



CIRCOLO ITALIANO DI WELLINGTON NOTIZIE PER OTTOBRE 2018

CIRCOLO DEI LETTORI



Huge thanks to Antonella and the brave students who contributed to the very successful, and first ever, **Open Book Club / Circolo dei Lettori** at the October social. The range of books and entertaining presentations generated much discussion and I am sure interest in learning more about the authors.

The books and presenters were:

Antonella - *Non dirmi che hai paura*, by Giuseppe Catozzella

Susan - *Una Questione Privata (A Private Affair)*, by Beppe Fenoglio

Kay - *In other words*, by Jhumpa Lahiri

Phyllis - *Il Gattopardo*, by Tomasi di Lampedusa

Liz - *La testa degli Italiani*, by Beppe Severgnini

Cheryl - *The Neapolitan Quartet*, by Elena Ferrante

Linda - *By its cover*, by Donna Leon

Linda (mentioned only) - *The Days of Abandonment*, by Elena Ferrante

Marianne - *Villa Diana*, by Alan Moorehead

Laurel - *Daughter of Venice*, by Donna Jo Napoli

Anne (mentioned only) - *If on a winter night a traveller*, by Italo Calvino

Alan (suggestion) - Italian translation of Oscar Wilde's *Aforismi*

Shona (suggestion) - *Dolce per sé*, by Dacia Maraini

BOOK LAUNCH

Antonella wishes to remind Circolo Italiano's students about her invitation to you to the launch of Vivienne Plumb's latest book of poetry, drama and fiction, '*As Much Gold As an Ass could Carry*', which Antonella has translated '*Tutto l'oro che puoi*'. Join Vivienne, Antonella and reviewers, on Friday 19 October, 6 pm, Pegasus Bookshop, Cuba Street.

HAVE YOUR SAY

We look forward to seeing you at the **Classes Closing Ceremony** (details below) and **AGM** at the end of November.

The Circolo Italiano is run by a dedicated group of volunteers who are always open to suggestions and new ideas - please send any by email to president@circoloitaliano.org.nz or deliver in person at the **AGM**, or even consider standing for the 2019 committee. One change proposed for next year is to change our monthly social night to always be the 'second Thursday of the month', rather than the current mix of mostly the first, and twice a year second Thursday. Please let us know if that would be an inconvenience.

STUDY IN ITALY

We have just received offers of fee reductions for members to attend the **Dante Alighieri School in Recanati**, in Macerata on the Adriatic Coast. If any of you are thinking of studying at a school in Italy, please check with us which schools have reductions available.

CAR PARKS

The building manager has asked that we remind members that the Vivian St **car-parks** are rented out - park 14 is rented all hours and must never be parked in. Parks 1-13 may be used after 6pm on Circolo nights only.

LAST CLASSES 2018

The last classes for this year will be on **15 October (Monday classes)** and **17 October (Wednesday classes)**.

CLASSES CLOSING CEREMONY

At 6.30pm on **Wednesday 24 October**, we will hold the Classes Closing Ceremony in the clubrooms. All students who have regularly attended classes will be presented with Certificates of Attendance. **Students are requested to bring along some food and something to drink** to contribute towards a shared buffet dinner after the formalities. Do not bring food that needs heating. This function is for students and invited guests only. Come along and celebrate your year of learning the beautiful Italian language!!

For further information please email: president@circoloitaliano.org.nz

CLASSES 2019

Please start thinking about your enrolments for 2019 and pass the word around. More information to follow.

NOVEMBER AGM AND SOCIAL, THURSDAY 29 NOVEMBER 2018.

The AGM starts at 7pm and the presentation, *Memories of Modena and beyond*, will follow at 7.30pm.

Laurel Johnson, winner of the 2016 Charles Bell Memorial Scholarship, will talk about her experiences studying in Modena and exploring Italy.



Please note, as we are holding the AGM, together with Laurel's presentation, on 29 November, there will be no Social on the first Thursday of November.

No entry charge. Supper provided.

CINEMA ITALIANO FESTIVAL

This well-loved festival will be at The Empire Cinema, Island Bay from 1- 14 November 2018. Here's the link to read up on what will be on offer so you can plan your fix of wonderful Italian films. <http://www.cinemaitalianonz.com/s/CIF-CINEMA-ITALIANO-PROG-2018.pdf>

ITALY 2019

Phyllis Mossman is organising another Renaissance art and architecture tour to Italy in 2019. This starts on **Monday 16 September 2019 in Rome** and ends on **Monday 7 October 2019 in Florence**. The theme will be *Renaissance Rivalry: art patronage from Rome to Tuscany*. The tour will visit Rome, Tivoli, Orvieto, Siena, Volterra, Lucca, Florence and some off the beaten track locations in between (including a marble quarry in the Alpi Apuane). The itinerary will highlight Renaissance country villas and gardens as well as the competitive artistic commissions of the Papacy, Medici family and Republican governments. Optional activities include cycling, wine tasting, horse riding, guided hiking, the Puccini Festival in Lucca and of course enjoying central Italian scenery and delicious cuisine. For expressions of interest, please contact Phyllis by email phyllis@mossman.net.nz She will then send you the finalised itinerary and cost.



Gardens of the Villa Lante at Bagnaia

CIRCOLO ITALIANO DI WELLINGTON FACEBOOK PAGE

<https://www.facebook.com/circoloitalianodiwellington/>

Grazie to those who have already liked and shared our Facebook page. Remember, the more likes and shares our Facebook page gets, the more we can share the love and get our name and activities out to the wider community.



IL CALENDARIO

24 October 6.30pm Closing Ceremony (everyone bring some food and/or your favourite beverage)

1-14 November Cinema Italiano festival at Empire Cinema, Island Bay

29 November 7pm Circolo AGM and Social

A presto!