



## HAROLD NORMAN GREEN

Norman Green of Bolton Circle died in Royal Bolton Hospital on 30th October 2009.

Mary Gertrude writes: Norman was born in April 1923 in St Brigid's Parish, Bradford, Manchester. The son of a railway man and a farmer's daughter, who married without the blessing of her family because her fiancé was a Catholic, Norman was the middle child with two sisters who both survive him. When he was 10 the family moved to Bolton where he attended St Peter and Paul's school. He failed his 11 plus, but went on to Bolton Junior Tech at 13. Serving his apprenticeship at Dobson and Barlow, a large textile machinery manufacturer, he progressed into the drawing office whilst studying three nights a week. At 18 Norman tried to join the Royal Navy but by this time Dobson and Barlow were designing and making parts for aircraft and objected to his application, so Norman spent his war years in the drawing office as well as on night time Home Guard and Fire Watching duties.

Norman played tennis in his teens and became a keen cyclist. He started playing golf when he was 20, worked hard at his game and was Captain of Deane GC and both Dobson and Barlow and the University of Salford Golf Societies. He was very accurate around the greens, and got down to 5 handicap although the Catenian Golf Society reduced him to 3!

In his early 20s Norman was awarded a Sir Walter Preston scholarship to study Mechanical Engineering at the University of Manchester Institute of Science and Technology (UMIST) graduating in 1949 with a first class honours degree. He then went back to Dobson and Barlow's drawing office as section leader. In 1950 he was sent as 2nd Engineer to Travancore-Cochin State (now Kerala) in South West India for a year to set up a new rayon making factory with Dobson and Barlow's machinery. He returned to Dobson and Barlow as Chief Draftsman, soon to be Technical Manager and later Technical Director. We met briefly around this time, through a mutual golfing friend, then again by chance at a barbeque a year or two later and saw the light and married in October 1956 in our early 30s. We were thankful to have had 53 good years together.

In 1959, to the surprise of his fellow Directors at Dobson and Barlow, Norman decided to change career and moved to the Royal College of Advanced



*The deaths of the following brothers are announced with deep regret*

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*Liverpool, South Circle*

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*Leigh, Lancashire Circle*

**April**

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*Lytham St Annes Circle*

**May They Rest in Peace**

Technology Salford (later Salford University) as a lecturer in Engineering Design.

Norman retired as Senior Lecturer from Salford at 59, carrying on with private consultancy, mainly with Stone Platt, for another three years. A few years into retirement, busy with bridge, fundraising for CAFOD, golf, gardening and endless odd-jobs, he joked that he was thinking of taking on an apprentice.

We were blessed with four lovely children; although our first born Michael, was very poorly for the nine months he lived — about a third of it at home with us. Catherine, Patricia and Laurence followed in quick succession. Norman was a loving father and passed on his deep love of God and the great outdoors to his children. With endless patience, he helped them learn to swim, fish, drive and to solve quadratic equations. We had great holidays at home and abroad. He also greatly loved, and was loved by, his eight grandchildren.

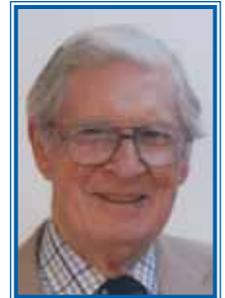
Joining Bolton Circle in 1954, Norman was a Catenian for 55 years. In 1974 he was President and we enjoyed meeting and making friends with the other Presidents and wives in No 1 Province, and had some great holidays with the National Catenian Golf Society.

Norman's deafness, probably caused by years in noisy textile factories, could be isolating on some occasions, but he took lip reading classes, and was always ready for a one-to-one good humoured conversation. His last year was fraught with illness which he bore with amazing cheerfulness, playing golf, walking in the Lake District and swimming until March. A quiet, modest, talented, calm and gentle man, the packed church at his Requiem was a fitting tribute to him. He is very sadly missed.

*May he rest in peace*

## JOHN HARRY KNOTH

It was with great regret that Brothers of Tunbridge Wells & District Circle heard of the sudden death on 17th January of John Knoth, fortified by the rites of the Church and with the close members of his family present.



