



SOUTHAMPTON CIRCLE NEWS

Circle President: Daverio Matteucci

WELCOME LALIN KUMARAJEEWA!



Lalin Kumarajeera, with his wife, Ishary has supported his parents, Donald and Triesa, to many of our Circle events over the years. The Circle was delighted that he decided to become a member at the October meeting. Donald is at their home in Sri Lanka and so he was not able to witness Lalin joining Paul and Chris Barber as Brothers who have followed in their Dad's Southamptons Catenian footsteps. The Matteuccis are close friends of the senior Kumarajeewas and it was fitting that Daverio was the one to enrol Lalin (pictured above with Chamberlain Richard Bubien and visitors David Hudson (Adur Valley) and Paul Smyth (Andover President) looking on.



NOVEMBER CIRCLE MEETING

Brothers Night

Monday 2 November

7.00 pm

Doubletree Hotel

Southampton

SO16 3RB

COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday 28 October

7.30 pm

Doubletree Hotel

SO16 3RB

LUNCH CLUB

Thursday 23 October

12.00 noon

The Bugle Inn

Twyford SO21 1QT

AFTERNOON TEA

Tuesday 21 October

2.00 pm

The White Horse Hotel

Romsey

SO51 8ZJ

OCTOBER STATISTICS

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

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

**Jane
Scarth
House**

**Poitiers
Care**



DAVERIO & HELEN'S PRESIDENT SUNDAY

It was a popular return to Ampfield Golf Club for our most important Circle Sunday of the year. The day began with Mass at St. Edward's, Chandlers Ford, celebrated by Fr. Kevin Bidgood. Daverio and Helen greeted us with a glass of something bubbly or something still upon our arrival at the golf club. This was followed by a most enjoyable meal and conversation was so animated on all of the tables that even the golfers were not distracted by the picture views of the golf course all around us! Many thanks to Joe and Folkert for these wonderful memories of the day.





A TALE OF TWO ICONS

Pilgrim of Hope



In 2025, CAFOD commissioned an icon to celebrate and commemorate the 'Pilgrim of Hope' Jubilee Year. It was blessed by Cardinal Vincent Nichols at St. Mary's College, Oscott where St. John Henry Newman gave the famous 'Second Spring' sermon. CAFOD representative Marina Joyce arranged for the CAFOD icon to be displayed in St. Edmund's Church this past week. The icon is influenced by Ethiopian iconography, which is the nationality of the artist whose studies were supported by CAFOD. It represents the themes of poverty, captivity and depression, depicting



Jesus reading the Gospel of Luke 4: 16-21 from the scroll of Isaiah. The icon was placed in St. Edmund's on Saturday 11 October, on the feast day of St. Luke.

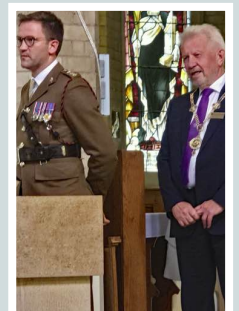
Marina and the CAFOD team are to be thanked for their efforts in bringing this to pass. Marina would also like to pass on her thanks to Circle members and their wives, as well as the parishioners, who supported the volunteers during the seven days.

Our Lady of Victories



The Ukrainian Icon of Our Lady of Victories was 18 months in the making. It was written in Lviv, in a studio that continues centuries-old tradition of Ukraine iconographers. Its journey from conception to blessing was paved with the difficulties and sadness connected with war. The Icon was commissioned by the UK Catholic Military Association with support of Aid to the Church in Need (UK) and additional funding from the Catenian Association. The person in the Ukraine with responsibility for logistics was hospitalised and narrowly missed being killed by a falling bomb. The shipment itself was beset by bombardments and security scares. But it finally reached the UK where it received the blessing of the Rt Rev Kenneth Nowakowski OBE

of the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy and Bishop Paul Mason, Catholic Bishop of the Forces at St. Michael's Cathedral, Aldershot, representing the icon's Latin Catholic devotion, the coming together of Eastern and Western Church traditions. The blessing was attended by National President Gerry McCormack, Roger Lillie who liaised with the ministry regarding the Catenian Association's involvement, as well as members and wives of whom several were from our own Circle.





A Day at Chelsea Pensioners Hospital



We are very fortunate to have among our members Joe Bright MBE who is able to organise such interesting outings through his connections with the military. This month, Joe invited six of our Circle to join him at Chelsea Pensioners Hospital which included a moving church service. Our VP Graham Palethorpe declared it a visit well worth making. Joe can be seen in the photo on the left, 2nd from left, top row.



!! STOP PRESS !! Don't forget January and February are both BROTHERS NIGHTS.. !! STOP PRESS !!

Dates for the diary

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MASSES FOR DECEASED BROTHERS

~ Provincial Mass ~

12.00 noon on Sunday 2 November
Portsmouth Cathedral
(Lunch to be advised)

~ Circle Mass~

6.00 pm on Tuesday 11 November
St. Edward's, Chandlers Ford



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AFTERNOON TEA FUNDRAISER in aid of the President's Charity Poitiers Care

2.00 pm on Saturday 22 November
St. Edward's, Chandlers Ford

Poitiers Care is a local charity, run by a Catholic order, who distribute food parcels to around 20-30 families a week in the Southampton area. The afternoon tea is free but it is hoped that donations will be made towards the charity as in the summer afternoon tea for Jane Scarth House.

