

SOUTHAMPTON CIRCLE NEWS

Circle no. 12 in Province No. 11

President: Bro. Pat Feighery



*The Catenians
Strengthening family life
through friendship and faith*

JANUARY 2018



A PASSAGE TO INDIA!

Bros. Daverio Matteucci and Jim Shine certainly went a long way to attend a January Circle meeting! The two brothers, with wives Siobhan and Helen, travelled to Sri Lanka in early January where they are visiting Bro. Donald Kumarajeewa and his family.

Daverio, Jim and Donald attended the Anardhapura Circle meeting in formal dress, reflecting the much warmer climate there than the Artic

conditions experienced by the Southampton Brothers!

Pictured left: (l to r) Jim Shine, Donald Kumarajeewa and Daverio Matteucci.

FAREWELL TO FRANK MCKEEVER

It was with great regret that the Circle says goodbye to Bro. Frank McKeever. Bro Frank has been a 'remote' Circle member for some years while he was in SE Asia and latterly in Yorkshire but, with the possibility of a return to Asia early this year, he feels the time has come to discontinue his membership. When his days of travelling are behind him, he hopes to join a local Yorkshire Circle. Frank and Fiona send their best regards to the Brothers and ladies of the Southampton Circle and we say a fond farewell in return and wish them all the best for the future.

BROTHER SECRETARY'S MEANDERINGS

There was an old person of Tring
Who, when somebody asked her to sing,
Replied, 'Ain't it odd?
I can never tell *God*
Save the Weasel from *Pop Goes the King*. (Anon)

OFFICERS FOR 2018/19

At the January Circle meeting, Bro. Harry Harrison was elected as Circle President, and Bro. John Singleton as Vice-President, for the forthcoming Circle year of 2018/19. Other Officers remain unchanged.

JANUARY COUNCIL MEETING

7.30 pm,
Tuesday 30 January 2018
Mercure Dolphin Hotel,
Southampton

FEBRUARY MEETING

7.30 pm,
Monday 5 February 2018
Mercure Dolphin Hotel,
Southampton

Ladies night
Jacket & tie

February Welfare Officer
Martin Counihan

February Whisky Donor
John Singleton

JANUARY MEETING STATISTICS

Circle Strength:	45
Present:	33
Apologies:	22
No Apologies:	0
Visitors:	10
Visiting Gentlemen:	0

JOINING IN THE BOURNEMOUTH CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS!



Southampton Brothers are never slow to miss a party and the Circle was well represented at the Bournemouth Centenary Bash by Bros. Roger Lillie and Daverio Matteucci with wives Margaret and Helen. As we can see from the two photos far left and far right, Bro. Roger was his usual congenial self, mixing with his fellow guests. The centre photo shows Bro. Daverio and Helen on the left, executing some fancy moves around the dance floor - 'Strictly Come Dancing' beware! Congratulations to the Bournemouth Circle for hosting a great weekend!

BURSARY FUND COMMITTEE ANNOUNCES GENEROUS GRANT AWARD FOR YOUNG CATHOLICS

This week Bro. Roger Lillie attended a Bursary Fund meeting in Coventry from which he returns with the following important message for the Circle:

Dear Brothers, could you please kindly check that the Bursary Fund is well advertised within your Parish. Today we have given grants of just under £30,000 for young Catholics between the ages of 16 to 24 years who assist with HCPT, the UK charity giving life-changing pilgrimage holidays to Lourdes, and with Diocesan pilgrimages as well as undertaking project work abroad to help those in need. Now is the season when many of these young people are planning for next summer and it is the perfect time in which to advertise the Bursary Fund to them and their parents. Currently there seems to be no requests from young Catholics in our Province so it is up to us to make them aware of the financial support that is available to them from the Catenian Association. Please help spread the word. We must give more!



Bro. Roger Lillie

JANUARY HOOLIGANS LUNCH

Bro. David Palmer has organised a delightful venue for the Hooligans lunch on Tuesday 16 January. Fisher's Pond Inn, near Eastleigh, is a waterside pub that takes its name from the pond it overlooks. Formerly a tea room, this pub restaurant offers hearty seasonal food in a tranquil setting. Please could you advise Bro. David if you intend to be a hooligan this January.

KURLING GRUDGE MATCH

Captain Peter 'Snake Hips' Clapham will be fielding a team of 23 brothers and ladies against the Winchester Wobblers at Banister Park on Friday 26 January. The Wobblers Captain reports that he will be bringing a team of 22 so the Southampton Rockers are hoping that their larger team may bring them victory! Rockers - please remember the £12.50 is paid in cash on the night.

