



SOUTHAMPTON CIRCLE NEWS

Circle President: Daverio Matteucci



**WELCOME
MATT
JOYCE!**



The July Circle meeting and dinner was the first Brothers Night since March but the absence of the ladies was compensated by the transfer of Brother Matt Joyce to Southampton Circle. Matt and Marina have previously attended our fundraiser garden party and they already know quite a few of us but this was the first opportunity to officially welcome Matt to the Circle.

We always enjoy visits from our good friends from Basingstoke Circle. It was great to see Tony Dowd and Keith Reynolds once again. If you enjoy an evening of theatre, look out for Keith appearing as Captain Mainwaring in a production of 'Dad's Army' next year.



AUGUST MEETING

Monday 4 August
7.00 pm
Doubletree Hotel
SO16 3RB
~ Brothers Night ~

COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday 22 July
7.30 pm
Doubletree Hotel
SO16 3RB

LUNCH CLUB

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

LADIES AFTERNOON TEA

Friday 25 July
2.00 pm
White Horse Hotel
Romsey SO51 8ZJ

JULY STATISTICS

Circle Strength	40
Present	19
Apologies	21
Visitors	2
Visiting Gentlemen	0

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

**Jane
Scarth
House**

**Poitiers
Care**



Joint Mass for Vocations with City of Winchester



Once again, Southampton and the City of Winchester Circles came together to celebrate the annual Mass for Vocations at St. Edward Church in Chandlers Ford. This year, our joint events with the City of Winchester will have an unusual aspect to them in that our Past Circle President, Malcolm, is now their Circle President. We very much enjoyed socialising with our Winchester members and wives at the buffet afterwards.



This was the first time that our new transferee, Mark Pedley, (above left) has attended our Mass for Vocations. We very much appreciated the effort of those Brothers and wives like Mark who belong to other Parishes but came to St. Edwards's for the Saturday evening Mass. We were also pleased to see those who have not been able to join us for a while.



Fr. Matteo (above left) celebrated our Mass for Vocations last year. It was a momentous occasion for him as it was his first Mass in English as a newly ordained Priest. Our Mass this year marked the first anniversary of his ordination and he reminded us of this in his very eloquent and moving sermon, yet again making our joint Mass for Vocations a particularly special occasion.



Congratulations Mark and Dee!

20 of us travelled from the Southampton area to Bournemouth to celebrate Mark Owen's 25 years as a Catenian. The 25 year scroll celebration was shared with Bournemouth David Bate who jokingly remarked that he hadn't realised how popular he was with Southampton members! The scroll duties were also shared: Peter Daniels, Director, Province 11 (right) made the presentation to David, and Roger Lillie, in the office of Provincial President, gave Mark his scroll. Mark and Dee were such popular



members of our Circle before they moved to Bournemouth upon retirement and our loss has certainly been Bournemouth's gain. We were so pleased to have this opportunity to share their special day. Thanks go to our hosts, Bournemouth President Ron Millington and Jennifer (below middle), Dining Officer Neil Dawson and the Bournemouth members and wives for such a lovely event.





CathSoc Leavers Farewell



A rainy day couldn't stop Daverio and his barbecue crew from giving Southampton CathSoc students a good send off. The gathering was moved to the Faith & Reflection Centre where barbecues were swapped for ovens and picnic blankets for tables and chairs.



The students were treated to the usual fare of sausages, burgers and vegetarian followed by homemade Catenian desserts and cakes. The 'kitchen crew' discovered an unlooked for benefit of the indoors catering over the outdoors - a dishwasher. The students gave thanks with an impromptu singsong accompanied by guitars. On someone's phone, there is a video of Folkert waving his camera torch in sync as if at a concert. If only we could include that here!!!!



Daverio and his barbecue crew were once again on duty on the first Sunday of the month when they cooked burgers and sausages for over 250 parishioners of St. Swithun Wells Parish. As last year, the heavens descended upon St. Edwards Church in Chandlers Ford but our barbecue heroes remained undaunted despite the inclement weather. Daverio, Harry and Paul were joined by City of Winchester's Bas Bush. The pragmatic Helen opted for kitchen duties where the only danger of getting wet was from the sink and the dishwasher!





Happy Birthdays!

