

# SOUTHAMPTON CIRCLE NEWS

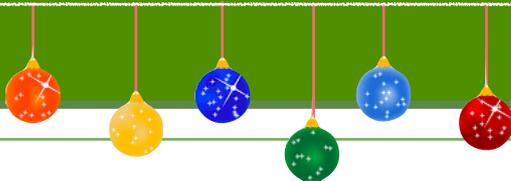
Circle 12 in Province 11

President: Bro. Pat Feighery



*The Catenians  
Strengthening family life  
through friendship and faith*

DECEMBER 2017



## CIRCLE CHRISTMAS PARTY 2017

The Christmas party can be summed up thus: we ate, we drank and we were very



merry! Congratulations to all those involved in the organisation of this most enjoyable evening: Bro. President and Sheila for being such excellent hosts; Bro. Harry Harrison for general running around and compering the raffle; Siobhan Shine and Helen Matteucci for organising the raffle; Simon Grummitt for setting a challenging yet fun Christmas quiz, and everyone else for helping to make the Christmas Party such a success.



The evening finished with a musical finale. Bernard and Pauline Postlethwaite led the guests in a Christmas carol singing session to the accompaniment of accordion and cello. The final carol was Sheila Feighery's favourite, 'Silent Night'.

Fr. Paul O'Bada departed with both hands full. He won a bottle in the raffle and was awarded a box of Smarties by Bro. Simon Grummitt for the quiz! Thanks to a bounty of donated gifts, the Christmas raffle raised £340 for the President's Charity, the Apostleship of the Sea.



## JANUARY COUNCIL MEETING

7.30 pm,  
Tuesday 30 January 2017  
Mercure Dolphin Hotel,  
Southampton

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Brothers night  
Jacket & Tie

January Welfare Officer  
Peter Clapham

January Whisky Donor  
Jim Shine

*There are no Circle  
or Council meetings  
in December*



*A merry Christmas to the  
Brothers and ladies  
of the Southampton Circle  
and Province 11*

## A CATHEDRAL TOUR

*“The good deed you do today, for a brother or sister in need, will come back to you some day, for humanity’s a circle indeed.”*

*Robert Alan Arthur*

A good deed by Bro. Folkert Van Galen and two Catenian Circles a few years ago certainly did come back ‘full circle’ last month when 14 Brothers and ladies took a guided talk around Winchester Cathedral. Our guide, Mike Cox, and his Dutch wife are friends of the Van Galens and in 2007 the two men were trying to raise funds for the Emmaus Housing and Recycling Project in Winchester. Through Folkert, the Winchester and Southampton Circles contributed their 2007-08 President’s Charities towards the project. So when Mike saw Catenians on the tour list, he specifically requested that he be our guide as a way of paying us back for the Emmaus donation. It was a nice story and a nice note on which to begin the tour.



As the tour was just an hour and a half long, Mike concentrated on specific aspects of the cathedral which, coincidentally, were pertinent to some of our group. The Circle’s published author, Maggie Farran, was asked to read out the memorial plaque to Jane Austen in the north aisle and Bro. President Pat was asked to give his expert views as a construction professional on the uneven floors where diver William Walker worked for six years to save the sagging foundations. Typically it was the Dutch and Italian members of the group who seemed to have many of the answers when Mike tested our knowledge of English history! Mike was a most entertaining and informative guide and this was a most enjoyable event. Thanks to Bro. David Palmer for organising it. And, by the way, Bro. Folkert tell us that the Emmaus project was built in a very short time and has been flourishing ever since!



The tour was followed by a leisurely lunch at the Winchester sister hotel to the Southampton Mercure Dolphin. The group was delighted to be joined for both the tour and lunch by Moira Whelan.

*Photos by Dawn Harrison and Folkert Van Galen*



## NEW R.E. TEXT BOOKS FOR ST. GEORGE CATHOLIC COLLEGE

In these days of comparative austerity, the leaders of our schools have become well acquainted with the necessity of making difficult choices over the disbursement of a school's limited resources. We are well served by our Catholic schools who make these choices with wisdom and seek support from those who will themselves seek to help. When St. George Catholic College needed assistance with the purchase of new R.E. text books, Fr. Ross Bullock, Chaplain to the school, turned to the Brothers of the Southampton Circle. The Brothers and ladies responded with a donation of £845 and Bro. President Pat Feighery was delighted to present a cheque to Executive Headteacher Lyn Bourne at a morning assembly. Bro President was accompanied by Bros. Roger Lillie, John Farran and Jim Shine. The school has responded with letters to Bro. President thanking the Circle for its spontaneous generosity.



