

SOUTHAMPTON CIRCLE NEWS

Circle No. 12 in Province No. 11

President: Michael Ingram



The Catenians
Strengthening family life
through friendship and faith

JULY 2020



AN INTERNATIONAL CIRCLE MEETING

by Brother President
Michael Ingram

I would like to thank Brothers of Southampton Circle for agreeing to go ahead with a morning meeting this month so we could invite Brothers from Australia. This was a difficult decision for me personally, as I knew some working Brothers would not be able to attend.

However, the feedback I received from them was to go ahead as they wanted to encourage the international meeting.

The meeting was a successful event. We had Brothers from seven circles in Sydney and four circles in Perth. There was also a good response from GB with sixteen circles joining us to welcome our Australian friends. In total, there were 18 visitors from overseas and 21 from GB. One of our visitors was a hybrid, living in Australia but Secretary of Sunningdale and Ascot Circle. Another, Brother Eugene Das, was a joint member of Parramatta Circle in Sydney and Founder President of Andheri Circle in Mumbai, India. In spite of protests, Brother Peter Daniels from Guernsey was not counted as an overseas visitor!

We were privileged to welcome David Arundale (GB National Vice President) and Ralph Fitzpatrick (Chair, Central Council of the Association and Vice President Australian National Council). David Arundale, Trustee of the Benevolent Fund, spoke about the current uptake of the fund by Brothers in need who have been affected by COVID-19. Bob Hussey, Chair of the Bursary Fund, gave a summary of the current status of the fund and provided a moving example of how help was being given to a young disadvantaged Catholic.

I would like to thank Brothers Tony Murray, Malcolm Forster and Roger Lillie for their handling of the list of visitors. There were many last-minute additions so it was a challenge to make sure everyone was accounted for and in the correct order of precedence. In the end, everything went very smoothly. Many visitors sent emails of thanks and congratulations afterwards, and said how much they enjoyed the meeting and how they appreciated being able to meet their international Brothers in such numbers. It is a remarkable reflection on the Catenian Brotherhood that we can link up with Brothers from around the world and instantly find friendship.

July Council Meeting

7.30 pm
Tuesday 28 July 2020
By Zoom



August Circle Meeting

7.30 pm
Monday 3 August 2020
By Zoom
Dress: Casual
Glass of wine optional

Following meeting:

The ladies are invited to enjoy their own Zoom meeting hosted by Jane.



Welfare activity is replaced by a Council ring-around.



July President's Lottery

Will be drawn in August.



July Meeting Statistics

Circle Strength:	40
Present:	16
Apologies:	24
No Apologies:	0
Visitors:	39
Visiting Gentlemen:	0



Souvenir from Australia

A visitor to our July Circle Meeting was Graham Short, President of Harbourside North Circle in Sydney. Graham is an architect and artist. He provided a beautiful souvenir calendar of some of his sketches of buildings and churches in and around Sydney. If you would like an electronic copy, Graham is happy for you to contact him using his email address graham.m.short@gmail.com. Left: 'The Abbey' at Annandale, built in 1882 in the Gothic Revival style.





TRIBUTE TO JIM SHINE 1945 - 2020 by Ossian Shine

A forensic-minded scientist with a love of fun and mischief, Jim Shine was a devoted husband, loving father, brother, grandfather, loyal friend and wonderful colleague, who will be enormously missed by friends and family.

Born on May 28th 1945 to Ben and Nessa Shine, the young Jim grew up in Fethard, Co. Tipperary, with younger brother Benny. A talented artist from a young age, he enjoyed football and hurling, and was a gifted sprinter in his early days. Educated at the local Patrician School, Jim served as an altar boy at the local Augustinian church before being awarded a scholarship to the De La Salle College in Dungarvan, Co. Waterford. A diligent student, in his teens he was awarded another scholarship to St Joseph's University College, Co. Carlow. Invariably, wherever Jim could be found, so too could music be heard. A lifelong love was forged at a young age and he played the accordion and tin whistle as a youngster, before mastering the guitar. With a natural feel for music, he could lift any instrument and pick out a tune at will, a skill which stood him in good stead as a young man in London when he would perform on stage in a band, together with his father Ben on the violin.

