

SOUTHAMPTON CIRCLE NEWS

Circle No. 12 in Province No. 11

President: Michael Ingram



The Catenians
Strengthening family life
through friendship and faith

SEPTEMBER 2020

CONGRATULATIONS

ROGER!

**SOUTHAMPTON CIRCLE'S
FIRST
GB NATIONAL
VICE-PRESIDENT
ELECT**



History will be in the making next year when Southampton Brother, Roger Lillie, will be installed as GB National Vice-President next year!

Roger was elected by GBNC last week. It is such a well-deserved accolade for Roger who is renowned for the commitment and energy he has brought to the many roles that he has undertaken on behalf of Southampton Circle, Province 11 and National Council. He has been Director of Province 11 for the past three years and a member of GBNC with responsibility for youth and latterly as Finance Working Group Chairman.

Roger's success happily reflects upon Southampton for whom it will be the first time in the Circle's history that it has produced a National President (and the second time for Province 11). Roger has always been an active Southampton Brother. He has served as Circle Secretary and temporarily stood in when David Palmer stood down. Alongside his GBNC roles, he is our Charity Officer. In everything he does, he is supported by Margaret. It will be a proud moment for Southampton when Roger is installed in May, and for our Brothers in Province 11. Congratulations from the Circle to Roger and Margaret.

"I am absolutely delighted to be elected by GB National Council to be GB National Vice President in 2021/22. It normally follows that the VP assumes the role of GB National President in the following year and, following that, will move for a short while to the Central Council. I was a little taken aback when I heard the result of the secret vote as there were several worthy directors standing for the office. It will be a privilege foremost to put Southampton Circle 12 firmly on the map as well as Province 11. Obviously I have strong support from Margaret who is looking forward very much to accompanying me"

Roger Lillie

"I know everyone in Southampton Circle will join me in congratulating Roger Lillie on being elected GB National Vice-President for the next Catenian year. He is well known for his knowledge and commitment to the good of the Association and he has a remarkable tally of Circles visits every month both in this country and around the world. I know Roger will be a huge benefit to the Association and I hope his waistline survives the many visits he will have to make during his years as Vice-President and then President. Congratulations also to Margaret. I am sure she will enjoy accompanying Roger on his visits and will be a great support to him during his period in office."

Michael Ingram

September Council

Meeting

7.30 pm
Tuesday
22 September 2020
By Zoom



October Circle Meeting

7.30 pm
Monday 5 October 2020
By Zoom
Dress: Casual
Glass of wine optional



Welfare activity replaced
by a Council ring-around



September President's Lottery

1st: John Singleton
2nd: Margaret Lillie



September Meeting

Statistics

Circle Strength:	40
Present:	22
Apologies:	18
No Apologies:	0
Visitors:	3
Visiting Gentlemen:	0





PRESIDENT'S PONDERINGS by Michael Ingram

Well, the Coronavirus is like the gift which keeps on giving. Just when things appear to be easing, we find ourselves with the rule of six. What does this mean? According to the UK Government website, the gathering of six people applies both indoors and outdoors but there does not seem to be a restriction on how many households can comprise the six people (unless you live in Scotland where they are restricted to two households).

Over the past few months I have spoken to many brothers (and ladies) of Southampton Circle and the overwhelming message is that the central plank of Catenianism is fellowship – meeting up with each other and sharing a meal. As good as Zoom is for meetings, it has a limited appeal for socialising. I attended a Portsmouth quiz night a few days ago and there were only two Portsmouth brothers and a small number of visitors. At our last Zoom Lunch Club, we only had two brothers from Southampton and one from Andover. It appears that we are all suffering from either Zoom fatigue or indifference, brought on by COVID isolation. Perhaps the only way forward is to start meeting face to face again, even if it means we begin in a very limited way.

Pubs and restaurants remain open, so we will go ahead in September with the Lunch Club and the meal at Kuti's. I expect only a small number of people will sign up but we have to start somewhere. If you do feel like venturing out, then please let me know as soon as possible so I can book enough tables.

In the meantime, please keep safe and try to keep in touch with each other. Although we have the monthly ring-around, many brothers who are not very mobile have commented on how much they appreciate phone calls. If you have a few minutes to spare, why not call someone to see how they are.

RETIREMENT FROM THE ARMY by Philip Crook

We have enjoyed Philip's tales of Army life. He now writes about his move to civilian life.



