



DAVID CALVERT

Oxford Circle is mourning the loss of David Calvert who died in Abingdon hospital on 14th September 2009 aged 72. He had been a member of the Association for many years although he had been less



active in recent years due to failing health.

Jim Levi writes: A metallurgist by profession, David had a successful career both in improving methods of continuous casting and in travelling all over the world as a 'trouble shooter' and a foremost authority in his chosen field. This included two visits to Iraq during the Iran-Iraq conflict. He received an award from the Metals Society for his contribution to the industry.

A Lancastrian by birth, he had one sister, Barbara, who survives him and still lives in his home town of Blackburn where he attended the local Catholic Grammar School. A chess enthusiast, he was East Lancashire's Junior Chess Champion in 1954.

He studied Metallurgy at Birmingham University where he was awarded an MSc and then took up an appointment at the British Non Ferrous Metals Research Association in London and later ran 'continuous casting' research in Widnes, Cheshire for BNF. He is survived by his wife Jill, whom he married in 1963, and by his two sons Neville and Simon.

In 1975 the family moved from Cheshire to Abingdon when BNF was relocated to nearby Grove where the Williams Formula One team has its operation. In 1993, when BNF went into liquidation David carried on as a self-employed consultant in the same field. He retired completely three years ago.

David's other life-long interests included politics. A member of Abingdon's Conservative Association, he had at one time been a District Councillor and had for many years served as a valued member of his local parish council.

His son Simon describes David as "Not a sentimental type, but one of life's doers. Possessed of great energy, honesty and organisational skills and a strong desire to help others, he had great satisfaction from improving the lot of his local community."

His funeral took place at Oxford Crematorium in Abingdon on 23rd September. Mass was offered up for the repose of the soul of David at St Edmunds Church, Abingdon on 14th October. The sympathies of Oxford Circle go out to his wife Jill and two sons Neville and Simon as well as to his daughter-in-law Catherine and grandchildren William and Hannah.

May he rest in peace

The deaths of the following brothers are announced with deep regret

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May They Rest in Peace

PETER ROBINSON KSS

Arthur Meredith writes: Peter joined Swansea Circle on 20th May 1952, at their 374th meeting, held at the 'old' Metropole Hotel in High Street, Swansea (long gone to make way for post-war



developments) - two months before his 25th birthday. He was born on 28th July 1927, into a Catholic family, whose mother had come from Ireland to South Wales.

Following his schooling at Dumbarton House School he joined a local architectural firm and eventually became a senior associate architect at another firm.

Sadly on Monday 9th November last Peter answered the call of his Maker, after a very distressing and painful last few months and following an illness which had curtailed his many activities over the last few years.

Married in October 1964 he is survived by his wife Sylvia and two sons, Andrew and Michael; also a sister.

Sylvia was born in London and she related how she came to Swansea after being transferred by her employers M & S and, being new to the area, a colleague suggested that she might like to go dancing at the Mumbles Pier Hotel. Which is where she met Peter and, as the saying goes, 'that was it!'

As a young man Peter was a very keen sportsman, playing rugby for local village teams Mumbles and Dunvant. His other great passion was fishing and he knew of practically every 'good stream or river' in South and West Wales. He was also a very talented painter of water colours - one of which he presented to a visiting Grand President a few years ago!

There aren't many offices at circle or province level that Peter didn't hold and he was President of Swansea Circle on four occasions - the first in 1978, then in 1988 during the year that celebrated Swansea's 800th meeting; again in 1997, the 900th meeting year and (not surprisingly) in 2006/7 when he masterminded a splendid 1000th meeting celebration in the Brangwyn Hall of Swansea Guildhall. He served as Swansea Provincial Councillor on two occasions and also held the office of Provincial President.

Peter's work for the Church was recognised when he was awarded a Knighthood of St Sylvester - and there cannot be many parish priests in the Menevia diocese who have not consulted Peter on advice for some architectural/building problems - which he was always glad to freely give.



He related to me how when he was consulted about the structure of a newly acquired property for use as a Mass centre, and was casually told that they wanted to make sure it was safe to bring a real live donkey in for the annual Christmas play he promptly vetoed that until the floor was made safe!

