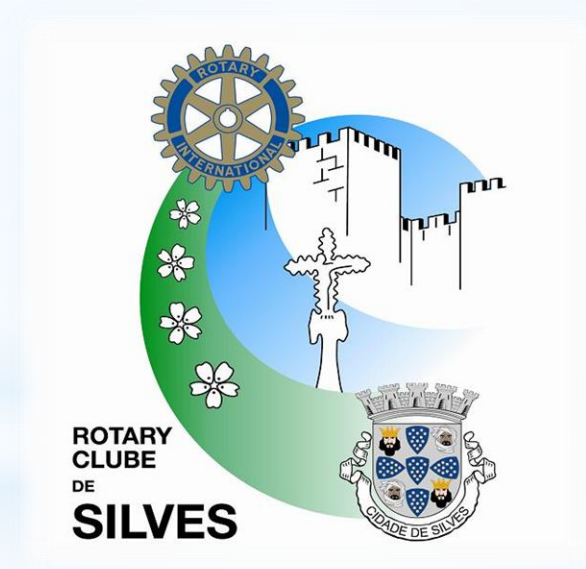


# Rotary Clube de Silves



**The Year 2022/2023**

**The Visit of District Governor Vitor Cordeiro**

# **Our focus for 2022/23 is our Community in Silves**

**Improving their lives** through our support for organisations delivering the essentials of life for those in need.

Junta de Freguesia de Armação de Pêra  
Casa de Povo in Messines,  
Castelo do Sonhos in Silves:

**Supporting the education of the young and those with learning difficulties** to enable them to aspire to greater things through programmes with local schools.

Equipping a Sensory Room and Garden  
Portugal / UK exchange, Digital media and Oscars programme,  
Developing skills in art and language through competition,  
Awards for Achievement in School

**Supporting Businesses** to grow through Professional awards

**How will we achieve this?**

**Through Fun, Fellowship and Fund Raising of course!**

# How do we fund raise?

Through social events such as:

Coffee Mornings, Dinners, Theatre Performances, Concerts, Book sales, Card Sales, Garden Parties and many more

## Rotarians raise record amount with Cool Manouche concert

**SILVES** || Saturday was a night to remember at the Mascarenhas Gregório Theatre in Silves which had a full house for the Rotary Silves' eighth charity concert. This time it was performed by Cool Manouche + Betty M who rewarded the packed audience with an evening of their special brand of Gypsy Jazz.

This lively style of jazz was started by the Romany gypsy Django Reinhardt in the swinging Paris bars and clubs of the 1930s and remains popular to this day.

Django was almost certainly

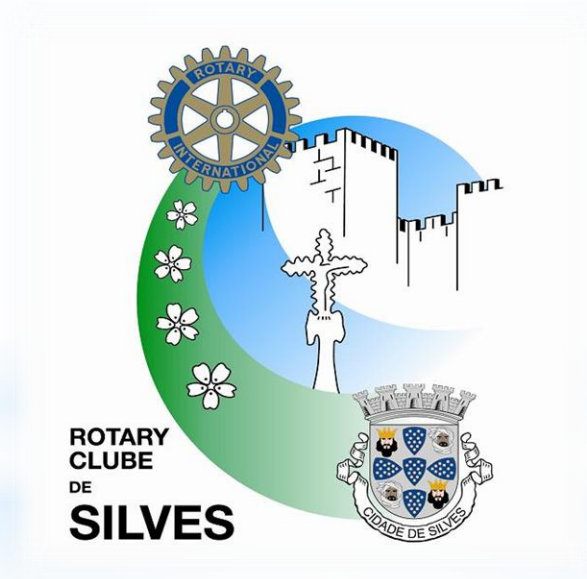
looking down on the players Betty M, Ray Bartlett, Luís Fialho and Rick Steffens, and smiled on them – the quality of their playing was that good.

This was a charity concert and the record takings of €3,800 were donated to Casa do Povo in Messines to purchase the equipment and resources necessary to educate adults and children with learning difficulties.

Thanks went to the concert sponsors Blevins Franks and Câmara de Silves for allowing use of the theatre free of charge.



