



Brooklands Member and Former Mayor Honoured

Former Trafford Mayor (1979/80), Mike King of **Brooklands Circle**, received further praise and recognition after a lifetime of service to the people and various community groups within Trafford. This time, Mike received a framed scroll from Grand President Joe McNally, for belonging to the Catenian Association for 50 years, to which Bro Mike has given much devoted service. He was a founder



Grand President Joe McNally (left) presents Mike King (centre) with his 50 Year Membership Scroll with Brooklands Circle President Jim O'Mahony looking on

member of Brooklands Circle and was founder treasurer. Mike comments "it is lovely to mark such an occasion in this way. I am extremely proud of the fact that my three sons-in-law are now members of the Catenian Association and I pray that they will contribute and gain as much as I have over the years." Born in Sale on 18th April 1926, Mike was educated at St Joseph's Elementary School (1931-1940) and a member of St Joseph's parish, Sale, to this day. He married his wife Flo in 1953, has four children, Mike, Tricia, Sue, and Pam; eight grandchildren and a great grandchild. Mike was a local self employed retailer for more than 18 years as the sole proprietor of Ashton-on-Mersey Post Office, Manor Avenue Post Office and Manor Newsagent/Stationers, all in Trafford, Greater Manchester. Mike was granted an audience in 1986 with Pope John Paul II who awarded him the "Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice" medal for 'Outstanding contribution to the development of the parishes All Saints, St Margaret Ward, Holy Family in the Sale area. In 1973 Mike was a Founder Member of Trafford Metropolitan Borough Council. He was Deputy Leader of Council in 1974 and Leader of Council in the years 1975-77 and 1982-84 remaining, to this day, the only Catholic to have held this prestigious post. A strong Conservative, he represented St Martin's Ward in 1973/86 and the Priory Ward 1987/91. Over a number of years he was School Governor and Chair of Governors for 15 schools and community groups as well as being President (1984) of the Sale & District Scouts Association. He completed 25 years as School Governor in 2002. Mike adds "I felt so privileged to be able to serve the people of Trafford and it was a great honour to serve the Borough as Lord Mayor. I have so many fond memories." Mike is currently Chairman of Sale Charities Management Committee and Brooks Institute.

Medal for Cliff



Cliff Hart, left, is pictured with **Chislehurst & Orpington Circle** President Tony McAleenan on the occasion that Cliff received a certificate and silver APF medal from the Mill Hill Missionaries for his services as local Secretary for over 35 years at St Mary's Church, Chislehurst.

After Circle Visitor

Betty Williams, MP for Llandudno area of North Wales, was the after-Circle speaker at a **North Wales** Meeting recently. She gave an enlightening and interesting talk on her time in parliament over the last decade.



Picture shows left to right: Provincial President, Terry McCaig, Betty Williams and Circle President, Paul Hewitt

Leicester Ladies Greet Bishop

The Rt Rev Malcolm McMahon, Bishop of Nottingham, was the guest speaker at a recent meeting of Leicester Ladies 53 Club. Their president, Mrs Jan Butlin, welcomed him on behalf of the flourishing club which has 48 members. The club was formed in 1962 when wives of Catenian brothers of **Leicester 53 Circle** sought a way of supporting one another. In later years it was extended to the wives of brothers from **South Leicester** and **Kirby Muxloe Circles**. In the mid 90s Catholic ladies with or without Catenian connections were welcomed as members. The club also provides social support for widows of Catenian brothers. Each year the Club has a full programme of speakers and outings.



Bishop Malcolm McMahon with the ladies