

# SOUTHAMPTON CIRCLE NEWS

Circle President: Tony Murray

## WELCOME NEW SOUTHAMPTON BROTHERS RICHARD BUBIEN & ROBERT GORDON



After all the excitement of the February Ladies & Clergy Night, the March meeting and dinner might have been expected to be somewhat mundane. But, on the contrary, it was another night of celebration as our membership numbers increased by two. Southampton Brothers were delighted to welcome Richard Bubien and Robert Gordon to our Circle. Richard has transferred from Bishops Stortford and Robert has become a joint member, having already joined New Forest Circle. Both attended our February meeting, as did Caroline Bubien, so we are delighted that they enjoyed the evening enough to want to come back.



## INSTALLATION NIGHT

7.30 pm  
Monday 4 April  
DoubleTree Hotel

## PROVINCIAL AGM LUNCH

Thursday 27 April  
12.00 noon  
Winchester Royal Hotel  
(see page 4)

## HOOLIGAN'S LUNCH

See Provincial AGM  
Lunch above

## COUNCIL MEETING

Date to be advised  
7.30 pm  
Doubletree Hotel

## NATIONAL CONFERENCE

Friday 13 - 15 May  
Eastbourne  
See Catena for details

## MARCH MEETING STATISTICS

Circle Strength:	38
Present:	24
Apologies:	14
Visitors:	0
Observers:	0

## Happy Birthday Presidents!



For possibly the first time in Southampton Circle history, the Circle President and Vice-President had significant birthdays in the same month. We couldn't let the unique occasion go by without a fuss. Harry presented the birthdays boys with a gift box each, containing silver cufflinks. But not just any old silver cufflinks, oh no! Tony's was engraved with the Chelsea Football Club logo and Malcolm's with the Southampton Football Club logo. They were both extremely keen to make sure that they went home with the correct box! Fortunately, the Southampton v. Chelsea match will take place after 4 April, otherwise there might have been a cufflinks stand off at Installation Night!

## Presentation No. 2 for Paul



Why have one presentation when you can have two, especially if you have just completed 40 years as a Catenian? That was certainly the case for Paul Barber who was asked by Brother President to come forward at the March meeting to receive another presentation in respect of his long membership with the Circle. This time, Paul received his miniature which was not available at the time of the scroll presentation.

Congratulations (again) Paul!

## Stylish of Salisbury



Our Circle paparazzi couldn't resist snapping Douglas Manning and Bill Eales, both looking very dapper on a Catenian night out at the Salisbury 50th anniversary dinner. Bill has an impressive range of waistcoats which he alternates for ladies nights, the credit for which he gives entirely to Helen.

Salisbury Circle are to be congratulated on a marvellous occasion which took 2 years in the planning and finally gave 'Covid year' GB National President, Eddie O'Donnell, an opportunity to give a speech to a Circle outside of his native Scotland.

Following the enrolment of Richard Bubien and Robert Gordon this month, our new Brothers were asked to share something about themselves and their families with their new Circle.

### Robert Gordon

I was born in Bristol and grew up in North Somerset. I went to the Downs School and later went on to Clifton College after earning an Art Scholarship. I later studied Medicine at Imperial College in London and met Sarah, my wife, in our penultimate year. We both graduated in 2011 and moved to Ringwood in the same year.



We got married in the Sacred Heart Church in Bournemouth and later settled in New Milton in 2014. My son, Lucas, was born in 2015 and my daughter, Sophia, was born in 2017. I am now a Consultant Psychiatrist and Sarah is a General Practitioner. For fun, we tend to spend time either at the beach or getting lost in the New Forest for walks. I joined the New Forest Circle in 2019 and we currently attend Our Lady of Lourdes in New Milton.

My work is based in Southampton. I was pleased to be able to offer a 'Lockdown Light' zoom programme for Province 11 which Brothers found helpful and supportive during such a difficult period. I was pleased to 'meet' a few of the Southampton Brothers who attended Lockdown Light. I am now liaising with Southampton students to adapt the programme for their needs.

I was very pleased to join the Southampton Circle and to meet everyone.

### Richard Bubien

I am 68 years old. My wife Caroline and I will have been married for 39 years this May.



We have two grown-up children, Nicole and Mark, and two grandchildren.

