

SOUTHAMPTON CIRCLE NEWS

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President: Bro. Harry Harrison

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*The Catenians
Strengthening family life
through friendship and faith*

SOUTHAMPTON'S HIDDEN HISTORY

The April Eastern Walls Walk is the third consecutive year that Circle members have enjoyed a Southampton guided tour and the histories seem endless. The tour



followed part of the old canal route where hidden clues revealed a past long gone and

aply included the environs of the Dolphin Hotel. It started out a balmy April morning but, by the time the group arrived at Houndwell Park (left), the sunny skies

had turned grey and coats had been donned. Towards the end of the tour the April weather had warmed again but fortunately the Platform Tavern beer hadn't! Yet again, the pub provided a good spread and the group were delighted to be joined by guide, Inge Foster

(second left). Brother President thanks David Palmer, for organising this professionally led, interesting walk around our historic town and a great start to his year.



WE'LL MEET AGAIN



Harry Harrison & Tony Tonks first met in the 80s when Harry was a teenager and Tony was in Woking Circle with Harry Senior. 30 years later, on his first Circle visit as Southampton President, Harry was on Portsmouth President Tony's top table at the St. George's Day Dinner!

Siobhan & Jim Shine sat next to Edward & Martina Whalley whose sons were best friends at school. Siobhan also nursed Martina's mother

MAY COUNCIL MEETING

7.30 pm
Wednesday 30 May 2018
Mercure Dolphin Hotel,
Southampton

JUNE CIRCLE MEETING

7.30 pm
Monday 4 June 2018
Mercure Dolphin Hotel,
Southampton

*Ladies Night
Jacket & Tie*

June Welfare Officer
Pat Feighery

June Whisky Donor
Folkert Van Galen

MAY MEETING STATISTICS

Circle Strength:	46
Present:	27
Apologies:	19
No Apologies:	0
Visitors:	4
Visiting Gentlemen:	0
Associate Members:	2



TWO SAINTS
REBUILDING LIVES FOR A BRIGHTER FUTURE

GIN AND BEAR IT!

“I don’t like gin!”, declared David Palmer, but that didn’t stop him and the rest of the group enjoying the tour around the still house and the botanicals room. Artist Bernard Lavell wished he had brought his drawing pens as he toured the mediterranean glasshouses. Both inside and outside the glasshouses, Peter Clapham was feeling the heat as it was his idea to bring back this event. Just two short of the maximum number, he could heave a sigh of relief that his instincts had been spot on. Peter further excelled with his choice of pub restaurant. The food and service of the Watership Down in Freefolk was of such a standard that David lamented it was too far for a hooligans visit. Such praise indeed!

Paul and Jackie Andrews took time off work to attend the event and it was a first Circle visit for Grania Whelan. There were also honorary hooligan, Alice, and John and Margaret Birtwistle, friends of the Claphams, who had such a good time that they have put their names down for the canal cruise!



Photos by Dawn Harrison

WELCOME BROTHER BERNARD LAVELL!

“I am a Yorkshireman born and bred in the City of Leeds. I came to Southampton around thirty years ago; ‘the last stop in England’ where so many people end up! I have always been engrossed in the visual arts, spending most of my life making ink drawings of topographical and amusing subjects, or painting landscapes and other subjects in watercolour and acrylic paints. I have been a book illustrator: many of my works have sold and so there are paintings scattered across the world! A few are buried somewhere in the Southampton Museum Collection. I have been heavily involved with the Southampton Art Society and with other art institutes in the town.



My other interest has been with the Friends of Old Southampton Cemetery of which I am an Hon. Vice President. On Sunday 3rd June I shall be guiding a public walk, The Artists Walk, in the Cemetery, visiting graves of artists and talking about those who were associated with the Cemetery. Apart from that, my greatest love nowadays is pottering in the garden even when its raining! I am looking forward very much to membership of the Catenians. Quite simply, these days, most of my friends are there!”

Bernard Lavell

The Artist’s Walk around Old Southampton Cemetery starts at 2.00 pm on Sunday 3 June. Meeting point is the main Cemetery Gates on Cemetery Road. Please do support our newest Brother at what promises to be a most enlightening stroll around this Southampton historic site. (Above photo with thanks to John Farran.)

A WORD FROM BROTHER PRESIDENT

Eight go to Telford

As I welcomed our good friend, Bernard Lavell, to the Southampton Circle, I realised that his journey both towards and following enrolment is so different from mine. Bernard has known for some time about what Pat Feighery calls ‘the best kept secret in the Catholic Church’. But for me, albeit the son of a Catenian, it was only in the years following my enrolment in 2011 that I began to discover the true meaning of what it is to be a Catenian Brother.



