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SOUTHAMPTON CIRCLE NEWS

Circle President: Graham Palethorpe

August 2026

President's Charity



There were no concerns about rain spoiling our annual fundraising barbecue this year. Our scorching weather guaranteed the only wet items around were our drinking glasses. As always with a Matteucci and Lillie barbecue banquet, the food was delicious, served by Helen, Christine, Margaret and Meg who also made the desserts.

The afternoon raised an incredible £1,377 for Mountbatten Hampshire which is this year's President's Charity. Thank you every one for your generosity which included those who could not attend but donated nevertheless.

Thanks also to the Circle for the donations towards the CathSoc students' pilgrimage to Reggio Calabria. We raised £350 which we are hoping to double through the Shared Funding Initiative.









SEPTEMBER JOINT MEETING

Ladies invited

12.00 noon

Thursday 24 September

Royal Solent Yacht Club

Yarmouth

PO41 0NS

COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday 22 September

7.30 pm.

Doubletree Hotel

SO16 3RB

LUNCH CLUB

Tuesday 22 September

12.00 noon

Titchfield Mill

Fareham

PO15 5RF

AFTERNOON TEA

Tuesday 29 September

2.00 pm

The White Horse Inn

Romsey

SO51 8ZJ

AUGUST MEETING STATISTICS

• Circle Strength	37
• Present	18
• Apologies	19
• Visitors	3
• Visiting Gentlemen	0



The August ladies night was very well attended with Graham and Richard doing a great job of hosting the evening.

We were joined by some very familiar faces from other Circles: clockwise, Tony and Tina Fisher (West Surrey), Paul and Pamela Smyth (Andover), and Ryszard and Krystina Weber (Sutton Coldfield) making their annual holiday visit. All were seated on top table which gave Graham and Christine a good opportunity to get to know them all; coincidentally Christine and Tina discovered that they had a mutual friend!

We were also delighted to welcome Belinda Smith who, having attended our barbecue fundraiser, joined us for the first time at a ladies night (pictured left with Joe).

Sadly, it was time to say goodbye to Ben, the Doubletree's Dining Manager, at the August dinner. After two years at the hotel, he is now moving on. But he made sure that he could attend our last dinner before he left. Harry says it is a big blow to the dining team as Ben was always on hand to ensure that our events went as smoothly as possible. It was Ben's hard work that helped to make the March dinner with 130 attendees such an incredible success. On behalf of the Circle, Graham thanked Ben and presented with a gift. We wish Ben well.





Thanks to Matt Joyce for organising our group attendance on the 'Then & Now' walk and lunch in Southampton. The tour was a celebration of 50 years of Southampton Tourist Guides and concentrated on how much the city has changed during that time. Some attendees remembered first hand many of the buildings that formerly housed shops, banks and other businesses and now have different purposes. There was an unexpected meeting with Bosco who joined the lunch.



The afternoon tea is entering its fourth year and it is as popular as ever. The White Horse in Romsey is still the favoured venue.

All communications from Margaret are via the afternoon tea WhatsApp chat. So any Southampton ladies wishing to be kept up to date with forthcoming dates and related news, please contact Margaret directly who will add them to the chat membership.

The next tea will be on Tuesday 29 September at 2.00 pm.

SUPPORTING OUR LOCAL COMMUNITIES



Folkert & WIlma have departed on their third pilgrimage to Lourdes with the Catholic Association of England, taking sick and disabled pilgrims and their carers. The CA helps with the costs but the charity needs to generate income to support those pilgrims who cannot self-finance. If you would like to donate, the website is:

www.catholicassociation.uk/donate



Daverio, Helen, Harry and Paul, with Bas Bush of Winchester and a fellow parishioner, worked very hard to provide barbeque food for 200 parishioners of St. Swithun Wells. Well done team!