His close friend, Clive Mackie of Hastings Circle, writes: John was born on 5th December 1920 in Leigh-on-Sea, Essex, the son of a civil servant and a mother who was devoted to her two sons; the second, Paul, was John's younger brother but predeceased him. Their loving upbringing was very happy with strong links to the Church manifested in regular attendance at Mass. John's early school days were at a private Catholic school in Leigh-on-Sea from where he progressed to Westcliff High School. His strongest subjects were languages, and he was a more than passable cricketer, representing his school.

By the time John was 18, he realised the inevitability of war so he volunteered for service in the Essex Yeomanry. Many of his school friends did likewise but, sadly, nearly all of them failed to survive the hostilities. John served with the Artillery in France; he was not in the Dunkirk evacuation but was sent via Marseille to Haifa in Palestine. From there he went to North Africa where he fought against the Italians and Germans under Rommel for two years. He was then posted to Burma from where British forces had eventually to retreat to India in the face of the Japanese onslaught.



It was in India that he endured his greatest privation, particularly as far as food was concerned as there were times when it was necessary to survive on nothing more than grass and a daily mug of water, the latter being for drinking, washing and shaving. But there was no dearth of cigarettes – 200 a week were issued to all.

At this time John became ill with malaria and lost a great deal of weight, falling to seven stones. After recuperating he went with his regiment to Basra in Iraq, then to the Intelligence School in Cairo and on to an officers' training course in Acre, and back to Cairo having been commissioned.

Soon after the war, John was demobilised as a captain and went into the insurance industry with Royal Exchange, studying for the Chartered Insurance Institute fellowship qualification. Royal Exchange became Guardian Royal Exchange and John stayed with them until he retired having been manager of their prestigious Law Courts branch and subsequently area manager in Beckenham. He then worked for three further years with an insurance broker in Bromley.

John had met Lois, a nearby Westcliff resident, in 1958. After she returned from Canada following a year's secondment, they became engaged and were married in 1962 at Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Leigh. In due course Jane, the first of their two daughters, was born and when John's work took him to Beckenham he, Lois and Jane moved to Tonbridge where Gillie was born. Throughout the rest of John's life they were worshippers at Corpus Christi Church in Tonbridge, although subsequently they moved to Bidborough, just outside the parish. For a number of years John served as Chairman of the Parish Council where his hallmark gentleness, approachability and good-humour guided the Council members.

In 1974 John joined Tunbridge Wells & District Circle where he was a diligent and efficient Secretary for three years, apart from holding more minor office. He derived much friendship, comfort and support from the Circle members and he and Lois were active participants in Circle events. This writer has enduring memories of no fewer than 22 holidays in various parts of Europe with John and our wives and, indeed, we were planning the next such holiday only a fortnight before John died.

Everyone had great sympathy for Lois and the family when John died, aged 89, having two days before had a serious fall in his home, tumbling head-first the full length of the stairs. He did not recover despite great efforts made in hospital.

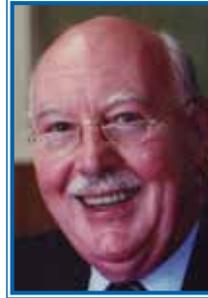
He was a very compassionate and caring person and, truly, he couldn't have

had an enemy in the world. His family, and indeed his friends, were the beneficiaries of his happy and serene disposition. He leaves behind his wife, two daughters and three grandchildren.

*May he rest in peace*

## **MAURICE SMITH DFC & BAR, AE, KCHS, KSG**

The brothers of Eastbourne Circle were saddened to learn of the death of one of their senior members, Maurice Smith, in hospital on 9th November 2009.



Gerry Mason writes: Maurice was born in London on 10th March 1920 and grew up in Edgware with his younger brother Gerry. He was educated at Xaverian College, Mayfield, from 1928-30 and Douai School from 1930 to 1937 and in 1938 he joined the RAFVR where he qualified as a sergeant pilot. Maurice was commissioned as a pilot officer in 1940 and was posted to 44 Squadron where, in April 1941, he was awarded the DFC, flying firstly Hampden bombers, then Manchesters and eventually Lancasters. He also joined 83 Squadron and completed two tours of operations between 1940 and 1942 and was awarded the Bar to his DFC in March 1942. He then joined the radar force code-named OBOE as ground controller which worked closely with the Pathfinder Force. He ended the War with a unit in the Black Forest area of Germany from which OBOE coverage extended to Berlin. Maurice received his Air Efficiency Award in 1946 for his service to RAFVR.

