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It's been a busy few months since our last newsletter in April.

May saw this year's Classics at the Villa car show. Bigger and better than ever, with nearly 2000 spectators enjoying a vast array of motoring history, live music, fine food and much more. After each show, people think that it just cannot get any better and every year they are proved wrong.

June saw a first for OGI, with us holding a comedy night at The Bill Murray Comedy Club in Islington. Three up and coming comedians, two of them Italian, provided the entertainment for this informal and highly enjoyable night, hopefully the first of many.

Our 2nd fundraising golf day at the prestigious Hadley Wood Golf Club saw 76 aspiring Francesco Molinari's

Welcome back

slugging it out to win this year's crown and despite some initial worries, we ended up with more competitors and the event proved to be just as successful as our first in 2017.

This year's scampagnata at The Villa was held a week earlier than usual and although the threat of rain was ever present in the week leading up to the event, these worries proved unfounded with the sun even managing to make a guest appearance in the afternoon, which ensured that those who made the effort to go, not only caught up with old friends while enjoying the great food and drink, they also topped up their pre holiday tans.

And finally some good news for 2020, we may have found a new stadium, should we need it, for next year's games. It's still too early to say for sure but the venue is available and it meets our needs, so fingers crossed.

The Classics at The Villa 2019

Sunday 12th May saw the 5th Classic at The Villa Car Show. Bigger and better than ever with a display of great cars, a selection of great food and some great music. A great day out for all the family.



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OGI Comedy Night



On Wednesday 12th June the OGI held its first comedy night at The Bill Murray Comedy Club in Islington. The MC for the night was the very funny Jon Long with the first two acts being Valerio Miconi and Yuriko Kotani, a Japanese comedienne who thought that the reason why she had been invited was because Japan had been Italy's ally in WW2. The headline act was Luca Cupani a very funny Italian comedian from Bologna who somehow looked Polish. Overall a very funny and relaxed evening and a great way of catching up with old friends.



The second OGI Golf day was held at the Hadley Wood Golf Club on Monday 17th June. The rain held off for the 76 golfers, who made up the 19 teams, to enjoy a round of golf on this beautiful course followed by a presentation dinner, fund raising raffle, and auction. The winning team came from Milton Keynes and were newcomers to the tournament. Thanks goes to Peter & Simi Ciccone for all their help with organising the event, Stephen James for their sponsorship and supplying the car for our hole in one competition and all the sponsors and players whose support and generosity were essential to making the day such a success.

OGI Golf Day

Annual Scmpagnata at the Villa

We'd had a week of miserable weather, wet and cold but as if by magic or a higher being, Sunday 23rd proved to be dry, warm with even sunny in the afternoon. Those who came could enjoy the usual selection of fine food and wine, stalls selling all manner of ware, an assortment of fair ground attractions to keep the younger members entertained, not to mention the 5 A-Side football tournament and the usual family races organised by OGI.

The General Knowledge Quiz

Five more brain teasers to test your knowledge:

1. Which country hosted the first football World Cup?
2. Where in London will you find the inscription "Tu es Petrus et super hanc petrum aedificabo ecclesiam meam"?
3. Which famous naval battle took place on the 21st October 1805?
4. Which car company is most associated with the famous Silver Arrow Race cars of the 1930's?
5. What did the Manhattan Project lead to?

Answers to the last quiz:

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| 1. St. Paul's Cathedral | 2. Umberto II | 3. Cyprus |
| 4. Pirates of the Caribbean: At World's End | 5. Camera | |

Contact information

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If you require any further information on OGI or the teams, would like us to promote your event or if you would like to advertise or contribute to this publication.

OGI 2020 5 A-Side Football Tournament

After consulting with the teams, and in commemoration of the first OGI games, the OGIC has decided to expand next years OGI 5 A-Side Football Tournament from the current 9-10 year olds to 9-16 year olds.

For the time being this is only a temporary expansion and a review of the decision will be made after next years OGI. The behaviour of players, managers, parents and spectators, the impact it has on our timetable and whether it leads to an overall increase in competitor numbers, will be factors which the OGIC takes into account when deciding on whether to make it a permanent part of future games.

Each OGI team will be allowed to enter up to two teams per age group and up to two girls will be allowed to compete in the Boys A/B teams, providing that there are not have enough boys registered in that age group to field an all boys team. **Girls will not be allowed to compete in the older age groups.**

The format of the tournament and on which day it will be staged has yet to be decided and will be taken in consultation with the team managers but subject to our operational requirements.



