-course meal for £12.00 per person. <i>Contact: Bro. Roger Lillie.</i> |
| Saturday 15 July      | CAFOD BARBEQUE                      | 12.30 pm: St Edward's Church, Chandlers Ford. £9.00 per person. <i>Contact: Bro. Tony Wilson</i>        |
| Tuesday 18 July       | HOOLIGANS LUNCH CLUB                | 12.00 noon: The George & Falcon, Warnford, SO32 3LB.                                                    |
| Tuesday 25 July       | COUNCIL MEETING                     | 7.30 pm: Dolphin Hotel, Southampton SO14 2HN.                                                           |
| Saturday 29 July      | OLD CEMETERY WALK                   | 10.30 am: The Battle of Ypres. Lunch at The Cowherds.<br><i>Contact: Bro. Secretary</i>                 |

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

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

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| Tues 27 June       | 7.00 pm: New Forest Circle       | Weds 11 October  | 7.30 pm: Fleet Circle            |
| Thurs 6 July       | 7.00 pm: Weymouth Circle         | Thurs 26 October | 7.30 pm: Salisbury Circle        |
| Weds 2 August      | 7.00 pm: Poole Circle            | Sat 4 November   | Bournemouth Circle 100th meeting |
| Weds 16 August     | 7.30 pm: Andover Circle          | Tues 21 November | 7.30 pm: Blandford Forum Circle  |
| Thurs 14 September | 7.30 pm: Bournemouth Circle      | Mon 26 February  | 7.30 pm: Portsmouth Circle       |
| Weds 20 September  | 7.15 pm: Isle of Wight Circle    | Tues 6 March     | 7.30 pm: West Surrey Circle      |
| Sat 23 September   | Basingstoke Circle 600th meeting | Mon 19 March     | 7.30 pm: Basingstoke Circle      |

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