After the war Maurice returned to civilian life working for a small manufacturing company called Lindscott Ltd. In 1949 he formed a company with a family friend, Bert Chapman, called Chapman & Smith Ltd which manufactured industrial safety equipment and he continued working for this company as Chairman right up until February 2007 when he was 86! The company ceased to trade in 2007 - that is why he retired.

He married Mary in 1941 and settled down to family life with his four daughters in Northwood, Middlesex, and commuted to Mill Hill daily where Chapman & Smith Ltd was located.

In 1962 the company moved to East Hoathly in East Sussex and the family moved to Polegate. Whilst there, Maurice became, firstly a parish councilor, and then an East Sussex County Councillor

and was very active in St Georges Church, Polegate. Then, when he and Mary moved to Eastbourne, he was very actively involved with Our Lady of Ransom Church in Grange Road in many ways. In 1971 he was involved as a member of the Eastbourne Committee of Sussex University Chaplaincy Association and became a National Trustee of Lifeline Pregnancy Care and Chairman of the Sussex Regional Management Committee. Because of his charitable works he became a Knight of the Holy Sepulchre in 1982 and later a Knight Commander of the Order. He became a Knight of St Gregory in 1992.

On behalf of the Mayor of Eastbourne, Maurice organised relief convoys to Poland in the 1980s and enlisted the help of his sons-in-law. He contributed much from his own resources in both materials and manpower for the project. Maurice was President of Eastbourne Circle in 1970/71 and again in 1986/87 and was also Provincial President in 1975/76.

His wife Mary pre-deceased him in July 2000, as did his youngest daughter Caroline in January 2005, and he is survived by his three remaining daughters, 12 grandchildren and also his great grandchildren.

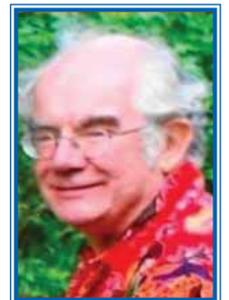
His packed Requiem Mass was held on 4th December 2009 in Our Lady of Ransom Church. Many family members took part in the service and his brother Gerry gave the eulogy. The Mass was concelebrated by Father Raglan Hay-Will, assisted by Canon Gerard Hetherington KCHS, Canon Seamus Hester and Deacon Eugene Adams.

Our thoughts and prayers are with his three daughters Elizabeth, Susan and Gillian and their families.

*May he rest in peace*

## **DAVID ARTHUR BYRNE**

Brothers of Bracknell Forest and Newbury Circles were deeply shocked by the sudden death of David following a tragic accident at home. He died the following day, on 18th October 2009 without regaining consciousness.



His funeral took place at St Thomas More in Marlborough on 30th October 2009. The church was packed with Brothers and wives from his Circles and Province 8, his family, and friends from his local community of which he had become greatly involved in many activities over the years.



# In Memoriam

His elder son, David Joseph, gave a loving and often humorous tribute at his Dad's Requiem and we thank him for the following insights:

David was born on 2nd August, 1944, in Lichfield, Staffs, not far from his grandparents' farm, where his mother and sisters were staying safe from the bombs while his father continued war work in London.

School days at the John Fisher School in Purley began in 1951 - there he was quite studious and enjoyed chess. His younger sister Kate, worried that he was a bookworm and becoming 'square', introduced him to Buddy Holly (he was a lifelong fan) and taught him to jive. A love of music of all types, but particularly classical, began to form and this later became a major interest.

After school he had an apprenticeship with the Gas Board but went on to gain an MSc in Acoustics and later a Master's degree in Science Education. Apart from a couple of brief spells in industry he spent his working life teaching mainly Physics and Maths in further education in West Kent and Bracknell Colleges. The final part of his teaching career was spent at Padworth International College near Reading, an independent girls' A-level college, where he inspired many students to go on to higher things, as their many grateful letters attest.