*Photo by John Farran*



## SOUTHAMPTON CATHSOC CAREERS EVENING

The relationship between the Southampton Circle and the Southampton University CathSoc began with a donation for a new keyboard and was maintained through barbecues for leavers and assistance for catholic pilgrimages. It was formally ratified by a groundbreaking Memorandum of Affiliation

in March. For their part, CathSoc students have supported us by attending Circle meetings and dinners and by helping us with our own projects such as our Facebook page. Next year we hope to include the students at some of our Circle events. And last week the Circle were able to assist the students further with a evening built around careers advice. Southampton Brothers Roger Lillie, Harry Harrison and Graham Palethorpe shared their own work experience in the fields of risk management, banking and technology with emphasis on general advice about the work environment, job changing and graduate trainee schemes rather than specific industries. Bro. Bernard Perry from the Basingstoke Circle is a leading recruitment consultant and he presented the session. He gave excellent advice on interview techniques and demonstrated how to compose the most effective post-uni c.v. that will attract the tools used by recruitment firms, adding layers to the c.v. as skills and experience increase in later years. He stayed on until late in the evening to help the students begin their resumé's.

It was generous of the Brothers to give so much of their time. Thanks must also go to Sr. Valentina who hosted the event. It is hoped that these CathSoc students will have better clarity in achieving their potential in their future careers.

*Above from left: Bros. Bernard Perry, Graham Palethorpe, Roger Lillie & Sr. Valentina with students. Bro. Harry Harrison took the photo.*



### CHRISTMAS LUNCH AT KEATS: 12.00 noon on Tuesday 12

December 2017

It is the Southampton Circle Christmas tradition to have the December lunch at Keats Restaurant in Ampfield. Yet again, Martin has designed a superb Christmas menu. Christmas lunch at Keats is always a popular event so please let Bro. David Palmer know your menu choice as soon as possible in order to secure your place. The deadline is Friday 8 December.



### JANUARY HOOLIGANS LUNCH CLUB: 12.00 noon on Tuesday 16 January 2018

The first Hooligans Lunch of 2018 will be at the Fisher's Pond Pub & Restaurant in Fisher's Pond, Eastleigh. This is a delightful country pub in a tranquil location overlooking a lake.



### NEW AGE KURLING: 7.00 pm on Friday 26 January 2018 at Banister Park Bowling Club, Eastleigh - Rockers v. Wobblers

Southampton Rockers, it's time to start training! Start bending those knees and pushing a saucer around with a broom. We need to get into good shape if we are to defeat the Winchester Wobblers at the New Age Kurling match in January. The Rockers are trailing behind the Wobblers in annual wins and we need to turn that around. So if you fancy your chances with a pusher stick, put the date in your diary and get those brooms out now! Please contact Bro. Harry Harrison if you intend to come along.

### PROVINCIAL WEEKEND 2018 - NEW DETAILS

The Provincial Weekend on 23 - 25 March 2018 will be held at the Channel View Hotel, Shanklin, Isle of Wight. Rates for the two days, which include room, breakfast, dinner and VAT, are :

- £106 per person for a standard rear view ensuite room
- £114 per person for a classic ensuite room (partial overlooking the sea)
- £122 per person for a superior ensuite room (overlooking the sea)



The Channel View is a family-run hotel which offers excellent cuisine and the facilities include a heated indoor swimming pool, a sauna and aromatherapy treatments.

The Isle of Wight Circle will be joining us for dinner on the Saturday evening. A local retired Priest will be saying Mass for us in the hotel on Palm Sunday. A choice of trips to various island attractions will be available. Contact for the Provincial Weekend is Bro. John Morley, Provincial President.

### BROTHER SECRETARY'S MEANDERING

There was a young lady of Kent  
Who said she knew what it meant  
When men asked her to dine  
Gave her cocktails and wine,  
She knew what it meant - but she went!

