

SOUTHAMPTON CIRCLE 12

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PRESIDENT'S SUNDAY

This year's President's Sunday took place at the Bartley Lodge Hotel in the heart of the New Forest.

The weather was not so kind to the Southampton Circle for its annual President's Sunday but the brothers and wives were kept dry and well entertained with good food and excellent company. The event was held in one of the hotel's oak panelled rooms which was a perfect setting for the celebration of Mass. Rev Canon Peter Wilkie preached a most thoughtful sermon and he was assisted by Circle brother, Andy Philpott (see right).



Following Mass, the room was rearranged to facilitate the serving of lunch. The brothers and wives were seated in informal style on round tables of eight and the three course meal was served waiter-style. Many of the brothers were accompanied by their families and it was a most convivial coming together of the Southampton Circle. It would not be a Circle lunch without a few speeches and, as we have come to expect, there were some very good jokes from Bro. President and also from Canon Peter. The company retired to the lounge for coffee and more chat. The Circle thanks Bro. President Peter Clapham and wife Meg for a great day!



Photos by Malcolm Forster

STOP PRESS! Portsmouth People, Summer 2015

There is a double mention for Catenian brothers in the Summer issue of the Portsmouth People. Vice-President Graham Palethorpe appears on page 5, giving his personal reflection on the 'Living Our Faith' campaign and the CAFOD led Harvest of Talents project is featured on pages 26 and 27 with a photo of Bros. Roger Lillie, Harry Harrison and Daverio Matteucci. (Please see Bro. Secretary's Minutes for a further update on the future of the Harvest of Talents initiative.)

SOUTHAMPTON CIRCLE MEETING

The 1,162nd meeting of the Southampton Circle will take place at 7.30 pm on Monday 3 August. It will be brothers only. Dress code: suits. Venue: Mercure Dolphin Hotel, 34-35 High Street, Southampton SO14 2HN.

CIRCLE DUTIES

July Welfare Officer: John Thompson (report at August meeting). Whisky donor: Folkert van Galen (August meeting).

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

The next Council meeting will be at 7.30 pm on Tuesday 28 July 2015.

July Meeting Statistics

Circle Strength	46
Present	26 (56%)
Apologies	17
No apologies	3
Visitors	6
Visiting gentlemen	0

Who dares, gins ...



The Bombay Sapphire Distillery lies in the heart of the English countryside where a water-powered mill has stood for more than 1,000 years. The brothers and wives who joined Bro. President Peter and Meg on a hot Monday morning enjoyed learning about Laverstoke Mill's fascinating history and how the famous British gin is prepared for consumption throughout the world.



First sight of the distillery was the India House which was built in 1916 to make banknotes but now houses the stills. On the other side of the building were two spectacular glasshouses which showcased the botanicals that go into the gin; the



pervading humidity and the bright sunshine of the day made everyone feel that they had stepped into the tropics. Next door was the interesting dry room where the exotic botanicals had been transformed into powder and dry form for everyone to experience. Nearly 95% of flavour comes from what we smell and not from what we taste. Juniper is the predominant flavour in all gins but the Bombay Sapphire recipe derives its distinct flavour from a secret recipe made up of other flavours such as orris root, liquorice, cassia bark, cubeb berries and other botanicals. Such is the secrecy that surrounds the recipe, the visiting party were kept well away from the active stills and distillers and instead were given a tour based around two beautiful stills which were idle. Despite the attempts of Bro. President Peter Clapham and Bro. Jim Shine to extract information from the tour guide, the secrets behind the Bombay Sapphire gin remained undisclosed.



It will be no surprise to readers of this newsletter that, despite the size of Laverstoke Mill, the Circle visitors needed neither directions nor map to find their way to the Mill Bar for their complimentary cocktail. 'The Laverstoke', with its blend of Martini, elderflower and ginger ale, seemed to be the most popular but the 'Tom Collins' was another favourite alongside the 'Peach Blush' for the drivers. Then it was off to the local hostelry for spot of lunch where some continued their appreciation of the Bombay Sapphire experience!



Photos by Dawn Harrison

... and who walks, wins!



The finalists with the match referee

It was Nigel Miller of the Portsmouth Circle who came up with the idea of a 5-a-side walking football tournament at Goals in Portsmouth. He came prepared with tabards and a shiny new trophy cup for the winning team. It was a great afternoon; the weather complied and rain did not stop play. Helen Matteucci and Wilma van Galen turned up as the token WAGS. Brotherly love was cast aside, however, as the competition became fiercer and referee Nigel had to keep a close eye on things. It was a hard fought final between Southampton and Bournemouth with the former taking home the trophy but it was agreed by all that taking part was the best bit of it all and the afternoon continued with fun matches mixing up the teams. Word has it that the Bournemouth Circle have issued a rematch challenge!

Thanks goes to Nigel Miller for organising such a great event and providing the vests. Also, special note should go to Bros. Michael (Striker) Ingram and Harry (Hopalong) Harrison, who scored 5 goals between them for Southampton as well as Bros. Roger (Elbows) Lillie, Daverio Matteucci (aka the Italian Striker), Graham (Injury Time) Palethorpe and Folkert (Norbert) van Galen who also walked successfully for the Southampton Circle.

