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Welcome back everyone to our largest newsletter to date!

Welcome

Over the last three months, we had the annual Classics at the Villa car show, 50 years of Italia Wasteels, the Scampagnata, Finchley held their fundraising lunch but most important of all, we had OGI 2018.

And what a games it proved to be, despite the severe

weather warnings, we had 3 days of glorious sunshine, well at

least it stayed dry and for those of us who thought that the closeness of 2016 could never be repeated, how wrong we were with Londra Sud, Finchley and Southgate trading blows to the end.

And who ended up winning? Well read on to find out.

It was Saturday 26th May and despite the severe weather warnings for the bank holiday weekend, nearly 500 young people from across London descended upon Allianz Park in Barnet in order to compete in the 19th OGI games. For the next three days they would push themselves to their physical limits, not only in the hope of winning one of the prized OGI medals but trying to help their team be crowned the champions of OGI 2018.

From north London we had the might of Finchley, a resurgent Southgate and St. Peter's, the proud founders of OGI 38 years ago and the largest team for these games. All aiming to prise away the solid silver Padre Russo Shield from the reigning champions from south London, AS Londra Sud.

As a result of last minute withdrawals, A S Londra Sud were now the smallest team but you could sense that they were not here just to make up the numbers, that what they lacked in numbers would be more than made up for with team spirit, efficient organisation and a steely determination to retain their hard won crown.

As always, the games opened with the parade lap, followed by a beautiful operatic rendition of both national anthems by Giulia Laudano and the return of the three trophies before the reading of the Olympic oaths.

Saturday has always been the longest and most tiring day and this year was no different. Virtually all the girls are involved in the netball tournament, while the boys compete in the track and field events. Once all this is finished everyone makes the short walk to the Copthall pool, to continue their battles in the swimming gala.

By the start of Sunday Londra Sud had thrown down the gauntlet, they were the overnight leaders with Finchley and Southgate snapping at their heels. But Sunday is when the girls come back into play for the track and field events. Would Londra Sud's early lead be short lived? Only time would tell but by the end of day two, nei-

ther Finchley nor Southgate had managed to dislodge them from the top spot, with St. Peter's in fourth, now out of the running.

Monday was going to be the biggest day with everything to play for; the A & B group boys had their football tournament, virtually every track and field event was a final, with the last day culminating in the exciting grand finale of the relay races. Surely the superior numbers of Finchley would now come into play? That little Londra Sud's brave defence of the title would be crushed under the juggernaut which is Finchley, past masters and winners of no fewer than six OGI titles.

In the ensuing contest the lead changed no fewer than five times, it was like watching two heavy weight boxers going toe to toe, each one trying to land what they hoped would be the knock out punch. And with only the relays to run, Finchley had finally snatched the lead, albeit by only 2 gold medals with Southgate a close third

Joining the hundreds of spectators who were watching the spectacle unfold, were Marco Villani, Console Generale D'Italia and Patron of OGI, Angelo Alessio ex Italy and current Chelsea assistant coach and Padre Giuseppe of the Italian Church. All witnesses to a truly remarkable ending to a truly remarkable games.

The relays had all the usual thrills and spills with athletes straining every sinew of their bodies to win, disqualifications, photo finishes, you name it and it probably happened. And by the end, not only had AS Londra Sud managed to reel in Finchley but they had overtaken them and were once again in top spot with a three gold medal lead. Only this time there were no more races to run. **The champions of OGI 2018 were once again A S Londra Sud.**

It is often said that winning your first title is the easy bit, the hard part is retaining it and that being so congratulations must go to Mario Carrozzo and all at Londra Sud on a well deserved victory. But congratulations must also go to all the competitors and teams who made OGI 2018 so memorable. Well done and see you in 2020.



The Padre Russo Shield

Team	Gold	Silver	Bronze
AS Londra Sud	43	40	34
Finchley	40	42	35
Southgate	37	28	32
St. Peter's	22	31	35

After a hard fought 3 days which went right down to the wire, the holders A S Londra Sud were crowned champions of OGI 2018



Amazing AS Londra Sud, Champions of OGI 2018

The Les Rickard Cup

In memory of our 2nd President, this cup is awarded to the team which achieves the best medal average score per competitor entered and this year it went to the Southgate team.



