



# Victoria Scout Group

## News sheet

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### From the *Group Scout Leader*

**Lorrie Saliba**

The Annual General Meeting was the most important event in the group's calendar. It is during this meeting that the group's officials give in detail a full report of what was done by the Group Council and the sections in the previous year. The attendance from the parents was very encouraging and this gives both leaders and Council members great satisfaction. A positive comment regards the AGM came from the new parents and supporters who remarked on how they were impressed by the number and variety of activities carried out during the year which activities include service to others in the community.

The new parents, especially those who have never

been involved in the Scout Movement ask what their children do while they attend the weekly meetings. It is a simple and common question but the answer is even simpler. The aim of Scouting is to develop our members' character by training them to self discipline themselves, to be loyal and patriotic and to help others. This all helps them to develop in a holistic way. It is obvious that our members are eager to attend the weekly meetings that are held either at headquarters or in the countryside. During these meetings, they participate in special games, which serve both as a challenge but also help to lessen the tension due their studies.

Another opportunity for our members to practice what they learn during the meetings is provided by the camps. This was proved during the last Easter camp. Although the weather conditions were not the most favourable for a camp, our members and this also includes the young ones (Cub Scouts) turned it to be a challenging and adventurous activity. A big WELL



**Group photo of the Victoria and Xaghra Scout Groups with the Chief Commissioner Mr Leslie Bonnici**

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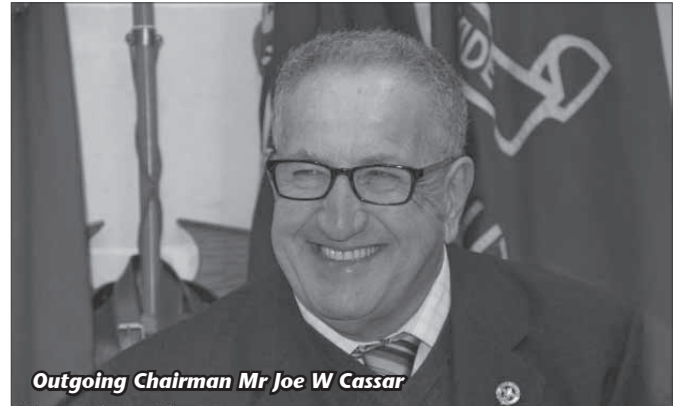
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DONE goes to all campers who showed responsibility and brotherhood during the storm that broke out during Easter Sunday night.

Through this column I wish to thank all those parents who participate in the Group's fund raising activities. It is thanks to their help that our group can continue to function. We wish to see more parents in such activities because we always see the same faces. Your help is very much appreciated.

Another thank you goes to the Group Council members who accepted to continue to serve in the council for the coming year. We also welcome a new member, Mrs Celine Portelli who joined the Council recently.

A much deserved thank you goes to Mr Joe Cassar who resigned from the council after serving the Group for over thirty years, starting as a member, than as the Group's secretary and for the last years as the Group's Chairman. Mr. Cassar resigned from the council during



*Outgoing Chairman Mr Joe W Cassar*

the AGM. Joe was instrumental in the extension of our headquarters and in buying a garage near HQ which garage we are using as the main store for our camping equipment. Thank you once more Mr Cassar for all your work within the group during all those years. We now wish you more relaxing moments in the future.

## Congratulations!



The group would like to congratulate Assistant Scout Leader Ryan Azzopardi and his wife Tiziana on the birth of their first born, baby Alexis.

A daughter brings sunshine to brighten your day.

A daughter brings joy through her loving ways.

A daughter is a blessing that comes from above.

A special and beautiful treasure to love.

## WE WERE THERE

- The Group provided a guard of honour at the blessing and reinstallation of the newly restored 19<sup>th</sup> century statue of Our Lady of Graces in Capuchins' Street, Victoria.
- Members of the Unit were present during the Jum il-Ħajja (Pro-life) commemoration held at Dar Ġużepa Debono in February.
- Some leaders were present for the funeral of the former President of Malta, Dr Ċensu Tabone on March 17<sup>th</sup>. Dr Tabone's state funeral was held in Malta in the morning. In the afternoon his remains were brought over to Gozo and Gozitans paid their last respects. At his request, he was buried in Gozo.



