



Taipai through the eyes of Adrian Chang Exchange Student, Taipai RC Tienmou

On the 13 April, Adrian Chang gave an interesting and enjoyable presentation to the members and guests of RC Silves about his home city of Taipai. Adrian is an exchange student sponsored by District 1960 and IRC Almancil. Adrian has been staying with Alan and Pam Winn since January and attending Loulé Secondary School where he will soon take his Portuguese exam. Adrian gave us an insight into life in Taiwan as well as some of the history and current relationships with China and the rest of the world. Adrian will return home in August before taking up his university place in Lithuania.



Flag exchange

Stewart Officer and his wife Ann have joined us at a number of our meetings and we are always happy to see them both. Stewart is from RC Ludlow and spends a lot of time in the Algarve. He and Adrian Chang joined David Trubshaw in a flag exchange.



Unsung Heroes

Unsung Heroes is an initiative from RC Silves. **Unsung Heroes** are ordinary people living and working among us – but they are doing extraordinary things.

Unsung Heroes in the Algarve are going that extra mile; to finish a job; to make life easier for someone less fortunate than they are and to encourage them to make more of their lives.

[Silves Rotary Club](http://www.silvesrotaryclub.org) believes that we should recognise the **Unsung Heroes** in the Algarve. Therefore, we are inviting you to think about people you know that may be considered as one of those special people – an **Unsung Hero** – and to nominate them for recognition in our annual **Unsung Heroes** event. Nominations for the 2017 **Unsung Heroes** will open on **May 10, 2017** and will close on **June 30, 2017**.

Last week we hit the airwaves with an interview on the Owen G Sunday morning Kiss FM radio show. Although we were on quite early (for a Sunday) at 09.10 we were able to make a bit of an impact as Owen's special guest for the morning, 70's Welsh singing sensation Bonnie Tyler, and Owen endorsed our project with a dedicated play of one of her biggest hits *Searching for a Hero* and Bonnie was very interested in the project – maybe we can get her to give us celebrity support? We are looking forward to more air plays and support from Kiss FM in the future.

On Monday, May 8, we welcomed business people and Rotarians from across the Algarve to our first *Friends of Heroes* meeting. Local business owners and managers are important to the success of this project by helping us to make a lot of noise about **Unsung Heroes**.

Our web site algarveunsungheroes.com is now open and ready to accept nominations and the Face Book page is open and active, so the momentum is under way and building. This initiative will only succeed if it gets attention and we spread the word! Please get your nominations in, talk about it to as many people as you can and get them to nominate their own **Unsung Heroes**. The more people that talk about **Unsung Heroes**, the more we will find and recognise. For more information visit algarveunsungheroes.com or Silves Rotary Club

Noite Sangrenta

On the 27 April Francisco Bivar Weinholt a friend of RC Silves gave a fascinating presentation on his Great Grandfather José Carlos da Maia and his wife Berta da Maia and the historic events of the 19th October 1921. [Visit our website for more information.](http://www.silvesrotaryclub.org)

Events

Presidential Handover

Please join us for lunch on this special occasion at 12:00 for 12.30 at O Bairradas outside Silves for Lunch. Price TBC. Please R.S.V.P. no later than noon Friday June 23, to sheena.rotarysilves@gmail.com

Fellowship, Fundraising and Fun

Green Thoughts

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

Use olive oil hand soap instead of the chemical based products. It's a little bit more expensive but lasts longer. It has less chemical input and supports a struggling olive oil industry.

If you do not have the option of small or large flush on your toilet. Put a brick in your cistern and save water every time you flush. If a brick will not fit use a sealed poly bag with small gravel chips sitting on the bottom of the cistern.

Protect the future of the planet?

Thank you to Walter Thomas for this month's green thoughts.

Dates for your diary

11 May, 12:00 for 12:30,
Lunch Meeting
Holiday Inn, Armação de Pêra
Speaker from Waste Aid

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

8 June, 12:00 for 12:30,
Lunch Meeting
Holiday Inn, Armação de Pêra

29 June, 12:00 for 12:30,
President's Handover
O Bairradas outside Silves

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