



After a near total news blackout from Acqualoreto over most of the past two years, there are beginning to be signs of life in the village and in the Todi area. People from northern Europe who have homes here have tended to come to Italy when they could and then just hunkered down in partial isolation. Which reminds me that we thank Michael Warnink for the aerial view of Acqualoreto seen above.

Brexit has tended to complicate the lives of UK citizens who have houses here but they are managing. Americans have been the most notable absentees but that too seems to be changing. In the past couple of weeks I've spoken with three couples who recently returned to the area. One couple from Colorado bought a house in Todi two years ago but due to the pandemic, had not been able to return to it until

August. Another couple from Washington DC just bought a house near Todi and yet another couple, this time from Detroit, returned after spending a vacation here in Acqualoreto two years ago and now that they've been able to return, are considering buying a house in the area.

Our Happy Hours and Holy Hours have been well attended throughout the late summer. That seems destined to change as Covid restrictions will prevent us from assembling indoors for a while but social events are picking up and some of our members will have olives to pick in the coming weeks, although the extreme dry heat of the summer has not helped this year's crop.



La Cruccola, the restaurant in the piazza started by Neysa Forbiscioni, has been closed since August due to illness in the family of the young couple, Giulio and Gemma, who have been the proprietors for the past two years. I spoke with Giulio recently and he said they planned to reopen in mid-October. We wish them well. If you are in the area, please give them your support. The phone number of the restaurant is 0744 958397.



I'm pleased to announce that I will be having a small exhibition of my paintings in Todi for four days, Oct. 21-24, later this month. It will be in the Caffè del Teatro Comunale di Todi, which is inside the theater but has a street entrance. Details of the show can be seen [here](#). I hope that those of you in the area will come by during the show's short run.

# C I V I T A S

AN EXHIBITION OF PAINTINGS BY  
ROBERT DE GRAAF

INCLUDING A SERIES OF HIS SMALL LANDSCAPES  
TO BE AWARDED BY THE ARTIST TO PEOPLE  
WHOSE CORDIALITY, PERSONALITY AND WILLINGNESS TO HELP  
HAVE FOSTERED AN ATMOSPHERE OF CIVILITY IN THE TODI AREA,  
APPROPRIATE FOR A PLACE WHOSE GREAT ARTISTIC AND NATURAL BEAUTY HAVE  
DRAWN PEOPLE FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD.



THE CAFFE' OF THE TEATRO COMUNALE DI TODI  
OCTOBER 21 THROUGH 24, 2021

## OPENING HOURS OF THE EXHIBITION

THURSDAY 21 OCTOBER 17-19;30  
FRIDAY 22 OCTOBER 17-19;30  
SATURDAY 23 OCTOBER 10-13; 17-19;30  
SUNDAY 24 OCTOBER 10-13; 17-19;30; AWARDS CEREMONY AT 18.



November will be enlivened by the presence of the Malina Brothers, the Czech bluegrass band which has created something of an unofficial cultural exchange program with our area, as they are frequent and very welcome visitors. They are celebrating their just released CD, *Baroquegrass*, on which they perform Baroque music of the 1700's.

We are hopeful for a return to normal at Umbria Jazz Winter in Orvieto over the extended New Years weekend. The desire to hear live music has been building for a long time so if you are thinking of attending, plan ahead, since the concerts often sell out early, even in normal years.

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