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## Çatalköy Municipality toy collection project

A social responsibility project "a toy is a smile", which was organised by Çatalköy Municipality, started on 20th November 2019 and ended on 20th December 2019.

Toys collected within the scope of the project were started to be distributed by Çatalköy Mayor Mehmet Hulusioğlu, Culture and Art Coordinator Derman Atik and Campaign Officer Erbil Akün and were first delivered to Karakum Kindergarten, Girne Special Education Center and then to Girne Akçiçek Hospital Children's Clinic.

In the following days, toys were also delivered to Dr. Nicosia. Burhan Nalbantoğlu Devlet Hospital Oncology Children's Clinic, Lefkosa Special Education Center and to the kindergartens and primary schools in the Karpaz Region.

During the delivery of toys, Çatalköy Mayor Mehmet Hulusioğlu celebrated the new year with the authorities, students and patients in the hospitals and he presented the toys himself.



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## Anglo-Turkish Association - Planting a Forest



**11th JANUARY / OCAK 2020**

### **Tree Planting EVENT -- Starting of a Forest**



According to a Chinese proverb -  
The best time to plant a tree was 20  
years ago.  
The second best time is now.



Because of the nature of this  
Event: Those attending should  
come dressed appropriately for  
this Event (gardening gear / old  
clothes / etc) and be mindful of  
the weather -- bringing extra  
clothing may be both desirable  
and recommended. A change of  
shoes might also be considered  
useful for afterwards.

The Anglo Turkish Association - North Cyprus INVITE YOU to join us at our tree planting Event **STARTING OF A FOREST** that will take place on the 11th January 2020 in the Mesaria plains on the way to Famagusta at a location chosen specially for our Association by the Forestry Department who are providing the trees for planting and assistance with the planting of our forest.

After the planting of our forest, lunch will be had at a local restaurant.

Coach transport leaving from Girne (with pick-up points along the way) will be provided for those requiring it, although should you prefer to make your own transport arrangements; upon request we can provide details of where our tree planting location will be.

#### **COST :**

The cost of coach transport (leaving from Nurettin Ersin Mosque, Girne at 9.30am 11th January 2020 with pick up points along the way and returning mid to late afternoon) for this special Event will be dependent upon the number of participants requiring coach transport and must be paid to our Events Organisers on the day of the Event.

The meal cost is dependent upon your chosen meal/drinks and you will pay the restaurant directly yourself for this.

If you would like to join our Anglo Turkish Association - North Cyprus members attending this Event, please advise before Mid-day 7th January 2020 our **EVENTS ORGANISERS** (Pearl Mitchell & Debbie Bird) via their email address: - [atamail13@gmail.com](mailto:atamail13@gmail.com)

- 1/. If you require coach transport from Girne
  - 2/. If you would like to meet the coach at a pick up point along the way and need to know where the pick up points are
  - 3/. If you intend to make your own transport arrangements and need to know the location of our planting
  - 4/. If you **DO NOT** want join other members for a meal
- The Anglo Turkish Association - North Cyprus normal Event rules apply in respect to costs  
Non-members always welcome

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## Vehicle Registration Automation System goes live 6th January

### Announcement from the Traffic Department.

The Ministry of Public Works and Transportation Traffic Department Directorate Vehicle Registration Automation System (AKOS) Project hardware installation and testing has reached the final stage.

Within the scope of the project, as of 6th January 2020, online navigation renewal, payment of inspection fees, requesting a special plate and exits of private

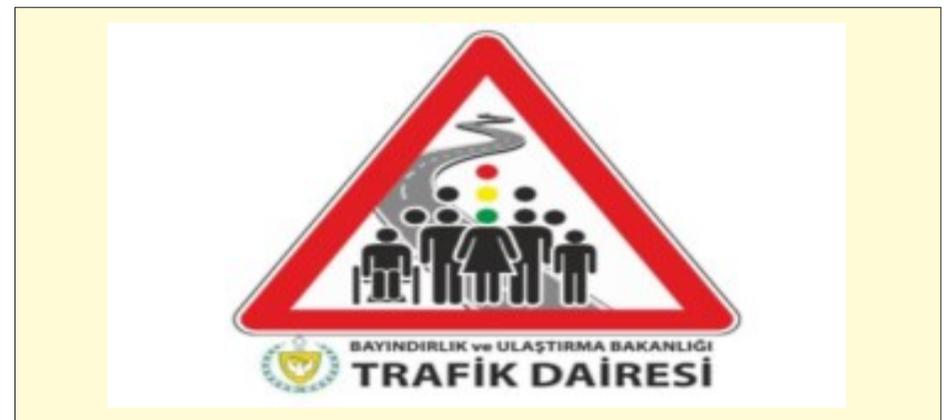
vehicles will be possible. As part of the transition to this project, the system will not be able to carry out any operations at Vehicle Registration, Inspection and Licensing Branches and regional units on 2-3 January 2020, where the final tests of the system will be performed.

