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Interview with Alper Cengiz - Soulist Coffee & Music House



By Peri Sualp.....

This week I am delighted to bring for our readers an interview with Alper Cengiz from The Soulist - Coffee & Music House in Alsancak.

Peri: Hello Alper. I would like to start with some basic questions such as, your full name, birth date and place and anything else you might want to add.
Alper: My name is Alper Cengiz. I was born in Ankara, in 1971.

Peri: We know that you are not only the founder of The Soulist - Coffee & Music House but also one of the important figures on stage. Can you share your music background and education with us?
Alper: Music is always part of my life. When I was child, I used to listen to all legends like Elvis, Ray Charles, The Beatles etc. I grew up with rock'n'roll melodies. But during the same time because of my sister, who is a violinist, we used to have classical music at home all the time. I went to the conservatory to learn cello, but it didn't work out well. The same happened when I tried to be a music teacher at the university. After that, I started to sing in local rock bands such as Argos and Bluse Express and big Jazz-Rock orchestra "Manhattan Big Band" in Ankara, and finally in 1995 I started my life time band - Soul Stuff.

Peri: If you studied classical music how come that you shifted to rock and roll?
Alper: It wasn't right for me, I think my soul belongs to rock'n' roll. I accepted that and chose my way when I was standing at the crossroads of my life.

Peri: We know that you have a renowned band called Soul Stuff. Would you like to tell us a bit about that?
Alper: Yes, in 1995, I decided to start a band like the famous Blues Brothers band. And I did it. We are a 6 piece band which includes brass section. Since that time we have been performing soul, blues and rock'n'roll music all around Turkey and some other countries like Jordan and Cyprus.

Peri: How did it occur to you to open up a cafe /bar especially here in North Cyprus?
Alper: I moved to North Cyprus due to my ex-marriage. This idea came to me after I saw there were only a few places to drink good coffee and listen to good music and I decided to open The Soulist for good coffee and good music.

Peri: Last week you celebrated the second-year of the Soulist. Happy birthday! You finished two years with great success. You became one of the important stages in North Cyprus. Do you agree to that as well? And would you like to describe the journey of The Soulist in these last two years.
Alper: Thank you. We just try to do our best. From the beginning my plan was creating a stage for different kinds of music and of course for the musicians. On Our colourful music pallet you can find Blues, Soul, Jazz and Rock music and also Latina, Reggae even classical music. During these two years we have welcomed great musicians on our stage from both sides of the island and Turkey, we did important activities in this little house such as Friends Across Borders who came for a charity concert (from both sides of the island, rock bands got together for this charity). We also had a Christmas market with music, and several classical concerts etc..

Peri: The Soulist is not a night bar, you emphasize the name coffee house and the place works as a coffee shop during the day. How does these two combine?
Alper: Basically I made a café where people can find a good coffee in the day time, cozy and warm atmosphere bar in the evening and also we do a few changes to turn this place into a live music house for the events which these all together made the Soulist all day long live and unique.

Peri: The Soulist is normally known for its blues rock and roll concerts but you also welcome different artists and different music styles. For example I will be performing songs from some Broadway and Disney musicals this Sunday on 27th January together with some great artists from the South. How can you adopt all sorts of different music into one single place?
Alper: The answer is hidden inside the Soulist name, we are a "Music House" that welcomes different kinds of high quality music and performers.

Peri: Where do you see The Soulist in the future?
Alper: Our aim is to make the Soulist one of the best meeting places in people's cultural and social life on the Island.





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Peri: Can you explain your love of music?
Alper: Music is like breathing for me, I can't live without that.

Peri: What makes you happy in this life?
Alper: Of course singing on stage and lately, sharing good moments of the Soulist with friends and other people.

Peri: Is there anything else you might want to add? Perhaps a message for my readers out there?
Alper: Come, enjoy the Soulist day and night times and make your life colourful. Keep the good music always in your life .

Peri: Thank you for your time Alper. I wish the Soulist to continue for many years to come.

PS: I am proudly announcing that this **Sunday, on 27th January at 18.30pm to 21.30pm,** I am having another concert - Musical Moments with Mezzo Soprano Katie Economidou, pianist and singer Zara Barkhoudarian and her young talent Edgar Evoyan at The Soulist - Coffee & Music House, Alsancak, please come and join us.







Finding Turkish Cypriot friends in Australia

By Chris Elliott.....

Turkish Cypriots have moved away from Cyprus since the Cyprus troubles started many years ago and they have made lives for themselves in various countries around the world.

Through Facebook some have kept in contact with friends and families through various groups and pages and it was with great delight that we discovered our friend Sermen Erdogan from Melbourne who had written a number of articles on CyprusScene had become involved with Radio 3ZZZ and presents a Cyprus history and cultural show on Wednesdays from 10am to 11am (Cyprus time is 9 hours behind so it will be 1am to 2am. here).

Radio 3ZZZ is the largest ethnic community station in Australia. Located at 92.3 on the FM radio band, 3ZZZ started broadcasting on a regular basis in June 1989 and Turkish Cypriots have a show broadcast on Monday at 9pm to 11pm and Wednesday from 9am to 11am.

Working from studios in the Melbourne suburb of Brunswick, the station is heard across the Melbourne metropolitan region, as far as Geelong to the west and Macedon to the north.

Broadcasting 24 hours a day, it is estimated that more than 400,000 people listen to 3ZZZ every week.

The station can now be heard across all Australia and the rest of the world through internet broadcasting and we found live transmissions could be heard by clicking the link shown below :

So for those Turkish Cypriots and others who want to reach out and perhaps find old friends in Australia they can do so by going to the ZZZ Melbourne Australia Turkish Cypriot Radio Facebook page.

Hakki Suleyman and Sermen Erdogan presenting Turkish Cypriot radio program





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Çavuşoğlu to hold contacts in the TRNC

Turkish Foreign Minister Mevlüt Çavuşoğlu will arrive in the TRNC in order to hold official contacts.

Çavuşoğlu will particularly meet with President Akıncı, TRNC officials and the political party leaders within the framework of his contacts which will be held on Friday, 25 January 2019.

Further development of close cooperation between the two countries, the latest developments on the Cyprus issue and the energy activities in the Eastern Mediterranean will be discussed at the meeting.

During his visit; Çavuşoğlu will be awarded an Honorary Doctorate in accordance with the decision taken by the Senate of Girne American University (GAÜ).



Condolences for Afghanistan

Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs Kudret Özersay sent a condolence message to the Afghanistan Foreign Minister following the terrorist attack in the centre of Wardak province in Afghanistan.

In his message, Özersay expressed his deep sorrow regarding a large number of Afghan security forces members who lost their lives in the terrorist attack and wished on behalf of the Ministry and the government, the speedy recovery of the injured and conveyed condolences to the brotherly people of Afghanistan.



TRNC at CMT 2019 Stuttgart

North Cyprus has been represented at the "CMT 2019 Stuttgart" caravan and motor tourism trade fair, which is considered one of the world's largest and longest holiday tourism fairs for consumers.

TRNC Minister of Tourism and Environment Fikri Ataoğlu stated that the CMT Stuttgart Fair is very important for Northern Cyprus as it is the way to directly access thousands of consumers and stressed that he is delighted with the high interest of the consumers to the TRNC stand.



TRNC Delegation attended PACE Meetings

The National Unity Party (UBP) MP Ersan Saner and the Republican Turkish Party (CTP) MP Armağan Candan have attended the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE) Winter Season Sessions, held on 21-25 January 2019 in Strasbourg, on behalf of the TRNC Assembly. The delegation attended the meetings of the Political Affairs and Democracy, Culture and Education, Migration, Refugees and Displaced Persons, Social Affairs, and meetings of the Equality and Non-Discrimination Committee.

In his criticism regarding the report, Saner said only the suffering of the Greek Cypriots has been included in the information regarding Cyprus. Adding that the violation of the property rights of the Turkish Cypriots and the missing persons' cases before 1974 have not been included, Saner said that Cengiz Ratip, who is still missing, was a member of parliament but all these realities have not been included in the report.

Furthermore, in his speech, Armağan Candan said that it is a serious deficiency not to include the suffering of the Turkish Cypriots in the report. Candan stressed that the cases of the missing Turkish Cypriot people which occurred before 1974 should not be forgotten. The delegation of the TRNC Assembly who attended various group meetings also held bilateral meetings.



Reuters: 'Turkish Cypriots trying to resolve the Gas Dispute

One of the world's most leading News Agencies, Reuters, cited an interview of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs Kudret Özersay who made a diplomatic visit to the USA last week. Reuters headed the news 'Turkish Cypriots seek an end to natural gas dispute' and underlined that Foreign Minister Özersay delivered an opinion for avoiding the possibility of instability in the region after visits with Trump Administration and some members of the U.S. Congress and Özersay said that the situation in the Eastern Mediterranean regarding the natural gas issue is unfair. In addition to that Reuters pointed out that the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs Kudret Özersay said 'the terms of drilling are unacceptable because Greek Cypriots are able to profit from drilling even before a settlement is reached however there is an approach which means Turkish Cypriots can only profit after an agreement, this approach needs to be changed at the earliest'.

In the news of Reuters, it was indicated that Özersay stated that he was trying to put pressure on the Greek Cypriot side through international actors mainly USA, and that he believed that the two sides will cooperate on natural gas in this way.

In his interview with Reuters, Özersay also pointed out that the Turkish Cypriot side has similar applications to supply the names of wanted individuals which are on the Interpol list to some foreign states and he also added that: "We are open to implementing international legal rules as much as possible and to cooperate with all international actors, including international organisations."



Çavuşoğlu - Drilling

Turkish Foreign Minister Mevlüt Çavuşoğlu said: "We are starting drilling in our exclusive economic zone and also in the areas where the TRNC has given us license".

In his speech at an event he attended, Çavuşoğlu touched upon the Cyprus issue and he also stressed that Turkey tries to do its utmost to solve the Cyprus issue and also put forward new ideas.

Çavuşoğlu said that the aim was to achieve a result, to solve the Cyprus problem in a peaceful way, but would not tolerate the Greek Cypriot side starting drilling in the Western Mediterranean and around Cyprus.

Çavuşoğlu also added that "We defend the interests of the Turkish Cypriots and Turkey there. Our drilling platform has arrived and we began drilling in the Alanya-1 region, our second platform will arrive in the coming days and we will start drilling in our exclusive economic zone and also in the areas where the TRNC has given us license. No matter what anyone says".



Çavuşoğlu in the TRNC

Turkish Foreign Minister Mevlüt Çavuşoğlu came to the TRNC yesterday evening (24th January) for an official visit.

Çavuşoğlu was welcomed by Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs Kudret Özersay, Turkish Ambassador to Lefkoşa Ali Murat Başçeri and other officials at Ercan Airport.

Çavuşoğlu will start his contacts with an honorary doctorate ceremony to be held at Girne American University (GAU) this morning (25th January). He will be awarded the title of Honorary Doctorate by GAU at the ceremony.

Following this, President Mustafa Akıncı will receive Çavuşoğlu. After a tete-a-tete meeting, a further meeting will be held with the participation of the political party leaders represented in the TRNC Assembly hosted by President Akıncı. After the meeting, Akıncı and Çavuşoğlu will hold a joint press conference. Çavuşoğlu will then meet with the Speaker of the TRNC Assembly Teberrüken Uluçay.

Çavuşoğlu will complete his visit by answering questions of journalists at a program which will be broadcast jointly by all TV channels.



Ozersay - importance of agreement on natural gas

Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs Kudret Özersay met with academicians and politicians in Turkey to discuss the Cyprus issue hosted by İstanbul Culture University (ICU).

