

# Salisbury Circle Celebrates, Congratulates, Cooperates, Appreciates, Sociates and Peregrinates **AGAIN!**



Salisbury Circle 266 has been very busy from the start of 2026 with a number of very significant events.

## 1. Celebrates

### [Celebrating the life of Tony Broughton](#)

On 30<sup>th</sup> April 2026, we gathered in St. Osmunds Catholic Church to celebrate the life and funeral Mass of Tony Broughton. The Mass was celebrated by Fr. Anthony Parris and assisted by Deacons John Detain and Stephen Godwin.

He was born on 25<sup>th</sup> June 1922 in West Hartlepool, his father Laurence was a cashier for a shipping company and his mother Sally Barff was an accomplished piano player. He was christened ALR Broughton, Antony (without an H) after the Saint, Laurence, after his father, and Rawlins, which was his mother's maiden name. Tony grew up in Muswell Hill just behind Alexandra Palace in North London.



Tony celebrated his 103<sup>rd</sup> Birthday with the president of the Salisbury Circle, Kevin Lynn, and Joe Falzon

He went to Grammar School and was captain of the First IX football team. When the war broke out, Tony had just completed his first year of A levels, but due to the fear of the bombing of London he was sent to live with his paternal grandparents in Dalton, Yorkshire.

When he came back to London, he looked for a job while waiting to be called up. His grandfather knew a director of the Bank of England, and he was taken on as an uncovenanted clerk, a gentleman of the bank of England as they were known in those days, until he was conscripted. He chose to join the navy. After initial training he was posted to a destroyer, the HMS Anthony as an Ordinary Seaman and spent a year escorting convoys across the Atlantic. When the year was over, he was an Able Seaman and after an engagement in Madagascar, he was sent to South Africa for officer training. After his training, he was posted to Alexandria to Motor Torpedo Boats as the second in command of an 11-crew vessel. These were wooden hulled boats, carrying torpedo Tubes and a machine gun,



Tony rose to the rank of Commander

later a cannon. Because of their speed, they were known as the spitfires of the sea. They aided in the invasion of Italy and the advance of the allies along the coast of North Africa. When the war ended, he opted to stay another year in command of his own boat, before coming back to England in 1946 and waiting to be paid off. He loved the navy. To him it was the Senior Service. It had taken him all the way round Africa!

After his naval career, he went back to his job at the Bank of England, as it had been held open for him, and he later became a Gentleman of the Bank of England. He also joined the Royal Naval Reserve and would go to Scotland for two weeks every year for NATO training exercises.

While at the bank, he met Lucy, who was also an employee at the bank. They got married and had 6 children and lived in Barnet. Tony worked his way up to become a Superintendent in the bank, but was an early casualty of computerisation. He was offered a generous redundancy package and so retired.

Tony and his wife Lucy were active member of their local Church, he sang in the choir every Sunday at High Mass.

After Tony passed away, his son John found a faded membership card for the Catenians dated 1973 in dad's wallet, so he was a member for over 50 years, which they celebrated with him.

After his retirement, Tony and his family moved to Amesbury where he got a job working for the MOD as an administrator, and joined a choir and also became the secretary for the Amesbury Parish Council, which he learned to touch type for. Not bad for someone in his 50's.

After all his children left home, Tony and Lucy moved into Queensberry Road in Salisbury, where he joined a choir and also became a collector for the Lifeboat Association, which he did for over 25 years.

Unfortunately, Tony went deaf, which must have been difficult for someone who loved music and sang, but he never complained. It was just something that he had to live with.

As his wife Lucy's health declined, Tony stepped up became her carer to the end. She died 9 years ago.

He was a very modest man, who did not like praise and brushed off compliments. He was courteous, interested and curious about everyone who came to the house, concerned with being hospitable and very good at putting people at their ease, no matter what sphere of life they came from. He learnt that in the navy. People remembered him wherever he went.

When asked if he had any ambitions when growing up, apart from serving his country, he answered that he always wanted a big family because of the loneliness he felt as a child, as his sister was not born until he was 12.

