



**CATENIANS**  
FRIENDSHIP IN FAITH

# BROOKLANDS CIRCLE NEWS

November 2023

## Circle & Provincial Information

### NEXT CIRCLE MEETING

**The 751<sup>st</sup> meeting of Brooklands Circle**  
will be held on

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November at 8.00pm**

in Sale Conservative Club, Dane Road, Sale.

**During the meeting it is intended to install John Crosby at Circle Chamberlain.**

Circle President Ged Smalley requests that all Circle members make every effort to attend this Circle Meeting. If however you are unable to attend this Circle meeting, you are required to send an apology to the Circle Secretary.

### PRAYERS

Please remember our members, relatives and friends:

**BROOKLANDS CIRCLE:** Deacon John Conway. Gerry Langford, Peter Walsh (James Coyne's Father-in-Law), Matteo Llerena (Stephen Robinson's Nephew), Elizabeth Tierney (Peter Kerr's Niece) & Sheila Connor (wife of the late Tom Connor).

**And those in other Circles:**

**CREWE & DISTRICT CIRCLE:** Stella Cooke (Frank's Wife), Wendy Betts (Bryan's Wife),

**DIDSBURY CIRCLE:** Eddie Haughey,

**KNUTSFORD CIRCLE:** Richard Brown, James O'Dude, Tony Weir, Damien Grieves, Joan Shaw & Fran Gore (Bill's Wife), **MACCLESFIELD CIRCLE:** Richard Brown: **NORTH CHESHIRE CIRCLE:** Mike Bramwell,

**RINGWAY CIRCLE:** Derek Bottomley, Brian Cann, Greta Bottomley & Trudie Denny, **WARRINGTON CIRCLE:** John Atherton, Philomena Harvey (Peter's Wife), **WILMSLOW CIRCLE:** Peter Jones & Dorothy Hillier and all others who for whatever reason do not wish to be included on the sick list but are in need of prayers.

**Please also remember our deceased Members, relatives and friends** including **ASHTON CIRCLE:** Doctor Barney Kelly, **MACCLESFIELD CIRCLE:** Michael Kurek & David Asbury. **RINGWAY CIRCLE:** Patrick Moore, **WILMSLOW CIRCLE:** Joseph Delaney. **May they rest in peace.**

### CIRCLE EVENTS

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November: MASS FOR DECEASED MEMBERS** with Didsbury & Davyhulme Circles in St Ann's Catholic Church, Stretford, followed by a 'shared table' in the Social Club.

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November: REMEMBRANCE SERVICE BROOKLANDS WREATH LAYING** at Sale Cenotaph followed by lunch at Canteena Stanley Square, Sale, M33 7ZZ.

**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November: CIRCLE'S LADIES' EVENING**

**6.45pm for 7.30pm**

**Sale FC Rugby Club, Heywood Road M33 3WB**

**Dress code: Formal**

**3-Course Meal + tea/coffee**

**Dancing to Ken's Disco**

**Cost £38pp**

**CHRISTMAS CHARITY DONATION in lieu of sending Christmas Cards.**

**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> December: RNCM OPERA** at 3.00 p.m. The Snow Maiden by Rimsky Korsakov. Bookings are closed and Bro Bill Bowdren who is organising the event has distributed the booked tickets.

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December: December Circle Meeting followed by Ladies' Festive Social.**

### EVENTS IN PROVINCE & ELSEWHERE

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November: Ringway Circle's Mass for Deceased Brothers and their families and a hot buffet following Circle meeting.**

**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> November: Wilmslow Circle's Italian Evening** at 7:00pm for 7:30pm at Ringway G.C. Names to R Gough e: rgough30@btinternet.com.

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November: Warrington Circle's Curry Night** with ladies at Naz's Spice Lounge, Lymm, at 7.15pm. All will be most welcome.

**Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> November: Provincial Mass,** dedicated to the 'Sick and their Carers', at 2.00pm in Holy Angels Church, Hale Barns, followed by refreshments in the Parish Hall

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November: North Cheshire Circle's Charter Dinner** at Ringway G.C. Lounge Suites. £23pp. Names to Peter Whyte by 13th November. (peter@whyte.com, 07715011133). Circle Meeting starts at 7.00pm.

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December: Didsbury Circle's Ladies' Evening and Christmas meal** with entertainment at Didsbury GC at 7.00pm for 7.30pm. Price £25.00pp. Names please to President John Hogan.

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December: Provincial Carol Service** at St Pius X Church, Stanford Road, Alderley Edge SK9 7NS. Followed by refreshments.

