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Nature Trust (Malta) was officially launched by His Excellency the President of the Republic on Friday 8 January 1999 following the merger between the Society for the Study and Conservation of Nature (SSCN) founded 1962, Arbor founded 1983 and Verde founded 1997 and later in 2001 Marine Life Care Group

THE PRESIDENT SPEAKS...

Dear members,

The first six months of this year have unfortunately been very difficult months for our organisation.

With the financial crisis happening all around us, a number of sponsors have reduced their support to us. Furthermore, Nature Trust (Malta) had still to get past year grants from the authorities under the management agreements for Wied Ghollieqa and Xrobb l-Ghagin. All this, and other outstanding amounts in our accounts, created a cash flow problem for us which saw us pass through some hard times in keeping up with ongoing projects.

To add to our problems, this year also had its fair share of vandalism incidents. At Wied Gholliega we are finding large amounts of material dumped was followed by the launch

on site, many young trees of and shrubs stolen from our nursery, gates broken and even cats and hedgehogs campaign drowned in the reservoir. in collabo-Recently we unfortunately also experienced the theft of 170 trees and watering equipment from Xrobb 1-Ghagin.

give up but continue with our efforts. We are currently getting quotes for professional CCTV cameras for Wied Gholliega and are also looking into increasing CCTV cameras at Xrobb L-Ghagin

On a positive note, this year also marks our 50 years as an organisation.

We started celebrations with a tree planting event at Xrobb l-Ghagin and this

Adopt-a-Turtle ration with Air Malta . Please do k e e р following



Despite all this, we will not us on our website and on Facebook and we look forward to welcoming you during our events. At the moment we are also working on a publication dealing with endemic species and we hope to have this published soon.

> We again take this opportunity to thank Mr Guido Lanfranco for setting up the Natural History Society in 1962. Over the last 50 years we managed to achieve a lot and with your support we will continue in our hard work towards our natural heritage

Vincent

SUMMER ACTIVITIES

In the second half of the year a number of activities are being planned for members. We tried to vary activities as much as possible and we look forward to meeting you regularly on our events.

First up, in mid-June is a free Snorkelling Event in collaboration with DiveMed and the Malta Tourism Authority at Fond Ghadir, Sliema. This event will be repeated in July at Qawra and in August at Marsaskala.

We are also planning to have two Film Nights in July and in September and three social events in the form of a Pizza Night, Pasta Night and Lejla Maltija. August will also see Nature Trust host a boat trip and a kayaking event while from September the guided walks will recommence as the weather cools down. The walks planned up to the end of the year include visits to Wied Babu and Il-Maqluba, Chadwick Lakes and Pembroke.

Towards the end of the year Nature Trust (Malta) will also have its annual open day at Wied Gholliega where the public would have an opportunity to see what we do as an NGO and also have a chance to buy some of our produce such as carob syrup, honey and capers.

Finally, we will conclude 2012 with the Photographer of the Year Award Ceremony and an event for members to commemorate our 50 Year Anniversary as an NGO.

For a complete list of activities and dates for June - December 2012, view the last page of this newsletter.

Celebrations and vandalism ...

An important milestone for Nature Trust (Malta) has been reached ... we are 50 years old and celebrations are ongoing. A number of events have taken place with many more to come in the summer months.

The year of celebrations was launched on the 18th April 2012 at the Xrobb 1-Ghagin Nature Park when 50 personalities were invited to plant a tree in the park, one for every year that we were active. These personalities included the President of the Republic of Malta, HE Dr. George Abela, a number of politicians from the three political

parties, business people, singers, TV personalities, actors and benefactors.

Unfortunately, these trees did not survive very long as on the 21st May we woke up to find that the park suffered from a theft and vandal attack despite a closed gate and functioning CCTV cameras. Over 170 newly planted trees were uprooted and a lot of watering equipment was stolen. The cost of all adds up to over 3000€.

We wish to thank you all for your kind words of encouragement and we intend to replace all trees that were stolen. We are also looking into installing more CCTV cameras on all the sites we

In order to remain as professional as possible, all rescue team members recently underwent a training course by James Barnett of the British Divers Marine Life Rescue, a certified NGO working on cetacean and seal rescue in UK waters. He was kind enough to provide the training for free and accommodation was sponsored by the Corinthia Marina Hotel for the duration of his stay.