The Shines emigrated from Ireland to the UK in 1963, and he completed his education in London before starting work at Rank Hovis McDougall in 1965, an organisation to which he would dedicate his entire 40-year career as a cereal scientist. Jim loved London of the sixties and as the decade drew to a close he met Siobhan. In a whirlwind romance they married in 1969, just six months after meeting. The skeptics of the day said it would never last, but they could hardly have been more wrong as the couple built a life and loving family over more than 50 years until Jim's death. Their children Ossian, Tara and Liam; and nine grandchildren, always remained the guiding light of Jim's life, and the recipients of his love and generosity.

After just a few years of marriage, Jim earned a promotion which brought with it a change of pace and lifestyle for the young family as, in 1973, Jim swapped the bright lights of London for Yorkshire's East Riding, exchanging nights of playing the pub circuit with his band for more sedate, rural pursuits, including Yorkshire village cricket. Jim continued to climb the professional ladder. He was rewarded with another promotion and in 1979 the family, now of five, moved to the south coast. In the 1980s Jim's career flourished as he became a pre-eminent expert in grains and an authoritative voice on trade bodies; travelling widely throughout Europe and global wheat producing giants including Canada and China always searching for, in his words, the perfect wheat for the perfect flour for the perfect bread. Throughout these travels Jim would make firm friends as well as burnish a talent for after-dinner speeches, a skill which would later prove useful. Jim's expertise was widely recognised by colleagues and beyond. European mill owners speak fondly of him, while another industry leader would say "...with Jim (a problem) never seemed like a problem -- more an education, given with a wry smile and a twinkle in the eye". That ability to impart knowledge led to Jim producing videos and lectures for Chemistry students at the Open University.

Showing great capacity for balancing a demanding career with the challenges of home life, while his career was growing Jim simultaneously took an increasingly large role at the nursing home run by Siobhan. An instant hit with the elderly residents, he befriended many and performed numerous roles from driver, to musical entertainer, to Father Christmas on many occasions. An enthusiastic and skilled cook at home, Jim applied his scientific attention to detail in the kitchen, and loved nothing more than cooking for always appreciative friends and family.

An active member of the Knights of Saint Columba for most of his life, in 1988 Jim joined the Catenians. Their central tenets of friendship, family and faith spoke to the essence of Jim and for more than 30 years he greatly cherished the friendships forged in the Catenian family. He was the President of the Southampton Circle and, during his second term, he co-hosted a very successful Centenary Celebration. He became renowned for his after-dinner stories and jokes, a capacity for which made him a highly popular visitor to other circles while President.

After retiring from his career in 2005, Jim was able to further indulge his love of travel with more trips to such far-flung places as Malaysia, Singapore and Sri Lanka, always immersing himself in the culture, and making friends with the locals. His favourite trips, though, were always to Ireland - the country he left in 1963 but which had never left him. Irish music continued to run through his veins and from the comfort of his Hampshire home he remained immersed in the minutiae of Irish politics. Obscure Irish newsletters were an ever-present on his iPad, and he took great pride and pleasure in speaking Irish to his grandchildren in Co. Cork. Family remained his focus to the end, and he was never happier than when playing with his grandchildren; speaking Irish to them, playing music with them, fishing with them, teasing and joking with them. Singing to them, reading to them and even flying down a zipwire with them. His absence leaves a hole in many lives, but we feel his love still.



IN MEMORIAM - JIM SHINE

I think for all of us the events of June were overshadowed by the sudden and unexpected death of our friend and Brother Jim Shine. He will be remembered as someone who embodied all the best qualities fostered by the Catenian family. He was a great family man, a dedicated husband and father and this is a particularly painful time for his family. We pray for Siobhan and her family that the Lord will comfort and console them so that they may be assured he is in the loving company of his Father in heaven.

Jim was a friend to everyone, thoughtful, helpful and encouraging. He was always supportive of those in office and I have heard from a number of past Presidents how Jim was more than happy to help and encourage them. I know that some Brothers of our circle had a particularly close friendship with Jim and this a difficult time for them.