David met his wife Catherine on a fateful walk by the river at Henley-on-Thames, organised by a Catholic club he belonged to. She remained the girl with no name until he reluctantly admitted to his family that she was called Catherine. As there were several generations of 'David and Catherine' unions, it was a foregone conclusion that she must be the one!

After their marriage in 1970, they lived in East Sussex and there followed the arrival of Helen, Debbie, David (Joseph) and, after a seven-year gap, James. David was a dedicated father and fiercely proud of his family, always seeking solutions to overcome problems large and small and to deal with crises as the years rolled by.

David joined the Catenians in Hastings in April 1983 and became Circle President in 1987. He later moved to Bracknell and transferred to Wokingham Circle. He became the founder President of the new Bracknell Forest Circle in January 1991 and served on Provincial Council becoming Provincial President of Province 8 in 1998.

In 2003 David became a joint member of Newbury Circle.

It was in 1994 that David and his family moved to Shalbourne, near Marlborough. There he became heavily involved with

running village activities and special events. He followed many personal spheres of interest, for instance old cars, real ales, music, France, food and wine, steam engines, pig roasts – to name but a few. His enduring passion was for acquiring knowledge: of scientific questions, of technical matters, of how things worked, of the stars – in fact, of 'Life, the Universe and Everything' (from Hitch-hikers' Guide to the Galaxy, which played continually as we travelled down through France, especially at night). He had a real appetite for life and went at everything with a 'can-do' attitude, ironing out problems and finding solutions. He is greatly missed.

*May he rest in peace*

## ROBERT S (BOB) WADE

Ronnie McAllister writes: Bob was born in Brighton in January 1920. As a schoolboy he was very clever and at the age of 11 qualified to go to The Royal Grammar School (The normal qualifying age was 15) but his widowed mother couldn't afford it. He later qualified to go to London School of Economics but again she could not afford to allow him to go.

He was drafted into the army when war broke out and was billeted in Stanley, County Durham. It was here he met Lily and they were married in 1940. They had three sons, Robert, Clive and Graham, who were all very successful businessmen and gave them several grandchildren.

As a young man of 24, he jumped out of a landing craft into the sea near Arramanches, waded on to Gold Beach amid gunfire and shells from the German artillery. It was D-Day (6th June 1944). Gold Beach was the codename for the centre invasion beach during the Allied invasion of Normandy, 6th June, 1944. He then helped set up a heavy gun emplacement and continued to advance with the Allies.

After the war he returned to Stanley and started in business. First a private library then a wallpaper shop. He opened a fish and chip shop in South Shields and then another one in Marsden.

The next venture was the opening of two rifle stalls in amusement arcades in Whitley Bay and Seaham. He later built up a very successful cigarette vending business putting vending machines in pubs and clubs. Business thrived for a good few years until smoking became less popular.



He joined Bedlington Rotary Club in 1978 and was their President 1985-6 and organised many fund raising events; most notably for the "Polio Plus" campaign. He was a district officer for several years.

In January 1979 during the "Winter of Discontent" the ambulance drivers went on strike and, as well as the military being called in with their Green Goddesses, volunteer drivers were taken on and Bob volunteered.

Soon after this Bob and Lily turned their home in Bedlington, Highfield House, into a care home. Then they moved to Morpeth, buying a house called Terravis Park. This they converted into a care home and extended it and improved it, always striving for the highest standards.

He was enrolled into the Association in 1985 and was President of Morpeth Circle 1990-91. Bob and Lily were a popular couple throughout Province 5 and were regular attendees at the Windermere Rally and the annual Conferences. In 1999 he became a Knight of the Holy Sepulchre.

Sadly Lily succumbed to Alzheimer's disease and a few years later died on 1st March 2005.

Bob lived the latter years of his life virtually blind. He never complained and seemed to cope amazingly well. As a World War II veteran, St Dunstan's which is a registered charity, helped him, to some extent, to cope with this disability.

In July 2007 he had a nasty accident. Due to his impaired vision he thought he was walking down from a 6in high wall when, in fact, it was 3ft 6in high; the result was a broken hip. After trying to attract attention for an agonising 45 minutes, an ambulance was called for a trip to the Wansbeck Hospital. He was operated on and a pin was inserted. He remained in very good humour despite the obvious discomfort.