Following the meeting which was closed to the press, Özersay made a statement to Demirören News Agency (DHA) and regarding the 'Eastern Mediterranean Gas Forum' which was organized with the official participation of 7 countries with coasts in the Mediterranean Sea at the beginning of last week in Egypt, he said: "Consensus cannot be achieved without the TRNC and Turkey's attendance and acceptance in the Eastern Mediterranean and the region can turn into an area where unnecessary discussions and tensions occur and the stability could be damaged."

Özersay also pointed out the importance of the agreement on the natural gas for the stability of the region and peace. At the same time, Özersay said: "The important thing is not only a fighting possibility but also economic sanctions, economic losses and sense of responsibility in terms of international companies.

Not only third world countries but also international companies have to force the Greek Cypriot side to sit down and negotiate with the Turkish Cypriot side and agree on natural gas. This is important for the stability, peace and mutual economic dependence of the region.

Stating that a partnership should be developed based on cooperation, Özersay said that the two communities want a federal partnership but both sides understand differently. Federation is a kind of partnership based on sharing administration and wealth. It is seen that the Greek Cypriot side does not want to share administration and wealth, and they do not tolerate political equality and active participation. It was seen in the 2004 referendum when they refused the comprehensive solution plan.

Özersay added "Today at this stage, I think that many things have not changed. What is more important is that the Greek Cypriot Administration has started drilling by disregarding the Turkish Cypriot side, and aims to operate the natural resources and marketing to the world market. This reality is seen by the international community but not prevented. Therefore, the Greek Cypriot Administration does not consider it necessary to share the wealth with the Turkish Cypriots".

Pointing out the importance of cooperation, Özersay said that the development of mutual dependency relations in terms of economy will contribute to the peace and stability in the Eastern Mediterranean for the future of Cyprus. If all sides cooperate on the issues of trade, tourism, energy and natural gas, conflict and instability will be prevented in the region.

Özersay underlined that they will not give up their rights and benefits and said:"The TRNC with Turkey will follow a policy which intends to solve the problems, not to make clashes. However this must not read that we will give up our rights and benefits. We will conduct an active diplomacy to protect and promote our rights and benefits both in the Eastern Mediterranean and the international community in the following days. In addition, as the TRNC, we want to be a part of the international community for fighting against terrorism, money laundering, crime and extradition'.

Özersay also stated that pushing the TRNC out of the international law is not acceptable and stressed that the TRNC is not a black hole and does not want to be the black hole. Contemporary Turkish Cypriot people are sharing the values of the international community therefore I do not accept our being pushed out of the international law.



Problem is Greek Cypriot side's refusal to share political power

The Turkish Foreign Ministry Spokesman Hami Aksoy said that non-solution of the Cyprus problem was due to refusal of the Greek Cypriot side to share political power with the Turkish Cypriots. Aksoy added that they expressed this view at every opportunity they found.

In his press conference, Aksoy evaluated the developments on the Cyprus problem. Aksoy said "Within this context, Turkish Foreign Minister Mevlüt Çavuşoğlu received the UN Secretary General's Special Temporary Envoy Jane Holl Lute twice and he told Lute that the Cyprus problem can only be solved with a settlement that takes the realities on the island as a basis and which includes achievable goals". The Spokesman stressed "We do not start to negotiate to just talk. We do not want to waste the next 50 years talking".



Girne Belediyesi News

GAU students present architecture designs to Girne Mayor

Students of GAU Faculty of Architecture presented their proposal projects for the Kashgar Region to the Mayor of Girne, Nidai Güngördü.

Girne Mayor Nidai Güngördü, welcomed Girne American University students of the Faculty of Architecture, Design and Fine Arts, Gizem Karaca, Nur Gültekin and Barış Çete with Faculty member, Hassina Nafa. The students showed their infrastructure and landscaping proposal projects to Mayor Güngördü and exchanged mutual information. Güngördı gave a gift to the students after the presentations.

Girne Mayor Nidai Güngördü, said architects designed by adding characteristic features to a city, the image of the city affects the positive and negative. He pointed out that the architectural work has been in the city for many years and therefore, the students' work should be designed with good thinking.

Güngördü stated that he liked the ideas for the Kashgar project very much and added that they would benefit from these ideas in the architectural projects to be prepared.









Support for disabled people in sports

Girne Mayor Nidai Güngördü, welcomed TRNC Disabled Sports Federation Managers Hüseyin Cantürk and Ercan Atasay.

The Mayor stated that they are ready to provide all kinds of support for the disabled people to be involved in sports. After the meeting, a plaque was presented to Mayor Güngördü to commemorate the visit.



Brigadier General Algan visits Girne Mayor

The Commander of the Security Forces, Brigadier General Tevfik Algan, visited Girne Mayor, Nidai Güngördü.

The Mayor expressed appreciation for hosting Brigadier Algan, and thanked him for his visit. Brigadier Algan, presented him with a plaque to commemorate his visit.



Kuvayi Milliye Destani at the Girne Chamber Theatre

Samsun Art Theater staged a theatre play entitled Kuvayi Milliye Destani (National Forces Epic) which took place at the Girne Municipality Chamber Theatre.

The epic was written by Nazım Hikmet and directed and acted by Yaşar Gündem The event was attended by the Commander of Turkish Cypriot Peace Forces, Major General Yılmaz Yıldırım, Girne Mayor Nidai Güngördü and theatre lovers.

Girne Mayor Nidai Güngördü in his speech at the end of the performance said that during the War of Independence it was a very difficult period for the people of Anatolia, and Nazim Hikmet had written his epic very well. He congratulated Yaşar Gündem for his spectacular performance.

The Mayor pointed out the importance of solidarity, and said that hard days can be overcome only in this way. At the end of his speech Güngördü expressed his thanks to the Samsun Art Theatre for staging the play.







Life, Adventure and Travelling



By Ahmet Abdulaziz....

Life is an adventure and there is no doubt about it. But here I am now discussing it. I want to discuss here my desire to lead an adventurous life. Although to a great extent my life is already full of adventure, but that does not match the criteria of adventure that I have in my mind.

Let me elaborate on my point. Adventure for me is to go out for long long tours, without money. This is the adventure that I want to experience. Unfortunately so far I could not get a chance to make this dream possible.

I was in my middle school when I wrote a weekly serial in a local weekly newspaper about a fellow who had travelled a lot, with a minimal amount of money in his pocket. The man had started writing his experiences in the form of a weekly serial in the newspaper. The title of the serial was " Touring the world on 70 (Pakistan) Rupees". He had left his home with just 70 Pakistan Rupees in his pocket. He got a job as a labourer on board a cargo ship. He started leaving his job after reaching some particular port, and then was again finding a job on some other ship to reach another port in some other country. This way he had travelled to a number of countries, without spending a penny from his own pocket.

I got very impressed with the adventures of that fellow, and dreamt of some similar adventure. That was mid 1960s, and I was a middle school student. My dream remained a dream.

I remember way back in 1972, when my father took us on the biggest adventure of our lives. We had travelled from Karachi (Pakistan) to Istanbul. We journeyed by train and buses. Stayed in cheap hotels. The whole episode took 17 days. There were all sort of problems and hardships that we faced, but overcame. I personally enjoyed that the most. That was my first taste of real adventure. I liked that very much, and in fact that particular trip changed my whole life and my approach towards life.

But the same adventure led me to my dream of roaming around perhaps the whole world. I must clarify that boarding a plane, going to some other place, staying in an hotel, visiting touristic places, is not an adventure for me. An adventure for me is to survive, under difficult conditions.

During that long strenuous travel of 17 days, I happened to meet one english boy, whose name was David. He was also in the same compartment, when we were travelling from Quetta to Zahida (crossing the border). He was a sort of hippie, who was just on tour. He narrated a lot of his experiences, which I liked a lot. I do not forget his sleeping bag. He used to sleep in this in the corridor of the train, with people just stepping over him. He had one steel cup and one spoon. That was his whole kitchen. He had a small bag, with just a few clothes. He used to work anywhere, to save some money to buy a ticket to move to another city. That was his way of travelling. It was the type of adventure that I loved and still love.





I met a few more hippies during our 4 days travelling by train from Tehran to Istanbul. They all had different adventures to talk about. I was eager to listen to their stories.

Next, during the early 1980s when I was also working as freelance journalist, I met a young Pakistani guy who had toured a number of countries on his bicycle. I did his interview, which was published in a weekly MAG. He too had carried out that adventure with a very little amount of money in his pocket, without any finances. For hours we talked about his experiences. All that once again revived my dream of travelling and surviving.

Then in the year 1985 I went for the Hajj (pilgrimage). The whole plan was prepared abruptly, as my application to go by aeroplane was rejected, but at the last moment there were some places available on board a ship. My father had asked me if I would like to travel by ship (on deck).

My reply was yes.

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Even my passport was not available at that moment, as I had had to board the ship the next morning. So I journeyed for 9 days and 9 nights on board MV Safina as an Arab, without any passport, to reach Jeddah port of Saudi Arabia. During this period of 9 days my father, back home had managed to send my new passport by air to the Pakistan embassy in Jeddah, who in turn had to come on board to hand my passport over to me, so that I could enter the country.

I stayed there for 3 months, as the vessel was going to pick me up on its next trip, which happened to be after three months. I performed my Hajj pilgrimage as an irregular (one who is not part of any organised group or leader). I did have money just to survive, after a part of my money was taken by a fellow who had provided me a place to stay, but did not return it when I walked out of the place, the next morning, due to some very personal reasons.

I did not ask my father to send me money, because that would have taken out the factor of adventure which I wanted to have. However I generated some money by taking care of some old pilgrims, by carrying their luggage, cooking food for them, and to write letters for those who did not know reading and writing.

At times I did sleep on footpaths, during the height of the Hajj season, because I did not know where to go.

Those 90 days had provided me a chance to learn how to survive under difficult conditions. I learnt a lot in that period, and my way of thinking, views about human beings, ways of living, earning and spending, changed a lot.

Time kept on slipping away, and I came to Northern Cyprus with my



wife and three year old son, with just 500 dollars in my pocket. No return tickets in hand, with no other way out but to survive. I loved that. Of course the biggest credit for this adventure goes to my wife, who participated well in going through this battle of survival. It took some time to pass through a very very tough period in Cyprus, but life got settled in.

But my dream to travel, to see the world, to survive is still here.

Nowadays I am following a new friend of mine, who is on his way to tour the whole of Turkey on a bicycle. He started off his tour about 40 days back, and is travelling from village to village and city to city in the western part of the country. He does not have any financial support from anybody.

He does not have sufficient funds of his own. But as the saying is, where there is a will, there's a way, so he manages to find people who frequently take him as a guest in their homes or arrange for some place for night stay. He has spent nights under severe cold and has braved through rain and icy cold on the road.

He is putting on record his daily experiences through photographs and write ups on Facebook. He is also putting up videos about his adventures on Youtube.

I am going to write about him and his adventures, in very near future.

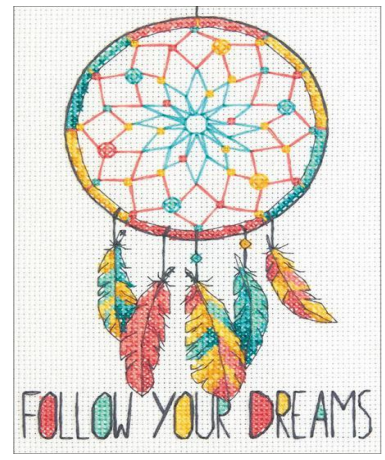
Once again he has made me think again about going out and start travelling. Of course I do not have any sponsor or sufficient money of my own to meet the expenses.

But this is my dream, and I hope to live it.









KAR News Update

KAR Cat neutering service

Don't forget our neutering service. We will neuter your street cats for a donation. If you can catch them and bring them to us, we can make you an appointment for a Wednesday.

