



# SOUTHAMPTON CIRCLE NEWS

Circle President: Daverio Matteucci



For the first time in over a year, perhaps even more, we had no visitors and, with many of our members on holiday, there were less Southampton members at our August Circle Meeting. So Dining Officer Harry arranged one long communal table and, as you can see, it was a popular choice. All the better to hear Graham and Malcolm's jokes apparently.



Last year, we first met Poole member, Dcn Ryan Browne, when he visited our Circle and we were delighted to support him at the joyous occasion of his recent ordination at Portsmouth Cathedral. Effective 8 September, Ryan will be an Assistant Priest at the Cathedral. Congratulations Father Ryan from all of us at Southampton Circle.

The July issue featured birthdays of three of our nonagenarians and this month sees the birthday of our fourth, Mike Lund Yates. Mike received a flight in an original Australian Spitfire for his 90th last year but is keeping his feet firmly on the ground for his 91st. It certainly has been a lucky birthday week for Mike so far as he won first prize in the Lottery on Monday.



## SEPTEMBER JOINT MEETING WITH ISLE OF WIGHT

*Ladies welcome*  
 ~ Open to all Circles ~  
 Wednesday 17 September  
 12.00 noon  
 The Royal Solent Yacht Club, Yarmouth

## COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday 2 September  
 7.30 pm  
 Doubletree Hotel

## LUNCH CLUB

Tuesday 19 August  
 12.00 noon  
 The Old Forge  
 Otterbourne  
 SO21 2EE

## AUGUST STATISTICS

Circle Strength	40
Present	17
Apologies	23
Visitors	0
Visiting Gentlemen	0

**Our President's Charities 2025/26**

**Jane Scarth House**

**Poitiers Care**



Major (retired) Joe Bright organised a special Catenian visit to Brookwood Military Cemetery, the group including former RAF officer Michael Ingram. The afternoon service was a very moving occasion. There was a special treat for our visitors when Joe joined fellow veterans as a flag bearer at the Last Post ceremony.



Centre: Major (Retired) Joe Bright MBE



The outing began with lunch.



St. James Way from Reading to Southampton is the English part of the route to Santiago de Compostela. It connects Reading Abbey, the centre of the St. James devotion in medieval England, to the Southampton port from which pilgrims may have sailed to walk the rest of the route to the Shrine of St. James the Great. As Folkert and Wilma discovered last month, there are many churches and archeological sites along the way. Upon completion of the walk, our modern-day pilgrims were presented with a certificate. Well done!



Reading  
And they're off!



Silchester Roman  
Amphitheatre



St. James Church  
Sanctuary, Tadley



Berkshire/Hampshire  
Border



**TEA FOR TWO...  
PLUS  
ANOTHER 46!**



*Dear Daverio and Helen*

*Thank you so much for inviting us to your wonderful afternoon tea event today and for choosing to support Jane Scarth House. You made us feel very welcome and Lizzie, Trevor and I really enjoyed meeting everyone and your kind hospitality. You were all so generous as an amazing £535 in cash was donated today, which was incredible and we are very grateful. This amount makes a real difference to a small independent charity like us and events like this allow us to continue to help and support so many local families. Please pass on my thanks and appreciation to everyone who attended this afternoon and I wish you both a relaxing evening.*



*Kind Regards  
Sarah Rowcliffe,  
Centre Manager  
Romsey Cancer Support Centre,  
Jane Scarth House*





The afternoon tea was the perfect setting in which to present John Berridge with his 50 year miniature in front of so many of his Catenian friends.

It was great to see John & Mary as they are no longer attend evening functions and dinners, and also the Eales, Grummitts Summertons and Tony Wilson.



**Set TV reminders for University Challenge! BBC2 at 8.30 pm on Monday 18 August!**

Representing Bristol in the heat against Cardiff is Nathaniel Joyce, Matt's son. Nathaniel is in his fourth year of gaining an MSci in Biology. The path to a place in one of the University Challenge hot seats is not an easy one, competing for a place on the team and then on the programme. Nathaniel is bound by the programme makers not to reveal the outcome of the Bristol versus Cardiff heat. So we will have to tune in, along with Matt and Marina, on 18 August.

