



SOUTHAMPTON CIRCLE NEWS

Circle President: Daverio Matteucci

LADIES & CLERGY NIGHT AND GB NATIONAL PRESIDENT & ANNA CAME TOO!



Our guest list was a long one for the June gathering. Guests of honour were GB National President Gerry McCormack and Anna and joining them were our friends from Andover, Nigel & Sue Bradley, and first-timer David Hudson from Adur Valley, Province 18. Six Parishes were represented by our Clergy and the universities by the Verbum Dei Sisters.

We enjoyed Gerry and Anna's company and we look forward to seeing them again next year in March. It is always great to have a visitor from out of Province: David Hudson (1st left above) is very keen to visit other Circles in Province 11 so we are sure to come across him again.

BROTHERS NIGHT
Monday 14 July
 7.00 pm
 Doubletree Hotel
 SO16 3RB

COUNCIL MEETING
 Tuesday 24 June
 7.30 pm
 Doubletree Hotel
 SO16 3RB

LUNCH CLUB
 Friday 20 June
 12.00 noon
 The Parish Lantern
 Whiteparish SP5 2SA

**LADIES
AFTERNOON TEA**
 Monday 16 June
 2.00 pm
 White Horse Hotel
 Romsey SO51 8ZJ

JUNE STATISTICS

Circle Strength	39
Present	18
Apologies	21
Visitors	4
Visiting Gentlemen	0
Clergy	3

Our President's Charities 2025/26

- Jane Scarth House Romsey
- Poitiers Care Southampton





We welcomed to our Clergy Night: Mgr. Canon Vincent Harvey (retired), Rev. Deacon Ryan Browne, (St. John's Cathedral, Portsmouth), Sr. Yadira Calderon (Verbum Dei), Fr. Raffaele Cossa (St Swithun's Wells Parish), Fr. Elijah Fru Nde (Christ the King & St. Colman Parish), Sr. Emiliana Silva (Verbum Dei), all of whom have previously visited our Circle. Canon Michael Dennehy and Fr. Ryan Hawkes (St. Joseph & St. Edmund Parish), Sr. Devy Pranadjaja (Verbum Dei), and Fr. Mario Toma (St. Swithun's Wells Parish) joined us for the first time and, hopefully, not the last.



Mgr. Canon Vincent Harvey can always be counted upon to provide a Grace that combines solemnity with humour, most notably praying for the speeches to be short and the patience of the audience to be long! His prayers were answered at our June meeting with brief but entertaining speeches from Daverio and Gerry that kept even Kenzie, the Circle's honorary member, engaged (above left).



REGGIO CALABRIA BARBECUE
Raising funds for CathSoc
Portsmouth Voluntary Project



On a glorious Saturday afternoon, the Matteuccis opened their garden for a barbecue to raise funds for CathSoc Portsmouth's Pilgrimage to Italy. Roger barbecued, Daverio cooked, the students served and Helen took charge. We raised in the region of £600. Thanks to them and thanks to everyone for their support.





Nice to see you...



We had a special guest at the Reggio Calabria barbecue - longtime member, Tony Wilson, who has been unable to join us recently at the Circle meetings/dinners and the lunch club. Tony was accompanied by his daughters, Louise and Claire. He said he had been looking forward to the afternoon as he had missed the Circle events. And we have missed you too, Tony!

Nice to meet you...



It was great to meet Matt & Marina Joyce at the barbecue, attending an event for the first

time since Matt's transfer from City of Winchester Circle. Matt will be enrolled into the Circle in August and we hope to see the couple at more events in the future.



Former Australian National President, Ralph Fitzpatrick and Liana had a quick overnight stop chez the Lillies before taking a British Isles cruise from Southampton, ending a busy couple of weeks in the UK. Their last evening was spent dining with the Lillies, Harrisons and Matteuccis (and Malcolm popped in for a quick drink). Liana bought along her new friend, Harry the Haddock, a gift from Grimsby Circle, to meet up with the Southampton Harry!