If you need them catching, we can put you on the list for our cat catchers (Thursday and Fridays). Call the office 0533 869 4098 or email **kar@kyreniaanimalrescue.org**



Girne Municipality help street animals

Congratulations to Girne Beledeyesi for providing the kennels and the feeding station. But please note, that it is the general public and their continued kindness that keeps these feeding stations filled. So please if in town, take some dry food and fill up the feeding stations. It really helps the Girne street dog and cat population.



Items for sale KAR - House and Home



Dressing table with stool 250TL.

Available to view by appointment at House and Home

Can anyone give this lovely cat Priscilla a loving home? She is currently being looked after at KAR (Kyrenia Animal Rescue Centre) but not coping very well.

She is about 2-3 years old and was recently found dumped in a garden. She is deaf and would need someone special who understands her needs.



New KAR enewspaper

We are aware that quite a few of our supporters are not on Facebook, so we are soon to launch our very own E Newspaper linked to our website.....

News will travel to the website and be published in conjunction with publications on Facebook ..... exciting times.



Salih Mustafa Çizel Art Exhibition at Merit Royal Hotel Alsancak



By Heidi Trautmann ....
www.heiditrautmann.com ....

It was not at all easy to find a parking space near the hotel at 4 o'clock on 11th January for the painting exhibition of Lapta based painter Salih Mustafa Çizel, where he entertains the art gallery Rönesans. In the entrance hall of the hotel a defilé of guests in cocktail robes and evening dress, velvet jackets… with the employees balancing trays with drinks and exquisite finger food through the assemblage of guests. I thought I had come to a wedding reception but then I found Salih with his old hat on, and Ahmet Kale and Sarp Sertel from the Art Gallery Cyprus.com, who had organized the exhibition with the Merit Hotel sponsoring the cocktail party. WOW, I said while I was shaking hands.

Salih is an old friend whose work and involvement in his village I have been following for many years. Only in 2017 he had an exhibition at the Art Gallery Cyprus.com in Nicosia where his new working style was shown and widely discussed. 'Transformation' was the title. At the opening of last year's exhibition he said "one day I will make contact with the beginning of my creative life and work, I will have established the complete circle, I will show in a concentrated abstract form my philosophy of art." Perhaps this is the moment? I had no chance to ask him at the opening. I am convinced that he still will present us with some more transformation in the future …. To understand Salih Mustafa Çizel and his work you have to know his life story which I had published some years ago in Cyprus Observer following an interview I had with him at my house in Yeşiltepe. The link is shown below :

http://www.heiditrautmann.com/category.aspx?CID=4323244155#.XDmtg1UzaUl



The current exhibition was opened by the hotel management which has generously offered space to the arts which – I am sure – will bring positive response to them.

The guests could see some of the remaining old style paintings, land and seascapes but also some of his later style where the artist found himself on the road to abstraction, a sort of retrospective.

His palette is pure colours, in pasty application on canvas, lately with the knife. I repeat here what I said on his last exhibition in 2017….

"There is a lot of abstract thinking in travelling the seas, there is architecture between a sailing boat and the waves and the sky; there is a graphic understanding between man-made structure and structures of nature. Salih's abstract paintings of boats and sea are actually the true image of a sailor's experience. Salih said, he loves the sea and watching boats, having grown up in Larnaca and spending many years in Girne harbour. I wonder what his next transformation will show us, a Cypriot has two loves, that is the sea and the mountains." The exhibition will remain open until 31 January 2019….





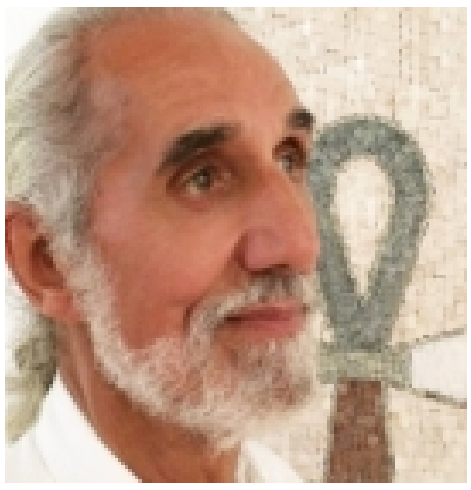








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By Nick Vye ....
Sanctuary ....

Life is a journey from the beginning to the end. What we experience along the way is what forms our basic viewpoints in life and develops our character.

The path we take can be smooth and no trouble and easy to find our way through. Or it can be dense like a jungle with the path unclear and many obstacles along the way.

It is fear of change that stops us changing a life pattern that we are not happy in. We fear it's better to stay in that situation and bear up with what we know. To leave and start all over again seems a formidable task to take on.

How can we change the situation if we don't let go of it and move on to pastures new. Okay, it may not be the ideal at the time that you wanted but after a while things settle down and work out for the better and you are free from the past you weren't happy in.

How can a new door (opportunity) arise if you don't close the old one behind you? Every journey you take is an adventure in life that we can learn something from. Sometimes it is good to step back and look at things from a different perspective.
Like a pilgrimage where you are just walking alone and thinking and talking to your inner self. Finding your strengths and weaknesses and coping through the many obstacles along the journey you're now taking in your life. Relying on no one else to lead, guide or command you now. Just following your own thoughts and ways to get to the end of the journey.

Yes it may be difficult and hard at times and you may feel, I wish I hadn't taking this pilgrimage on.

When you do reach the end, the satisfaction that you alone achieved this and dealt with all the mishaps along the way, is a lesson nobody else can teach you. Afterwards you will feel much better in yourself, stronger, more self assured, and that whatever follows in your life now, you know



you can deal with it, as a more complete person.

Thanking you all with my love light and peace,
Nick Vye Sanctuary.



One of These Days
A Poem by Nick Vye, Sanctuary

One of these very lonely days,
I'm gonna find the right path,
One of these days, I'll find my way
Won't have to weep now, just laugh,

One of these days, not so far away,
I'll find the key to that locked door,
One of these days I'll act out my play,
Open it to find out a lot more,

One of these days, it will all be clear,
I'd know the answers deep within,

One of these days, no more I'll fear,
All my answers it will now bring,

One of these days, not so rare,
When the soul starts to speak,
One of these days, it will share,
All the knowledge that I seek,

One of these days of not playing games,
I'll play the actor in that part,
One of these days, that's not the same,
I won't be the donkey, pulling the cart...

Hope 4 Pets News Update

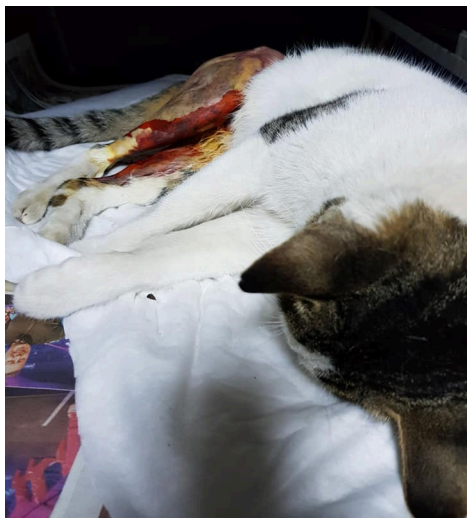
Facebook posting by Stephanie Harrison-Croft ....

Uncle Sam had his operation on 19th January to rectify his dislocated hip injuries and was neutered at the same time.

When I paid him a visit he was still under anaesthetic but his ops went well and we would like to thank everyone who donated to help this be achieved.

Thanks also to Basak Eminaga and Ozkay for putting him on the road to recovery xxx







Facebook posting by Stephanie Harrison-Croft ....

All these beautiful cats and kittens are in need of homes. They were all taken to Animates Firdez Backlacı after being taken there needing help but they were never collected!

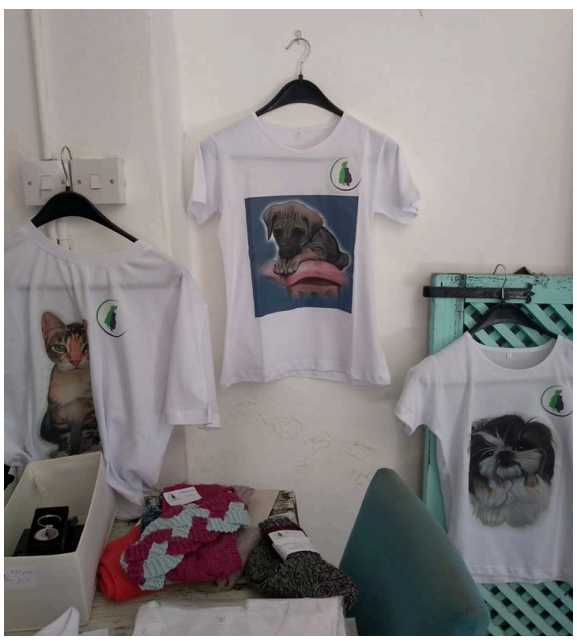
If you can home one or more and for further details on any of them Firdez is the lady to speak to.
Thank you x

Live Auction to be held on 10th February, just in time to buy that special gift for Valentine's Day.

Bar 33 (at the Old Mill), Ozankoy.

Sunday 10th February at 3pm. Viewing 11am-12.30pm





Introducing our new range of T-shirts. From original paintings by local artist Mark Burton.

There are 2 styles, crew neck and ladies boat neckline.

The cost is 75TL.

We finally managed to meet up with the Hope 4 Pets Team on Thursday 24th January at the Pia Bella Hotel to pay our membership, at long last. There was welcome coffee and biscuits and we chatted for a while with Stephanie Harrison-Croft, Emma Eminsoy and Sarah Heffernan and also the group's Vice Chairman Űmit Karanar, who gave us some very interesting accounts of his childhood in Cyprus.

So now we are paid up members of the group and will be doing as much as possible to promote it and help the team to achieve their goals.



The Soulist enjoyed a 2 day celebration for its 2nd anniversary



By Roland Eyerich ....

It is 2 years since The Soulist Coffee and Music House in Alsancak opened its doors and again a big success for live music in North Cyprus with a celebration over 2 days on Friday the 18th and Saturday 19th of January.

In 2018 it was just a Birthday Party, but one year later in 2019,The Soulist celebrated this special event with an Anniversary Weekend over two Days. On Friday 18th January a Birthday Party with Alper Cengiz and friends including a donation with a live auction from BAYRAK International for Hope for Hope and on Saturday 19th January a Jazz Highlight with Salliel Bros and Okan Ersan.

Two years ago, on the 20th of January 2017, Alper Cengiz (lead singer of the group Soulstuff from Istanbul) opened The Soulist Coffee and Music House. This combination of a good coffee house during the day with high quality music on 3 event days has made The Soulist unique in the area.

Alper Cengiz has created a special gift for this area with the "Small Music Hall of Alsancak". It is his heart, his feeling and the temperament of the musician Alper Cengiz that can be felt. Alper is the soul of The Soulist. His motivation is to get people excited about music. With "The Soulist", an international meeting place was created, focusing on music and inviting people and musicians to enjoy music without borders. The aim is to offer a varied monthly program for music lovers. Blues & Soul, Blues Rock, Rockabilly, Rock, Reggae, Jazz, Gypsy Jazz and Classic.

In 2017 The Hürriyet newspaper from Istanbul named “The Soulist” as one of the best act activity places of Northern Cyprus. On the 19th of February 2017 Gülse Birsel from Hürriyet wrote “Best place for live music”.

In 2018 The Soulist confirmed this with many highlights. Outstanding in September 2018 was the 1st Friends Across Borders Concert in Aid of Tulips, where after about 44 years musicians of the Blues & Rock scene from both parts of Cyprus were on stage.

