

# 40th Anniversary Newsletter

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Welcome back to the 10th edition of our newsletter. We are now entering the 3rd year of this publication and we hope that you have found it both informative and enjoyable.

Since our last newsletter the teams have had a busy few months fundraising. Both Londra Sud and St. Peter's staged bingo events, while Southgate staged a quiz night.

Whereas, at the Villa, the ever present, ever youthful, energetic and enigmatic Padre Vico was 90 on the 5th April and to commemorate this remarkable milestone the Villa invited over 100 people from both Italy and the UK to a birthday lunch, held on the 7th April, to wish him a happy birthday and share in the celebrations.

In the meantime we are also busy organising our second fundraising golf day at the Hadley Wood Golf Club on the 17th June. While things are progressing nicely and people are assembling teams and reserving their places, we still have spaces available for anyone wishing to show off their golfing acumen. Likewise, we still have some sponsorship packages available for anyone who

would like to support the event while also promoting their business. Please contact Luciana Timanti on [luciana@timanti.co.uk](mailto:luciana@timanti.co.uk) for further details.

Our younger committee members have also been busy looking at various venues in order to stage a 70/80's disco. Predominantly aimed at the 17+ age group, they are hoping to get everyone together in the run up to the next games, not only to help raise much needed funds but to get the momentum going for our 40 year celebrations.

Finally we must congratulate our very own Jamie 'Giacomo' Townsend on having successfully completed the London Marathon in an impressive time of 4hr 47mins while also helping to raise almost £1,500 for his chosen charity, The Greenwich and Bexley Community Hospice.

Bravo Giacomo and if anyone would like to add their own congratulations by making a donation, it is still not too late to do so. Just visit his JustGiving page at:

[www.justgiving.com/fundraising/jamie-townsend2?utm\\_id=24](http://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/jamie-townsend2?utm_id=24).

## Londra Sud's Fundraising Bingo Night

Friday 8th February saw nearly 150 people enjoy an evening of bingo interspersed with some fine Italian food at Purley, while helping Mario and his team to raise some much needed funds for Londra Sud's forthcoming defence of their title.

Team manager Mario Carrozzo and the catering team



# Italia-Wasteels 'A Generation Game'



You may remember that Italia-Wasteels, the last remaining Anglo Italian football club in London, celebrated their 50th anniversary last year. Having heard of this impressive milestone Luciano Ruocco, a young Anglo Italian filmmaker, approached them with a proposal to make a documentary film to record their golden jubilee.

The resulting film called 'A Generation Game' was given its second public screening to an invited audience of some 50 people, at The Galazo Bar in Camberwell Road on Friday 1st March.

There is a fine line when making a documentary of this kind, in that it needs to be long enough for the audience to get a feel for the club and the reasons behind its success and longevity, but not so long that they get bored and start to check their watches.

It's fair to say that Luciano's film hits the nail firmly on the proverbial head. It follows the team during their 2017/18 season, interspersed with flashbacks of the club's history, interviews of players and managers,

both past and present, finally culminating in their end of season presentation gala dinner & dance, which they held at the Royal National hotel in Bloomsbury.

By the time the credits roll, you realise that this is more than a just football club. It is a family which can and often does, involve all the family. Generations of the same family have proudly played and then remained a part of it, long after they have hung up their boots. You understand that reason why it has survived the test of time, while others have fallen by the wayside, is not because of what it achieved on the pitch but its success off it.

A fantastic debut for this talented filmmaker, who is hopefully destined for greater things and a wonderful tribute to the club. A must see for anyone with more than a passing interest in London's Italians and the positive impact they have made to their communities.

You can watch the trailer on OGI's new Instagram page or on YouTube and the film is now available to purchase as a download from Amazon.



Filmmaker Luciano Ruocco addressing the audience



Ex player & current team manager John Sidoli opens the evening

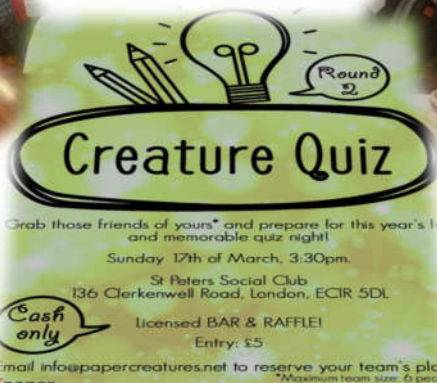


# St. Peter's Afternoon Tea & Bingo



Sunday 17th February  
 friends and family of  
 the St. Peter's OGI team  
 met up to enjoy a fun  
 filled afternoon of tea  
 and bingo

# Paper Creatures Theatre Sunday Quiz



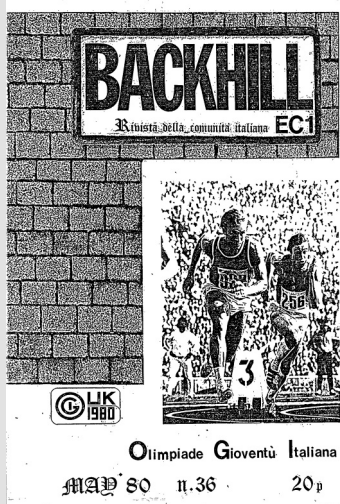
Sunday 17th March saw around 120 people making their way to St. Peter's Italian Club in Clerkenwell to enjoy the second annual Paper Creatures Lunchtime quiz, while helping to raise funds for this fledgling venture.