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**A POINT TO PONDER with the Editor**

## Volunteers in Scouting

**One significant factor in the survival of the Scout Movement throughout its**

**100 years of existence is the millions of volunteers who have given their time to enable Scouting to exist**

**throughout the world. Scouting continues to thrive today due to the ongoing commitment and dedication of hundreds of thousands of volunteers. Their efforts and the efforts of those who will follow on after them will enable the Scout Movement to continue to prosper through a whole new century!** (World Organization of the Scout Movement – WOSM 2009)

Unfortunately many National Scout Organizations (NSO's) do not have enough of these adult volunteers. As a result, they either cannot provide a youth programme to all those who request it or they cannot provide a quality youth programme to their members. Nowadays some NSOs are employing paid staff. **While this ensures a reliable and continuous service, it cannot substitute the voluntary roles.** (WOSM) Both the quality and the quantity of the adult volunteers in the Scout Movement are critical to the survival of the Movement.

In 2009, the World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM), issued a **Volunteers in Scouting Toolkit 2 – Recruiting and Retaining Adult Volunteers**. This document focuses on the importance of attracting and recruiting the right adult volunteers

and the need to support and train them and hopefully retain them. Only in this way can a Scout Organization continue its Scouting Mission. This document emphasizes the need for NSO's to develop a plan which tackles all these aspects regarding adult volunteers. It also invites them to transform their practices and approaches while retaining the Scouting goals, principles and method. To be more effective leaders, the adult volunteers of today and tomorrow should be able to respond to the current challenges, changes and uncertainty around them.

WOSM suggests an approach described as The Adult Volunteer Management Strategy for Growth. The 4 components that form this cycle are linked into one holistic approach. However each component necessitates a specific focus and appropriate actions in order to succeed. The 4 components are:

- Planning and Evaluation
- Recruitment
- Support and Training
- Retention



The toolkit includes key concepts, factsheets and practical worksheets to support Volunteer in Scouting. The rationale behind all this is that these adults become long-term volunteers rather than short term ones.

WOSM emphasizes that the quality of the Scouting programme and its impact on society depends on the quality of its Adult Volunteers. It is they who make it possible to put the Scouting Mission into action. So recruiting the right persons and looking after them will ensure the success of Scouting now and in the future.

## Via Crucis

As in previous years, during Lent, the Group organized a Via Crucis and a mass at Ta' Ghammar Hill close to Ta' Pinu Sanctuary. This activity is held every year in preparation for the Holy Week leading up to Easter. The group members were joined by some parents. The Way of the Cross and the rosary were recited on the way up. Scouts read the readings during the procession and also carried the cross in turns. Once the Group arrived at the top of the hill, Fr Renato Borg celebrated mass in the open air theatre.



### FORTHCOMING ACTIVITIES

- Family outing: Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> April • Annual Rally in Malta: Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> May • Wine Evening: Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> May
- Open Air dinner: Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> July • Summer camp: Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> July – Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> August

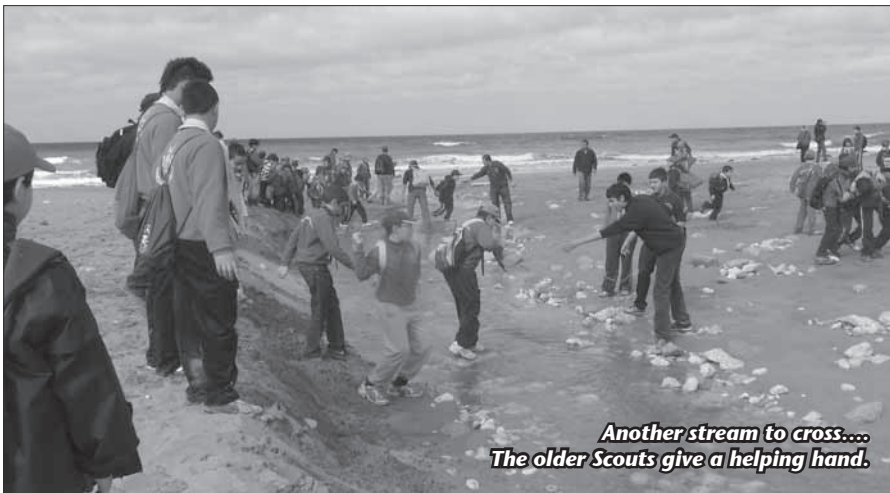
*Further details will be forwarded in due time.*