In December, there was a 2 day "The Soulist Christmas Market with live music" with The Alight House Gospel Choir and Alper Cengiz & Friends on the first day and a Classical Concert on the second day and last but not least the 13th of January this year, the first Breakfast with Jazz. And of course Alper’s great Soulist Team with his partner Adeleh Mozafari, who supports him so much.



“The Soulist" 2nd Birthday Anniversary celebration weekend.

On the 18th of January “The Soulist Coffee and Music House“ started celebrating their 2nd Anniversary with the first act: A Birthday Party including a campaign to support Hope Joe Stringer’s fight against cancer with BAYRAK Internationals “Fridays Hope for Hope Event.

As well as a concert, there was a supporting act during this evening, not with a band but with a live auction which started at 8.30pm for "Hope for Hope" with Karl Rugg on the mike for encouraging a good donation for the campaign to support Hope Joe Stringer’s fight against cancer.

For the organisers Denise Phillips and Can Gazi from Bayrak International and the campaign it was a big success and Karl Rugg was amazing – he did a really good job.


Karl Rugg and Can Gazi





After this Alper Cengiz & Friends entered the stage celebrating an unforgettable night at the sold out Soulist. In turn Alper Cengiz invited musicians from the region and the audience to celebrate this special day together.

The audience which now comes to The Soulist understands better in the second year how great it is to be able to go to see good live acts and enjoy the music.

Also this evening, right after the first song Alper had his audience enthralled. The special "Soulist Atmosphere" was evident. Party time in The Soulist was announced and the audience celebrated with the band.

There was the obligatory cake (presented by Adeleh Mozafari) for the second birthday and also the Mayor of Alsancak (Firat Ataser) entered the stage and insisted on to saying some words on this special occasion:

“Alper Cengiz made a very good job of opening The Soulist in Alsancak. The Soulist is very special place for us, this place brings value and beautiful colours in our social day and night life in Alsancak.

The Soulist shows us what the people of Alsancak want. Because of that, we have decided to arrange a Jazz or Blues festival in April and I’m happy to announce this on this special birthday night of The Soulist.“

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continued .... The Soulist 2nd anniversary



l-r : Dean Bridges, Alper Cengiz, Adeleh Mozafari, Naim Korudag



l-r : Dean Bridges, Alper Cengiz, Firat Ataser, Naim Korudag

That was not all, the special highlights were in the second set with special versions of "Alright Now" (Paul Rodgers), "Purple Rain" (Prince) and "Little Wing" (Jimi Hendrix) with an amazing band, in which every musician excelled and contributed to the good concert and The Soulist Party.

Amazing Band on stage: Arda Baykurt (Drums), Dean Bridges (Bass), Naim Korudag (Guitar + Vocals), Ed Sezener (Guitar + Vocals), Cumhur Can (Sax) –"The Man with the dancing Saxophone".

Special guests: Trumpet: Hikmet Altunbaşlıer, Drums: Alan Bartholomew and Serkan Tütüncü.

The 2nd act of the 2nd Anniversary of The Soulist on Saturday 19th January was a Jazz Event with Salliel Bros & Okan Ersan. It showed again that Jazz Music is a melting pot of musicians having no Borders: "Music needs No Borders" one of the central ideas of The Soulist.

Well known musicians from the North and South from this wonderful island and from Turkey in one band: Salliel Bros & Okan Ersan.

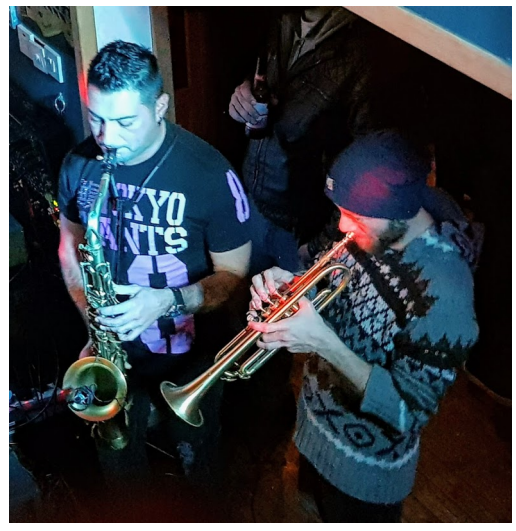
Saxophone players the Salliel Bros, the Guitar player Okan, incomparable musicians Cahit on Bass and Stellios on Drums celebrating an unforgettable "Jazz Funk Fusion Explosion" night in The Soulist. Unbelievable good music and also an unbelievable crowd on this night. You could feel the influences of Mike Stern and Pat Metheny. The Soulist crowd fell in love with the music. The Finale after nearly two hours was: one more… one more… Wow… The band did it. A great encore closed the Jazz night and the 2nd Anniversary of the Soulist.

Stellios Xydias said: "It was a great evening for me. I really enjoyed being able to play in front of this great audience. You have done something extraordinary with the Soulist. It has changed a lot here in one year".

Where is "The Soulist": If you drive along the coastal road west from Girne you arrive in Alsancak, and will see the Coffee and Music House "The Soulist" (Karaoglanoglu Caddesi No 10) opposite Lemar and the Golden Lady.



Ed Sezener



Cumhur Can and Hikmet Altunbaşlier

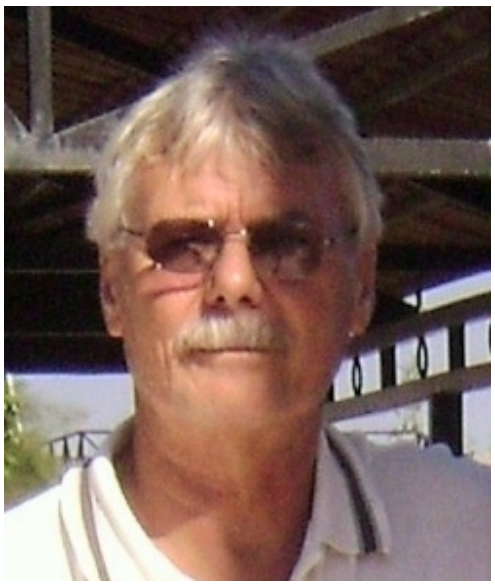


Anil Salliel - Tenor Sax, Batuhan Salliel - Soprano Sax, Okan Ersan – Guitar, Stelios Xydias – Drums, Cahit Kutrafalı – Bass





North Cyprus Trevor's Tips for February 2019



By Trevor Hughes.....

Government Increases.....
See below the latest price increases which came into force on January 2019

MOT Dates 2019

MOT's are now 242TL, If one day late or more it is 357TL.

Emissions test is now 30TL.

Changing a name on vehicle koçan (log book)

0 to 5-year-old	602 TL
5 to 10-year-old	360 TL
Over 10-year-old	240 TL
Removing a Name from a Log Book	1271 TL
Postage Stamps required	3.5TL

500/1000 Ltr Gaz Tank Permits

The cost of the annual permit for a 500 TL Gaz tank has gone up to 586TL and the cost for an annual permit is now 65.7TL

Payment must be made each January and late payment will attract an additional monthly fine of 3% cumulative for every month it is not renewed.

If you intend selling your property and do not have an up to date permit it may prevent its sale!!!

Temporary Residency Permits

For those whom it is mandatory to apply for this permit, or those who are 60 years or older and wish to continue renewing, the permits have risen to 223TL for six months and 448TL for a one-year permit, a two-year permit is now 897TL.

The cost of applying for a TRNC Citizenship has gone up to 1014TL.

DRIVING LICENCE

1 YEAR NEW DRIVER	240.00 TL
2 YEAR	350.00 TL
3 YEAR	470.00 TL
5 YEAR	720.00 TL
10 YEAR	1195.00 TL
STUDENT	350.00 TL
LEARNER DRIVER	485.00 TL
REPLACEMENT LICENCE	175.00 TL
DRIVING INSTRUCTOR LICENCE – 5 YEARS	1447.00 TL



Road Taxes
To calculate how much your next road fund licence will be, for cars under the age of 5 years multiply the number of kilo's your vehicle weighs, times the amount per kilo.

Remember, as your car in the TRNC gets older, the amount of road fund due reduces. The amount due will probably be approximately the same you paid in the previous year, confusing isn't it?

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Work Permits

These have also risen, six months will cost 253TL. For a one-year permit 548TL and 1528TL for a two-year permit.

These are just a few of the Government services that have risen by 30%, but these are the increases most likely to affect our readers.

Other 30% Price Increases for Government Services.

Foreigners Work Permits
Marriage Births and Deaths
Real Estate Taxes
Firearm Licences
Attorney Fees

There are Moves afoot to increase the Annual Belediyesi Property Tax.

Because of the poor financial situation of many provinces, the elected Mayors have warned that unless the annual property tax is increased, residents will have to experience a reduction in the services they provide.

They are currently in discussion with members of Parliament to find a way to increase the tax and help them balance their books. As yet they have not released precisely how much the increase will be, but I would wage a bet the increase will be in line with the current rate of inflation, currently running at over 28%. Watch this space!!

PETROL VEHICLES

PER KILO	WEIGHT
0.36 KUROS	UP TO 1026 KILO
0.63 KUROS	1017 UPTO 1270 KILO
1.53 TL	1271 UPTO 1524 KILO
2.15 TL	THOSE OVER 1524

DIESEL VEHICLES

PER KILO	WEIGHT
0.60 KUROS	UPTO 1016 KILO
0.90 KUROS	1017 UPTO 1270 KILO
1.53 TL	1271 UPTO 1524 KILO
2.15 TL	OVER 1524 KILO

continued .... Trevor's Tips

Personal Accident Insurance

For the under 69s, Capital Insurance has relaunched their personal accident insurance. All claims made, are underwritten by them making a genuine claim much quicker to process and is more reliable for payment.

Emergency treatment can be from one of the two leading hospitals in the TRNC which have facilities matching those found in first world hospitals.

Payment is made directly to the hospital, providing treatment, so the anxiety of making a claim far easier and straight forward, than before!

For more detail contact Mary at Capital Insurance at the Alsancak branch of Capital Bank or call me (Trevor) on 0533 844 3403.

Number Plates

31st of January this year is the last day to have the Government approved number plates fixed to





your vehicle without attracting a fine if stopped by the police.

Bayram Holidays

There are no Public holidays this month.

We do a monthly news round which I send out via email and also goes on the Cyprus Scene website and Enewspaper which is free to you and will keep you up to date on the ever changing things here in the TRNC.







TRNC MOT Test dates in 2019

Readers mail....

We receive many enquiries for information in response to our publications on Cyprusscene and below is the reply from my wife Mary to an enquiry about MOT Tests in 2019.
Thank you,
Trevor Hughes

Enquiry:
Hello
I bought my car February 2016 and know I need a 3 year MOT. The station told me my car cannot be MOT'd until November, based on my number plate. This will be almost 4 years and my current certificate will be out of date for getting a certificate to drive in the south. Is this correct?
Many thanks
Lynette

Reply to enquiry:
Hi Lynette
What you have been told is correct, when you purchased your vehicle it would have an MOT, then you have to renew your MOT when the new dates come out in January 2019.

If you give me your Registration number I can give you the exact 2 week period in which you need to MOT your car.

Going over the border, the only documents they recognise are driving licence, passport, and log book, so nothing to worry about.

We do a monthly news round which I send out via e.mail and also goes on Cyprus Scene website and Enewspaper which is free to you and will keep you up to date on the ever changing things here in the TRNC.
Kind regards,
Mary HUGHES
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Capital Bank
mary.hughes@capitalbank.com.tr
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NEU - another distinction with 1200 publications and 3 patents

By Ahmet Abdulaziz.....

