

WEST SURREY CIRCLE MEETING MINUTES

Opening & Prayers	<p>The 1046th Meeting of West Surrey Circle was opened by Brother Christopher Lowther, President, at approximately 1930 hours on Tuesday, 1st June 2021. The Zoom Meeting was hosted by Brother Tony Fisher and there were in attendance 20 West Surrey Brothers and one Visiting Brother: John Lydon, Ormskirk Circle. Also in attendance was Dr Evona Rebelo Director Catholic Schools, South Africa. Evona would be giving the Circle and update on the work being done there and in particular Mary Help of Christians Primary School in Paarl which the focus of the President's Charity.</p> <p>Prayers for the sick are required, for Peter and Elinor Scully, John and Eileen Loader, Aries and Bunny Carvahlo, Ian Robertson and Roy Owen.</p>
Apologies	Apologies for absence were received from Brothers David Welsh, John Power and David Morgan-Jones and our permanent apologies.
Minutes	The Minutes of the 1045 th Meeting were accepted and signed. No matters arising to report.
Notified visits (via Zoom)	Brother Ian Robertson attended an online Meeting of Torbay Circle on 13 th May. On 18 th May, Brothers Chris Lowther and Sam Parkin attended an online Meeting of Blandford Forum and District Circle.
Correspondence	<p>Bro Secretary advised that he had received the following correspondence:</p> <p>22nd May from Gill Board. Details of the Catenians Worldwide Intercessory Rosary from Zimbabwe on Sat 29th May Forwarding amended Motions for Conference.</p> <p>28th May from Gill Board forwarding a letter and Development Plan from Andrew Sowerby, Chair of the Strategic Development Group.</p> <p>28th May from Roland Cise forwarding Action Plans following the Annual Conference.</p>
President's Charity	<p>Chris Lowther warmly welcomed Evona Rebelo who then proceeded to give a talk on the current situation at Mary Help of Christians School.</p> <p>In summary she said that the school had a very good reputation and punched above its weight but it was subsidised and would always need support which it receives from the Diocese and the Department of Education but not enough to cover all its needs which were many. These included refurbishment, adopting e-learning with new technology, new sports equipment and new covered areas for assembly. She said the school had found an excellent new Principal who starts on 1st August and that the school she felt had a secure future now that it has regained accreditation and had Diocesan support. In conclusion she thanked the Brothers of West Surrey for their generosity and support for the School and said that the contributions were certainly making a difference to the lives of the children.</p> <p>There followed a question and answer session with Evona taking a number of questions from the Brothers.</p> <p>At the end Chris Lowther thanked Evona for her attendance this evening and for bringing the Circle up to date on the current situation at Mary Help of Christians School. Dr Evona then left the Meeting</p>

Officer's Reports

Social	<p>Tony Fisher had circulated to Circle on 24th May a full social programme for the coming months. This was also included in the June Newsletter and is on the website. The programme is subject to the Government announcement on 21st June about easing restrictions on lockdown. He reported that he and Jim Manderson had gone to the Golf Club to check out the wifi which is good and suitable for hybrid meetings. He will take best practice advice from HQ and Province.</p> <p>Ian Robertson thanked Tony and Jim for doing this groundwork for hybrid meetings and was very grateful for their report.</p>
Membership	<p>Walter Noronha reported that membership was unchanged at 33 Brothers. The forthcoming President's Mass in July was an opportunity to recruit but this would have to be cleared with Fr James. Walter would get the Circle banners from Tony Fisher and Chris Smith.</p> <p>Tony Calway mentioned that Tony Gardner ex of this Circle had returned to the Farnham area and wondered whether he might wish to rejoin.</p> <p>Walter said that he would go to the Bracknell Forest final Meeting on 6th June where there may be potential to talk to BF Brothers to join West Surrey. Pat Quigley said he would also attend with Walter. Ian Robertson said he would also attend if it was a hybrid meeting though it was doubtful it would be.</p>
Province	Colin McDonald had nothing to report.
Treasurer	Nothing new to report in John Power's absence. John had circulated prior to the Meeting the following: Circle Balance £9446.17 of which the Presidents Charity Fund for 20/21 and 21/22 stood at £3871.
Welfare	<p>Roy Owen is now in the Farnham Mill Nursing home and is recovering from his setback. Chris Lowther had sent Roy a card from the Circle wishing him well. Chris had not spoken with Peter Scully recently but would do so in the next few days.</p> <p>Paul Sudell reported that he had been in contact with Marjory Rex's daughter and passed on the Circle's best wishes for Marjory who lives in a Nursing Home in Farnham and is suffering from terminal cancer.</p>
Charity	Pat Quigley said there were no changes to report on the Benevolent and Bursary funds and the percentage of giving was still at 60% of membership.
Press & Publicity	See website for latest reports. www.westsurreycatenians.org .
President's Report	<p>Chris Lowther said that he would attend Southampton Circle meeting on 7th June and invited others to join him. Ian Robertson said he would attend too.</p> <p>The next Council Meeting was to be held on Wednesday 9th June at 7.30pm via Zoom.</p> <p>He asked Brothers to review the Association Strategy documents recently circulated and submit their comments.</p>

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AOB	Nothing to report
Closure	Bro Peter Attridge called the names of the Brothers in attendance. Bro Chris Lowther closed the Meeting with prayers followed by the Loyal Toast.

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