

# SOUTHAMPTON CIRCLE NEWS



Circle No. 12 in Province No. 11

President: Tony Murray

*The Catenians*  
Friendship Family Faith

APRIL 2021



## CONGRATULATIONS TONY & SALLY New Circle President & 'Madame President'

At the April Circle Meeting, Tony Murray began his term of office by saying how confident and inspired he has become over the past year to take over as Circle

President, although he feels he has some very big shoes to fill! He thanked Malcolm Forster for taking on the office of Vice-President. As restrictions lift, Tony is hoping to gradually bring together a social programme during the course of his year with the Christmas Party already in the diary for 6 December. He is also keen to support Brothers who are working on Circle initiatives.

Tony thanked Michael Ingram under whose guidance, and excellent leadership of Zoom meetings, the Circle thrived during a most difficult and challenging year. He added that the Circle owed Michael gratitude and that he would be a hard act to follow.



Folkert and Wilma had popped around prior to the meeting to present Michael with a bottle of gin and Jane with a bunch of flowers to say thank you to them both on behalf of the Circle.



The Brothers and ladies of Southampton Circle thanks Brother Michael and Jane for a fabulous year (despite the circumstances) and give congratulations and best wishes to Brother Tony and Sally, and to Malcolm, for the year ahead.

### April Council

#### Meeting

7.30 pm  
Tuesday  
4 May 2021  
By Zoom



### May

#### Circle Meeting

7.30 pm  
Monday  
10 May 2021  
By Zoom



Welfare activity replaced by a Council ring-around



### Lottery Winners

1st: Daverio Matteucci  
2nd: Patrick Dobell



### April Meeting

#### Statistics

Circle Strength:	38
Present:	25
Apologies:	12
Visitors:	01

*(No. of apologies is 12 because the Circle strength increased to 38 only during the Circle meeting.)*



### **President's Ponderings by Tony Murray**

Having been a member of the Catenians for some years, I have always felt the friendship, compassion and engagement of an association that has the love of Jesus Christ at its centre. With a busy life as the Headteacher of a Catholic school which is a considerable distance from my home, I have not always been able to attend meetings or to be as active as I would like within our Circle.

However, the opportunities the Catenians offer to mix and socialise with others of the Catholic Faith, from all walks of life, is not only enjoyable and rewarding, but also an opportunity to discuss and share matters of faith in an open and supportive environment. When I took the decision a couple of years ago to work closer to home, it meant that I had time to become more immersed in Catenian matters and, as time has gone on, has led to my having the opportunity to step into office.

Last year was a challenging year for all. Keeping Circles active, ensuring the involvement of Brothers and their wives and maintaining the strong Fraternal bond of the Association, including being able to offer care and support to Brothers, widows and wider families, was always going to be difficult in a pandemic lockdown. It is a great tribute to last year's President, Michael Ingram, that Southampton Circle not only managed to do this when other Circles struggled, but set the standard for others to follow. We all owe Michael a great deal of thanks for his skill and hard work in helping our Circle thrive in adversity.

So, what about this year? Well, we know there will again be challenges ahead as we follow the Government road map, the vaccination programme and the gradual easing of restrictions and we emerge in to a post-Pandemic world. As Catenians, we may consider ourselves fortunate that we are united in Faith and a strong belief that the Lord has great love for us and is always there to watch over us. We will continue to help and support each other, as well as socialise with each other, helping further build a strong bond in a loving, caring, Catholic organisation. Mutual support of our fellow Catenians is very important. However, we are also outward looking and embrace the opportunity to support charities each year, including those nominated by the President, which tend to form the major focus and support for the Circle for the year. This year I have chosen HCPT and Catholic Home Care as the Presidential Charities which allow us to support children and the elderly with a local focus.

HCPT (The Pilgrimage Trust) has, "A vision of changing lives through Pilgrimage, sharing God's gifts of love, friendship and joy." Every Easter HCPT takes disabled and disadvantaged children on a pilgrimage to Lourdes. As a result of Covid-19, pilgrimages have not been possible in 2020 or 2021 and there is now a considerable waiting list. Our focus will be on our local group, Group 170.

Catholic Home Care is co-ordinated through the City Centre Catholic Parish in Southampton and has now been in operation for over 30 years. It supports elderly people, helping those people to stay in their own homes, and currently works with nearly 100 people, all with varying needs, with a dedicated team of 18 paid carers, offering help with various household tasks, as well as befriending and offering a sitting service.

