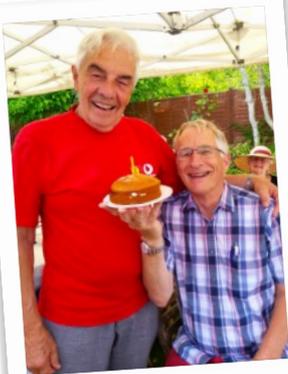


SOUTHAMPTON CIRCLE NEWS

Circle President: Malcolm Forster

PRESIDENT'S SUNDAY SCORCHER!



Not even a heatwave could deter Southampton Circle from gathering in the Matteucci garden for Malcolm's President's Sunday! 50 Brothers and ladies, plus Fr. Cronin, who celebrated Mass, and Fr. Raffaele, gathered under marquees, sipping refreshing fruit cup and dining on Matteucci-prepared salmon, chicken and meat and other delights. This was Keats Restaurant standards al fresco - not a paper plate or plastic cup in sight but rather porcelain plates and linen serviettes. We all felt extremely spoilt.

Malcolm and all the guests owe Daverio and Helen a huge debt of gratitude for their hard work, assisted on the day by Harry, Daniella Matteucci and former Keats staff member, Manny.

It was a day of celebration with Tony (Wilson) having just celebrated his 90th birthday and Folkert celebrating his birthday on the actual day. Both Tony and Folkert were treated to a birthday cake and presents. Tony was also presented with a 90th birthday Catenian scroll, signed by Roger.



LADIES NIGHT

7.30 pm
Monday 1 August
DoubleTree Hotel

COUNCIL MEETING

7.30 pm
Tuesday 26 July
DoubleTree Hotel

HOOOLIGAN'S LUNCH

12.00 noon
Tuesday 26 July
Turfcutters Arms
East Boldre

CATENIAN LADIES AFTERNOON TEA

2.00 pm
Wednesday 24 August
White Horse, Romsey

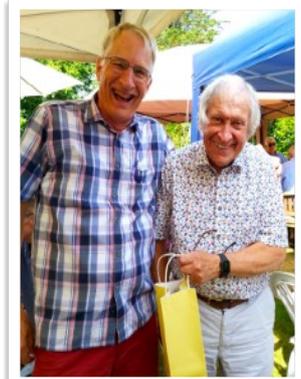
JUNE MEETING STATISTICS

Circle Strength:	37
Present:	19
Apologies:	18
No apologies	0
Visitors	0
Visiting	
Gentleman	3



President's Sunday Gallery

How many faces can you count!



Thanks to the generosity of the Brothers and ladies, and the persuasive skills of our ticket sellers, over £300 was raised towards Brother President's charity, Catholic Home Care.

August Birthdays (July birthdays now over)

John Thompson (1)	Meg Clapham (20)
Mike Lund Yates (8)	Stephen Whelan (20)
Jenny Thompson (12)	Derek Phillips (23)
Elizabeth Counihan (14)	Alison Dobell (27)
Sally Murray (15)	Pat Crook (29)

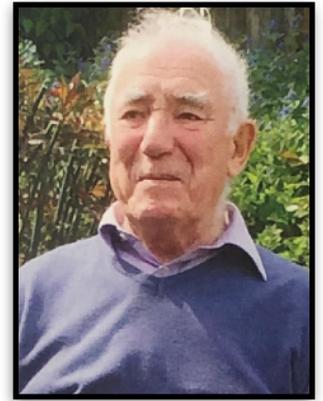


President's Charity 2022/23

June lottery winners were Margaret Lillie (1st) and Douglas Manning (2nd).

July lottery winners were Maggie Farran (1st) and Bosco Andrade (2nd).

PETER O'CONNOR RIP



Peter O'Connor was not only our most senior Brother at 96 years, but also our longest serving Brother. He joined the Brighton Regency Circle in 1958 and transferred to Southampton Circle in 1963 where he worked for Southampton City Council. Here he was reunited with family friend, Tony Wilson, with whom he attended a church youth club in the 1940s where they both met Moira and Pauline. Peter and Moira were very involved in Circle life and Peter continued to attend Circle events following Moira's passing, supported by his daughter, Theresa, and her husband. Peter was the recipient of two commemorative occasions: in 2013 to celebrate 55 years and a lunchtime event in 2018 when, a no-fuss man, Peter chose to have the presentation made by his Circle President rather than the GB National President.

