

**Newsletter 40**  
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## RC Silves and SilvesSul Oscars

On the 13 March the Oscars came to Pêra and pupils, their families and guests walked the red carpet at the Cultural Centre in Pêra. This initiative supported by Silves Rotary club celebrates the films and artwork of the pupils of Agrupamento de Escolas de Silves Sul. It was a night of excitement, glamour and celebration as the nominated films were shown and the winners drawn from the gold envelopes.



The nominees, their parents and friends were joined by Emanuel Carvalho from the British Council, Rosa Palma, Mayor of Silves, Clive Jewell, British Vice Consul, Abilio Lopes, Rotary District Governor, the Director of Schools for Portugal, representatives from the Freguesias around the area, Rotarians and educationists from across the Algarve.

The Director for Schools was full of praise for the event describing the Oscars as a fantastic event and that everyone involved should be incredibly proud. She was in admiration of the talents and skills of the young people who took part in the Oscars. Alan Winn, a Past President of RC Silves thanked the staff of Escolas de Silves Sul whose efforts made this event happen particularly Carla Mourinho, Daniel Carvalo and Director Carlos Silva.

[More pictures](#)

## And the winner is

The 2017 Rotary Algarve Schools Cookery Competition, organised jointly by Peter Hinze of the Almancil International Rotary Club (AIRC) and Alan Winn of the Silves Rotary Club, came to an end at the presentation evening on 27 March at the Conrad Hotel.

A team from Algoz, Silves Sul and a team from Dra Laura Ayres, Quarteira cooked their way to the final. The finals were held at the Conrad Hotel under the watchful eyes of Executive chef Osvalde, together with chefs Luis, Roberto and José. The standard of cooking and presentation from each of the teams was so good that after much deliberation, for the first time in the competition the judges awarded the teams joint First Prize.

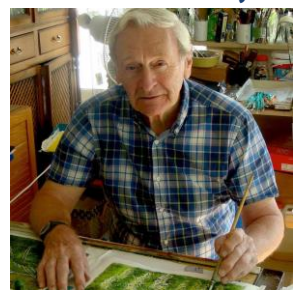
For the first time in the competition it was decided to award a cash prize to the students who produced the best meal throughout the competition and this was won by the students from the Quarteira School.



A Presentation Dinner was attended by Rotarians and guests, students, their proud parents, teachers and the General Manager of the Conrad, Katharina Schlaipfer. Alan Winn of the Silves Club praised all the students who took part. "The standard gets higher every year" said Alan, "making the judges' task ever more difficult". Both he and Peter Hinze thanked the students, teachers, judges and, in particular the General Manager and staff of the Conrad Hotel for their generosity and all the help given to this project.

[More info](#)

## School Art Projects



President David showed members at the March 30 meeting, another wonderful series of collages of sardines, produced by local primary school children, which should form a second exhibition in May/June, at the Galeria de Arte in Lagoa.

This year, a new Art Project - Painting & Poetry has been launched. Students are being asked to paint a picture and write a poem and we aim to publish a book of the top 50 paintings and poems and a donation made from sales of the book to the local charity Casa do Povo de Sao Bartolomeu de Messines.

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## Sustainability

On the 30 March, members and guests had a very interesting presentation from Dora Jesus a marine biologist. Dora is working with the fisherman living on the island of Culatra which is off the coast of Olhao and part of the Ria Formosa.

She explained her role in ensuring that fish and other seafood caught in the area was both sustainable and safe to eat.

She also invited members to come to the island and sample the great seafood for themselves.

We have two more interesting speakers in the April programme details below. Contact Alan on 913950067 if you would like to attend the meetings.

## Dates for your diary

13 April, 12:00 for 12:30,  
Lunch Meeting  
Speaker Adrian Chang Exchange  
Student, Taipai RC Tienmou  
Holiday Inn, Armação de Pêra

27 April, 12:00 for 12:30  
Lunch Meeting  
Holiday Inn, Armação de Pêra  
Speaker

Francisco Bivar Weinholtz,  
Revolution in Portugal

11 May, 12:00 for 12:30,  
Lunch Meeting  
Holiday Inn, Armação de Pêra

25 May, 12:00 for 12:30,  
Lunch Meeting  
Holiday Inn, Armação de Pêra

27 May, TBC  
Garden Party  
Venue TBC

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