



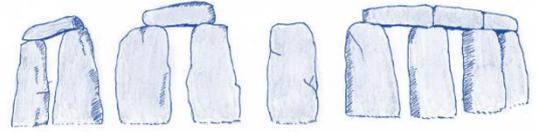
The Catenians

*Strengthening family life
through friendship and faith*

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NEWSLETTER – July 2020

SALISBURY CIRCLE 266



Jim Rolleston RIP; 5th June 1953 – 23rd June 2020



It was with great sadness we learned of the death of Brother Jim last week. A Catenian since July 2007, Jim had always been an active member in Salisbury Circle, holding an Office on Council for every year other than the year he first enrolled as a Catenian.

We all have our own memories of Jim, but the following was kindly put together by Frances.

“Our Jim”

Our lovely Jim was such a special “fella”. I met him at a disco in the Regency Hotel Belfast during those frightening times called simply, The Troubles. I loved him the minute I saw him, and Jim said the same about me. Our first date was next day at 8am to come to the Tandragee 100 Motorcycle Road Race.

A thrilling start to our romantic life it certainly was and as we were both sides of the religious divide in the North of Ireland. My parish church St Anthony’s had been desecrated and so I wasn’t surprised when my Parish Priest refused to marry us “as it wouldn’t last”. Here we lasted 42 years. Jim always came to Sunday Mass with me, though out in the countryside where no one would know who we were. Jim became a Catholic when our first child was making her first communion.

We had moved to Bedfordshire by then. Jim had major heart surgery and then kidney and pancreas transplants in London 20 years ago because of diabetes in childhood. It’s always been all go with Jim! Then 14 years ago we moved to Salisbury and met the Catenians and so many friends.

Happy here and well supported by all with a daughter in Bristol, son and family in Greater Manchester and younger son nursing in Liverpool.

Amen.

As I mentioned above, we all have memories of Jim, but I will share a poem written Brother Eric, preceded by the memories that prompted it.

It was through Brother Jim that I became a Catenian. We met deliberately after the 11.00 Mass at St Osmund’s on the Sunday before the Catenians’ Christmas party in 2018, where Oltea and I were given a warm welcome. We had been attending St Osmund’s regularly for the previous six years, but only about 8 times a year, on visits from our home in Cluj, Romania when we would be based at a holiday flat where

we have been living since moving to Salisbury the following February. Jim had spotted us on previous occasions and that is why I say we met deliberately: this dapper stranger in blazer and bow tie seemed to glide across the church (we didn't know his prowess in the quickstep until recently) with his broad smile and charmed me into the Catenians on the spot. We were only in Salisbury for a short visit to take the family to the panto so this was a wonderful surprise that seemed to confirm our decision to move here. We soon became friends. We would hope to meet Frances and Jim in Exeter Street on their way to Mass as we were returning to our flat following the 9.00 Service. Always the broad smile and warm greeting. He made everybody feel special, even newcomers to the parish. We are glad they could come to us for a meal (when we had a surprise visit from members of our family) and Jim joined other family members for a restaurant lunch and matinee at the Playhouse, special memories for us. Jim was so generous and kind to me. I loved his ready sense of fun. His good humour was infectious. After receiving a Christmas present of a collection of Tommy Cooper jokes this year I was looking forward to an appropriate occasion to share it with him, having made him laugh with one the last time we met. Remember how as Circle President he would ask if any Brother had a joke to tell? Before I could do so, a state of emergency was declared and we had to return to our house in Transilvania to three months of lockdown, where we learned of his death. Procrastination is the thief of time and opportunity.

One of the pleasures of writing poems is squeezing in a private reference in a tight space, so the word 'delectation' comes from Leonard Sachs as Chair of the Music Hall in Leeds that was a favourite on TV: introducing a singer or comedian like Tommy Cooper he would bang his gavel and announce "And NOW Ladies and Gentlemen....For Your Delectation and Delight we bring you" Jim Rolleston, a friend we wish we had known longer.

Sonnet To A Parted Friend

In Memoriam Jim Rolleston R.I.P.

We wanted to know you well, but met too late
 For time to wait for us, parted too soon to relate
 The tale of how our friendship grew and thrived
 Through shared memories of adventures survived
 Till the twilight years of recollection. Now we are left
 In the glare of summer, aware of your absence, bereft
 Of the light of your delight in delectation, the way
 You could gladden any day, to feel, as you would say,
 Fabulous. Your merry chuckle and Derry lilt would
 Lift and surprise us like sudden sunshine, could
 Even add lustre to a joke! The warmth of your kindness
 Was kindled in the bright smile of your greeting after Mass
 Whose welcome brought us the joy of joining your dear
 Friends with whom we miss you, gone yet still here.

23 June 2020

Circle Diary		Contact
Tues 14 th July	Council meeting, Video Conference	Secretary
Thurs 23 rd July	Circle meeting, Video Conference	Secretary
Tues 11 th August	Council meeting, Video Conference <i>tbc</i>	Secretary
Thurs 27 th August	Circle meeting, Video Conference <i>tbc</i>	Secretary
Tues 11 th Sept	Council meeting, Video Conference <i>tbc</i>	Secretary
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Looking Ahead		
March 2022	Salisbury Circle 50 th Anniversary Celebration	

For details of Virtual Circle meetings throughout the Association log in to the members area of the Catenian Website and then go to the “Virtual Circle Meeting Register”, where you will find dates, times and contact details if you wish to attend.

 Anniversaries and Birthdays in July 	
Enrolment:	None
Birthday:	3rd Chris Huthwaite (52), 18th Chris Burnell (51), 22nd Dominic Butler (47), 23rd Ken McNally (68)
Ladies Birthday:	7th Linda Jones, 12th Karen Say
Wedding Anniversary:	19th Phil & Linda Jones (50 years), 19th John & Karen Say (45 years), 20th Graham & Lilian Brown (48 years), 30th John & Catherine Detain (37 years), 31st Chris & Helen Burnell (27 years)

Please remember especially in your prayers
 Jim & Frances Rolleston
 Tony Broughton
 Michael & Mary Cairns
 John & Christine Edwards
 Ken McNally
 John Say
 Charles & Dorothea Sultana de Maria
 Madelaine Sadler
 Cath Kiamtia (widow)

Brothers are reminded that photographs may be taken at our Circle functions for inclusion in the Newsletter and our website, unless an objection has been notified. Please advise any of your visitors accordingly.

Don't forget your tickets for the Salisbury Swindle

As his charity for this year our President Adrian Holloway has nominated the
Royal National Lifeboat Institution (RNLI).

A change to how we run it this year. The sheet of numbers is available to view on the Salisbury Catenians web page. Brothers can select their numbers and pay for their numbers by bank transfer or cheque. You can change your numbers at any time by notifying either the Treasurer or Secretary. The monthly prize will be a £20 Marks & Spencer voucher.

As ever your generosity is much appreciated.

Officers 2020 - 2021			
President	Adrian Holloway	Vice President	<i>Vacant this year</i>
Imm. Past President	Jim Rolleston RIP	Provincial Councillor	Joe Falzon
Secretary	Tony Peters-Ennis	Treasurer	Allan Trowbridge
Membership Officer		Chamberlain	Kevin Lynn
Presidents Marshall	Dominic Butler	Registrar	David Gillen
Welfare Officer	John Detain	Charities Officer	Phil Jones
Press & Publicity	Dave Blake	Employment & Careers	Sam Camisa
Dining Secretary	David Morehead	Benevolent Board Chairman	David Morehead
Schools Liaison	Michael Presley	Newsletter / Web Admin	Richard Verrian