CIRCLE 12 IN PROVINCE 11

SOUTHAMPTON CIRCLE NEWS

Circle President: Graham Palethorpe

September & October 2026

Mountbatten

President's Charity

PRESIDENT'S SUNDAY



It was our third visit to Ampfield Golf Club for our annual President's Sunday and once again it was a most convivial day, bringing together so many of our Circle, some of whom we had not seen for a while.

Brother President and Christine were delighted to welcome two of our Catenian widows, Pat Crook and Mary Berridge who came with Mary's daughter, Mary-Frances, on a visit from Canada. We were also joined by the Eales, Summertons and the Wysockis who are no longer able to attend our evening events.

The day began with Mass at St. Edward's, Chandlers Ford, which was celebrated by Fr. Raffaele Cossa. As Fr. Raffaele was unable to join us for Clergy Night, Brother President was pleased to have the opportunity to host him at our President's Sunday lunch.













NOVEMBER MEETING

Brothers Night

7.00 pm

Monday 2 November

Doubletree Hotel

SO16 3RB

COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday 27 October

7.30 pm

Doubletree Hotel

SO16 3RB

LUNCH CLUB

Friday 18 December

12.00 noon

La Pergola

Lyndhurst SO43 7BQ

LADIES AFTERNOON TEA

Thursday 29 October

2.00 pm

The White Horse Hotel

Romsey

OCTOBER MEETING STATISTICS

• Circle Strength	37
• Present	20
• Apologies	17
• Visitors	2
• Visiting Gentlemen	7

For the third year running, Southampton and the Isle of Wight held a joint Circle meeting. As is custom, it was hosted by the IOW members at one of the island's yacht clubs. It was well supported by our Director, Peter Daniels, and other Circles.

(Photo: Albert Rhodes, Salisbury)





Our October meeting and dinner was also a very special event, supported by many of our Clergy, some of whom were first time visitors. We were delighted to be able to show our gratitude through hospitality.



Where to take your wife on your 47th wedding anniversary? Well, if she has an interest in WWII history and if a Circle member has organised a visit to Southwick Park on the very day, then it is problem solved!

In 1944, Southwick Park was the headquarters of the Allied commanders where the D-Day operations were planned and the large wall maps are still in the main map room of Southwick House. The visit was followed by a tour of the Royal Military Police Museum and coffee and cake in Swanick.



We are grateful to Joe Bright for organising two separate visits to the Park. What will he think of for the Palethorpe anniversary celebration next year?



If it's October, it's the Freshers Barbecue, our annual gathering which provides an opportunity for the Circle to introduce ourselves and the Association to new CathSoc students and to meet up with established students. Thanks to the members and wives who volunteered their Saturday to buy the food, cook it and serve it. The students loved it!











The Matteuccis and Harrisons enjoyed attending the Open Studios preview at the Abbey Hall in Romsey where Jill was showcasing her textiles. It was a most convivial gathering of people viewing the works of Jill's Artseen Group and the walls were displaying many blank spaces by the end as attendees left the hall clutching their new pieces of art. Jill certainly had to restock her display stand the next day for the next wave of visitors!



Felicity opened her garden marquee for Open Studios Week, displaying her Cornish seascapes and other paintings, as well as a range of hot plates/ chopping boards in vivid blue sea scenes. Like Jill, Felicity's enjoyment in Open Studios is in sharing her passion but many of her visitors also left with a precious package to take home. Felicity's work is on show at Fordingbridge Art Club Exhibition, Avonway all this week.



Congratulations to Peter who recently became a member of Southampton's prestigious Nonagenarians' Club! The Circle were delighted to join President Graham in a toast to Peter at President's Sunday.

Peter still attends Circle meetings but tends to leave before the dinner. But he and Valerie join in our daytime events such as the lunch club, often accompanied by their good neighbour, Simon Whitby.

SUPPORTING MEMBERS, FRIENDS & CHARITIES



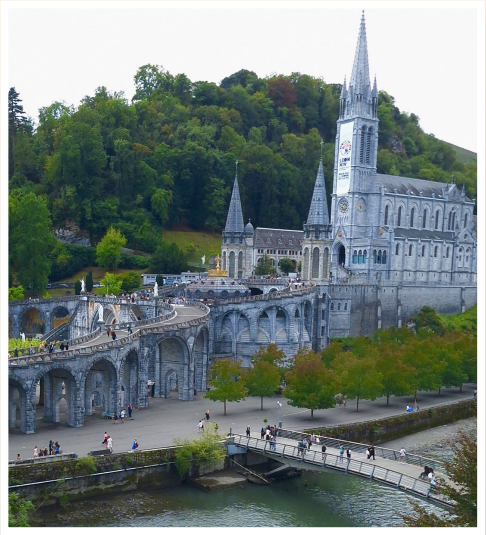


HE DID IT!!! We knew that he would. Well done to Roger who was the most senior runner in the 10 Mile Great South Run, raising over £2,250 for Mountbatten Hampshire. Graham and Christine, Folkert and Matt (Joyce) were in Portsmouth to support Roger. Our intrepid runner admitted to be feeling a little apprehensive prior to the event but he was greatly encouraged by the amazing support he has received. Roger has also raised a large sum for the Association's Bursary Fund. Roger was supported by his family; Margaret, sons Stuart and Matt, and grandson Fernando were there to cheer him on.

