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AN MOS PUBLICATION TO GIVE MEMBERS A BIRD'S EYE VIEW OF WHAT HAPPENED, WHAT IS HAPPENING, AND WHAT WILL BE HAPPENING WITHIN THE MOS - THE ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY - THE SOCIETY FOR THE STUDY AND PROTECTION OF BIRDS IN MALTA.

The Ornithological Society was founded in 1962 to promote the scientific study of ornithology and bird conservation in the Maltese Islands. It organises a variety of scientific and social activities. It runs the Valletta Ringing Scheme and has a young members' section.

The MOS consists of Life Members, Ordinary Members, Young Members, Group Membership and Hon. Life Members. All members are entitled to receive the MOS Bulletins gratis and to participate in the activities. Anyone wishing to apply for membership is welcome to write to the Members' Secretary - THE ORNITHOLOGICAL SOCIETY, P.O. Box 498, VALLETTA, MALTA.

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FRONT COVER : Close up of head of Honey Buzzard *Pernis apivorus* (Photo : Joe Sultana). This bird was found apparently injured in a yard in late September at Guardamangia. It was given to MOS and was nursed back to health. For three weeks it was hand fed with honey and meat by Natalino Fenech, who also removed some shot pellets which had been lodged in the breast beneath the skin. It was too risky to release it in Malta to continue its south bound journey and so the bird was flown as accompanied luggage with Louis F. Cassar and Manwel Curmi to Egypt the destination of their fortnight's bird-watching holiday. The bird flew safely when it was released on 24th October at Birket Qarun, 95 km south-west of Cairo.

EDITOR'S NOTE: BIRD'S EYE VIEW is an annual publication. However, although this year No. 7 has already been published in March, the MOS is issuing this extra number to bring up to date the report of the Annual General Meeting. In fact this issue carries only the report of the 22nd Annual General Meeting of the MOS which was held on 28th March 1984.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

THE 22ND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING WAS HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 28TH MARCH 1984, AT THE BRITISH LEGION HEADQUARTERS, MALTA BRANCH, VALLETTA.

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

Ladies and Gentlemen,

On behalf of the Council I welcome you to this 22nd Annual General Meeting. On such an occasion we have to outline the MOS activities during the past year and to summarise our policy for the future. If we take a glance at the short history of our Society we shall notice that every year was outstanding for some particular activity. 1983 will go down as the year of the PROTEST.... a protest which highlighted our bird conservation struggle....a protest whose rumblings are still being felt today.

But 1983 should also be remembered for another achievement - an increase in membership by about 46.5% to over 700, the details of which will be outlined in the Hon. General Secretary's report. This achievement is outstanding, as it underlines boldly the fact that the MOS is a fast growing body. The future Council's main preoccupation and responsibility will be not only to maintain this membership, but most important, to continue to increase it. In this lies the MOS future strength. In this lies the possibility of a change in the prevailing bad situation of birds and the natural environment of our islands. That is why on behalf of the outgoing Council I urge you to help enroll more members.

Such growth in the membership results in an increasing amount of administrative work, which so far has always been carried out ably by the Council and the various Committees' members during their spare time. Such annual growth, which is necessary, coupled with the production of publications, posters, stickers and other educational material, as well as a wider involvement in the conservation of our natural environment, beckon new developments in the MOS role and structure. The incoming Council will have to request new amendments to the MOS statute at the next annual general meeting, which may include, amongst others, an increase in the number of Council Members. The Council may have to consider, for example, the appointment of areas representatives or committees. Furthermore the MOS Youth Section is growing to such an extent that it may be viable and sensible in the future to have two sections, one to care for the juniors and another caring for the youths.

To think about such developments in a relatively young Society such as ours is indeed a healthy sign. But, of course, there are also other pressing matters that have to be seen to as soon as possible. Two of these are the Ghadira Nature Reserve and the MOS premises. The incoming Council should seek that the former is opened to the public while it should make the necessary preparations so that the premises starts to function. These two priorities, when finalized will provide a greater impetus towards the achievement of the MOS aims.

The MOS is not the only functioning society which is working towards the conservation of our natural environment or part of it, and it should always be MOS policy that, whenever possible, it joins forces with these societies in conservation activities. The MOS has already started to seek involvement with other societies with similar aims in conservation projects. One of these is a publication for youths. An agreement has nearly been finalized to publish the youths' publication jointly with the Society for the Study and Conservation of Nature.

