



## The Ku-Ring-Gai Harold Wilmot Trophy

A number of years ago, following the death of his wife, **South Bucks Circle** brother Harold Wilmot moved to Australia to be near his daughter, son-in-law and grandchildren.

Then, as his health began to fail, he took up residence in Nazareth House, a nursing home run by the good Sisters in the Ku-Ring-Gai area of Sydney.

**Ku-Ring-Gai Circle** brother and Past President Jack Garcia, a minister of the eucharist, made regular weekly visits to the residents to bring Holy Communion, and one day, noticed the latest copy of *Catena* on Harold's bookcase.

By this time Harold was suffering advanced Alzheimer's Disease and had become a little vague. However, he would sit up and take notice when Jack, now realising that Harold was a Catenian, paid his visits wearing his Catenian tie and read *Catena* to him. Eventually, Harold sadly died, and as a token of South Bucks' appreciation, (and of Jack in particular), then President Richard Bland arranged to send a very fine tankard to Ku-Ring-Gai Circle, engraved as "The Harold Wilmot Trophy".

Ku-Ring-Gai decided that it should be awarded annually, at the sole discretion of the President, to the member who in the previous year had demonstrated "outstanding achievement".

This year, President Greg Bisset declared that the trophy be awarded to Membership Officer Charlie Thomson, for his work in increasing the Circle's membership by six new members in the 12 months to 30th March 2010 and by five in the previous year.



President Greg Bisset presents the "Harold Wilmot Trophy for outstanding achievement" to Membership Officer Charlie Thomson

## Many Happy Returns

Some 54 years ago, Ken Eastham was enrolled into **Accrington Circle**. Since then he has moved through membership of six circles including his present membership of **New Forest and Bournemouth Circles**.

He and his wife Marie returned to a recent Accrington Circle Meeting and Ladies Night to say thank you for the gift to Ken of a silver salver for 50 years of membership of the Association.

During the visit, Marie was reunited with table covers she made and embroidered some 50 years ago following the theft of the regalia when Ken was Chamberlain.



Picture shows: Marie and Ken, the President's table cover and President Andrew Snape of Accrington Circle in the background. A case of a happy return

## 40 Years Membership for Rupert

Rupert Page of **Wokingham Circle** was presented with a scroll in recognition of 40 years membership of the Association by Province 8 Director Odran Steed, on behalf of Grand Council, at the formal April Meeting. Married to Pat all those years, her father was the late Past Grand President



John Smith, Rupert always joked that if he had not become a Catenian, Pat's hand would not have been given! Rupert was enrolled into the Association as a member of Runnymede Circle on 1st January 1970, later becoming a member of Wokingham Circle in June 1982, just a month after the Circle was inaugurated. He was President of Wokingham in 2002 but had already been acting President during a large part of the previous year due to the sudden illness suffered by the President of that year, the late Greg Angel. In all of that time, Rupert was a kind, generous, funny and sensitive President. Rupert held a number of other offices during his 40 years including Chamberlain for both Circle and Province.

This April he stepped down as Provincial Chamberlain. He had held the office for three years and carried out his duties in an easy relaxed manner. He was a regular face at Circle meetings around Province 8 and elsewhere.

In addition to his busy Catenian life, Rupert was for eight years KHS lay MC for the Southern Section, and associate MC for the Order of KHS. In his Rotarian years, he was President and Associate District Governor to the region 1114 and, for three years, Interact District Officer.

## Fear of Beards and Bald Facts at Quiz

The 2010 Peter Eady Quiz hosted by **Kidderminster & District Circle** was very hotly contested. Around 100 people, from many Circles, bravely joined in with this annual extravaganza that would be extremely challenging for any egghead. This year, first place went to **Redditch Circle** who won by a close whisker to second placed **Wolverhampton Circle**.

And talking of whiskers – do you know what pogonophobia is? This was just one of 60 taxing questions, and the answer is the fear of beards. The prizes were awarded to the winners and runners-up by Mrs Chris Hopkins, the widow of Kidderminster & District Circle's first President who is pictured below with members of the victorious Redditch team.