Although stranded dolphins are not very common in Malta, dolphins have been regularly recorded in Maltese waters and for this reason the team needs to be well trained to deal with any form of stranding or injury

Another important job of the marine team deals with turtle rescue. So far in 2012, no injured or sick turtles have been rescued but we expect some in the summer months, when the majority of rescues take place as turtles migrate towards Malta and more people take to the sea and notice them. We urge our members to keep a sharp eye for surfacing turtles when out at sea. Remember that turtles breath air and must surface to breath. Unfortunately this is when they are most at risk as they risk getting injured by boats. Should you see an injured or sick turtle, call us on one of our rescue lines (99422086 or 99422085) and if you take the turtle up on deck, please cover it in a wet towel and keep it from moving around the boat: this will damage the turtle's plastron (the underbelly shell).

Following rescue, turtles are taken for rehabilitation at Fort San Lucjan and are then released back into the wild. So far this year two turtles, named Fajju and Johnny (picture), were released after undergoing surgery and complete rehabilitation.

The start of 2012 also saw the launch of the Adopt-a-Turtle Campaign together with Air Malta. To adopt a turtle write to us on adoptaturtlemalta@gmail.com or adopt online on Air Malta's website: http://www.airmalta.com/adopt-turtle. Anyone adopting a turtle will receive a certificate, a small booklet about turtles and a WWF turtle soft toy together with regular updates about the turtle and an invitation to the release of the turtle once it is fully rehabilitated.

Busy Times for the Rescue Team ...



Graziella Cavlan





NTM Council



12000 People visit Xrobb I-Ghagin



Just over twelve months have passed since the Xrobb l-Ghagin Nature Park and Sustainable Development Centre was inaugurated in April 2011 and since then we have been recording the number of visitors to this park.

We are very pleased to announce that from April 2011 up to May 2012 about 8000 adults have visited the park together with 4803 students from schools in all levels of education: kindergarten, primary, secondary, post-secondary and tertiary.

This is extremely encouraging for us at Nature Trust (Malta) as it shows that our projects are being appreciated and we are hoping to increase the number of visitors in the future.

We appeal to the public to respect the code of conduct for the Xrobb l-Ghagin Nature Park and all the sites we manage as all projects would be successful only with the full cooperation of the public. Should anyone or any school wish to book a guided tour of the area please contact us on info@naturetrustmalta.org or 21313150.

An update from Pembroke

Vince Attard

Last year NTM started working in partner with the Malta Tourism Authority on the Pembroke Natura 2000 site. While MTA focused on the restoration of the Victorian military footpath along the site and the restoration of the Madliena Tower, our organisation focused on the natural part of the project, the creation of information panels, educational material, and ecological walks and ecotourism leaflets. Various clean up events were also organised which saw many skip loads of dumped waste being removed. It was amazing to see how far certain people go into dumping in our countryside where full kitchens, dishwashers, mattresses, fridges, cans with burned oil, furniture and much more were removed. Once ready this Natura 2000 site will provide a heritage trail for all visitors to enjoy through walking, cycling and jogging. Access will also be possible to people with wheelchairs.



Nature Photographer of the Year Competition ... an update

Theme 1 (Landscapes): Finalists selected and notified Theme 2 (Flora): Submission period extended to June 30th Theme 3 (Marine): Submission period ends on July 31st Theme 4 (Fauna): Submission period starts on August 1st

Final will take place in December

An update from Wied Ghollieqa Zach Engerer

Since the last newsletter was issued, a number of interventions have been underway in the Wied Ghollieqa Nature Reserve as part of the management agreement Nature Trust (Malta) has with the Malta Environment and Planning Authority, MEPA.

For starters, the control of invasive species has always been a priority and throughout these last months the number of Prickly Pear specimens has been severely cut down from the reserve. This plant, known scientifically as *Opuntia ficus-indica*, is an alien species thought to have originated from Mexico but has since spread to the Mediterranean and has also become naturalized. Although the Prickly Pear is well known for its fruit, the biggest problem it causes is the fact that as it grows it competes with indigenous species and can triumph over them. Other species NTM are trying to control are the Castor Oil Tree (*Ricinus communis*) and the Marvel-of-Peru (*Mirabilis jalapa*).