I retired from the British Army in March 1970 after 32 years in the Royal Engineers and 3 years as an army cadet. On retirement, I received the normal letter from the Queen and the Chief Engineer thanking me for my service. On returning to civilian life, and having made sure that my family had settled in a house we had bought, my priority was to get employment as there was still five of us living at home and I would only receive half of my pension until I was at the age of 55, after which it would be paid in full because mine was a voluntary retirement.

To obtain employment was not easy. I must have written at least a dozen applications and those that did reply all said "Too qualified and will not fit in with our pension scheme". Not being able to get employment, in desperation I applied for a job at Hampshire County as a night cleaner and I got the job. I started at 7p.m. and finished at 7a.m. each day. I remember, in particular, when cleaning the Chief Fire Officer office, pride got the better of me and I wondered what ever had come to me as I once had an office like this only a short time ago.

The hours of my work, of course, had to change in my personal routine. After returning home in the morning, I would have breakfast and then go to bed until lunch time. In the afternoon, I looked for other employment and did odd jobs about the house. One morning, around 9.00 am, my wife received a telephone call from the Government Professional Office, which I had previously registered with, saying that I should go to the Ancient Order of Forester (which was Below Bar in those days) at 2.00 pm for a job interview. I attended the interview and got the job.

My appointment was Property and Accounts manager, which entailed buying commercial and managing property all over the United Kingdom and managing the accounts for the Association. This enabled me to travel extensively around the country to view possible investment properties and inspect properties already on the books. It also entailed long hours over the accounts, particularly at audit time.

During this time I was also to build up good relations with London and local building societies and the Midland Bank as it was then. After a few years I was also given the additionally responsibility of running the Association's Building Society, which was eventually take over by the Bradford and Bingley Building Society. The Association was a very good institution to work with and I enjoyed it immensely. I remained with them until I retired at the age of 65.



MY 30 YEARS AS A CATENIAN

by Graham Palethorpe

In August, Graham Palethorpe celebrated 30 years as a Catenian. Graham has been an active member of the Circle, having held a number of offices and been a twice-term Circle President. He shares with us his memories of the past 30 years and how life has recently changed for both him and Christine.

I was asked if I would like to join the Catenian Association by Lawrence Crawley, who was a member of my parish church in Bitterne, Southampton. Lawrence and his lovely wife Marie were a wonderful couple with whom I had spoken to on a number of occasions when visiting my parish church, Christ the King. Lawrence had mentioned the Catenians on a number of occasions, and on asking my mother-in-law Margaret who the Catenians were, she described them as I now know as the *raison d'être* of the Knights of St Columba and so I accepted Lawrence's invitation. I was therefore surprised to find that although there was an element of prayer, the camaraderie and the social well-being of its members was and is still a very important part of being a Catenian.

It took me a while to gain the confidence to take part in the meetings and I enjoyed the planned events very much with my wife Christine, and later with David and Catherine. I believe that my first role was as a Marshall and then, after a few years, I was asked to take on the role of Vice President. After a few months, I found myself unexpectedly elevated to the role of President for the Circle's 1000th meeting. I remember being heavily chaperoned by Joe Gleeson and Philip Crook. The 1000th meeting was wonderfully organised by a number of Circle brothers and was a fantastic success. Well done to those Brothers and the Circle! It was a wonderful year too and very enjoyable. I was then the Circle's Provincial Councillor for a number of years until I was asked to become the Circle's president for a second time. An exciting and very stressful year, which heralded the Circle's first ever weekend away in the seaside town of Swanage, Dorset, which was blessed with fine weather and a good time was had by all those that attended.



Chris and I have only just retired: Chris from her work as a medical secretary, and myself from a second career working for the Roman Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth. My role was the Diocesan Health and Safety Officer and prior to that, I had a number of responsibilities including administering the Living Our Faith Campaign. It's rather odd to retire in the middle of an epidemic and we've not been able to do all the things that we had planned. But it's been fun just spending more time together and doing the simple things such as gardening, house decoration, drawing/painting and playing the guitar.

As with everyone else, our family are very important and we blessed with two caring and loving children in David and Catherine. One benefit of Covid-19 is that they have both returned home on a number of occasions for quite long spells so it was lovely having a full house once again!



CHARLTON HOUSE SCHOOL by Tony Murray

Over the summer, Tony has been keeping us updated about the proposed establishment of a new Prep School on the site of the former St. Mary's Independent School. This encouraging story of such an exciting project now comes to a happy ending with the fruition of the hopes and plans of hard working teachers and supporters.