I lived in Bethnal Green and Edmonton and then in Bishops Stortford until September our move to Botley in November to be closer to our daughter and grandchildren, Grace (5) and Elliot (3). We both love living in this area and we have found everyone we have met so friendly and welcoming. We attend Mass at Our Lady Queen of the Apostles church in Bishops Waltham.

I am retired since 2018 having worked in IT for 44 years - 13 years with IBM and 31 years with Hitachi. I did a lot of travelling during my time working with Hitachi, mostly around Europe and the West Coast of the USA. Caroline retired from work in 2016 after working as an HR officer in the aviation industry,

My hobbies include playing guitar, reading, travelling (pre-pandemic) and gardening. I have recently enrolled on an art class.

I had never heard of the Catenians until I was approached by fellow parishioners who are members of the Bishops Stortford Circle. I joined the Circle in 2008 and was Chamberlain for about 6 years. I am really pleased to be a Catenian, as Caroline and I have made several good friends since I joining the association.



**Invitation from Harry to join the Provincial AGM Lunch on Thursday 27 April at Winchester Royal Hotel**



**Still time to book for National Conference**

I would be most delighted if the Southampton Brothers and Ladies could join Dawn and me for a drinks reception followed by lunch at the Provincial AGM at which I will be installed as Provincial President. Your support on my big day would be much appreciated.

This is a celebration to welcome in the new Catenian year, to celebrate the new installations and show Catenianism at its best. And in the true spirit of Catenians, Province 11 Ladies are invited.

Brothers have up until 22 April to book conference function tickets for the National Conference.

The full itinerary can be found on pages 6 - 11 in the January edition of *Catena*.

- S1. Tea smoked duck breast, orange salad & Cumberland dressing  
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- S2. Smoked salmon & cream cheese roulade, cucumber dressing & lemon garnish  
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- S3. Sweet potato & coriander soup (v)  
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- M1. Braised beef in red wine, herb mash, roasted root vegetables & red wine jus  
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- M2. Grilled fillet of sea bass, baby new potatoes, green beans, tomato & dill vinaigrette  
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- M3. Mushroom stroganoff (v)  
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- D1. Vanilla crème brûlée & biscuit  
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- D2. Dark chocolate ganache  
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- D3. Fresh fruit salad & cream (v)  
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- D4. Cheese & biscuits  
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Two courses - £18.50 per person  
Three courses - £21.50 per person  
Includes tea, coffee & mints

**Please advise Harry of choices by 13 April**

The occasion will begin with a concise AGM in front of both Brothers and ladies in a dining room setting - the first time in Province 11 history. I promise that there will be no reports or long-winded business matters; the AGM will consist of installations and two short summaries of the year past and the year ahead.

The AGM will be followed by a drinks reception in the lounge which will give guests across Province a chance to socialise. Lunch will begin at 1.00 pm.

Following lunch, there will be time to do a little shopping or take an amble around historic Winchester before returning to the hotel at around 4.30 pm to join me & Dawn for a cup of tea or coffee, or something stronger. This is optional; if you wish to leave after lunch, please feel welcome to do so.

We are offering options of a two-course or a three-course lunch, to suit differing appetites. All courses are gluten-free.

- Roger Lillie will be installed as the GB National President at the AGM on Friday evening.

- The National Conference meeting will take place on Saturday morning.

- The Gala Dinner & Dance will be held on Saturday evening.

- There will be a Catenian on the Sunday morning, followed by a farewell lunch.

Please also see *Catena* for list of Eastbourne hotels offering conference discount.

Dawn & I look forward to welcoming as many of you as possible on the 27th. Thank you for your support.

**Harry Harrison**



### Birthday Cake with lunch for the March Hooligans!

The Hooligans surprised head honcho with a Helen Matteucci-baked birthday cake at The Shoe Inn on Tuesday. Malcolm's face says it all in this photo on the left.



It was a longer journey to the March venue in the Meon Valley but regular hooligan Felicity said that she felt it was certainly worth the trip - a great venue with a garden by the river.



Felicity and John were joined by her sister and husband. The hooligans were delighted to welcome Patrick and Alison for the first time and Catherine, wife of the late Tony Porter, who was on her second hooligan outing.



