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## Newsletter

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# Welcome



Welcome back and we hope that you've all had an enjoyable summer break and are feeling relaxed and recharged for the year ahead.

Inevitably it's been a quiet few months since our last newsletter. July saw Club Sociale Italiano di Finchley hold their annual BBQ and scampagnata, while the Italian church held its traditional procession and sagra, before everyone decamps and heads back to the motherland for ferragosto.

July 26th was also the first anniversary of the sad passing of our first President and one of our founding fathers Vic Heissl. A mass was held to commemorate this at the Italian church on Saturday 21st July.

As I'm sure you are all aware, there are two major sporting events taking place in 2018. On the 14th June, Russia will be kicking off to start the first game in the World Cup finals but more importantly on Saturday 26th May, the champions of OGI 2016 A S Londra Sud, will lead out the teams for the

19th games, thus signalling the start of OGI 2018 and the defence of their title.

The teams are now firmly under starters orders and if they have not already done so, will soon be starting their recruiting drives and training programmes.

It is therefore important that anyone who wants to compete in next years games, completes their registration form and gets it back to their team as soon as possible. If you've never competed before and are not sure which is your nearest team, then please go to our web site at [www.ogi-olympics.co.uk](http://www.ogi-olympics.co.uk) for more information and if this doesn't help you, email your name and address to [info@ogi-olympics.co.uk](mailto:info@ogi-olympics.co.uk) for us to forward on.

Likewise don't worry if you're not sure what events to do, just make sure that you register in time, as you will have plenty of time once your training has started, to decide which events you are best at.

**THE IMPORTANT THING IS TO REGISTER IN TIME**



## Club Sociale Italiano di Finchley's annual BBQ & Scampagnata

On a gloriously sunny Sunday afternoon on the 2nd July, 160 odd people made their way to the Villa Scalabrini with the promise of some "It's a Knockout" games and good food.

This was Club Sociale Italiano di Finchley's annual scampagnata and you can always rely on team Finchley to come up with the goods.

And it was no different on this occasion, there was good food aplenty and a generous splattering of madcap games to keep everyone entertained.

They also had some lovely prizes for the raffle, so people could eat well, enjoy a drink amongst friends and make a bit of a fool of themselves, safe in the knowledge that they were supporting some good causes and Finchley OGI

Well done to all on the Finchley committee for their hard work in

making this such an enjoyable day and we mustn't forget for their support and generosity.







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### Italian Procession & Sagra



Our communities traditional annual event, before everyone starts their summer holidays took place this year on Sunday 16th July. There's no point into going into too much detail as the procession in honour of Our Lady of Mount Carmel is now into it's 134th year and is very much a part of the tradition and culture of Little Italy in Clerkenwell.

Despite all the predictions, the rain held off and the people came to marvel at the floats, enjoy the food and catch up with old friends.

The OGI was proudly represented by our young athletes who walked behind their shields wearing their team colours, while we had a steady stream of visitors at our stand.

### Vic Heissl Memorial Mass



man who was not only instrumental in the establishment of OGI as our communities premier sporting event but also in helping to set up of St. Peter's Italian Youth Club as well as being a central part of our communities life for over 50 years.

Gone but never forgotten.

Wednesday 26th July was the first anniversary of the death of one of our co founders and first President Vic Heissl.

To commemorate his sad passing a memorial mass was dedicated to him on Saturday 22nd July.

Past and present friends all came to pay their respects to a



### Enzo Negri

12/08/1936-21/07/2017



While many of you may not have known Enzo personally, the chances are you would have had the pleasure of tasting his food, as it was not unusual to find him working in the kitchen at one of the many Italian association dinner

dances held over the years, including some of our own.

For those of you who did, you will remember his carefree nature, his infectious smile and love of his family. He proudly watched his children, nephews and grandchildren compete in the various OGI games.

Sadly on 21st July Enzo lost his brave fight with cancer and passed away and on the 5th August in his home town at the Oratorio dei Volpi, near Pelligrino, his family and friends gathered together to say their final farewells to this genial man.

The OGIC send its deepest sympathies and condolences to his family on their sad loss.





### “On Your Marks!”

As we have already said, we are now in the run up to the 19th OGI games and we will be keeping you updated on the various goings on in our newsletter.

Obviously this will be a particularly stressful time for your team managers and their helpers, as they try to recruit and then register athletes, organise the training sessions and arrange the track suits etc.

Parents and athletes can go a long way in helping to reduce these stress levels. Make sure that you complete the registration forms and get them back to the

teams early. Don't worry if you're not sure what events you're best at or want to do, they'll be plenty of time to decide this once training is underway.

Likewise make sure you hand in your photos and any documentation you're asked to supply. It's little things like that which make the difference to ensure the smooth running of a team.

And while we're talking about training, it's important that athletes make the effort to attend. Team managers go to a great deal of effort to organise training sessions and nothing is quite as dispiriting for them, as competitors not turning up. But above all else it's a great way to meet your fellow team mates, get to know them and to build the team spirit which every successful team needs.