In 2018, Academic Members of Near East University made over 1200 international publications in journals indexed in Web of Science and in Scopus databases.

Through this achievement, Near East University is among the first 10 universities in Turkey, and in the first 5 with publication made per academic member.

According to the press release issued by the University, due to more than 1200 international publications made by Near East University scholars in journals indexed in two world wide used databases, Web of Science and Scopus, it has become among the first 10 state and foundation universities in Turkey; alongside being among the first 5 based on publications made per academician.

Details were provided regarding the publications made by the scholars of Near East University, stating that the publications were in Fundamental Sciences, Medicine and Health Sciences, Engineering Sciences, Educational Sciences, Social Sciences and Sciences. In fact, it was emphasised that the publications were found to be 86.5% original.

As one of the leading universities of education-training and research, Near East University Scientific Research Projects Coordination Unit (YDÜ-BAP) is currently running joint projects with highly prestigious universities in the world; for instance, University of Harvard, Oxford and Exeter. The projects are expressed to be on education and training-requiring cooperation in research and joint publications. It was pointed out that currently, 176 projects conducted under the body of Near East University Scientific Research Projects Coordination Unit were being funded by the Near East University.

Near East University is fully aware and is proud to fulfil the required dimensions of science-invention-technology-method since it aims to contribute to the development of the country; alongside the welfare of the public. In addition to the scientific research, publications and awards received in congresses, Near East University has made 3 patent applications within the last month in the fields of pharmacy, medicine and engineering. Moreover, future plans to increase the number of patents and innovative works in order to commercialise products have also been stated by the university authorities.



EMU holds 'Innovation and Entrepreneurship Workshop'

By Ahmet Abdulaziz.....

The Centre for Entrepreneurship and Innovation (GİMER) of Eastern Mediterranean University held a workshop for young entrepreneurs. The theme of the workshop was "Innovation and Entrepreneurship". According to the information made public by the Eastern Mediterranean University, the event was held on January 17th 2019, at EMU Faculty of Business and Economics Meeting Hall. British Deputy High Commissioner Ian Robert Whitting, EMU Vice Rector for Student Affairs Prof. Dr. Sonuç Zorlu Oğurlu, Faculty of Business and Economics Vice-Dean Assoc. Prof. Dr. Deniz İşçioğlu, President of GİMER Prof. Dr. Mustafa Tümer, GİMER Executive Board Member Bakiye Yalınç, NICO consultants, many academicians, students and young entrepreneurs attended the workshop.



The workshop was held with the contributions of the British High Commission and Northern Ireland Co-operation Overseas (NICO).
During his speech, British Deputy High Commissioner Ian Robert Whitting thanked EMU for their hospitality and stated that such workshops would guide young entrepreneurs on both sides of the island. The event continued with the presentations of NICO consultants. In their presentations, the consultants provided information about how to establish small and medium sized enterprises, how the old features and experiences of North Cyprus and Northern Ireland show similarities, and how these similarities can guide young entrepreneurs with interesting ideas; especially women. After the presentations at this rather keenly participated event, British Deputy High Commissioner Ian Robert Whitting was presented with a Lefkara Lace board exclusive to Cyprus by EMU Vice Rector for Student Affairs Prof. Dr. Sonuç Zorlu Oğurlu.

Near East University organising Photography Contest

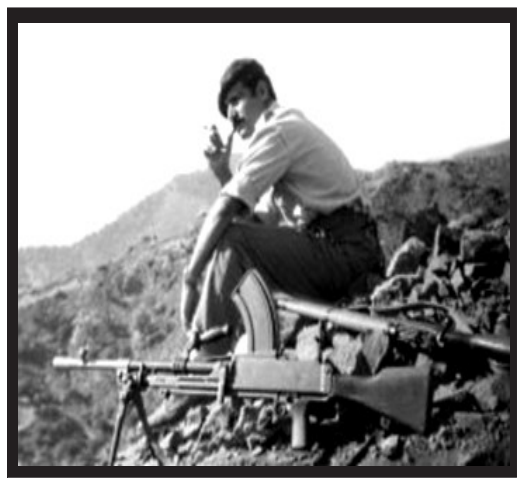
By Ahmet Abdulaziz....

"Turkish Cypriot National Struggle", is the theme of the photography contest being organised by the Cyprus Turkish National History Museum of Near East University.

The last date for submission of the photographs is 25th January 2019.
According to the press release of the University, the contest will be held in two different categories. The photographs presented for the contest will be assessed by the Selection Committee and those ranking the top three will be awarded. The Selection Committee will also determine three contestants for an honourable mention award.

The first category of the Turkish Cypriot National Struggle Photo Contest will consist of photographs taken during the years of the national struggle. The second category will feature photos to be taken at places specific to the national struggle of Turkish Cypriots for existence and freedom. These photographs are required to be relevant to old military positions, trenches, historical places, streets, tools and equipment and documents that were used during the years of national struggle.

Contestants can participate in the photography contest with the authenticated copies of the photographs; the original ones will be secured by the owners. If those, who had taken the photograph(s), or owners are not alive, their relatives will be able to participate in the contest with those photographs by authenticating the degree of their relationships. The original photographs can be donated to the Cyprus Turkish National History Museum if deemed appropriate by their owners. The names of the persons, who donate the photographs, will be indicated while the photographs are being exhibited.



Turkish Cypriot National Struggle Photo Contest Requirements:

1. The contestants can participate in both categories of the contest with as many photos as they desire.
2. The contestants are required to indicate the places of the photographs taken for the second category of the contest.
3. If known, the places and the names of persons in the old photographs presented to the contest shall be indicated.
4. The photographs to be presented to the contest are required to be A4 (21×29), 7) cm in size minimally, or 35×50 cm in size greatest.
5. The old photographs presented for the contest shall not be manipulated in digital environment but if necessary, the required operations on photographs shall be carried out by experts.
6. The credentials and telephone numbers of the participants will be sealed tender.
7. A five digit nickname shall be written on the back of the photographs.
8. Participants are required to submit a separate envelope for each category of the contest if they will participate in both categories.
9. Photographs presented for the contest will be evaluated by the Selection Committee consisting of 5 members.

Those willing to participate in Turkish Cypriot National Struggle Contest can contact Professor Ali Efdal Özkul, the Founding President of the Board of Directors of National History Museum, and Görkem Bulunç, Acting Director of Cyprus Museum of Modern Arts by calling 0392 680 20 00 (extension: 5251)and 0392 680 20 00 (extension 5656) or through email addresses as follows :

aliefdal.ozkul@neu.edu.tr and **gorkem.bulunc@neu.edu.tr**

The Iranian Ambassador to Cyprus visits Near East University

By Ahmet Abdulaziz....

Ambassador of Islamic Republic of Iran to Cyprus Hüseyin Aminian Tousi paid a visit to the Founding Rector of Near East University Dr. Suat İ. Günsel to discuss matters regarding education and cooperation possibilities to be conducted in the near future.

In the press information released by the university, the Honourable Ambassador expressed his views about the achievements of the university in different academic fields. He stated that the NEU's success in the fields of health, sciences and technology was quite admirable.

In addition to the above, Hüseyin Aminian Tousi pointed out that the Near East University has been continuously making achievements in R & D, innovation science, technology and art and that this was causing curiosity and interest among students. Furthermore, he stated that upon completion of their higher education at Near East University, Iranian students returned back to their country with much developed competencies; therefore pointing to how the university was raising skilled and qualified human resources. In this regard, Ambassador of Islamic Republic of Iran to Cyprus Hüseyin Aminian Tousi expressed gratitude to the Founding Rector of Near East University, Dr. Suat İ. Günsel.

Also making a speech, Founding Rector of Near East University Dr. Suat İ. Günsel emphasised that Islamic Republic of Iran was an important country. Despite the fact that there are certain difficulties encountered, adhering to the tradition of nation-state made the country progress safely into the future. Moreover, Dr. Günsel pointed out that cooperation with Iranian universities were important and stressed his belief that cooperation in education led to contribution both regionally and internationally. Furthermore, he added that the Near East University was included in the entrance exam list of the Iranian Universities and thus, cooperation with outstanding Iranian universities was quite important.



Renowned Chef Richard O'Connell to visit EMU

By Ahmet Abdulaziz .....

Within the scope of the cooperation with Tom's Kitchen Restaurants, The Eastern Mediterranean University is inviting Richard O'Connell to teach at EMU.

According to the information provided by the university, Dr. Hasan Kılıç , the Dean of Faculty of Tourism and Hospitality held a workshop and an interview with Tom Aikens; one of the most prestigious chefs worldwide; and the owner and chef of the Tom's Kitchen Restaurants awarded with two Michelin stars in England. Prof. Dr. Kılıç stated that they were beginning to get the rewards of their efforts.

Prof. Dr. Kılıç stated that EMU's Department of Gastronomy and Culinary Arts is the leading department in this field throughout the country. He stated that once again, they are breaking new ground by inviting Richard O'Connell to teach at EMU; group chef at the 2 Michelin starred Tom's Kitchen Restaurants. Prof. Dr. Kılıç underlined that this was the first time an internationally renowned restaurant chef ever taught at one of the country's universities; and that this was an extremely important event.

Prof. Dr. Kılıç mentioned that two years ago, 3 students took internships at Tom's Kitchen. Due to their willingness for hard work and learning, all three had started working for the Tom's Kitchen Restaurants. One of the students, Mustafa Kocabaşoğlu, was promoted to line chef in his first year and became the assistant of Richard O'Connell who visited the university to teach the 'A La Carte Cookery' course in scope of 'Educational Cooperation'.

In scope of the A La Carte Cookery course given by Richard O'Connell, group chef at the 2 Michelin starred Tom's Kitchen Restaurants, the students will prepare with Chef O'Connell for four days on the presentation of dishes with different cooking techniques. On the last two days, they will enter the application phase in pairs, and this phase will be followed by written examinations. At the end, the students will be presented with certificates from Tom's Kitchen Restaurants.



EMU signs protocol with local artists







By Ahmet Abdulaziz.....

On 18th January 2019 Eastern Mediterranean University finalised a protocol with 6 local artists, under the Art Collection project run by the Centre for Cyprus Studies (DAÜ-KAM). Local artists, İnci Kansu (6 pieces), Günay B. Caymaz (5 pieces), Mustafa Öztunç (5 pieces), Hüseyin Özinal (3 pieces), Nurtana Karagil (8 pieces) and Gökçe Keçeci (6 pieces) signed the protocol.

As per the information provided by the university, the number of works of art in EMU's collection has now reached 423.

In her speech, on the occasion, DAÜ-KAM Art Projects Coordinator Zehra Şonya thanked all the contributing artists and said that EMU would undertake all necessary precautions for preserving, exhibiting and promoting these pieces. Şonya also stated that a promotional website designed for the collection's artworks will soon be in service. EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam conveyed that since his first day in office, he has been a supporter of the Cyprus Turkish art and artists. He underlined that this support would increasingly continue and that these artworks would meet not only the locals, but the world. In her speech, Artist İnci Kansu expressed her gratitude to EMU. She stated that EMU's art collection initiative is valuable and very satisfactory for the country's artists. The ceremony ended following the protocol signing and a group photo.

The Abnormals present a wonderful Snow White Panto

Sadly we were unable to be with the Abnormals when they staged their Snow White Panto but Susie Ford has sent a letter and photos so we could share these with our readers.

Readers mail..

From Susie Ford (The Abnormals)...

"*Saturday night 19th January was a great success for the Abnormals when they presented their rendition of Snow White and the 7 Personalities and the show was sold out and Charlie's Bar in Kucuk Erenköy was packed to the rafters!!*

The Abnormals cast consisted of me - Susie Ford, Martin Ford, Martin Foster, Kate Bell, Paul Cobbin and Dave Lavender plus guest stars Pete Dunne, Diane Ward, Jackie Charlton, and Andy Reay.