Another intervention in the reserve was to improve access in the site itself by creating a formal walking path and clearing it from any overgrowing vegetation. Other parts of the site also had the grass cut in order to minimize the risk of grassfires that are unfortunately not unheard of in this nature reserve.

Unfortunately, this site also suffered from minor vandal attacks when culprits broke gates and sprayed graffiti or overturned a number of restored rubble walls. In the coming months we are now planning to install a number of CCTV cameras in order to deter such attacks.

If our finances allow us we hope to restore some of the vandalized gates, restore overturned rubble walls, place some steps along the dam area and finally install a set of information panels along the designated footpath.

NTM Products from Wied Gholliega

Honey – 7€ Carob Syrup – 5€ Capers – 2€ Lemon Jam – 2.50€



All products are pesticide free All proceeds go to the upkeep of Wied Gholliege

Visit by the EU Climate Change Commissioner

During part of her visit to Malta as part of Environment Day celebrations in the country, the European Commissioner responsible for Climate Change, **Ms Connie Hedegaard** visited the Xrobb l-Ghagin Nature Park. Here she met the Nature Trust (Malta) Executive President, Vince Attard, for a tour of the facilities and was presented with a book about the nature park and a turtle adoption pack. The photo below shows Vince Attard explaining the turtle adoption procedure to the commissioner as the Minister for Resources and Rural Affairs, Hon. George Pullicino looks on.



Marine Rescue Team becomes Wildlife Rescue Team

We are proud to announce that our Marine Rescue Team has successfully obtained permits to deal with other forms of wildlife other than marine organisms. Due to this the name of the team and its logo have been changed accordingly. The new name for the unit is the **Wildlife Rescue Team** and the new logo is shown below:



This change is not a cosmetic one but one that helps us to continue our mission to act as a support system for the local biodiversity. Anyone willing to form part of this team should get in touch with us by email on info@naturetrustmalta.org or through Facebook.

Nature Trust (Malta) - US Embassy Collaboration

On the occasion of Earth Day, Nature Trust (Malta) held a number of activities in collaboration with the Embassy of the United States in Malta with a view to raising awareness on climate change and the need to implement mitigation measures such as using renewable sources of energy.

Peter Schubert, the director of the Richard G. Lugar Centre for Renewable Energy at Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis, recently visited Malta to represent the US in providing renewable energy insights. He toured many educational institutions, government entities, and NGOs to discuss climate change and policy, as part of Malta's preparation for the United Nation's Rio+20 sustainable development conference next month.

Prof. Schubert said: "Energy and climate are two vital topics that have significant and far-reaching implications for every country – and each person – on this planet. They are global issues that have to be addressed by leaders on a comprehensive, world-wide scale, but which also require attention to detail and the participation of 'average citizens' on a daily basis. That's why we are so pleased for this opportunity to work with Malta towards lasting micro- and macro-level change for a better energy future."

The American professor started his visit with a tour of the Xrobb l-Ghagin Nature Park and Sustainable Development centre, where he spoke with a group of 150 secondary students participating in the EkoSkola programme, sharing remarks and answering questions on climate change and initiatives to mitigate its effects using renewable energy, recycling and cutting down on waste.

Later that day, Prof. Schubert was the keynote speaker at a public debate on climate change and renewable energy policy, which was organised to mark Earth Day. Biology professor Victor Axiak moderated the debate and the panel was made up of Resources and Rural Affairs Minister George Pullicino, opposition Spokesman for Environment, Sustainable Development and Climate Change Leo Brincat, Alternattiva Demokratika secretary general Ralph Cassar, ambassador for climate change Simone Borg and Eman Calleja, research fellow at the Islands and Small States Institute studying the impact of climate change on European islands.

During his visit, Prof. Schubert also conducted meetings with the Agribusiness Institute at the Malta College of Arts, Science and Technology, as well as organisations such as the Malta Resources Authority, the Malta Intelligent Energy Management Agency and the Small States Network for Economic Development. He also held talks with the Resources and Rural Affairs Minister, and the opposition's Spokesman for Environment, Sustainable Development and Climate Change.