His body was received into his parish church of St Benedict's, Sketty, Swansea, on the afternoon of Monday 16th November 2009 and was attended by Bishop Emeritus Daniel J Mullins, the Vicar General Mgr Canon Brian Kinrade, and several parish priests; and the Requiem by many Catenians from the Circle and the Province, on the following day Tuesday, 17th November – and again by many diocesan clergy, and was followed by interment at Oystermouth Cemetery.

May he rest in peace

RICHARD JACKSON

Duncan Watson: Brother-in-Law and Circle brother writes: St Paul said, "The life and death of each of us has its influence on others". This is certainly true for the brothers of Preston & District Circle and his many friends, with the sad death of Richard Jackson on 16th December 2009. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him.



Born in the year of the General Strike, 1926, the eldest of three brothers, he always had a strong belief in his faith. From an early age he believed he had a calling to the priesthood. At the age of 13 he entered the junior seminary at Upholland. Unfortunately during this period he suffered a nervous breakdown and spent the summer of 1942 recuperating on a farm near Stonyhurst. Following medical advice, he didn't return to the seminary and had to come to terms with the fact that he would not become a priest but always his faith underpinned his life.

After his National Service, in keeping with his nature, he joined the Civil Service working for the National Assistance Board. With an interest in dramatics he joined a local amateur society, where he met his wife, Celia. They married and settled down in Fulwood raising a family of three sons and two daughters. Richard joined the BDP Music Society and also became a governor of St Pius X Catholic Primary School, Fulwood.

Following the premature death of his father-in-law, Tony Atherton, a well known Preston newsagent, Richard came to the aid of the family business, where he remained for the rest of his working life.

Richard, with always a keen interest in life and people, enrolled into Preston & District Circle in 1967, quickly becoming a Council member in his first year.

He was elected to Marshall in 1969 and went on to be Vice-President and President in 1972. He served as Provincial Councillor from 1974 to 1977. Following this he worked for many years for the Catenian Benevolent Board.

Throughout his life his trust in God and the Holy Spirit stood out, always attending daily Mass as often as possible.

May he rest in peace

CHARLES ALFRED WEBB

The brothers of Weymouth Circle, Plymouth Circle, and all in Province 11 were deeply saddened by the death of their oldest brother, Charles Webb, on Wednesday 19th August 2009 aged 100 years.

John Bywater writes: Charles was born on 4th January 1909, the second of four children, in Falmouth, where his father owned a grocery business. When Charles was three years old his father joined the Lipton company as store manager and the family moved first to Plymouth and then to Devonport.

The Great War disrupted family life when his father was conscripted into the Devon Regiment, where he served in India and South Africa. During the war his family lived with their grandmother in Launceston where Charles began his education at the Dominican convent. On demobilisation in 1919, his father rejoined Liptons and his family followed him to Plymouth and then on to Teignmouth. Charles continued his education at the Mutton Cove Catholic school in Plymouth and at a similar primary in Teignmouth.

In 1922 it was thought that Charles might have a vocation for the priesthood and at the tender age of 13 he was sent to the Datchet Junior Seminary, run by the Canons Regular of the Lateran, near Windsor. After two years, his parents were informed that he did not have a vocation yet and he was enrolled immediately into a 3-year apprenticeship in the retail furnishing trade in Teignmouth.

In 1925 Charles joined Spooner's Department Store in Plymouth, a subsidiary of Debenhams, and so began a life-long association with the Debenhams company. Six years later he moved to the Jones Department Store of Bristol (Debenhams) where for several years he lived a monastic existence with 15 other young men over the store in Wine Street. In 1934 Charles' life underwent a sea-change. He and a colleague were invited to a party as 'blind-dates' for an attractive and unattached young lady to make her choice for the evening.

The lady was upset that the hostess had dared to select a man for her and contrived to arrive two hours late. The pals grew weary with waiting and decided to toss a coin to see who would remain at the party to salvage their honour. Charles remained to meet the lady, Yvonne Marguerite Treasure, who was to become his future wife and life-long companion. He never did reveal whether he had won or lost that fateful toss of a coin.

By that time, Charles had taken on a second lifelong commitment when he was enrolled into the Knights of St Columba on 14th November 1937 and elevated to full Knighthood one year later on 27th November. He served in several Councils in the west country, including a term as the Grand Knight of Plymouth Council, culminating in the presentation of the KSC Golden Jubilarian Award at Weymouth Council.