We would like to give big thanks also to Robin Lavender the group's audio technician and Annette McCloskey for makeup and props and Paul did a wonderful job with the background scenery.

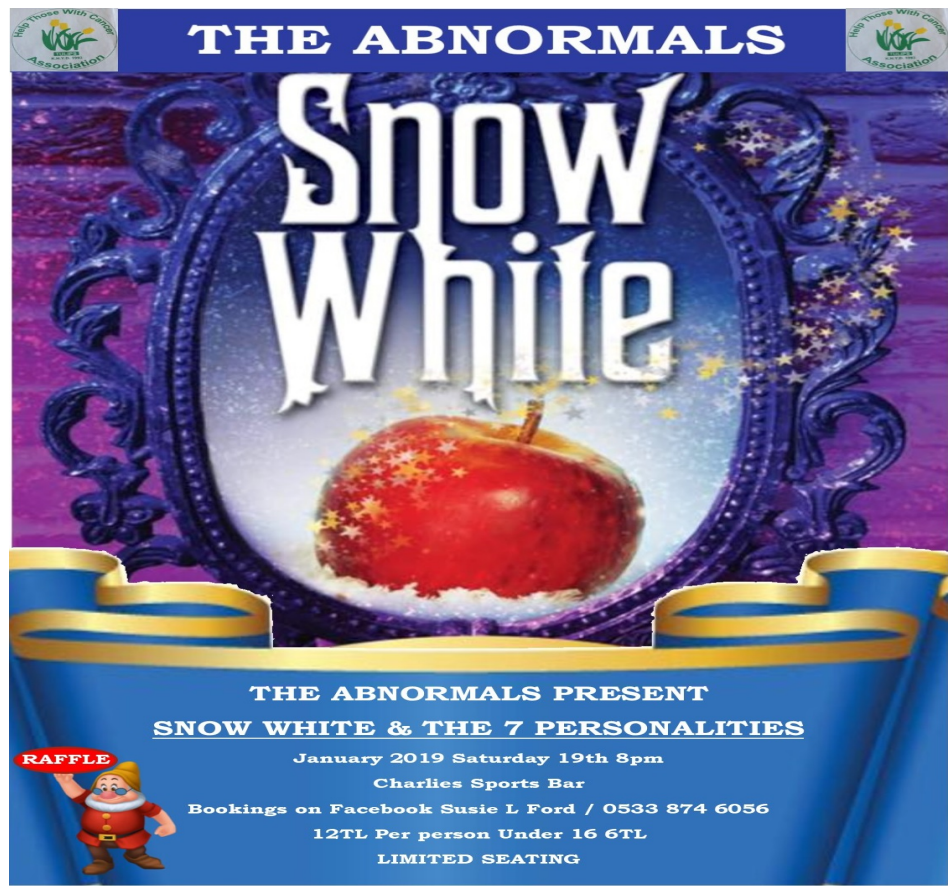
Fun was had by all with lots of laughter and Panto cheer!!

Thank you to Mo Khan from the Balti House restaurant for donating a raffle prize.

Thank You to Charlie's Bar for their service and as a result of the show we made a grand total of ***1,781TL*** *which will be donated to Tulips (Help Those with Cancer Association).*

Time to rest now and the Abnormals will be back some time in the summer and we will be sure to tell you of our new events..

Best wishes,
Susie"





The Abnormals cast



Martin Foster and Jackie Charlton as the Huntsmen, Susie Ford as Snow White



Martin Ford as the King and Kate Bell as Queen Ice Anna Slice

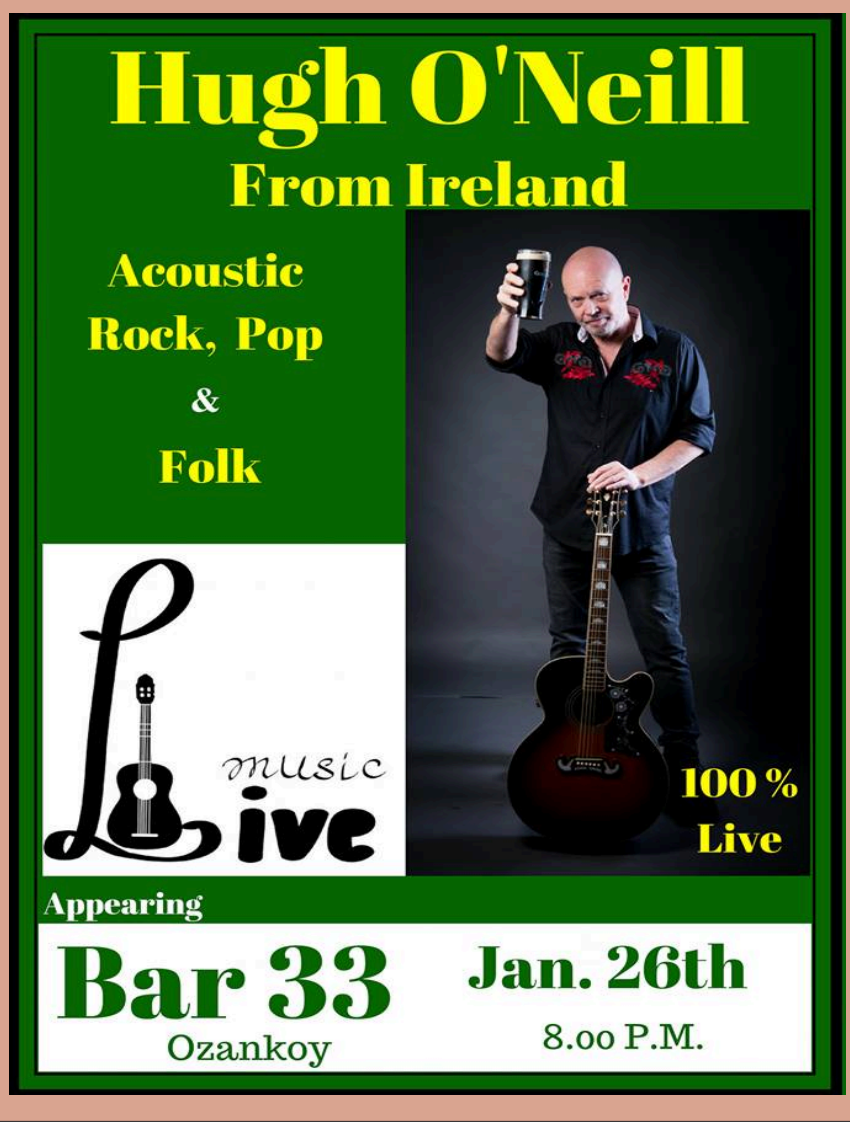


Andy Reay as the Fresh Prince of Belend

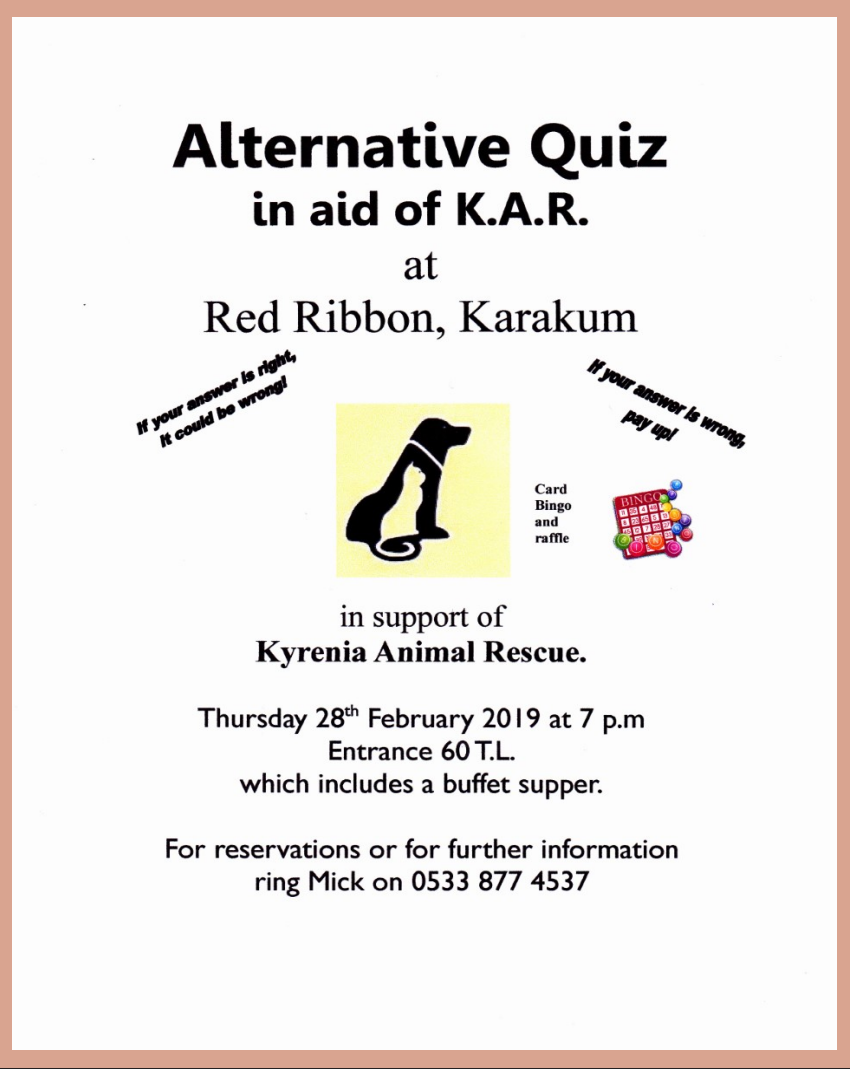


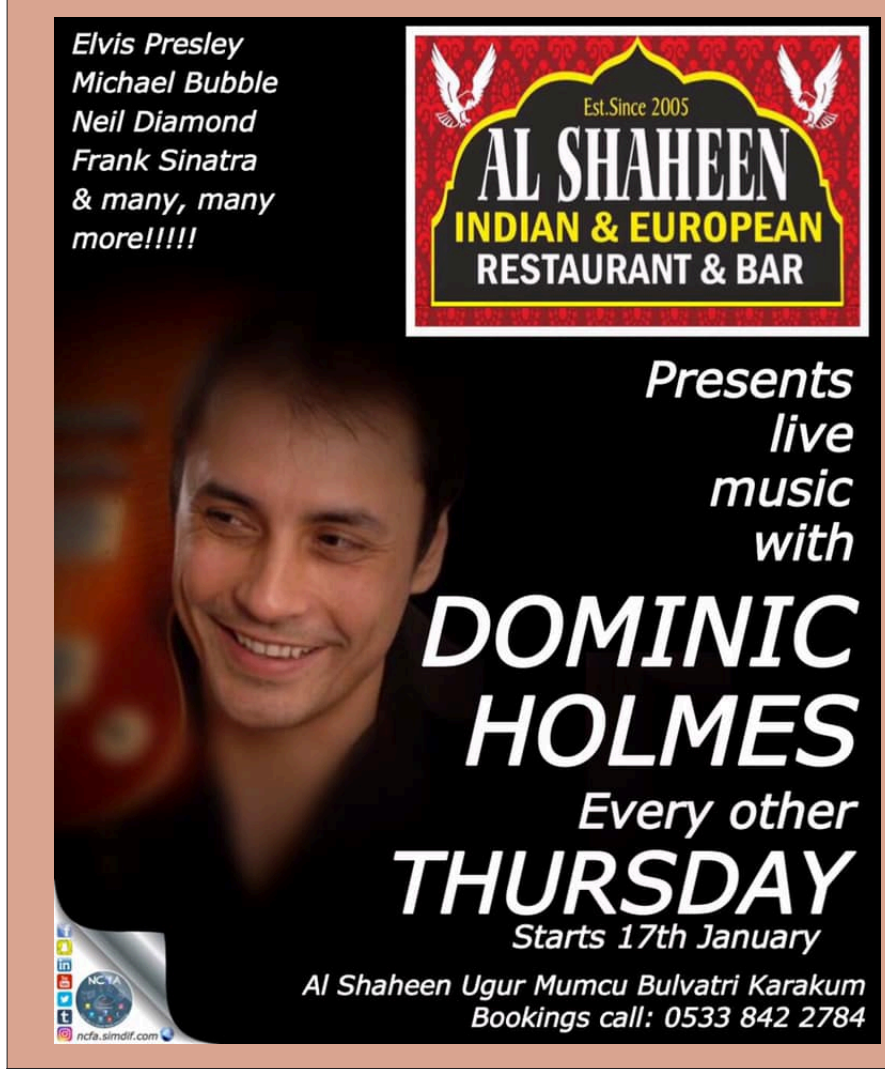
Pete Dunne as Skitso

Forthcoming Events









Appeal from Robert Astley the TRNC Dog Whisperer

Readers mail.