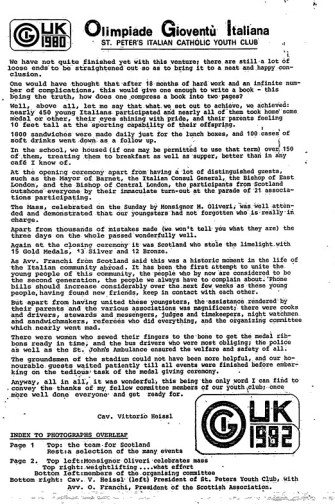
You can now follow us on  Instagram

One of the many advantages of us now having younger committee members is their understanding of social media and how it can best be used to promote OGI and our forthcoming events.

So you can now follow us on Instagram at [ogi\\_olimpiadegioventuitaliana](https://www.instagram.com/ogi_olimpiadegioventuitaliana).



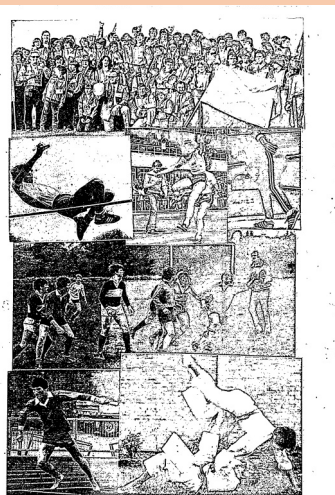
Above: Announcing the first games. Front cover of the May 1980 edition of Backhill



Above: 1980 Games report printed in the July edition of Backhill

Below: OGI 1980 Results table as printed in the July edition of Backhill

Olimpiade Gioventù Italiana				
ST. PETER'S ITALIAN CATHOLIC YOUTH CLUB				
40, FRANKS CHURCH, 4, BARNET RD., LONDON, U.K. TEL: 01-887 1467				
OVERALL RESULTS				
CLUB	JOKE	STIPER	ROVER	
SCOTLAND	13	13	13	
AMSTERDAM	14	14	14	
ST. PETER'S	10	10	10	
FLORINIA	16	16	16	
MILANO	18	18	18	
ANTWERP	19	19	19	
GENOVA	20	20	20	
ALGERIA	21	21	21	
WILSON PROGRESS	22	22	22	
LYON	23	23	23	
PARIS	24	24	24	
C.I.S.A.-R.	25	25	25	
TAL. 1980	26	26	26	
BRUSSELS	27	27	27	
ST. PETER'S	28	28	28	
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Below: OGI 1980 photos as it appeared in the July edition of Backhill

## A Brief History

### Part 1. In the beginning

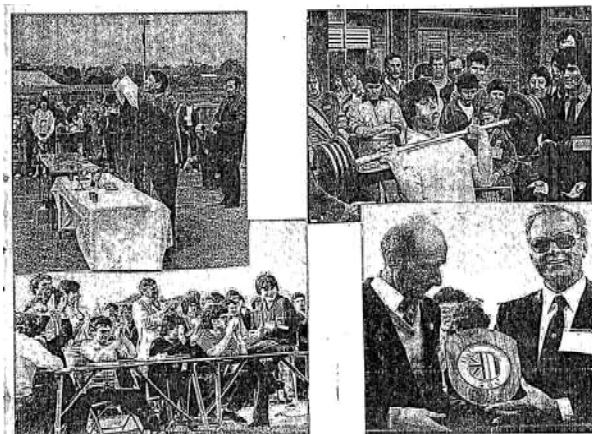
In 1978 during a meeting of the then St. Peter's Italian Catholic Youth Club Committee, a certain Rob Verbini made the suggestion that the club should organise a sporting event in which it could invite all the Italian clubs and associations of the UK to take part in.

In the ensuing debate, most agreed that it was a good idea in principle but there were the usual concerns of how it could be funded.

In most circumstances that would have been that, a good idea which ultimately came to nothing. However, the President of the youth club, a certain Victor Heissl, not only liked the idea but believed that it had to be done and the money found. And so the die was cast, the wheels set in motion, as The Olimpiade della Gioventù Italiana UK, as they were to become known, were born.

For the next 18 months the youth club was a hive of activity as invites were sent out, fundraisers staged and a venue found. As the replies came in, from as far afield as Scotland, it became obvious that these games were going to be far bigger than had previously been imagined. Without the aid of computers, committee members such as Vince DeStefano, Felix De Palma, Giv Croci, Renzo Zani and Rob Verbini to name a few, would burn the midnight oil in the youth club, planning the timetable and making sure that events would not clash.