*SL David Grech explains the day's programme*



*Now here comes a tricky bit! Our path is flooded so we have to move to higher ground.*



*Another stream to cross....  
The older Scouts give a helping hand.*



*The Blind Train goes in search of treasure.*

# Founder's Day District

As in the previous years, Founder's Day consisted not only of a church parade and mass but also of a fun day for the entire group. This year the Xagħra Scout Group joined us to celebrate Founder's Day as a district.

Both groups met at Ta Ħamet church where SL David explained that the Scouts would experience Baden Powell's campaign in Africa. However before they could start the African campaign they would have to get there... Thus over a hundred Ventures, Scouts, Cubs and leaders, dressed in blue and red tracked through the Ramla valley till they arrived at Ramla Bay. Here the group had a break and something to eat and then all Scouts from both groups were divided in 8 groups. Each group had four locations to go to and in each location they were presented with a task.

First up was Operation Desert Storm. During the walk through the desert the whole group was caught in a wild sandstorm and those who were holding all the equipment were blinded by the sand! Those whose hands were free had time to cover their eyes. However the sand bruised their hands badly. So by working as a team those who could see guided those who could not see to construct a shelter.

The next checkpoint was Memory Language. During

# er's Day Activity

by  
SL David  
Grech

a trek in the African jungle BP and his men encountered a tribe whose language consisted of shapes and colours and one of the tribe wanted to help them to understand his language. Each group were shown increasingly difficult 'words' of this new language and they had to recite them back to the tribesman.

The third checkpoint was the Run and Think. BP always asked his men to be sharp both mentally and physically. Thus he pitted two groups against each other to outrun and outwit each other. A stick in the middle became the property of those who reached it first and these were given the opportunity to answer a series of questions.

The last checkpoint was the Blind Train. Sometimes the undergrowth in the jungle in central Africa was so thick that one had to stay low so as not to hit any branches. However someone had to guide them across. Each Patrol had to form a line and the one at the back standing tall, had to guide his team (blindfolded) across a field filled with precious metals and instruct them to pick them up on the way.

After these four checkpoints the 8 groups gathered again on the shore at Ramla Bay and the leaders added up the points from the activities. The winning team was then declared.



### Founder's Day Parade

On February 22<sup>nd</sup>, the Scouting Movement worldwide celebrates Founder's Day, the birthday of its founder, Lord Baden-Powell. On this occasion the Victoria Scout Group and the Xaghra Scout Group organized a parade. Special guest of honour was Mr Leslie Bonnici, the Chief Commissioner of the Scout Association of Malta. The two Scout groups left the Victoria Scout Group headquarters, marched through the streets of Victoria towards the chapel at Taċ-Ċawla where a mass was celebrated. The investiture ceremony of 5 Cub Scouts was held after mass. A group photo was later taken at the chapel's entrance.



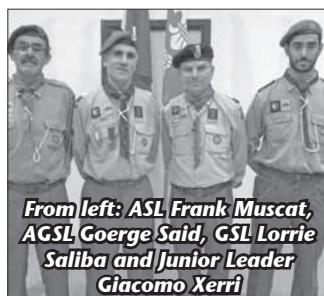
*The newly Invested Cubs – (from left) David Galea, Michael Farrugla, Armando Antonio Xerri, Neil Camilleri and Carlos Ġni with AGSL Edith Camilleri and GSL Anita Muscat*



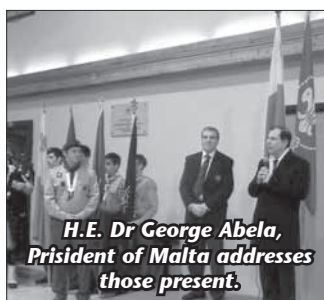
*Aerial view of the congregation*



*Giacomo Xerri receives his award*



*From left: ASL Frank Muscat, AGSL Goerge Said, GSL Lorrie Saliba and Junior Leader Giacomo Xerri*