At my first National Conference in Telford this weekend came a further realisation that the Southampton Circle is just the beginning; that I am truly part of an enormous Brotherhood that transcends origins, culture, attitudes and even haircuts (yes, there was a mohican style!). The Saturday morning meeting was a lively affair. The four motions were all defeated but the many opinions debated in respectful manner in an open forum afforded the National Council an opportunity to hear views of Brothers from across the nation. There was a poignant moment for Roger and me when Bill Day’s name appeared in the list of deceased Brothers.



The formal business concluded, the rest of the weekend was a social whirl. In a coffee queue, I was delighted to meet childhood hero, Brother Don Maclean of Crackerjack fame. from Solihull. The highlight was the Carnival Dinner when Winchester President Frank Hinds and wife Mary kept on dancing longer than anyone else, but that’s newlyweds for you!

At our first conference, Dawn and I were lucky to have Roger and Margaret Lillie to show us the ropes, for which we are most grateful. We also had the support of our Winchester friends, Frank and Mary, and Mike and Jenny Walsh. We will be attending the Liverpool National Conference next year and we hope that more of you from the Southampton Circle will accompany us there.

Joining the Southampton Circle is one of the best things I have done. In the ensuing years, Stephen Whelan and Bernard Lavell will be following the same journey of discovery that I began in 2011. From my own experiences at Southampton and recently in Telford, I can say to them both with great confidence that they have much to look forward to.

Brother Harry Harrison

Don’t Dictate, Discuss!

“Don’t dictate, discuss!” was the direction given by recently installed National President, John Hogan, at the Telford Conference. Southampton Circle did precisely that at the May meeting when the Brothers participated in a lively discussion with diverse views regarding dress code. After much debate, it was put to the vote and the outcome was no change to the current situation.

To confirm, dress code for all Circle meetings is ‘jacket and tie’. This includes ladies nights. On special occasions, such as Installation Night and the Christmas Party, dress code is ‘black tie preferred’. Brother President thanks all those who joined in the discussion.

IN MEMORIAM

Please pray for the Circle Brothers and wife whose anniversaries occur in the month of April:

Dick Thompson
Bill Stowe
Mick Pettitt



Joe McGarry
Fergus Holland
Maureen Tomlins

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
Rita Forster
Pat O'Neill
Kathleen Parker

Please also pray for family and friends of the Southampton Circle:

Peter D'Urso (Claire Lund Yates' great-nephew)
Mark Ingram (Son of Michael and Jane)
Dee Owen (Bournemouth Circle)
Sheila Quinn (Bournemouth Circle)

BROTHER SECRETARY'S MEANDERINGS

Brother Secretary's meanderings have turned to profound matters this May

The new world's wisest did surround
Me; and it pains me to record
I did not think their views profound
Or their conclusions well assured;
The simple life I can't afford,
Besides, I do not like the grub -
I want a mash and sausage, 'scored'
Will someone take me to the pub?



G K Chesterston

No menu choice? No knead to be meloncauli!

Council took the decision at the end of April to reduce the Circle dinner menu choice down to one option.

This change was introduced at the May Circle meeting and will continue from now on at both Brothers and ladies nights.

Those with special dietary requirements will continue to be offered alternatives where needed.

MAY BIRTHDAYS

Harry Harrison (3)
Tony Brady (5)
Peter O'Connor (6)
Jim Moriarty (8)
John Singleton (8)
Maire Whelan (20)
Anne Brady (21)
Jim Shine (28)
Kathleen Parker (28)

**MAY PRESIDENT'S
CHARITY LOTTERY**

The newsletter editorial team are delighted to announce that they cleaned up on the lottery this month!

1st: David Palmer
2nd: Dawn Harrison

MAY WHISKY DRAW

Winner: Patrick Dobell

**JUNE CIRCLE
DINNER MENU**

Grilled Fillet of Chicken

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Dark chocolate tart,  
orange Chantilly cream &  
braised kumquat compote

or  
Cheese platter

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*Please let the Dining Officer
know if you have any
dietary requirements.*

FILLY INN WALK

Saturday 26 May

Join us at 10.00 am at Brockenhurst Station and then follow Roger and Margaret Lillie for a designated walk along flat terrain in the New Forest. Lunch will be at 12.30 pm at the Filly Inn which offers excellent locally sourced food. For those still feeling energetic, there will be a chance to continue the figure of eight walk, returning once again to the car park. And what's more, the walk is free! The contact for this event is Roger Lillie.

