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Welcome

There is much to report on since our last newsletter, the OGIC held their first fundraising lunch, Londra Sud staged a bingo night and although nothing to do with OGI, we have had The Classics at the Villa car show, now an established part of our communities calendar as well as the annual June scampagnata and much more.

OGI Fundraising Lunch
Villa Scalabrini
30 April 2017



OGIC would like to thank all our sponsors for their generosity in making this event a tremendous success.

OGIC Fundraising Lunch



On Sunday 30th April 170 odd people attended OGI's fundraising lunch at the Villa Scalabrini.

Our President Adriano Morini took charge of proceedings in the kitchen and as expected our very own Gordon Ramsey and his team, delivered a fine dining experience.

Alodis provided a varied mix of music for the diners to dance to, while our magician kept our younger guests, not to mention many of our older ones amused at the tables.

Once his kitchen duties were completed, Adrian presented the teams with a cheque for £300, courtesy of l'Associazione Val D'Arda

Further evidence of the generosity of our sponsors was evident in that we were able to hold two raffles, one for adults and another for children, not to mention that over 85% of the food served had been donated

Ultimately a successful and enjoyable afternoon for all involved and a baptism of fire for our newer committee members, who proved their worth. A big thank you from all at the OGIC to everyone who came to share in our afternoon and to all our sponsors.



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A S Londra Sud Bingo Night



Winning OGI can be hard enough, retaining it however can be even harder, because you're now the honcho which everyone wants to beat.

Having won it, Londra Sud are now planning on how to retain it and in order to do this, they must reignite the team spirit which made them champions last year and like most things they will need money.

They'd already held a successful fundraising lunch last November so they thought they'd give bingo a try instead as it's a great way of getting people of all ages involved. And so it was that on a Friday night, over 180 people, young and old, descended to Purley to play some bingo.

No you didn't read that wrong, 180 people on a night when Chelsea are

live on Sky, one victory from winning the title. "WOW!" Was how Sandro described it. Enough said really.

Anyway, back to the night. The bingo caller was a dapperly dressed gentleman called John Pettitt and the evening was divided into two five game sections where you could win a lovely hamper for a line to a cash prizes for a full house which ranged from £20 to £100 per game.

Half way through we were given a rather tasty plate of pasta and a huge slice of lemon cheese cake, just in case the ample table snacks hadn't been enough.

A very enjoyable and no doubt successful evening. Well done to Sandro, Mario, Piero and all the team at Londra Sud.



Classics at the Villa



"From small acorns grow big oak trees" a saying which could quite easily be applied to Classics at the Villa. This event didn't even exist 4 years ago and then four friends with a passion for cars thought it would be a good idea to stage a classic car show on the 25 acre site of the Villa Scalabrini.

The first show was held in 2015 and if testament is needed as to how far it has come in such a short space of time, look no further than the fact that for this year it was supported by Auto Italia magazine, Hexagon Classic Car Auctions and none other than The Ferrari Owners Club of Great Britain. Not to mention the 1400 plus people who came to marvel at a display of automotive history which spanned over 70 years, several continents and millions of pounds.

And just in case this A to Z of motoring nirvana wasn't enough to keep you entertained, we had live music, car clubs and a variety of trade stalls, where you could buy anything

from a small packet of plant seeds, right up to a classic car.

As is the case with any Italian event, if there's no food it just becomes an event. So to keep with tradition, we had stalls offering everything from hog roast to pizza, pasta to burgers, gelato and much more. Which you could enjoy either "al fresco" or indoors and to complete the Italian experience a barista was at hand to serve you a nice espresso.

If you're a petrol head whose never been to a Classics at the Villa, may I suggest that you add this date to your diary for next year and if you're not, you should still go, as you will not be disappointed. If that isn't reason enough, then the fact that all profits made are donated to charity should seal the deal for you.

Thankyou Paolo Pettenati, Paolo Arrigo, Marco Fiori, Giuliano Fuoco, Stefano Mazzi, Ron Rossi and Enrico Violino, plus all the volunteers, too numerous to mention, who worked tirelessly to make this event such a success. A job well done.





