



# SOUTHAMPTON CIRCLE NEWS

Circle President: **Daverio Matteucci**



**HAPPY CHRISTMAS SOUTHAMPTON CIRCLE & OUR CATENIAN FRIENDS!**



Our Christmas party was everything we could've hoped for: fabulous company, good food and great entertainment! What a super way to end the year and what promise it holds for our Circle going forward into the year ahead! Happy Christmas everyone!

## JANUARY MEETING

### Brothers Night

Monday 5 January  
7.00 pm  
Doubletree Hotel  
SO16 3RB

## COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday 24 January  
7.30 pm  
Doubletree Hotel  
SO16 3RB

## LUNCH CLUB

Wednesday 14  
January  
Bridge Inn  
Shawford

## LADIES

### AFTERNOON TEA

Friday 23 January  
2.00 pm  
White Horse Hotel  
Romsey SO51 8ZJ

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

**Jane  
Scarth  
House  
Poitiers  
Care**





### **A grateful thanks to our entertainers!**

What a musical party it was! Our evening's entertainment began with a music quiz devised by rock 'n' roll expert, Peter Clapham. Many of us are familiar with Peter's professional life with the Forestry Commission, but did you know that he had his own record shop where he could indulge his passion for the music of yesteryear? The party goers were amazed by Peter's depth of knowledge: he spoke without any notes about each of his selected 13 tracks before posing each quiz question. It was a fascinating and informative 30 minutes. Well done Peter!



We finished the evening on a high with music by The Wild Cats. This was the first time that Harry, Paul and Richard had played live together so theirs was a very brave, as well as generous and most enjoyable, performance. And they did brilliantly, playing rock 'n' roll classics including 'Apache', 'Pretty Woman', 'Hound Dog' and 'Jingle Bell Rock'. What stars!

The band were joined by guest star and another 'Cat', Catherine Palethorpe, whose beautiful voice perfectly complimented 'Songbird' and 'Black Velvet'. A truly impressive performance by all four Wild Cats and a perfect ending to a great party.



### **Thanks also goes to...**

... Daverio and Helen with Graham and Christine who were super hosts, with a special thanks to Daverio from The Wild Cats for acting as their 'roadie'. Also to Joe who took time out from socialising to take some lovely photos. It is also important to remember the hotel events team and the kitchen and serving staff who battled staff shortages due to illness in order to make our event so special. And to Harry who provided all the background music and the quiz tracks, produced the slideshow and, as Dining Officer, coordinated not only the Christmas party but all our dining events throughout the year.



### Tea anyone? And a cake or two?

Following a very successful fundraising event for Jane Scarth House earlier in the year, Daverio and Helen hosted another afternoon tea, this time at St. Edward the Confessor's hall for Daverio's second charity, Poitiers Care. Thanks to the kind generosity of the Southampton Circle members and wives, and an excellent turnout, the event raised £1,338 (with Gift Aid). Thank you for your support. (Photos by Harry)





**THANK YOU SOUTHAMPTON CIRCLE**

Southampton Circle raised £300 towards the Southampton CathSoc students' annual retreat to the Isle of Wight. £150 of this was from the Catenian Association Shared Funding Initiative. We received this message from University Chaplain Sister Emiliana:

*"The students pass on their gratitude for all the support we received for our CathSoc retreat. It was an amazing experience that deeply touched the lives of those who took part. Without the Catenians' support, it would have been difficult to welcome so many students."*

**IN MEMORIAM**

Alfred Ereat  
William O'Keefe  
Jim Hanly



Bob Tanner  
Owen Marson  
Bernard Lavell

Please for the souls of Br. Derek Bartlett (Poole) and Br. Leen Buurman (Winchester) who recently passed and for the Bartlett and Buurman families.

**CIRCLE WELFARE**

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

Please also pray for:

Luke Andrews,  
Paul's nephew

Leo Brennan,  
Ted's son

Harry & Judith Harrison.  
Harry's father & sister

Mark Ingram,  
Michael's son

Alison Wilson,  
Tony's daughter-in-law

**December Birthdays**

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



**January Birthdays**

Mary Berridge (13)  
Jackie Andrews (15)  
Peter Clapham (15)



**CIRCLE DIARY 2026**

Monday 5 January	CIRCLE MEETING & DINNER (Brothers Night)	7.00 pm: Doubletree Hotel SO16 3RB. <i>Contact: Harry Harrison (dining)/Folkert van Galen (mtg)</i>
Wednesday 14 January	CATENIANS LUNCH CLUB	12.00 noon: The Bridge Inn, Shawford SO16 0AJ. <i>Contact: Malcolm Forster</i>
Friday 23 January	LADIES AFTERNOON TEA	2.00 pm: The White Horse Hotel, Romsey SO51 8ZJ. <i>Contact: Margaret Lillie</i>
Monday 26 January	SNOOKER MATCH AGAINST BASINGSTOKE	The Academy, Basingstoke, 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 (Brothers Night)	7.00 pm: Doubletree Hotel SO16 3RB. <i>Contact: Harry Harrison (dining)/Folkert van Galen (mtg)</i>
Monday 2 March	CIRCLE MEETING & DINNER (Ladies Night/Roger Lillie 40 year scroll)	7.00 pm: Doubletree Hotel SO16 3RB. <i>Contact: Harry Harrison (dining)/Folkert van Galen (mtg)</i>
Friday 20 - Monday 23 March	PROVINCIAL WEEKEND	Warners Cricket St. Thomas, Somerset. <i>Contact: Albert Rhodes, Provincial Secretary, Salisbury.</i>



*Wishing Southampton Circle & friends a Joyous Christmas and a Happy New Year!*

*Thank you for all the support you have given to me with regards to the newsletter over the past year.*

*Dawn*

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