Roger will be taking part in the Great South Run over 10 miles in Portsmouth on Sunday 18 October to raise money for Mountbatten Hampshire and the Bursary Fund. Do let him know if you would like to join him on the run. Please support Roger and these good causes by donating via:

www.ajbellgreatsouthrun2026.enthuse.com/pf/roger-lillie

SUPPORTING OUR CIRCLE MEMBERS



As part of the Hampshire Open Studios Week, Jill Brennan is exhibiting her projects at Abbey Hall in Romsey from Saturday 22 to Monday 31 August. Jill will be present in the hall on Tuesday 25th, Friday 28th and Monday 31st from 9.45 am to 1.30 pm. Jill's artwork is on show the the entire week.



Felicity will also be exhibiting her own artwork as part of the Hampshire Open Studios at her home in Fordingbridge. Her private exhibition is on show from Saturday 22nd to Monday 31st August. Please contact Felicity if you intend to visit.



Joe has reserved spaces for a visit on Tuesday 1 September at 2.00 pm to visit the D-Day Map Room in the Officers Mess in Southwick Park. There may also be a visit the Royal Military Police Museum. Please contact Joe if you like to attend. Friday 21 August was the deadline but there might still be some spaces.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

Your President's Circle Visits

West Surrey Circle
Tuesday 6 October
6.45 pm
Brothers Night
The Hogs Back Hotel & Spa
Seale, Farnham GU10 1EX
Contact: Paul Sudell (paul@corfinsol.com)
cc: John Hughes (johnvhughes@yahoo.co.uk

Salisbury Circle
Thursday 22 October
12.00 noon
Ladies invited
The White Hart Hotel
Salisbury SP1 2SD
Contact: Albert Rhodes
(SalisburyCircle255Secretary@outlook.com)

Please book directly with the Circles or via Richard. Also contact Richard for car share.

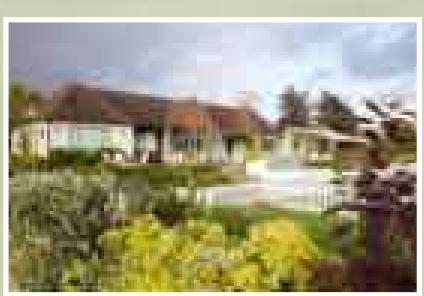
President's Sunday

One of our most important dates in the Circle year is our President's Sunday. This year, it will be on Sunday 27 September.

The timings, format and venues will be the same as last year, starting with an 11.00 am Mass at St. Edward's Church, Chandlers Ford, and the drinks reception at 12.00 noon, followed by lunch, at the Ampfield Golf Club.

Nearer the date, Harry will send an email around Circle with menu choices.

Note: Anyone bringing golf clubs will be sent home!! 😂





Joint September Meeting & Lunch

Once again, Isle of Wight Circle will be hosting our annual joint meeting. This year, it will be at the Royal Solent Yacht Club in Yarmouth on Thursday 24 September. The meeting starts at 12.00 noon and the lunch follows at 1.00 pm.

Graham has sent out a comprehensive email, detailing suggested travel arrangements; early ferry booking is advised. The Yacht Club is a short ten minute walk from the ferry.

Could you please let Harry have your choices by 6.00 pm on 8 September.

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M1
Cod Loin with tomato, chorizo
& chickpea fricassee
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M2
Blade of Beef in a bacon, mushroom
& red wine sauce with leek mash
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M3
Vegetarian Mushroom Wellington
with seasonal vegetables & new potatoes
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D1
Passionfruit Tart
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D2
Raspberry & White Chocolate Roulade
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£ 29.00 per person
(No coffee or tea provided after the meal but can be ordered separately)

The Yacht Club has not advised dietary clarifications for each course but if you give Harry your dietary requirements, they will be passed on.
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In Memoriam

John Bannon
Douglas Newton
Martin McGarry
William McCabe
Ben Woodling

Pat Dunworth
David Reese
Anthony Whelan
Rita Forster

Please for the repose the souls of George Phillips, (Duchy of Cornwall, formerly Bournemouth) and Kathleen Docherty, wife of Steve, (Winchester) who recently passed on. May they rest in peace. Please also pray for the Phillips and Docherty families.

(Kathleen Docherty's Requiem Mass will be at 11.30 am, on 1 September at St. Edward's, Chandlers Ford.)