### **CIRCLE VISITS**

Between September & October Circle meetings 10 Brothers have made 27 visits to 9 Circles in 2 Provinces. The total visiting figures so far this year are 19 Brothers having made 126 Visits to 12 Circles in 3 Provinces.

### **NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES**

**DECEASED:** Norman Wills: 11.11.1967, John Donnelly: 13.11.1972, John McCarthy: 11.11.1977, Frank Shiels: 30.11.1983, Bill Sparks: 4.11.1987 & Jack Mather: 26.11.2003.

### **ENROLMENTS:**

Congratulations to James Coyne (2002, 21yrs), Bruce Partington (2010, 13yrs) & Rob Hitchen (2010, 13yrs).

### **BIRTHDAYS:**

Congratulations to Mike Chidgey: 20<sup>th</sup> & John Constable: 25<sup>th</sup>.

### **WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:**

Heartfelt Congratulations to Ellen & Stuart McNeill: 23<sup>rd</sup>.

### **ATTENDANCE & MEMBERSHIP**

The October Circle meeting was attended by 28 members (68.3% of Circle membership). There were 18 Visiting Brothers including GB National President Mark Conroy. Apologies had been received from 13 members. Membership now stands at 41.



### **BROOKLANDS WALKING GROUP**

**Members from across Province 17**  
**Walks Scheduled for November:**

#### **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November:**

Croft Bank (Easy) to be led by Bob Ames.

#### **Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November:**

Macclesfield Canal & Middlewood Way (Easy) to be led by David Astin.

Information regarding the Walking Group from David Astin or any member of the Walking Group.

## **Brooklands Circle**



on  
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at  
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at  
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**3-Course Meal + tea/coffee**  
**Dancing to Ken's Disco**  
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**Price £38pp**

**Please invite family and friends and make bookings via Ged Smalley:**  
**gedsmalley1321@gmail.com**



# CIRCLE SOCIAL EVENTS



## Celebrating John Constable's 60 Years Membership of Brooklands Circle and the Catenian Association



*GB National President Mark & Maxine Conroy (on the left),  
John & Joan Constable (centre), Circle President Ged & Pam Smalley (on the right)*

John was presented with a 60 Year Membership Scroll and a Miniature by GB National President Mark Conroy during an After Circle Ladies' Social on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October. A full-house, buffet and 'free bar' contributed to a well deserved celebration of a momentous occasion and a thoroughly enjoyable evening.

John, 1 of 7 children, was born on 25<sup>th</sup> November 1931 in the Holy Name Parish in Chorlton-on-Medlock. He married Joan on 25<sup>th</sup> July 1953. They had 7 Children, 6 daughters and 1 son, Chris, who sadly died in a road accident when he was 17 years old. With 7 ladies, his wife and 6 daughters, John had his work cut out! They have 13 Grandchildren ranging in age from 11 to their 40's, 11 Great Grandchildren ranging in age from 3 to 19 years old. Joan & John celebrated their 70<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary this year.

John and Joan loved travelling and travelled extensively around Europe, Australia and New Zealand, Singapore, Hong Kong, USA, Dubai and even to Mauritius, a little Indian Ocean island nation.

John was a very practical man and loved working with his hands, there was little that he couldn't turn his hand to whether it was plumbing, joinery, carpentry, cabinet making, painting & decorating and wood turning. For example, John made a cot that was used by each of their children, and went on to serve 3 generations and is still being used today. He made a number of life size Christmas Cribbs for local parishes, he made the lectern still used in his Parish Church, St John's Church, and all the wooden items on the Circle President's table during Circle meetings with the exception of the lectern.

John joined Brooklands Circle in October 1964. He was always a very active Catenian and held the offices of Circle President: 1975-1976 & 1992-1993 & 1998-1999, Provincial Councillor: 1982-1985 and Provincial Membership Officer 1983 -1985.



As is usual on such occasions a gift is presented to the GB National President's wife who asked for a charitable donation in lieu of a bouquet. Maxine asked for the donation to be given to 'In Sue's Name', a fundraising charity in memory of Sue Blasotta, who died in 2011 from brain tumours aged just 42, leaving two very young children. She was the daughter of Past GB National President David Taylor.

You can use this link for further information and/or donations [✉ info@insuesname.org.uk](mailto:info@insuesname.org.uk)



# Clergy Dinner



*The photographs show a representative number of our local Clergy, Circle members and their wives having downed their main course.*



Circle Members and their Wives were thrilled to have the opportunity at our recent Clergy Dinner to be able to entertain many of our local Priests, Deacons, and Sisters in a relaxed casual atmosphere and to show them our appreciation and express our gratitude for all their hard work, dedication and spiritual guidance. It was felt to be a great success and a thoroughly enjoyable evening.