In a separate event Prof. Schubert met with students at the boys' secondary school in Victoria and the Green Flag school in Nadur, where he was shown around by the students of the EkoSkola committee.

The Embassy of the United States in Malta has also supported Nature Trust by means of book donations to the Wied Ghollieqa centre's library and to the Green Flag primary school in Nadur.

II-Majjistral Nature and History Park Annalise Falzon

Since September 2011 the Majjistral Park has passed through many long months of cleaning up - more than one dozen massive cleanups were organized focusing mainly on the ranges and the coast beneath Majjiesa.

I cannot stop thanking all the volunteers who have been helping to tidy up this park, including all members of the public, student volunteers, NGOs, companies, businesses, schools and scouts. Thanks also goes to the Cleansing Services Department of the Ministry for Resources and Rural Affairs (MRRA) for always coming in after the cleanup to clear away truckloads of all sorts of rubbish.



We are now almost ready from cleaning and are seeking funding to move on to the next phase which will see the restoration of the barracks in order to be used as an educational and visitors' centre. We also hope to set up parts of the barracks for facilitating fieldwork sessions and other outdoor facilities.

In the meantime, we will continue our regular activities at the park so stay updated through email or via Facebook.

Forthcoming events:

20 JUN	Summer Solstice Sunset Walk (evening)
04 JUL	Snorkelling talk followed by screening of Panacea
07 JUL	Coastal Event: Golden Bay
5	(with MTA and Sharklab)
11 AUC	Matoor Showers in the Eiglds

11 AUG Meteor Showers in the Fields

Still to be announced:

JULY	Nocturnal Wildlife Event
SEPTEMBER	Talks on birds, lichens and more

Snorkelling tours can be booked throughout summer.

Annual General Meeting

The 2012 AGM will soon be announced via email news to all members. It will take place at the Wied Ghollieqa Environment Centre. Any queries should be sent to info@naturetrustmalta.org

Donations to Nature Trust (Malta) can now be done via Internet Banking to the following accounts:

HSBC: 039069000001 BOV: 40012310515

Thanks for your donation!

Blue Flag Beaches...

Vince Attard

Blue Flag International has recently awarded Malta Blue Flag ecolabels for six beaches. These are Mellieha Bay, Bugibba Perched Beach, Qawra Rocky Beach, Ghajn Tuffieha Bay, St George's Bay and Ramla Bay in Gozo.

Having the Blue Flag status means that these bays have the four main criteria in place which include Beach Management, Health and Safety, Excellent Water Quality and the presence of Information and Environmental Education on the Beach.

In parallel to the Blue Flag beaches Golden Bay, Fond Ghadir and the Paradise Bay Hotel Beach were given the status of a Beach of Quality.



Blue Flag International is represented in Malta by Nature Trust (Malta) who is responsible for carrying out the Blue Flag International spot checks and following up applications for Blue Flag

Blue Flag is just one of five Foundation for Environmental Education (FEE) programs run by Nature Trust. The other FEE programs are EkoSkola, Young Reporters for the Environment (YRE), Learning About Forests (LeAF) and Green Key.

Nature Trust (Malta) has also been recently reconfirmed by FEE International as its representative in Malta following an audit check on the organization.

OUTDOOR EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES FOR STUDENTS/LOCAL COUNCILS/SCOUT GROUPS etc.

Wied Ghollieqa Nature Reserve; Il-Qammieh (Mellieha); Kunčizzjoni/Ġnejna; Buskett/Clapham Junction; Il-Maqluba/Wied iż-Żurrieq; Comino; Dwejra Gozo

Bookings and info: <u>annalise.falzon@gmail.com</u> Environmental Educator and Nature Walks Guide

In the media...

Over the past months Nature Trust (Malta) has featured on three TV programs: Reporter, Malta Llejla and TTYL.

