

# Skålink

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SKÅL INTERNATIONAL LONDON

## From your President



Our June Luncheon at Bertorelli's Soho Restaurant was a huge success. The private room offers excellent value for money and with superb service it is a winner. I wish we could be able to use this room as a permanent meeting place. Our speaker Rosa D'Alessandro gave us a very interesting insight to the

O2 complex. I didn't realize how big (let's say huge, really huge) the complex actually is. It is nearly a small village and I will make sure to visit O2 in the near future. I take back everything I said about the football (Sweden) and Rosa (Spanish origin) you are forgiven.

Lolo and I visited Oxford for their 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary and President's Night. It was a very enjoyable dinner, very well organised with nice music into early hours. I was amazed to see how many guests and family members who turned up for this event. Congratulations Oxford on your 40<sup>th</sup> !. We will now take a well deserved summer break during July and August. Our next luncheon will be in September. Before that, I would like to promote the joint event between Oxford, Brighton and Southampton on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> August. A boat trip from Windsor to Bray with a Ploughman Lunch served onboard. A guided tour of Eton before return to Windsor. All this for only £20:00. Send in you booking already now to Oxford! Don't miss this opportunity to a lazy Sunday cruise.

I wish you all a sunny and relaxing summer holiday!

**Mats Wivesson**

## Calendar of events

Date	Venue	Event
12 June	Bertorelli's Soho	Summer lunch With speaker from O2 complex
11 September	TAS Restaurant Waterloo (NB: change of venue)	Autumn lunch with speaker
11 November	Crowne Plaza Docklands	World Travel Market Lunch
12 December	Mandarin Oriental Hyde Park	Christmas Lunch
2009 22 January	RS Hispaniola	AGM & Lunch
20 February	Oatlands Hotel Weybridge Surrey	President's Night
19 March	Ye Olde Cheshire Cheese	Traditional pub lunch

## Last event—Lunch at Bertorelli's

The flags were flying in Frith Street for our Italian lunch at Bertorelli's, which was enjoyed by 20 or so members and guests in June. A very pleasant lunch was served in our own private room, and we were given a most interesting talk on the O2 complex by our speaker, Rosa d'allesandro



Don Love, Bob Duffett and Jayne Byott welcoming our speaker Rosa d'allesandro from the O2



Francoise Pudney and guest, Audrey Chessell appreciating the works of art



Our special veteran Ernie Rawdon chatting with John Burroughes



Rosa giving her talk on the O2



Jayne was not entirely happy with the seating arrangements

**David Williams  
1928-2008**



It is with deep sadness that I have to advise you that our Immediate Past President David Williams passed away in the early hours of Thursday morning July 3rd, 2008. David's wife Margaret and his daughter were at his bedside in the Cheltenham Hospital.

The family have requested a private funeral, but have arranged for a service of Thanksgiving for David at The Holy Trinity Church, Watermore Road, Cirencester GL7 1JR on Thursday July 9<sup>th</sup> at 2.00 pm. Donations in memory of our good friend can be sent to:-

Cancer Research UK  
c/o Slade & Son  
Ridgeway House  
35, Dyer Street,  
Cirencester  
GL7 2PP

Regrettably, David had to miss a number of our events during his year as President, due to poor health. He was admitted to Hospital about six week ago, for various tests but never really responded to treatment. With Sealink Ferries for many years, David set up his own Tourism Consultancy 10/15 years ago and specialized as Marketing Director for The Heidelberg Convention & Visitors Bureau. He served on Council for a number of years and did excellent work for our Club in arranging a number of trips to overseas Clubs. A valued Skalleague who will be sadly missed by all who knew him. To his wife Margaret and their son & daughter we extend our very deepest sympathy and condolence.

**Bob Duffett**

**Next event—Lunch at TAS Restaurant  
Waterloo**

Our next function will be on Thursday 11th September at TAS Restaurant, 33 The Cut, Waterloo. It's about 5 minutes walk from Waterloo Station and the menu will be Eastern Mediterranean. Please note this is a change of venue. We hope to have a speaker at this lunch. Booking forms will be issued nearer the time, but put the date in your diary now.

**Jolly boating weather!**

We don't have any events now until September (see above), but there are a couple of events open to London members before then. The first one is on Sunday 3rd August and is a river cruise from Windsor to Bray with Skål Oxford, Brighton and Southampton. It includes a ploughman's lunch on board and a tour of Eton College. It looks like a splendid day out. Book via Oxford's website [www.skål-oxford.org.uk](http://www.skål-oxford.org.uk)

The other event is being organised by the Luton Club and is a Sunday lunch on Sunday 26th August at our own Jan Kevan Marcelo's Great Hallingbury Hotel near Stansted. Diana Hall is organising this event, so contact her if you want to book.

**The way of thy statutes**

Apparently there are changes being proposed to the World Congress in Taipei in October to the statutes—the rules governing Skål worldwide. All members should be aware of these changes and have an opportunity to comment before the Congress. If you can't get off to sleep one night, have a look at the proposals and let the Council know of any concerns you may have. You can look at the proposed changes through our own website [www.skallondon.co.uk](http://www.skallondon.co.uk) and clicking on the link.

**Whatever happened to the Savoy Cup?**



Many moons ago Skål London used to run a Golf tournament titled the Savoy Cup. The cup has come to light from our late

skålleague, Ray Bogaert. Should we resurrect the competition? Is there a keen golfer out there to take prepared to organise it? If so contact David Steer contact details at foot of page.

**President Mats welcomes two new members**



Mats welcoming Yasin Zargar of Indus Tours (right) attending his first lunch as a member of Skål London and John Pointer (left) of Travel Media Services returning to Skål membership after a break of a few years. Welcome Yasin, and welcome back John!

**Puzzle Corner**

Where would you find this Egyptian Sphinx?



**Last edition's solution**



This memorial is from the children of the Loyal Temperance Legion to remember the work done in the cause of temperance by Lady Henry Somerset. It is in Temple Gardens.