Jim was a Catenian of Southampton Circle for thirty-two years, having joined on 11 April 1988. He was President twice from 1999-2000 and from 2012-2013 during which he hosted the Centenary celebrations and he was Provincial President from 2003-2004. He always had a smile, a friendly word and, more often than not, a joke. He was a well-respected and well-loved Brother and is greatly missed by us all not just in this Circle but across the Province.

We pray that God receives Jim into the joy of His kingdom. May he rest in peace.

Michael Ingram

*The following link is the Memorial Page dedicated to Jim by the Shine Family: <https://jimshine.muchloved.com/>
Reference to South Mead ICU is the unit that saved Jim's life and gave him 9 extra months to be with Siobhan*

IN MEMORIAM

Please pray for the Circle Brothers whose anniversaries occur in July:

Tom Fraser
William Russell
William Brown
Danny McNamara



Please pray for the repose of the soul of our beloved Brother Jim Shine, for Siobhan, Ossian, Liam, Tara and the all Shine family.

The funeral will take place at 2.00 pm on Monday 20 July.

Celebrant will be Canon Peter Wilkie assisted by Deacon Paul Owen.

Attendance by online live streaming at the website and password provided by Folkert.

It has been with great sadness that we have also learned of the passing of:

Peter Calderley (Andover)
Eric Johnson (Poole)
Hilary Murphy (wife of John, Bournemouth)
Jim Rolleston (Salisbury)

Please pray for the repose of their souls and for their families.

May They Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory.

A LONGHOUSE IN SARAWAK

by Philip Crook

Following Philip's fascinating article on the 1954 atomic trial in Australia, he has kindly agreed to write more about his time in the British Army, this time with a story of a unique experience in Kuala Lumpur.

During the conflict between Indonesia and Malaysia in the early 1960s, two Malaysian Engineer Squadrons were in Sarawak. One was in support of the British Infantry Brigade building roads in the jungle; the other was doing work to improve the environment which their new masters, the Malaysian Government, desired. I visited the squadrons in Sarawak from time to time from my headquarters in Kuala Lumpur. This would take about two hours flying in civilian aircraft.

On one occasion, having flown from Kuala Lumpur to Kuching where the Malaysian engineers had a Mess, and having visited the squadron road building, I continued on a one hour helicopter flight with the District Officer and the Major commanding the other squadron to a small group of Malaysian engineers who were in the process of supplying running water to a Longhouse.

As we came into land, I noticed that all the inhabitants of the Longhouse, about 100 or so, assembled below the helicopter. I wondered what reception we would get, remembering that only a few years previously they had been head-hunters. I should not have worried because they cheered us and carried us on their shoulders in to the Longhouse where they sat us down and fed us with fruits and a homemade sort of Sake wine.



The Longhouse, isolated and deep in the jungle, was reputed to be the second largest in Sarawak. It was about 150 yards long, on stilts, with chicken and pigs underneath. A 12 ft wide internal corridor ran the whole length of the Longhouse with two roomed 'houses' on one side of the corridor. The two-roomed houses consisted of a large kitchen and a general sitting room. Every house had an old fashioned Singer sewing machine and a framed picture of the Royal Family. At the end of the corridor was net containing about ten skulls. About 100 yards from the Longhouse was a small river winding its way through the jungle where the men

caught fish and the women, mostly bare breasted, would cook and mind the children who did not go to school because there was none.

The Headman gave up his main room to me. I slept on my army bed and had my meals cooked by the soldiers on army rations. During the evenings the District Officer, who spoke the language of the Sea Dayaks, would accompany me on a visit to the individual houses to talk to the inhabitants. On the day piped water was supplied to the community, there was great joy as the inhabitants turned the tap on and water flowed. For the first time they had running water.

After about five days in the Longhouse, we left via the nearby river in the natives' boat steered by two Sea Dayaks. The boat went winding through the jungle for about one hour before ending up on a coastal bay from which across the sea we could see the mainland again. A motor boat, arranged by the District Office, took us about half an hour to the other side of the bay where Malaysian engineers were building a bridge so that two villages could be joined together. From there it was back to Kuching by helicopter and then to Singapore and Kuala Lumpur by aeroplane.