Following many physiotherapy treatments, although still in a lot of pain, he travelled alone to Australia to visit his sister in October 2007.

During the last few years he lived a stone's throw from his son, Graham, who along with his wife, Glenda, called in daily to help him.

In his last few weeks he was transferred to a care home where he finally passed away very peacefully and with dignity.

He never quite got over that accident in July 2007 and the pain from the accident continued although it was controlled and still he didn't complain or grumble.

He gave generously to charities. He was a gentleman in every sense and will be sadly missed by his Catenian, Knights and Rotarian friends.

*May he rest in peace*



## OSSIE WEIDNER

The brothers of Tynemouth Circle regretted the passing of their long serving brother Charles Osmund Weidner.

Terry McQuillan and Ossie's son Charles write: "Ossie" was born on 3rd November 1920, the only son and third of four children of Osmond, naval architect, and Margaret Weidner. He was named after his father's brother, Charlie, who had been killed three years earlier in the Great War. With his sisters Isabel, Margaret and Agnes, he enjoyed a happy childhood, swimming every day of one particular year in Cullercoats Bay and smoking under the upturned boats!

When Ossie was aged eight, his father died leaving his mother to cope with the difficult task of bringing up four relatively young children on her own.

Ossie was educated at St Edmund's, Ware and then at St Joseph's College, Dumfries. On leaving school he went up to King's College, Durham University, to study law. After only six months he was conscripted into the Armed Forces, entering the Royal Navy as an Ordinary Seaman but rising to the rank of Petty Officer. He was posted to HMS Intrepid, an I-class Destroyer, as a radio operator. He served in the Arctic and Malta convoys and saw action in Sicily and Salerno.

On the night of 26th September 1943, in the Dodecanese, the Intrepid came under attack from German Junkers 88 bombers and was damaged amidships. Although somewhat disabled, the ship moved to a less vulnerable position to effect repairs when there was a second attack, only this time the front and back of the ship were blown off and the order was given to abandon ship. Ossie swam ashore and was taken to Beirut, and then on to Alexandria to recuperate. On his return to England he was posted to the Fleet Air Arm where he saw out the War.

He decided to pursue a career in law and eventually qualified as a solicitor through articles. On qualification, he worked for a while in Windsor. It was there that he was first introduced to a Miss Peggy Shea and they were eventually married in March in April 1953. That's March, Cambridgeshire!

Ossie persuaded Peggy to come north, and after brief stays in Whitley Bay and Gainsborough, they settled in Gosforth, which became their happy home for many years, and where their family grew up.

He started his own legal practice in North Shields and worked there until his retirement 40-odd years later. He was a well respected and popular member of the local legal fraternity.

Ossie was introduced to the Catenian Association, joining Tynemouth Circle in

May 1953. He served as President in 1966-67. He was unable to attend circle meetings latterly but returned to receive his scroll marking 40 years membership.

Ossie had a passion for a variety of cars including his caravette which took him and the family all over Europe. He liked sport and followed Newcastle United. He also introduced his daughters to rugby.

His family and his work were his life. Little time was spent on himself, but music was one love that he tried to give time to. A shy man, he would play his piano accordion in a room on his own, never allowing others to step inside to listen. His daughters were obviously influenced by his love of music and both did well at the piano.

Throughout his married life Peggy was his stalwart and he hers. Before Ossie went into St Joseph's, a nursing home run by the Little Sisters of the Poor in the Elswick area of Newcastle, Peggy looked after him at home until she could no longer do so. After his admission to St Joseph's she was a regular visitor, ensuring that he was well looked after and taking in the treats that he enjoyed: bullets (sweets), chocolate and Irish whiskey.

A decent, honest, principled, but modest man sums him up. The motto of HMS Intrepid is "That goes without saying". It certainly does.

Ossie's funeral was held at St Charles' church in Gosforth and, although he had not been able to attend circle meetings for many years, the service, which featured some beautiful singing by his two granddaughters, was attended by many who had known him.

*May he rest in peace*

## JOHN CHILD

Poole Circle Brothers were greatly saddened by the death of John Child on 5th September 2009.