# This year's first major event:-

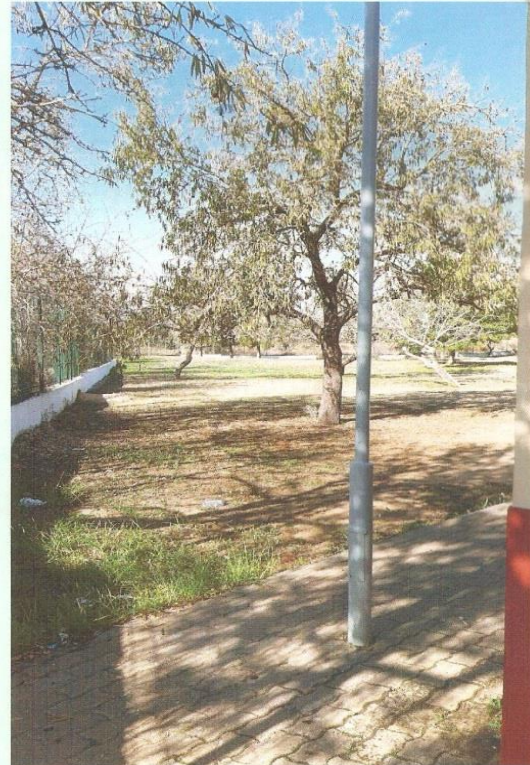


## Walking the Portuguese Camino



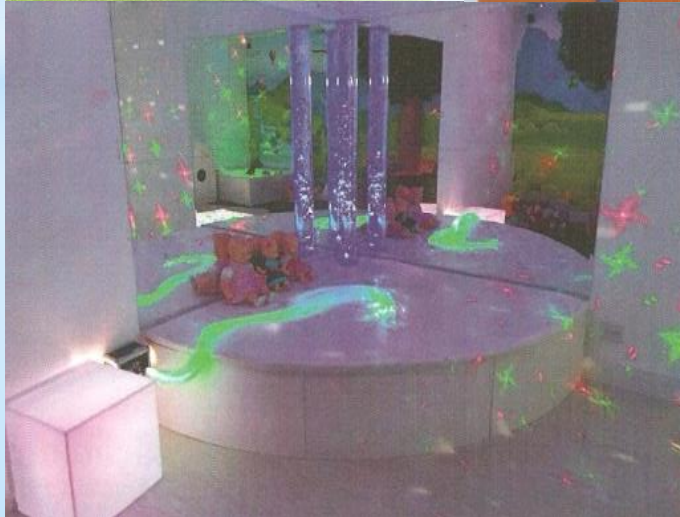
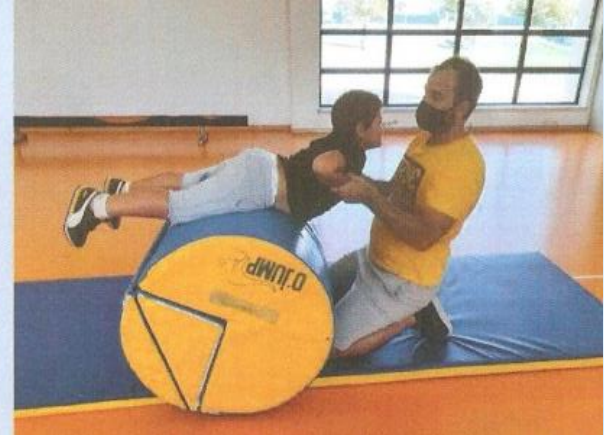
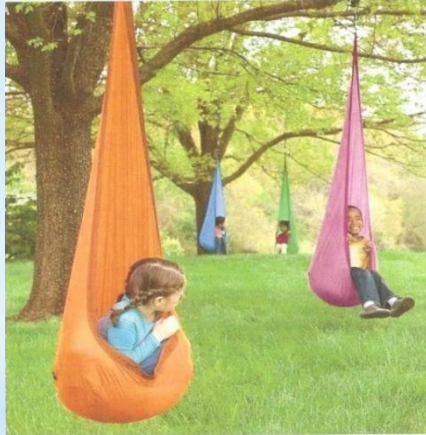
# How did it all begin?

The Agupamento de Escolas de Silves Sul approached the then President Alan Winn to help them turn an old classroom and a rough garden...





into a new Sensory Room and Garden. Members visited the children and the site and decided that we must support the project. But How?





The idea of walking the Camino from Valença to Santiago de Compostela was born and training began



The date was set 24 Sept 2022.  
The finish 29 Sept 2022.  
6 Days for 120kms.