We are a forward thinking circle and as we emerge from lockdown and things start to open up once again and we are able to socialise and mix, it is a key aim that we try to grow our Circle further through encouraging new members. I hope we can look forward in particular to welcoming families and young members. We have initiatives and ideas within our own Circle and the opportunity to be involved with other Circles in various activities such as the Business Networking initiative being led by Winchester Circle.

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### President's Ponderings continued

Finally, I spoke on Installation Night about how not all Brothers necessarily know much about each other's personal histories or backgrounds and how the fascinating and extremely diverse life stories of Brothers could perhaps be shared a little to enhance understanding, recognition and the Fraternal bond of our Brotherhood. This of course would be optional and would only be a short pen portrait which could perhaps be a regular feature in the newsletter.

Thank you for your trust in allowing me to take the role of President of our Circle for the year. As the year unfolds we will be able to meet again and share in person that Fraternal Christian bond that makes our Association and our Circle so special.

### A SOUTHAMPTON WELCOME TO DOUGLAS MANNING



The enrolment of Brother Douglas Manning at April's meeting may have been a big surprise to many Southampton Brothers who might have thought that Douglas was already a member. Since 2018 when, as Andover President, Douglas led his Circle to triumph at the Clay Pigeon Shoot, he has often attended our Circle meetings and events (see left at the July 2019 Circle meeting with then President John Singleton). During this past year, Douglas has been a regular visitor at our Zoom meetings and he decided that it was time to become a joint member.

At 91 years, Douglas was likely the most senior Circle President during 2018/19. It was through his co-operation with his Southampton counterpart, Harry Harrison, that the Andover/Southampton Clay Pigeon Shoot and New Age Kurling inter-Circle competitions began. Douglas has greatly enjoyed Andover's triumphs in the Shoot and also that of daughter Cathy who came second in the 2019 skittles competition.

Douglas was born and raised in Ealing, London. He spent his national service in India as a clerk in the RAF and then returned to the UK where he became a Chartered Quantity Surveyor. In 1958 his profession brought Douglas, wife Nanette and their 3 children to Southampton when he obtained a senior position in the Architects Department of the City Council. There he met Peter O'Connor who worked in the Civic Offices and coincidentally bought a house in the next road. He lived there until the passing of his late wife.

Douglas moved to Wimborne with his second wife, Cynthia in 1990 and three years later they later became members of the Catholic Church. He joined Poole Circle in 1999 and transferred to Salisbury Circle in 2005 when he and Cynthia moved to Andover. Douglas became a founder member of Andover Circle in around 2014.

Sadly, Cynthia has now passed away but Douglas keeps himself busy as an active member of Andover Circle and he has attended many Zoom Circle meetings in the past year. He is still in touch with Peter O'Connor and they had a long chat recently, recalling past encounters. Douglas says that there is nothing wrong with Peter's memory, despite being a year old than Douglas!

Southampton Circle welcomes Douglas and looks forward to greeting him as a fellow Brother in person at the July Circle meeting.



*Douglas leading Andover to success in the 2018 Clay Pigeon Shoot*

## WITH THANKS TO OUR OUTGOING AND INCOMING OFFICERS

Both Michael Ingram and Tony Murray gave thanks to our outgoing officers, some of whom have held the position for many years.



**Bob Millar, ex-Chamberlain:** Bob has been the Circle's Chamberlain for so long that the Circle has lost count of the number of years, including Bob himself. Suffice to say that Bob will join the late Philip Crook and Peter Summerton at the top of the Circle's league as the longest serving officers in recent memory. Bob was also a valuable member of Council with his years of experience in the Association providing good counsel. Bob's contribution will be much missed by his fellow Councillors.



**Roger Lillie, ex-Charity Officer:** With Roger's installation as GB National Vice-President next month, Roger has had to relinquish this role to which he has given great time and effort. Thanks must also go to Roger for all his dedicated years of service to the Circle, not only with Charity but the Benevolent Board, the Bursary Fund and as Secretary.



**Malcolm Forster, ex-Registrar:** Malcolm expected to be in his office as Registrar for many years to come but his appointment as Vice-President has changed that. Malcolm's tenure as Registrar was most certainly challenging with the majority of visitors attending by Zoom and, in some instances, from overseas.

The Circle thanks Malcolm, Roger and Bob for all their efforts in their offices over the years.