*H.E. Dr George Abela, President of Malta addresses those present.*



*The President exchanges some words with the Gozitan Scouters*

### Founder's Day at Island Headquarters

Several leaders attended the commemoration of Founder's Day held at Island Headquarters in Malta. During the evening Assistant Group Scout Leader George Said was awarded with the 40 year Clasp Service Decoration while ASL Frank Muscat was awarded the 10 Years' Service Decoration. Junior leader Giacomo Xerri was presented with the Chief Scout's Commendation for Meritorious Conduct. This award was given to Giacomo in recognition of his act of bravery when he saved a child from drowning last summer. The President of Malta, Dr George Abela who is the Patron of the Scout Association of Malta was also present. He addressed those present and spoke about the ideals of Scouting which are still valid even though over 100 years have passed since the inception of Scouting. He encouraged the leaders to continue with their sterling work among youths and children.

The Group would like to thank former Group Chairman Mr Joe W Cassar for his contribution towards the well-being of the Victoria Scout Group. For the last 30 years, Mr Cassar occupied various roles within the council, initially as a member, later as the secretary and finally as the chairman. Mr Cassar was instrumental during the building of the present Scout headquarters as well as its extension. He was also very much involved in the search and purchase of the garage which the group acquired last year, which garage was sorely needed to store the group's equipment. We deeply appreciate all the years of dedicated service and continued efforts to improve the position of the Group. You have left your indelible mark and we will miss you. Our best wishes and thoughts go with you Mr Cassar.



*Mr Cassar with his memento*



*Council members and Scouters take a photo with outgoing Group Chairman Mr Joseph W Cassar*

# THANK YOU!!

The Group would like to thank all those parents who helped during the preparation, cooking, decorating and packing of the *figolli* around Easter time as well as those parents who put an order for these *figolli*. Your help was greatly appreciated.



# The Venture

By  
Venture Scout  
**Matthew  
Azzopardi**  
**Unit**

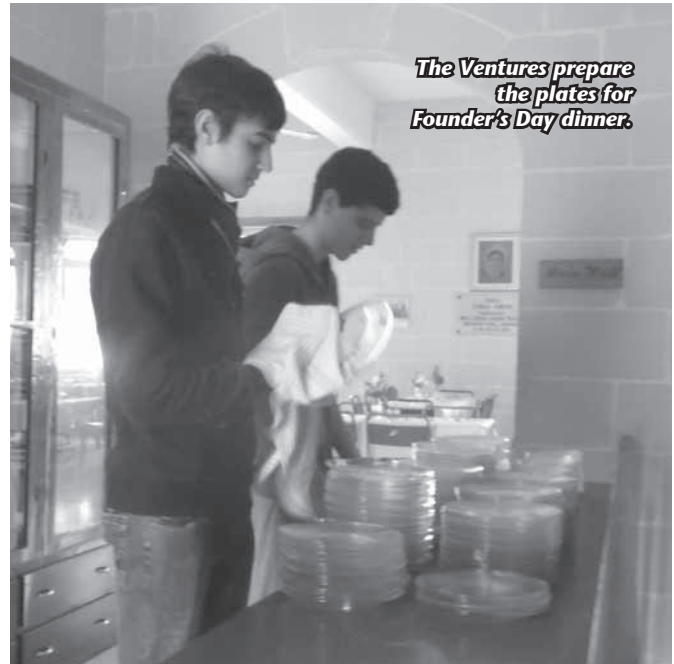
As always the opening months of the year proved to be busy for the Unit and full of outdoor activities, community service and group activities.

The Unit kicked off the year with a good deed, where the Ventures spent the afternoon talking to the elderly at the Gozo General Hospital's Long Stay Ward and at the St Domenic Home for the Elderly. The elderly living there were delighted with our visit. The Unit strives to be closer to the community and remove the gap between the general community and elder people and less fortunate people. The Unit's Executive is also working to organise more activities to help the community.

A night hike was held the following week during which the Ventures followed a route along the southern coast of Gozo, the destination being the San Anton Battery on the limits of Qala where the exhausted hikers slept.

