



# SOUTHAMPTON CIRCLE NEWS

Circle President: Daverio Matteucci

## JOINT MEETING WITH ISLE OF WIGHT



Last year's joint meeting with the Isle of Wight was so successful that Presidents Daverio Matteucci and David Shields arranged for us to meet up again. It was a popular move as around 40 members and ladies attended from both Circles with 9 members plus ladies from visiting Circles. We are always grateful to the support given Province 11 Circles by our Director, Peter Daniels, and his wife Lonia who travel from Guernsey to be with us. National President Gerry McCormack and Anna clearly couldn't get enough of the Isle of Wight when they attended the 60th celebration in May. They were back again for the joint meeting.

The Royal Yacht Club in Yarmouth is the perfect venue for our joint meeting and lunch. With views across the Solent, it also provides a fascinating glimpse of passing boats. However, David Shields was in full flow during his after-dinner speech when he suddenly realised that nobody was listening but rather that all attention was on the windows. The popular PS Waverley paddle steamer was doing a 'sail past'. What will the Isle of Wight organise for next year, we wonder? A Red Arrows fly past perhaps? Can't wait!



## OCTOBER CIRCLE MEETING

*Ladies welcome*

Monday 13 October  
7.00 pm  
Doubletree Hotel  
Southampton  
SO16 3RB

## COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday 21 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

## SEPTEMBER STATISTICS

Circle Strength	40
Present	10
Apologies	30
Visitors	9
Visiting Gentlemen	0

Our  
President's  
Charities  
2025/26

Jane  
Scarth  
House

Poitiers  
Care



We were very fortunate that Brother Provincial Secretary, Albert Rhodes, availed us once again of his photographic talents to tell the story of a lovely Catenian gathering!



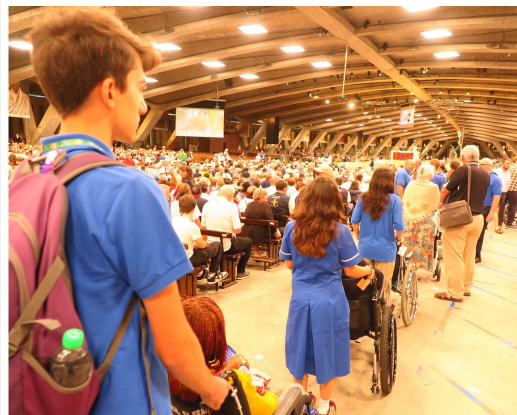


## OUR SECOND PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES by Folkert & Wilma



Since 1901 the Catholic Association (CA) of England and Wales has organised pilgrimages to Lourdes. This 124th pilgrimage was our second. Such a pilgrimage is a massive movement of people, of sick and disabled pilgrims, their helpers and carers and the clergy that wishes to support them. In all, over 300 people took off to Lourdes by aeroplane and on the Jumbulance bus, which drove more dependent-assisted pilgrims there.

We had a very good week. Renewing contacts with people we met last year and meeting new people. Folkert helped out as a 'brancardier', and Wilma was part of the medical team again. As much as possible we took part in the events and programme organised by the pilgrimage. Because it is a big group, we often have our own church services. You can see other people walking in (and often out again) who come on their own and do not really know where to go. This year we were given the honour of leading the candlelight procession in the evening.



This time we got a better idea about the involvement of young people in the pilgrimage. Many come from Catholic schools in the country, and it gives them an opportunity to meet each other, to help out with the assisted Pilgrims, and to come to a place where faith is openly shown. Some of them really need support in paying for the trip. The CA can provide some help with this, but as a charity itself it needs to generate income. Some organise their own fundraising. We wondered if Catenians would consider assisting in the future as well with support for this pilgrimage and especially for young people? Please see the link to the Catholic Association for more information: <https://www.catholicassociation.co.uk/pilgrimage->





Congratulations to Tony and Sally who recently celebrated the marriage of their daughter Georgia to George. Here they are with the beautiful bride and their sons Alex and Joe.



Once again Roger and Harry got out the barbecue tools and Catenian T-shirts for Andover Circle's annual parish barbecue where over 90 burgers and sausages were consumed. Well done chaps!



Congratulations to Jill Brennan on a very successful exhibition in Romsey last month as part of the Hampshire Open Studio week. Members and ladies who visited Abbey Hall were most impressed with her work, most of which are with textiles to create beautiful wall hangings. Jill shared the exhibition with her fellow members of Artseen.

The evening of Monday 18 August was quite an exciting one for Southampton Circle as we tuned in to watch Nathaniel Joyce, son of Matt and Marina, represent Bristol against Cardiff in the first round of University Challenge. We were not biting our nails for long as it quickly became clear that the Bristol team were in winning form.

A total score of 180, a strong performance by a brilliant team as the host described it, has guaranteed them a place in the second round and so we will find ourselves once again sitting in front of the television in great anticipation. Good luck Team Bristol!





