

SOUTHAMPTON CIRCLE NEWS

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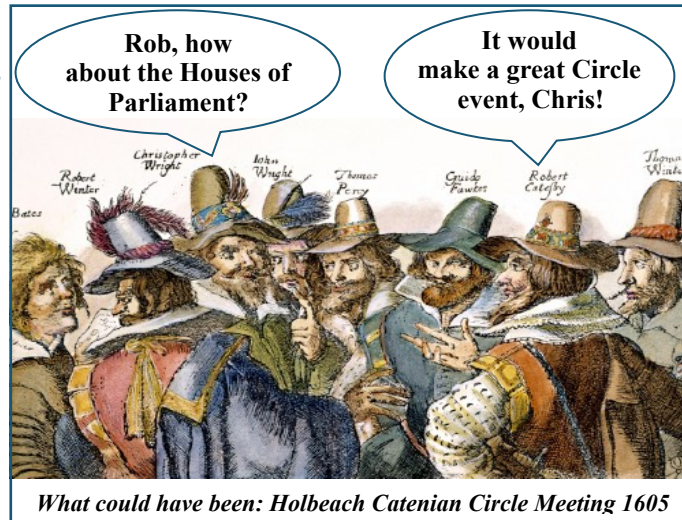
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The Catenians
Strengthening family life
through friendship and faith

NOVEMBER 2017

**No Gunpowder
but plenty
of spark
at the
November
Circle Meeting!**



The country may have spent the weekend commemorating an unsuccessful Catholic conspiracy to overthrow the monarchy but the gathering of Catholic gentlemen at the Mercure Dolphin on Monday wisely kept their discourse to less 'incendiary' plotting!

It may have been an ordinary Circle meeting but, amid the fun of the fireworks and the bonfire parties, this November anniversary also marks a passage in English history when our Catholic ancestors suffered cruel penalties for gathering in the name of their Faith. That Circles of Catenian men can now openly come together in fraternity as the Southampton Circle did on Monday, as well as celebrating with families and friends at public Masses, is a testament to how far our country has travelled along the road to religious harmony since the 1600s.

Our Circle meetings may not plot anything more dangerous than a change in dress code but Catenian brothers can find within the story of the Gunpowder Plot a commonality in the strong bond of Catholic brotherhood. Opinion may vary on the explosive intentions of Catesby and company but the letter to the Jacobean Catholic MP, advising him to stay away from Parliament on 5 November 1605, is believed by most historians to have genuinely arisen out of concern by at least one of the conspirators for his brothers in Faith. The sense of fellowship was not reciprocated and the letter was passed into the hands of the King's Council. But this aspect of the story displays a bond between Catholic men that has endured and forms the basis of the Catenian friendship today.

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NOVEMBER COUNCIL MEETING

7.30 pm,
Tuesday 28 November 2017
Mercure Dolphin Hotel,
Southampton

CHRISTMAS DINNER

7.30 pm,
Monday 4 December 2017
Mercure Dolphin Hotel,
Southampton

Ladies night
Black tie & posh frocks!

*(There is no Circle meeting or
Council meeting in December)*

December Welfare Officer

John Berridge

December Whisky Donor

Andy Philpott

NOVEMBER MEETING STATISTICS

Circle Strength:	46
Present:	25
Apologies:	21
No Apologies:	0
Visitors:	3
Visiting Gentlemen:	2

November Circle meeting cont.

The November Circle meeting was delighted to welcome Mgr John Nelson, Parish Priest of St. Swithun Wells. Fr. John is well known to the Southampton Brothers who attend Holy Cross in Eastleigh and St. Edwards in Chandler's Ford. Two CathSoc members also attended: Mamade Fernandez, who was making his second Circle visit, and Malcolm bin Vincent Buyon. The students thanked the Circle for the donation towards the Isle of Wight Retreat transport costs.



Southampton Brothers attend Winchester 65th!

Bros Harry Harrison, Roger Lillie, Daverio Matteucci and Tony Wilson attended Winchester's 65th meeting at the beginning of November. The event was held at the Winchester Holiday Inn and, as it was a ladies night, wives Dawn, Margaret, Helen and Pauline came too. It was a triple celebration for the Winchester Circle as there were two scroll awards presented by the National President. A most enjoyable evening for everyone!



WINCHESTER CATHEDRAL TOUR

10.30 am on Saturday 18 November

Cathedral visitors should gather at 10.20 am at the Cathedral entrance. The lunch has been moved to the Wessex Hotel which is a new venue for us. Thanks to Bro. David Palmer for organising this event.

NOVEMBER HOOLIGANS LUNCH

12.00 noon on Tuesday 21 November

The Plough Inn, Sparsholt

A return to this excellent pub restaurant in rural Sparsholt whose food is very popular with locals and visitors alike. As always, Bro. David Palmer is the man to contact if you would like to join in.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH AT KEATS

12.00 noon on Thursday 14 November

Please advise Bro. David Palmer if you wish to attend the Christmas lunch. There is a restricted number so book early to avoid disappointment.

MASS FOR DECEASED BROTHERS

7.00 pm on Friday 24 November

St. Edmond's Church, SO15 2EQ

The Mass will be celebrated by Mgr Vincent Harvey at the Friday evening Parish Mass.

It will be followed by a buffet and drinks in the church meeting room. As always, contributions towards the buffet would be much appreciated - could you please let Bro. Harry Harrison know what food you will be bringing.

THAI NIGHT AT KUTI'S ROYAL

THAI PIER

7.30 pm on

Wednesday 29 November



Please join us for our annual night out at Kuti's Royal Thai Pier in November. This has become a popular winter event for the Circle as you can see from last year's outing above right. We are suggesting that we once again opt for the two course set meal which we had last year and the cost will be £22.95 per person. The menu is gluten-free and caters for those who prefer their food mild.