CANAL CRUISE

Saturday 9 June



We are hoping for a fine sunny day but good weather is not a requisite for an fun day on the canal on the Queen's birthday. We will be enjoying the views from the comfort of inside the boat with tables and chairs for everyone.

10.45 am: Coach pick-up from The Mercure, Dolphin

11.00 am: Coach pick-up from St. Edwards, Chandlers Ford (to be confirmed)

Lunch: The Mill House, North Warnborough

2.00 pm: Depart to go to Colt Hill Quay, Odiham (2.5 miles)

2.30 pm: Set sail from Odiham

5.00 pm: Arrive back at Odiham

6.00 pm: Latest arrival time back

A bar will be serving teas and coffees, soft drinks, alcohol and snacks throughout the journey. There will also be some onboard entertainment such as a quiz for those who wish to doodle while sailing.

This is an event which should suit all ages and most capabilities.

- We have booked a large coach which has capability for lowering its suspension to allow easy boarding and disembarking.
- Access onto the canal boat from land is fairly easy. There are 5 steps down from the rear deck into the main area. These have handrails on either side and there will be assistance.

Cost of the Canal Cruise plus coach is £20 per person.

Mill House lunch is additional, to be paid to the pub.

Please contact John Singleton if you would like to attend.

SOUTHAMPTON LADIES PROGRAMME

Ladies Southampton Dining Club: 7.15 pm on Monday 2 July

The Ladies programme got off to an excellent start when eight wives gathered for dinner at the Dolphin's Signature Restaurant while the Brothers held their meeting upstairs. At the Brothers meeting in July, the ladies will dine at a restaurant near the Dolphin (to be confirmed).



Mottisfont Roses and Afternoon Tea: End of May/Beginning of June (to be confirmed shortly)

Dawn invites the ladies to join her for an afternoon at Mottisfont to view the Rose Garden in full bloom, followed by afternoon tea in the Kitchen. Admission for non-National Trust members is £14.30. The first person to put their name down for this event was Mike Lund Yates, so if any of the Brothers would like to keep Mike company, they are most welcome to come along! Please let Dawn know if you will be attending this event. A date will be chosen in the next few days.

CIRCLE EVENTS 2018

Thursday 17 May	HOOBIGANS LUNCH CLUB	12.00 noon: The Green Dragon, Brook, SO43 7HE. <i>Contact: Brother Secretary.</i>
Saturday 26 May	FILLY INN WALK	10.00 am: Brockenhurst Station. 12.30 pm: lunch at the Filly Inn. <i>Contact: Brother John Singleton</i>
Tuesday 29 May	WAR HORSE	All tickets now taken.
Wednesday 30 May	COUNCIL MEETING	7.30 pm: Dolphin Hotel, Southampton, SO14 2HN. <i>Contact: Brother Secretary.</i>
Monday 4 June	CIRCLE MEETING & DINNER	7.30 pm: Dolphin Hotel, Southampton, SO14 2HN. Ladies night. <i>Contact: Bro. Secretary.</i>
Saturday 9 June	BASINGSTOKE CANAL CRUISE	11.00 pm: Depart Southampton. 12.00 noon: Lunch at the Mill House. 2.30 pm: Canal Cruise (2.5 hours) <i>Contact: Brother John Singleton. £20 pp inc. coach.</i>
Tuesday 19 June	HOOBIGANS LUNCH CLUB	12.00 noon: La Pergola, Lyndhurst SO43 7BQ. <i>Contact: Brother Secretary.</i>
Wednesday 27 June	COUNCIL MEETING	7.30 pm: Dolphin Hotel, Southampton, SO14 2HN. <i>Contact: Brother Secretary.</i>
Friday 29 June	MASS FOR VOCATIONS	7.30 pm: St. Edward's Church, Chandlers Ford. <i>Contact: Brother John Singleton</i>

Please note: on Brothers Nights, the Circle ladies will be invited to join Dawn for dinner in Southampton.

BRO. PRESIDENT'S CIRCLE VISITS - MAY 2018

Thurs 17 May	7.00 pm: Axminster	Black Tie/Ladies	Lordleaze Hotel, Chard TA20 2HW
Tues 22 May	7.00 pm: New Forest	Jacket & Tie/Brothers	The Crown Hotel, Lyndhurst, SO43 7NF
Brother President & Roger Lillie will be accompanied by the Australian National President.			
Thurs 24 May	7.00 pm: Salisbury	Jacket & Tie/Ladies	Grasmere House Hotel, Salisbury SP2 8JN

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