## Presentation of 60 year scroll to Brother Michael Cairns

On 2nd February 2026, the Great Britain National President, Brother Gerry McCormack, presented Brother Michael Cairns with a scroll to acknowledge his 60 years of loyal service to the Catenian Association.

Michael joined the Jersey Circle of the Catenians on 8<sup>th</sup> December 1965. In 1971, Michael moved to Salisbury, where he met John Holloway and together, they recruited a number of men from the various parishes to form the Salisbury Circle 266, which was inaugurated on 14<sup>th</sup> March 1972 by The Grand President of the Association, Douglas Jenkins K.H.S., and were held in The Guild Hall in Salisbury. The Right Reverend Joseph E.



Pictured from left to right are: - John Duddington Joe Falzon, Kevin Lynn, Michael Cairns, Gerry McCormack, David Morehead, Gary Porter and Adrian Holloway (Albert Rhodes took the picture.)

Rudderham, Bishop of Clifton, attended the celebration dinner after the meeting which was held at The Red Lion Hotel. The First Circle Council was: President: John Holloway, Vice President: Michael Cairns, Provincial Councillor: John Holloway, Secretary: Arthur Ashfield, Treasurer: John Litchfield, Chamberlain: Paddy Rice, President's Marshall: Joe Ryan and Registrar: Lawrence Regnier.

Michael later moved and joined Hexham Circle. During further moves, Michael joined the Worcester Circle and became a Joint member of the Malvern Circle. However, all the time Michael viewed Salisbury as his main Circle.

Michael was in really great shape for a man of 94 years but, unfortunately, his wife Mary was not well and remained upstairs in bed with the flu. Over the next two hours there was lively debate about The Association and its future, our host Michael being the primary contributor, coming up with many questions and suggestions and Michael thanked everyone for coming to see him.

The presentation of the 60-year scroll, which took place at Michael's home in Worcester, was attended by the President of Salisbury Circle, Brother Kevin Lynn, vice president Gary Porter, secretary Albert Rhodes, Provincial Councillor Joe Falzon, Chamberlain David Morehead, Registrar David Gillen, John Duddington, Welfare Officer from Malvern Circle and Brother Gerry's wife Anne McCormack.

After the presentation took place and after leaving Michael in peace, the brothers, in true Catenian style, retired to The Swan at Whittington for lunch before returning home.

## Enrolment of two new Brothers to Salisbury Circle

At our February Circle meeting, Anthony Binns & Andrew Boyes were enrolled into the Catenian Association 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

On 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2026, Salisbury Circle celebrated its charter night



After our Charter Night meal, we all toasted our Founder Members with a glass of Port, courtesy of a generous donation made by our last surviving founder member, Michael Cairns.

## 2. Congratulates

### The Salisbury Circle wins The Roger Lillie Achievement Award

This year Salisbury Circle 266 was awarded the Roger Lillie Achievement Award for its various activities over the past year. The award was presented to the Salisbury Circle on 11<sup>th</sup> April 2026 at the Province 11 AGM.



The award was subsequently presented by incoming Circle President Gary Porter, to outgoing President, Kevin Lynn, on behalf of the Circle at our April meeting.

The award was assessed against various activities over the past 12 months, including Youth support, Clergy support, Collaboration with other Catholic Organisations, Membership Retention and Membership Recruitment. It has been great to experience a full range of activities this year.

Gary decided to submit the application when he reflected on our year and noted that actually we have achieved a great deal. Often, we take for granted our social interactions with our schools and parish community including our clergy. Reflecting on a circles actions over a year is a very worthwhile exercise.

### New Circle Officers

At the start of a new Circle Year, three new officers were elected.



From left to right, David Morehead, president Gary Porter and membership officer Steve Carrivick

Our president and vice-president have agreed to serve for two years. We wish them well in their new roles and thank them for their work in their previous offices.



Most of the circle members present at the meeting, Brother Albert was very shy as he stayed behind the camera.

### 3. Cooperates

## Restoring Hope and Belonging: Veterans Find Renewal in Malta

By Bro Joe Falzon, Salisbury Circle (266)

As the *Mission to Malta 2026* project drew to a close on 30<sup>th</sup> April 2026, its impact can now be best measured not in statistics, but in the quiet, meaningful changes seen in the lives of those who took part.