The target to raise as much  
money as possible.







# Agrupamento Escolas de Silves Sul

8 classes from the Agrupamento, Armação de Pera, Pera, Alcantarila, Algoz and Tunes presented each walker with a mascot to carry for support and luck. And did we need their support!













Day 1 Passports at the ready! Early start no Breakfast!  
Continente was raided the night before.







Arrows point the way



The messages  
start to arrive  
from the  
children in our  
classes



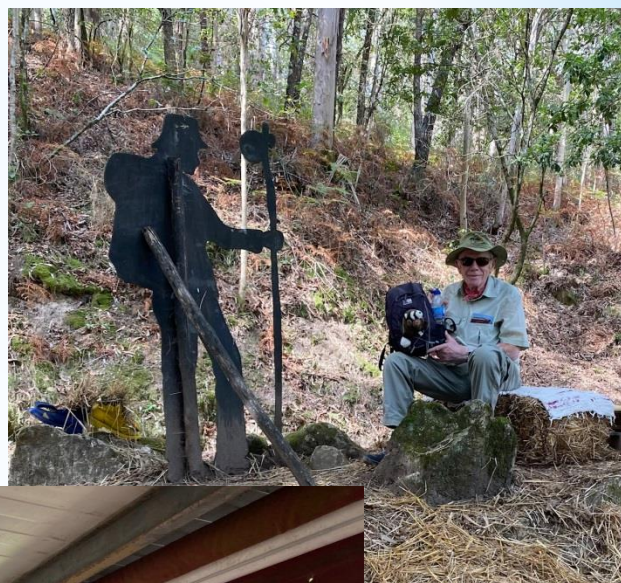


Day 2 Early start and still no breakfast! However Philippe's surprise with an overnight stay in a convento with breakfast..



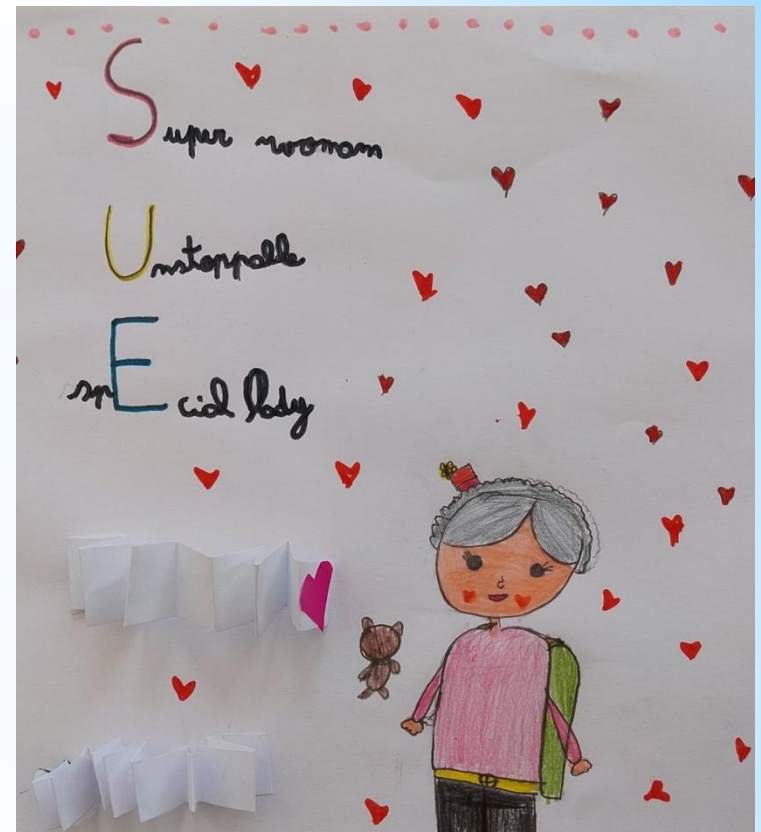


Day 3 on to Ponte Vedra and the halfway mark.



