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VISIT
TO
THE
DAHLIA
FARM

Gilberts Nursery in Sherfield English is a family run business that is well known for its 'home grown' plants and its beautiful displays of dahlias. It was the first Southampton Circle visit to this local nursery, led by Bro. President, Peter Clapham, and wife Meg. During the summer months, the nursery bursts into life with over 300 varieties of dahlias which can be observed in a field set aside for them. The group very much enjoyed the visit to the impressive dahlia field, particularly as the weather was dry. They also toured around the rest of the nursery to view the other plants and also the wide range of vegetable seeds on sale.

Such exertion thoroughly deserved a trip to the tearooms where everyone indulged in a delightful cream tea. The tearooms are situated opposite the dahlia field and parts of the nursery, thus allowing the group to survey the beautiful display whilst deciding what plants and seeds to take home. Needless to say, it was difficult to find room for passengers in some of the cars, so laden were they with perennials and climbers!



Above and left: group shots in the dahlia field. Thanks to Jim Shine for these photos.

SOUTHAMPTON CIRCLE MEETING

The 1,165th meeting of the Southampton Circle will take place at 7.30 pm on Monday 2 November. It will be a ladies night. Dress code: black tie. Venue: Mercure Dolphin Hotel, 34-35 High Street, Southampton SO14 2HN.

CIRCLE DUTIES

October Welfare Officer: Tony Wilson (report at November meeting). Whisky donor: Bosco Andrade (November meeting).

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

The next Council meeting will be at 7.30 pm on *Tuesday 20 October 2015.*

September Meeting Statistics

Circle Strength	46
Present	26 (56%)
Apologies	20
No apologies	1
Visitors	5
Visiting gentlemen	2

EVENT DIARY UPDATES

There have been several changes and additions to the events diary:

- *President's Visits* - please see events list on page 2 for October and November visits.
- *October Council meeting* - the date has now been brought forward to Tuesday, 20 October.
- *November dinner* - Bro. Secretary advises that Bro. Tony Wilson will be presented by the Director with a scroll to mark 40 years as a Catenian brother. Bros. Graham Palethorpe and Jim Shine will also receive presentations for their 25 years with the Circle.
- *November Race Night* - details have been added to the events list on page 2.
- *New Forest Walk* - this has now been put back to 31 October, further details in the events list on page 2.
- *November lunch club* - Bro. Secretary has confirmed that this will be held at the Dog & Crook, Braishfield.

CIRCLE NEWS

- *John and Mary Berridge* - please note that John and Mary have now moved. See the email from Bro. Secretary dated 1 October 2015 for their new details.
- *Youth* - as advised at the Monday meeting by Bro. Roger Lillie, the CathSoc banner advertising their Mass, which was donated by the Southampton Circle, attracted 105 students. The Mass was celebrated by Fr. George Ngwa who made reference to our contributions to the students.

CIRCLE BIRTHDAYS

Congratulations to those whose birthdays are in October!

Myra Philpott (4), Pat O'Neill (5), Patrick Dobell (5), Frank Ourique (6), Katie Smith (9), Roger Hurst (10), Derrick Austin (30) and Maureen Bannon (31).

LOTTERY WINNERS

The lottery was not drawn at the October dinner. There will be two draws at the November dinner.

The whisky lottery did take place at the meeting and it was won by Philip Crook who declared that it was the first time he had ever won the whisky bottle! Congratulations, Philip.

PRAYERS Your prayers are requested for those who are unwell: Myra Andrade, Dick and Sheila Barber, Pat Feighery, Rita Forster, Joe Gleeson, and Katie Smith. We also ask for prayers for Pat Tomlins who has recently received bad news about his health. Felicity Singleton has asked for prayers for her sister, Bernadette Smith, who is seriously ill.



IN MEMORIAM Prayers for October anniversaries are: Elaine Austin, Dan Bannon, Edward Callaghan, Laurence Crawley, Marie Crawley, Liam D'Arcy, Joe Gobbi, Frank MacDonald and Edward Wuytack.

CIRCLE EVENTS 2015

Tuesday 20 October	Lunch Club 	12.00 noon: The Dolphin, Hursley, SO21 2JY, 01962 775 209. <i>Please confirm your attendance to drtpalmer@hotmail.com.</i>
Tuesday 27 October	President's Visit	7.00 pm: New Forest Circle. Ladies night. Lounge Suits.
Saturday 31 October	A walk on the wild side	10.00 am: Brownhills Car Park, New Forest. Lunch, Old Station Tea Rooms, Holmsley. <i>Please confirm your attendance to Bro. President.</i>
17 November	Lunch Club	12.00 noon: The Dog & Crook, Braishfield. <i>Please confirm your attendance to drtpalmer@hotmail.com.</i>
18 November	President's Visit	7.30 pm: Isle of Wight Circle. Brothers only. Lounge suits.
20 November	Race Night at the Dolphin	Details to be advised shortly by Bro. President.
27 November	Deceased Brothers's Mass	St. Edward's Church, Chandler's Ford. Further details to be advised.
2 December	Circle Christmas Party	The Mercure Dolphin
16 December	Lunch Club Christmas lunch	12.00 noon: Keats, Ampfield

AROUND THE PROVINCE AND BEYOND 2015/16

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 November 2015	Winchester Planetarium (Winchester Circle)	2.30 pm: Winchester Science Centre (followed by a cream tea!) £9.25 pp by cheque made payable to the Catenian Association. <i>Please confirm your attendance to drtpalmer@hotmail.com.</i>
28 November	Salisbury 500th meeting	7.00 pm: Ladies night. Black tie. £35 pp. <i>RSVP Bro. David Morehead.</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>

November Menu

Roasted butternut squash soup
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Duck leg with braised red cabbage
or
Bake fillet of haddock, braised leek & white wine cream sauce
or
Vegetarian casserole
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all served with seasonal vegetables and potatoes

Choice of Desserts:
French apple flan
or
Cheese platter
(please confirm to Dining Officer)
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Please advise the Dining Officer of your selection
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