A group of ten UK veterans travelled to Malta to take part in a carefully designed programme aimed at rebuilding confidence, connection and a renewed sense of purpose. What they found was far more than a change of scenery—they found a nation that welcomed them with warmth, respect and understanding.

From the outset, the support of *Heritage Malta* and the *Armed Forces of Malta* set the tone. The veterans were based within a military environment, offering a sense of familiarity that many had not experienced since leaving service. Structure, routine and shared understanding helped to create an immediate feeling of safety and belonging—something that can often be difficult to rediscover.

But it was the people, as much as the place, that made the difference.

For the second year running, a dedicated team from *Alabaré*—supported by volunteers—provided consistent, compassionate support throughout. Their presence ensured that each veteran felt seen, understood and supported, allowing them to engage at their own pace and in their own way.

The programme itself was built around achievable steps. The veterans took part in restoration work at *Fort Delimara*, one of Malta's many historic sites, contributing to the preservation of its rich heritage while gaining a renewed clarity of direction. Cultural visits offered opportunities to explore and reflect, while activities such as kayaking gently encouraged individuals to step beyond their comfort zones.

There were also moments of deeper reflection. Commemorative events, including those marking ANZAC Day, brought the group together in shared remembrance—strengthening bonds through a collective understanding of service and sacrifice.

One of the main aims was to enable connections to be formed naturally. Whether through shared work, conversation or simple companionship, the veterans began to rebuild relationships—both with others and within themselves. For many, this sense of camaraderie had been missing for some time.

While it is difficult to measure outcomes such as dignity or hope, the changes were evident. Increased confidence, openness and a willingness to engage all pointed to something deeper taking place. For some, this experience may represent a turning point—a moment where the path forward became a little clearer.

As the group departed Malta on the 1<sup>st</sup> of May, they carried with them more than memories of blue skies and historic surroundings. They left with renewed confidence, strengthened networks and the foundations of a more hopeful future.

The success of the mission has already led to an invitation to return in 2027, ensuring that more veterans will have the opportunity to benefit from this unique and life-affirming experience.

Special thanks must go to the Catenian Brothers and Ladies Salisbury Circle, Province 11 and Province 23 for their generous and continued support. Many of you have contributed for the second year running, demonstrating a steadfast commitment to the wellbeing of those in need.

Your loyalty and generosity have played a vital role in making this project possible, and your support has directly helped create opportunities for recovery, lasting bonds and renewed hope.



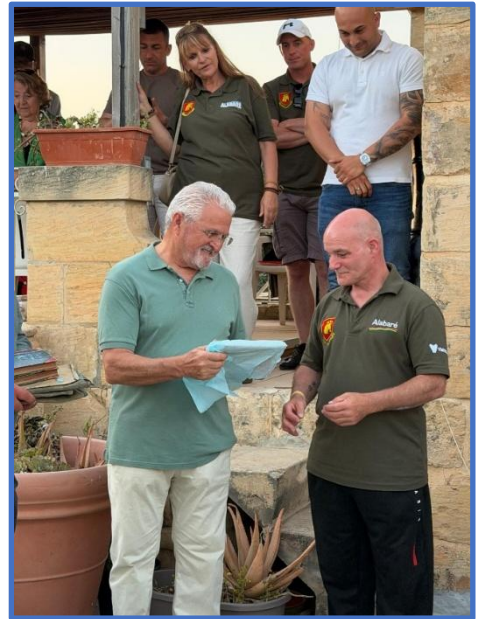
VIP Visitors' Day – Fort Delimara



Visit – Mosta Basilica



Visit – Imtarfa Military Cemetery



Bro Michael Attard Host of the Farewell BBQ

#### 4. Peregrinates

#### Province 11 Weekend

From 20th to 23<sup>rd</sup> March members of the Salisbury Circle joined the Province 11 weekend at Cricket St Thomas Chard.



By all accounts the weekend was a very successful and enjoyable event. From Salisbury Circle, Steve & Maureen Carrivick, David & Lady Patricia Morehead, Albert & Michelle Rhodes, Graham & Lilian Brown, Tony & Madelaine Sadler, and Salisbury Widow Francis Rolestone were in attendance.