John O'Connor's eulogy on Monday spoke of a father who was dedicated to his family and his church, crafting board games for his family of four to play, joining in with their interests and always providing support. John recalled a family home filled with an inspiring range of books and conversation, reflecting his father's diverse interests. Peter enjoyed astronomy and mathematics: he built his own telescope and carried out carpentry to precise measurements. Peter was always questing for knowledge and understanding but his modesty derived from a recognition that there is always so much for us to learn. He enjoyed golf and, with Moira, was an enthusiastic rambler and Bridge player. In later years, he remained mentally alert, playing computer games and puzzles, and 'travelling' with his growing family on Google Earth. Peter had ten grandchildren, of whom actor Josh O'Connor (Prince Charles in *The Crown*) is one, and six great-grandchildren.

In John's eulogy, we learned about Peter the family man, the knowledge seeker. Peter's life also revolved around the church where he was an active Parishioner and in St. Vincent de Paul Society. In Andy Philpott's homily, we learned about how Peter's life reflected his Faith.

An Extract from the Requiem Homily for Peter O'Connor RIP

Peter is remembered as fully enjoying the happy life he lived - as being a friend to all, as open and gregarious, as being erudite and articulate, as a raconteur, as a man of love, love for his family, love for his friends, love for those in need, and gathering all of this together, love for God. There's no point in saying that Peter will be missed; Peter has been missed so much already.

Our gospel reading today was chosen by his family and also used. I think. at the requiem for Peter's love unto death, Moira, that same death which has now united them together. Peter, united with Moira, created a loving, faith filled home for Theresa, John, Tony and Mark, and thereby for all of their families. They and their children provide testimony if we should ever seek it of the good Peter did with Moira.

Perhaps our Gospel (John 14:1-6) is such a common choice because it touches upon so many of the feelings experienced at this time by family and friends. Jesus speaks of finding peace for troubled hearts, about trusting in Christ, and about finding the way home. Jesus tells us that the Father's will is that we find a home in our Father's house. The Son's work is to go and prepare a place for us in his Father's house. At the time known only to God, Jesus says he will come and take us to himself - that where I am, you may be also.

Requiem Homily continued

Peter was the kind of person who was always making others and thereby himself at home. At those Catenian lunches and dinners, interrupted by Covid and most significantly for Peter by the loss of Moira, one always felt at home at Peter's table. The conversation flowed, the stories unceasing. It makes sense that Jesus would describe paradise in this way. Is that not what a home really should be after all - a little corner of paradise? And that first reading (1 Peter 4:10-11), no more than two verses long, written by another Peter two thousand years ago addressed to the early followers of Jesus and drawn from holy scripture for us by Theresa. It could be described as the code for Peter's, our Peter's, Peter O'Connor's life. Those skills, acumen, aptitudes, that special knack that some have are gifts of God and should therefore be used in God's service. Peter, our Peter, used those skills, that knack of organisation, rallying others, recognising who also had skills and those who had great need, could be brought together in Peter's charitable work. Notably perhaps in the Saint Vincent De Paul Society. Sitting back in a self satisfied way and ignoring the plight of others is not the way of Jesus and it became the way for Peter.

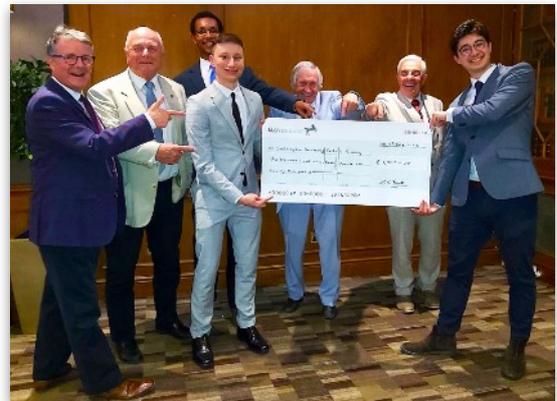
Today, we say good-bye to Peter and we pray that he may take his rest and be at home with all the faithful departed, be with Moira, and be with Jesus in his Father's house. This is what Jesus makes possible for all of us.