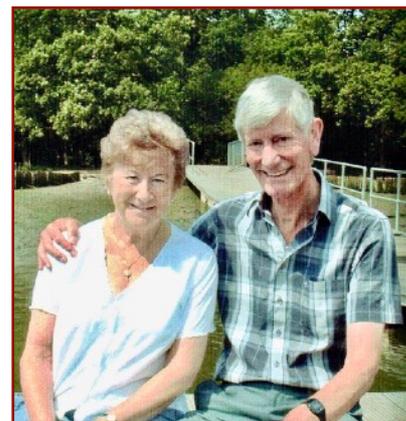


SAINT OF THE WEEK!

Whilst many of us have been spending Lockdown on leisurely pursuits, Malcolm Forster has been diligently researching the life and times of the Saints and producing a weekly sheet for the Circle about those whose Saints Days fall during that period. His research has produced the most surprising facts about these holy people that are sometimes far from virtuous; for example, this week's epistle includes a former violent alcoholic and gambler! One can only wonder if all this saintly scrutinisation will rub off! Only time will tell....

CONGRATULATIONS TONY & PAULINE

Congratulations to Tony and Pauline Wilson who celebrated 64 years of wedded bliss on 2 June. The couple's marriage began at the aptly named St. Paulinus Church in Sompting, Sussex, with the reception taking place at the Sompting & District Model Railway Club. Whilst the Wilson marriage has certainly stood the test of time, the same cannot be said for either the church or the reception venue. Since reaching their 60th wedding anniversary, Bishop Philip has become used to seeing the Wilsons on an annual basis at the Diocesan Anniversary Masses in Basingstoke. They were delighted to have been joined at the Anniversary Mass last year by five Southampton Circle couples who were celebrating significant anniversaries. Tony and Pauline are active members of their church as well as huge supporters of the Catenian Association, attending as many Circle events as possible. Tony has also contributed by taking office, only recently leaving the Benevolent Board.



CELEBRATING 25 YEARS OF MARRIAGE WITH SALLY by Tony Murray



Sally & I were married on 28 July 1995. Although neither of us are from Southampton, we met here whilst studying and, bar a brief period in Farnborough for me, we have made Southampton our home since we both first moved here at the start of the 1980s to start our studying. We have been parishioners of St. Edmund's for the vast majority of this time and therefore we were married by Canon Nick France in St. Edmund's. We had family join us from a number of countries as well as many long-standing friends. Both our mothers were there, but a real sadness for us was that both our fathers had passed away by the time we were married. With thoughts of our dads to the fore, and the presence of our wonderful mums and close friends and families, we had a truly enjoyable and memorable day. Our reception was aboard a Blue Funnel craft, featuring a live jazz band and wonderful service making for a fabulous atmosphere. We were fortunate that it was Cowes Week and all were thrilled to pass very closely to the Royal Yacht Britannia as well as the yacht of the Norwegian royal family. Our evening reception was in our garden.

The plans for our honeymoon included a visit to Dubai, a tour of Sri Lanka and some time in the Maldives. However, Sally attended a wedding fayre with her mum at the Guildhall in Southampton and won us a honeymoon! This took us to the Naples area of Florida on the Gulf Coast and to the very beautiful Bahamas.

Since our wedding three fantastic children have been born, all being baptised at St. Edmund's in Southampton and all still living at home. We had planned a cruise to celebrate our 25th Wedding Anniversary, but sadly this will not now be possible due to Covid-19. However, we are looking forward to celebrations at home with friends who were at the wedding and our children, but of course respecting any restrictions!

LUNCH CLUB GET-TOGETHER

Even a worldwide pandemic cannot prevent Southampton Hooligans from holding their monthly lunch club gatherings! Please see the email from 'Deputy Pub Landlord' Brother President announcing the link and password for the July get-together. To get into the spirit of things, he may even provide a pub background! Everyone welcome!