P A Jacobi writes: John was born on the 20th June 1924 and became a Catholic late in life.

He did not delay becoming a Catenian and was enrolled in Poole Circle in 2000 where he quickly made many new friends and made his mark on the Circle, joining in all the social events in spite of his advanced years. His work in St Catherine's Parish organising the book stall made him a prominent member of the Parish.

From him and his family we learnt that most of John's school years were spent at Romford. He was clearly a bright pupil who soon became very interested in history and classical literature.



At 16 he attended St Edward's Church in Romford. It was here that he started to develop a serious interest and belief in Christianity. He became an altar server and joined the youth club. At that club he met his first wife.

In 1942 John began his army service which took him to North Africa, Italy, India and Malaya. True to character, John managed to combine his army life with making good friends, exploring many historical sites, going to the opera and generally making the most of life.

On leaving the army in 1947, he was accepted to train as a priest. However, within six months of having taken a temporary job at the SPCK book shop in Westminster, he was offered the job of assistant manager. This was the start of a 60-year career in bookselling.

In 1952 John married his first wife, with whom he had three sons. They moved to Salisbury, where he became manager of the branch of SPCK. At St Martins Church John became church warden, head server and school governor.

In the 1960's John met his second wife, Angela, with whom he had two daughters. In 1970 they moved to Biggleswade, and by 1972 had their own bookshop in Stevenage. Besides family life and opening other bookshops, John was actively involved with St Andrews Parish Church and started to make regular visits to the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham. These visits became an important part of his life.

In 1990 John and Angela moved to Wimborne, and opened a second-hand bookshop. John soon decided to take up a new interest, and enjoyed learning the craft of bookbinding. He was also able to share this interest with a number of friends.

During the 1990's he became unhappy with changes within the Church of England and made the decision to join the Roman Catholic Church. This decision was of fundamental importance to him and he described the move as 'like coming home'.

John continued bookselling until he and Angela closed the shop in late 2007. His strong will and determination meant that he still made the most of life, although declining health was gradually getting the better of him.

One of John's greatest passions was Italy. He loved talking about it, reading about it and most of all being there.

John was a gentleman who believed in traditional values. His natural charm and good manners meant that he got on well with people. He was kind and fair and commanded respect both in business and in his social life. He will be greatly missed by all his friends and family.

*May he rest in peace*



# In Memoriam

## KEN FOX

The church bells tolled over the Tyne Valley, Prudhoe, as the family, friends and members of the Catenian Association packed the beautiful Church of Our Lady and St Cuthbert to celebrate the life of Ken Fox who died aged 67 on 11th July 2009.



Tony Stewart writes: Kenneth Alexander Fox was born in Edinburgh on 13th April 1942, the eldest of four sons of Dr Edgar and Doris Fox. He commenced his education in Aberdeen before moving to Bishop Auckland at the age of nine where he attended Cockton Hill Primary and King James' Grammar School.

In 1964, Ken graduated from Bradford University as a Fellow of the College of Optometry. He worked in Bishop Auckland, South Shields and Buckinghamshire, now Milton Keynes, before setting up his own practice in Gateshead in 1972 until he took semi-retirement in 1999; he continued part time locum work until 2009.

It was in Bishop Auckland as teenagers that Ann and Ken met and where they were married in St Mary's church. They were blessed with two children, Alexander and Joanna and the family settled very happily in the Prudhoe/Stocksfield area of the beautiful Tyne Valley. Accompanied by Ken, the family were active in the parish life of Our Lady and St Cuthbert's church and Ken was received into the church in 1983.

Ann still is, and has been for several years, President of the parish St Vincent De Paul Society. A great family man, Ken was overjoyed to welcome his granddaughters Eleanor, Isabella and Alexandra and was a dearly loved father-in-law to Melanie and Christopher.

Ken joined Hexham and Tyne Valley Circle but his participation was interrupted due to responsibility as member and Chairman of Gateshead local Optical Committee, and membership and one time President of the Northumberland and Durham Association of Optical Practitioners. Ken happily resumed his active membership of the Circle shortly afterwards and we enjoyed the company of Ken and Ann at most of the Circle functions, although Ken was known to go missing on more than one occasion when he had sneaked out after a meeting to catch a last pint with his pals at Stocksfield Golf Club!