Within the past week our three nonagenarians celebrated birthdays. Is being born the middle of July the key to a long and active life, we may ask?

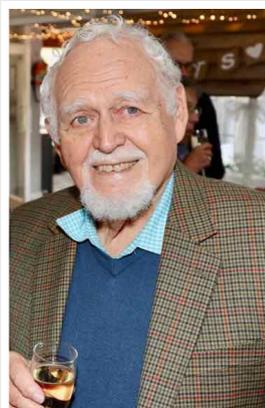


Tony celebrated 93 years last Tuesday. and the family saved the big celebrations for the weekend which included a unique birthday cake made by his daughter, Clare. Tony is looking forward to attending the next lunch club and the August afternoon tea.

Douglas Manning celebrated 98 years last Saturday with family at his care home. The photo right is of his last outing to Andover, the Circle he co-founded.



It has been a while since Bill has been able to join for evening gatherings but it has been great to see him and Helen at some of the lunches.



Bill celebrated his 92nd birthday on Monday with family. We hope to see him again soon.

Malcolm reaches 50...

... that's lunch club venues, not birthdays in case you were wondering! But the lunch club itself is probably over 50 years old. It was started by Philip Crook and Joe Gobbi who ran it for many decades until Philip passed on the reins to David Palmer by which time it had become, and remains, an important monthly gathering for those members who cannot attend evening meetings and functions.



Peter Clapham and Tony Wilson continued the monthly tradition up until the lockdowns. It was resumed by Malcolm in May 2021 at the Compass Inn, Copythorne, attended by 32 people. It was quite an undertaking as, in those post-Covid days, there was no more than four people to each table placed well apart. Since then, there has been 49 lunch club outings, each one at a different establishment. Malcolm celebrated his 50th venue at Ye Olde George Inn in East Meon. It was a double celebration as it was Claire Lund Yates's birthday that day.



August will see a welcome return to the popular Old Forge in Otterbourne. For further details, see the front and back page of this issue.



Gilbert White's House & Gardens - and Duffy came too!

Stephen and Camille are volunteers at Gilbert White's House & Garden and they have kindly set a day aside for the past two years to show Circle members around. The weather was much better this year than it was last year and the beautiful gardens that Stephen tends were just as lovely, despite the dry, hot



spell. The fascinating house tour was not on the cards for dogs however but the Palethorpe's granddog, Duffy, preferred to bask in the sunshine in the gardens in any case.



Congratulations to Ted & Jill on the birth of their granddaughter Henrietta Niamh. Henrietta did not have the best of beginnings and was admitted to hospital at two

weeks old with viral meningitis. She is thankfully now home but needs prayers for her continued recovery.



Congratulations also go to Paul & Jackie on the recent arrival of their second grandchild, Lyra Alice, who is little

sister to big brother, Edward.

The scone dilemma - cream or jam first?

Our Cornish girl, Felicity, says that she prefers the Devon way of cream first. But our ex-Cornish resident, Camille, advocates jam first. Whichever, there is no doubt that the White Horse serves a delicious spread. But if scones are not some of our ladies' 'cup of tea', then they can always opt for the beverage only option. The July afternoon tea will be on Friday 25th. Regardless of cream, jam or beverage preference, all Southampton ladies are welcome.



Prayers are not usually asked for good weather but you might bear a thought in that direction for Folkert and Wilma who are walking the St. James Way this week. This walk is from Reading to Southampton and is the English part of the route to the Santiago de Compostela. Best wishes to them on their endeavour... and good luck with the weather!



!! STOP PRESS !! Don't forget that the August meeting & dinner is a Brother's Night.. !! STOP PRESS !!

Dates for the diary

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AFTERNOON TEA A CASA DA MATTEUCCI

2.30 pm am on Saturday 9 August

Daverio and Helen invite us to their home for a quintessential English garden afternoon tea - with an Italian twist no doubt. Tea and cakes will be served free of charge. There will be a bucket for donations towards Jane Scarth House and a representative from the charity may attend the tea. Look out for Graham's email invitation.



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**MASS AT PIRBRIGHT RAF MEMORIAL
(WITH SUNDAY LUNCH - OPTIONAL)**

Sunday 3 August

Open to all Circles

An optional start to the day is lunch at a recommended pub restaurant in Pirbright, Surrey. The visit to the memorial will include a short mass at 3 pm. Afterwards, there will be tea at a nearby establishment recommended by Joe Bright (also optional). Please see Graham's comprehensive email of 15 July for full details. Deadline for pub bookings is 17 July as the establishment is very popular.