Yvonne and Charles were married on 18th April 1938 at St Joseph's church, Fishponds by Fr Francis Grimshaw (later Bishop) who had previously received Yvonne into the Catholic Church.

War came to the Webb family a second time. Charles volunteered for the National Fire Service and became a Regular Fireman in time to experience the worst the blitz had to offer in the cities of Bristol and Plymouth. It is noted that he excelled as a panto dame in their Christmas pantomimes. His skill to make others laugh in those dark, desperate days was characteristic of Charles and his sense of humour and of the incongruous stayed with him to the very end. He was discharged from the NFS at the end of the war but by that time the Debenhams stores that he knew so well in Plymouth and Bristol had been flattened by the Luftwaffe.

In 1947 Charles was sent to Plymouth as a furniture buyer although Debenhams was then a collection of nissen huts dotted around the city. During that year he was invited to become a visiting gentleman at Plymouth Circle and he became a Catenian on 12th January 1948 thereby embarking on his fourth life-long commitment.

Charles transferred his membership to Weymouth Circle in 1984 and it was there that he was presented with his 50-year certificate in 1998. In 2008, the then Grand President Philip Gidman was delighted to present him with a 60-year scroll. The scroll was a wonderful bonus in our ongoing celebrations for Charles' 99th birthday.

By the late Fifties Charles and Yvonne had a son Peter, three daughters Pat, Elizabeth and Helen and a foster son James Campbell who came to them via Nazareth House, Plymouth.



By then they were living in Yelverton and it was there that the Webb family felt most at home with many happy memories. Charles had kept himself fit and was quite a sportsman, excelling in the 100 yards sprint, and in the contact sports of lacrosse, rugby and water polo.

Charles and Yvonne were very proud of their son Peter when in 1957/8, he joined the Seminary in Valladolid, Spain. They all missed Peter but it was worth the separation when he was ordained six years later.

Charles retired from work after 44 years service with Debenhams; however he did continue on a part-time basis for a while. Following full-time retirement, Charles and Yvonne relocated to Dorchester, Dorset.

As a husband and father Charles is really missed. He and Yvonne made home a wonderful place to be and family life was good. The children were loved, supported, stimulated and encouraged, and given their freedom when it was needed to develop and grow. Charles' advice was always low key and carefully considered and given. Their interest in their children was continued in the same way with their grandchildren, great grandchild, nephews and nieces. As a work colleague, Charles had a natural empathy with his fellow workers and he was sought out by them for his ability to listen with compassion, for his commonsense advice and for his discretion. Above all his attributes, Charles was a man of faith. He slept with a rosary under his pillow and it was in his pocket during the day. When the family went on holiday, his first task was to find the local church. He had a down to earth faith, taking to the development of the liturgy and the use of English with gusto after the Second Vatican Council. His parish, wherever it might be, was the basic context of his faith.

Finally, Charles knew that his race was nearly run, that the time was in sight and he faced the end with stoicism. He celebrated his century in great style on 4th January 2009. Since that time he became increasingly frail, lost his mobility and ultimately required assistance with all the needs and intimacies of life. It can become very hard and undignified, but Charles bore it all with dignity, many a 'thank you' and a charming smile through his discomfort and pain. It was a rare privilege to witness the love and devotion lavished upon him by Yvonne and her family.

Charles died peacefully. His Requiem Mass on 2nd September 2009 at Holy Trinity, Dorchester, was attended by a large congregation which included KSC and Catenian brothers and their ladies from near and far.

Mass was concelebrated by Fr John Rice and Fr Guy de Gaynesford and the moving eulogy was delivered by his son Canon Peter Webb. We will keep the Webb family in our prayers and we shall miss our departed brother and his smile.

May he rest in peace

JULIAN DE RUYTER

Julian de Ruyter was born on 3rd May 1930. He attended St Andrews RC Primary school, Streatham. He then became a boarder at St Joseph's College, Beulah Hill from 1940-1947.



He completed his two years in the army from 1948-1950 in the RAOB where he served in Germany.

He joined Anglo American Corporation of SA where he met Madeline and in 1955 they married and have three children, seven grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

He then joined Barclays Bank. When he was made redundant he went to work for Harry Mellor.