During January the Unit attended the Group's Annual General Meeting and also attended a Guard of Honour at the Capuchins church where a newly restored statue was inaugurated. As a new activity this year the Unit organised a Photo Challenge in Victoria. This consisted of small challenges in the form of photos and tasks to carry out. It was a very exhilarating challenge in which everyone had great fun. It also helped to bring the Unit closer together. The Unit's Executive is planning to hold this activity on an annual basis and in a different village every year so that the members can improve their orientation skills and their knowledge on different villages on the island of Gozo. The Unit also attended the Jum il-Fajja (Pro-life) celebration at Dar Guzeppa Debono. In this forum different topics such as abortion and IVF were discussed.

Founder's Day is an important day for Scouts all over the globe. On this day Scouts celebrate the birthday of our movement's founder Lord Baden-



*The Ventures prepare the plates for Founder's Day dinner.*

Powell. On the 25<sup>th</sup> the Unit participated in a district activity which was held in the form of a hike and some games at Ramla Bay. The annual Founder's Day Mass was held on the morrow. The Founder's Day dinner heralded the start of March as the Unit helped in the preparations, served dinner and also helped to clean-up.

A bike hike held in the middle of March took the Unit on an adventurous outing in the idyllic countryside on a perfectly sunny Saturday morning. The Unit ended the month of March in style with a BBQ at Hondoq Bay,

In the coming months we are planning different activities whilst keeping in mind that most of the Unit will be sitting for their O' Levels or A' Levels. We wish all those sitting for these important exams all the best and we hope that everyone will pass their exams with flying colours.

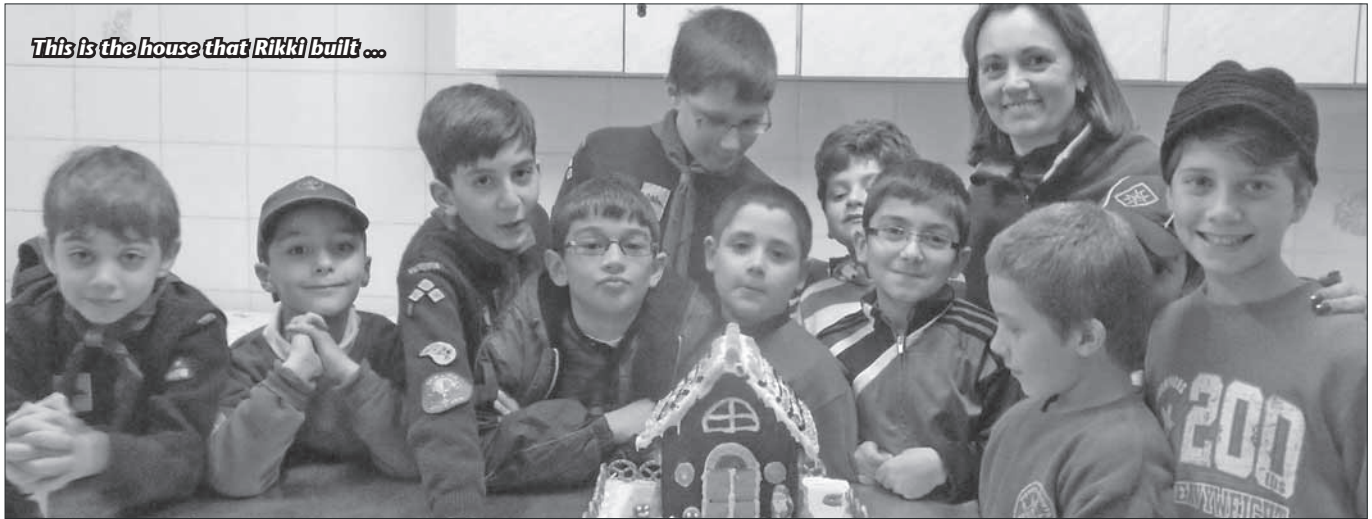


*Bike Hike*



*BBQ at Hondoq ir-Rummien Bay*

# SEEONEE PACK by CSL Anita Muscat REPORT



The first meeting of January was a very special one, still full of the Christmas spirit. ACSL Edith brought to headquarters a **GINGERBREAD HOUSE** which she had prepared. The Cubs checked all its nooks and crannies – the multicoloured ceiling, the doors and windows, its walls, the path leading up to it, the fence surrounding it and the inhabitants near it – **ALL EDIBLE STUFF**. Once they were given the go ahead and check out what it tasted like, they proceeded to do so in no time at all. It was the quickest demolition job ever carried out. Besides having their fill of the various parts of the house, some even took pieces as souvenirs to family members back home. We all thank Rikki Edith and hope next year's house will be **BIGGER AND BETTER** than this year's which was just super delicious!