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St. Peter's OGI Sponsored Bridge Walk



Because of the tragic terrorist attacks, which took place the week before at London Bridge and Borough Market, it was decided to change the venue from central London to Forty Hall in Enfield.

So on a gloriously sunny Sunday morning, an enthusiastic group of parents and their children met in the lovely grounds of this 17th century manor house to take part in a 10km sponsored walk to help raise funds for the St. Peter's OGI team.

I suppose that there may be a better way to spend a Sunday other than enjoying a nice coffee before setting off for a good

walk through mature woodlands, while surrounded by wildlife and getting a little fitter in the process but you'd be hard pushed to name them.



Okay, so the numbers may have been a little disappointing but the late change in venue probably had a lot to do with this and notwithstanding, all those who made the effort to turn up had a thoroughly enjoyable day, especially the children who need little or no reason to get together to enjoy themselves.

Thanks goes to the organisers for organising the event and well done to all those who took part and completed the course.



“At what age may I compete in OGI?”

A frequently asked question, the answer to which is and has always been:

“In order to compete in OGI a competitor cannot be younger than 9 years old or older than 21 years old, on the first day of the games”

However OGIC has been asked by some of the teams to consider lowering the age at which a competitor is allowed to enter to 8 years old.

However, before considering such a change we will need to establish whether there is sufficient interest, from competitors of that age to make it worth our while, since it will mean us having to fit these extra events into an already busy timetable.

We will also need to establish what impact lowering the age limit will have on our public

liability insurance.

We have therefore asked the team managers to conduct a survey amongst their team to ascertain the level of demand for such a change.

They have until October to report their findings to us, which should give us sufficient time to introduce the changes by 2018, if the demand is there and our insurers allow.

So if you're a parent and your team manager is asking for this information and you would like to see such a change introduced, please reply to their request ASAP!

The OGIC will only consider introducing such a change if our insurers allow, it is legal and at least 3 teams are able to enter athletes into this new age group.

Good bye to an old friend

Bruno Besagni

13 July 1925-13 May 2017



For those of us who are old enough to remember, Bruno's smile and unflapability was as much a part of the OGI games as Armo Collini's booming voice or Vic Heissl's sandwiches.

His involvement with the Italian community of Clerkenwell, not to mention his even bigger love of sport, meant that he was one of the first people to volunteer to help OGI, during those early games.

In 1986 he joined the then newly formed independent OGI committee, where his calmness and diplomacy made him the obvious choice for tournament referee, a position which he held until his retirement in 1998.

Retirement however, didn't stop his or the Besagni family's involvement in OGI. Bruno always supported our fundraising efforts and you would always find him in the stands, watching with pride, as his grandchildren and later great grandchildren competed.

OGI sends its deepest sympathies and condolences to all the Besagni family.

RIP dear friend, you will be missed but never forgotten.



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Donation from the Friends of Villa Scalabrini

OGI recently received a donation of £1,000 from the Friends of Villa Scalabrini for the 2018 games.

I'm sure everyone has noticed the vast improvements which have been made to the Villa recently, not just by the addition of the new Dementia Wing but also to the barn and it's surrounding area, which has had a complete makeover.

The Friends of Villa Scalabrini are the dedicated

team of volunteers who give up their time to make these things happen.

You can see them at most events at the Villa wearing their trademark red polo shirt, working tirelessly to ensure that things run smoothly.

The OGIC appreciates how difficult it is to raise money and would like to thank the Chairman Marco Fiori and his committee for their very generous donation.

The Quick Quiz

This is just for a bit of fun, but five questions to test your knowledge of OGI.

1. In which year were the first OGI games held?
2. Who was OGI's first honorary President?
3. Which team won five consecutive OGI titles?
4. How many stadiums have been used to stage OGI?
5. Who came up with the idea of OGI?

Answers will be published in the October newsletter

OGI 2018 Athlete Registration Forms

For those of you who are counting down the days to the next games and are keen to start recruiting, the updated Athlete Registration form is now available for download from our web site at:

www.ogi-olympics.co.uk

If you would like us to promote your event, please email the details together with any posters to:

ogie@ogi-olympics.co.uk

Scampagnata



Very much an established part of our communities calendar is the annual scampagnata held at the Villa Scalabrini, which took place on Sunday 25th June.

