

# The Arcari Family...

Just after World War 2, in a small village called Picinisco, Mario Arcari was born. Picinisco is a small village in the province of Frosinone in the region of Lazio. The territory is included in Abruzzo National Park, one of the oldest in Italy.

Picinisco is surrounded by mountains and like most other villagers Mario Arcari's family worked the land to give them living. Being between Rome and Naples Picinisco was destroyed badly like many villages during the war so many people left and travelled all over the world seeking a better life.

October 1958: Mario Arcari arrived in Scotland. Not having many skills and poor English he struggled to get work but with determination and hard work he got a job in Dumfries in a monastery. He watched and learned fast, always dreaming that one day he would open his own business.

In Glasgow at this time there was a tight Italian community who would often meet at an Italian club in Park Circus. Mario met and then married Annuziata, who was also of Italian origin. Together they worked hard and opened their first fish and chip shop in Polmadie Road, Glasgow. They went on to open shops in Queen Elizabeth Square, Castlemilk, Hamilton, Croftfoot, Crookston, Bishopbriggs and Scotstoun. Mario and Annuziata had fulfilled their dream.

Mario and Annuziata were blessed with 6 children- Antonio, Iolanda, Marco, Adelina, Rocco and Marisa. They always hoped that their children would continue the family business, so from a young age taught them all the skills they would need to run their own businesses.

Antonio and Marco were to be the ones who would take over the businesses and then take them to a new level. Opening first "La Vita" in Bishopbriggs and the "La Vita" in George Square, La Vita Spuntini located in the West End, Byres Road and La Vita Piccolino E Vino in Newton Mearns. Sadly, Antonio will not see this one as he was involved in a fatal car accident. He was the best brother and son anyone could ask for and he will be sorely missed by all his family. His legacy will live on through the businesses.

The next generation is growing fast. Mario (Marco's son), works with his father now and has started to try and enhance the business with ideas of his own. Together they plan to expand the business and continue their creativity and innovation within Italian cuisine.

We have always prided ourselves on bringing you the best within the finest surrounding and it is our intention at all times to provide a quality service. However if you feel that you have not been satisfactorily attended to please contact me and I will endeavour to rectify your complaint.

Marco Arcari  
Proprietor



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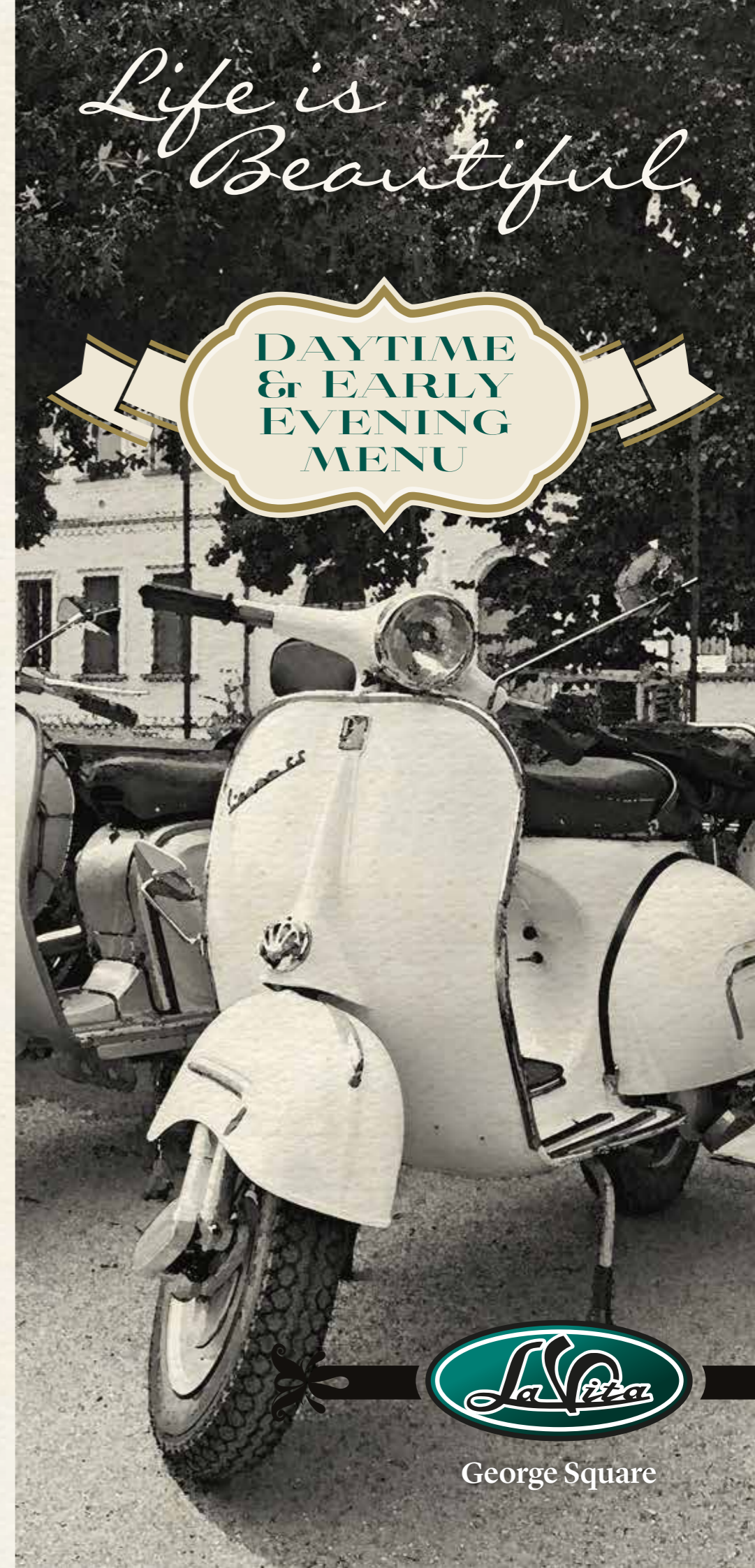
La Vita Piccolino e Vino