And on Saturday 24th May 1980, the fruit of their labour came into being when over 500 young people from across the UK marched onto the track of Barnet Copthall Stadium for the opening ceremony of the first OGI games.



Left: More pictures of the first OGI games from the July edition of Backhill



### Padre Vico's 90th Birthday



Sunday 7th April, saw over 120 guests join Padre Alberto at the Villa Scalabrini to celebrate his 90th birthday. This remarkable priest whose drive and determination was instrumental in establishing the villa, belied his age during his speech, as he lucidly recounted the important events of his life. Buon compleanno Padre Alberto

### The General Knowledge Quiz

Something new after 3 years of testing your OGI knowledge, five fun general knowledge questions. Answers in the next issue.

1. Which cathedral is the seat to the Bishop of London?
2. Who was the last King of Italy?
3. Which Mediterranean island is said to be the birthplace of Aphrodite?
4. Which 2007 Film, the 3rd in the series, was the most expensive film ever made?
5. The name for which portable device, stems from the Latin word for a vaulted room?

Answers to the last quiz:

- 1.21 2. Euston Town Hall 3. Marco Tardelli  
4. Gino D'Acampo 5. 6

### Contact information

Please email us at: [ogic@ogi-olympics.co.uk](mailto:ogic@ogi-olympics.co.uk)

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.



Greenwich & Bexley  
Community Hospice

### Congratulations to Giacomo Townsend



Above: Jamie with 12 miles to go

On completing this year's London Marathon in an impressive 4hrs 47mins, despite a knee injury which he sustained while training for the event.

Below: At the finish with his medal

He also helped to raise nearly £1,500.00 for the

Greenwich & Bexley Community Hospice.

Well done Jamie from all on the OGIC on your great achievement and anyone who would still like to donate, can still do so by going to Jamie Townsend's JustGiving page.





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## Forthcoming Events for 2019

FEATURING CARS FROM: STUDIO 454, BELL CLASSICS, HEXAGON CLASSICS

VILLA SCALABRINI, GREEN STREET, SHENLEY, HERTS. WD7 9BB

FANTASTIC COLLECTION OF CARS AND CLUBS  
SPANISH F1 SHOWING ON BIG SCREEN  
GREAT AUTHENTIC ITALIAN FOOD  
TRADE STANDS AND LIVE BAND

ENTRY FEE £10.00 PER PERSON (UNDER 16s GO FREE)

**Cars & Italian Food**  
**Sunday 12th May 2019**  
9.30AM - 4.30PM



**CLASSICS at the VILLA**

CHARITY FUNDRAISING EVENT SUPPORTING VILLA SCALABRINI RESIDENTIAL CARE HOME

SUPERCARS CLASSIC CARS RACE CARS BIKES



**OGIC GOLF DAY**

Monday 17 June 2019  
HADLEY WOOD GOLF CLUB  
BEECH HILL, BARNET, EN4 0JJ

OGIC will be holding another Golf Day at the prestigious Hadley Wood Golf Club On Monday 17 June 2019

OGIC will be celebrating its 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2020

Hadley Wood offers the combined benefits of a superbly designed golf course and excellent Clubhouse facilities all set in a beautiful parkland location

£400 per team or £100 per individual

Coffee and bacon roll on arrival late morning, golf, followed by 3 course presentation dinner

Shotgun start with live scoring system  
Prizes for teams and individuals

Team event best 2 from 4 scores each hole  
(90% handicap allowance, maximum handicap before allowance 24 men, 36 ladies)

Individual event  
(90% handicap allowance, maximum handicap before allowance 24 men, 36 ladies)

## SCAMPAGNATA

At the:  
**VILLA SCALABRINI**  
Green Street - Shenley - Herts - WD7 9BB

**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2019**

From 09.30 am. ENTRANCE FEE £5.00 per person (Under 16 Free)



**Holy Mass in the Barn at 11:30am**

MUSIC TOMBOLA PICNIC AREA  
F1 BIG SCREEN CHILDREN ACTIVITIES  
GROCERIES ITALIAN FOOD

**PIAZZA CARNEVALE**  
Pizza | Pasta | BBQ

Panini • Cakes • Coffee • Pinna Bar • Ice Cream • Porchetta



**5-A-SIDE FOOTBALL**  
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## Save these dates

**07/07/2019** Club Sociale Italiano do Finchley's fundraising family scampagnata at the Villa Scalabrini, Green St. Shenley WD7 7NJ. Ticket price TBC to include food.

**21/07/2019** The annual Italian Procession in Honour of Our Lady of Mount Carmel will pass through the streets of little Italy in Clerkenwell.

**21/07/2019** The annual Sagra featuring a variety of Italian street food and other attractions in aid of the Italian Church will be held after the procession in Warner Street, ECL.

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



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