We also released a number of press releases and featured on news bulletins on the three main local TV stations. Below is the list of Press Releases released in the first six months of 2012:

- Nature Trust (Malta) is 50 years old
- Vandals target Xrobb L-Ghagin Park
- Two loggerhead turtles released at Gnejna Bay
- Marine rescue training for Nature Trust volunteers
- Give the environment the importance it deserves
- No more roads please: Save the Xatt L-Aħmar watercourse
- Clean-up activity in Pembroke
- Official opening of Mater Dei woodland
- NTM concerned on valley degradation
- Waste can endanger wildlife
- Malta's performance in barometer survey slightly worse
- Implementation of the Action Plan on Forest Law Enforcement, Governance and Trade

Malta wins 5 Awards in the YRE International Awards

ONature Trust (Malta) is 50 years old PRESS RELEASE

Nature Trust (Malta) is 50 years old

President George Abela attended an event marking the begin celebrations at Xrobb I-Ghaġin Nature Park and Sustainable of Nature Trust (Malta)'s 50th annive Iopment Centre in Delimara this mor

The President was one of 50 personalities, ranging from politicians and business people to singers and actors, who planted a tree each to mark the environment NGO's 50th birthday.



Nature Trust founding member Guido Lanfranco spoke about the way things have changed since the NGO was sr up 50 years ago. He explained that back then, people labe started studying plants and insects. All our Press Releases

are uploaded onto our website



Audrey Gauci

This year's International YRE and Litter Less competitions saw more than 100 submissions from 19 countries and an enjoyable if challenging session for the jury! Members of the jury included Petr Danis, FEE's Executive Board, and the external judges: Ming Kuok Lim from UNESCO; Khairoon Abbas from UNEP; Chanell Daniels from EEA; Torvald Jacobsson from IIIEE; Ron Lewis from The Times newspaper and Maureen Jones of Wrigley for Litter Less. In some categories there were so many good entries that the judges decided to also award a second and/or third place but in other categories only first place was awarded. The Maltese winners for the YRE categories are as follows:



CATEGORY: ARTICLES

Ages 11-14:	Caroline Vassallo and Marta Cachia placed third with the
	article "Sliema - where has all the "peace" gone?!"
Ages 15-18:	George Zahra and Nicolas Attard placed second with the
	article "Are there pockets in a shroud?"

CATEGORY: VIDEO

Ages 11-15:	Grace Ann Muscat placed first with the video "Heaven at
	Chadwick Lakes''
Ages 14-18:	Steve Zammit Lupi placed third with the video "The two wheeled
	solution: the bicycle"
Ages 19-21	David Ellul, Jean Claude Schembri, Johann Camilleri, Joseph
	Degabriele, Roderick Baldacchino and Tonio Farrugia placed
	first with the video "Mammals in Concrete Cages"

Photos show two of the winners (Photo Credits: DOI)

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Eco-explorers!

Eco-explorers was the theme of the Marsaskala Primary School throughout scholastic year this and through crossactivities, curricular students attending this school learnt that they can make a difference by taking care of their environment.

Graziella Cavlan

All classes participated in different projects, explored different habitats and attended various educational outings related to an ecological theme.

Between the 23rd and 25th of May, an exhibition was held with all the students' work and projects which highlighted how the theme chosen was integrated throughout the curriculum. The exhibition was inaugurated by the Commissioner for Children, Ms Helen D'Amato and the College Principal, Ms Josephine Mifsud.

During this exhibition each student was encouraged to donate 20c for the adoption of turtles and the planting of trees. This effort reaped generous results as ten sea turtles were adopted through Nature Trust's Adopt-a-Turtle Campaign and a number of trees will be also be planted. Nature Trust's Wildlife Rescue Team was also invited to visit the exhibition and give a short talk about turtles. We wish to thank all teachers for the dedication in highlighting such an important concept as environmental awareness to their students.

We also wish to congratulate the students on their work towards trying to save the saltmarsh in their locality. We were very positively surprised at the quality of the students' work and their determination to try to save such a rare habitat in our islands.



rine Biology Course Lectures Nature Trust, Wied Gholliega University of Malta Date & Time: Wednesday 18th & 25th July Wednesday 1st & 8th August Time: 5.30pm - 7.30pm Scuba Diving Watercolours Dive Centre, **Sliema Aquatic Sports Club** (Sliema pitch) Date & Time: Saturday 11th August - PADI DSD Course Sunday 12th August - (for certified divers) Time: 9.30am - 2.30pm Option to dive with underwater wireless technology



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Sponsors

As Nature Trust (Malta), we would like to thank the sponsors for the first six months of 2012. Their support was fundamental in most of the projects we embarked on.

