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JANE AUSTEN WALK

In July, Bro. President and his wife organised a most enjoyable walk around Southampton to explore the City's association with the celebrated authoress, Jane Austen.

When Jane Austen's father died in 1805, Jane moved with her mother and sister to Southampton to be near Jane's brother. They lived in Castle Square with views westwards across Southampton Water and access to a promenade along the top of the old city walls. Jane and her sister, Cassandra attended many dances in the upstairs rooms of the Dolphin Hotel where the Southampton Circle hold their monthly dinners - so it was appropriate that the morning's walk should finish at this venue for a spot of lunch! Bob Millar has provided this delightful photo of Meg Clapham who seems to be using a rather large serving spoon at the end of her meal - something of which the Miss Bennetts and the rather officious Emma Woodhouse would not have approved! Geoff and Jean Watts led the group around the backstreets of Southampton to places where Jane had lived and visited, although sadly most of the buildings were destroyed in the war. Geoff and Jean have asked that their thanks be passed onto the Circle for the generous charity donation for the Jane Austen Walk and the thoroughly enjoyable lunch at the Dolphin Hotel.



STOP PRESS! President's Weekend 2016

Bro. Graham Palethorpe and wife Christine have organised an excellent event for Graham's Presidential year. They have invited brothers and wives of the Circle to join them for a weekend at the excellent Purbeck House Hotel to coincide with the Swanage Fish Festival. Details of the weekend have been circulated by Brother Secretary. Deposits have been received already for a third of the double rooms reserved so, if you are interested, please let Bro. Graham know as soon as possible with a cheque/bank transfer deposit to Bro. Treasurer, citing the event as reference.

Musings of Brother Secretary

Bro. Secretary, who clearly has nothing much to do, sends this Bon Mot for our amusement.

'Muslims are allowed as many Concubines as they like but are not allowed to consume alcohol.

Catholics may drink as much alcohol as they like but are not allowed Concubines!'

SOUTHAMPTON CIRCLE MEETING

The 1,163rd meeting of the Southampton Circle will take place at 7.30 pm on Monday 7 September. It will be a ladies night. Dress code: black tie. Venue: Mercure Dolphin Hotel, 34-35 High Street, Southampton SO14 2HN.

CIRCLE DUTIES

August Welfare Officer: Pat Tomlins (report at September meeting). Whisky donor: Tony Wilson (September meeting).

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

The next Council meeting will be at 7.30 pm on Tuesday 25 August 2015.

July Meeting Statistics

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| Circle Strength | 46 |
| Present | 22 (48%) |
| Apologies | 24 |
| No apologies | 0 |
| Visitors | 0 |
| Visiting gentlemen | 0 |

Real Life, Real World

Last month, the Southampton Circle held a garden party which raised £530, alongside two bursary awards totalling £300, to support two CathSoc students from Southampton University to spend their summer at the migrant camps in Reggio, Italy. Julie-Anne Ntege is 20 years, of Ugandan descent, born and raised in London. 21 year old Amanda Silva comes from Brazil and has lived in London for the past nine years. Both girls were accompanied by Sr. Valentina, Chaplain of Southampton University and a native of Reggio. As the trio embarked on their travels, they shared their thoughts through their blog and Julie-Anne's entry revealed that while she expected to face desperation and extreme circumstances, she also hoped to find that God's love would nevertheless prevail.



For Amanda, the first day in Reggio proved beyond expectation as the trio were exposed to the realities of the workers, volunteers and refugees. It made her realise the importance of following Jesus in her journey. From that first day, the girls experienced at first hand the most inspirational stories of courage. Julie-Anne shared a very personal exchange with a 27 year old Nigerian woman who could not understand why someone from her part of the world had volunteered. Julie-Anne's Ugandan background was also the reason why Sr. Valentina suggested that she stayed the night at the hospital with a traumatised 15 year old

Nigerian girl, an experience that Julie-Anne described as one of the most difficult of her life so far.



All three were personally affected by the arrival of around 700 people to the emergency camps. Sr. Valentina worked alongside Medecins Sans Frontieres as a translator while Amanda and Julie-Anne distributed food, drink and footwear. They have been inspired by the many volunteers they have met and who have taught them vital lessons in both everyday and spiritual life. Some of these volunteers are parents who travel with their children to many war zones and one such family stayed with the trio during part of their stay.