HAPPY 95TH DOUGLAS!



Congratulations to Douglas Manning who celebrated his 95th birthday in the middle of July. Douglas was privileged to be congratulated on the very day by a representative of the Queen, the Lord Lieutenant of Hampshire, whom Douglas met at coffee after Mass (photograph by kind courtesy of Peter Acres, Andover President). Unfortunately, Douglas has been unable to attend any Circle events this month to allow us to celebrate with him in person but we hope to be able to see him again soon.

CHEQUE MATE!



When CathSoc students came to June Brothers Night, they were presented with a large cheque, in more ways than one. Malcolm mocked up a faux presentation cheque representing £1,017.22 raised at the gourmet barbeque for the Rome pilgrimage. Pietro, Dion and Hiro were overwhelmed by the generosity of all the Circle Brothers and ladies who attended the barbeque. The students are leaving for Rome where they will help social workers look after the homeless and immigrants.

Circle Welfare

Please pray for our Brothers and wives
who are unwell.

Bosco Andrade
Maureen Bannon
Jane Barber
John Berridge
Anne Brady
Bill Eales
Jim Moriarty
Henri Kemhadjian
Bob Millar
Derek Phillips
Felicity Singleton
Ron Smith
Valerie Summerton

Please also pray for:

Luke Andrews, nephew of Paul Andrews
Courtney Andrews, father of Paul Andrews
Mark Ingram, son of Mike & Jane Ingram



Prayer to the Precious Blood of Jesus



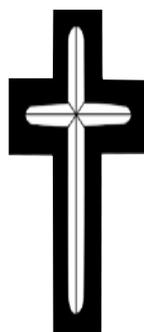
***The month of July is dedicated to
the Precious Blood of Jesus***

The Precious Blood which we worship
is the Blood which the Saviour
shed for us on Calvary
and reassumed at His glorious Resurrection;
it is the Blood which courses through the veins
of His risen, glorified, living body
at the right hand of
God the Father in heaven;
it is the Blood made present on our altars
by the words of Consecration;
it is the Blood which merited
sanctifying grace for us
and through it washes
and beatifies our soul
and inaugurates the beginning
of eternal life in it.

Amen.

In Memoriam

Tom Fraser
William Russell
William Brown
Danny McNamara



Please also pray for Peter Lejeune (Poole) and John Rayer (former Grand President) who recently passed on.

Also Sr. May Lewis, Daughters of Wisdom (Romsey), who passed away last weekend.

May they Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory.

Southampton Circle Diary 2022

Tuesday 26 July	HOOLIGANS LUNCH	12.00 noon: Turfcutters Arms, East Boldre Road, East Boldre SO42 7WL <i>Contact: Malcolm Forster</i>
Tuesday 26 July	COUNCIL MEETING	7.30 pm: DoubleTree Hotel, Bracken Place, SO16 3RB
Monday 1 August	LADIES NIGHT	7.30 pm: DoubleTree Hotel, Bracken Place, SO16 3RB <i>Contact: Harry Harrison</i>
Thursday 18 August	HOOLIGANS LUNCH	12.00 noon: TBC <i>Contact: Malcolm Forster</i>
Saturday 20 August	MASS FOR VOCATIONS (JOINT WITH CITY OF WINCHESTER)	6.30 pm: St. Edward the Confessor. 191 Winchester Road, Chandlers Ford SO53 2DU <i>Contact: Harry Harrison</i>
Wednesday 24 August	LADIES AFTERNOON TEA	2.00 pm: The White Horse, Romsey SO51 8ZJ <i>Contact: Margaret Lillie</i>
Monday 5 September	BROTHERS NIGHT	7.30 pm: DoubleTree Hotel, Bracken Place, SO16 3RB <i>Contact: Harry Harrison</i>
Friday 23 September	HOOLIGANS LUNCH	12.00 noon: The Red Lion, Rope Hill, Boldre SO41 8NF <i>Contact: Malcolm Forster</i>

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