12.00 Noon on Tuesday 21 July

By Zoom

Venue - Your Personal Saloon

Bar Order - A tippie of your own choice!



QUIZ NIGHT

Brother President's Quiz Nights are proving to be very popular amongst Southampton Circle and beyond. This month offers another opportunity to pit your wits against fellow Brothers and ladies for the honour of becoming July's Southampton Smartyants. It's an opportunity to get together and have some fun on a Friday night.

7.00 pm on Friday 24 July

By Zoom

Venue - Your Personal Quiz Hall

Quiz Team - Your brightest family members!



A CHILD'S WAR by Tony Wilson

Following the recent commemoration of VE Day, Tony shares with us his memories as a young boy in war time.

The coverage of the 75th anniversary of VE Day brought memories flooding back. An early memory was the construction of concrete block and barbed wire defences along the Worthing Esplanade and the laying of mines in the beach. I also remember at aged 7 years the arrival of London evacuees from London. We attended St. Mary's Catholic School, Worthing in the mornings and the evacuees went in the afternoons. It had been a panic decision to get children out of London but nothing happened. The "phoney war", as it was called, went on for some time. After a while all the evacuees went back home! In 1941, it was our school's turn to be evacuated as a result of the invasion scare. Complete with gas masks, name labels and small cases, we were taken by train to Mansfield in Nottinghamshire, a mining town, where we billeted with a miner and his family for about six months. While there, I started serving at Benediction with my elder brother. Our parents must have been heartbroken, but for us it was something of an adventure. On return to Worthing, I was instructed in serving Mass.

Most boys owned an aircraft identification manual and could readily recognise both British and German planes. One of my favourite occupations was to sit atop my father's steps with his binoculars, plane spotting. Mostly, it was squadrons of hurricanes and spitfires flying along the coast in tight formation, sometimes a dogfight overhead. The Spitfire Merlin engines had a distinctive sound which Pauline and I still readily recognise. Once I spotted a Heinkel 111 about half a mile away dropping a stick of bombs. My mother and I got into the shelter and when Dad returned at lunch time, he said there had been several unexploded bombs not far away. Our shelter was a Morrison steel table in the dining room under which we would all cram and pray. Our road ran parallel with South Coast railway line. Twice the road suffered bomb damage; the nearest was about a hundred yards away when three people were killed.

The day of 18 August 1942 dawned fine and sunny and the family went for a picnic at High Salvington, just a bus ride from home. We could see the Channel quite clearly that day and there was a lot of naval and air activity evident. On listening to the news that evening we heard that a raid had taken place on Dieppe.



A pillbox on Worthing promenade

On 8 February 1943, when I was ten, we were in the school playground when the 'cuckoo siren' sounded, which signified immediate danger. There was no time to get to the shelters on the other side of the school and so we were urged to lie down on the ground floor corridor. The noise of machine gun fire and smashing glass were horrendous. Two upstairs classrooms (one of them mine) were damaged and a few girls were cut by flying glass. But nothing too serious occurred, thank goodness.

Following a raid, us boys would hunt for souvenirs such as expended cartridge cases or ammunition clips. Although we would not be allowed anywhere near the site of a downed German plane, bits of plane could be found later for trading with other boys. The Luftwaffe used a flame resistant paint on the interiors of their cockpits which had a very distinctive smell. Then came the advent of the V1 doodlebug. A few of the early ones came down in the Worthing area, but mostly we simply watched them going overhead towards London.

Prior to D-day, many Worthing roads were full of tanks, bren gun carriers and lorries full of crews, many Canadians. We would help by weaving webbing into camouflage nets. The night before D-day, a Horsa glider crash-landed nearby. My father brought home the red and blue roundel from its fuselage, having cut the canvas from the wooden frame.

In spite of the severe rationing in place, which continued for a further ten years post-war, our mothers always managed to feed us something. Corned beef fritters were one of my favourites! Our gardens had been dug up early in the war to provide fruit and veg. On a Saturday morning we would queue for over an hour at a local butcher which churned out sausage meat. Many years later, Pauline told me she used be in the same queue!