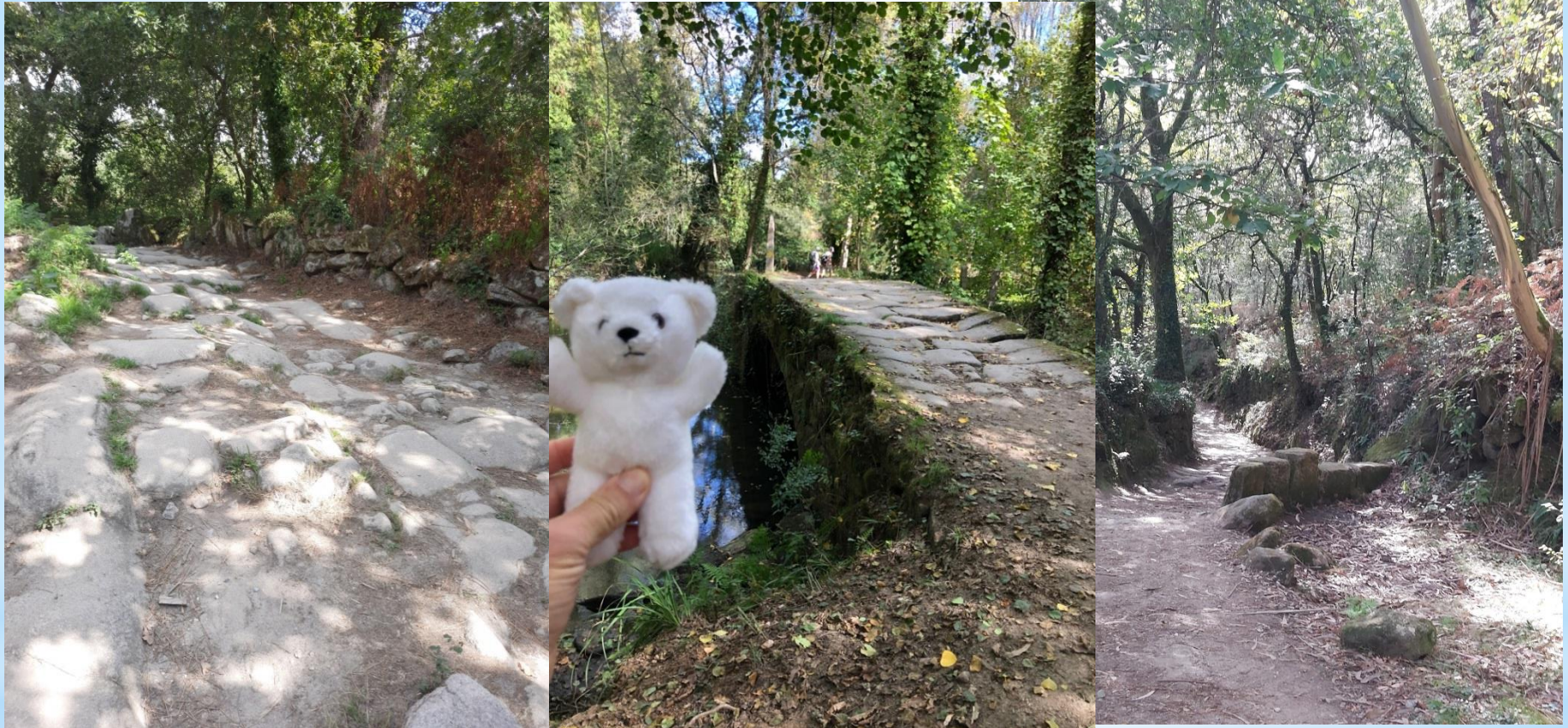


And the encouragement keeps coming!





Day 4 and 5 seemed all uphill. It certainly tested the lungs. Leafy glens, Roman bridges and Roman roads. You could even see the cart tracks. Oh for a cart!





Jim swears he did not take a rest on pedistal but he did have alot of loose change that evening





Finally the last day Cathedral insight we trudge through the rain then the sun came out to greet us!





Proudly we gather in the Cathedral Square after collecting our certificates



<b>Money raised so far from walk</b>	<b>6557€</b>
<b>Concert</b>	<b>4600€</b>
<b>Other donations</b>	<b>1500€</b>
<b>Total so far</b>	<b>12,057€</b>



# Other objectives this year:-

End Polio Now

With support from The Algarve Resident.



The Bombeirios 1200€ for a stabiliser  
To help in car accidents



Castelo de Sonhos Christmas Shoebox appeal  
Back to School



Food for the Community Freguesia de Armação de Pera  
Casa de Povo



**Thank you**