



Southampton Circle Newsletter – February, 2016

Return Curling Match with Winchester Circle

Well can you believe it, indoor curling without ice. On Friday the 29th January two teams had a face off. The intrepid men and women from Winchester Circle made the short journey from the ancient capital of Wessex in the vain attempt of trying to win the return curling match against the current champions, Southampton Circle. It was a valiant but fruitless night for the

visitors who narrowly lost against a determined Southampton team of men and women. The winning margin was just one point.

After a basket meal the battle of the sexes began with a team of men taking on the women, but it was the men who prevailed, each displaying a strong upper lip or should I say a curling lip of determination, after all their honour

was at stake. However, they need not have worried and the men won out against the ladies.

A special vote of thanks to our President and his wife Peter and Meg Clapham, and Jim and Siobahn Shine who together had organized the evening at the Bannister Park Bowling Club.

It was such a lovely way to start the weekend.

How did she do that?

Oops!





The rowdy table

Stop Press

We are proud to announce that Brother Roger Lillee will be installed as Director of Province 11 on Friday 5th January, 2016 – **Go Roger Go ... Yippee!!!!!!**

George Wysocki – 40 Years a Catenian



George being presented with his 40 year scroll by Provincial President David Platt.

George joined the Catenian Association in Maidstone, Kent and at the time of joining was out of work, so paying his subs came as a bit of a shock!

However, both George and his dear wife Margaret have enjoyed many happy times as members of the association. George has an enquiring mind, so it's not surprising to learn that he is a retired Physics and Mathematics teacher, and that he retains his love of science, and an interest in what makes things tick. George is also a Bridge player of some considerable skill and has been known to win one or two competitions. George is also a great athlete and is a member of the Romsey Road Runners and known for this distinctive yellow running gear. George has also won several marathon races within his age category, therefore he must have a rigorous training programme, although we learned these often involve a stop off at the Carter or Ourique households for a cup of tea (Please Note! clever planning). George, ably abetted by Margaret has been the Circle's treasurer these past three years and its with gratitude that we say a big thank you for the hard work this involves. George and Margaret are much loved members of the Circle and we are delighted on this rare and wonderful achievement of 40 years membership within the association.

Upcoming Events

12 th February	Lancashire Evening at Keat's Restaurant. Arrive for 7pm.
15 th February	Basingstoke Circle 50 year scroll to be presented to Ian Bell
16 th February	Lunch Club meets at the "Empress of Blandings"
17 th February	President's visit to Fleet Circle. Casual dress code.
3 rd March	President's visit to Winchester Circle.
5 th March	Mid-day Circle meeting at the Dolphin Hotel. Derek Phillips is to be installed.
11 th – 13 th March	Provincial Weekend at Stratford upon Avon.
10 th – 12 th June	President's Weekend at Swanage staying at the wonderful Purbeck House Hotel. The room rate (£88pp per night) includes Dinner, Bed and Breakfast. The weekend coincides with the Swanage Fish Festival. Please contact Bro. Graham Palethorpe for details.

Southampton Circle Meetings: The next Circle Meeting will be held on the **5th March at 12 Noon at the Dolphin Hotel.**

Circle Duties: The Welfare Officer reporting at the March Meeting is **Chris Barber.**

Whiskey Donor: The whiskey donor is **Martin Counihan**

The next council Meeting. Will take place on Tuesday 23rd January at the Dolphin Hotel at 7:30pm

Planned President's Visits:

Visit to Fleet Circle on 17th February and to Winchester on 3rd March.



CALLING ALL GRANDPARENTS

The Bishop of Portsmouth, the Rt. Reverend Philip Egan invites all Grandparents to join him at St. John's Cathedral, Bishop's House, Bishop Crispian Way, Portsmouth, Hampshire PO1 3HG at 12.15 p.m. on Friday, 12th February 2016, to formally inaugurate the Catholic Grandparents Association in Portsmouth. The Mass will be followed by an address from Catherine Wiley, Founder of the CGA. Refreshments provided afterwards in the Parish Hall. All will be very welcome. For more details, contact 01328 560333 or email info@catholicgrandparentsassociation.org

Welfare:

Dick Barber has deteriorated recently and is in Ward F4 at the General. Pat Tomlins is exhausted following his treatment but remains cheerful.. Rita Forster is in hospital and requires physiotherapy before she is able to return home. Myra Andrade and Katie Smith are unchanged.

Joe Gleeson has had trouble with Gout but assures us he can still raise his Whisky Glass.

The Proposed Reorganisation of the Catenian Association

Further information on the proposed re-organisation of the Association. Southampton Circle will vote at the March Circle Meeting and Brother Secretary will send out a summary of the proposals before this. **If you will not be at the March Meeting please send your vote direct to Brother Secretary; we are asked to vote YES or NO and the result will be sent to Head Office via the Portal.** A 75% YES vote is required to approve the changes. Any abstentions will be noted in case these are required at a later date.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Ann McNamara (5), Paul Barber (19), John Berridge (23), Pat Tomlins (27) and John Farran (28)

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Frank McKeever (4), Myra Andrade (4), Ilda Ourique (5), Philip Crook (6), Valerie Summerton (6), Pat Feighery (10), Paul Andrews (10), Christine Grummitt (12), Bill Day (19), Malcolm Forster (21), Henri Kemhadjian (25), Louise O'Shea (26) and Tony Murray (31).

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