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## Clubclass Language School - Malta Newsletter June 2009

### Full Immersion Programme



Clubclass is offering full immersion courses - a programme where students live and learn at their teacher's house; students can choose from 20 lessons (15 hours) or 30 lessons (22½ hours) per week private tuition. The teacher's accommodation is situated within walking distance of the school and students can make use of all the facilities at Clubclass including FREE use of the school's outdoor pool, heated indoor pool, sauna, Jacuzzi, and fitness centre (restricted hours).

### Staff Training



Linda Azzopardi, the director of studies at Clubclass has just completed a course in 'Training the EFL Trainer' which was organized by FELTOM and delivered by the renowned EFL trainer Tim Bowen. This workshop-based course covered a number of issues central to teacher training, namely planning a teacher training course, techniques for leading input and workshop sessions, designing observation tasks, lesson observation, techniques for giving feedback and planning in detail different types of input sessions (language and methodology).

### Student Mix - May 2009



In May 2009, students from over 30 different countries were attending a course in English at Clubclass. The top 10 nationalities were from - Austria, Czech Republic, France, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Korea, Russia, Slovakia, and Spain. In March we also had our first students from India and Libya for 2009. We are pleased to note that bookings for the summer season have picked up, and certain dates and types of accommodation are already fully booked.

## Mnarja - 28 & 29 June 2009



One of the oldest feasts commemorating two important Saints in Maltese religious tradition - St Peter and St Paul held in Buskett Garden on the eve of June 29 (the day of the feast). The liturgical services are held in the Mdina Cathedral and during the late afternoon hours, numerous horse and donkey races are held in a country lane situated just below and at some distance from Mdina. The contestants compete for the Palju (a traditional banner that is presented as a trophy to the winners of various categories of races) - which in olden times used to be presented to the winners by non other than the Grand Master of the Order. The feast of St. Peter and St. Paul is also celebrated in Nadur, Gozo, this time in the usual festive manner that is normally held in towns and villages.

## Mdina - The Silent City



The history of Mdina traces back more than 4000 years. According to tradition, in 60 AD, St. Paul is said to have lived here after being shipwrecked on the Islands. Furthermore it is said that St. Paul resided inside the grotto know as Fuori le Mura (outside the city walls) now known as St. Pauls Grotto in Rabat. Lamp lit by night and referred to as "the silent city", Mdina is fascinating to visit for its timeless atmosphere, as well as its cultural and religious treasures. Mdina is one of Europe's finest examples of an ancient walled city and extraordinary in its mix of medieval and Baroque architecture.