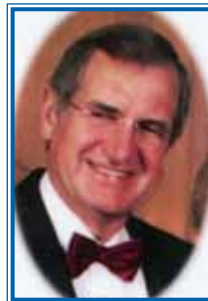
Julian was enrolled as a Catenian at Norwood Circle in 1970 and in 1977 became President. He was also a joint member of Streatham Circle for a number of years.

He moved to Wincanton, Somerset in 2001 and died on 20th June 2009 after a short illness.

May he rest in peace

PATRICK NOLAN

The members of Warrington circle were extremely saddened by the death on 27th June 2009 of Patrick Nolan who was a parishioner of St Monica's Church.



Denis McAllister writes: Patrick, who was born in 1945, lived in the Warrington area for the whole of his life, and for many of those years he lived in Appleton.

On leaving school he became an apprentice electrician with J Boulting; some years later he moved to Alchem Ltd, Widnes. He attained the position of Director with both companies and was especially valued for his skill in constructing and managing contracts.

In his younger years he was very interested in sports cars and won many rally competitions. He had a number of cars including Spitfires and MGs before

he graduated to more exotic saloon cars including Jags and Mercedes.

He was a very practical man and was especially good at DIY and gardening but it was true to say that he could undertake most things with success.

He had a very generous nature and was particularly effective when fund raising. This was shown to a great degree when he agreed to help his cousin Father John Nevin who was a parish priest in Pakistan to build a new church.

Pat organised many fund raising activities including a huge auction, and all the proceeds were sent to Father John. Eventually the church was completed, much to Father John's delight.

Pat was one of the original parishioners of St Monica's church and was the first altar boy in the parish, and over the years he proved himself to be a great support to the priests of the parish by involving himself in committees and projects. Latterly he was the Parish Representative on the Local Pastoral Area Committee.

He travelled a good deal to all parts of the world and had a home in Spain which he greatly enjoyed with his family and friends.

He and his wife Maureen had a son Andrew and they lived on the outskirts of Warrington, but sadly Maureen died when Andrew was quite young, but Pat concentrated on bringing him up and ensuring that he had a good education. Pat was especially successful at this as Andrew eventually went to university and then qualified as a teacher.

Subsequently, Pat met and then married Christine in December 2003 and they were both very happy and travelled widely, he also inherited a step family of a step-son and two step-daughters and seven step-grandchildren.

Family life was always important to him and he worked at maintaining close links with his three brothers and their families.

In fact, Andrew's wife Amy gave birth to his grandson just five days before Pat died.

But one of the most important things in his life was his faith; he was a strong Catholic and was robust in his faith, even towards the end of his life he never wavered in his beliefs, he set a clear and positive example.

He was always fair and had a good sense of humour, he enjoyed a loving and happy family life and enjoyed being the host at social events.

His Requiem Mass was held on 8th July 2009 at St Monica's Church, Appleton, Warrington; he was piped into church at his request and the Mass was concelebrated by Canon George Browne, Father Peter Montgomery, Father John Nevin and Deacon John Clowes.



In Memoriam

Patrick will be sadly missed by Christine, Andrew and his extended family, his brothers, friends and the Catenians, and he will always be remembered especially in the Warrington area.

May he rest in peace

TIM GIUSEPPI



Anthony Leonard writes: Edward Percy Eugene Giuseppi (Tim) was born near Balham on 24th March 1925 to a dedicated Maltese born GP who gave freely of his time and rarely rendered an account for services to the poor.

Stricken by rickets, Tim's schooling could only begin at aged nine, but sheer determination had him joining the Scouts and in WW2, a Cavalry regiment (Mascot: a Shetland pony), taking him through Normandy to Germany. Here he was driver to an Army Chaplain who spoke little English, while neither of them grasped German. The logistics of large Army transport vehicles and his slight stature may explain his highly individualistic driving style, impatient parking, and later, the piety of many of his passengers (Circle brothers especially).

Tim's teaching career: smaller than most, he taught superbly instilling regimental discipline and Scouting ideals. Strict he may have been like a Captain Mainwaring, but he was loved for his Mr Chips type intuition of children's talents and his excellent organisation of camping trips for boys who could never have afforded holidays. Past pupils also recounted the high and deserved praise from HM Inspectors all through his career.