Later in January, it was time to perform our good deed. This consisted of a visit to a home for the elderly. The Cubs entertained the residents with some

Scout action songs. Later they distributed some gifts and talked to the residents.

Several Cubs gained proficiency badges while others registered progress in their Progressive Scheme. The Cubs enjoyed the hike and the games at Ramla proposed during the Founder's Day District activity. 5 Cubs were invested during the commemoration of Founder's Day. These were Neil Camilleri, Carlos Cini, Michael Farrugia, David Galea and Armando Antonio Xerri. We welcome you in the Scouting family. A joint activity with the Saturday Pack saw the Packs meeting at Xwejni Bay in the vicinity of the salt-pans. There they took part in a trekking hike interspersed with a quiz on Scouting knowledge. The weather was kind enough to permit these outdoor activities to take place.

Next on the Scouting calendar is Easter Camp. We hope to see most of the Pack members there! An exciting programme awaits them.

*and which the Cubs demolished!!!!*



# ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

by **CSL Anita Muscat**

At the end of January, the Victoria Scout Group held its Annual General Meeting at its headquarters. The Group Chairman, Mr Joe W Cassar welcomed those present and invited the Secretary, the Group Scout Leader and the Treasurer to deliver their reports.



**The new Council Chairman, Mr Michael Grech**

This was followed by a short talk by guest speaker Mr Antoine Vassallo. Mr Vassallo talked about how his family was linked to Scouting. Although he himself had only spent a short time as a Scout, his father the late Mr Anton Vassallo had been the District Commissioner for Gozo. His brother John had been a Cub Scout Leader with the Group and is still involved in Scouting in Australia where he now resides. His mother and sisters were part of the Girl Guides. He said that

Scouting for Boys had been a guide for him during his years as a teacher and educator. He mentioned that his experience in the business sector and on interview boards led him to believe that nowadays employers give due importance to the fact that prospective employees had received a holistic formation by being Scouts. He mentioned the Scouts' motto Be Prepared and said this would equip members with the skills needed to face the difficulties and obstacles in life and as adults contribute to society. As former President of the Gozitan Non Governmental Organizations, he emphasized the importance of the voluntary sector on Gozo and thanked the Scout leaders for their contribution.

The Mayor of Victoria, Dr Samuel Azzopardi and the Archpriest of the Cathedral parish, Mgr Joseph Attard also attended this meeting.

**Presentations followed. The recipients for this year's awards were as follows:**

Venture Scout of the Year: Christopher Micallef  
 Scout of the Year: Mark Portelli  
 Cub Scout of the Year (Seonee Pack): Samuel Rapa  
 Cub Scout of the Year (Saturday Pack): Andrea Galea  
**Other Certificates of Merit were awarded to:**  
 Venture Unit: Matthew Galea

Troop: Beppe Galea  
 Seonee Pack: Gianluca Terribile and Mark Mizzi  
 Saturday Pack: Rudi Vic Mompalao and Matthew Grech

The Kestrel Patrol and the Bulldog Patrol were presented with the Salvinu Camilleri Shield and the Cuschieri Trophy respectively. The Grey and the Black Six of the Seonee Pack and the Green Six of the Saturday Pack who

won the Inter-Six monthly competitions were also presented with certificates. The investiture ceremony for 8 Cubs and 1 Scout concluded the ceremonial part of this meeting.

The GSL then announced that the present Chairman of the Group Council, Mr Joe G Cassar had resigned from his post and that this would be the last meeting over which he would preside. For the past 30 years, Mr Cassar had served the group in various posts. GSL thanked Mr Cassar for his untiring



**Guest Speaker Mr Antoine Vassallo**

contribution over the years and wished him a well-earned rest. To show the Group's appreciation, the GSL presented him with a memento. The GSL announced that the new Council Chairman was Mr Michael Grech and that the new Treasurer was Mr Gino Mizzi. GSL also announced that the Group had nominated Mr Cassar as the first honorary Chairman of the Victoria Scout Group.