When George & Margaret Wysocki came to our barbeque fundraiser, little did they know that there was a surprise planned for them. Graham presented George with his well-deserved 50 year scroll.

We miss not seeing so much of George and Margaret these days but they have always been such huge supporters of the Circle in the past, attending our brothers and ladies nights and coming to all our events. They have been regulars of the lunch club. George latterly was our Circle Treasurer for several years. We were delighted to see them both at the barbecue and to have the opportunity to thank George for all his years with the Association.

Circle Prayers

Mary Berridge
Anne Brady
Elizabeth Counihan
Pat Crook
Camille Driver
Simon & Christine Grummitt
Dawn Harrison
Donald & Triesa Kumarajeewa
Mike & Claire Lund Yates
Douglas Manning
Catherine Porter
Siobhan Shine
Tony Wilson
George & Margaret Wysocki

Also
Luke Andrews
Leo Brennan
Jill Brennan's mother
Harry Harrison Snr
Paul Hulbert
Mark Ingram

We have recently had a record number of special celebrations. Congratulations everyone!



Special Birthdays



Special Anniversaries





New Grand-daughter



Special Birthdays

August Birthdays

John Thompson (1)
Mike Lund Yates (8)
Jenny Thompson (12)
Mark Pedley (12)
Elizabeth Counihan (14)
Sally Murray (15)
Meg Clapham (20)
Caroline Bubien (22)
Pat Crook (26)
Simon Grummitt (29)

September Birthdays

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

With thanks to all those who contributed photos for the newsletter.

THERE WILL BE NO BROTHERS NIGHT ON MONDAY 7 SEPTEMBER		
Tuesday 22 September	LUNCH CLUB	12.00 noon: Titchfield Mill, Tichfield, Fareham PO15 5RF. *Contact: Malcolm Forster*
Tuesday 22 September	COUNCIL MEETING	7.30 pm: Doubletree Hotel SO16 3RB.
Thursday 24 September	JOINT SEPTEMBER MEETING WITH ISLE OF WIGHT	12.00 noon: Royal Solent Yacht Club, Yarmouth PO41 0NS. *Contact: Harry Harrison*
Sunday 27 September	PRESIDENT'S SUNDAY	11.00 am: Mass at St. Edwards's, Chandlers Ford 12.00 noon: Reception & Lunch at Ampfield Golf Club
Tuesday 29 September	LADIES AFTERNOON TEA	2.00 pm: The White Horse Hotel, Romsey SO51 8ZJ. *Contact: Margaret Lillie*
Monday 12 October	OCTOBER MEETING *Clergy & Ladies Night*	7.00 pm: Doubletree Hotel SO16 3RB. *Contact: Harry Harrison*
Sunday 18 October	ROGER'S GREAT SOUTH RUN	Am Start (tbc): Avenue de Caen, Portsmouth PO5 3NS
Tuesday 27 October	COUNCIL MEETING	7.30 pm: Doubletree Hotel SO16 3RB.
Thursday 29 October	LADIES AFTERNOON TEA	2.00 pm: The White Horse Hotel, Romsey SO51 8ZJ. *Contact: Margaret Lillie*
Monday 2 November	NOVEMBER MEETING *Brothers Night*	7.00 pm: Doubletree Hotel SO16 3RB. *Contact: Harry Harrison*
Saturday 14 November	AFTERNOON TEA FUNDRAISER	2.00 pm: Church Hall, St. Edward's Church SO53 2DU.
Wednesday 25 November	LADIES AFTERNOON TEA	2.00 pm: The White Horse Hotel, Romsey SO51 8ZJ. *Contact: Margaret Lillie*
Monday 4 December	CHRISTMAS PARTY (No meeting)	Doubletree Hotel SO16 3RB. *Contact: Harry Harrison*

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Circle Benevolent Board.

This exists to help with the provision of monetary assistance to Brothers and their dependants, including dependants of deceased Brothers, who are in need. Its members are Martin Counihan, Chris Barber, Roger Lillie and Peter Daniels. Do not hesitate to contact any of them should the occasion arise - all matters are dealt with in the strictest confidence.