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# Life is Beautiful

DAYTIME  
& EARLY  
EVENING  
MENU



George Square

Looking for that  
Special gift?



Breakfast  
at La Vita  
George Square



FROM 7.30AM  
MONDAY TO SATURDAY  
9.00AM SUNDAY



Mon to Fri

**MAIN COURSE £7.95**

**STARTER & MAIN £9.95**

**MAIN & DESSERT £9.95**

**STARTER, MAIN & DESSERT £11.95**

(Price per diner)

Sat & Sun

**MAIN COURSE £8.95**

**STARTER & MAIN £10.95**

**MAIN & DESSERT £10.95**

**STARTER, MAIN & DESSERT £12.95**

(Price per diner)

Served between

12noon & 6.30pm Sunday to Friday (Order must be placed **before** 6.30pm)

12noon & 5pm Saturday (Order must be placed **before** 5pm)

## STARTERS

### Minestrone

Chunks of vegetables in a traditional Italian soup

### Zuppa

Soup of the day

### Polenta Chips

Gently fried Italian polenta flour chips mixed with Parmesan cheese, served crispy with a Napoli sauce dip, dressed with salad leaves

### Cipolle Fritti

Rings of sliced onion coated in a light crisp batter, deep fried, served with garlic mayonnaise & salad garnish

### Deep Fried Mozzarella Balls

Fresh cherry mozzarella balls direct from Italy coated with crispy breadcrumbs, served with a spicy Napoli dip

### Bruschetta

Toasted bread homemade in La Vita, drizzled with a mix of garlic, olive oil, fresh basil, chopped tomatoes, finished with balsamic vinegar

### Funghi Fritti

Deep fried mushrooms dressed in breadcrumbs, served with garlic mayonnaise & salad

### Crostini Formaggio e Pesto

Italian homemade bread oven baked, smothered with garlicky butter & mozzarella cheese, finished with a drizzle of pesto

### Piccolo Focaccia Cosa Nostra

6" inch pizza base drizzled with our secret basil, rosemary & olive oil mix served with a fresh Napoli sauce to dip

### Bruschetta Peperonata

Toasted homemade Italian garlic bread topped with roasted red peppers

### Crema di Funghi e Prosciutto Cotto

Field mushrooms cooked in a nutmeg & double cream sauce, served on honey roast ham & Italian toast on the side \*50p Supplement

**Vegetarian**  Please note that most of our dishes contain pine nuts. Please let your waiter know if you have any other allergies.