## LADIES NIGHT

7.30 pm  
Monday 13 October 2025

Doubletree Hotel  
Bracken Place  
Southampton SO16 3RB

Menu choices to  
Harry Harrison at  
[d.harrison9.dh@gmail.com](mailto:d.harrison9.dh@gmail.com)  
by Tuesday 30 September

£29 pp  
Please note:  
No refunds for cancellations

Dress: Smart casual

## MENU CHOICES

M1  
Chicken with wild mushroom sauce &  
sautéed cabbage,  
served with seasonal vegetables (GF)

M2  
Red pesto roasted vegetable gnocchi (V)

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D1  
Warmed pumpkin & ginger cake, served  
with salted caramel ice cream

D2  
Fresh fruit salad and cream (GF/V)

D3  
Vanilla ice cream (GF/V)

D4  
Cheese and biscuits (GF available)  
at a £5 supplement



Three years on, the ladies afternoon tea goes from strength to strength. After a break in August, everyone was pleased to meet up again at The White Horse in Romsey.

The October gathering will be on Tuesday 21st but please wait for Margaret to make the announcement on the WhatsApp before placing your order!

The Bugle Inn in Twyford (right) is the venue for the forthcoming monthly linch club. Malcolm has booked a table or two for Thursday 23 October.

Look out for an email with further details in the forthcoming weeks.





### AN OPPORTUNITY TO MEET WITH NATIONAL PRESIDENT

Gerry McCormack will be at the Doubletree Hotel in Southampton on the morning of Saturday 25 October where he will be attending the quarterly Provincial Council meeting. All Province 11 members are invited to join Gerry and the Provincial Councillors for coffee at 10.00 am, followed by the meeting at 10.30 am. There will be an informal lunch in the hotel bar afterwards. This provides not only a chance to meet up with Gerry in a more informal setting but also to put forward questions regarding Province 11 at the Q&A session. Please remember that all such questions will be asked on your behalf by Southampton's Provincial Councillor, Stephen Driver. Please direct your contribution to the Q&A session to him. If you wish to take advantage of this opportunity, please advise Stephen know of your intention.

### IN MEMORIAM



Percy Hollick  
Ted Tickle  
Trevor Middleton  
Roy Rylance  
Harold Payne

Our prayers go to John & Felicity and the Singleton family upon the passing of John's sister, Marie Sawyer, this week after a long illness.

Also prayers for the family of David Butler RIP (Poole).

May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

### CIRCLE PRESIDENT'S VISITS AROUND PROVINCE 11

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| 9 October | Joint Bournemouth/<br>Poole Clergy &<br>Ladies Night -<br>presentation of 4<br>scrolls | 7.00 pm: Marsham Court<br>Hotel, East Cliff BH1 3AB -<br>Please book directly with<br>Neil Dawson, Bournemouth<br>Dining Officer |
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**PLEASE NOTE:** As of October, Portsmouth Circle meetings will be held at 12 noon, followed by lunch. The venue continues to be The Crown in Emsworth.

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

#### September Birthdays

Peter Summerton  
(3)  
Sarah Gordon (7)  
Jill Brennan (19)  
Sandra Crampin  
(21)  
Marina Joyce (29)

#### October Birthdays

Charles Crampin  
(3)  
Myra Philpott (4)  
Stephen Driver (12)  
Maureen Bannon  
(31)

**September Lotto  
to be  
drawn at  
October dinner**

***Special birthday greetings to Marina Joyce  
for her very special birthday on 29 September!***

### 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  
George Wysocki  
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





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| 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: Harry Harrison</i> |
| Tuesday 30 September        | COUNCIL MEETING                          | 7.30 pm: Doubletree Hotel SO16 3RB.                                                                                                      |
| Friday 3 - Monday 6 October | JERSEY WEEKEND                           | <i>Contact: Ron Satchell, Jersey Circle</i>                                                                                              |
| Saturday 4 October          | CATHSOC FRESHERS BBQ                     | Faith & Reflection Centre. <i>Contact: Harry Harrison</i>                                                                                |
| <b>Monday 13 October</b>    | CIRCLE MEETING & DINNER (Ladies Night)   | 7.00 pm: Doubletree Hotel SO16 3RB. <i>Contact: Folkert van Galen (mtg)/Harry Harrison (dining)</i>                                      |
| Tuesday 21 October          | LADIES AFTERNOON TEA                     | 2.00 pm: The White Horse Hotel, Romsey SO51 8ZJ<br><i>Contact: Margaret Lillie</i>                                                       |
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| Thursday 23 October         | LUNCH CLUB                               | 12.00 noon: The Bugle Inn, Twyford SO21 1QT.<br><i>Contact: Malcolm Forster</i>                                                          |
| Saturday 25 October         | PROVINCIAL COUNCIL MEETING & LUNCH       | 10.00 am: Coffee / 10.30 am: Meeting, then lunch. Doubletree Hotel. <i>Contact: Stephen Driver.</i>                                      |
| 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>                                      |
| Monday 1 December           | CHRISTMAS PARTY (No meeting)             | 7.00 pm: Doubletree Hotel SO16 3RB. <i>Contact: Harry Harrison</i>                                                                       |
| Friday 20 - Monday 23 March | PROVINCIAL WEEKEND 2026                  | Warners Hotel, Cricket St. Thomas, Somerset.<br><i>Bookings now closed.</i>                                                              |

*Thanks Wilma Bodekke, Harry Harrison, Margaret Lillie, Albert Rhodes & Folkert van Galen for the lovely photos.*

### CIRCLE OFFICERS 2025-26

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