Super Southgate



The Mazzini Garibaldi Foundation

Sportmanship Trophy

Sponsored by The Mazzini Garibaldi Foundation, the trophy is awarded to the team, which in the opinion of the marshals and OGIC officials, has behaved in the most sporting manner over the three days.

This year, it was won for the first time in their illustrious history, by the Finchley team,



Fantastic Finchley





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The Vic Heissl Award



celebrate the life of one of the founders, our first President and lifelong supporter of OGI Cav. Vittorio Heissl or 'Vic' as he was more affectionately known.

Nominations for who should receive the award can be made by either a team manager or an individual. Anyone can be nominated but reasons as to why they should receive it must be given. The OGIC then considers all the nominations, eliminating those who they feel do not meet the criteria and then vote on the remaining nominees to decide on the eventual winner.



For this year six people were nominated, four from the teams and two from individuals with three being eliminated as not quite meeting the criteria which was being looked for and then a vote taken.

Of the three remaining nominees, all would have made deserved winners of this year's award but it was felt that Theresa Morena, nominated by AS Londra Sud, just had the edge over the other two, not only because of her involvement with OGI from the very beginning, firstly as a competitor and then as a committee member but also because of her involvement in many other areas of the Italian communities life.

Congratulations to the winner of the Vic Heissl Award 2018, Theresa Morena



Thankyou

To all the volunteers who gave up their weekend to help us with the timekeeping, marshalling and refereeing.

To Steve Potter and everyone at Shaftesbury Barnet Harriers together with all the officials from UK Athletics who helped us over the weekend

To everyone at Barnet Copthall Pool for their help with the swimming gala

To the management and staff at Saracens, who worked tirelessly to ensure that the stadium was ready and everything ran smoothly, their efforts often going beyond the call of duty.

To the Console Generale D'Italia Marco Villani, Patron of the OGI, for his enthusiastic and continued support

And finally to The Mazzini Garibaldi Foundation, the Italian Medical Charity and all the sponsors, too numerous to mention, whose financial generosity helps guarantee these and future games.

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Club Sociale Italiano di Finchley Sunday Lunch



On Sunday 29th April nearly 150 people took part in the Club Sociale di Finchley's fundraising charity lunch in aid of the Finchley OGI team and the Alzheimer's Society at St. Michael's Grammar School.

In the kitchen they had their very own Gordon Ramsey in Gaetano, ably supported by Romeo who produced a fine menu, which consisted of a starter of a tris of Italian cured meats with baby mozzarella balls and olives, a main of pollo arrosto with roast potatoes and baby carrots, all finished off with a rather delicious homemade apple crumble with custard or ice cream, or both if you were feeling particularly sinful.



Before lunch was



served everyone was asked to check under their chairs and if you found a green ribbon you were given a goodie bag courtesy of Filippo Berio, which was a nice touch and there was the customary raffle with a very nice selection of prizes on offer.

A young lady from The Alzheimer's Society gave a very interesting speech about this illness and the problems faced by not only the sufferers but their families.

Overall a very enjoyable and stress free way to spend a Sunday afternoon and for £20 a very good value one too.

So congratulations and well done to everyone in the Finchley committee.



Italia Wasteels 50th Anniversary Dinner & Dance

On Saturday 19th May Italia Wasteels held their annual fund raising dinner and dance at The Royal National Hotel.

However, for this year it had an extra special feel because they were celebrating their 50th anniversary. Founded in 1968, they are now the 3rd oldest Italian institution in London, after Mazzini Garibaldi and St. Peter's Youth Club.

From having your photo taken on arrival, to the large golden boot, for players past and present to sign, which greeted you as you entered the ballroom, you just knew



that it was a special night.

Over 330 guests were treated to a room adorned with a myriad of photos of past legends, a display of the many trophies which they have won over the years and to mark the night every lady was presented with a commemorative plate.

They were then treated to some fine food and wine while being entertained by Dean Martin, listened to the customary speeches, with the occasional tearful interlude before dancing the night away.

Congratulations to Italia Wasteels and here's to another 50 successful years.