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

Wednesday 17 September

Royal Solent Yacht Club, Yarmouth

~ Open to all Circles -



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.

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PRESIDENT'S SUNDAY

Sunday 28 September

Ampfield Golf Club, Ampfield, SO51 9BQ

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.



Well done, Christopher!

The young man in this photo is Christopher Lillie, Roger & Margaret's grandson. Christopher is now an altar server at Portsmouth Cathedral. He is pictured with dad Stuart. The family are very proud of Christopher who is very dedicated to his new responsibilities, and of Stuart who has been a great support to his son.



Prayers needed

Prayers are particularly needed at this time for Simon Grummitt who is in recovery after surgery, for Fiona Matteucci who is recovering from treatment, for Alison Wilson who has suffered a stroke and for baby Henrietta Brennan who is recovering from a setback.

We also keep in our thoughts and prayers at this time Stephen and Amanda and the Hulbert family who are facing difficult times.

IN MEMORIAM

- Tom Fraser
- William Russell
- William Brown
- Danny McNamara
- Tony Porter
- Helen Morris



CIRCLE WELFARE

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

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

Monday 21 July	Basingstoke	7.30 pm: The Wheatsheaf, North Waltham RG25 2BB
Monday 28 July	New Forest	11.45 am: South Lawn Hotel, Lymington Road SO41 0RF
17 September	Isle of Wight (Joint meeting)	12.00 noon: Royal Solent Yacht Club, Yarmouth, PO41 0NS.

Please let Graham Palethorpe know if you wish to visit.

July Birthdays

- Roger Lille (4)
- Camille Driver (5)
- Claire Lund Yates (7)
- Tony Wilson (9)
- Graham Palethorpe (10)
- Bill Eales (15)
- Margaret Wysocki (16)
- George Wysocki (16)
- Folkert van Galen (17)
- Moira Moriarty (30)

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)

July Lotto Winners

- 1st:
Jenny Thompson
- 2nd:
Tony Wilson



Wednesday 16 July	VISIT TO GILBERT WHITE'S HOUSE & GARDENS	11.00: Cafe, Gilbert White House, Selborne, GU34 3JH. £19.50 pp. <i>Contact: Graham Palethorpe</i>
Saturday 19 July	ORDINATION OF REV. DEACON RYAN BROWNE	11.00: St John's Cathedral, Bishop Crispian Way Portsmouth PO1 3HG. <i>Contact: Roger Lillie</i>
Tuesday 22 July	COUNCIL MEETING	7.30 pm: Doubletree Hotel SO16 3RB. <i>Contact: Folkert van Galen</i>
Friday 25 July	LADIES AFTERNOON TEA	2.00 pm: The White Horse Hotel, Romsey SO51 8ZJ. <i>Contact: Dawn Harrison</i>
Sunday 3 August	VISIT TO PIRBRIGHT RAF MEMORIAL MASS & LUNCH	See Graham's email of 15 July for full details. Deadline for lunch attendance is 17 July.
Monday 4 August	CIRCLE MEETING & DINNER ~ BROTHERS NIGHT ~	7.00 pm: Doubletree Hotel SO16 3RB. <i>Contact: Folkert van Galen (meeting) / Harry Harrison (dining)</i>
Saturday 9 August	AFTERNOON TEA A CASA DA MATTEUCCI	2.30 pm: You know where to go! <i>Contact: Graham Palethorpe</i>
Tuesday 19 August	LUNCH CLUB	12.00 noon: Old Forge, Main Road, Otterbourne SO21 2EE. <i>Contact: Malcolm Forster</i>
Tuesday 26 August	COUNCIL MEETING	7.30 pm: Doubletree Hotel SO16 3RB. <i>Contact: Folkert van Galen</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	12.00 noon: Ampfield Golf Club, Winchester Road, Ampfield, SO51 9BQ. <i>Contact: Graham Palethorpe</i>
Friday 3 - Monday 6 October	JERSEY WEEKEND	<i>Contact: Ron Satchell, Jersey Circle</i>

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