



A Diamond Couple

Seamus Sharp of **Ramsgate Circle** and his wife Winnie celebrated their Diamond Wedding anniversary on 25th March, the Feast of the Annunciation. Seamus is now partially disabled and gets around town on a mobility vehicle, but he was once very well known throughout the Association, and drove all over the country and abroad. He has probably visited all the provinces and many circles in his time. On the big day the President of Ramsgate Circle, David Shufflebotham, and Secretary David Cliffe, visited them at home with a large bouquet of flowers from the circle. Seamus and Winnie spent the day itself quietly, but were expecting a great family get-together the following weekend.



Tony Celebrates 40 Years with Aylesbury

Aylesbury Circle's April Meeting was a very special evening as it was a Ladies Night, a number of new officers were enrolled and Tony Hadaway celebrated his 40th Anniversary as a Catenian. Tony has been a member of Aylesbury Circle since he was enrolled in 1970 and has seen many changes in its fortunes. He has been President during four of these years and has undertaken a number of other offices. When **West London Circle** was struggling for new members Tony became a joint member and was their President in 1999/2000; he is currently an officer of that circle. Odran Steed, Director of Province 8, and a member of Aylesbury Circle, presented Tony with his 40 year scroll and he was followed by Brendon Sparks, the newly enrolled President, making a presentation to Tony and his wife Pamela on behalf of the Circle. Tony concluded the proceedings by giving his account of the past 40 years and explaining how he had earned a reputation as a practical joker, which he reinforced by producing a number of different face masks as he was speaking.

Tony and Pamela are pictured with Odran Steed, right



Forty Years for Les Florin

The brothers of **Chesterfield Circle** were delighted to entertain Province 15 Director David and Eileen Rowley to dinner at their Ladies Night on Thursday 15th April. After dinner and the customary welcoming speech by President Ted Bennett, the Director of Province 15, David Rowley, was invited to present Les Florin with

his certificate marking his 40 years as a Catenian. David thanked Les for his years of dedication and Les replied in his usual humorous manner.

The photograph shows from left to right: David Rowley Director Province 15, Maureen and Les Florin



York Heads North

It has become the custom that **York and Aberdeen Circles** visit each other on alternate years. This year, a party of 18 York brothers and wives headed north, the first weekend in May, to be entertained and cosseted by Aberdeen Circle! Aberdeen President Steve Stuart welcomed the men to the Circle meeting, held in the Bishop of Aberdeen's house, while the ladies were entertained to a meal, wine and chat, at home with Joan Vicca. Following the meeting, the men adjourned to the Ashvale Fish Restaurant to consume jumbo haddocks and the like.

On the Saturday, the visitors spent the day exploring Aberdeen, its shops and "auld toon". Early evening, the company returned to Bishop Peter Moran's house, where he said Mass, in his private chapel. An excellent buffet meal followed, provided by Martin Vicca, whose father Mario was responsible for the northern side of the arrangements. Following the meal, each Circle challenged the other to a quiz on their knowledge of their respective cities. While the result was judged a draw, Bishop Peter was declared the individual winner!



Members and wives of York and Aberdeen Circles pictured with Bishop Peter Moran, Bishop of Aberdeen, in his chapel

Gold Medallists at Circle 168

Manchester North and Middleton Circle held the Indoor Golf Putting competition as an after circle event in April for the brothers of Province 1. After great effort and skill shown by all competitors and a nail-biting play-off, four brothers emerged as the undisputed champions and gold medallists. Only one of last year's gold medallists returned to defend his title: Kevin Kenny (Oldham and Manchester 1 Circles) is now a 2009 and 2010 winner and gold medallist.



Pictured left to right are: Kevin Kenny; Dave Parkinson, President of Rochdale Circle; Ged Collins, President of Manchester North and Middleton Circle, who presented the winners' medals; Graham Winnard, President of Oldham Circle and Jim Begley, Oldham and Manchester 1 Circles