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Classics at the Villa 2018



Deutschland über alles or so it would seem when surveying the modern automotive world. And yet it was not always thus so. The Brits had such motoring icons as Austin, Morris, MG, Triumph, Rover and Wolseley to name but a few, while the Italians had the likes of Autobianchi, Alfa Romeo, Fiat, Lancia, DeTomaso and Isotta Fraschini.

Strange as it seems today, from the 30's to the 60's Alfa's were as sought after as Ferrari's are today and when UK imports first started they were more expensive than an Aston Martin. Enzo Ferrari started his racing life in an Alfa and Henry Ford was quoted as saying "When I see an Alfa Romeo go by, I tip my hat."

And in the 60's and 70's Volkswagen was not the colossus of today, that honour fell to Fiat, who was numero uno by producing such classics as the 2300S coupe, 500, 850 coupe and spyder, Fiat Dino, 124, 128, 130, a car which Autocar described as a Ford built by Mercedes. In 1971 it even created the supermini class of vehicle with the 127.

Likewise we mustn't forget those specialist Italian coachbuilders, Zagato, Ghia, Vignale, Bertone and Pininfarina who took everyday cars and added their own beautifully handcrafted bodies. And long before either AMG or Brabus existed, Carol Shelby, John Cooper and Carlo Abarth were turning family cars into performance marvels capable of embarrassing the supercars of their day.

The motor car opened up travel for the masses in a way that no other form of transport had. No longer did you have to check a timetable before starting a journey, you just simply got into your car and set off. This is what the classics at the Villa car show is all about, a celebration of the motor car and the unique bond which it holds in our lives. No other inanimate object generates such affection and nothing demonstrates this more than the classic car enthusiast. From the way they lovingly polish the chrome and paintwork to the pride they show when you photograph their car, happily opening

the doors for you, so that you can look inside, while answering any questions you may have.

However, nothing is ever simple when organising such an event, this year's show was fraught with worry for the organisers, the weather predictions were not good, rain was forecast. Weather apps were frantically checked with everyone expecting the worse. Yet, if proof is needed that even God may be a bit of a car buff, the morning started dry and slowly but surely with the cars lined up in the field below, the sun came out to illuminate them.

And what a show we had! Bigger and better than ever, with over 1500 people coming to marvel at a display of cars that was truly magnificent. From the stunning Carol Shelby Mustang once driven by none other than the maestro himself and carrying his signature on the boot, the delightful hand made Vignale bodied 600 of which only six are left in the world, the 1951 red MG TD which has been in the current owners possession for 54 years, through to a multi-million pound Mercedes 300SL, this was a display of automotive history from around the world which spanned over 90 years.

If that wasn't enough there were trade stands, a live band, coffee and ice cream bar, food stalls where you could buy anything from handmade wood fired pizza to burgers, panini to polenta and pasta to porchetta. And for the F1 fan, the grand prix was being shown live too

The logistics and organisation needed for this show would not be possible without the dedicated team of volunteers, too numerous to mention, who work tirelessly in the background, before, during and after the event. A big thank you to them and all the sponsors.

However the icing on the cake, if it is needed, must be that all profits made are donated to The Villa Scalabrini, to help it continue with the wonderful work it does for our community.





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The annual scampagnata at The Villa Scalabrini was held on Sunday 24th June and what more could anyone ask for, other than glorious sunshine, fine food and drink, live music, and the live screening of a World Cup game.



We had all of it in abundance, plus the usual 5 A-Side football tournament, the children's races and a fun tug of war competition in which the RAF cadets, sportingly joined in.



Unfortunately, as we all know, Italy are not in this World Cup, so we had to content ourselves with watching England v Panama but England did at least turn on the style, much to the delight of those watching.

Scampagnata



Those not interested in football could keep themselves entertained with a spot of retail therapy, from the many stalls offering a variety of products. Or you could just sit in the field, soak up the sun while enjoying the beautiful grounds.



This event would not be the success it is, helping to raise much needed funds for The Villa without the dedicated team of volunteers who



make up the Friends of The Villa Scalabrini, all those who help out over the weekend and the sponsors with their generous donations.

Thank you and well done to all of them.



The Quick Quiz

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

1. Who is the longest serving member of the OGIC?
2. Who was the OGI Tournament Referee from 1986-1998?
3. Which team originally wore green track suits?
4. Which famous whiskey brand sponsored the Scotland team in 1980?
5. In which year was photo finish first used?