**16-25 August**

**Hampshire Open Studio 2025**

**An exhibition by Jill Brennan,**

**Abbey Hall, Romsey SO51 8EL**



**100 Artseen**

Painting, textiles, mixed media

Paintings, textile art, unframed original work, prints and cards by 8 Artseen members: Jill Rose Brennan, Lucy Bush, Janet Ferguson, Jeremy Holder, Mike Jolly, Martin Mitchell, Dot Mornington-West, Lynn Reevass and glass jewellery and pottery by Guest Makers.

Abbey Hall, United Reformed Church, Romsey, SO51 8EL

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Facebook @ArtSeenArtGroup

Go through the arch just to the left of the TSB Bank on Romsey Market Place. The Abbey United Reformed Church Hall can be found immediately on the left.



S S M T W T F S S M 10am-5pm  
16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25

Wheelchair accessible Nearby car parks



Textile artist Jill Brennan (wife of Ted) will be exhibiting her work at Abbey Hall in Romsey as part of Hampshire Open Studio week. Jill mainly works with fabrics, designing and making wall hangings, pictures and quilts. Her inspiration comes from small, everyday things and her love of Italy. Her 'Mayo Moon' is featured above right. Jill's work will remain in Abbey Hall all week and Jill herself will be there from 10.00 am to 1.00 pm on 20th, 22nd and 24th August.



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**JOINT CIRCLE MEETING WITH ISLE OF WIGHT CIRCLE**

**12.00 noon: Circle Meeting  
1.00: Lunch**

**Wednesday 17 September**

**Royal Solent Yacht Club, Yarmouth**

**~ Open to all Circles -  
Contact: Harry Harrison**



Our joint meeting with Isle of Wight last year was such a success that we have decided to repeat it. Following a quick jaunt across the Solent, it will be a very short walk to the Royal Yacht Club for a 12.00 noon meeting and then a lunch with a view. Please see the recently issued flyer which was sent around Province. Places are limited so please book with Harry Harrison, as soon as possible.

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**PRESIDENT'S SUNDAY**

**11.00 am: Mass**

**St. Edward's Church, Chandlers Ford  
Sunday 28 September**

**12.30 pm: Ampfield Golf Club, Ampfield  
Contact: Graham Palethorpe**

A return to Ampfield Golf Club who provided us with such an excellent venue and superb food last year. Please join President Daverio and Helen for their special day. For once, they will not be doing the cooking and clearing up! Look out for Graham's email invitation.

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**PROVINCIAL WEEKEND 2026**

**Friday 20 - Monday 23 March 2026**

**Warners Hotel**

**Cricket St. Thomas, Near Chard, Somerset**



The venue for the 2025 Provincial Weekend is a 239-bedroomed Regency mansion, framed by 160 acres of lush gardens, set among walled gardens that overlook the River Axe.

This Warner hotel offers spa and wellness, leisure facilities such as a heated swimming pool, a cinema and a games room, and sporting facilities and activities such as archery, bike rides and walking. There is nightly entertainment. Accommodation is en-suite single or double rooms at approximately £240 pp (single supplement will apply) including B&B and evening meal.

The surrounding areas offer places of interest for group or individual visits. The weekend provides an ideal opportunity to mix leisure with socialising and making new Catenian friendships. And if you have aspirations of social climbing, this historic mansion will be very much to your liking as it featured in the TV series 'To The Manor Born'.



Patrick Dobell joined Southampton Circle aged 36 years in 1990. A former pupil of Malcolm's, he was at school with several of our members. Both in busy jobs and raising their young son, Patrick and Alison nevertheless made an effort to join us whenever possible. Patrick also supported the Circle as Treasurer twice, Charity Officer and Accounts Auditor.

The family loved holidaying in the Lake District and when the position became available of Priest-in-Charge at St James and St Nicholas churches in Whitehaven, four miles outside the Lake District National Park, Rev. Alison applied and was accepted. St. James is well known for its architecture which is an interest of Patrick's. Now settled in Whitehaven, Patrick has recently joined Cumberland West Circle.