**Recipients of the awards (from left) Samuel Rapa, Andrea Galea, Mark Portelli and Christopher Micallef with the GSL and the Group Chairman**

# TROOP REPORT

by SL David Grech

By the time this Newsheet is out, Easter Camp will be over and the continent of Tamriel will be conquered... But that is a story for another day.

These past three months the Troop members prepared themselves for the challenge ahead, with the theme of the quarter being pioneering. The instructions culminated in an adventure called the End of Days where each Patrol was given a pioneering task to save humanity from total annihilation. However while the safety of the human kind rested on the shoulders of our Scouts, the Patrol still found time to organize three activities which required the effort of the whole Patrol.

The first activity was a Carnival costume competition where each Patrol had to find a common theme and dress



up in that particular theme. From Mafia to Ninjas and Samurai to Scientists (and the Super-Zeros - the Leaders theme!) the Carnival meeting was one to remember.

The second activity was an International Night where each Patrol prepared a presentation on a country of their choice to the whole Troop. Each Patrol had to present a bit of the culture, music, food, Scouting and history of the country. The Patrols chose Canada, Ireland, Saudi Arabia, Brazil and Libya while the leaders chose Russia. The week before the activity the

meeting focused on the skill of giving a presentation and each Patrol took notes to improve their presentation. The International Night was a great success with informative presentation, great music and tasty food. Congrats to all the Patrols for the great work.

The final activity was a never-done-before activity. To upgrade the usual entertainment night, where each Patrol acts out a play, this time the Patrol filmed a short play. During the cinema night the Scouts brought the films to headquarters and the leaders offered popcorn and drinks. The films were done with great enthusiasm and effort but in the end the winner was the action-drama presented by the Kestrel Patrol, filmed on location at the Citadel. Second place went to the Bulldog Patrol and their talent show, complete with presenters and judges.



These three months also focused on the preparation for camp, which this year will be **out of this world... literally..**

Here is a sneak preview on the upcoming camp;

Rumours have always been around regarding the last continent of Tamriel. Many wrote them off as legends and tales but in 2012 all of this changed.

On Friday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2012 Malta experienced a full moon. At the same exact time Tamriel's two moons Masser and Secunda also aligned with Earth and our moon. This unique setup revealed that planet Nirn (the planet on which Tamriel is found) was here the whole time. It was just obscured by this interplanetary eclipse.

The world leaders met near the portal that connected both worlds - Gozo. The Scouting team sent over to Nirn discovered a whole unexplored planet. The Victoria Troop was chosen to lead the first manned mission to Tamriel to discover its secrets.

Full report on this adventure in the next issue....



## AWARDS AND BADGES GAINED JANUARY - MARCH 2012

### PACKS

**Attard Romualdo** – Mowgli, Altar Server  
**Bajada Antonio** – Baloo, Altar Server  
**Camilleri Neil** – Tenderpaw, Mowgli, Altar Server  
**Cauchi Etienne** – Tenderpaw  
**Cassar Dario** - Kaa  
**Cini Carlos** – Computer, Mowgli  
**Cremona Anton** – Mowgli  
**Curmi Anton** – Computer, Raksha  
**Curmi Joseph** – Computer, Altar Server  
**Enriquez Mikea** – Tenderpaw  
**Farrugia Michael** – Tenderpaw  
**Formosa Simon** - Tenderpaw  
**Galea Karl** – Mowgli, Baloo  
**Galea David** – Tenderpaw, Mowgli  
**Grech Alex** – Chil, Raksha  
**Grech Matthew** – Baloo, Bagheera, Bronze Arrow  
**Mercieca Keith** – Computer, Altar Server

**Mizzi Mark** – Cook, Scientist, Raksha, Altar Server  
**Portelli Malcolm** – Cook, Altar Server  
**Xuereb Keith** – Tenderpaw  
**Xerri Armando Antonio** – Tenderpaw, Altar Server  
**Xerri Jerrod** – Mowgli, Altar Server  
**Xiberras Christian** – Hobbies, Baloo