Although he had been active in rowing and squash at university he also developed an interest in walking and was a member of Tynedale Pathfinders and

also Hexham Wentworth Bridge club. The hundreds, if not thousands of photographs, mainly of family occasions and holidays, stored in the loft, was testimony to his love of photography. Ken also enjoyed a regular discussion on the fortunes of Newcastle United but his first love remained his active participation in golf as a member of Stocksfield GC. Ken spent many happy occasions in Malta with his great friend, brother-in-law Peter Wallace of Carlisle and Penrith Circle.

On the evening prior to the funeral, Ken's coffin lay at home encircled by his family and the members of our Circle for the recitation of the Holy Rosary and afterwards, having enjoyed reminiscing about amusing tales of Ken's life, members of the Circle quietly sneaked away to have a last drink on him ..... at a Stocksfield pub!

Ken was a respected and well loved member of the Circle and the company of Ken and Ann was always enjoyed by everyone. He will be sadly missed but never forgotten.

*May he rest in peace*

## TONY RIBEIRO

Jim Goodwin writes: Following a short illness Tony Ribeiro passed peacefully away on 28th September 2009 in James Cook Hospital (formerly South Cleveland), where he had worked for many years as a consultant radiologist.



He was born on 28th March 1928 in Queen Mary hospital. Lucknow (UP) India, one of seven children.

He attended St Francis of Assisi High School and from there went to Lucknow Christian College where in 1949 he gained a BSc in Science. Following that he continued his studies at Kings College Medical School and was awarded his MB BS in 1954.

Something of a 'high flyer' he became a lecturer in Radiology, salary 380 rupees per month at the same University and subsequently moved to the Sammilani Medical College in West Bengal as Reader in Radiology.

Tony came to England in 1962 and quickly integrated into his new home, in fact in many ways he was the archetypical Englishman, cherishing standards which in some cases he felt were starting to erode.

He held appointments in both England and Scotland when in 1970 he worked as Senior Registrar at Nobles hospital in Douglas, Isle of Man. He remained there until 1977, after which he took up an

appointment at the Duchess of Kent Military Hospital in Catterick.

In 1979 he moved to Middlesbrough and joined Middlesbrough Circle in 1980. Tony regularly attended meetings and involved himself with various activities, becoming President in 2001.

He was often seen attending other circles around the Province and attended the Province 5 rally in Windermere on several occasions.

He had a great sense of mischievous humour which showed in many ways. During discussions he frequently said to me 'wait till I get you on my table' – fortunately he never did.

Tony was fiercely independent; we never achieved a unanimous decision in the Circle because Tony would always in principle, vote the opposite way! A man of certainty, he loved debate, could start one in an empty room and was particularly conversant on religion, health and education.

He always liked to have the last word and differences of opinion were often met with the expression of 'I'll get you, you villain!'

Tony was unmarried and had many interests. He travelled widely and studied several languages over the years to add to the experience.

After he retired in the late 80's, with more spare time, he continued learning, studying computing and its application, Criminal Law, culinary pursuits among others.

His parish, St Thomas More's, was important for Tony, where he would frequently be seen in a dark blue raincoat and a red baseball cap. He helped organise readers at Mass and was involved with the liturgy group. Helping to Hoover the church and clean the toilets were part of his involvement in the parish. He was 'well read' on religious matters and he attended yearly meetings on liturgy at Ushaw College and recently at Ampleforth College.

Some four years ago, he was advised by his doctor to find a better climate as he suffered from Chronic Bronchitis.

He made arrangements to move to Malta and joined Mensija Circle, but sadly he never actually lived there. He was also, for a short time, a member of Stockton Circle.

Brothers of all three circles were shocked at his sudden death.

A Requiem Mass was held at St Thomas More's church in Middlesbrough and was well attended by friends, colleagues and Catenians.

A memorial Mass was held in Malta for the repose of his soul.

Tony leaves a sister, Doris, who lives in the United States and a brother Ronnie and sister Irene who live in India. To them, we send out thoughts and prayers at this difficult time.

*May he rest in peace*