

## WEST SURREY CIRCLE MEETING MINUTES

Opening & Prayers	<p>The <b>1044<sup>th</sup> Meeting of West Surrey Circle</b> was opened by Brother Christopher Lowther, President, at approximately 1930 hours on Tuesday, 6th April 2021. The Zoom Meeting was hosted by Brother Tony Fisher and there were in attendance 20 West Surrey Brothers and one Visiting Brother: Roger Lillie Southampton Circle and Director Province 11.</p> <p>Prayers for the sick are required for Peter and Elinor Scully, John and Eileen Loader, Aries and Bunny Carvahlo, Ian Robertson and Christopher Smith.</p>
Apologies	Apologies for absence were received from Brothers Richard Gardner and Christopher Smith and our permanent apologies.

Minutes	The Minutes of the 1043 <sup>rd</sup> Meeting were accepted and signed. No matters arising to report.
Notified visits (via Zoom)	<p>Duchy of Cornwall Circle 9<sup>th</sup> March, Bro Tony Calway.</p> <p>Basingstoke Circle 15<sup>th</sup> March, Bros Chris Lowther, Tony Fisher and John Power.</p> <p>Portsmouth Circle 22<sup>nd</sup> March, Bro Chris Lowther.</p> <p>Salisbury Circle 25<sup>th</sup> March Bros Chris Lowther, Ian Robertson and Pat Quigley.</p>
Correspondence	<p>Bro Secretary advised that he had received the following correspondence:</p> <p>5<sup>th</sup> April. From Gill Board. NEW Members Portal going live.</p> <p>24<sup>th</sup> March. From Gill Board. Benevolent Fund website and Letter from David Rowley, Vice Chairman of the Trustees</p> <p>19<sup>th</sup> March. From Gill Board. Latest copy of Insights Issue 4.</p>

### Officer's Reports

Membership	Walter Noronha had nothing to report and said he would discuss plans at Council next week.
Province	Colin McDonald had nothing to report since the Provincial Meeting on 16 <sup>th</sup> January other than that Province had now found a new Secretary, Bro Roland Cise. The next Provincial Meeting was the AGM on 24 <sup>th</sup> April.
Treasurer	John Power reported that currently Circle Funds stood at £7954.86 of which the President's Charity total was £3300. A sum of £300 net had been raised from the St Patrick's Day raffle and remitted to Portsmouth Diocese for their Bamenda Appeal.

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Welfare	<p>Paul Sudell reported that he had spoken to Peter Scully who was very pleased to be back at home now and happy to have left the nursing home.</p> <p>Ian Robertson asked for prayers for his wife Ann who was going into hospital next day for a procedure under general anaesthetic.</p> <p>Chris Lowther had also spoken to Peter Scully and found him to be very positive. He had spoken to Hatsui Boyd who is doing well and opening her B&amp;B again. He told Hatsui that she was most welcome to attend Circle events if she so wished.</p>
Charity	<p>Pat Quigley said there were no changes to report on the Benevolent and Bursary funds.</p>
Social	<p>Tony Fisher thanked all who attended the St Patrick's day event and for making it a success. He and Tina enjoyed it very much.</p> <p>He reminded Circle of the Annual Conference in May and that Brothers should sign up for it. Details are on the Association website and in the February edition of Catena.</p> <p>He said that discussions were ongoing with the Golf Club and it was likely we could resume Meetings there in July.</p> <p>The president's Mass was likely to be around end of June but we are still waiting on Fr James to set a date.</p> <p>The Annual BBQ was planned for end of July but said that his garden was too small to host the event and he was hoping for a volunteer from Circle to offer their garden. He and Tina would be happy to do all the preparations.</p> <p>Tony said that he had sent out an email yesterday to all Brothers about the IoW Circle idea of a register of common interests across Circles as a method of maintaining and growing contacts and asked Brothers to let him know by return.</p> <p>Chris Lowther said that he was working on resurrecting the submarine visit to Portsmouth in September. here are lots of talents within the Circle proposed and maybe they could be shared by having a 15-minute talk at the end of a meeting on a particular topic. He volunteered to do one at the end of next meeting on life on submarines.</p> <p>Chris said following the news that Bracknell forest Circle was closing he would speak to their President to find out what their plans were for their final meetings.</p>
Press & Publicity	<p>See website for latest reports. <a href="http://www.westsurreycatenians.org">www.westsurreycatenians.org</a>.</p>
President's Report	<p>Chris Lowther said that he was not planning any visits to Circles in April and would resume in May.</p> <p>The next Council Meeting was to be held on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm via Zoom.</p> <p>Chris informed Circle that the distribution of the funds from the President's charity to the school in Paarl is on hold temporarily until the school report back with their plans.</p> <p>He said he had been informed that the Parish Priest was now on the School Board which was good news</p>

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AOB	<p>Bro Roger Lillie urged Brothers to sign up for Conference as to date there was only one West Surrey Brother signed up. Brothers only need choose which sections to sign up for rather than the whole event and he recommended the discussion on his Action Plan on the Saturday and the Mass from Arundel Cathedral on the Sunday at 3pm as two items to join.</p> <p>Bro Roger said that his redesigned leaflets had been sent out to Walter Noronha and if he wanted more Walter should get in touch with Bro John Farran.</p> <p>Bro Pat Quigley asked Bro Roger how soon he could expect streamlining of the Associations two Charities paperwork. Roger said that he had only today finalised the new Bursary Fund form but he was not responsible for the Benevolent Fund but hopefully they would adopt the same format. Bro Ian Robertson asked why one could not donate online. Roger replied that one does not get tax relief unless a form is filled out.</p>
Closure	<p>Bro Peter Attridge called the names of the Brothers in attendance.</p> <p>Bro Chris Lowther closed the Meeting with prayers followed by the Loyal Toast.</p>

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