Thursday 3 September 2020 was a great day in the history of the new Charlton House School! After all the hard work throughout the Summer, the school was formally opened to its new pupils and their parents.



Months of preparation had preceded this momentous day: designing the curriculum; appointing staff; agreeing a budget within very tight financial constraints; ensuring the best possible building interior and exterior; facing interesting legal barriers and challenges presented by Companies House and the Department For Education; meeting a whole host of requirements. It was wonderful to hear excited, chattering voices (children, parents and staff) as friends met up again following the sad, untimely demise of St. Mary's and the extended lockdown.

There has been a tremendous feeling of camaraderie, determination and enormous enthusiasm for this new school and, whilst we opened with only 26 children, we have already seen an increase in our numbers and look forward to visits by potential parents with future intentions in mind.

These accompanying photographs are the children arriving on the first day (above left) and the school Chaplain, Father Michael, introducing some pupils to our founder, Jean De La Mennais. They don't do justice to the efforts and sense of momentum that is felt but, hopefully, they do give a flavour of the positive, vibrant, atmosphere at Charlton House.



A little cheeky plea. If you know anyone with children of school age (4-11 age range) who might be interested in finding out more about the school or having a tour, please either contact the school directly or through me and we would be delighted to accommodate.

The school contact details are:

Tel: 023 8067 1739

Email: officecharltonhouse@gmail.com.

FAREWELL MIKE WALSH, RIP

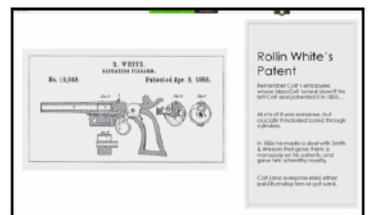
Thank you to all those who were able to join the Brothers of Winchester Circle in a guard of honour for Mike Walsh RIP at the Wessex Vale Crematorium. It was a most fitting tribute to a greatly respected and popular Brother.



Photo courtesy of Folkert Van Galen

BOB TALKS!

Bob Miller gave an impressive talk to Brothers following the September Circle meeting. Bob shared his knowledge of the history of firearms from the first attempts in 1580, through the centuries, and the story of Samuel Colt in the 1800s, to modern pistols. He accompanied his talk with an informative slideshow, featuring historic photographs and diagrams. Well done, Bob!



THE MARIAN MONTH OF SEPTEMBER by Michael Ingram



I have made a conscious effort this year, as President, to try to be aware of the Church calendar. I'm not really sure why I haven't done this before but it has been something of an eye-opener. September is dedicated to Our Lady of Sorrows and there are also four days in September dedicated to Our Lady. I don't want to try to compete with Brother Malcolm and his excellent "Saints for the Week" but, briefly, the four days are as follows.

The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary (8 September)

The Church has celebrated Mary's birth since at least the sixth century. According to the apocryphal Protoevangelium of James, Anna and Joachim were infertile but prayed for a child. They received the promise of a child who would advance God's plan of salvation for the world. Saint Augustine connects Mary's birth with Jesus' saving work. He tells the earth to rejoice and shine forth in the light of her birth. "She is the flower of the field from whom bloomed the precious lily of the valley."

The Most Holy Name of Mary (12 September)

The feast of the Most Holy Name of Mary began in Spain in 1513 and in 1671 was extended to all of Spain and the Kingdom of Naples. In 1683, John Sobieski, king of Poland, brought an army to the outskirts of Vienna to stop the Muslim armies taking Vienna, then the seat of the Holy Roman Emperor and the centre of Christendom. Although far outnumbered by the Turks, they took them by surprise on September 12, 1683. Mary's name was written on their banners and cried aloud by the soldiers. The victory was so overwhelming that the Muslim army was destroyed. Pope Innocent XI extended this feast to the entire Church.

Our Lady of Sorrows (15 September)

The memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows falls immediately after the feast of The Exaltation of the Holy Cross. The seven sorrows of Our Lady are:

1. The prophecy of Simeon
2. The flight into Egypt
3. The loss of the Child Jesus in the temple
4. Meeting Jesus on the Way of the Cross
5. The Crucifixion
6. Jesus taken Down from the Cross
7. The burial of Jesus

It was revealed to St. Bridget of Sweden (1303-1373) that the Blessed Virgin Mary grants seven graces to the souls who honour her daily by saying seven Hail Mary's and meditating on her tears and sorrows:

- I will grant peace to their families.
- They will be enlightened about the divine mysteries.
- I will console them in their pains and I will accompany them in their work.
- I will give them as much as they ask for as long as it does not oppose the adorable will of my divine Son or the sanctification of their souls.
- I will defend them in their spiritual battles with the infernal enemy and I will protect them at every instant of their lives.
- I will visibly help them at the moment of their death, they will see the face of their Mother.
- I have obtained from my divine Son, that those who propagate this devotion to my tears and dolours, will be taken directly from this earthly life to eternal happiness since all their sins will be forgiven and my Son and I will be their eternal consolation and joy.