Pauline had very similar experiences, watching the dogfights, seeing planes coming down and parachutes descending, although she never became an evacuee. She was attending the convent at Sompting during those years where, during air raid, the pupils had to sit on benches in the basement and sing "John Brown's body lies a mouldering ..." to keep their spirits up. She relates one occasion when, walking home, a V1 was coming towards her and she was convinced there was a man inside who could see her! So many memories!

CATENIAN ASSOCIATION IS HERE TO HELP

The recent months have undoubtedly put additional pressure on those of us with financial issues. Please remember that the Catenian Benevolent Fund support is interest free and without undue pressures on repayment programmes. Please do not hesitate to contact any members of the Circle Benevolent Board if the need arises. All contact will be held in the strictest confidence.

Circle Benevolent Board: Martin Counihan (Chair), Chris Barber, Patrick Dobell and Roger Lillie.

YOUR SUPPORT IS NEEDED!

Please bear in mind that lack of dining and social activity has led to a decrease in monies raised for the President's Charities. The support for the President's Lottery is also low. Could you please give consideration to supporting the monthly Lottery and raise funds towards Two Saints and Mayfield Nurseries who are doing so much to support individuals during these difficult months.

Should you wish to donate directly to the President's two charities, the websites can be found at the bottom of page 10 of this newsletter.

POITIERS CARE

These difficult times causes additional stress to those already in need and Poitiers Care, the Catholic food bank, is working harder than ever.

The Ashurst-based charity delivers food in and around the wider Southampton area to people who would otherwise go hungry. These include parents with learning difficulties, families in chronic debt, people with health problems and women trying to escape prostitution. It supports anyone of any creed, colour or background. The work is carried out by volunteers who make between 50-60 deliveries of food per week.

Now that the schools have been closed for several months, the families in need are facing critical issues and the support provided by Poitiers Care is more vital than ever before.

<https://www.southampton-city-catholics.org.uk/More/Outreach/Poitiers-Care/Poitiers-Care.php>



SR. VALENTINA GETS THE CHOP!

Members of the Verbum Dei Missionary Fraternity are working hard to find funding to provide basic supplies for the protection of indigenous Amazonian people against coronavirus.

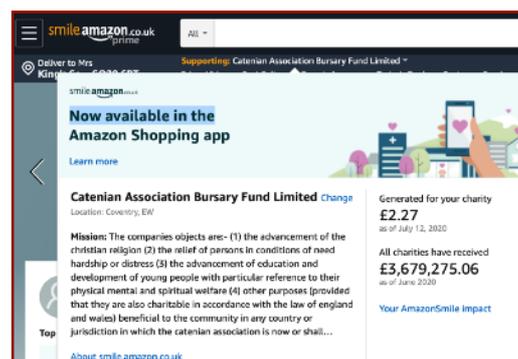
Southampton University's Chaplain, Sr. Valentina Stilo, promised to 'Brave the Shave' to raise money for this project. With courage in one hand and a clipper in the other, she replaced her curls with a grade 1 haircut.

Sr. Valentina's target was to raise £4,000. To date, the total is over £5,000.

Congratulations to Sr. Valentina on such an incredible achievement. And thanks to the Amazon Appeal, most isolated communities are now being attended with medicines and self-protection items.

DON'T FORGET TO 'SMILE'

When ordering from the Amazon shopping site, please do go to smile.amazon.co.uk on your web browser to support a charity every time you shop, at no additional cost to you. AmazonSmile will donate 0.5% of the purchase price, excluding VAT to the charity you choose from the list provided. And on that list, you will find the [Catenian Association Bursary Fund!](https://smile.amazon.co.uk/charity/Catenian-Association-Bursary-Fund-Limited) Select the Bursary Fund, or the charity you choose, and the site will remember it and donate every time you make a purchase through Amazon Smile. Add the site to your browser and it gets even simpler. Many Catenian Brothers have had to turn to the Bursary Fund during these recent and difficult months so your support via the Amazon Smile donations would be much appreciated.



