

SOUTHAMPTON CIRCLE NEWS

Circle President: Tony Murray

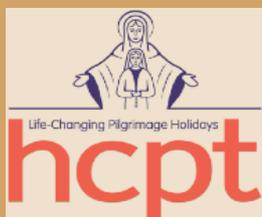


It is considered unlucky to seat 13 down to dinner, but this unpropitious number did not deter the Brothers above from having a good time. This formal photo of the 'Baker's Dozen' is rather auspicious as it features the Circle's most senior Brother, Douglas Manning, alongside its youngest Brother, Steve Watson and demonstrates how diverse the Circle is in terms of ages. Both were the last two Brothers to be enrolled. See pages 3 and 4 for more about Steve.

Unfortunately, Brother President could not attend due to Covid but, thankfully, he was not too ill and has now fully recovered.

Roger Lille gave an interesting presentation on models of membership and shared ideas for the future under consideration by GB National Council. No doubt more will be heard on that in the coming year.

PRESIDENT'S CHARITY 2021/22



JANUARY MEETING STATISTICS

Circle Strength:	36
Present:	14
Apologies:	22
Visitors:	0
Observers:	0

PRESIDENT'S CHARITY 2021/22



FEBRUARY LADIES & CLERGY NIGHT

~ *Special Guests* ~
*GB National
President*

*David Arundale
& Maureen*

7.30 pm

Monday

7 February

DoubleTree Hotel

Dress Code:

Jacket & Tie

FEBRUARY COUNCIL MEETING

7.30 pm

Tuesday

22 February

DoubleTree Hotel

HOOLIGAN'S LUNCH

Monday

21 February

12.00 noon

Rockingham Arms

West Wellow

LOTTERY WINNERS

January lottery will
be held in February



WELCOMING GB NATIONAL PRESIDENT DAVID ARUNDALE & MAUREEN

Southampton Circle is delighted to welcome GB National President, David Arundale and his wife, Maureen, to our February Ladies & Clergy Night.

If you wish to attend the meeting and dinner, please let Harry Harrison have your menu choices by no later than 6.00 pm on Thursday 27 January. If you are unable to attend, please confirm your apologies to Folkert van Galen, copied to Harry. Other Circles are also welcome.

- Menu payment must be made to Brother Treasurer in advance.
- Please bring your own wine. The hotel will charge £10 corkage which should be paid to Brother Treasurer.
- Always remember to register your vehicle licence number at Reception to avoid paying a parking fee. If you forget and receive a penalty notice from the hotel, please let Harry know.
- Please take a lateral flow test on the day.

Main Courses

M1

Confit duck leg,
caramelised red cabbage, curly kale,
fondant potato, red wine & thyme jus

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M2

Roulade of cod filled with a smoked salmon  
& sun-blushed tomato mousse,  
lemon & dill mashed potato,  
roasted asparagus, white wine cream sauce

(G/F)

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M3

Roasted butternut squash with
a Thai vegetable curry & coconut rice

(G/F, VE, V)

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### Desserts

D1

Honeycomb cheesecake,  
raspberry ripple ice cream,  
fresh strawberries

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D2

Apple & blackberry crumble,
vanilla custard

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D3

Chocolate brownie, white chocolate sauce,  
caramel ice cream

(G/F)

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D4

Vanilla ice cream

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D5

Cheese & biscuits

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Tea & coffee

Cost is £20 per head

GETTING TO KNOW YOU ~ BROTHER STEVE WATSON ~



It is almost two years since Steve Watson became a Catenian Brother when he was enrolled by John Singleton in February 2020 (above). Just a few months later, the country went into the first lockdown and there has been little opportunity for Steve to get to know his fellow Brothers.

Steve is a Hampshire lad, born and bred. He grew up in Fareham which was convenient as he had to travel by train to Portsmouth every school day. After meeting his future wife, Claire, he moved to Chandlers Ford to be nearer to her.

Steve's career began in the Aerospace industry as an apprentice and latterly a Filter Technician, assembling aircraft components, including fuel pumps, for different aircraft as well as products such as gearboxes for Harrier Jump Jets. He went onto work for Pratt & Whitney where he overhauled turboprop engines and also fixed, and travelled on, aircraft engines on wing.

Today, Steve is an Engineering Manager at a local manufacturing plant, close by the Mercedes garage at Southampton Airport.

His role involves machinery maintenance, ensuring that all lines run smoothly and that processes are efficient. He is fortunate to be able to travel as part of his job. One highlight was setting up a Chinese facility in Zhuhai, which was an amazing experience, and he has returned around 10 more times to see colleagues and keep up with changes. He also regularly visits the American facility in Indiana and enjoys spending time in Chicago, sightseeing and attending sporting events.

Steve and Claire settled in Chandlers Ford. Claire is a Primary School Teacher at a local school. Her passion is teaching the early years and she currently teaches Year 1. She has many amusing stories to tell when she gets home about her children and the fun that she has during the day. Their daughter, Amy, is now 14 years old and she attends St. George's Secondary School in Southampton. She is a keen netball player and cricketer and also enjoys reading and socialising with friends. Steve is also happy that Amy loves to bake and makes excellent cookies! Southampton Circle may remember both Claire and Amy at the 2020 New Age Kurling competition when Amy presented the prizes (above). The Watson family did well at the kurling so beware next outing!