### TROOP

**Portelli Mark** – Patrol Leader, Senior Patrol Leader, Voyager level

### UNIT

**Azzopardi Matthew** – Creative Pursuits, Relationship with others,  
**Camilleri Paul** - Creative Pursuits, International Dimension



## GONE HOME

- **Ġużeppla Micallef**, grandmother of Junior Leader Christopher Micallef
- The former President of Malta, Gozitan **Dr Ċensu Tabone**. Dr Tabone served as President of the Republic from 1989 to 1994. Dr Tabone was a politician, a minister and also a leading ophthalmologist. After the 2<sup>nd</sup> World War he supervised a campaign to eradicate trachoma in Gozo. This was so successful that the World Health Organisation entrusted him with similar campaigns in Taiwan and other Asian countries. Dr Tabone was also responsible for introducing industrial relations legislation, measures favouring the employment of people with disabilities and increasing social assistance for such persons. When he died, Dr Tabone was just two weeks short of celebrating his 99<sup>th</sup> birthday.



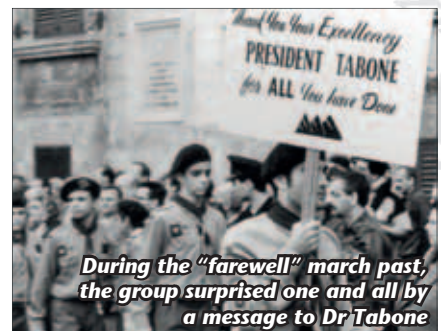
8<sup>th</sup> July, 1989 - H.E. Dr Ċensu Tabone, at the inauguration of the new Scouts Headquarters



Dr Tabone unveils a commemorative plaque at the new headquarters



May 1992 - Presentation of the George Cross 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary medal to the Scouts Association by the Government of Malta



During the "farewell" march past, the group surprised one and all by a message to Dr Tabone

## Visitors to HQ

- **Mr Leslie Bonnici**, Chief Commissioner

# SATURDAY PACK REPORT

*by CSL Mary Rose Pace*

The new boys who joined the Pack after summer received the training which was necessary before being invested as Cub Scouts. The investiture ceremony of these 9 Cubs took place during the Group's Annual General Meeting in January. The newly invested Cubs were Adrian Mercieca, Keith Xuereb, Nicholas Masini, Simon Formosa, Etienne Cauchi, Samuel Xerri, David Borg and Mikea Enriquez. During the same Annual General Meeting, Andrea Galea was presented with the Cub of the Year Award while Rudi Mompalao and Matthew Grech received Certificates of Merit.

As the Packs' Good Turn, both Packs went to visit St Domenic House for the Elderly. The Cubs sang songs which Scouts usually sing around a campfire. The Cubs were asked to get a small gift to give to the residents of this house. A very big thank you goes to all the parents for their cooperation by

sending items of food and toiletries which the boys presented to these elderly people. The Cubs also spent some time talking to the residents of this home.

Carnival was next and the Cubs attended the meeting in costume. They all enjoyed performing stunts and singing songs which matched their costume. During February we celebrate Founder's Day. This time the whole group together with the Xaghra Scout Group went for a hike to Ramla Bay. On arriving there, they were split up into teams and took part in games which tested their Scouting skills and other knowledge. The following day the Pack took part in the Founder's Day parade and mass which was held at the Good Shepherd Chapel in Victoria.

Both Packs met again for a joint activity in March. This meeting was held in Marsalforn It included a tracking hike and questions about

Lord Baden-Powell. The meeting started in the vicinity of the salt-pans and ended in the playing field at Marsalforn.

During one of the weekly meetings held on Saturday, the Group Scout Leader, Lorrie Saliba was asked to give the Pack some information about how Scouting started in Gozo. His talk was very interesting and informative and he showed the Cubs lots of old photos depicting the early years of Scouting on Gozo.

The last activity for these three months was the Holy Way of the Cross held during Lent. The members met at headquarters and then went by bus to the sanctuary at Ta' Pinu. There they took part in the Way of the Cross along Għammar Hill and later in the celebration of mass.

During the weekly meetings, the Cubs are registering regular progress in the Arrow Schemes.



*The Cubs present their gifts to the nun in charge*



*Group Chairman Mr Cassar presents Certificates of Merit to Cub Scouts Rudi Mompalao and Matthew Grech*