UPDATE ON ST. MARY'S INDEPENDENT SCHOOL, SOUTHAMPTON

by Tony Murray

Vice-President Tony Murray brings us news on an exciting new project which aims to continue providing pastoral education in the Southampton area. As Southampton Catenians, we can play a small role in helping to promote an important educational facility for our children, grandchildren and the generations to follow on.

Many of you will be aware of the very sad demise of St Mary's Independent School following a protracted period of challenges and difficulties. The sadness is perhaps compounded as the school is so close to celebrating its 100th anniversary. However, in the spirit of Jean De La Mennais and the Brothers of Christian Instruction, a group of committed governors and parents has been busy behind the scenes working hard together and putting in a huge effort in striving towards establishing a new school. Regrettably many obstacles, including financial concerns, have prevented any opportunity of saving the senior department at this stage. However, there is a real prospect of re-establishing a Prep school on the site under the Brothers and founded according to the principles and values of Jean De La Mennais. There is a newly established shadow governing body whose sole purpose is to take forward this exciting project. The group is in advanced talks with the Department For Education (DfE) to secure approval for the opening of the new school in September and expect confirmation of this in the very near future.

A Few More Details Of The Plans

The intention is that the school will open under fresh leadership, but with familiar teachers from the existing Prep staff. This will help ensure continuity for the children and parents and a high quality of provision, as well as continuing the ethos of the school. Strong relationships already established with the children and parents can be maintained and developed further.

To emphasise, this is a new company with a new shadow governing body whose sole focus is to ensure the establishment and success of a new school. It is an enormous task, but one which those involved believe is achievable and must be striven for in order to continue the provision of Catholic education in the this district of our city.

There are many exciting proposals, such as excellent nursery provision (perhaps for our grandchildren!), all manner of extra-curricular activities, such as sailing, horse riding, art clubs and all the usual school sports, including football.

In addition, there is a drive to coffer summer holiday provision, a breakfast club and an after-school club.

The governors and parents see this as a really exciting opportunity to develop a new school with small beginnings into something more, in which all will play a key role as the community develops. Everyone involved believes something very special can be built. Catenians are seen as potentially having a key part to play in this.

Many Catenians have associations with Charlton House and St. Mary's College, as former pupils, staff, parents and even as grand parents. As well as offering any skills or knowledge you may have, the new school needs you to spread the word as widely as possible; family, friends, the parish, clubs. Anywhere and everywhere. There really can be a thriving and successful Catholic school in Bitterne providing a real alternative to the standard offerings currently available for children in Southampton and surrounding districts.

As with so many things much of the success will depend on the money available. The vast majority of the funding will come from the school fees the parents pay, however there will be some start up costs and possible capital needs. To help with these costs, there is a gofundme page. Again, please spread the word and if you feel able to contribute all and any donations are warmly welcomed.

[https://www.gofundme.com/f/help-save-st-mary039s-independent-school?
utm_source=customer&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=p_cf+share-flow-1](https://www.gofundme.com/f/help-save-st-mary039s-independent-school?utm_source=customer&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=p_cf+share-flow-1)

JULY BIRTHDAYS

Birthday wishes go to:

Pauline Wilson (3)
 Roger Lillie (4)
 Claire Lund Yates (7)
 Tony Wilson (9)
 Graham Palethorpe (10)
 Margaret Wysocki (13)
 Bill Eales (15)
 George Wysocki (16)
 Folkert van Galen (17)
 Ann O'Neill (28)
 Moira Moriarty (30)

CIRCLE WELFARE

Please pray for our Brothers & ladies who are unwell:

Myra & Bosco Andrade, Derrick Austin, Paul Barber, Ann & Tony Brady,
 Roger Carter, Henri Kemhadjian, Claire Lund Yates,
 Peter O'Connor, Pat O'Neill, George Wysocki.

Please also pray for:

Luke Andrews, nephew of Paul & Jackie Andrews
 Mark Ingram, son of Mike & Jane Ingram
 Paul Singleton, brother of John & Felicity Singleton.



Also Mark Owen, as he travels the path towards recovery following recent illness,
 and for Dee who is supporting him along the way.