For this reason, the foreign vehicle exits will be carried out by the Directorate of Customs at the Famagusta Port and Girne Tourism Port on 2-3 January 2020.

Detailed information about the use of the new system will be provided shortly.

Source:

**Ministry of Public Works and Transportation  
Directorate of Traffic**



## New Year Surprise for children and in-patients in hospital



Girne Municipality Mayor Nidai Güngördü and Girne American University Pharmacy Club members visited the Girne Dr Akçiçek State Hospital.

In the statement made by the Nidai Güngördü, the coming New Year was celebrated with the patients and their relatives in the Pediatric Service, Surgical Service and Polyclinic. The Mayor was accompanied by Girne Akçiçek Hospital Chief Physician - Ceyhun Birinci, Girne Municipality Advisory and Support Centre employees and students of the American University Pharmacy Club.

During the visit the children were given gifts as part of the Girne American University Faculty of Pharmacy students project "Small Bodies Big Hearts" and gifts of cologne were given to other surgical inpatients and their relatives

Girne Mayor Nidai Güngördü wished a happy and healthy year to all patients and patients' relatives in the New Year.

He also thanked the students of the Faculty of Pharmacy who accompanied him during the visit.



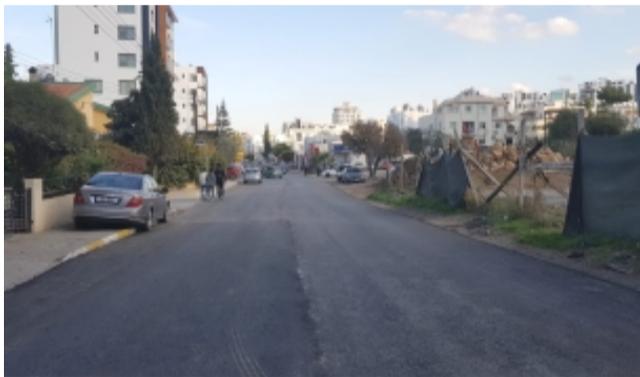
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## Girne Municipality asphalt surfacing work continues

Girne Municipality Press and Public Relations Department have confirmed that the asphalt surfacing work has been completed on Aksaray Street in Girne Tourism Port, Korutürk Street in the schools area and finally Salih Miroğlu Street, which is the most important main artery of the city.

Girne Mayor Nidai Güngördü said

in a statement on the subject, with the city's constantly growing and developing infrastructure, there is a need to carry out work of asphaltting in all streets under a plan. The areas of Starling and Nusmar Markets were completed on 21st December. The work has been carried out by Salih Köröğlu Construction with 5000 tons of asphalt and patching work in various streets.



## Güngördü celebrated New Year at Girne Wednesday Market

Girne Mayor Nidai Güngördü visited the Girne Open Market and celebrated the new year with the tradesmen.

Girne Municipality Press and Public Relations Department stated that Nidai Güngördü, visited Girne Open Market prior to the new year, accompanied by the Chief of Health Department Naile Soyel. The Mayor celebrated the

coming new year with the tradesmen and citizens who came to the market.

Güngördü said "I wish that the new year will bring peace, tranquility, happiness and abundance to the whole world and I congratulate all my staff, tradesmen and all our people with the most sincere wishes."



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## We have lost 'today' while fighting for 'tomorrow'

On a TV broadcast he participated in yesterday (23rd December), Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs Kudret Özersay evaluated his interview which was published in Greek Cypriot Daily Newspaper Kathimerini.

Minister Kudret Özersay said 'we are not saying that federation is something bad. We want a solution, however conditions for a federation do not exist in Cyprus. Both sides do not trust each other. There is no experience of federation. The Greek Cypriot side does not want to share the power and richness. Since the necessary

conditions for a federation do not exist, the federation model does not seem realistic. We need to consider a different model for partnership. We need to start from somewhere because there is a need of solution in Cyprus. We have lost 'today' while fighting for 'tomorrow' with the Greek Cypriots. We can cooperate on illegal migration, international terror. We can develop our cooperation in exchanging the criminals and we can start to cooperate on the natural gas issue'.

In addition Minister Özersay noted 'since all concerned parties could come together for a Cyprus

Conference i.e. Greek Cypriots, Turkish Cypriots, Greece, the UK and Turkey, I believe these parties can also come together for the natural gas and sharing the regional resources. We should organise a

Cyprus Conference and talk about the maritime jurisdiction issue as the Turkish Cypriot side, Greek Cypriot side, Turkey, Egypt and Israel. That is the ideal'.