### AROUND THE PROVINCE

*Dates to keep in mind for 2018:*

- ~ 18 March: 600th meeting of the new Forest Circle
- ~ 23- 25 March: Provincial Weekend (see above)
- ~ 6 June: 50th anniversary and 600th meeting of the Poole Circle at the RNLI headquarters

**IN MEMORIAM**

*Please pray for Circle Brothers and ladies whose anniversaries occur in the month of December:*

- Alfred Ereat
- William O’Keefe
- Jim Hanly
- Bob Tanner
- Owen Mawson
- Jackie Day



*Richard Mole RIP*

Richard Mole, Bro. John Singleton’s brother-in-law, has been in our prayers for several months but sadly Richard passed away peacefully last week with his family around him after an infection had worsened his condition. Please pray for the repose of the soul of Richard and remember the Mole and Singleton families at this difficult time. May Richard rest in peace and rise in glory.

**CIRCLE WELFARE**

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

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bosco Andrade</li> <li>• Myra Andrade</li> <li>• Sheila Barber</li> <li>• Tony Brady</li> <li>• Roger Carter</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rita Forster</li> <li>• Margaret Kemhadjian</li> <li>• Pat O’Neill</li> <li>• Kathleen Parker</li> </ul>
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- Jean Reese has suffered serious fractures following a recent fall at home and has been in intensive care. She is now back on the ward but for moment requests no visitors.
- Bill Day fractured several bones in his wrist in a fall after the Mass for Deceased Brothers. Bill is doing well and receiving support from his family.



*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)
- Marie Sawyer (John Singleton’s sister)
- Rosemary Spencer (Immaculate Conception Church, Portswood)



**DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

- Andy Philpott (2)
- Donald Kumarajeewa (6)
- Sheila Feighery (12)
- Chris Barber (19)
- Jackie Barber (22)
- Ellen Gobbi (23)
- Rita Forster (28)
- Maggie Farran (31)



**PRESIDENT’S CHARITY**



The President’s Charity December Lottery and the December Whisky Draw were replaced by the Christmas Raffle. Thank you to all those who contributed to the raffle prizes.



**JANUARY MENU**

The January Circle meeting will be followed by a buffet. There is no need for Brothers to contact Bro. Secretary with menu choices.



 <b>CIRCLE EVENTS 2017/18</b> 		
Tuesday 12 December	CHRISTMAS LUNCH AT KEATS	12.00 noon: Keats, Ampfield SO51 9BQ. <i>Contact: Bro. Secretary.</i>
<i>Reminder: No Council meeting during the month of December</i>		
Monday 8 January	CIRCLE MEETING & DINNER	7.30 pm: Dolphin Hotel, Southampton, SO14 2HN. Brothers night. <i>Contact: Bro. Secretary.</i>
Tuesday 16 January	HOOLIGANS LUNCH CLUB	12.00 noon: Fisher's Pond Inn, Fisher's Pond, Eastleigh, SO50 7HG. <i>Contact: Bro. Secretary.</i>
Friday 26 January	NEW AGE KURLING	7.00 pm: Banister Park Bowling Club, Eastleigh SO50 9HT. The Southampton Rockers v. the Winchester Wobblers. Supper will be included. Cost is £12.50 per person. <i>Contact: Bro. Harry Harrison.</i>
Tuesday 30 January	COUNCIL MEETING	7.30 pm: Dolphin Hotel, Southampton, SO14 2HN.
Monday 5 February	CIRCLE MEETING & DINNER	7.30 pm: Dolphin Hotel, Southampton, SO14 2HN. Ladies night. <i>Contact: Bro. Secretary.</i>
Wednesday 14 February	WINCHESTER PLANETARIUM	Details to be advised. <i>Contact: Bro. Harry Harrison</i>
Tuesday 20 February	HOOLIGANS LUNCH CLUB	12.00 noon: Details to be advised. <i>Contact: Bro. Secretary.</i>
Tuesday 27 February	COUNCIL MEETING	7.30 pm: Dolphin Hotel, Southampton, SO14 2HN.

#### BRO. PRESIDENT'S CIRCLE VISITS: JANUARY - MARCH 2018

*No President's visits during the month of December 2017*

Tuesday 23 January	7.00 pm: New Forest Circle	The Crown Hotel, High Street, Lyndhurst, SO43 7NF
Monday 26 February	7.30 pm: Portsmouth Circle	Brookfield Hotel, Havant Road, Emsworth PO10 7LF
Tuesday 6 March	7.30 pm: West Surrey Circle	Camberley Heath Golf Club, Golf Drive, Camberley GU15 1JG

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