At present we have IL-MERILL, a scientific publication, BIRD'S EYE VIEW, the members' publication and L-GHASFUR and IL-KANGU two publications for youths. The MOS should seek in future the possibility of publishing, jointly with other societies, a paper or a journal for the general public. Such a publication would go a long way to kindle appreciation for our natural environment and to instill conservation ideals in our islands. This will combat forcefully the degradation of bird life and the natural environment in general which is taking place unchecked directly and indirectly by gross human interference - most of which can be avoided for the benefit of these islands.

You'll soon get a clear picture from the Hon. General Secretary's report of most of the activities that have been carried out during the past year. All these activities would not have been possible without the hard work of several Council and Committees members as well as the support of all MOS members and friends.

Thank you for your attention.

Joe Sultana
President

SECRETARY' REPORT

Report for the period 17th March 1983 to 28th March 1984

The last twelve months of constant work towards the better appreciation and protection of birds have once again produced satisfying results for the MOS. Again the MOS membership has increased, this time by 209 members, bringing the total number of MOS members to 718. The greatest increase in membership was registered by the MOS Youths who increased their number by 185 to 321 members. The following is a breakdown of MOS membership.

	1982	1983	new	outst.	res./dec.	
Local	Full Members	154	192	58	14	11
	Life Members	17	17	-	-	-
	Hon. Life Members	2	2	-	-	-
	Youths	216	321	185	72	12*
	School Delegates	19	51	32	-	-
Overseas	Full Members	65	89	28	13	1
	Life Members	29	31	3	-	1
	Hon. Life Members	7	5	-	-	2
	Totals	509	718	274	99	27

*4 youths became full members

The MOS Youths have indeed played a most important part in the success achieved by the MOS during the last twelve months. A two-day protest on the 9th and 10th September 1983 was organised with the theme 'No to bird destruction'. MOS Youths distributed leaflets at Valletta, showing the massacre of protected birds that are killed by local 'sportsmen'. A protest march comprising 200 MOS members marched with slogans and placards at Buskett the following day protesting against the illegal killing of birds of prey, mainly Honey Buzzards that are killed at Buskett - a bird sanctuary. An Italian who was taking photographs had to be rushed to hospital after being hit by one of the stones which were thrown at the MOS defile by shooters. It is however heartening and encouraging to note that the greatest percentage of new MOS members joined the MOS during the days immediately following the shooters counter protest. Later in the year (1983) the MOS had a meeting with the Prime Minister on the bird protection situation in Malta. Shooters' representatives were also present for this meeting.

Last month (February 1984) the MOS was invited for a live debate on TV with two shooters' representatives (their President and Secretary). One important statement by the shooters worth recording is that they do not want to dialogue with the MOS, but only want to dialogue with the authorities.

A week after the live debate on TV an MOS delegation met the Deputy Commissioner of Police for talks on the amendments to the bird protection regulations. Shooters' representatives were also present.

INTERNAL ACTIVITIES FOR MEMBERS

The larger the MOS grows, the larger is the volume of administrative work. A look at the calendar of activities reveals that during the last twelve months the MOS Council held 13 sittings. There were also 14 other meetings of the various committees. 17 press releases were issued to the mass media; 24 circulars/newsletters were sent to various MOS members. MOS Council and other members from the various committees participated in 14 interviews/delegations. Indoor meetings and other activities for MOS members totalled 27. Two informative and educational stands were set up and 23 illustrated talks were given to other organisations. A seminar on the educational campaign was also organised for all Council and Committee members. A detailed calendar of all activities follows this report (See page 5).

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Other commitments undertaken by MOS Council and Committee members were :

- 1 - The MOS (Alfred E. Baldacchino and Natalino Fenech) participated in the symbolic occupation of Monte Ciccio in Sicily after an invitation from L.I.P.U. This protest was held against the illegal shooting of Honey Buzzards.
- 2 - The MOS Public Relations Officer (Saviour Balzan) was invited by IYF to talk on bird protection in Germany, Holland and Sweden.
- 3 - MOS Youths (Wallie Shaw and Michael Zerafa) attended for the IYF Course in Greece.
- 4 - The MOS President and the Hon. General Secretary attended the Mediterranean

Seminar, the ICBP European Continental Section Conference and the WEBS meeting in Rochefort, France.