## Greek Cypriots do not want to share power and prosperity

Turkish Foreign Minister Mevlüt Çavuşoğlu evaluated the agenda in an interview with 'To Vima', a weekly newspaper published in Athens.

Emphasising that Turkey adopted a dialogue policy for the solution of the problems in the region from the beginning, however most littoral countries of the Eastern

Mediterranean ignored the calls of Turkey and chose to proceed unilaterally, Çavuşoğlu said 'We believe that the memorandum signed with Libya is in accordance with the international law and shows respect to the fundamental principles concerning the delimitation of maritime areas'.

Replying a question related to the search for a solution to the Cyprus problem, Çavuşoğlu stated that Ankara always works for a just and lasting solution but the Greek Cypriot side insists on not

accepting political equality of the Turkish Cypriots. Çavuşoğlu added 'Whatever the Greek Cypriots claim, they do not want to share the power and prosperity with the Turkish Cypriots. On the contrary they prefer to regard them as a minority. Unfortunately there is not a common ground and vision between the sides in the Island. For that reason, I offered an unofficial five party conference within the framework of the United Nations for voicing the real intentions of the Greek Cypriots.'



## Kumsal Martyrs commemorated

Kumsal martyrs who were massacred during the Greek-Greek Cypriot attacks on 24th December 1963 in the Kumsal district of Lefkoşa were commemorated at the Museum of Barbarism yesterday (24th December).

Major Nihat Ilhan's wife Mürüvvet and their three little sons Kutsi, Murat and Hakan were massacred in the bathtub of their house and

grandmother Feride was also martyred and four persons were seriously injured during the Kumsal attack which is one of the saddest incidents in Cyprus History. At present, the abovementioned house is open to visitors as the Museum of Barbarism.

**Source :**  
**TRNC Public Information Office**



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## There are people who love running - one is Rosie Swale Pope



By Ahmet Abdulaziz....

There are people who love running. They run for short and long distances. They participate in running events and work hard to improve their performance. Gaining a better time is their goal.

Then there are people who make running their way of life. For them running is just as sleeping or eating is for us. Among them are some who take their passion for running to unprecedented distances.

ROSIE SWALE POPE, a 73 year old lady, who is on her way to walk all the way from Brighton (UK) to Kathmandu (Nepal) is one such extraordinary person who has become known for doing awesome adventures. Throughout her life she has aimed for highly difficult adventures, and now at the advanced age of 73, she is on yet another extremely difficult adventure which carries all sorts of dangers. But she is doing it for two reasons. One is the very natural one, as she loves running and has made adventurous run/walk her way of life. Secondly she is doing this to support the PHASE Worldwide Network in Nepal.

Presently she is in Istanbul, and moving east to cross over to Georgia. She has to go through all sorts of weather hardships, as

there will be snow everywhere as she moves ahead. However, as in the past, her courage, commitment, self confidence will help her meeting all sort of risks and dangers.

She is walking for about 7,000 kilometres, to reach her ultimate destination.

Rosie Marie Pope MBE, born on October 2, 1946 at Dawos, Switzerland, has some other fantastic achievements to her credit too. Hereunder I quote a few of her highly commendable adventures from **Wikipedia**.

*" Beginning in December 1971, she sailed 30,000 miles, around the world from Gibraltar via Australia, with her husband and daughter. They ultimately reached Australia in 1973.*

*In 1983, she went for a successful solo sailing across the Atlantic, in a small 5,2 meters long cutter (boat). She also raised funds for a hospital in London.*

*Subsequently, she went for another adventure. In 1984, she went out for a 4,830 kilometers long journey on horseback, through Chile. This adventure took 409 days.*

*In 1999, she ran 1,610 kilometers solo across Iceland, starting from the Arctic Circle to the capital Reykjavik."*

I have quoted the above-mentioned adventures which are just a few of the major ones that she has achieved.

Throughout her life she has loved running and participated in marathons and various

ultramarathons in different parts of the world and you can read more on Wikipedia - link shown below and on Rosie Swale-Pope's website -link shown below, and also see her video - link shown below :



Above - Photos courtesy of Wikipedia. Top Rosie Swale Pope and Cardiff Marathon. Middle - Gibraltar. Bottom - Cape Horn

Wikipedia :

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rosie\\_Swale-Pope](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rosie_Swale-Pope)

Website :

<https://rosieswalepope.co.uk/>

Video link :

[https://youtu.be/0I85HM\\_-oG4](https://youtu.be/0I85HM_-oG4)

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## KAR - News Update



Everyone at KAR wishes you a very Merry Christmas and happy 2020. From us to you a promise that will continue our pledge into and beyond 2020. This is our furbabies wishes for Christmas and 2020.