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A Brief History

Part 2. The St. Peter's years 1980-1984



The inaugural games held at Barnet Copthall Stadium in 1980 saw 21 teams and around 500 competitors from across the UK taking part and as well as the usual athletics, swimming and netball events which we see now, they also had 11 a-side football, 7 a-side rugby, weightlifting, judo and boxing.

For most of the teams it was just case of turning up to compete with very little thought being given to training or track suits. One team however, Scotland, came fully prepared with all their competitors kitted out in matching track suits, courtesy of their sponsorship deal with White Horse Whisky. They would go on to be crowned the first OGI champions, making many friends and setting the benchmark which the rest would eventually follow.

Scotland had wanted the second games to be held in Glasgow but it was decided that this would be impractical, given that the majority of teams were based in the south of England. Unfortunately, as a result of this decision, they decided not to defend their title in 1982 and were never to be seen again.

1982 saw boxing and judo dropped and the games held at the West London Stadium, near Shepherd's Bush. While the number of teams taking part had decreased, the number of competitors registered had gone up to almost 800. Some teams had also started pre OGI training, while almost all of them now wore team tracksuits. The games would be remembered for two things; firstly the weather, it rained almost incessantly for the three days and secondly the winners Arrotini with around only 40 competitors, hold the record as the smallest team to have ever won OGI.

For 1984 the games returned to Copthall Stadium, the Sportsmanship trophy was introduced and the number of registered competitors reached almost 1000, a figure which would never be surpassed. By now, pre games training and track suits was the norm for the teams and after a hard fought 3 days, Finchley would be crowned champions, the first of many titles for them and Hoddesdon winning the Sportsmanship Trophy. It was also the last year that weightlifting, rugby and 11 a-side football would appear in OGI. The biggest change however, was that these would be the last games to be organised and run solely by the St. Peter's Italian Catholic Youth Club Committee.

OGI 2020 Stadium Update



As some are aware, it became clear to us late last year, that because of an extension to next years rugby season and the redevelopment of the old stand, we may not have the use of Allianz Park for 2020.

So we started to look for a new stadium, a task which has proven to be much harder than we originally anticipated. New River Stadium no longer has the facilities for the throwing events, while Lee Valley in Edmonton and Donkey Lane in Enfield would be ideal if only they had larger stands. And our repeated enquiries to both Crystal Palace and Mile End have gone unanswered.

Fortunately our friends at the MGF suggested that we try the Woodside Stadium near Watford and while it is still too early to confirm that this will be our next venue, the stadium does have an all weather track with full field event facilities, a pool, photo-finishing, nearby football pitches, parking for 200 cars, a 700 seater stand, is just off the M25 and most importantly of all, available for hire on the dates we require.

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Future Events

40 anni di sport e amicizia Sunday Lunch

Join us for our fundraising lunch on

**Sunday 15th. September 2019
at 2 p.m.**

in the:

**The Sala Padre Russo
St. Peter's Italian Club
136 Clerkenwell Road
London EC1R 5DL**

enjoy a 3 course meal with ½ a bottle of wine and coffee and help us start the celebrations to commemorate 40 years of OGI

£25.00 per person (adults)

£15.00 per person (under 12's) excl. wine

To reserve your place, please contact:

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OGI is at the Procession & Sagra



The curtain closer for London's Anglo Italian community before they decamp back to the motherland is taking place on Sunday 21st. July 2019.

The Procession will start to meander its way around the streets of Clerkenwell at 15.30, while the

Sagra and all its stalls which offer a variety of Italian street food, ice cream, tombola, and all manner of other goods gets underway from 10.00.

OGI will be represented in the procession by our young athletes who will be wearing their track suits while carrying their team shields and we will also have our own food and drink stall at the sagra with all the profits we make being donated to the Italian Church.

So why not pop down to see us, meet up with friends, enjoy the food and drink, support the church which is at the heart of our community and soak up the atmosphere of a festival which goes back 135 years.

Save The Date

12/10/2019 The Southgate OGI team are holding a fundraising dinner & dance at Bishop Douglas School. Prices & details TBC

OGI 40th Anniversary Gala Dinner

Save the Date: Saturday 28th March 2020