THE MARIAN MONTH OF SEPTEMBER cont...**Our Lady of Walsingham (24th Sep)**

In 1061, the Lady of the Manor, Richeldis de Faverches, was taken in spirit to Nazareth, shown the house where the Annunciation took place and asked by Our Lady to build a replica in Norfolk. She was promised that 'Whoever seeks my help there will not go away empty-handed.' The simple wooden house that she built soon became the focus of special devotion to Our Lady. The 'Holy House' was later encased in stone to protect it from the elements.

Walsingham became one of the foremost shrines of medieval Christendom. Among the pilgrims to the 'Holy House' were many royal visitors. Henry III in 1226, Edward I (eleven times), Edward II in 1315, Edward III in 1361, Richard II in 1383, Edward IV in 1469, Henry VI in 1487 (and many other times) and Henry VIII in 1511, in thanksgiving for the birth of his son, Prince Henry.

However, in 1536 Henry VIII ordered the dissolution of the monasteries and two years later the 'Holy House' was burned to the ground and the statue of Our Lady taken to London to be destroyed. It wasn't until 1896 that Miss Charlotte Boyd devoted herself to the restoration of the Slipper Chapel. The statue of the Mother and Child was carved at Oberammergau and based on the design of the original statue. On 29th March 2020 England was rededicated to Our Lady at the Shrine in Walsingham.

Keeping the Jumbalance Going!

Last month we were asked to support Across Charity's fundraising campaign 'Help Keep The Jumbalance On The Road'. Thanks to your generosity, Southampton Circle has raised £260. This support will help Across Charity "keep the wheels turning" on the fleet of jumbalances so that they will be ready once pilgrimages resume, hopefully in the near future.

**#keepthe
wheels
turning**

**CIRCLE WELFARE**

Please pray for our Brothers & ladies who are unwell:

Myra & Bosco Andrade, Derrick Austin, Jane Barber, Ann & Tony Brady, Roger Carter, Henri Kemhadjian, Claire Lund Yates, Peter O'Connor, Ann 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,
Mark Owen, Bournemouth Circle.

Jersey Circle asks for prayers for Ron Satchell who is in serious condition in hospital.

Harry Harrison asks for prayers for Rob Roddy, a fellow Winchester Brother, who was suddenly taken seriously ill.

IN MEMORIAM

*Please pray for the Circle Brothers
whose anniversaries occur in September:*

Percy Hollick, Ted Tickle,
Trevor Middleton, Roy Rylance,
Harold Payne & Kathleen Parker



The past few months have been very sad for Province 11 with the passing of not only a Southampton Brother but also other Brothers who have been good friends to our Circle. It is now with great sadness that we have learned of the loss of Nick Filbee, President of Isle of Wight and New Forest Brother. Nick was well known, one of our most jovial Brothers who, until recently, served on Provincial Council. He will be greatly missed by both Circles and all those who knew him. Sadly, a change in restrictions prevented the planned Guard of Honour.

We are also sorry to hear that Ian Bell (Basingstoke/Chichester) has recently passed away. Please remember Nick and Ian, and the Filbee and Bell families, in your prayers. May they Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory.

BIRTHDAY BUDDIES!

Congratulations to Peter Summerton and Alma Philips whose birthdays were on 3 and 5 September respectively!

CIRCLE & PROVINCE DIARY 2020

Tuesday 22 September	COUNCIL MEETING	7.30 pm: By Zoom
Monday 28 September	KUTI'S DINNER	7.00 pm: Kuti's Royal Pier, Southampton. <i>Contact: Brother President.</i>
Monday 5 October	CIRCLE MEETING	7.30 pm: By Zoom.
Tuesday 20 October	LUNCH CLUB	12.00 noon: To be confirmed
Tuesday 27 October	COUNCIL MEETING	7.30 pm: By Zoom

BROTHER PRESIDENT'S ZOOM CIRCLE VISITS

Thursday 24 September	Salisbury Circle
Thursday 8 October	Bournemouth Circle
Please let Brother President know if you are intending to join him at any of the above.	

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