We wish the Dobells every happiness in their new life. We hope that opportunities will arise when we see them again, in Southampton or in the Lake District.



**IN MEMORIAM**



- John Bannon
- Douglas Newton
- Martin McGarry
- William McCabe
- Bert Woodling
- Pat Dunworth
- David Reese
- Anthony Whelan
- Rita Forster

**CIRCLE WELFARE**

- John Berridge
- Maureen Bannon
- Anne Brady
- Pat Crook
- Christine Grummitt
- Simon Grummitt
- Dawn Harrison
- Claire Lund Yates
- Donald Kumarajeewa
- Douglas Manning
- Jim Moriarty
- Siobhan Shine
- Tony Wilson
- George Wysocki

Please also pray for:

- Luke Andrews, Paul's nephew
- Leo Brennan, Ted's son
- Henrietta Brennan, Ted's granddaughter
- Harry Harrison, Harry's father
- Paul Hulbert, Steven's brother
- Jeannie Daley, Steven's mother-in-law
- Mark Ingram, Mark's son
- Fiona Matteucci, Daverio's daughter-in-law
- Marie Sawyer, John Singleton's sister
- Alison Wilson, Tony's daughter-in-law

**CIRCLE PRESIDENT'S VISITS AROUND PROVINCE 11**

17 September	Isle of Wight (Joint meeting)	12.00 noon: Royal Solent Yacht Club, Yarmouth, PO41 0NS.
2 October	Weymouth	To be advised

*Please let Graham Palethorpe know if you wish to visit.*

**August Birthdays**

- John Thompson (1)
- Mike Lund Yates (8)
- Jenny Thompson (12)
- Mark Pedley (12)
- Elizabeth Counihan (14)
- Sally Murray (15)
- Joe Bright (16)

- Meg Clapham (20)
- Caroline Bubien (22)
- Pat Crook (29)
- Simon Grummitt (29)

**September Birthdays**

- Peter Summerton (3)
- Sarah Gordon (7)

**July Lotto Winners:** 1st: Mike Lund Yates. 2nd: Christine Grummitt



Tuesday 19 August	LUNCH CLUB	12.00 noon: Old Forge, Main Road, Otterbourne SO21 2EE. <i>Contact: Malcolm Forster</i>
Tuesday 2 September	COUNCIL MEETING	7.30 pm: Doubletree Hotel SO16 3RB. <i>Contact: Folkert van Galen</i>
Wednesday 10 September	LUNCH CLUB	12.00 noon: Venue to be advised. <i>Contact: Malcolm Forster</i>
Wednesday 17 September	JOINT CIRCLE MEETING/LUNCH WITH ISLE OF WIGHT	12.00 pm: Royal Solent Yacht Club, The Square, Yarmouth PO41 0NS. <i>Contact: Harry Harrison</i>
Sunday 28 September	PRESIDENT'S SUNDAY	11.00 am: Mass, St. Edward's Church, Chandlers Ford / 12.00 noon: Ampfield Golf Club, Ampfield, SO51 9BQ. <i>Contact: Graham Palethorpe</i>
Friday 3 - Monday 6 October	JERSEY WEEKEND	<i>Contact: Ron Satchell, Jersey Circle</i>
<b>Monday 13 October</b>	CIRCLE MEETING & LUNCH (Ladies Night)	7.00 pm: Doubletree Hotel SO16 3RB. <i>Contact: Folkert van Galen (mtg)/Harry Harrison (dining)</i>
Friday 20 - Monday 23 March	PROVINCIAL WEEKEND 2026	Warners Hotel, Cricket St. Thomas, Somerset. <i>Contact: Roger Lillie</i>

*Many thanks to Wilma Bodekke, Jill Brennan, Harry Harrison, Roger Lillie, Margaret Lillie and Graham Palethorpe for the newsletter photos without which this issue would have been far less interesting!*



There is no afternoon tea in August. The next tea will be on Thursday 18 September. Please await Margaret's announcement on the WhatsApp group before booking your place.

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