We have received the following appeal from Robert Astley, the TRNC Dog Whisperer.

" I care for and look after many dogs in various locations where I am able to house them but sadly I now have to move some from their current location so I am asking the CyprusScene readers if they could help me by adopting a dog.

Firstly I have a family of 4 dogs who are really nice friendly creatures, they are so loving and playful but they are big dogs so they would need a big garden or even a farm live on.

Like all dogs they are alert and give loud warnings when strangers come near their territory so they would make a good job of guarding your home.

I also am seeking homes for the "Bush Babies" which I found in a bush and am pleased to report I am in the process of having their mum prepared before sending her to a new home in the UK'.

And last but not least I have a very loving Pup, TINK who is the last of another litter we are looking for a forever home for.

They are all fully vaccinated and spayed so if anyone can give them a loving home, please contact me on 0533 822 7791."
Thank you
Rob Astley





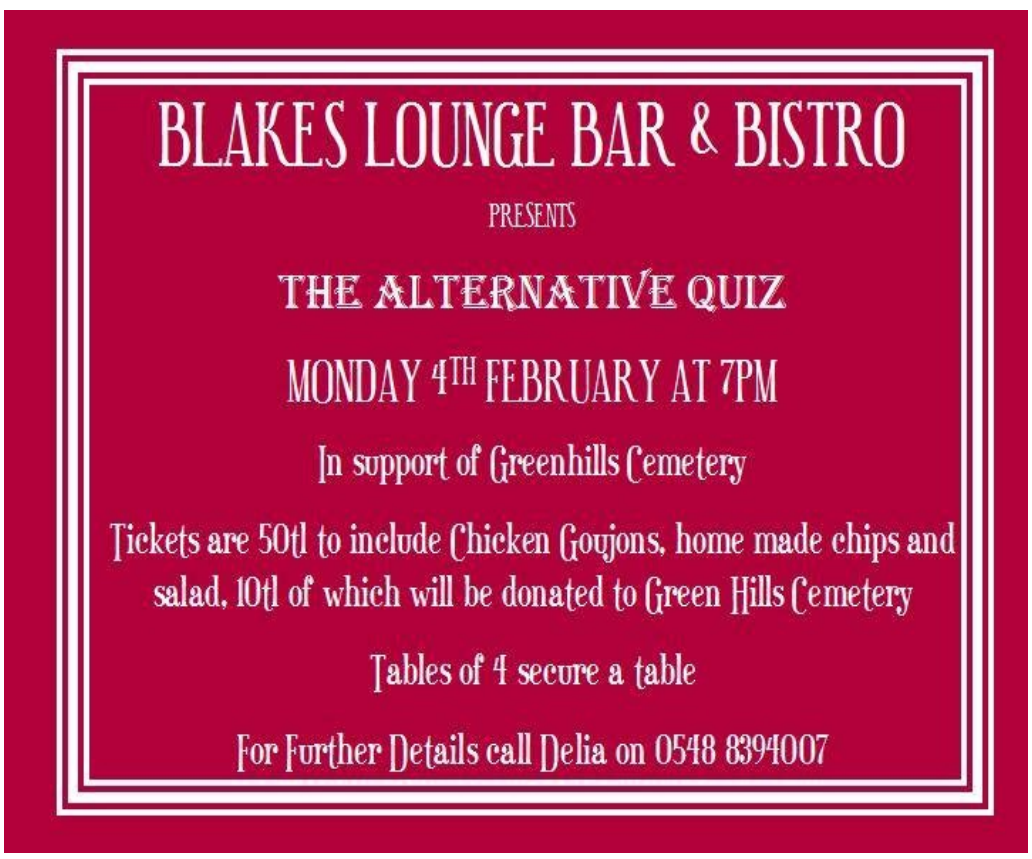
The Famous 4 - Dada, Mama, Grumps, and Baby



above - The Bush Babies
left - Tinks looking for a forever home

Forthcoming Events

Blakes Lounge Bar & Bistro, Alsancak





25th January - 31st January 2019

North Cyprus Events Calendar
26th January to 22nd February 2019

A list of events you can look forward to in North Cyprus. For those charity fund-raisers, venues etc. who would like to include an event in the Weekly Events Calendar, contact Chris or Margaret at cyprusscene.com.

The Events Calendar is published on cyprusscene.com website every week on Thursday so please try to submit information you would like to be included by Wednesday each week.



26th January – Saturday – Football : (revised date)
Düzkaya v Çetinkaya (Kibris Cup) at Nihat Bağicer Stadı, Catalkoy (Tempo Supermarket). Kick off 2pm.
Magüsa Türk Gücü v Maraş (Kibris Cup) at Mağusa Canbulat Stadı, Famagusta. Kick off 2pm.
Türk Ocak v Mesarya (Kibris Cup) at 20 Temmuz Mete Adanir Stadium, Girne. Kick off 2pm.
Göçmenköy v Yenicamı (Kibris Cup) at Göçmenköy Stadı (next to Atatürk Stadium), Lefkosa. Kick off 2pm

27th January – Sunday – Football : (revised date)
Esentepe v Karşıyaka (Kibris Cup) at Esentepe Erdal Barut Stadı. Kick off 2pm.
Yonpaş Dumlupınar v Merit Alsancak Yeşilova (Kibris Cup) at Dr Fazil Kücük Stadium, Famagusta. Kick off 2pm.
Gençlik Gücü v Çanakkale (Kibris Cup) at Atatürk Stadıum, Lefkosa. Kick off 2pm.
Küçük Kaymaklı v Yeniboğaziçi, (Kibris Cup) at Şht Hüseyin Ruso Stadıum, Lefkosa. Kick off 2pm.
Ozanköy v Gönyeli (Kibris Cup) at Mustafa Özkayım Stadı, Ozankoy. Kick off 2pm.

27th January – Sunday - The Soulist Coffee and Music House, Alsancak will be presenting a classical concert with Katie Economidou, Peri Sualp and others. Doors open at 6.30pm and concert starting at 7pm. Entrance 35TL.

28th January – Monday - Friends of the TRNC Emergency Services (112) will now be having their monthly quiz nights at The Black Olive Cafe, Alsancak at 7pm. 35TL for quiz and supper, 10TL for quiz only. To book teams call Brenda on 0533 840 7834.

31st January – Thursday - Quiz of the Week with Susie, followed by Karaoke at the Balti House, Esentepe at 8pm. 5TL per person. 2-course quiz menu 40TL. To book call 0542 889 3034.

31st January – Thursday - Classic film event at The Food Lodge in Catalkoy in association with the DVD Shop, Catalkoy. Starting at 5pm you can enjoy Con Air (1997). 15TL for the film, a soft drink and popcorn. There are also hot dogs and nachos available.. Reservations must be made - call 0533 839 8764.

1st February – Friday - Bingo at Charlie's Bar, Esentepe at 8.30pm.

4th February – Monday - Blakes Lounge Bar and Bistro, Alsancak will be having an Alternative Quiz starting at 7pm in aid of the Greenhill Cemetery. 50TL includes food and a 10TL donation to the charity. To book call 0548 839 4007.

7th February – Thursday - Quiz of the Week with Susie, followed by Karaoke at the Balti House, Esentepe at 8pm. 5TL per person. 2-course quiz menu 40TL. To book call 0542 889 3034.

8th February – Friday - Bingo at Charlie's Bar, Esentepe at 8.30pm.

10th February – Sunday - Live auction for Hope 4 Pets at Bar 33 (The Old Mill), Ozankoy. Some lovely items, including jewellery will be under the hammer. Viewing 11am to 12.30pn and the auction will start at 3pm.

13th February – Wednesday - Friends of the TRNC Emergency Services (112) will be having their Afternoon Tea Talk at the Black Olive Cafe in Alsancak at 3pm. Details of the speaker will be announced soon. To book call Brenda on 0533 840 7834.

14th February – Thursday - Blakes Lounge Bar and Bistro, Alsancak will be having a special Valentine's Day event. Serving ribeye and sirloin steak at normal menu price (no extra charges). To book call Sureya on 0533 845 2004 or Delia 0548 839 4007.

14th February – Thursday - Quiz of the Week with Susie, followed by Karaoke at the Balti House, Esentepe at 8pm. 5TL per person. 2-course quiz menu 40TL. To book call 0542 889 3034.

15th February – Friday - Bingo at Charlie's Bar, Esentepe at 8.30pm.

17th February – Sunday - The Soulist Coffee and Music House will be having their second Breakfast with Jazz. 10am. More information to come soon.

21st February – Thursday - Quiz of the Week with Susie, followed by Karaoke at the Balti House, Esentepe at 8pm. 5TL per person. 2-course quiz menu 40TL. To book call 0542 889 3034.

22nd February – Friday - Bingo at Charlie's Bar, Esentepe at 8.30pm.



The Sports Quiz

Sports Quiz : 10 questions and this week's "Stinker"

By Richard Beale..

This week's 10 questions are all on Football..

The answers will be found on page **27** of this weeks Enewspaper.

The answer to the "Stinker" question will appear in next week's Enewspaper.....**Good Luck!**



Question: **1** Which Ex Football Manager was recently voted "King of the Jungle" ?

Question 2 : Which Club did Pep Guardiola manage prior to joining Manchester City?.....Barcelona, Bayern Munich, Roma or Monaco?

Question 3.:Complete the sequence Slavisa Jokanovic, Mark Hughes, Jose Mourinho and who ? Is it Claudio Ranieri, Antonio Conte, David Wagner or Neil Warnock.

Question 4 Who has scored the most English Premier League goals? .....Thierry Henry, Andy Cole, Alan Shearer or Michael Owen

Question 5:Which football team formed in 1867 from a cricket club got their name because they could only play on one day a week?

Question 6 Who was appointed manager of Manchester United when Sir Matt Busby stood down in 1969 ?.....Tommy Docherty, Paddy Crerand, Wilf McGuiness or Frank O'Farrell?

Question 7 Which Championship football club recently had its Stadium name changed to the Trillion Trophy Stadium?

Question 8 What was the name given to Arsenal's team of season 2003/04 that went unbeaten for the entire season?

Question 9: From which West End Musical does Liverpool's Kop anthem "You Never Walk Alone" come from ?....Cats, Chicago, Cabaret or Carousel?

Question 10 Which of the following are you permitted to take into Chelsea's Stamford Bridge on match days ?.....Umbrella, a knife, I Pad or Selfie Stick?

This weeks STINKER

The answer will be in next weeks Enewspaper

Question:

Who is the only Manager working in England who has won the FA Cup?