Supporting CathSoc



Bro. Daverio Matteucci and wife Helen kindly hosted a garden party to raise funds for CathSoc students. Three of the students are going to Italy where they will be working with refugees from North Africa and the Near East. One can only have great admiration for their courage and we shall look forward to their story when they return.



The party was a great success and enjoyed by everyone. The guests were delighted to be joined by Fr. George Ngwa of St. Joseph's and St. Andrew's who has become a great supporter of CathSoc since his arrival in the parish last autumn. Two of the students, Julie-Anne Nige, President, and Amanda Silva, Vice-President, have been awarded £150 from the Bursary Fund; unfortunately the third was just above the age limit. A further £500 was raised by the Southampton Circle and this was presented to them by Bro. President Peter Clapham during the evening. As you can see in the photo left, this additional donation was a most pleasant surprise. Everyone owes a debt of gratitude to Daverio and Helen for welcoming us to their garden and to Roger Lillie for so ably preparing an excellent barbecue meal.



Photos by Roger Lillie & Bob Millar



Roses among some thorns!

The Catenihens (with some husbands) spent an enjoyable June afternoon viewing the incredible display of roses at Mottisfont Abbey. There is a short window of opportunity during June for the public to appreciate this lovely spectacle and the Southampton Circle wives (and some husbands) made the most of it by indulging in afternoon tea afterwards.

Don't forget that more photos of the events featured in this newsletter can be found in the News section of the Southampton Circle website, www.southamptoncatenians.org.

Province 11 Provincial Weekend

Bro. Provincial President, David Platt, and his wife Sue invite the Catenian brothers and wives of Province 11 to the Provincial weekend on 11 - 13 March 2016 in Stratford upon Avon. The venue will be the Holiday Inn which is situated near the centre of the town, along the river, and within walking distance of the theatre. If you would like to attend, you can book direct by phoning Reservations on 01789 279988, quoting the Catenian Association Province 11 Provincial weekend. Bro. David would be grateful if you could advise him of your booking (plattd116@gmail.com). Numbers need to be confirmed

CIRCLE BIRTHDAYS

Congratulations to those whose birthdays are in July.

Pauline Wilson (3), Roger Lillie (4), Claire Lund Yates (7), Tony Wilson (9), Graham Palethorpe (10), Margaret Wysocki (13), George Wysocki (16), Folkert van Galen and Ann O'Neill.

LOTTERY WINNERS

1st prize: Ellen Gobbi
2nd prize: Tony Brady
Whisky winner: Gerry Heneghan
(Bournemouth)



PRAYERS Your prayers are requested for those who are unwell: Bosco and Myra Andrade, Dick Barber, Sheila Barber, Roger Carter, Rita Forster, Joe Gleeson, Ann O'Neill and Katie Smith.

IN MEMORIAM Prayers for July anniversaries are: William Brown, Tom Fraser, Danny McNamara, Nellie Payne and William Russell.

CIRCLE EVENTS 2015

Thursday 9 July	PRESIDENT'S VISIT	Bournemouth Circle. <i>If you wish to accompany Bro. President, please confirm your attendance to drtpalmer@hotmail.com.</i>
Tuesday 21 July	LUNCHEON CLUB 	12.00 noon: The White Horse, Ampfield, SO51 9BQ, 01794 368356. <i>Please confirm your attendance to drtpalmer@hotmail.com.</i>
Saturday 25 July	JANE AUSTEN WALK IN SOUTHAMPTON	10.00 am: meet at Bargate. £5.00. Lunch at the Dolphin restaurant. <i>Please confirm your attendance to GrahamPalethorpe@gmail.com.</i>
Tuesday 18 August	LUNCHEON CLUB 	12.00 noon: The Plough, Sparsholt, SO21 2NW, 01962 776353. <i>Please confirm your attendance to drtpalmer@hotmail.com.</i>
Saturday 29 August	SOUTHAMPTON BRAAI	Details to be confirmed <i>Please confirm your attendance to GrahamPalethorpe@gmail.com.</i>
Sunday 13 September	DAHLIA FARM & AFTERNOON TEAM	Details to be confirmed <i>Please confirm your attendance to GrahamPalethorpe@gmail.com.</i>
Saturday 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

11 July 2015	Annual CAFOD barbeque	12.30 pm: St Edward's, Chandler's Ford. Tickets £8.00. Please call Gill Fransworth on 02380 270622.
26 July 2015	National Grandparents Pilgrimage	11.00 am onwards: National Shrine of Our Lady, Walsingham
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

August Menu

*Cod Supreme with capers, tomato & red onion salsa,
chive mash and seasonal vegetables*

or

*Chicken Supreme with Chorizo, smoked cheese, thyme & tomato
sauce, chive mash and seasonal vegetables*

or

Vegetable Stir Fry

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Choice of Desserts:

White chocolate & passion fruit cheesecake, mango coulis

or

Cheese platter

(please confirm to Dining Officer)

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*Please advise the Dining Officer of your selection
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