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Christmas Lunch

December 15, a busy day for RC Silves as Rotarians and friends gathered for Christmas Lunch. We were pleased to welcome the governor Abilio Lopes and his wife Isabel, who had spent the morning with the board reviewing the club's activities. Representatives from the Bombeiros and Casa de Povo also joined us for lunch.



During the lunch, David Trubshaw presented Comandante Rui Lopes and José Gançalo Duarte with a cheque for €1150 to thank them for so gallantly fighting the fires this summer and protecting the properties of local friends in and around Monchique.



A great time was had by all with crackers, party hats and with President David Trubshaw's renowned riddle quiz.



Shoeboxes and Food for Castelo de Sonhos

Friends of RC Silves joined with members and filled shoeboxes with Christmas goodies again this year to be distributed to the old of the Silves area by Castelo de Sonhos. Food is also in short supply this year with EU funding cuts, so members and friends also contributed extra food. David Butler Cole and his wife Sue took delivery of our contribution on behalf Castelo de Sonhos. Thanks to all those who worked hard to bring a little Christmas joy.



Mulled Wine and Mince Pies

Saturday December 17 was also a busy day for Silves Rotary Club, with some members offering Mulled Wine and Mince Pies to visitors at The Lady in Red Art Gallery in Lagoa. Donations amounted to over €200 which is being allocated to Silves Rotary's Cancer Support Fund. Susana Guerreiro from Banco Alimentar joined Silves Rotary at the art gallery and received a cheque from President David Trubshaw.



Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year

RC Silves wishes all fellow Rotarians and Friends of Rotary a Happy and Prosperous New Year. We thank you for all your help in fundraising last year and look forward to seeing you at our events this year.

Events

On February 4, 2017 from 12.00, Rotarians and friends of Rotary Silves are invited to a Champagne, Pies and Tarts charity lunch at the home of David and Sue Butler Cole in Vale Fuzeiros. Enjoy a glass of champagne and a delicious two course, hot and cold buffet lunch of pies, quiches and tarts. Beer and soft drinks are also included. Guests are asked to donate at least €15. Your donation will help Castelo de Sonhos continue their vital work - the supply and distribution of food and other essential items, to support the very poorest families and elderly, in the rural areas in the Silves community. **Booking Essential telephone 282 330 242/ 933 374 865 or e-mail sueloram@gmail.com Directions to venue are supplied when you make your booking. [Invitation](#)**

Fellowship, Fundraising and Fun

Green Thoughts

RC Silves Global Warming Project, we offer a few tips to help you combat global warming.

Keep your tyres inflated correctly to improve gas mileage by 3 percent. Every gallon you save also saves 20 pounds of Co2 emissions.

Plug anything that can be powered by a remote control or that has a power cube transformer (little black box) into a power strip, and turn it off, and/or unplug, when not in use. (Power cubes are 60-80 percent inefficient.)

Protect the future of the planet?

Dates for your diary

12 January, AGM 11.00 followed by Lunch Meeting, Holiday Inn, Armação de Pêra

26 January, 12:00 for 12:30, Lunch Meeting Holiday Inn, Armação de Pêra

4 February, 12.00 Champagne Pies and Tarts Lunch for Castelo de Sonhos

9 February, 12:00 for 12:30, Lunch Meeting Holiday Inn, Armação de Pêra

23 February, 12:00 for 12:30, Lunch Meeting Holiday Inn, Armação de Pêra

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