

SOUTHAMPTON CIRCLE NEWS

Circle President: Malcolm Forster

BACK FROM DOWN UNDER!



Roger, Margaret and Malcolm have now returned home after an action-packed time in Australia. They were joined by Director Province 11, Peter Daniels, and Lonia on a trip that took in Perth, Melbourne, Sydney and Canberra. Australian National President, Ralph Fitzpatrick, and Liana accompanied them as they met members from 20 Circles. It was certainly a 'busman's holiday' holiday for Roger and Margaret! The visitors were home-hosted at times which afforded a great opportunity to forge new friendships. We can read more about the trip from Roger in *Catena*. Malcolm will be sharing his Aussie exploits in our April newsletter, including how to wear an Akubra with style, tasting local kangaroo cuisine before having to face said marsupials at a kangaroo sanctuary, and how he ended up pleading for mercy in the dock. Watch this space....



APRIL MEETING

7.30 pm

Tuesday 4 April

Doubletree Hotel

LADIES NIGHT

COUNCIL MEETING

7.30 pm

Tuesday 28 March

Doubletree Hotel

HOOIGANS LUNCH

12.00 noon

Tuesday 18 April

The Greyhound

Broughton SO20 8AA

CATENIAN LADIES AFTERNOON TEA

2.00 pm

Thursday 25 May

White Horse Hotel

Romsey

No tea in April

MARCH STATISTICS

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| Circle Strength | 39 |
| Present | 18 |
| Apologies | 21 |
| Visitors | 4 |
| Visiting Gentlemen | 2 |

PRESIDENT'S CHARITY





MAY MENU
Monday 15 May 2023
Brothers Night

Mains

M1

Slow-cooked lamb tagine,
Moroccan-style cous cous,
pitta bread

M2

Cask beer-battered fish & chips,
mushy peas

M3

Smoked tomato, olive, courgette
& basil spaghetti (v)

Desserts

D1

New York vanilla cheesecake
with strawberry compote

D2

Fresh fruit salad & cream

D3

Vanilla ice Cream

D4

Cheese & biscuits

*Menu choices no later than Monday 1
May to d.harrison9.dh@gmail.com*

**Please note that the meeting will be held
in mid-May due to bank holiday
and hotel engagements**

*The April Ladies Night menu has been
circulated. The deadline was 21 March.*

City of Winchester Visit



City of Winchester President, Geza Geleji, made his very first Circle visit to Southampton in February. He was supported by fellow Brothers Bas Bush, Neil Hendricks and Francis Sheath. Southampton was also delighted to welcome once again visiting gentlemen, Tony Wharton (left) and Aidan O'Kelly (right).



It seems that the 'Lucky Lillies' passed on their lottery luck to the Harrisons while they were down under. On a visit to Portsmouth Circle, Dawn pulled out her own ticket for the champagne raffle. Portsmouth's Mike Carroll seemed to take it in good spirit!



The ladies afternoon tea was a smaller affair in February but it continues to be a very popular monthly event. Ladies, please note that there will be no afternoon tea in April. The next date will be Thursday 25 May at 2.00 pm at The White Horse Hotel in Romsey. Contact is Margaret Lillie.

Wilma's Winners



Southampton Circle fielded a team at the Salisbury Circle Quiz in aid of The Place of Mercy & Hope in Addo, South Africa. The centre's two Sisters of Mercy provide health and educational support to disadvantaged communities. Salisbury did well to find a last minute alternative venue when part of the town was plunged into a



power cut. Wilma's Winners did us all proud, leading in the first half of the evening, but unfortunately they were not able to scoop the prize. It's the taking part that counts and the evening raised a substantial donation for a good cause.

