



SOUTHAMPTON CIRCLE NEWS

Circle President: Daverio Matteucci

TONY WILSON - 50 YEARS A CATENIAN!



In October, Southampton Circle celebrated Tony Wilson's 50th anniversary as a Southampton Brother. Daverio and Helen welcomed Tony and his daughters Claire and Louise to their home where GB National President Gerry McCormack, with Anna, made the presentation of the scroll and medal over afternoon tea.



As Tony is now 93 years old, he and his family decided that an intimate gathering would be more appropriate and they were so grateful to the Matteuccis for offering their home and laying out such a sumptuous tea. Gerry had clearly done his homework on Tony and he has kindly shared his reflections for the Circle to read on the next page.



CHRISTMAS PARTY

*No meeting
DJs and Posh Frocks*

**Monday 15
December**

~ 6.30 pm: Drinks ~
~ 7.30 pm: Dinner ~
Doubletree Hotel
SO16 3RB

COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday 25 November
7.30 pm
Doubletree Hotel
SO16 3RB

LUNCH CLUB

Monday 17 November
12.00 noon
The Buck's Head
Meonstoke SO23 3NA

AFTERNOON TEA

There will be no
afternoon tea in
November and
December

NOVEMBER STATISTICS

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

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

- Jane Scarth House
- Poitiers Care



Tony Wilson's Catenian Years by GB National President Gerry McCormack

Tony was born in Worthing and attended St Mary & the Angels church where there was a thriving youth club. It was there that Tony met his future wife Pauline. At the same time he met Peter O'Connor who was to be instrumental in Tony's Catenian future.

Some years later Tony met Peter in Southampton Civic Centre and was invited to join the Southampton Catenian where Peter was a Brother. Tony subsequently enrolled and he still has the menu signed by several Brothers for dinner on the night he joined; four courses costing 87.5 pence! Sadly, Peter O'Connor died in June 2022.



Tony was Circle President in 1981/82. He remembers a visit to the Isle of Wight Circle where four of them made the crossing in Brother Bob Millar's boat, feeling somewhat conspicuous wearing suits in an open boat! In these days of meetings with Brothers sometimes not wearing ties Tony recollects that, when he joined the Circle, it held an Annual Ball where Brothers wore full evening dress - white tie and tails.

Tony has also served as Chamberlain, Membership Officer, Provincial Councillor and, until recently, he was Chairman of the Benevolent Board. Now in his 90's, he no longer attends Circle meetings but whenever possible he attends social events such as garden parties, barbeques and he particularly looks forward to the monthly Southampton lunch club. He is well supported by his son Martin and daughters Louise and Clare. None of this would have been possible without the support of Pauline who sadly died in May 2022, a year after their 65th wedding anniversary. She was a lovely lady, always happy and smiling.

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Christmas Lunch Club, 12.00 noon on Thursday 4 December

The December lunch club is earlier this year to facilitate the rescheduled Christmas party. As is tradition, it will be at La Pergola in Lyndhurst. Malcolm will be sending an email out soon.

Circle Christmas Party, 6.30 pm on Monday 15 December

Our Christmas party will now be on Monday 15 December. It will follow the usual format of pre-dinner drinks from 6.30 pm and dinner at 7:30 pm. Harry will be circulating menu choices soon. Musical entertainment will be 'home grown'. All will be revealed on the night!

Basingstoke Snooker Match, 7.00 pm on Monday 26 January

We had such a great evening with Basingstoke Circle last January, taking on the challenge to a snooker match at The Academy in Basingstoke, that we have accepted another invitation to join them in the New Year. It was a leisurely, relaxed event with Basingstoke adopting a very generous attitude to winning so that it 'ended in a tie'. Please join the Southampton team - ladies are welcome to play or watch. Contact is Graham Palethorpe



**Afternoon Tea Fundraiser
2.00 pm**

Saturday 22 November

The Cloister, St. Edward's Church, Chandlers Ford SO53 2DU

Poitiers Care is one of our President's Charities for this year. In the summer, we had a fundraiser for the other charity, Jane Scarth House, at an afternoon tea. Daverio and Helen are organising another fundraiser afternoon tea for their second charity, this time in the cloister of St. Edward's Church, Chandlers Ford. As before, there is no admission charge, however, donations will be gratefully received. These can be made in person during the afternoon tea or online to the Circle bank account with the heading 'Poitiers Care'. Please let Graham Palethorpe know if you wish to attend.