Please continue to pray for those who are working on the frontline of Covid-19.

It is a welcome milestone to be able to pray once again in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. We give thanks to our clergy and volunteers who are working to adapt the churches to the new rules of social distancing. Mass continues to be live-streamed for St. Swithun Wells Parish: <https://www.stswithunwellsparish.org.uk>. Please see Mgr. Vincent Harvey's letter for the situation regarding St. Joseph's & St. Edmund's (online and in newsletter) and all Southampton parish newsletters for an update on Masses and live-streaming.

CIRCLE VISITING GOES ON...

In the past month, Southampton Brothers have achieved an incredible 37 Circle Zoom visits by ten Brothers. Most of these visits have been to Province 11 Circles. But Brother President, Roger Lillie, Bob Miller, Malcolm Forster and Philip Crook also attended the City of Sydney meeting whilst Malcolm notched up visits to Sydney Harbourside North and Manly Circles. Zoom Circle meetings are becoming very efficient through the months of practice and are providing an important, if not vital, opportunity for the Catenian Brotherhood to bond during these challenging times. For those Brothers who are working full-time from home, Zoom meetings give them a chance to go Circle visiting when office hours would have otherwise prevented them from doing so.

As witnessed by our July meeting, the advent of Zoom is encouraging Catenian Brothers worldwide to attend overseas Circle meetings. Southampton has now forged a new bond with Brothers in Sydney (right) and, arising out of this July meeting, independent personal friendships between the Australian and UK Brothers have been forged. Southampton Brothers actually got a mention and their Zoom photos in the Sydney Circle newsletter this past week.



Zoom meetings also allows Brothers to bring new aspects to Circle attendance. For example, Michael Ingram gave a most interesting slide presentation this month about Southampton Circle, our socials events, where we usually meet etc. for the entertainment of the Australian visitors. Some Brothers have experimented with engaging backgrounds. Others are more comfortable remaining incognito with a blank screen and just name, leaving their fellow Brothers to speculate what they might be up to! Southampton ladies have also joined in at the end of meetings and have carried on chatting after the Brothers have long vacated the rooms.

Zoom Circle meetings do still provide moments of quiet hilarity for the attendees, usually around an inability to operate the 'mute' button. Circle matters can be unintentionally interrupted by domestic discussions with spouses, background music or everyone trying to talk at the same time. It can be extremely tricky for the Zoom host! Fortunately, Southampton Brothers do seem to have taken heed of the 'Do's and Don'ts of Zoom meeting' in the May newsletter by remaining seated when attire below the waist is scantily less than that above the waist.

Well done to Southampton Brothers for supporting Brother President and also your fellow Brothers by Circle visiting and maintaining the strong bond of Catenian fraternal friendship around Province and beyond.

Dawn Harrison

CIRCLE & PROVINCE DIARY 2020

Tuesday 21 July	ZOOM LUNCH CLUB	12.00 noon: By Zoom. Please see email from Brother President for meeting ID and password.
Wednesday 22 July	GB MASS FOR DECEASED BROTHERS	7.00 pm: Live streaming from Salford Cathedral. Celebrant: Bishop John Arnold. https://www.churchservices.tv/salfordcathedral
Friday 24 July	QUIZ NIGHT	7.00 pm: By Zoom. Please see email from Brother President for meeting ID and password.
Saturday 25 July	CATENIAN INTERNATIONAL INTERCESSORY ROSARY (MALTA)	9.30 am (UK time): By Zoom. Please see email from Brother President for meeting ID and password.
Tuesday 28 July	COUNCIL MEETING	7.30 pm: By Zoom
Monday 3 August	CIRCLE MEETING & LADIES GET-TOGETHER	7.30 pm: By Zoom. Following the meeting, Jane will host a get-together for the ladies.
Sunday 20 September	LULWORTH EVENT	To be confirmed

BROTHER PRESIDENT'S CIRCLE VISITS

Wednesday 5 August	West Surrey (to be confirmed)
Wednesday 26 August	Andover Circle
Please see emails from Brother Vice-President confirming President's Circle Visits. By Zoom until further notice.	

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