Answers to the last quiz:

1. Marco Villani (Console Generale D'Italia)
2. Finchley (with 6 wins)
3. 4 (Twickenham, Copthall, Hornsey & Edmonton)
4. Juventus
5. Diana Montagner of Stanmore & Hendon (with 4 consecutive wins)

Italian Procession in Clerkenwell

Teams are reminded that the annual procession for the Madonna del Carmine is on Sunday 22nd July and if you want your team to be represented then you will need to provide 23 youngsters, in your team colours, to walk in it. If you do not, then your team will not have a presence.

Whoever you send, must first see Theresa Morena on the day and she will give them your team shield as well as making sure that they are included in the procession.

BGM of the OGI Assembly

The Biennial General Meeting of the OGI assembly will be held at 19.30 on Friday 19th October 2018 at St. Peter's Italian Youth Club, 136 Clerkenwell Road, London EC1R 5DL.

At this meeting the OGIC will present their report and the accounts for OGI 2018 and the assembly will then elect the next OGI committee for the 20th OGI games in 2020.

If anybody would like to stand for election onto the next OGIC, their nomination, which must be seconded either by a serving member of the current OGIC or a member of the OGI assembly, must be received by the OGIC secretary no later than Tuesday 18th September 2018.

Nomination can be sent either via email to OGIC@ogi-olympics.co.uk or in writing to The Secretary, OGIC, 136 Clerkenwell Road, London EC1R 5DL and must include the following information:

Name & contact details of person nominated to include a current email address and mobile number/

Name & contact details of person seconding nominee.

Nominations received after Tuesday 18th September 2018 will not be eligible to stand for election onto the OGIC 2020. (Proof of posting will not constitute proof that nomination was sent before deadline)

If you would like to contribute to the newsletter or would like us to advertise your event, please email us on:

info@ogi-olympics.co.uk



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Future Events

Club Sociale Italiano di Finchley Summer Scampagnata



The Finchley team will be holding their annual summer scampagnata on Sunday 8th July at The Villa Scalabrini

Doors open at 12pm with tickets costing £15 for over 12's, £5 for 5 to 12's with under 4's going free, which includes a BBQ and dessert.

There will also be a licensed bar and an organised It's a Knock Out Style Competition for all to take part in.

So why not join the Finchley Team in what is traditionally an entertaining and enjoyable afternoon and help them raise money not only for OGI 2020 but also The Alzheimer's Society.

Maria Tozzi's Dementia Friends Talk

Dementia Friends Talk

On Saturday 14th July at 11.30am I shall be hosting a **Dementia Friends Talk** at Church of Christ the King, Bramley Rd. Cockfosters, N14 4HE. The session is designed to increase understanding and awareness of dementia and help create a Dementia Friendly Community. This informal talk lasts for an hour and both adults and teenagers are welcome to attend. If you would like to come along and find out how we can all play a part in helping people who are living with dementia please let me know or visit the website dementiafriends.org.uk and register.

Many Thanks
Maria Tozzi



Maria Tozzi has been involved with the OGI for over 30 years at every level. This year, you will have seen her liaising with the team managers at the pre race registrations

Several years ago Maria sadly lost her mum to Dementia and since

then, as well as her OGI commitments with Finchley, she has dedicated herself to organising talks for people, whose families have been affected by dementia. They are designed so that people can understand how dementia will affect their loved ones, how they can cope with this debilitating illness and what help is available for them.

Her next talk is being held at 11.30 on Sunday 14th July at the Church of Christ The King, Bramley Road, Cockfosters N14 4HE. All are welcomed to attend and for more information please visit the website dementiafriends.org.uk

Italian Procession and Sagra



This year's curtain closer before Italians head back to the motherland for their summer holidays is taking place on Sunday 22nd July.

The procession around the streets of Clerkenwell, in honour of our Lady of Mount Carmel sets off from the Italian Church at 3pm.

This is followed by The Sagra, a street fete in Warner Street, with music, Italian food and drink stalls all in a very Italian atmosphere.

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The OGI would like to take this opportunity to thank the following people and organisations for their generous support of OGI 2018

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