Last weeks STINKER:



Cyprus Scene Sports Quiz

The question was:

Men of a certain age like me will remember on the 2nd January 1982 a certain young lady ERICA ROE made herself famous by streaking onto the pitch at Twickenham during an England International Rugby match.

Who were England's opponents that day ?

Answer:

AUSTRALIA

25th January - 31st January 2019

NORTH CYPRUS CHEMIST ROTA

26th January – Saturday
Arda Çelik Eczanesi, Zafer Cad Ozankoy. Tel: 815 2069
Mucizem Eczanesi, Naci Talat Cad. Nevzat Center Karaoglanoglu. Tel: 815 1150

27th January – Sunday
Bariş Eczanesi, Ibrahım Nıdal Cad Lapta. Tel: 821 8410
Tören 11 Eczanesi, Vakıflar Çarşısı Gırne. Tel: 815 1790

28th January – Monday
Rizki Eczanesi, Nacı Talat Cad. Girne. Tel: 815 3496
Şifali Eczanesi, Karaoğlanoğlu Cad, Alsancak. Tel: 0533 846 3330

29th January – Tuesday
Ahmet Çağer Eczanesi, Ankara Cad. Alsancak. Tel: 821 3434
Gündal Eczanesi, Iskenderum Cad. Altınör Karakum. Tel: 816 0543

30th January – Wednesday
Aydin Life Eczanesi, Minimall Plaza, Bellapais Road, Doğankoy. Tel: 815 7350
Küçük Eczanesi, Canbulat Sokak, Gırne. Tel: 815 3626 / 815 6340

31st January - Thursday
Ayşen Altan Eczanesi, Mareşal Fevzi Çakmak Cad Lapta. Tel: 0533 858 5208
Girne Eczanesi, Bedreddın Demirel Cad. Gırne. Tel: 815 1447

1st February – Friday
Karpuzolu Eczanesi, Uğur Miroğlu Cad. Karakum. Tel: 816 1230
Ömrüm Eczanesi, Karaoğlanoğlu Cad. Karaoglanoglu. Tel: 822 2287

2nd February – Saturday
Kandil Eczanesi, Karaoğlanoğlu Cad (Chicken Planet/GAU). Tel: 822 3842
Sertaç Eczanesi, Kurtuluş Cad (Teachers Hotel), Girne. Tel: 815 9067

Duty Chemists for the Girne - Alsancak - Lapta areas

Chemist Winter Opening Hours
On weekdays, Pharmacy opening hours change to 8am to 6.30pm Monday to Friday and Saturdays between 8am and 1.30pm until March 31, 2019.

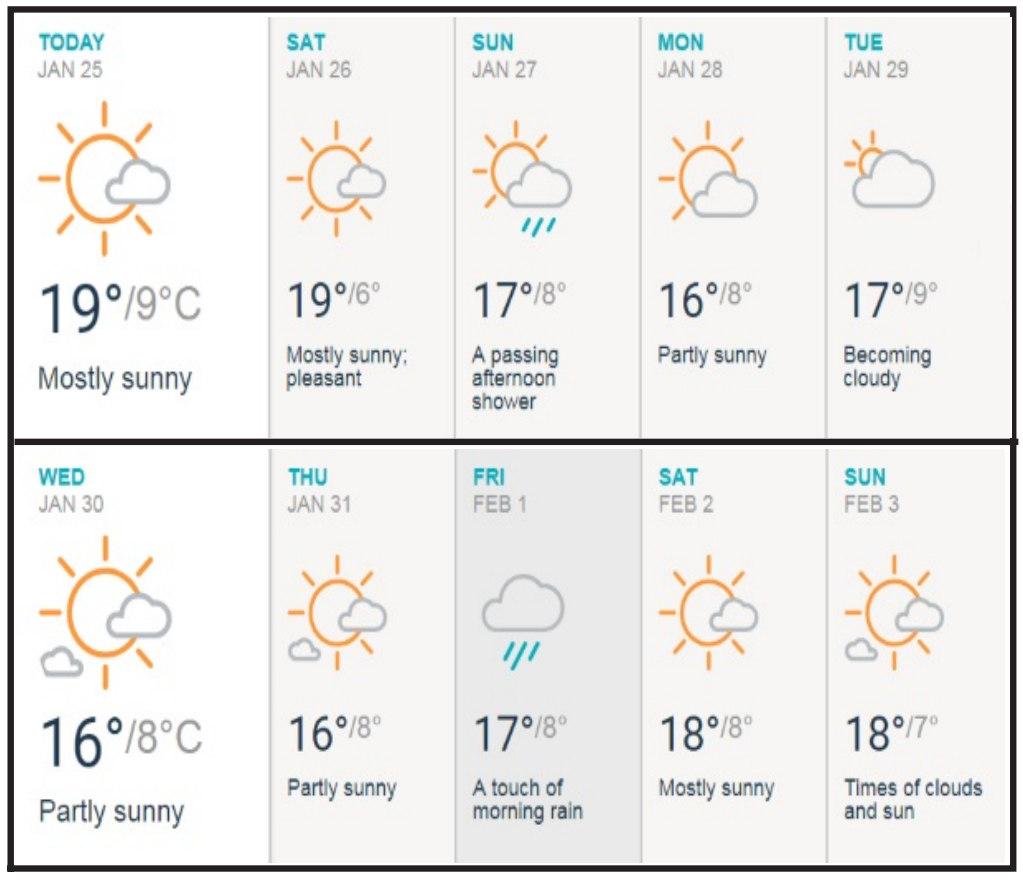
Emergency Telephone Numbers

mobile numbers are prefixed 0533 or 0542 or 0548
landline numbers are prefixed 0392

POLICE	
Emergencies	**155**
General	228 3411
Girne	815 2125
Lefkosa	228 3311
Gazi Mağusa	366 5310
Guzelyurt	714 2140
Lapta	821 8512
FIRE	
Emergencies	**199**
Forest Fire	**177**
Girne	815 2111
Lefkosa	227 1259
Gazi Mağusa	366 5389
Guzelyurt	714 2200
AMBULANCE	
Emergencies	**112**

HOSPITAL	
Girne	8152266/815 2254
Lefkoşa	228 5441;
Gazi Mağusa	3662876/3665328
Güzelyurt	714 2125
ELECTRICITY	
Electrical faults	**188**
Lefkoşa	225 3436
Girne	815 2223
Gazi Mağusa	366 5514
Güzelyurt	714 2122
WATER	
Water problems:	
Lefkoşa	228 3315
Girne	815 2118
Gazi Mağusa	366 4483
Güzelyurt	714 3516

Kyrenia Weather (from 25th January 2019) 10-day Forecast



Football Federation cancelled matches
25th January Update

Richard Beale ....

Due to the condition of some of the surfaces at various Stadiums, the Kuzey Kibris Turkish Football Federation took the unprecedented step of cancelling all of last weekend's scheduled FA Cup and BTM League matches.

Some of the surfaces especially around the Güzelyurt and Bostancı areas are in bad condition due to the recent flooding there.

However this did not stop teams preparing for the second half of the season in arranging friendly matches. A lot of the matches were played on synthetic surfaces but some Clubs (Esentepe included) risked further damage to their pitches by playing.

Weather permitting the Cup matches will be played on the weekend of January 26 and 27.

The League programme resumes on February 2nd and 3rd



Results Of Friendly Matches Played Last Weekend

SATURDAY 19th January	
Akova – Mağusa Türk Gücü	1-6
Cihangir – Çetinkaya	2-1
Düzkaya – Değirmenlik	2-1
Esentepe – Doğan Türk Birliği	2-0
Göçmenköy – Küçük Kaymaklı	2-3
Hamitköy – Gönyeli	1-0
Mesarya – Maraş	1-0
Ozanköy – Gime Halk Evi	2-1
Yenicamı – Gençlik Gücü	3-2

SUNDAY 20th January	
Görneç – Mesarya	1-8
Türk Ocak – L. Gençler Birliği	3-2



Sports Quiz Answers

Questions on Page 25



Answer 1 Harry Rednapp.
Answer 2 Bayern Munich.
Answer 3 David Wagner- Premier League Manager's who have lost their jobs.
Answer 4 : Alan Shearer.
Answer 5 Sheffield Wednesday.
Answer 6 Wilf McGuiness.
Answer 7 Birmingham City.
Answer 8 The Invincibles .
Answer 9 Carousel .
Answer 10 I Pad.

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Ring out the Old, Ring in the New

By Richard Beale ....

A New Year is on us and already the first month of the year is almost over. During the 'short Winters break" the region's Football Clubs have been working hard in preparation for the second half of the season. Like many Clubs there has been a lot of transfer activity, Esentepe KKSK have been no different.

NEW TECHNICAL DIRECTOR APPOINTED.

HASAN ÇAĞER age 51 has been appointed the third Coach to be in charge this season. Esentepe started the season off with Davut Kansu, who resigned after 6 matches. Nacatı Tilki his replacement also lasted 6 matches before he too threw in the towel.

Hasan is an experienced Coach having previously been in charge of Lapta, Tatlısu HOSK and Merit Alsancak.

He brings with him YASIN KANSU as his Assistant. We welcome them both to Esentepe and hope Hasan is a "miracle worker" with a magic wand who can secure the teams place in the Super League.

NEW SIGNINGS :

EFOSA FRANCIS is an 18 year old Nigerian left winger who is an exciting prospect already he has impressed in the "warm up' games finding the net on three occasions.

ANTHONY KEVIN MFEDE JUNIOR.

A 24 year old Cameroon who has won 3 International Caps for his country. A right winger /midfield player is the son of Louis Paul Mfede who won 66 Caps and was part of Cameroon successful 1990/1994 World Cup teams.



Esentepe "new" Technical Director HASAN ÇAĞER and his assistant YASİN KANSU

AHMET ÇAĞER. A left back signed from Doğan Türk Birliği

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We welcome all these new players to Esentepe.

AND IT'S GOODBYE TO

HENRY ODI and ZADY MOISE two African players who have not been re-engaged for the second half of the season. Striker Odi only found the net once in 15 matches but worked his socks off for the team. Defender Moise started at central back and enjoyed some success when played in a defensive midfield role.

MAHMUT AMASAYLI and MEHMET ÇIL both were signed on a short term contract but were never really given extended roles in the team. Mahmut has joined Doğanci and Mehmet has gone to Maraş.

AHMET KARAL. Sad to see the winger who has been on loan from Duzkaya for the past two seasons leave the Club. Was a member of last seasons successful promotion team weighing in with 7 goals. This season has struggled to make an impact in the Super League. Has joined bottom of the table League 1 side Değirmenlik.

We thank all these players for their efforts this season and wish them well with their new clubs.

AND A WELCOME BACK

VURKAN GÖRNEÇLİ great to see him in an Esentepe shirt again after an absence of 3 years. Vurkan has suffered serious injuries to both of his knees. After major surgery the 26 year old midfielder who has made nearly 100 appearances for the Club is raring to go. Maybe he will not start a match for a while but with his experience he will be a more than useful "impact" player.

DURING THE BREAK.

The new Coach has made an initial impression in the "friendly matches" it is noticeable that the team are spraying the ball around more, with players running into space. Though the results are not important in these "warm up matches", Esentepe have had a good mid season break winning 3 and losing 1 of these matches. The team have found how to score goals again and to see the ball in an opponent's net has given the team confidence again.

FUTURE FIXTURE
:
Sunday January 27 : Kibris Cup : Home: kick off 1-00pm at Esentepe Erdal Barut Stadium.

ESENTEPE KKSK v KARŞIYAKA ASK.



L-R - Efosa, Anthony Junior and Ahmet Cager.



Vurkan Görneçli