This is the registration timetable which all teams have to adhere to:

**28th February 2018** All athletes must be registered with the OGIC in order to compete.

**1st February to 30th April 2018** Athletes can be withdrawn or may swap and change their events.

**1st May 2018** No further changes can be made and once the events are declared any withdrawals will not affect their status.



### New OGI Rule for 2018

In order to try to eliminate scheduling clashes, the OGIC has decided to categorise individual events as either, **Sprint, Distance, Jumping, Throwing and Swimming**, as listed in the table below:

Individual Categories	Events
<b>Sprint</b>	60m, 100m, 200m, & 400m
<b>Distance</b>	400m, 800m & 1500m
<b>Jumping</b>	80m & 100m Hurdles, Long Jump, Triple Jump & High Jump
<b>Throwing</b>	Shot Put, Javelin & Discus
<b>Swimming</b>	25m swim

For 2018 competitors will still be allowed to choose a maximum of three individual track and field events and one individual swimming event from the table above, apart from those events listed in the **Sprint** and **Distance** categories which cannot be chosen together.

For further information, please refer to the new rule book.

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

[ogic@ogi-olympics.co.uk](mailto:ogic@ogi-olympics.co.uk)

### OGI 2018 Athlete Registration Forms

Make your team managers day by downloading your registration form from [www.ogi-olympics.co.uk](http://www.ogi-olympics.co.uk) and handing it in completed with two passport size photos on your first day of training.

### The Quick Quiz

Another five questions to test your OGI knowledge. Answers in the next issue.

1. Who were the first winners of OGI?
2. Name the two sports, which are no longer held, that featured in the first OGI games?
3. What was the name of the smallest team to win OGI?
4. In what year was photofinishing first used?
5. Which athlete has won the most medals in a single OGI games?

Answers to the last quiz:

1. 1980
2. Padre Russo
3. No one (admittedly this question was a mistake!)
4. Three. Barnet Copthall, New River and The West London Stadium (Now The Linford Christie Stadium)
5. Robert Verbini





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## Forthcoming Events

### Southgate OGI Dinner and Dance

Saturday 7th October 2017  
Arrive at 6:30pm for 7pm sit down - Late

at Bishop Douglas Hall  
Hamilton Road,  
East Finchley, N2 0SQ

£30 Adults  
£12 Children (12 and under)

Live Music  
4 Course Meal

+  
Half Bottle of Wine  
Raffle  
Auction



On Saturday 7th October the Southgate OGI committee will be staging their first fund raising dinner and dance at The Bishop Douglas School.

Tickets are priced at £30 for adults and £12 for children under 12. For this you get a 4 course meal, half a bottle of wine and live music.

It promises to be a very entertaining evening, with good food and good company and it would be nice if all teams supported the event.

To reserve a place please email the Southgate team at:

[team@southgate-ogi.co.uk](mailto:team@southgate-ogi.co.uk)



On Saturday 14th October, at St. Michael's Grammar School, the Club Sociale Italiano di Finchley will be holding their most exciting event to date, with their Bollywood adventure.

This is a must for all fans of this genre and even if you're not it will be worth going just for

the music and curries.

Doors open at 18.30 and tickets for adults and children over 12 are £25 per head and for this you will enjoy live entertainment from Veena Storm, music, dancing and some delicious curries.

A great alternative to traditional dinner dances, with all profits being divided between two good causes, namely The North London Hospice and Finchley's OGI team.

For further information, contact Paola De Simone on **07875 070982** or email [finchleyclub@gmail.com](mailto:finchleyclub@gmail.com)



On Monday 9th October the OGIC will be holding their first fundraising golf day at the prestigious Hadley Wood Golf Club.

The entry fee is £100 per person or £400 per team of four and includes, coffee and bacon roll on arrival, a round of golf where for an additional small fee, competitors may enter the "Hole in One" competition where the first person to score a hole in one wins a brand new Mini, supplied by Stephen James. The day ends with a presentation dinner and fund raising raffle.

A great day out for all golfers, who can enjoy themselves while helping to raise much needed funds for OGI.

For further information call Luciana on **07759122332**



Saturday 28th October sees the second annual Rob Delogu fundraising quiz night being held in the Sala Padre Russo at St. Peter's Italian Club.

Doors open at 19.30 with the quiz starting at 20.00. Ticket prices are £10 per person (including food) and there is a maximum of 8 people per team.

There will be separate table quizzes for the under 12's and this year the evening will have a Halloween theme.

There will be a licensed bar and a fundraising raffle held during the interval. Last year was tremendous fun and raised over £1,000, hopefully it will be at least as successful this year with the profits being divided between St. Peter's OGI and Winston's Wish charity for bereaved children.

Please contact Jill on **07825876769** or Paola on **07887756657** for further details or to reserve your place.