

SALISBURY CATENIANS NEWSLETTER

March 2026



Province 11 Circle 266
Founded 14th March 1972
Current membership 25

Circle Website: <https://www.salisburycatenians.org>



A 60 year scroll presentation and two enrolments.

February was a notable month for Salisbury Circle when we celebrated both ends of the membership spectrum; one member celebrating 60 years as a Catenian and two just starting their journey as Catenians. Plus, our GB National President in attendance for both occasions.

A 60 year scroll presentation to Michael Cairns.

Michael Cairnes was enrolled into Jersey Circle on 8th December 1965. In April 1971 he moved to Salisbury for business reasons where he met John Holloway of Bournemouth Circle, father of Salisbury's Adrian Holloway, and joined John on a quest to form a new Circle in Salisbury. By December of that year they had enough committed prospective members to start the necessary formalities, and on 14th March 1972 the inauguration of Salisbury Circle took place. John being our first President & Michael our first Vice President. Later Michael moved up north where he joined Hexham Circle, he then moved down to Worcester and became a Joint member of Malvern Circle, with Salisbury remaining as his main Circle.

On Monday 2nd February, Salisbury Brothers travelled to visit Michael in his home in Worcester. The party consisted of Salisbury Circle President Kevin Lynn, along with Salisbury Brothers, Gary Porter, Albert Rhodes, David Morehead, Joe Falzon and Adrian Holloway. Also present were GB National President Gerry McCormack and his wife Anne, and John Duddington, Welfare Officer from Malvern Circle.

The Salisbury group arrived at Michael's house a little earlier than scheduled and were welcomed into his lounge by the man of the moment, who promptly set about making cups of tea for 9. Michael was in really great shape for a man of 94 years, unfortunately; Mary his wife, was not well and remained upstairs in bed with the flu. A short while later GB National President Gerry McCormack and his wife Anne, arrived. The next hour or two was spent in a lively debate about the Association and its future; our host Michael being the primary contributor, coming up with many questions and suggestions, showing that his mind is as sharp as ever! Michael thanked everyone for coming to see him and felt a little overwhelmed by the size of our party. Thereafter the formal presentation of Michael's scroll for completing 60 years of service to the Association was made by our National President, Gerry McCormack.

This Month

**Council Meeting Monday 10th
March 7:00pm (Zoom)**

**Circle Meeting Thursday 19th
March 18:30 (Charter Night,
Ladies mtg, Black Tie or Lounge
Suit).**

Anniversaries

Enrolments:

Richard Hilliard 7 yrs

Birthdays:

Adrain Holloway

John Caniogo

Phil Jones

Gary Porter

Ladies Birthdays:

Michelle Rhodes

Carol Fletcher (widow)

Maureen Carrivick

Catherine Detain

Gille Porter

Wedding Anniversaries:

Charles & Dorothea Sultana de
Maria

**See end of the Newsletter for the
"Circle Meetings & Dinner
Planner" and also the "Events
Diary"**

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After a little more chatting it was time to wish Michael well and leave him in peace. Of course, in true Catenian style, the day was not over as the party then adjourned to a pub, The Swan at Whittington, where they enjoyed a most excellent and reasonably priced lunch before their journey home.

Thanks to Bro. Adrian for the bulk of the words and Bro. Albert (missing from the photo) for the pictures.

Enrolment of two new Brothers to Salisbury Circle



Anthony Binns & Andrew Boyes were enrolled into the Catenian Association at the start of our February meeting in the presence of our GB National President Gerry McCormack. We look forward to seeing more of Andrew and his partner Emma, and Anthony and his wife Mary at future Circle meetings and events.

Left to Right; Salisbury Vice President Gary Porter, GB National President Gerry McCormack, Andrew Boyes, Anthony Binns & Salisbury President Kevin Lynn

Charter Night – change of date

This year's Charter Night meeting and dinner has been brought forward a week to Thursday 19th of March. It is a Ladies Night and a 2 course meal. Preferred Dress Code is Lounge Suites or Black Tie.

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Circle Meeting (ladies), Thursday 19th March. Registration 18:15, Meeting 18:30

Dress Code: Black Tie or Lounge Suit.