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**BROTHERS NIGHT**

7.30 pm
Monday 3 November 2025

Doubletree Hotel
Bracken Place
Southampton SO16 3RB

Menu choices to
Harry Harrison at
d.harrison9.dh@gmail.com
by Sunday 26 October

£27.00 pp
Please note:
No refunds for cancellations

Dress: Smart casual

MENU CHOICES

M1
Chicken & Mushroom Pie
with vegetables and mashed potatoes

M2
Vegetarian Cottage Pie
with vegetables (V)

D1
Warm apple crumble & custard
D2
Fresh fruit salad and cream (GF/V)

D3
Vanilla ice cream (GF/V)
D4
Cheese & biscuits (GF option)
at a £5 supplement

Southampton CathSoc students thank the Circle for the freshers indoor barbecue at the Faith and Reflection Centre on Saturday 4 October. Around 40 students attended the barbecue and happily stayed on afterwards to chat with those members present. Our own thanks goes to Daverio for providing and cooking most of the food, to Helen, Folkert and Paul for serving it up and to Harry for organising the event with the students. Supporting Catholic students in this way helps us maintain our relationship with them. They in turn support us, for example helping to serve up the CAFOD soup at St. Edmund's Church.



The White Horse Hotel provides an elegant venue for the ladies afternoon tea. October will mark the 4th anniversary. Congratulations to Margaret on its continued success.



It was great to see David Hudson (Adur Valley) and Paul and Pamela Smyth (Andover) at our October gathering.



On their Italian holiday last month, Daverio and Helen visited with the CathSoc students and Sr. Yadira at the Verbum Dei



House in Reggio Calabria, to see first hand the work that the students are doing with migrant children. They were invited to meet the missionaries and learn more about their work with the children. It was a very special and moving experience that gave the Matteuccis the opportunity to see in person the work for which donations were made at the barbeque fundraiser in their garden last June.

CIRCLE PRESIDENT'S VISITS AROUND PROVINCE 11

Wednesday 22 October	Andover Circle (<i>Brothers only</i>)	The Lion at Clanville, Andover SP11 9HN
Thursday 6 November	Weymouth Circle (<i>Brothers only</i>)	The Avenue Restaurant, Coastland College Campus Weymouth DT4 7LQ

Please let Graham Palethorpe know if you wish to visit.

NOTE: Portsmouth and Salisbury Circles will meet at 12 noon during the winter months.

October Birthdays

Charles Crampin (3)
Myra Philpott
(4)
Stephen Driver
(14)
Maureen Bannon
(31)

November Birthdays

Martin Counihan
(11)
Dawn Harrison (13)
Ted Brennan
(16)
Siobhan Shine
(20)
Robert Gordon (22)

September Lotto

1st:
Tony Wilson
2nd:
Mary Berridge

October Lotto

1st:
Harry Harrison
2nd:
Margaret Lillie

IN MEMORIAM



Edward Wuytack
Edward Callaghan
Dan Bannon
Liam D'Arcy
Joe Gobbi
Lawrence Crawley
Frank McDonald

CIRCLE WELFARE

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

Please also pray for:

Luke Andrews,
Paul's nephew
Leo Brennan,
Ted's son
Harry & Judith Harrison.
Harry's father & sister
Paul Hulbert,
Steven's brother
Jeannie Daley,
Steven's mother-in-law
Mark Ingram,
Mark's son
Fiona Matteucci,
Daverio's
daughter-in-law
Alison Wilson,
Tony's daughter-in-law



Tuesday 21 October	LADIES AFTERNOON TEA	2.00 pm: The White Horse Hotel, Romsey SO51 8ZJ <i>Contact: Margaret Lillie</i>
Thursday 23 October	LUNCH CLUB	12.00 noon: The Bugle Inn, Twyford SO21 1QT. <i>Contact: Malcolm Forster</i>
Saturday 25 October	PROVINCIAL COUNCIL MEETING & LUNCH	10.00 am: Coffee / 10.30 am: Meeting, Contact: Stephen Driver.
Tuesday 28 October	COUNCIL MEETING	7.30 pm: Doubletree Hotel SO16 3RB.
Sunday 2 November	PROVINCIAL MASS FOR DECEASED MEMBERS	12.00 noon: Portsmouth Cathedral. Followed by lunch (details to follow). <i>Contact: Nigel Miller</i>
Monday 3 November	CIRCLE MEETING & DINNER (Brothers Night)	7.00 pm: Doubletree Hotel SO16 3RB. <i>Contact: Folkert van Galen (mtg)/Harry Harrison (dining)</i>
Tuesday 11 November	CIRCLE MASS FOR DECEASED BROTHERS	6.00 pm: St. Edward's Church, Chandlers Ford SO53 2DU. No reception afterwards. <i>Contact: Graham Palethorpe.</i>
Saturday 22 November	AFTERNOON TEA FUNDRAISER FOR POITIERS CARE	2.00 pm: St. Edward's Church, Chandlers Ford SO53 2DU. <i>Contact: Graham Palethorpe.</i>
Monday 1 December	CHRISTMAS PARTY (No meeting)	7.00 pm: Doubletree Hotel SO16 3RB. <i>Contact: Harry Harrison</i>

PLEASE NOTE: BOTH JANUARY AND FEBRUARY 2026 WILL BE BROTHERS NIGHTS.

19 February 2026	WEYMOUTH CIRCLE 60 YR SCROLL (PAUL AUSTIN)	The Avenue Restaurant, Coastland College Campus Weymouth DT4 7LQ
2 March 2026	ROGER LILLIE 40 YR SCROLL	7.00 pm: Doubletree Hotel SO16 3RB. <i>Contact: Folkert van Galen (mtg)/Harry Harrison (dining)</i>

Thank you to Albert Rhodes (Salisbury), Graham, Harry, Margaret, Marina, Joe & Folkert for the photos.

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