PUBLICATIONS

'Il-Merill' number 22 and 'L-Ghasfur u l-Ambjent Naturali' number 3 were published on the 15th January 1984 and 19th November 1983 respectively. The first ever set of bird postcards photographed by MOS members were also published and issued on 20th February 1984. Other new publications being awaited from the printers are a set of three exercise books depicting a Robin, a Swallow and a Goldfinch on the front cover and a cartoon with an educational message on the back cover. A new membership form printed in full colour is also planned.

COMMITTEES

The committees which were set up during the period were :

1 - MOS Youths Committee

For the third year running the MOS Youths were under the guidance of Mr Michael Grima with Mr Joe Doublet as the new MOS Youths Secretary. Apart from the MOS protest organised by the MOS Youths on the 9th and 10th September 1983, the MOS Youths organised 15 outings/activities, they held 10 committee meetings, issued 9 circulars, organised a weekend at Villa Psaigon and another weekend in Gozo. Another raffle was organised by the Youths towards the financing of a photocopy. Two issues of the MOS Youths Newsletter 'IL-KANGU' edited by Mr Joe Doublet, were also published and sent to all MOS Youths. A Spanish Sparrow count was organised and a handout on Gull identification was prepared and distributed to young members. MOSY was also responsible for the organisation of a week long course for DBV members. This was held at Villa Psaigon. MOS Youths membership increased by 40.8% (185 new enrolments).

2 - Valletta Bird Ringing Scheme

As in previous years Mr Joe Sultana and Mr Charles Gauci were the Ringing Officer and Ringing Secretary of the scheme respectively. Up to 31st December 1983, the scheme issued 6 newsletters distributed to its 14 ringing permit holders and other members interested in the subject. The number of birds ringed during 1983 were 9111 of 87 different species, the largest for the last four years. This brought the total number of birds ringed since 1965 to 132,688 of 148 species. Three new species were added to the ringing list, two of these, the Red-eyed Vireo and the Chestnut Bunting being new to Malta. With the addition of three new ring sizes with the Valletta address, the scheme now has eleven different ring sizes with its address. The number of bird recoveries reported from overseas during 1983 were only six.

3 - Rarities Committee

Mr Joe Sultana was again Chairman of the MOS Rarities Committee with Mr Richard Cachia Zammit as Secretary. The Committee met once and 7 records of rare birds were accepted by the Committee.

4 - Audio Visual Committee

A new MOS Committee, the Audio Visual Committee, was set up by the Council on 3rd December 1983. Chairing this Committee is Mr Raymond Galea while Mr Lawrence Darmanin is Secretary. The aims of the Committee are to set up a library of audio visual aids for use in the MOS educational campaign. The Committee held one meeting on 7th December 1983.

5 - School Delegates Officer

Mr Paul Portelli was appointed the first MOS School Delegates Officer and subsequently co-opted to serve on the MOS Council. The duties of the School Delegates Officer are to liaison with school delegates and supply informative and educational material on the appreciation and protection of birds. 3 circulars were issued for the delegates and one indoor meeting was held for them. It is hoped that soon the School Delegates Officer will be chairing a new MOS Committee to see to these aims.

In short, these were the highlights of the MOS activities and commitments for the last twelve months; twelve months which have brought the MOS closer to achieving its aims; months during which the public support for the protection of our common heritage has grown and is creating a stronger conscience towards such ideal. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all MOS members, all Council and Committee Members for their never ending support and hard work and I would also like to thank the British Legion in Malta for contributing to the MOS results through the provision of the place on many occasions. I would also like to thank all those outside the MOS who have in one way or another helped the Society in its struggle for bird protection. If the MOS continues with the present pace, it can only mean a brighter, better and safer future for birds and also for the MOS. Thank you.