Sponsors for January - June 2012:

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- Department of Educational Services
- Wasteserv
- HSBC Foundation
- Air Malta
- Bank of Valletta
- Farsons Foundation
- Go
- Malta Tourism Authority
- Ministry for Tourism
- US Embassy
- University of Malta

Call for Volunteers

Nature Trust (Malta) is constantly expanding and we are looking to recruit more volunteers. If anyone is interested in helping out in looking after our nature reserves, administrative work, preparing databases or marketing and fundraising contact us on info@naturetrustmalta.org

ACTIVITIES:	June - December 2012
All Summer	Turtle Watch The public is invited to stand guard by the turtle eggs at Gnejna Bay. For more info, email us on info@naturetrustmalta.org
All Summer	Kayaking Regular sessions will take place throughout summer
JULY 27	Clean Up: White Tower Bay In collaboration with MMSA and Y4TE
JULY 28	Nature Trust Fair (Bookings not required, still to be confirmed) NTM will be putting up a small fair to commemorate the 50 year anniversary and promote the organization. Location: TBA
July - August	Marine Biology Course (Refer to page 7 for details)
AUGUST 11	Fundraising Event Social event to help Nature Trust collect funds to maintain its nature reserves and prepare publications. Location: TBA
AUGUST 19	Boat Trip: Filfla (Bookings and Fees to be announced later) Nature Trust's annual boat trip will take us to Filfla. The full day trip will include a number of swimming stops and will be done in the presence of one of our council members explaining various points of interest along the way. The fee covers the cost of the renting the boat, an NTM publication per person, a small bottle of water and a sandwich.
AUGUST 26	Snorkelling: Marsaskala (Bookings not required, Free)
SEPTEMBER 09	Guided Walk: Wied Babu and II-Maqluba A guided walk in the presence of one of our council members who will explain various points of interest and biodiversity of the area. The fee includes a NTM publication per person and will go towards maintaining NTM's sites and preparing publications.
SEPTEMBER 23	Lejla Maltija Social event to help Nature Trust collect funds to maintain its nature reserves and prepare publications. Location: TBA
SEPTEMBER 16	Film Night: Sharkwater (Bookings not required, Free)
OCTOBER 07	Guided Walk: Chadwick Lakes A guided walk in the presence of one of our council members who will explain various points of interest and biodiversity of the area. The fee includes a NTM publication per person and will go towards maintaining NTM's sites and preparing publications.
OCTOBER 28	Guided Walk: Pembroke A guided walk in the presence of one of our council members who will explain various points of interest and biodiversity of the area. The fee includes a NTM publication per person and will go towards maintaining NTM's sites and preparing publications.
October - December	Natural History Course Details to be announced later
NOVEMBER	Talk: <i>The Art of Honey Making</i> Details to be announced later
NOVEMBER	Open Day: Wied Ghollieqa Environment Centre Visitors will get a chance to see what NTM has been doing in the last years at Wied Ghollieqa. There will be regular tours around the nature reserve, interactive games and material for young children, a small nature exhibition and a chance to buy some of our produce from Wied Ghollieqa such as carob syrup, honey and capers.
DECEMBER	Nature Photographer of the Year Award Ceremony The NTM Nature Photographer of the Year Competition will come to a close with an exhibition and prize giving ceremony.
DECEMBER	Christmas Drinks NTM will conclude the year with an event for members to commemorate our 50 Year anniversary as an NGO.

Note on Activities:

Activities are subject to change or cancellation due to events such as bad weather so please book with us beforehand. Anyone attending walks is expected to follow the guide and keep to the group. Suitable clothing (trekking shoes for long walks) and a first aid kit are required. Long walks are not suitable for children, unfit and unadventurous persons. Children attending activities must be accompanied by adults. NOTE: Nature Trust will not be held responsible for any losses or injuries during its activities.

During all free events, donations will be accepted and will go towards the Adopt-A-Turtle campaign to raise funds to build a wildlife rehabilitation centre for injured marine turtles and other wildlife such as hedgehogs. We thank you for all donations. **Postal Address**

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