

SOUTHAMPTON CIRCLE NEWS

Circle President: Malcolm Forster

FRIENDS REUNITED!



Folkert was presented with a challenge when taking the visitors photo at the February ladies night. Along with the Harrisons and Murrays (in Malcolm’s absence, Harry and Tony were Acting President and VP) and the Bubiens, there were guests from Portsmouth, West Surrey and Bishops Stortford. Well done to Folkert for getting us all in the shot.

Why ‘friends reunited’? John & Annette Richardson and Nando & Leoni Braz travelled down from Bishops Stortford to visit their former Brother, Richard, and Caroline. The Circle was delighted to welcome them on Richard and Caroline’s behalf and it was great to receive a visit from Brothers out of Province. Nando kindly wrote back saying: *“I love outvisits and this one was particularly special; seeing how Caroline and Richard have taken to their new spiritual home was very rewarding.”*

The Harrisons and Murrays were delighted to be reunited with Colin & Marie Davis from West Surrey after meeting on the Catenian jaunt to Malta last November. They were accompanied by Circle President, Tony Fisher, and Tina. All those who attended Portsmouth’s superb Trafalgar Night were delighted to see Stephen & Camille Driver once again.

MARCH MEETING

7.30 pm
Monday 6 March
Doubletree Hotel
BROTHERS NIGHT

COUNCIL MEETING

7.30 pm
Tuesday 28 February
Doubletree Hotel

HOOLIGANS LUNCH

12.00 noon
Monday 13 March
Venue to be advised

CATENIAN LADIES AFTERNOON TEA

2.00 pm
Thursday 23 March
White Horse Hotel
Romsey

FEBRUARY STATISTICS

Circle Strength	39
Present	15
Apologies	24
Visitors	6
Visiting Gentlemen	1

PRESIDENT'S CHARITY



APRIL MENU
Tuesday 4 April 2023
Ladies Night

Mains

M1

Roast chicken supreme, smoked
bacon & mushroom cream,
parmentier potatoes & green beans

M2

Oven-baked fillet of salmon, toasted
pine nuts, roasted tomato &
vegetable ragout & tender stem
broccoli (gf)

M3

Sweet potato, chickpea, spinach &
coconut curry with basmati rice (ve)

Desserts

D1

Glazed lemon tart, vanilla sauce &
raspberry sorbet,

D2

Fresh fruit salad & cream

D3

Vanilla ice Cream

D4

Cheese & biscuits

Coffee served after meal

*Please submit your menu choices
to Harry Harrison, Dining Officer
no later than Monday 20 March
d.harrison9.dh@gmail.com*

Please note change of date!!!

*The menu for the March Brothers
night has been circulated and the
deadline was 20 February.*

**Fingers Crossed for
the February Lunch**



It was touch and go for the February lunch at the Hiltonbury Farmhouse when water was cut off in the area the day before. Fortunately, the taps were back on in time for our gathering. This was a new venue on the lunch club list and it lived up to expectations. Whilst Malcolm has currently replaced good British grub for kangaroo meat (oh yes, he has!), no doubt he will want to give this pub a try in the near future.



We were joined by Bob and Theresa Hounsome. Theresa is the daughter of the late Peter O'Connor, who was a great supporter of the lunch club for many years, and he would undoubtedly have been delighted that she and Bob are carrying on the family tradition. It was great to see Bob Millar once again. The lunches are being held on different days of the week so that everyone has the opportunity to attend.



CathSoc Careers Evening



For the third year running, Southampton Circle’s youth team hosted a careers evening for CathSoc students. This event would not be possible without the participation of former Catanian, Bernard Perry, who draws on his experience as a recruitment consultant to give the students advice on job-hunting quagmires such as being interviewed by a robot, developing recruitment themes and the importance of unconscious bias. The seminar was attended by students from Southampton and Southampton members.



Spotted at the January council meeting, Malcolm and Martin seem to have agreed upon the bottle green jumper as the ‘Circle councillor uniform’. Fellow Southampton councillors, take note!