The evening will begin at 7.30 pm. We will be dining on the ground floor. Parking spaces are available in the streets opposite. Guests can be dropped in front of the restaurant.

Please let Bro. Harry Harrison know if you would like to attend and if you need a lift.

Kuti's Royal Thai Pier (Ground Floor), Gate House, Town Quay, Southampton SO14 2AQ

BRO. SECRETARY'S RAMBLINGS

The Devil, having nothing else to do,
went off to tempt my Lady Poltagrue.
My Lady, tempted by a private whim,
to his extreme annoyance, tempted him.

Hilaire Belloc

IN MEMORIAM

Please pray for Circle Brothers and wives whose anniversaries occur in the month of September:

Frank McGarry
 Ted Rayment
 Olive Austin
 Dick Barber



Please pray for the Repose of the Soul of Jan Van Galen, father of Bro. Folkert, who passed away peacefully at the age of 88 years in Holland. The Circle's thoughts and prayers are with Bro. Folkert, Wilma and the Van Galen family. Also for Bro. Bernard Hill (New Forest Circle) who died in October and for the Hill family. May they both rest in peace and rise in glory.

KATIE SMITH RIP

It was with great sadness that the Circle learned of the passing of Katie Smith, wife of Brother Ron Smith, following a long illness. Katie died at home with Ron and their daughter with her. The Circle offers its prayers for the Repose of the Soul of Katie, for the Smith family and particularly for Bro. Ron at this difficult time.

CIRCLE WELFARE

Your prayers for our Brothers and wives who are unwell would be much appreciated:

Bosco Andrade
 Myra Andrade
 Sheila Barber
 Tony Brady
 Roger Carter



Rita Forster
 Margaret Kemhadjian
 Pat O'Neill
 Kathleen Parker
 Jean Reese

Please also pray for:

Alexander Baker (Bill Day's grandson)
 Mgr Vincent Harvey who is recovering from a recent fall.
 Eileen Malloy (sister of Claire Lund Yates)
 Richard Mole (John Singleton's brother-in-law)
 Marie Sawyer (John Singleton's sister)
 Rosemary Spencer (Immaculate Conception Church, Portswood)

CIRCLE WELFARE

Fr. Ross Bullock, Assistant Priest at St. Edmond's, attended the October Circle meeting and made a request for donations towards RE text books for St. George Catholic College. The Southampton Circle has now raised £845 which will be presented to the school by Bro. President Pat Feighery.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Roger Carter (7)
 Martin Counihan (11)
 Dawn Harrison (13)
 Siobhan Shine (20)
 Jane Barber (24)

NOVEMBER PRESIDENT'S CHARITY LOTTERY

1st prize: Folkert Van Galen

2nd prize: Jenny Thompson

NOVEMBER WHISKY DRAW

Winner: Michael Ingram

DECEMBER CHRISTMAS MENU

Leek & Potato Soup
 with smoked paprika croutons
 & fresh chives (GF)

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 Roast Turkey & Gammon  
 with traditional trimmings

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 Steamed Paupiette of Hake
 filled with mushroom &
 roasted tomato mouse, lemon,
 caper & shallot butter, roast
 potatoes & veg (GF)

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 Individual aubergine &  
 lentil moussaka  
 with bulgur & butternut  
 squash, roast potatoes & veg

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 Christmas Pudding
 & homemade brandy sauce

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 Tea, coffee & mince pies  
 to follow

*Please advise Bro. David  
 Palmer of your choice.*

## CIRCLE EVENTS 2017

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| Saturday 18 November  | WINCHESTER<br>CATHEDRAL TOUR  | 10.30 am: Cathedral main entrance on the left at the West Front. £5.50-7.50 per person. Followed by lunch at the Wessex Hotel, SO23 9PE. <i>Contact: Bro. Secretary.</i> |
| Tuesday 21 November   | HOOLIGANS LUNCH<br>CLUB       | 1200 noon: The Plough Inn, Woodman Lane, Sparsholt SO21 2NW. <i>Contact: Bro. Secretary.</i>                                                                             |
| Friday 24 November    | MASS FOR DECEASED<br>BROTHERS | 7.00 pm: St. Edmond's Church, 14 Rockstone Place, SO15 2EQ followed by a buffet in the church hall. <i>Contact: Bro. Harry Harrison</i>                                  |
| Wednesday 29 November | THAI NIGHT AT KUTI'S          | 7.30 pm: Kuti's Royal Thai Pier, Red Funnel Dock Gate 7, SO14 2AQ. <i>Contact: Bro. Harry Harrison</i>                                                                   |
| Tuesday 28 November   | COUNCIL MEETING               | 7.30 pm: Dolphin Hotel, Southampton, SO14 2HN.                                                                                                                           |
| Monday 4 December     | CHRISTMAS PARTY               | 7.30 pm: Dolphin Hotel, Southampton, SO14 2HN. Ladies night. <i>Contact: Bro. Secretary.</i>                                                                             |
| Tuesday 12 December   | CHRISTMAS LUNCH<br>AT KEATS   | 12.00 noon: Keats, Ampfield SO51 9BQ. <i>Contact: Bro. Secretary.</i>                                                                                                    |

*Reminder: No Circle meeting and Council meeting during the month of December*

## BRO. PRESIDENT'S CIRCLE VISITS - NOVEMBER 2017

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| Tuesday 21 November | 7.30 pm: Blandford Forum | British Legion Club, Church Lane, Blandford Forum DT11 7AD |
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*No President's visits during the months of December 2017 and January 2018*

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