IN MEMORIAM

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



Charles Riddle
Charles Hall
John Morgan
Charles Wills

Richard Harvard
Eddie Bonnar
Michael Hamilton

Please pray for the Repose of the Soul of Bros. Matt Murphy (West Surrey) and Roger Spencer (New Forest) who recently passed away and for Richard Palmer, cousin of Bro. David Palmer, who died before Christmas following a lengthy degenerative illness. May they Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory.

CIRCLE WELFARE

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



Myra Andrade
Bosco Andrade
Sheila Barber
Tony Brady
Roger Carter

Bill Day
Rita Forster
Pat O'Neill
Kathleen Parker
Jean Reese

Please also pray for:

Alexander Baker (Bill Day's grandson)
Eileen Malloy (sister of Claire Lund Yates)
Marie Sawyer (John Singleton's sister)
Grania Wheelan (wife of Stephen) who recently had a fall.

Bro. Bill Day is currently living at the Mayflower Court Care Home. The Circle wishes Bill well in his convalescence.

Great Britain National Conference 2018, Telford

Head Office advises of a change in email address for hotel reservations in respect of the Great Britain National Conference. If you wish to make a reservation for the Holiday Inn, the International Hotel or the Ramada Hotel, please email: reservations@southwatereventgroup.com.

The conference will take place on 11-13 May 2018 at the International Centre in Telford. For further information, please see *Catena*.

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Jean Reese (6)
Mary Berridge (13)
Jackie Andrews (15)
Peter Clapham (15)
Fiona McKeever (18)

**DECEMBER/JANUARY
PRESIDENT'S
CHARITY LOTTERY**

December's 1st prize:
Margaret Lillie

December's 2nd prize:
Tony Brady

January's 1st prize:
Bob Millar

January's 2nd prize:
John Singleton

**JANUARY
WHISKY DRAW**

Winner: Martin Counihan

**FEBRUARY CIRCLE
DINNER MENU**

Smoked bacon wrapped fillet
of pork with roasted apple,
crispy stuffing & sage gravy

Seared tuna chunk steak with
lemon, garlic, caper &
coriander butter

*All the above served with
garlic & chive mash, honey
roasted carrots & mange tout*

Spinach & ricotta tortellini al
forno with pesto cream sauce
& grilled Mozzarella cheese,
served with balsamic mixed
leaf salad

Homemade sticky toffee
pudding with butterscotch
sauce & crème fraiche

or
Cheese platter

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

CIRCLE EVENTS 2018

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. Cost is £12.50 per person, to be paid in cash on the night. <i>Contact: Bro. Peter Clapham.</i>
Tuesday 30 January	COUNCIL MEETING	7.30 pm: Dolphin Hotel, Southampton, SO14 2HN.
Saturday 3 February	PROVINCIAL COUNCIL LUNCH	The Provincial Council extends a warm welcome to the Brothers and wives of Southampton Circle to join them for lunch at 1.00 pm at the Dolphin Mercure Hotel, Southampton. <i>Contact: Bro. Secretary.</i>
Monday 5 February	CIRCLE MEETING & DINNER	7.30 pm: Dolphin Hotel, Southampton, SO14 2HN. Ladies night. Jacket & tie. <i>Contact: Bro. Secretary.</i>
February (TBA)	WINCHESTER PLANETARIUM	Details to be advised. <i>Contact: Bro. Harry Harrison</i>
Tuesday 20 February	HOOLIGANS LUNCH CLUB	12.00 noon: The Turfcutters Arms, East Boldre, SO42 7WL. <i>Contact: Bro. Secretary.</i>
Tuesday 27 February	COUNCIL MEETING	7.30 pm: Dolphin Hotel, Southampton, SO14 2HN.

BRO. PRESIDENT'S CIRCLE VISITS: JANUARY - FEBRUARY 2018

Note: this list has changed since the December newsletter was issued.

Wednesday 17 January	7.15 pm: Isle of Wight Circle	The Castle Inn, 91 High Street, Newport, PO30 1BQ
Monday 22 January	7.30 pm: Portsmouth Circle	Brookfield Hotel, Havant Road, Emsworth, PO10 7LF
Thursday 8 February	7.30 pm: Bournemouth Circle	Marsham Court Hotel, Grove Road, Bournemouth, BH1 3AB

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