Roger and Harry are no strangers to the art of the barbecue after years of flipping burgers at Circle and CathSoc events. So they were happy turn up with barbecue and tools, accompanied by Margaret, for Andover's Parish Day which is part of that Circle's annual membership drive. The Andover members, wives and daughters worked hard setting up and providing additional food and paraphernalia to ensure that it was a successful day.







Our recent pilgrimage to Lourdes by Wilma Boddeke

Folkert and I joined the Catholic Association again for our now yearly Pilgrimage to Lourdes. This year was the 125th anniversary of the charity and that was well remembered. Being a big group, we were about 400-450 pilgrims from all over England, and some even from the USA. The group consisted of Assisted Pilgrims, those who need support and care; helpers -old and young- clergy and many others. We had a dedicated nursing and medical team to allow people that need a lot of care and looking after to be part of the pilgrimage. The atmosphere was good and so was the weather.

Being a big group means that there are daily activities organised for all to join: special Masses, prayers, the light procession, a celebratory lunch to remember the anniversary, etc. Everything was well organised. The planning of such a big pilgrimage is enormous. It is really important to make sure that all the people that need looking after are well cared for.



Although the Bishop of Portsmouth does not join us on the pilgrimage anymore, the delegation of pilgrims from Portsmouth Diocese is the biggest group! We were eleven from our parish alone, including our new assistant priest Fr. Jack Ryan. Thank you to all who have been able to donate to the charity to assist us to continue doing this pilgrimage.







In Memoriam

September
Percy Hollick
Ted Tickle
Trevor Middleton
Roy Rylance
Harold Payne

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

We also pray for Ted Brennan and Malcolm Forster, and their families, following the loss of a beloved sister and a beloved son:

Ted's sister, Phyllis, passed away at the end of the summer in Ireland. She was involved on a daily basis with the Poor Clare Nuns of County Carlow which welcomed many years ago those nuns from the Poor Clare Convent, formerly of Hill Lane, Southampton and then Trafalgar Square, Shirley Warren.



Stephen Forster unexpectedly passed away a few weeks ago. Over the past year, Stephen joined Malcolm at the lunch club and at a ladies night, and we will remember him as a charming and interesting dining companion with the Forster sense of humour. Our hearts go out to Malcolm and Helen, Stephen's sister.

We were also sad to learn of the recent passing of Louise O'Shea, wife of Pat. Both Louise and Pat were great Circle regulars, attending all our events until Louise's declining health meant that Pat was unable to commit to the Circle any longer. We pray for Pat and the family.

May Phyllis, Stephen and Louise Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory.

Congratulations to Blandford Circle member, Anthony Reed, who was ordained as a Permanent Deacon at St. Mary's Church in Poole on 20 September by The Most Reverend Nicholas, Bishop of Plymouth.

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
Siobhan Shine
Tony Wilson
George & Margaret Wysocki



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

Please also pray for Mary Mills, wife of our GB National President, Richard and for Tony Sadler (Salisbury/West Cornwall) who is a good friend of our Circle.

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

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

November Birthdays
Martin Counihan (11)
Dawn Harrison (13)
Ted Brennan (16)
Siobhan Shine (20)

Well done to Harry Payne who triumphed in the final of the Catenian National Public Speaking Competition in Manchester in September, the first time that Province 11 has had a winning entrant!

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

Thursday 29 October	LADIES AFTERNOON TEA	2.00 pm: The White Horse Hotel, Romsey SO51 8ZJ. *Contact: Margaret Lillie*
Sunday 1 November	PROVINCIAL MASS FOR DECEASED BROTHERS	12.00 noon: St. John's Catholic Cathedral, PO1 3HG 1.30 pm: Lunch at Cams Mill, Fareham PO16 8AA *Contact: Nigel Miller*
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.
Tuesday 24 November	COUNCIL MEETING	7.30 pm: Doubletree Hotel SO16 3RB. *Contact: Folkert van Galen*
Friday 27 November	LADIES AFTERNOON TEA	2.00 pm: The White Horse Hotel, Romsey SO51 8ZJ. *Contact: Margaret Lillie*
Monday 7 December	CHRISTMAS PARTY (No meeting)	7.00 pm: Doubletree Hotel SO16 3RB. *Contact: Harry Harrison*
Friday 18 December	CHRISTMAS LUNCH CLUB	12.00 noon: La Pergola, Lyndhurst SO43 7BQ. *Contact: Malcolm Forster*
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Thursday 4 March 2027	POOLE CIRCLE 700TH MEETING (Ladies night)	7.00 pm: Combe Magna Complex, Canford Magna BH23 3AP. *Contact: John Callion 244dining@gmail.com and Kevin Wormley* keving@wormley.me.uk
Saturday 6 March 2027	FLAME 27	OVO Arena, Wembley. Sold out - waiting list only.
14 - 16 May 2027	GB NATIONAL CONFERENCE	Crewe Hall, Crewe

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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.