The afternoon tea club goes from strength to strength. The May gathering were pleased to welcome Margaret Wysocki who, with George, has not been able to attend our evening events. It was lovely to see her. The next gathering is on Monday 16 June.



60 years of the Isle of Wight Circle

Twelve couples boarded the Saturday morning ferry from Lymington to Yarmouth to attend the Isle of Wight Circle's 60th anniversary at the Royal Solent Yacht Club. The crossing was quite the Catenian reunion as we met up with members from Andover, Bournemouth, Poole and Salisbury.



At the Yacht Club, we were greeted with the excellent hospitality that we have come to expect from the IOW Circle at their joint Circle gatherings. Our thanks go to David and Helen Shields who were responsible for much of the organisation but were unable to attend, to Richard and Goia Giddens who did a great job of hosting, and to all the IOW members who looked after us at the dining tables. Congratulations Isle of Wight!



Thanks also goes to our hardy members who once again risked their girth to provide more photos of our dining experiences. Truly, a person might think that eating is all we Catenians do when we get together... and that person might be right!



Some of us stayed to watch the Yarmouth Sea Songs Festival in which some of the Isle of Wight members were also performing and which finished off a most enjoyable day.





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July Brothers Night has been moved to Monday 14 July.

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CATHSOC STUDENTS LEAVERS BBQ
11.00 am on Saturday 7 June
Faith & Reflection Centre, Highfield Campus
Southampton SO17 1TR

It is a tradition to say goodbye to CathSoc students that we have come to know during their time at Southampton Uni with a barbecue. Circle members are encouraged to join Harry, Daverio and Graham this coming Saturday to say our farewells. Any help in the preparation would be much appreciated which starts about 11 am. The students usually arrive about 12 noon. If you are able to help or wanting to attend, or directions to the Faith & Reflection Centre, please contact Harry.

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MASS FOR VOCATIONS
6.30 pm on Saturday 5 July
St. Edward's Church, Chandlers Ford SO53 2DU
Contact: Graham Palethorpe



Circle members are very much encouraged to attend the Mass for Vocations, to pray together for the Clergy at the Circle President's parish church. The Mass is followed by a buffet in the church hall to which we invite the Priest and congregation. It is a very important event in our Circle calendar. This year, it will be a joint Mass with City of Winchester Circle, many of whom also attend St. Edward's Church. There is plenty of parking at the front and back of the church.

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GILBERT WHITE HOUSE & GARDEN
11.00 am on Wednesday 16 July
Cafe, Gilbert White House, Selborne GU34 3JH
Contact: Graham Palethorpe

We had a fascinating visit at Gilbert White House & Gardens a couple of years ago but there was so much to see that it has appeared again in our events diary. Thoroughly recommended! We are lucky to have Stephen Driver, who works in the gardens, to be on hand and to give us a personal tour of the gardens. Please see Graham's very comprehensive email of 3 June with full details.

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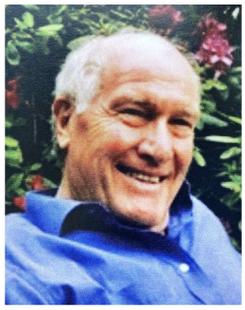
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JERSEY WEEKEND
Friday 3 - Monday 6 October
The Pomme D'Or Hotel, Liberation Sq., JE1 3UF
Contact: Ron Satchell, Jersey Circle



October may seem a long way from now, but it is the time to book your place on the fabulous Jersey weekend. Our island circles greatly appreciate our support and, in turn, the hospitality is always abundant. The Jersey Circle hosts three wonderful days of events including fascinating tours and sumptuous dining experiences at the Pomme D'Or. Don't miss out!



HENRI KEMHADJIAN RIP

Henri and Margaret Kemhadjian lived in Hiltingbury until they both suffered ill health and moved away to be near their daughter. They was greatly missed but Henri did remain a member.

