

# SOUTHAMPTON CIRCLE NEWS



Circle President: Tony Murray



## Happy Christmas Southampton Circle

Dear Brothers & Ladies

Thank you for all your support and kind words as we have resumed our meetings, lunches and dinners following Lockdown. Thank you too for all the lovely cards and greetings we have received during this festive season.

We wish you all a happy and holy Christmas, and all joy and happiness as we celebrate the birth of our Saviour.

With our gratitude and best wishes  
Tony & Sally Murray



## PAT TOMLINS CELEBRATES 40 YEARS!



Malcolm, Harry, the Lillies and Matteuccis all braved the harsh rain and wind to join Bournemouth Circle in

honouring Pat Tomlins as he reached 40 years as a Catenian Brother.

Pat joined Southampton Catenians on 7 December 1981 where he has held the offices of President, Treasurer and Registrar. In his early years as a Brother, Pat was joined at Circle events by his late wife, Margaret. In later years, he has often been accompanied by his daughter Theresa and her husband.

We were sad to see Pat move away to the Bournemouth area in 2020 to be closer to family but were delighted that he intended to maintain his links with Southampton as well as forging new ones with Bournemouth Circle.



Pat received his scroll from National Vice-President Roger Lillie in the company of Theresa, and many old and new friends. Congratulations Pat from all at Southampton Circle.

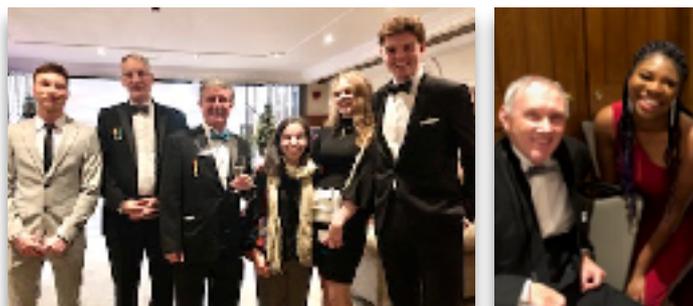
## SIGNIFICANT BIRTHDAYS!

Congratulations to Catherine Porter and Andy Philpott who celebrated their 80th and 70th birthdays recently. Catherine and Andy spent their birthdays surrounded by family at birthday lunches which, thank goodness, were not ruined by the threat of a Lockdown.



Harry presented Catherine with a bouquet from the Circle in memory of our late Brother Tony.

## CHRISTMAS PARTY GUESTS



Southampton Circle were delighted to welcome Cathsoc to the Christmas Party. We were joined by Pietro Cespoli, Sr. Emiliana Silva, Natalia Srodek and President Jonny Reid, seen above left with Folkert and Harry, and Janet Mensah, above right with Stephen. We also warmly welcomed good friends, Bernard and Gaye Perry, who are now living on the south coast (photo front page).



## HOOLIGANS' HAPPY CHRISTMAS!

The Chinese have a saying: "Eat first, talk later". But as the Southampton Catenians happily munched on their Chinese buffet at their annual Christmas gathering, talking later was never going to happen!



There was a last minute change of venue for our beleaguered head hooligan, Vice-President Malcolm, when the Suan Thai chef went down with Covid. Thank goodness the Water Margin in North Baddesley was able to step in. Thanks to Margaret for these photos.

## A DAY AT THE RACES

Malcolm, Harry, Paul A and Paul B joined the Winchester Circle for their annual race day at Newbury. Sadly, Lady Luck deserted our four racegoers this time around although they did come home with a free beanie each from a popular bookie. As you can see, two of them showed good taste but whether it was the two who wore the beanies or the two who didn't, that is up to the individual newsletter reader!



At the end of the racing day, the four Brothers deemed it a 'sensible move' to relocate to a pub to 'avoid the rush hour traffic'. So whilst more money was spent than gained, more calories were gained than spent. A typical Catenian day out, one might say.

## MAYFIELD NURSERIES CAFE



The Grand Opening of Mayfield Nurseries cafe allowed Michael and Jane to witness first hand how the Nurseries have used the donation from his President's Charity. The garden centre is a social enterprise working with Solent Mind to bringing about positive change for those struggling with mental health. The cafe will assist in achieving those aims. Pictured above with Michael, the Mayor and Sheriff of Southampton is Mark Ingram who is supported by Mayfield Nurseries through his work at the garden centre.



The Ingrams were joined by the Andrews and Harrisons and all were shameless in their hobnobbing with Jacquie Rayment, the Sheriff of Southampton, who sported a chain of office that put the National President's in the shade (sorry David and Roger!).