His 28th Streatham Scouting Troop (St Simon & Jude's Parish, Tulse Hill: (see the 1955 photo showing Bishop Cowdray, Catenian Richard Meade in the centre, and Tim in profile) brought a succession of youngsters open air fun, training them to be leaders through tasks set by Broc (None of his pupils ever called him by his Christian name). Tim's approach was to give out strict tasks, and impress the leaders with a sense of mission, encouraging them to plan, improvise, and profit from each other's skills. One incident where his troop helped control

traffic near Windsor, prompted Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth to invite him to an informal thank you for that day's good deed. On the other hand, he regretted missing through illness, the first Catholic Mass in 400 years at Eton.

Tim's hard work as a teacher in Dunraven and Poplar saw him move through Walton on the Hill, Staplehurst and Beckenham, (home to Enid Blyton, also). Tim and Joan fostered Terry, David and John after marrying at Norbury in 1961, and theirs was a love that endured for the next 48 years. His house, built on Beckenham clay, developed a major crack in its foundations which may have been paid by insurance, however Tim was immediately lumbered with a non negotiable, no escape contract.

One of the most amusing Annual Dinner speeches of the Circle's history was made by Tim as President 1975/6 (he joined Oct 1964), and he served as Provincial Councillor 1996/2000. He was ever affable company, but ill-health and partial deafness from the war could make his forthright views rather too formidable for Circle meetings and Presidents. This was a Brother of strong faith and good works, daily attending Mass, who avoided coarse language, regularly entertained the clergy, and only drank sparingly, preferring to get home. His regular "walkies" with Joan meant a stroll the length of the High Street to a coffee shop where they could enjoy a cuppa.

For the last two years, his health and memory declined progressively, and he was in and out of Lewisham Hospital with chest pains, till his death from pneumonia on 4th December 2009. Canon Jack Madden, who had been a friend for years, led the faithful in prayer and in spite of the dreadful snow, many friends, Catenians and former pupils came from afar (Scout motto: "Through Grit"?) to pay their respects. Our prayers and thoughts go out to Joan who has lost a dear friend and loving husband, and to their foster family. It has been a privilege to know Tim, and discover his great success with children and the wonderful example he set.

May he rest in peace

JOHN HOOD

The Brothers and families of Preston South and South Ribble Circles were saddened by the recent death of John Hood who was Chamberlain of Preston South Circle and a founder member of South Ribble Circle, formed in 2008.



Tony Halliwell and David Nicholson write: John had been diagnosed with cancer in April of 2009. He faced this news with typical courage and underwent a course of treatment which he bore uncomplainingly throughout. In August 2009 he was admitted to hospital with pneumonia, where his condition deteriorated and he died on 13th September 2009.

Originally from Whitchurch in Shropshire, and qualified as a Civil Engineer, John moved north to Lancashire where he met and married Elaine. John joined Lancashire County Council Surveyor's Department working on many major motorway construction projects and sea wall defences.

Having attended many Circle functions as a guest, John joined Preston South in November 1993 and was always an active and popular member.

In 1998, at 65, John retired from LCC but sadly, shortly afterwards, Elaine died very suddenly. That was a massive blow to John and their sons Christopher and Paul but it brought out the best in him and he bore her passing with typical inner strength, bravery and a positive attitude, providing tremendous support to the boys and later their families.

The arrival of grandchildren gave him the opportunity to immerse himself in his extended family, babysitting, entertaining and holidaying with them so that he built a very strong bond with the little ones; he was a model granddad in every way and was tremendously proud of his grandchildren.

He became a very competent cook and was always happy to cook for Circle social events.

Just before his 70th birthday John suffered a serious stroke, but again he produced such inner strength and determination that with the help of his friends and our brotherhood he managed to rehabilitate himself, as he said, "to almost full working order" and resumed his duties as Chamberlain of Preston South Circle, a post he held from April 2000, which he characterised with his complete unpredictability, ready wit and wry smile until his death.

John was everything one could hope for in a Catenian; you know at our enrolment we are charged with being faithful, dutiful and loyal, well that was John Hood to a "T". He would never let anyone down. He was a true gentleman who could see the good in everybody.

John's passing has left a big hole in the lives of his friends but we will always remember him for his infectious sense of humour, his ready smile, and that mischievous twinkle in his eye.

May he rest in peace