While it may not have anything to do with OGI, OGI does have quite a few links with this event.



Piero Schia, who has organised the football tournament for longer than most people can remember, was our third President. While the OGIC has also been involved in helping organise the children and parent races since 2011.

Unfortunately for this year, the weather gods were not smiling on the event. A week they say, is a long time in politics and an even longer time it would seem, when it comes to the British summer.

From the record breaking highs that this country enjoyed the week before, the

organisers were faced with cooler temperatures, a cloud cover and the threat of rain..

However the show as they say, must go on and so it did. A steady stream of people decided to ignore the weather,

some coming to set up and enjoy their BBQ, while others would make their way to the food stalls to enjoy their

excellent offerings.

And once they'd eaten they could look around the various stalls which sold everything from clothing to provisions, or they could just enjoy a beer while catching up with old friends, safe in the knowledge that their children were either playing football or bouncing around a castle. As an alternatively they could join their children in the three legged race.

A very pleasant way to spend a Sunday, with even the sun deciding to make an appearance late in the afternoon.





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Future Events

Sunday 2nd July 2017



The Club Sociale Italiano di Finchley will be holding their annual BBQ and Scampagnata, at the Villa Scalabrini.

Gates will open at 12.00 with food being served from 13.30. There will also be it's a knock out games for all the family, a raffle and a fully licensed bar.

Tickets cost £12.50 with under 5's going free, with profits donated to The North London Hospice.

Wednesday 26th July 2017



The anniversary of the sad passing of Vic, our first President, co founder and lifelong supporter of OGI.

A much loved man who is greatly missed. The colossus of our community, whose passion and drive helped establish a seed of an idea, which was OGI, as our communities sporting showcase. Vic Heissl, your spirit lives on.

Saturday 7th October 2017

Southgate OGI's fundraising Dinner & Dance will be held at Bishop Douglas School. Further details about ticket prices, menu and time will follow in our next issue.

Sunday 8th October 2017

A S Londra Suds fundraising lunch. Further details about ticket prices, menu, location and time will be published in our next issue.

Monday 9th October 2017

For all you budding Rory McIlroys out there the OGIC will be holding their first fundraising golf day at the prestigious Hadley Wood Golf Club which boasts an award winning course.



Entry is limited to 72 competitors or 18 teams and spaces will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

Entry cost is £100 per person which includes coffee and bacon roll on arrival, green fees and a round of golf, where both individuals and teams will be competing for various prizes.

The day will finish for the competitors with a presentation 3 course dinner where there will also be a raffle and auction. Tickets for the evening meal will also be available for non participants, prices for which will follow in the next issue.

St Peter's OGI
Coffee/Breakfast Morning

Sunday 2nd July 2017
From 10am-2pm
in the Youth Club at
St Peter's Italian Church

Freshly made
bacon, egg
rolls
Croissants &
cakes

Come along, support St. Peter's OGI and enjoy a coffee, freshly made bacon/egg rolls, croissants & cakes on Sunday 2nd July 2017 at St. Peter's Youth Club. We look forward to seeing you there.

St. Peter's Italian Youth Club will be holding a fundraising coffee & breakfast morning in the youth club.

From 10.00 to 14.00 they will be serving coffee, pastries and breakfast rolls, with all profits going towards the St. Peter's OGI team.

Why not join them if visiting the church or before setting off for a spot

of West End shopping.

Sunday 16th July 2017

St Peter's Italian Church in its 152nd Year
151 Chesham Road, London E14 6JH

Historic
Procession in Honour of
Our Lady of Mount Carmel
Since 1663

Sunday 16th July 2017 at 3.30 pm
With the Participation of Cardinal Vincent Nichols

Followed by The Sagra: an Italian Street Fête
With music and stalls selling Italian food, drinks and lots more, all in a very Italian atmosphere

The last major event in our community's calendar before the exodus to the homeland for the summer holidays.

The traditional procession in honour of Our Lady of Mount Carmel will have the participation of Cardinal Vincent Nichols. OGI teams will also be walking in the procession behind their team shields.

The Sagra which follows, will have the usual association stalls selling a wide variety of food or merchandise, all helping to raise money for the Italian church.

OGI will also be there with its own stand, so why not come down to visit us.