Alfred E. Baldacchino
Hon. General Secretary

TREASURER'S REPORT

INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT AS AT 31 DECEMBER 1983

INCOME		
Subscriptions		928.42,8
Donations (general)		34.31,0
Activities		22.00,0
Interest received		196.62,0
Sales & other donations		
L-Ghasafar	98.33,0	
A New Guide	417.13,7	
T-Shirts	167.92,0	
Stickers (Sbieh Hielsa)	146.16,7	
Other Stickers	23.13,0	
Breeding Birds Charts	10.00,0	
Dutch Posters	37.85,0	
S.W.G. Posters	26.00,0	
Drawing Books	73.60,0	
First Day Covers	15.08,0	
Other Sales	5.93,0	1021.15,0
Income from L-Ghasfur(*1)		74.68,0
Other income		6.00,0
		2283.18,8
less EXPENDITURE		
Operating expenses		
Postages		231.45,0
Stationery		148.99,0
Sundry expenses (*2)		254.52,8
Loss on exchange		78.70,0
Depreciation (*3)		25.88,2
Other expenses		
Travel	33.22,0	
P. & L. Ringing Group	11.00,0	
Expenses re Premises(*4)	263.00,0	
		307.22,0
less transfers from Reserves		307.22,0
Protest (*5)		43.72,0
Publications, etc.		
Il-Merill - Cost	440.00,0	
less sales	0.50,0	
less transfer from Reserves	439.50,0	
Bird's Eye View - Cost	190.38,0	
less sales	4.09,0	
less transfer from Reserves	186.29,0	
Il-Kangu - Cost	65.19,0	
less transfer from Reserves	40.00,0	25.19,0
Membership Forms		46.00,0
Leaflets		22.40,0
Excess Income transferred to Appropriation account :		1406.32,8

APPROPRIATION ACCOUNT		
Balance b/f from Income & Expenditure Account		1406.32,8
Add transfers from Reserves		
Premises	1008.82,0	
Publications	3000.00,0	4008.82,0
		5415.14,8
Less transfers to Reserves:		
Il-Merill	439.50,0	
Bird's Eye View	360.91,0	
Il-Kangu	150.00,0	
Membership Forms	250.00,0	1200.41,0
Surplus transferred to Capital		4214.73,8

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 1983		
Fixed Assets		
Premises	6000.00,0	
Projector (*6)	125.00,0	
Fitting (*6)	7.93,8	6132.93,8
Groups		
Valletta Bird Ringing Scheme		1000.00,0
Current Assets		
Stocks	5166.12,2	
Debtors	33.31,3	
Cash : Funds	6423.88,2	
: General	1074.37,9	12747.69,6
Capital Account		19880.63,4
Balance B/F from 31.12.82	6208.24,8	
Add Appropriation balance	4214.73,8	10422.98,6
General Reserves (*7)		6029.45,6
Loans		1163.00,0
Current Liabilities		
Advance subscriptions (*8)	265.19,2	
Creditor (*9)	2000.00,0	2265.19,2
		19880.63,4

Notes to the Accounts

- 1 - Income from L-Ghasfur EM74.68,0 (Sales & Advertisements 192.83,0 - less costs of publications 118.15,0).
- 2 - Sundry Expenses EM254.52,8 made up as follows (rounded to nearest EM1) : Telephone expenses EM71; Booklets re ICBP Conference EM12; Sales commission EM7; Travel expenses abroad EM19; Medical Expenses EM6; Photos/Photocopies EM33; Stenciling/Gestafex EM6; Complimentaries EM50; Projectionist Fee EM5; P.O.Box rent EM10; Subscriptions EM16; Other expenses EM20.
- 3 - Depreciation EM25.88,2. Depreciation is calculated at the following rates per annum on cost of fixed assets : Premises Nil; Projector 10%; Fittings 10%. See also note 6.
- 4 - Expenses re Premises EM263.00,0. These consist of Notarial fees EM203 and Commissions EM60 incurred while preparing the contract for the purchase of the premises.
- 5 - Protest EM43.72,0. Expenses re Protest 274.84,0 less Donations re Protest 231.12,0.

- 6 - Projector EM125.00,0 & Fitting EM7.93,8. (Cost of projector 250.00,0 less accumulated depreciation 125.00,0. Cost of Fitting 8.82,0 less 0.88,2).
- 7 - General Reserves EM6029.45,6. (Il-Merill EM800; Bird's Eye View EM400; L-Ghasfur EM230 Il-Kangu EM150; Malfese Guide EM18.58,3; Posters EM60; Exercise Books EM13.13,3; Educ. Publications EM196.90,8; Stickers EM144.23,0; Travel EM361.78,0; Membership Forms EM250; Ghadira EM1260.06,2; Premises EM1211.52,0; Printing Machine EM933.24,0.
- 8 - Advance subscriptions EM265.19,2 made up as follows : 1984 EM251.69,2; 1985/89 13.50,0
- 9 - Creditor EM2000.00,0. This is the amount due to Mr. J.Sammut in February 1984 being the last payment for the purchase of the premises.