Academically bright, Henri arrived on a scholarship to Southampton University from Egypt to study electrical engineering and eventually became involved in ground breaking research, his work attracting the attention of the press and even the Prime Minister of the day. Henri was was a great mentor to students as professor and department head. He was also practical, restoring a mobile home for holidays in France and then helped to improve the French campsite. The family home was a testimony to his carpentry skills. He and his neighbours once built a boat. Henri loved sports and, at Uni, he got a small basketball team together and took it on tour. In later years, he enjoyed football, music and good wine and, when Margaret became ill, he took up cookery. He was a fabulous grandfather to his three grandchildren. The strength of Henri's faith was unwavering throughout his life. Paralysed after so long caring for Margaret, he considered it his job to rehabilitate himself as far as possible. Time and again he was so ill and yet returned to his family. "God must really want me here" he would say until eventually the time came when God wanted him home.

Margaret is remembered in our In Memoriam prayers this month.

IN MEMORIAM

- William Tickle
- Charles Marston
- Harry Parker
- ✠ Joe Gleeson
- Jim Shine
- Peter O'Connor
- Margaret Kemhadjian
- Sheila Barber
- Myra Andrade

Please remember in your prayers Brothers Tony Tunstall and David Welsh (West Surrey Circle), who recently passed away, and their families.

CIRCLE WELFARE

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

Please also pray for:

- Luke Andrews, Paul's nephew
- Leo Brennan, Ted's son
- Harry Harrison, Harry's father
- Paul Hulbert, Steven's brother
- Mark Ingram, Mark's son
- Fiona Matteucci, Daverio's daughter-in-law
- Marie Sawyer, John Singleton's sister

CIRCLE PRESIDENT'S VISITS AROUND PROVINCE 11

Thursday 12 June	Bournemouth Circle	Lunchtime: Marsham Court Hotel.
Monday 21 July	Basingstoke Circle	7.30 pm: The Wheatsheaf, North Waltham RG25 2BB
Wednesday 23 July	New Forest Circle	11.45 am: South Lawn Hotel, Lymington Hotel SO41 0RF

Please let Graham Palethorpe know if you wish to visit.

June Birthdays

- Margaret Lillie (1)
- Bob Millar (6)
- Felicity Singleton (11)
- Richard Bubien (21)
- Helen Matteucci (21)
- Chris Palethorpe (23)
- Wilma Bodekke (25)

July Birthdays

- Roger Lille (4)
- Camille Driver (5)
- Claire Lund Yates (7)
- Tony Wilson (9)
- G. Palethorpe (10)
- Bill Eales (15)
- Margaret Wysocki (16)

- George Wysocki (16)
- Folkert van Galen (17)
- Moira Moriarty (30)

June Lotto Winners

- 1st: Chris Barber
- 2nd: Harry Harrison



Saturday 7 June	CATHSOC LEAVERS BBQ	11.00: Faith & Reflection Centre, Highfield Campus SO17 1TR. <i>Contact: Harry Harrison</i>
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Monday 7 July	CATENIANS LUNCH CLUB	12.00 noon: The Railway Inn, Station Hill, Curdridge SO30 2FN. <i>Contact: Malcolm Forster</i>
<u>Monday 14 July</u>	CIRCLE MEETING & DINNER ~ BROTHERS NIGHT ~	7.00 pm: Doubletree Hotel SO16 3RB. <i>Contact: Folkert van Galen (meeting) / Harry Harrison (dining)</i>
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
Tuesday 22 July	LADIES AFTERNOON TEA	2.00 pm: The White Horse Hotel, Romsey SO51 8ZJ. <i>Contact: Margaret Lillie</i>
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>
Friday 3 - Monday 6 October	JERSEY WEEKEND	<i>Contact: Ron Satchell, Jersey Circle</i>

With thanks to the following for the photos: Dawn Harrison, Harry Harrison, Marina Joyce, Margaret Lillie, Erica Kenhadjian, Graham Palethorpe and Folkert van Galen. Copies available on request.

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