

Reports & News

Serata ticinese

The Red & Blue evening



The Raffle winners



Many thanks to Richard & Chantal for sending their compliments on the quality of the catering

AGM



Ladies take over the Society and Valeria returns as President



Michael Burtscher is 'demob' happy



Emilio Demaria joins the Exec. Committee

The AGM held, by the kind permission of the Ambassador, at the Swiss Embassy London on 4th April saw the change to the Constitution accepted whereby, in the event of closure of the Society, artefacts and memorabilia of the Society are offered to an appropriate museum rather than sold, as previously stated in the Constitution. In respect to your Executive Committee, Rosemary Allegranza stood down as 'Collector' after many, many years in the post, also retiring were Rosalina Rigamonti as Secretary and Michael Burtscher as Treasurer. Rosemary and Rosalina remain as committee members. The Executive Committee now comprises the Officers - The President (Ian Giuliani), Vice President (Joe Broggin), Treasurer (Virgilio Pellandini), Secretary (vacant), Assistant Secretary & Membership (Antoinette Groom) & Graves Officer (Maddalena Bucher). Ordinary members are: Rosemary Allegranza, Peter Barber (archives), Ivana Cohn, Emilio Demaria, Daniel Pedroletti & Rosalina Rigamonti (social & events). The meeting was followed by a light supper which saw the old team of Christian Barber and Ivan Cohn in the kitchen assisted by Antoinette Groom and.....



Cynthia's lunch

Cynthia Parrott, who had been contacted by 'Swiss info' in regard to her Ticinese background struck on the idea of having a small lunch for two or three of similar Ticinese heritage. Her invite list grew until, even given her entertainment powers, discretion suggested a restaurant. So she organized a lunch for about twelve at the Blenio restaurant in Brighton, established by Peter Bruschi, whose family originates from Dongio. Michele Andina from Swiss Info interviewed and filmed the guests and edited highlights can be viewed on the SwissInfo website. www.swissinfo.ch/eng/specials/swiss-italian_migrations

Coming Events

Spring Outing
Saturday 6 June

As mentioned in the last Newsletter, this year the Spring Outing is to be a bit 'special' and Joe Broggin has been working hard to this affect. He has organised a canal cruise, from Camden Lock to the Canal Museum with a reception to follow, and for those who are still game for celebrations, a supper at a restaurant in London replete with a 'live' Ticinese folk duo. Antoinette Groom the catering co-ordinator has organised some supplies from Ticino and is marshalling helpers to provide the comestibles for the reception. Full details including a map and booking form are enclosed with this Newsletter. As members will recall the significance to the Society of the Canal Museum in North London is that it is located in what was an ice warehouse built by Carlo Gatti in the latter part of the 19th Century. The Museum features the shipping of ice and the role and career of Carlo Gatti.



Gattiand one of his ice carts

Barbecue - Festa campestra

Sunday 28 June

Cynthia Parrott again extends a welcome to us to spend a summer day at her bucolic home deep in Sussex. Although without Peter Jacomelli, the event will live on in his memory and will offer the usual grilled steak, vegetarian options, strawberries etc, but risotto will probably be off the menu as the apprentice - seen alongside Peter in the photograph - has yet to complete his training !!!



Peter Jacomelli

Peter Jacomelli died on the 27 February and his funeral service place on 16 March at St Elizabeth's Church in Richmond with the burial, alongside his mother, at Richmond Cemetery. A reception was held at Pembroke Lodge in Richmond Park. Peter was a mainstay of the Society up until his death and he is sorely missed. A future Newsletter will be devoted to him and we are asking members for memories, anecdotes and photographs which could be included. There will also be a memorial event later in the year highlighting Peter's contribution to the Society and this event will see the launch of the Peter Jacomelli 'giovenott' Fund to be established to assist young Ticinese members. If you have any suggestions on how youngsters could be assisted please let us know. The income from the raffle



and Rosalina Rigamonti's 'flag' competition both held at the last AGM will be directed to the fund, as will the sum obtained from the auctioning of Young Sun's painting (as illustrated), which she donated to the Society prior to leaving with Claudio Mazzuchelli for Beijing. Members are encouraged to let the Society know if they are interested in bidding for this exquisite piece.

Our sympathies go to Peters family, in particular his sister Dina, brother Luigi and Tania on whom he relied in his later days.

MEMBERSHIP

Rosemary Allegranza after many, many, many years as Collector to the Society has handed over her membership duties to Antoinette Groom. So please now send your subscriptions to her at:- 8 Cherry Avenue, Canterbury, CT2 8EN there is also a dedicated email address: utmembership@yahoo.co.uk Antoinette will be very pleased to accept and assist members in setting up standing orders for subscriptions. Subscriptions are due in January, so any of us who have not sent their dues please do so asap as reminders cost time and money to send out.

WANTED
a **SECRETARY**

Rosalina Rigamonti has retired from the post of UT Hon. Secretary, but remains as the 'Social Secretary' - staying involved with event organisation, raffles and now the regular 'map' competition. So this onerous & exacting post is available and would appeal to those who need an even greater challenge than life in providing them at the moment. Would appeal to internet and email enthusiasts. For further details please contact the President.

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