Thank you once again to Michael who took photos of our hooligans - and to Felicity who took a photo of Michael! Also present at the lunch, but managed to escape the camera lens, was John Farran.

### Next Hooligans Lunch

Instead of choosing a pub venue for the April Hooligans lunch, Malcolm is asking Hooligans to please support Harry Harrison at his Provincial President installation on Thursday 27 April. Details on page 4.

### The Scone Sisters tea up for the cream!



The above photo may suggest a rather formal and sedate gathering at the ladies get-together but it was all for show. As soon as the camera lens disappeared, it was back to a huddle of chatter and delving into the delicious tea and cream scones provided by the White Horse in Romsey. This monthly gathering is proving to be most popular and is open to all Catenian ladies.

The next date is Tuesday 19 April, same venue. Any ladies wishing to attend, could you please advise head girl, Margaret Lillie (who, as a keen golfer, will no doubt enjoy the golfing pun in the heading above.)

### 2022 Lottery Winners

#### January

1st: Mike Lund Yates

2nd: George Wysocki

#### February

1st: Wilma Boddeke

2nd: Mary Berridge

#### March

1st: Folkert van Galen

2nd: Peter Summerton

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## Circle Welfare

Please pray for our Brothers and wives who are unwell.

Bosco Andrade  
 Maureen Bannon  
 John Berridge  
 Anne Brady  
 Bill Eales  
 Henri Kemhadjian  
 Bob Millar  
 Derek Phillips  
 Felicity Singleton  
 Ron Smith  
 Valerie Summerton  
 Pauline Wilson  
 Margaret Wysocki  
 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 as requested by Harry Harrison



### A prayer for St. Joseph

Blessed Joseph, husband of Mary  
 Be with us this day.  
 You defended the Virgin  
 loving the Child Jesus as your son,  
 you rescued Him from danger of death.

Defend the Church, the household of God,  
 purchased by the blood of Christ.  
 Guardian of the Holy Family,  
 be with us in our trials,  
 may your prayers obtain for us  
 the grace to flee from error  
 and wrestle with the power of corruption,  
 so that in life we may grow in holiness and  
 in death rejoice in the  
 Crown of Victory.  
 Amen.

### In Memoriam

George Campbell  
 Frank Ellen  
 Freddie Tindall  
 Peter Hatcher  
 Andrew Wilson  
 Bill Day  
 Moira O'Connor  
 Jean Reese



May we please offer prayers for Deacon Iain MacFirbisigh (Jersey) who died on 25 March. Also for Fr. Michael Peters and Sr. Ann Teresa Lenahan who recently passed away. May they Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory.



## Catenian Diary 2022

Monday 4 April	INSTALLATION NIGHT - INSTALLATION OF BROTHER MALCOLM FORSTER	7.30 pm: DoubleTree Hotel, Bracken Place, SO16 3RB Dress code is DJs.
Tuesday 19 April	LADIES GET-TOGETHER	2.00 pm: The White Horse Hotel, Romsey
TBA	COUNCIL MEETING	7.30 pm: DoubleTree Hotel, Bracken Place, SO16 3RB
Wednesday 27 April	HOOLIGANS LUNCH	Malcolm invites hooligans to join him at the installation of Brother Harry as Provincial President (see below)
Wednesday 27 April	PROVINCIAL AGM LUNCH - INSTALLATION OF BROTHER HARRY HARRISON	12.00 noon: Winchester Royal Hotel Please join Harry at his installation lunch (see page 4 above)
Monday 9 May	BROTHERS NIGHT	7.30 pm: DoubleTree Hotel, Bracken Place, SO16 3RB
Friday 13 - Sunday 15 May	NATIONAL CONFERENCE - INSTALLATION OF BROTHER ROGER LILLIE	Please refer to itinerary in <i>Catena</i> or on the Association website. Brother Roger's installation will take place on Friday 13 May.

**March Birthdays**

Valerie Summerton (6)  
Paul Andrews (10)  
Christine Grummitt (12)  
Malcolm Forster (21)  
Henri Kemhadjian (25)  
Tony Murray (31)

**April Birthdays**

Daverio Matteucci (3)  
Jane Ingram (5)  
Bosco Andrade (8)  
Ron Smith (110)  
Mike Ingram (14)

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