About Poitiers Care

Poitiers Care is a Catholic registered charity that delivers food to people living in the Southampton area who would otherwise go hungry. They work closely with Social Services and other agencies and charities who are able to assess the needs of potential clients. These clients are referred to Poitiers Care for short-term help. They include women trying to escape prostitution, parents with learning and management difficulties, families in chronic debt, people with health problems, and many, many others. If they are hungry, Poitiers Care will deliver food bags to them. It's as simple as that.

The charity is based in Ashurst and is staffed by volunteers who carry out a range of activities, including managing information, receiving and storing food, collating bags of food, delivering food bags, and fundraising.

IN MEMORIAM



- Frank McGarry
- Ted Rayment
- Dick Barber
- Philip Crook
- Tony Brady

CIRCLE WELFARE

- John Berridge
- Maureen Bannon
- Anne Brady
- Elizabeth Counihan
- Pat Crook
- Christine & Simon Grummitt
- Dawn Harrison
- Claire Lund Yates
- Donald Kumarajeewa
- Douglas Manning
- Jim Moriarty
- Moira 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

Mark Ingram,
Mark's son

Alison Wilson,
Tony's daughter-in-law

Steven & Amanda Hulbert would like to thank the Circle for their prayers for Paul Hulbert and Jeannie Daley which are still needed.

CIRCLE PRESIDENT'S VISITS AROUND PROVINCE 11

Thursday 6 November	Weymouth Circle (<i>Brothers only</i>)	The Avenue Restaurant, Coastland College Campus Weymouth DT4 7LQ
Wednesday 12 November	Fleet Circle	The Lismoyne Hotel, Church Road, GU51 4NE,

Please let Graham Palethorpe know if you wish to visit.

November Birthdays

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

December Birthdays

- Andy Philpott
(2)
- Donald Kumarajeewa
(6)
- Amanda Hulbert
(7)
- Chris Barber
(19)
- Jackie Barber
(22)
- Maggie Farran
(31)



**November
Lotto**

- 1st:
Steven
Hulbert
(5)
- 2nd:
Douglas
Manning
(50)



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>
Monday 17 November	LUNCH CLUB	12.00 noon: The Buck's Head, Meonstoke SO33 3NA. <i>Contact: Malcolm Forster</i>
Saturday 22 November	CHARITY AFTERNOON TEA IN AID OF POITIERS CARE	2.00 pm: St. Edward's Church, Chandlers Ford SO53 2DU. <i>Contact: Graham Palethorpe</i>
Tuesday 25 November	COUNCIL MEETING	7.30 pm: Doubletree Hotel SO16 3RB.

THERE WILL BE NO LADIES AFTERNOON TEA IN NOVEMBER.

Thursday 4 December	CHRISTMAS LUNCH CLUB	12.00 noon: La Pergola, Lyndhurst SO43 7BQ. <i>Contact: Malcolm Forster</i>
Monday 15 December	CHRISTMAS PARTY (No meeting)	6.30 pm: Drinks/7.30 pm Dinner. Doubletree Hotel SO16 3RB. <i>Contact: Harry Harrison</i>

THERE WILL BE NO LADIES AFTERNOON TEA IN DECEMBER.

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

Monday 5 January 2026	CIRCLE MEETING & DINNER <i>Brothers Night</i>	7.00 pm: Doubletree Hotel SO16 3RB. <i>Contact: Folkert van Galen (mtg)/Harry Harrison (dining)</i>
Wednesday 14 January 2026	LUNCH CLUB	12.00 noon: Venue to be confirmed. <i>Contact: Malcolm Forster</i>
Monday 26 January 2026	BASINGSTOKE CIRCLE SNOOKER MATCH	7.00 pm: The Academy Sports & Social Club., RG22 5EE. <i>Contact: Graham Palethorpe</i>
Tuesday 27 January	COUNCIL MEETING	7.30 pm: Doubletree Hotel SO16 3RB.
Monday 2 February	CIRCLE MEETING & DINNER <i>Brothers Night</i>	7.00 pm: Doubletree Hotel SO16 3RB. <i>Contact: Folkert van Galen (mtg)/Harry Harrison (dining)</i>
Monday 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>

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