Province 11 Mass for the Deceased



In keeping with other Provinces, Province 11 Council decided to reinstate the Provincial Mass for Deceased Members. Our thanks goes to Martyn Flanagan (Fleet Provincial Councillor) who made the arrangements with Portsmouth Cathedral



The Celebrant was an ex-Guernsey Parish Priest, who knows the Catanian Association well and spoke warmly about us to the congregation. Deceased members of Province 11 were included in the bidding prayers. We continued our day of remembrance with lunch at Carluccio’s in West Quay.

Amongst those included in the list of those Brothers departed since the pandemic were our own Brothers: Philip Crook (2020), Jim Shine (2020), Derrick Austin, Tony Brady (2021), Pat O’Neill (2021), Tony Porter (2021) and Peter O’Connor (2022).

We remembered our wives who passed away during that period: Ann O’Neill (2021), Alma Phillips (2021), Myra Andrade (2021) and Pauline Wilson (2022).

Circle Welfare

Please pray for our Brothers and wives who are unwell

- Bosco Andrade
- Maureen Bannon
- Jane Barber
- John Berridge
- Anne Brady
- Bill Eales
- Maggie Farran
- Dawn Harrison
- Henri Kemhadjian
- Douglas Manning
- Bob Millar
- Derek Phillips
- Felicity Singleton
- Ron Smith

Please also pray for:

- Luke Andrews & Courtney Andrews, nephew and father of Paul
- Mark Ingram, son of Michael

In Memoriam

- James Cosgrove
- William O'Neill
- Robert Tickle
- Sonny Lewis
- Gertie McDonald



Bishop Bhagyaiah of Guntur, India, has made a direct appeal to us. He has six churches in a poorly resourced Parish, made up of over 650 families belonging to the Dalit community. Most are illiterate and literally live on the rubbish dumps. Previously known as 'the Untouchables', they are called 'the rag pickers'. The Bishop and Father Jaya (former Southampton University Chaplain) have made it their mission to try to feed the rag pickers children once a month. Last month, they expected 100 children, but 200 hungry children turned up. It was hard to control them; they were so hungry that they all grabbed at the food. The Diocese of Guntur itself is so poor and can only offer the most basic of food to the children.

If we gave just £5 each, we could feed so many desperate Catholic children. If you feel moved to donate, please send monies to the Circle bank account, marked 'rag pickers'; the funds will be sent directly to Guntur Diocesan bank account.

(Those from other Circles who wish to donate should contact Harry Harrison at d.harrison9.dh@gmail.com.)

Pictured above: the Bishop and the children

CIRCLE DIARY

Tuesday 24 February	COUNCIL MEETING	7.30 pm: Doubletree Hotel SO16 3RB
Monday 6 March	CIRCLE MEETING & LUNCH: BROTHERS NIGHT	12.30 pm: Doubletree Hotel SO16 3RB. <i>Contact: Folkert Van Galen & Harry Harrison</i>
Monday 13 March	CATENIAN LUNCH CLUB	12.00 noon: Venue to be advised. <i>Contact: Harry Harrison</i>
Thursday 23 March	LADIES AFTERNOON TEA	2.00 pm: The White Horse, Romsey. <i>Contact: Margaret Lillie</i>
Tuesday 28 March	COUNCIL MEETING	7.30 pm: Doubletree Hotel SO16 3RB
21 - 24 April	PROVINCIAL WEEKEND	Dunkirk! <i>Contact: Harry Harrison</i>

February Birthdays

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

March Birthdays

Tommaso Morelli (1)
Valerie Summerton (6)
Steven Hulbert (8)
Paul Andrews (10)
Christine Grummitt (12)
Malcolm Forster (21)

Henri Kemhadjian (25)
Tony Murray (31)

February Lottery

1st: Roger Lillie
2nd: Graham Palethorpe

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Catholic Home Care Charity website: <https://www.southampton-city-Catholics.org.uk/index.php>