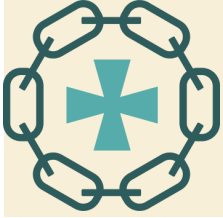


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Province 11 Circle 266
Founded 14th March 1972
Current membership 27

Circle Website: www.salisburycatenians.org



Salisbury Circle 600th meeting.

If you haven't made up your mind there is still time to put your name down, but do let Brother David Morehead know as soon as possible.

Joint Circle Meeting with Andover Circle

On 28th August Andover Circle hosted our first joint Circle meeting. Present were 9 Salisbury Brothers, 13 Andover Brothers, 4 visitors from Basingstoke & 1 from Southampton (27 total). The plan is to repeat this next year when Salisbury Circle will be the host.

Looking Ahead

- 4th - 7th October; Jersey Weekend - see Catena for details.
- Saturday 5th October; President's Day **Revised Date**.
- Wednesday 6th November; Mass for deceased Brothers, 10.00am at St Gregory's Church.
- 16th - 22nd November; Malta Gozo Week - see Flyer circulated by Brother Secretary or see Catena for details.

In addition to the above, our President & Vice President are each putting together a list of visits to other Circles in our Province. Do join them if you can, details will be circulated in due course.

Poets Corner

By Brother Eric

The three poems were written in a heatwave during the summer of two years ago.

Scenes from the summer of '22

A pause in a heatwave

Rain's silent release
Leaves relinquish darting drops
Sipped puddles spill silver

The following poem is as seen from the opened kitchen door after breakfast, looking out beyond our garden to a fully grown birch tree whose falling mast was illuminated golden by the early morning sunshine.

What's on this Month

Tuesday 10th Pub Lunch; at The Bridge, Woodford at 12:00, contact Brother David Gillen by **Thursday 5th** September if interested.

Tuesday 3rd; Council mtg for the 600th mtg. All Council members to attend if possible. To be held at Bro. David Morehead's house.

Tuesday 10th; Council mtg. Zoom 7.00pm.

Saturday 21st; Circle 600th Meeting
Registration & Refreshments from 11.00am.
Meeting 12.00
Meal 12.45pm
Dress Code; Black Tie or Lounge Suit

Anniversaries this Month

Enrolments:

None

Birthdays:

Albert Rhodes

Ladies Birthdays:

None

Wedding Anniversaries:

Mike & Mandie O'Neill

Summer's Release

It's going to be hot today. An almost still morning.
Blue sky, the faintest rumour of clouds. July's usual
view, till through the window my gaze is caught in a net
with hundreds, no, thousands of tiny gleaming creatures,
discarded to drop through the ocean of early morning air
but each released body so paper thin and light, taken up
again, sifted through invisible fingers, to pause and drift,
mingle with the others, dancing sparks of light. There is no
hurry, let the breeze's shiver play with them, tease, cast
slow fountains to cascade in sparkling droplets, pale gold
passacaglia of slow twirls, lifts, twisting circles, eddies that
turn back and slowly open, part, spin down, unseen to the ground.
At first glance an aerial dance of insects in annual nuptial ritual,
but each fallen body is an almost weightless protoleaf, left as litter
to gather in corners, piled for the autumn broom – yet how precious,
precision-made, a delicate fragile honed arrow with thick stub
of a tail and short hunched wings, tucked in like a hawk's, poised to
stoop, dive again. Till then it will take its chance of another miracle,
settle, a seed for moistened life, patient through the seasons' nurture
to grow strong, rise, raise its wings for another summer's release of rapture.

On another sunny day that summer 2 years ago, members of the St Osmund's Art Group were invited by Elizabeth and John Lester to their idyllic garden in Downton, from where they proceeded to the northern edge of the New Forest, past some resident ponies and foals, to park and find a place to sketch. I sat alongside Oltea as she drew, and made my sketch as follows:

Sketching at Hale Purlieu

A view new to us cherished by and later for Norah and Ron
Remembered with love by a secluded ageing bench upon
Whose seat we relax, hoping we'll return to recall these hours
We now record on bleached paper. Shaded from the burning heat,
Our eyes rove across the hidden valley towards the wide hill's brow
They knew, sharing in deceased strangers' delight we nearly meet
In the tranquil gaze of this ancient landscape that greets us now,
Deforested centuries before the pylons were planted to arch
Across their altering perspective's invisible progress, march
Away armed in grey steel from what we select to frame our
Vision. Recent plantations of conifers encroach the skyline,

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Massed against the haze of midday, a mirage of renewal or
Revenge, ranked and ready, waiting for stragglers to begin
Nature's manoeuvres, take back control, powered to restore
Order to the parched scrub and rusting bracken. Below us,
Out of sight, a river trickles dry through dehydrated bogs whose
Secrets mingle shards shed by Bronze Age prospectors with spilt
Timbers of ships scrapped to slip into the rich silt of history where
Dreams of victory are reminisced, digested. Before us the recoiling wilt
Of shrivelled leaves and furled fronds toasted in the sun's silent glare,
Disturbed by the intruding throb of plane or rubbered wheels till they melt,
Recede, stilled in summer's stupor. Nothing stirs till a passing breeze
Nosing the heat brings a murmur of droning wings that drift at ease.
Time patient as ever will wait, hold its breath; this healing air stills
Us, includes us, depicted in the scene on our settled seat. Its weather-worn
Wood has grown old here, faded, scored, cracked, yet stays firm, will
Resist; the heathered hill hints at rediscovery, a hue to be re-born.
I close my notebook, watch your hand steadily cross the page's breadth to fill
The pencilled lines that have grown into what your eyes have seen,
Rekindling leaves twigs and branches to flame another spring's green.



Sketch of Hale Purlieu made by Oltea Williams 9 August 2022

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Salisbury Circle 600th Meeting, Saturday 21st September 2024, at the White Hart Hotel, Salisbury

Registration & Refreshments 11.00am Meeting 12 noon Meal 12:45pm.

Dress Code: Black Tie or Lounge Suites **Dining Cost:** £45

Starter

Roasted Tomato Soup with Basil Pesto
Breaded Scampi with Tarter Sauce
Warm Chicken and Bacon Salad with Honey and Grain Mustard Dressing
Trio of Melon with Raspberry Sorbet

Main Course

Roast Sirloin of Beef with Yorkshire Pudding
Breast of Chicken with Wild Mushroom Cream Sauce
Grilled Fillet of Cod topped with Herb Crust with a White Wine Sauce
Trio of Roasted Vegetables, Mozzarella and Tomato Sauce

Dessert

Apple Tarte Tatin with Vanilla Ice Cream
Black Forest Cheesecake with Chantilly Cream
Selection of Ice-Cream in a Brandy Snap Basket

To Finish

Coffee & Chocolates

Wine and Bottled Water will be provided with your meal.

Please advise our Dining Secretary, David Morehead, of you intentions along with any allergies/dietary requirements as soon as possible if you have not already done so.

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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