## MAINS

### Pizza Margherita

Stone baked thin base pizza topped with mozzarella cheese

### Fusilli Funghi

Mushrooms sautéed in a frying pan finished with a touch of cream & Napoli sauce with pasta twists

### Pizza Salsiccia

Thin crust Italian pizza stone baked with mozzarella & San Marzano tomato sauce with crumbled spicy Italian sausage

### Pollo Spezzatino

Chunks of chicken breast pan fried with mixed peppers & roast potatoes, touch of chilli in a San Marzano tomato sauce, served with Italian rice. \*£1.50 Supplement



### Fish & Chips

Lemon sole fillet deep fried served with fat chips & tarter sauce \*£1 Supplement

### Macaroni Formaggio

Small tubes of pasta tossed in a sauce of Italian cheeses

### Pizza Polpette

Homemade Italian meatballs topped on a stone baked thin base pizza topped with mozzarella cheese

### Italian Stew

Chunks of beef pan fried with mixed peppers, potatoes & a touch of chilli in a Italian gravy sauce, served with Italian rice. \*£1.50 Supplement



### Penne Arrabbiata

A hot & spicy tomato sauce cooked with chillies & fresh basil leaves

### Ciabatta Con Bistecca

Minute steak & sautéed onions in a frying pan, served in a ciabatta bun with chips & salad garnish \*£1.50 Supplement

### Pizza Pepperoni

A high quality cured Italian sausage sliced with a San Marzano tomato sauce finished with mozzarella cheese

### Insalata Pollo

Butterflied chicken breast marinated in lemon juice on a bed of mixed leaves, cherry tomatoes, fresh mozzarella pearls, red peppers & black olives. Dressed with our house dressing \*£1 Supplement

### Classic Ciabatta BLT

Italian ciabatta roll, filled with bacon, crisp lettuce, ripe tomatoes smothered with creamy mayonnaise, served with chunky chips

### Spaghetti Bolognese

The traditional Italian meat & tomato sauce as Mamma would make!

### Penne Polpette

Homemade Italian meatballs cooked in a Napoli sauce tossed with short tubes of pasta

### Lasagne

Our traditional Italian favourite

### Pizza Vegitali

A mixture of Mediterranean vegetables on a tomato base sprinkled with mozzarella cheese

### Risotto Peperonata

Sliced red peppers sautéed in olive oil with fine red chillies tossed in a San Marzano Napoli sauce with Italian rice

### Fussili Salsiccia Piccante

Crumbled Italian sausage sautéed in a San Marzano tomato sauce with touch of red chilli with pasta twists

### Pizza Cipolle

A thin base Neapolitan pizza topped with sliced onions dressed with San Marzano tomato sauce & diced mozzarella cheese

### Cozze al Vapore

Fresh, deep sea mussels in a traditional Italian tomato & herb sauce, or a white wine & cream herb sauce. Served with crusty, smothered garlic bread. Please allow 15 minutes to cook \*£1 Supplement

### Bistecca Con Patate Fritte

Minute steak breadcrumb shallow fried with chips, topped with Napoli sauce & mozzarella cheese \*£1.50 Supplement

### Pan Roasted Chicken Thighs

Chicken thighs pan fried with olive oil and garlic, served in a red pepper cream sauce with pesto mash



**WORLD FAMOUS**

**Jimmy Style for 2 Sharing**

Half pizza and half pasta each

\*must be the same dish  
(Choose from our Daytime Menu only)

Mon-Fri  
£15.95

Sat & Sun  
£16.95

## SIDES

Roast Potatoes ..... £2.45

Tuscan hot potatoes

Chunky Chips ..... £2.45

Steak cut chips

Garlic Bread ..... £2.45

Oven baked bread smothered with garlic butter

Pane e Balsamico .....£1.95

Italian bread with olive oil & balsamic vinegar

Insalata Mista ..... £2.45

Mixed salad

Sautéed Mushrooms ..... £2.65

Mushrooms cooked in olive oil & garlic

## DESSERTS

### Tiramisu

The classic Italian sponge soaked in coffee liqueur Zabaglione semi-cold & topped with cacao powder

### Nonna's Apple Crumble

Baked to Perfection! Traditional homemade apple crumble served warm with drizzles of delicious custard

### Gelato Caramello

Rich vanilla royal ice cream with oodles of Dulce de Leche sauce with a Rossini chocolate curl wafer

### Neapolitan Ice Cream

2 Scoops of luxury double cream vanilla, chocolate or strawberry ice cream

\* A full lunch menu must be purchased by each individual diner, this menu cannot be shared. Please inform your waiter of any allergies. Any changes made to dishes will incur an extra charge. Not available during December or Valentine's Day, Mother's day or Easter Sunday. The management reserve the right to withdraw this offer during any high season or bank holidays. We can supply an information folder sharing all of the ingredients of each dish and if it may affect any of the 14 food allergens.