### New Appointments



**John Singleton, Chamberlain:** As John's year of Immediate Past President comes to an end, he has stepped in a new role as our Registrar. A twice Past President, John's valuable contribution in Council meetings will continue through his new role.



**Patrick Dobell, Charity Officer:** Patrick previously fulfilled the role of Circle Treasurer. The Circle are very grateful that he has volunteered to take on this new position and thus enabled Roger Lillie to concentrate of national matters.



**Martin Counihan, Registrar:** Martin recently took on the position of Benevolent Board Chairman and Auditor. He has now generously agreed to be our new Registrar and, hopefully, it will not be too long before Martin can enjoy fulfilling the role at a normal meeting rather than by Zoom.

Brother President would also like to wish Roger Lillie and Harry Harrison all the best on behalf of the Circle in their new offices as Vice-President, GB National Council and Vice-President, Provincial Council respectively in May.

*Top Tip: Brothers are advised to adopt best profile and avoid pulling faces during Zoom meetings just in case Brother Harry 'snips' them for the newsletter. Well done to the Officers above for keeping straight faces! 😄*

## PRESIDENT'S CHARITIES 2021-22

Brother President has selected two charities; one supports disabled and disadvantaged children (and adults) through pilgrimages and the other supports the elderly in their homes. All donations will be used for the benefit of locals in the Southampton area. Please advise Brother Treasurer of any direct donations made.



### HCPT PILGRIMAGE HOLIDAYS GROUP 170

HCPT is a registered charity offering pilgrimage holidays to Lourdes for disabled and disadvantaged people from around the UK and further afield. Its roots are in the Catholic faith but its services are open to all.

Every Easter, around 1,000 disabled and disadvantaged children enjoy a fun and safe week in Lourdes with volunteer helpers. Each summer, over 1,500 people with disabilities or life limiting conditions enjoy a week at HCPT's Hosanna House near Lourdes. Unfortunately, the pandemic has brought a halt to all such activities in 2020 and most of 2021. If conditions allows, there will be a children's pilgrimage in October.

For HCPT to continue helping children and adults in need, they have to rely upon the kindness of others through fundraising activities and donations. There is a local group which operates near to Tony's home called Group 170 to whom Tony would like our donations to be directed.

- To make a Gift Aid donation, please go to: [www.justgiving.org.uk/hcptgroup170](http://www.justgiving.org.uk/hcptgroup170)  
The Just Giving site does take fees but the ease of payment makes it worth it for HCPT
- To make a non-Gift Aid donation, please go to: <https://www.hcpt.org.uk/other-payment>  
Select 170 under 'Group Number'  
Select Sundry under 'Payment for'

Please advise Bro. Treasurer of all donations.

<https://www.hcpt.org.uk> (National)

<https://www.group170.org.uk> (Local group)

### CATHOLIC HOME CARE SOUTHAMPTON



The choice of the Catholic Home Care, Southampton is a very personal one for Brother President & Sally. The late Pat O'Neill first met Tony and Sally when they were doing post-graduate degrees at LSU where Pat worked in a senior capacity. Pat was a strong supporter of the Catholic Home Care and Tony would like all donations to be made in Pat's memory.

Founded in 1990, CHC cares for our senior citizens in the centre and on the west side of Southampton. Its aim is to keep the elderly in their homes by helping with household tasks such as cleaning, laundry and shopping. They also befriend those who need it and offer a sitting service. This support is carried out by a dedicated team of 18 paid carers to anyone in the select areas who is struggling to manage due to age, health or frailty.

CHC is funded by monthly collections, personal donations, annual appeals and minimum client charges. It is non-profit making but it does need financial support to keep client costs affordable.

This charity is supported by the Portsmouth Diocese and offers its care team to work in the name of our Church in the community.

Personal donations can be made to CHC via BACS transfer (please also advise Bro. Treasurer):

Account name: Catholic Home Care

Account no.: 00903338

Sort code: 30 - 93 - 04

<https://www.southampton-city-catholics.org.uk/index.php>

**APRIL BIRTHDAYS!**

Daverio Matteucci (3)

Jane Ingram (5)

Bosco Andrade (8)

Ron Smith (11)

Michael Ingram (14)

**MAY BIRTHDAYS!**

Harry Harrison (3)

Tony Brady (5)

Peter O'Connor (6)

Jim Moriarty (8)

John Singleton (8)

Maire Whelan (20)

Anne Brady (21)

**LADIES WHO ZOOM**

There is a change to the May Ladies Zoom when it has been moved to a Saturday. This is to allow the ladies who work an opportunity to join in. So please note that the next date will be:

**SATURDAY 8 MAY at 7.30 PM**

An invitation email will be circulated as usual. Any lady who wishes to be including on the circulation list should contact Jane Ingram or Margaret Lillie.