Denis Cachia
Hon. Treasurer

CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

16TH MARCH 1983 TO 28TH MARCH 1984

MARCH 1983

- 16 - 21st Annual General Meeting.
- 22 - Illustrated talk 'A Naturalist Visit to Tunisia' to Hamrun Boys at Villa Psaigon (LC).
- 25 - Illustrated talk 'Our Natural Environment' at Mount St. Joseph (JS).
- 29 - Illustrated talk 'Birds of the Galapagos Islands' to MOS members at the British Legion, Valletta (M.Hirons).
- 31 - Ringing Newsletter 1/83.

APRIL

- 10 - MOS Youths outing to Ghadira.
- 12 - Illustrated talk 'Birds of Alabama' to MOS members at the British Legion, Valletta (G. Stubbings).
- 14 - Illustrated talk 'Life on Filfla' to British Residents Association at Mellieha Bay Hotel (JS).
- 16 - Illustrated talk 'Nature Conservation' at Immaculate Conception School, Tarxien to Girl Guides (MG).
- 17 - Camino Outing.
- 19 - Illustrated talk 'A Naturalist visit to Tunisia to Paola Boys at Villa Psaigon (LC).
- 25 - 11th Council Meeting (82/83).
- 27 - Illustrated talk 'A Naturalist in New Zealand' to MOS/SSCN members at British Legion, Valletta (PJS).
- 30 - MOS Youths weekend in Gozo.

MAY

- 2 - MOS Youths Committee meeting.
- 9 - Illustrated talk 'Bird Protection in Malta' to LIPU General Assembly, Messina, Italy (AEB).
- 14 - MOS delegation meets Commissioner of Police (AEB/SB/CG).
- 23 - Programme on Cable Radio 'Bird Protection Regulations (AEB/PP/JS).
- 30 - 12th Council Meeting 82/83.
- 30 - MOS Stand at Fur & Feather Show at San Anton Gardens.
- 30 - Ringing Newsletter 2/83 March-April.

JUNE

- 6 - MOS Youths Committee Meeting.
- 12 - Stand at SPCA Fair.

- 22 - Programme on Cable Radio 'Buskett' (SB/RCZ/JS).
- 27 - MOS delegation to Ministry of Tourism (AEB/JS).

JULY

- 4 - 13th Council Meeting 82/83.
- 11 - 14th Council Meeting 82/83.
- 20 - MOS Youths Spanish Sparrow Count.
- 31 - Ringing Newsletter 3/83 May-June.

AUGUST

- 10 - 15th Council Meeting 82/83.
- 18 - MOS Youths Committee Meeting.
- 28 - MOS Seminar on education campaign.

SEPTEMBER

- 9 - MOS Youths fix wall posters in Valletta/Floriana area.
- 10 - MOS Youths protest at Valletta.
- 11 - MOS Youths protest at Buskett.
- 14 - 16th Council Meeting 82/83.
- 17 - MOS delegation leaves for Rochefort, France to attend ICBP Mediterranean Seminar, ICBP European Conference and WEBS meeting (AEB/JS).
- 19 - Illustrated talk 'Bird Watching in Canada' to MOS members at British Legion, Valletta (R.Vella).
- 23 - MOS Youths start weekend at Villa Psaigon.
- 28 - Illustrated talk 'Bird Conservation in Malta' to St. Aloysius Scouts at St. Aloysius School (NF/RG).
- 30 - MOS Youths Committee Meeting.
- 30 - Ringing Newsletter 4/83 July/August.

OCTOBER

- 3 - 17th Council Meeting 82/83.
- 6 - Illustrated talk 'Birds in Malta' to Junior Lyceum Girls at Villa Psaigon (RCZ/JB).
- 6 - MOS delegation meets Hon. P. Muscat (AEB/NF/CG).
- 8 - Illustrated talk 'Birds in Malta' to St. Lucia Scouts Group (JB).
- 11 - Illustrated talk 'Birds in Malta' to Paola Boys School at Villa Psaigon (RCZ).
- 13 - Illustrated talk 'Birds in Malta' to Hamrun Junior Lyceum at Villa Psaigon (RCZ).

