



The Poggio Post

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EJSU - Supporting service personnel and their families

RAFA Rides goes Global!



On 4th June 21, 9 members of the DACCC took part in RAFA Rides 2021. RAFA Rides is an annual charity cycling event held in support of the Royal Air Force Association. This year's event was somewhat different due to COVID restrictions and Units were challenged to cumulatively cycle around the world in 24 hours whilst raising awareness and much needed funds for RAFA!

The DACCC Cycling Club is a pillar of the NATO community and so the challenge was eagerly accepted and organization started at the turn of the year. RAFA recommended cycling distances of between 70 & 100 miles in order to complete the goal of cycling around the globe (The distances around the Earth if 24,901.46 Mi or 40,075.01 Km for those that didn't know!)

A stroke of luck!!! Who knew that the distance between Ferrara Castle & Venice is exactly 70 Miles! Venice not only provided the perfect cycling distance and photo opportunity but also a great selection of Antipasti, beer and wines for a post cycle carb-load! And so Venice was our confirmed destination. And so on the 4th June 0800L two teams Lead by Nile Jackson & Taff Nind left Ferrara Castle and its incredible sunrise and headed towards the River Po. An unbelievable amount of support from the NATO & British community helped keep spirits high throughout, and if there ever was a point of despair in the grueling 31C heat it was quickly alleviated by checking the Charity Just giving page smash its original target of £500.

No day in the saddle is without its drama and in the final 10Km we had our first incident of the day – Nile Jackson decided to get his front wheel stuck in a train track whilst travelling at 30Kph throwing him over the handlebars quite badly. I am pleased to report however that there was no damage to the bike and he continued to the finish line.

In total the DACCC Team raised an incredible £1000 for RAFA and contributed a respectable 630 Miles to the global navigation total. A special mention to both Harry Davies for providing excellent care in the Van throughout & also to the community for providing much needed moral support and funds throughout.....ROME 2022???



Events in and around Ferrara



25-29 August – Parco Massari

Ferrara is famous for its Buskers Festival which takes place every year in August. This year it is being held in Parco Massari. The park opens to the public each evening at 7 p.m. and hosts a craft market and plenty of street food and drink stands to choose from. There is even the possibility to meet and chat to the musicians over an aperitif. 12 concerts have been scheduled for each evening and these are preceded by street performers and entertainment which include: jugglers, flame-throwers, craft workshops, art exhibitions and much more. If you would like to go, you must book tickets beforehand. Visit the official website below to find out about the programme and to buy tickets.

<https://www.ferrarabuskers.com/pages/line-up>



Ferrara City Tour

A unique opportunity to explore Ferrara with a Hop on Hop off option on two routes. Timetable, route and ticket information are available at the following link;

<https://cityredbus.com/shop/biglietti-ferrara-city/>

Or via the following number;

+39 342 3977050

Food Festivals

Sagra della Rana, Lumaca e Anguilla (Frog, snail and eel food fair)

Marrara – Borgo Bova (near Ferrara)

19th – 22nd & 26th – 29th August

Stand opens at 7 p.m. and on Sundays at midday and 7 p.m.

This is a traditional food festival for the locals, which celebrates frog, snails and eel - three important and historical components of Ferrara's food traditions. For the less adventurous of us, the menu includes other typical Ferrarese dishes too. More information available at the following link; <http://www.sagradellarana.eu/>

Sagra della zucca e del suo Cappellaccio (Pumpkin and 'Cappellaccio')

San Carlo (Ferrara), Campo sportivo (sports field)

12th- 22nd August

Stand opens at 7 p.m. On Sundays and 15th August also at midday.

It is compulsory to book a place by telephoning or messaging:
Whatsapp 377.2425261 (call 10 a.m. – midday, 3 p.m. – 7 p.m.)

This is a fantastic opportunity to taste one of Ferrara's most traditional dishes, "Cappellacci", which is a delicious hat-shaped pasta filled with sweet pumpkin and served with butter and sage or a savoury meat sauce.



(A takeaway service available, which must be booked in advance and collected between 11.30 and 12.30 or 7 p.m. – 8 p.m. There will be a specific collection point)

More information available at the following link; <http://www.sagrasancarlo.it/>

Ferrara Market



As always, the weekly Friday morning market continues to take place in Ferrara. This includes the Friday farmers market which takes place in Piazza Travaglio from 0800-1300. Local farms present their best products: wine, fruit, vegetables, meat, cheese, jam, as well as flowers and plants. A good chance to purchase fresh delicious products!

Community Updates

BFPO Service announcement

Please see an announcement for BFPO Customers from Amazon:

Amazon understands that some members of the Military Community, based overseas, have not been receiving parcels which did not include the appropriate customs forms. Amazon has worked with the BFPO and Post Office Ltd, and established this was isolated to Third Party Sellers, unfamiliar with the BFPO system. Amazon has addressed this by directing Third Party Sellers to the Post Office or other carriers where the appropriate CN22/23 form are available. Third Party Sellers have also been issued a detailed guide to help them understand the BFPO system.

NSE Annual Leave

Cpl Stephanie Begbie will be providing J1 Support from the NSE in Ferrara over the period 26 Jul - 20 Aug 21. If you require support or an appointment in accordance with the NSE booking system please contact 0532 248804 to arrange.

Head of Location will be on leave from 2 - 13 Aug 21

Host Nation Liaison Officer will be on leave from 16 - 27 Aug 21

Community Liaison Officer will be on leave from 9 – 25 Aug 21

A warm welcome



We extend a warm welcome to The Brown family, Paul Naidoo and the Donohue family. We hope you are settling into the Italian lifestyle well and exploring the beautiful surroundings.

Covid-19

Emilia-Romagna is currently in the White Zone. This means that the following restrictions are in place;

- Outdoor sports is allowed
- All shops have reopened including shopping centres on a weekend
- Bars and Restaurants have reopened, you can dine inside on tables of 6 and outside on larger tables
- There is no longer a curfew
- It is possible to visit friends and family at a home with no restrictions in terms of numbers and hours (structured parties are still not allowed and you must have sufficient space to socially distance)
- It is possible to travel between yellow regions
- Outdoor swimming pools have reopened
- SPA's will reopen
- It is still mandatory to wear a mask

Up to date information relating to Covid-19 and restrictions can be found via the following links;

<https://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice/italy>

<https://www.gov.uk/uk-border-control>

<https://www.esteri.it/mae/it/>

<https://www.thelocal.it/>

In addition to this there is a News section on the Poggio Renatico EJSU.Net page which contains regular updates and can be accessed via the following link;

<https://www.ejsu.net/poggio/>

If you have any questions or queries, please contact the NSE team. We will continue to provide regular updates once they become available.



COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS

The British community is looking for volunteers to join the EJSU Registered Activities Group, Poggio. You will get the opportunity to learn transferable skills, obtain safeguarding training, acquire an up to date DBS check and most importantly bring the community together for Guaranteed Fun! Contact the CLO to express interest or learn more!