Dinning Cost: £31. Brothers are kindly asked to advise the Dining Secretary of their dining intentions, menu selection plus any dietary requirements, especially allergies, no later than the preceding SUNDAY.



Main Course

Guinness and Beef Pie.
Irish Coddled Pork with Cider.
Seafood Chowder.
Field Mushroom Rarebit.

Served with Potatoes and Vegetables.

Dessert

Marmalade and Whisky Bread and Butter Pudding with
Vanilla Ice-cream.
Baileys Cream Cheesecake with Chocolate Sauce.
Apple Cake and Custard.
Fruit Salad and Cream.

Officers

President	Kevin Lynn	Vice President	Gary Porter
Imm. Past President	Steve Carrivick	Provincial Councillor	Joe Falzon
Secretary	Albert Rhodes	Treasurer	Allan Trowbridge
Presidents Marshall	Ziggy Kajota	Registrar	David Gillen
Welfare	John Detain	Charities	Phil Jones
Dining Secretary	Steve Carrivick	Benevolence Board	David Morehead
Membership	<i>vacant</i>	Chamberlain	David Morehead
Press & Publicity	Eamon Duffin	Newsletter & Website	Richard Verrian

Don't forget your tickets for the Salisbury Swindle

Each square selected costs only £2, with a monthly prize of £20. The draw takes place after the monthly circle meeting during the meal. Squares may be purchased on the night or you can choose from the available numbers and pay in advance, see our Treasurer for details. Profits go to the Presidents Charities, which this year is the Parish Poor Fund.

Brothers are reminded that photographs may be taken at our Circle functions for inclusion in the Newsletter and our website unless an objection has been notified. Please advise any of your visitors accordingly.

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Events Diary

Date	Event	Notes
2 nd March	Roger Lillie 40 year scroll presentation	Doubletree by Hilton, Bracken Place, Chilworth, Southampton
20 – 23 March	Provincial Weekend	Provincial event at Cricket St Thomas, Chard
8 – 10 May	GBNC Gathering & Conference	Chesford Grange Hotel, Warwickshire

Meetings & Dinner Planner 2025 – 26

Month	Date	Lunch / Dinner	Courses	Gents / ladies	Mtg Time	Meal Start
January	Thursday 22 nd	Lunch	Two	Gents & Ladies	1200	1300
February	Thursday 26 th	Lunch	Two	Gents & Ladies	1200	1300
March ^{Note 1}	Thursday 19 th	Evening	Two	Gents & Ladies	1830	1930

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April ^{Note 2}	Thursday 23 rd	Evening	Two	Gents	1800	1930
May	Thursday 28 th	Evening	Two	Gents & Ladies	1830	1930
June	Thursday 25 th	Evening	Two	Gents	1830	1930
July	Thursday 23 rd	Evening	Two	Gents & Ladies	1830	1930
August ^{Note 3}	TBA					
September	Thursday 24 th	Evening	Two	Gents & Ladies	1830	1930
October	Thursday 22 nd	Lunch	Two	Gents & Ladies	1200	1300
November	Thursday 26 th	Lunch	Two	Gents & Ladies	1200	1300
December ^{Note 4}	Wednesday 9 th	Evening	Three	Gents & Ladies	1800	1845
January	Thursday 28 th	Lunch	Two	Gents & Ladies	1200	1300
February	Thursday 25 th	Lunch	Two	Gents & Ladies	1200	1300
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1. **March, Charter Night, Black Tie or Lounge Suit. NB 2027 Meeting brought forward by 1 week to avoid clash with Easter**
2. **April, earlier start time due to AGM immediately before Circle meeting.**
3. **Joint meeting with Andover Circle (Hosted by Andover in 2026).**
4. **December, Christmas Party, no meeting, no dress code. Arrival/Drinks from 1800.**
5. **Starting this year all meals will be two courses except for the Christmas Party & Charter Night, unless advised otherwise.**

Registration commences 15 mins prior to meeting time: i.e. 1145 or 1815.

Lunchtime meetings Oct/Nov & Jan/Feb