- 18 - Illustrated talk 'Birds in Malta' to Tal-Handaq Junior Lyceum Boys at Villa Psaigon (RCZ).
- 27 - Illustrated talk 'Birds in Malta' to St. Andrews Girls School at Villa Psaigon (RCZ).

NOVEMBER

- 5 - Illustrated talk 'Nature in Scandinavia' to MOS Gozo members (SB).
- 10 - Interview on Cable Radio re MOS publication 'L-Ghasfur' (SB).
- 13 - Outing to Ghadira.
- 14 - MOS Youths Committee meeting.
- 17 - MOS Rarities Committee meeting.
- 18 - Illustrated talk 'Bird-watching in Germany' to MOS members at British Legion, Valetta (PP).
- 21 - MOS delegation meets Prime Minister (AEB/JS).
- 27 - MOS Youths hike.
- 28 - 20th Council Meeting 82/83.
- 29 - Illustrated talk 'Birds in Malta' to Junior Lyceum at Villa Psaigon (RCZ).
- 30 - Ringing Newsletter 5/83 Sept./Oct.

DECEMBER

- 2 - Illustrated talk 'Nature Photography in Iunisia' to Lyceum Boys School, Victoria Gozo (LC).
- 2 - MOS Youths participation in musico/literary evening organised by the Malta Library Association.
- 5 - 21st Council Meeting 82/83.
- 7 - 1st Audio Visual Committee Meeting.
- 10 - Interview on Cable Radio.
- 12 - 22nd Council Meeting 83/84.
- 13 - MOS delegation in Republic Day defile (PB/MG/R1).
- 13 - MOS Youths tree planting and outing to Ghadira.
- 15 - Illustrated talk 'Bird Photography in Malta' to Photographic Society (NF/JS).
- 16 - Illustrated talk 'Shetland Birds' to MOS members at British Legion (RCZ)
- 27 - MOS IYF representative leaves for IYF Christmas tour (SB).

JANUARY 1984

- 2 - MOS Youths Committee Meeting.

- 8 - MOS Youths Marathon walk.
- 9 - 23rd Council Meeting 82/83.
- 13 - Illustrated talk 'Bird Appreciation' to Naxxar Scouts Group, Naxxar (AEB)
- 14 - Action Committee meeting - DBV Camp.
- 16 - Editorial Board meeting 'L-Ghasfur L-Ambjent Naturali'.
- 18 - Illustrated talk 'Bird-watching in Denmark' to MOS members at British Legion, Valletta (JS).
- 20 - Illustrated talk 'Shetland Birds' to MOS Gozo members, at Victoria Scouts Group, Victoria, Gozo (RCZ).
- 29 - MOS Youths outing to Chadwick Lakes.
- 30 - MOS Youths Committee Meeting.
- 31 - Ringing Newsletter 6/83 Nov./Dec.

FEBRUARY

- 1 - MOS school delegates meeting at British Legion.
- 1 - MOS on live TV debate with Shooters Association 'Before migration arrives' (AEB/JS).
- 2 - Illustrated talk 'Birds in Malta' to Marsa Scouts Group, Marsa (RCZ).
- 5 - Illustrated talk 'Maltese countryside/habitats' at Mosta Youth Centre (LC).
- 6 - 24th Council Meeting 82/83.
- 9 - Illustrated talk 'Birds in Malta' to Mosta Scouts Group, Mosta (RCZ).
- 13 - MOS Youths Committee meeting.
- 18 - MOS Youths Wine & Pizza at Scouts HQ
- 20 - MOS and SSCN delegations meeting (AEB/SB/MG).
- 21 - Illustrated talk 'Nature Photography in Iunisia' to Lyceum Boys at Villa Psaigon (LC).
- 26 - MOS Youths hike to Mtaħleb.

MARCH

- 1 - MOS Youths organise DBV camp at Villa Psaigon Field Study Centre.
- 5 - MOS Youths Committee Meeting.
- 12 - 25th Council Meeting 82/83.
- 18 - MOS Youths outing to Ghadira.
- 24 - Illustrated talk 'Birds in Malta' to St. Aloysius College students (AEB).
- 25 - Illustrated talk 'Photography as a means of appreciating nature' to Scouts Group at Villa Psaigon (AEB).



AN MOS PUBLICATION

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