Lieutenant Governor visits Guernsey Circle



It was kind of Guernsey and their President, Eamonn Finnerty, to welcome me and Dawn to their dinner this month. We were accorded the honour of being seated with His Excellency, the Lieutenant Governor of Guernsey (seen here with Eamonn, Ann and us). A Catholic, Lieutenant General Richard Cripwell CB CBE has just completed the first of his five year incumbency. Commissioned into the Royal Engineers, his career has taken him around the world, all of which he encapsulated into a fascinating five minute speech. An enjoyable experience for his audience, with the exception of me who was thinking: "How do I follow that with my speech?". Somehow Province 11 affairs just didn't have quite the same allure!

Well done to Peter & Lonia Daniels who attended the dinner, having arrived back from Australia the same day. What jet lag?

Harry Harrison



Southampton Doubletree Hilton celebrated their new refurbishment programme with a ribbon-cutting ceremony by the Lord Mayor. The bedrooms, bar and restaurant have received a complete makeover. Please remember that Catenians can enjoy a discount on accommodation bookings - contact is Dining Officer, Harry Harrison.

Circle Welfare

Please pray for our Brothers and wives who are unwell

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

Please also pray for:

Luke Andrews & Courtney Andrews, nephew and father of Paul

Mark Ingram, son of Michael

Stephen Forster, son of Malcolm

Tony Murray's brother who is seriously ill

IN MEMORIAM

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

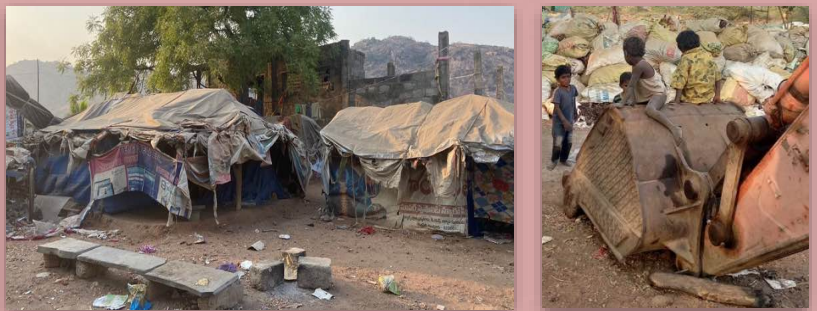
Rag Pickers Donation Update

Last month, we reported that Bishop Bhagyiah and Fr. Jays from Guntur in India had been appealing for donations to feed once a month the undernourished rag pickers children who live around the rubbish dumps. The Bishop sends his heartfelt thanks for your generosity and shares with us the children's joy at receiving food through these photos.



The Parish also helps with clothing the children.

Below is where these children call home in Guntur.



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.)

CIRCLE DIARY

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| Tuesday 28 March | COUNCIL MEETING | 7.30 pm: Doubletree Hotel SO16 3RB |
| Tuesday 4 April | CIRCLE MEETING LADIES NIGHT | 7.30 pm: Doubletree Hotel SO16 3RB. <i>Contact: Folkert Van Galen & Harry Harrison</i> |
| Tuesday 18 April | CATENIAN LUNCH CLUB | 12.00 noon: The Greyhound, 2 High Street, Broughton SO20 8AA. <i>Contact: Malcolm Forster</i> |
| Tuesday 25 April | COUNCIL MEETING | 7.30 pm: Doubletree Hotel SO16 3RB |
| 21 - 24 April | PROVINCIAL WEEKEND | Dunkirk! <i>Contact: Harry Harrison</i> |
| Monday 15 May | CIRCLE MEETING BROTHERS NIGHT | 7.30 pm: Doubletree Hotel SO16 3RB. <i>Contact: Folkert Van Galen & Harry Harrison</i> |
| Thursday 25 May | LADIES AFTERNOON TEA | 2.00 pm: The White Horse, Romsey. <i>Contact: Margaret Lillie</i> |

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)

April Birthdays

Daverio Matteucci (3)
Jane Ingram (5)

Bosco Andrade (8)
Ron Smith (11)
Mike Ingram (14)

March 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>