**THE HOOLIGANS ARE BACK!**

After nearly a year's absence, the Hooligans will be reunited in May at a venue to be decided. In time honoured tradition, the meeting time will be 12 noon but, on this occasion, the gathering has been moved to the fourth Tuesday of the month to coincide with St. Bede's Day.

**TUESDAY 25 MAY at 12.00 NOON**



Further details of the venue will be announced in due course.

**A WORD FROM BROTHER TREASURER**

This is a gentle reminder that subscriptions for 2021-22 are now due.

The full annual subscription is £120, (which includes Capitation Fee, Catena subscription, Provincial and Circle dues).

Payment is welcomed ideally by bank transfer using internet banking - directly to the Circle bank account. Details are below:

Account Name: **Catenians Southampton, Circle 12**  
 Sort Code: **20-79-29**  
 Account Code: **20179981**  
 Payment Ref.: **Catenian Subs/Your surname OR Subs/Your surname**  
 Amount: **£120**

Alternatively, you can send me a cheque made payable to Catenians Southampton, Circle 12.

If you have already made a payment, please ignore this request.

*Paul Andrews*

**IN MEMORIAM***April anniversaries:*

Stanley Evans  
 Robert Mulcahy  
 George Batty  
 Harry Wetherall  
 Paddy Lewis  
 Hugh Neely  
 Anne McNamara

Please pray for Brother Peter Finn (Winchester) who passed away at the end of March. May he Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory. Please also include the Finn family in your prayers.



**A MESSAGE  
 FROM  
 PAT CROOK  
 TO  
 SOUTHAMPTON  
 CIRCLE**



Dear Brothers and Ladies

I want to thank you for the kindness, love and friendship you always gave to Philip.

I have had two Masses said for your intentions. Fr. Sillince offered Mass on 17 April and Canon Hetherington offered Mass on 20 April.

I think Philip would approve.

Thank you once again.

God bless.

Pat

**CIRCLE WELFARE**

*Please pray for our Brothers & ladies who are unwell:*

Myra & Bosco Andrade, Jane Barber,  
 John Berridge, Ann & Tony Brady,  
 Henri Kemhadjian, Claire Lund Yates,  
 Peter O'Connor, Ann O'Neill,  
 Graham Palethorpe, Alma Phillips,  
 & George Wysocki.

*Please also pray for:*

Luke Andrews, nephew of Paul & Jackie Andrews,  
 Courtney Andrews, father of Paul Andrews  
 Mark Ingram, son of Mike & Jane Ingram,  
 Antonella, daughter of Alma Phillips.

Grateful thanks for all your Prayers for our nephew, Luke Andrews

I can now report that Luke has made enormous progress, having been on a 'supported living' programme. Last week he moved into his own accommodation in Newbury and is now in a much better place than he has been over the last five years. I have no doubt that prayers from the Circle have helped his progress and for which we are grateful. We should not underestimate the power of prayer.

Many thanks

Paul & Jackie Andrews

**CATENIAN DIARY 2021**

Tuesday 4 May	COUNCIL MEETING	7.30 pm: By Zoom
Saturday 8 May	SOTON LADIES ZOOM	8.00 pm: By Zoom. <i>Contact: Jane Ingram</i>
Monday 10 May	CIRCLE MEETING	7.30 pm: By Zoom
Saturday 22 May	GB VIRTUAL CONFERENCE	Details have been circulated by email
Tuesday 25 May	HOOLIGANS LUNCH <i>Hurray, its's back!</i>	12.00 noon: Venue to be advised
Tuesday 25 May	COUNCIL MEETING	7.30 pm: By Zoom
Monday 7 June	CIRCLE MEETING - LADIES NIGHT	7.30 PM: By Zoom
Monday 5 July	CIRCLE MEETING	7.30 pm: DoubleTree Hotel, Bracken Place, SO16 3RB
Monday 6 December	CHRISTMAS PARTY	DoubleTree Hotel, Bracken Place, SO16 3RB

**BROTHER PRESIDENT'S ZOOM CIRCLE VISITS**

There are no Zoom Circle visits planned at the moment

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