For Valentina, Amanda and Julie-Anne, they say that they are yet to conclude how their perspectives have changed by their own volunteer work. But that they leave Reggio greatly changed is in no doubt and that they do so with a deeper understanding of what it means to be a refugee.

Photos:

Top left and right: life around the volunteer centre

Second right: an open air Mass for the refugees

Second left: awaiting the arrival of the refugee ship bearing 700 peoples

Bottom left: the emergency beds awaiting refugees

CIRCLE BIRTHDAYS

Congratulations to those whose birthdays are in August.

John Thompson (1), Mike Lund Yates (8), Pat O'Shea (10), Jenny Thompson (12), Elizabeth Counihan (14), Sally Murray (15), Meg Clapham (20), Alison Dobell (27), Pat Crook (29) and Simon Grummitt (29).

LOTTERY WINNERS

There was no draw in August but there will be a double draw in September.

Whisky winner: George Wysocki

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

IN MEMORIAM Prayers for August anniversaries are: John Bannon, Pat Dunworth, William McCabe, Martin McGarry, Douglas Newton, David Reese, Anthony Whelan and Bert Woodling. Please also prayer for the soul of the late Gil Whale, Lichfield Circle and Catena Editor, and for his wife Sue and family.



CIRCLE EVENTS 2015

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| August | PRESIDENT'S VISIT | Planned visit to Poole Circle postponed |
| 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 | SOUTH AFRICAN BRAAI | 12.30 pm: St. Edward's Church, Chandlers Ford. £8 pp. <i>Please confirm your attendance to GrahamPalethorpe@gmail.com.</i> |
| Sunday 13 September | DAHLIA FARM & AFTERNOON TEA | 12.00 noon: Gilberts Nursery & Tearoom, SO51 6DT. £9.25 pp. <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> |
| Tuesday 22 September | LUNCHEON CLUB  | 12.00 noon: The Filly Inn, Brockenhurst, SO42 7UF 01590 623 449. (4th Tuesday!) <i>Please confirm your attendance to drtpalmer@hotmail.com.</i> |

AROUND THE PROVINCE AND BEYOND 2015/16

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| 15 August 2015 | Provincial Council Meeting | The Mercure Dolphin, Southampton. |
| 22 August 2015 | Bournemouth Air Show (Bournemouth Circle) | Marsham Court Hotel. £5 per adult (children free) for facilities and nibbles. <i>Please confirm your attendance to Bro. John Murphy, the murphs@ntlworld.com.</i> |
| 14 September 2015 | Children with Cancer Charity Walk (Winchester Circle) | 10.00 am: The Wheatsheaf, Lower Woodford. £12.50 pp, £3 per dog. <i>Please confirm your attendance to Amanda Bayford, bayfordra@btinternet.com.</i> |
| 15 September 2015 | Inauguration of Blandford Circle | For more information, please contact Bro. Secretary. |
| 24 October 2015 | Trafalgar Event (Portsmouth Circle) | 6.30 pm: Brookfield Hotel, Emsworth. Ladies night/black tie. £30 pp. <i>Please confirm your attendance to GrahamPalethorpe@gmail.com.</i> |
| 11-13 March 2016 | Provincial Weekend | Holiday Inn, Bridgefoot, Stratford upon Avon CV37 6YR. |
| 10-12 June 2016 | Southampton President's Weekend | Purbeck House Hotel, Swanage (to include Fish Festival). <i>Please confirm your attendance to GrahamPalethorpe@gmail.com.</i> |

September Menu

*Pork loin topped with chopped apricots and blue cheese
with seasonal vegetables and potatoes*

or

*Salmon and Horseradish Hollandaise
with seasonal vegetables and potatoes*

or

Mediterranean vegetable pie

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Choice of Desserts:

Chocolate tart with Chantilly cream

or

Cheese platter

(please confirm to Dining Officer)

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*Please advise the Dining Officer of your selection
Jim Shine at jimandsiobhanshine@btinternet.com*

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