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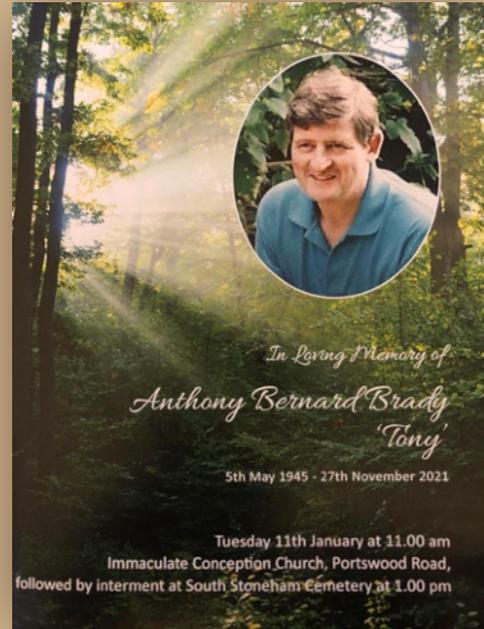
The Watsons attends St. Edward's Church in Chandlers Ford, which is where Steve met his sponsor, Peter Clapham. The family coped well during the lockdowns although Steve continued going to the plant throughout as his company had to maintain essential supplies to various industries, including medical. Steve says that he found it stressful, having to mix with colleagues and not knowing if they had Covid but, on the other hand, the continuance of his work schedule and seeing people did bring normality to his life. Something the Watsons enjoyed during the pandemic was going for walks with the family dog, Angus, and also gardening, both of which are Steve's favourite activities. Now that Covid restrictions are eased, he is able to enjoy his other interests of going to the gym and the cinema. The Brothers were delighted to see Steve at the January meeting and look forward to seeing him and the family in the future.

DIRECTOR OF PROVINCE ELECT - VOTE RESULTS -



Many Brothers in Province 11 voted at the election of the next Director of Province election. Peter Daniels (Guernsey) will take over from Roger Lillie, who will install him at the May conference. Our congratulations go to Peter and also our commiseration to Provincial President, Adrian Holloway, who received a large number of the votes.

SAYING FAREWELL TO TONY



Brothers and wives gathered at Immaculate Conception Church earlier this month to say a final goodbye to Tony Brady. Those who could not attend might like to see the beautiful cover of the service sheet which featured a wonderful photo of Tony in his younger days - a Tony that the more recent Brothers would not have known.



The service sheet also included a lovely photo of Tony and Anne on their wedding day. Anne continues to live at the resident's home and needs our prayers.

THUMBS UP FOR THE HATCHET FROM THE JANUARY HOOLIGANS!

Once again, there was an excellent turnout for the Hooligans lunch which this month took place at The Hatchet in Sheffield English. The pub has a great reputation and it certainly received rave reviews from the Hooligans. So well done Malcolm. This January outing was certainly less challenging for our Hooligan Head Honcho as there was none of the Covid-related issues that have plagued him during the previous months.

The Hooligans were delighted to be joined by George & Margaret Wysocki, and Stephen & Grania Whelan. For both couples, this was the first time that they had been able to attend a lunch since the Hooligans were reunited last year. It should also be mentioned that Michael Ingram was there but he doesn't appear in these photographs as he was taking them - thanks Michael!



The February lunch will be on Monday 21 February at The Rockingham Arms in West Wellow.



THE SCONE SISTERS RETURN!

Thanks again to Siobhan for providing a lovely photo of the January ladies tea & scones gathering at the White Horse Hotel. It was great to see Pat Crook there for her first time.

The next gathering will be at 2 pm on Tuesday 15 February at the White Horse Hotel, Romsey. Please contact Margaret Lillie if you would like to attend.

CIRCLE WELFARE

Please pray for our Brothers and wives who are unwell.

- Bosco Andrade
- Maureen Bannon
- John Berridge
- Anne Brady
- Dawn Harrison
- Bill Eales
- Henri Kemhadjian
- Derek Phillips
- Siobhan Shine
- Felicity Singleton
- Ron Smith
- Valerie Summerton
- George Wysocki

Please also pray for:

- Luke Andrews, nephew of Paul Andrews
- Courtney Andrews, father of Paul Andrews
- Mark Ingram, son of Mike & Jane Ingram
- Frank Hinds, Winchester Brother
- The family of Fr. Jaya Praveen (Covid)

IN MEMORIAM



- Charles Riddle
- Charles Hall
- John Morgan
- Charles Wills
- Richard Havard
- Eddie Bonnar
- Michael Hamilton

Please also pray for Peter McErlean (Portsmouth) who passed away late December and for the McErlean family. May he Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory.



A PRAYER IN WINTER

Lord, in the midst of Winter,
when the days are cold
and wind can pierce,
remind us of
the warmth of your love.

Lord, in the midst of Winter,
when the days are short,
dawn comes late and
dusk arrives early,
remind us that
in the darkness
your light still shines,
remind us that Easter is
but a short time away



CATENIAN DIARY 2022

Tuesday 1 February	CATHSOC CAREERS EVENING with BERNARD PERRY	Time TBA: Faith & Reflection Centre, 41 University Road, SO17 1TL
Monday 7 February	CLERGY & LADIES NIGHT with GB NATIONAL PRESIDENT	7.30 pm: DoubleTree Hotel, Bracken Place, SO16 3RB
Monday 21 February	HOOLIGANS LUNCH	12.00 noon: The Rockingham Arms SO51 6DE
Tuesday 22 February	COUNCIL MEETING	7.30 pm: DoubleTree Hotel
Monday 7 March	CIRCLE MEETING (BROTHERS)	7.30 pm: DoubleTree Hotel, Bracken Place, SO16 3RB
Tuesday 22 March	COUNCIL MEETING	7.30 pm: DoubleTree Hotel, Bracken Place, SO16 3RB
Monday 4 April	INSTALLATION NIGHT	7.30 pm: DoubleTree Hotel, Bracken Place, SO16 3RB

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Mary Berridge (13)
Jackie Andrews (15)
Peter Clapham (15)



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Paul Barber (19)
Helen Eales (21)
John Berridge (23)
John Farran (28)

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