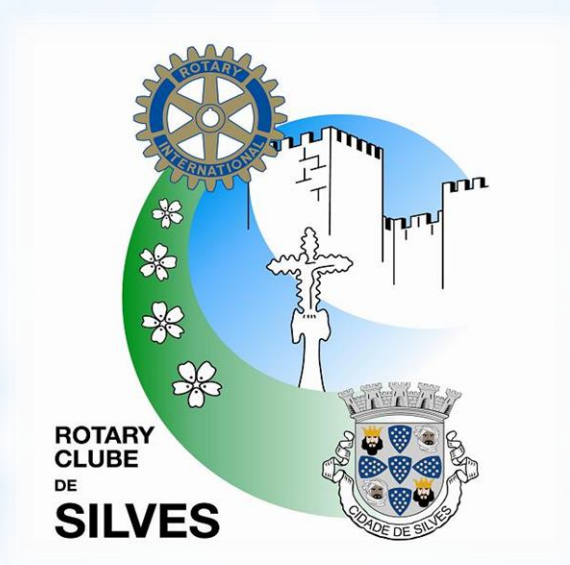


# Rotary Clube de Silves



## The Year 2020/2021

# What a year!

This last year has been a difficult year for us all but as usual the club has found ways to make a difference to the lives of those less fortunate than ourselves.

The club has been able to respond to many requests for help from the community we support, without your commitment none of this would be possible. As a club we give time, expertise and support as well as fundraising and we get joy from knowing that we have made a difference, no matter how small.

Thank you for all your generosity, support and effort and we look forward with hope for the next Rotary Year.

Alan



**What have we achieved ?**

**During a year of Covid 19**

# Support for Casa de Povo



During this pandemic it has become difficult for Casa do Povo to support all the local families that are in need. As we were unable to meet, members have donated their lunch money and more to a relief fund which allows us to cover those little emergencies that this pandemic has forced on the local community in Messines. Our help also lead to local butchers and grocers joining in with meat and vegetables.



# Agrupamento Escolas de Silves Sul

## Masks for Younger Pupils

After the long break following the Covid 19 Pandemic, it became evident in the local schools that younger pupils and the deaf and hard of hearing found it difficult to understand their teachers whilst they are masked. To help alleviate the problem, RC Silves donated masks with transparent sections.





# Casa de Povo Therapy Rooms

**Working closely with Casa de Povo over the last year we have raised funds to help equip their newly built therapy rooms.**

**The rooms are used for the education and support of adults who have mental difficulties. For this service to continue, the government, wanted specific physiological diagnostic tests to be implemented. RC Silves recently donated 1200€ to purchase these much needed resources.**



# Masks for Casa De Povo

Other schools and support centres have found masks can cause communication difficulties for staff working with young or disadvantaged. This was no different for Casa de Povo. RC Silves was able to donate masks with transparent windows for the Kindergarten Educators, Technicians who teach Music and English classes in pre-school and day care, technicians working with people with mental illness and those working with disadvantaged children.

# Christmas Shoebox Campaign



RC Silves worked with Castelo de Sonhos on the “Christmas Shoebox Campaign for the Elderly” It was again a tremendous success. Over 250 boxes were collected & delivered. The Silves based Castelo de Sonhos charity were able to reach many more elderly folk this year. RC Silves members also purchased slippers during the festive season and gave direct donations enabling sufficient extra food for families in need to ensure a traditional family meal this Christmas.





# Cameras for Online Teaching

During the recent confinements, online teaching has become the norm for students and teachers alike. A new and valuable skill has been learnt. To enable these to be shown at their best, Agrupamento de Escolas Silves Sul needed access to good quality cameras. RC Silves was able to donate two cameras to support the school in delivering online learning at its normal high standard.



# Establishing Goodwill and fellowship between Britain, Ireland and Portugal

This rotary year 2020/21, RC Silves has joined the new Inter-Country Committee established between Portugal - Great Britain-Ireland (RGB&I).

The clubs involved have committed to increase international understanding, intercultural sharing, establish goodwill and promote fellowship between Britain, Ireland and Portugal. Through common projects they will aim to improve awareness and mutual understanding between communities and cultures.

RC Silves looks forward to joining its fellow Rotarians in this endeavour.



# Back to School

The “Back to School” campaign is coordinated by Castelo de Sonhos and supported by RC Silves and other charities. It aims to provide underprivileged students with the necessary backpack and stationery to start school in September. This year trainers and socks for PE have been added to the list. Working with other charities RC Silves donated school materials and cash which should allow Castelo de Sonhos to purchase all the remaining materials needed for the kids on its register.



**APEXA (Association for the Support of the Exceptional Person of the Algarve), aims to provide a Community Rehabilitation Centre with neuro equipment -sensory, of Electro stimulation equipment and Therapeutic material This project will allow APEXA to respond to the people with disabilities, in high or very high need for rehabilitative services, It will serve 8 of the 16 municipalities in the Algarve, RC Silves has donated 500€ in support of this project lead by RC Albufeira and supported by other Rotary Clubs in the Algarve.**



# End Polio Now

We donated 1100€ to the end polio now campaign from monies collected for sales of the The Resident and donations. The money will be used to purchase Covid vaccines for those in need.





# Welcoming New Members

**This year we welcomed  
Jim Kennedy and Maria  
Cavalho**



# Who is Your President 2021/2022

**RC Silves is an inclusive project lead Rotary Club but we need a figure head. Past Presidents have shared this honour over recent years.**



David Trubshaw



Stewart Smith



Isabel Flores



Alan Winn



# It was a tight contest..



**Due to personal circumstances Stewart is unable to take up the role fully this year and therefore Alan will lead with Stewart as support.**



# The Presidents are



Alan Winn  
President



Stewart Smith  
Vice President



# The rest of the formal team..



Pascal Martin  
Treasurer



David Trubshaw  
Master of Ceremonies



Pam Winn  
Secretary

**And, of course,  
YOU,  
Members of RC Silves**



# Thank you to you all



Above just a few of the members who work hard to project manage events, cook meals, write books and raise funds to support our local community. This club would be nothing without your efforts. Thanks again. We really must get a club photo as soon as we are able!