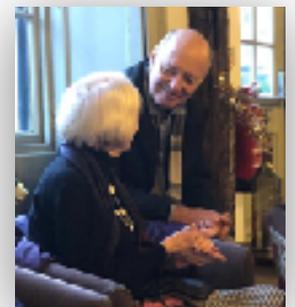


Congratulations to the Palethorpe family upon the birth of Beatrice, seen here with her proud Dad, David. After this difficult time during which David worked on the Covid NHS 'frontline' at Southampton Hospital, this is such a happy event for all the Palethorpe family. Prayers are now needed, however, for Laura and Beatrice who have had to return to hospital.

## ROMSEY REVELLERS



Siobhan Shine is known for her love of 'forced perspective' photography. Here is her snap of the ladies afternoon tea in Romsey. The Brothers-come-Chauffeurs chose a less sedate venue for a chinwag. Martin went for the old 'I've arrived a bit early' ploy but lucked out as the scones had already been scooped. Nice try, Martin!



*The next Ladies afternoon tea will be at 2.00 pm on Monday 17 January at the White Horse Hotel, Romsey. Contact is Margaret Lillie.*



## CIRCLE WELFARE

Please pray for our Brothers and wives who need our support

Bosco Andrade  
 Maureen Bannon  
 John Berridge  
 Ann Brady  
 Bill Eales  
 Dawn Harrison  
 Henri Kemhadjian  
 Derek Phillips  
 Catherine Porter  
 Siobhan Shine  
 Ron Smith  
 Valerie Summerton  
 George Wysocki

*Please also pray for:*

Courtney & Luke Andrews  
 Mark Ingram  
 David, Laura & Beatrice  
 Palethorpe



### TONY BRADY RIP

Anthony Tony Brady was born in Cornwall on 5 May 1945. As a young man, he was trained in various places and became a

financial administrator for the Pirelli Cable company in Southampton, where he met his wife Anne. They married in 1970 and led an adventurous life as Anne was an assistant of the magician/illusionist Jefferey Atkins, with whom they toured the whole of the United Kingdom and beyond.

Tony joined the Catenians in Southampton on 2 November 1992 and, after his retirement, he took up the role of treasurer for several years. The ledger books he handed over to the next Treasurer were a great example of neat writing and organisation. This month celebrated Tony's 30th anniversary as a Catenian Brother. Sadly, he was unable to receive his medal with other Brothers at the September dinner. His health began to decline over the past eight years due to Parkinson's disease and it has been a long time since he was able to attend a Circle meeting or event. In the last year, the couple both moved to a Southampton nursing home, because of Tony's limited mobility and Anne's increasing difficulties with dementia.

Tony was a gentle and friendly man who was most welcoming to new Brothers. He and Anne had many stories of their time in entertainment when Tony helped out backstage whilst Anne performed onstage. On one occasion, Tony forgot to change a lever and just remembered in time, otherwise his new wife could have been burned alive! Tony also took part, doing a swop mid-trick with Anne. It was certainly an exciting time for the couple. Anne will now remain at the nursing home and prayers are requested on her behalf.

### IN MEMORIAM



Alfred Ereaut  
 William O'Keefe  
 Jim Hanly  
 Bob Tanner  
 Owen Mawson  
 Jackie Day  
 Bernard Lavell

Please pray for Jack Manners-Spencer (IOW) and Roy Owen (West Surrey) who recently passed on, and for their families. May they Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory.



## A PRAYER FOR CHRISTMAS

Almighty God and Father of light,  
 a child is born for us, a son is given to us.  
 Your eternal Word leaped down from Heaven  
 in the silent watches of the night,

and now your Church is filled with wonder  
 at the nearness of her God.

Open our hearts to receive his life,  
 increase our vision with the rising of dawn,  
 that our lives may filled  
 with his glory and his peace,  
 who lives and reigns for ever and ever.  
 Amen.

### CATENIAN DIARY 2021

Monday 10 January	CIRCLE MEETING & DINNER (BROTHERS NIGHT)	7.30 pm: DoubleTree Hotel
January	RACE NIGHT	TBA
Monday 7 February	CIRCLE MEETING (LADIES) with GB NATIONAL PRESIDENT	7.30 pm: DoubleTree Hotel

#### DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Andy Philpott (2)  
 Donald Kumarajeewa (6)  
 Catherine Porter (16)  
 Chris Barber (19)  
 Jackie Barber (22)  
 Maggie Farran (31)



#### JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Mary Berridge (13)  
 Jackie Andrews (15)  
 Peter Clapham (25)

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