Once I was a lonely dog, just looking for a home.  
I had no place to go, no one to call my own.  
I wandered up and down the streets, in rain in heat and snow.  
I ate whatever I could find, I was always on the go.

My skin would itch, my feet were sore, my body ached with pain.  
And no one stopped to give a pat or gently say my name.  
I never saw a loving glance, I was always on the run.  
For people thought that hurting me was really lots of fun.

And then one day I heard a voice so gentle, kind and sweet,  
and arms so soft reached down to me and took me off my feet.  
"No one again will hurt you," was whispered in my ear.  
"You'll have a home to call your own where you will know no fear."

You will be dry, you will be warm, you'll have enough to eat.  
And rest assured that when you sleep, your dreams will all be sweet."  
I was afraid I must admit, I've lived so long in fear.  
I can't remember when I let a human come so near.

And as she tended to my wounds and bathed and brushed my fur,  
she told me about the rescue group and what it meant to her.  
She said, "We are a circle, a line that never ends.  
And in the centre there is you, protected by new friends."

And all around you are the ones that check the pounds,  
and those that share their home after you've been found.  
And all the other folk are searching near and far  
to find the perfect home for you, where you can be a star."

She said, "There is a family, that's waiting patiently,  
and pretty soon we'll find them, just you wait and see.  
And then they'll join our circle they'll help to make it grow,  
so there'll be room for more like you, who have no place to go."

I waited very patiently, the days they came and went.  
Today's the day I thought, my family will be sent.  
Then just when I began to think it wasn't meant to be,  
there were people standing there just gazing down at me.

I knew them in a heart beat, I could tell they felt it too.  
They said, "We have been waiting for a special dog like you."  
Now every night I say a prayer to all the gods that be.  
"Thank you for the life I live and all you've given me.

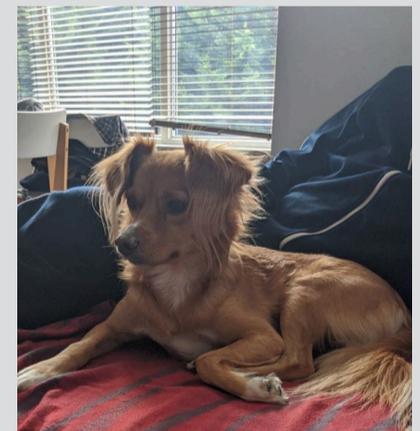
But most of all protect the dogs in the pound and on the street.  
And send a Rescue Person to lift them off their feet."

Thank you to **Caroline Attwood** for your generous donation in lieu of birthday cards and presents.

The dogs and cats and all at KAR wish you a belated happy birthday!!



**Bye bye and Hello Boncuk .....** Meet Boncuk a sweet little girl who we relocated, with her family, to the UK. She travelled as a cargo booking into Heathrow. Now it seems as if the family are not settling well and Boncuk is really missing the TRNC sunshine! So it looks as if we will be bringing Boncuk back within the next few months. Her owners were pleased to hear that the process and costs for bringing her back to TRNC are somewhat easier and cheaper than her export. Until we meet again Boncuk x



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## KAR - News Update



Here is a selection of our older cats, all looking for their happy ever furafter. Can you grant them their New Year Wish?

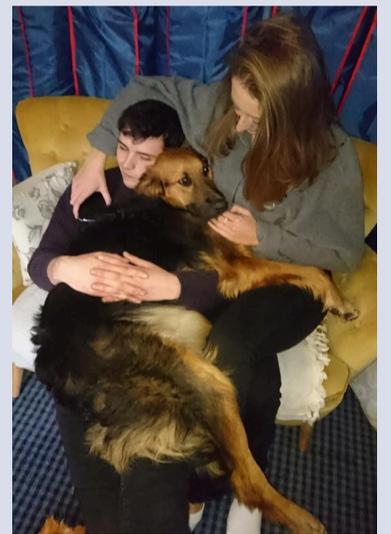
All fully vaccinated and neutered. You can visit them 7 days per week at the Centre.



We always say - and it is very true - that a dog is for life it is not just for Xmas. But we couldn't help trying to get 3 dogs "home in time for Xmas"

Fred (who used to be called Teddy) is one big bundle of KAR cuddliness. He is large in size - many visitors to the office were astounded by the size of his bespoke box!! large in personality and large in gentleness. He travelled from Ercan to Heathrow and was then collected by Vanessa and family. We recently had this update from them.

*"Fred arrived safely and in high spirits. Journey home from Heathrow airport was horrendous but he was such a good boy in the car. Our German Shepherd Meg loves Fred and they play really well together. Bart our mini dachshund treats him with the disdain that he treats all dogs! Fred is so gentle, everyone who meets him understands immediately why we wanted him home with us. Thank you for your help with getting Fred to us. I will stay in contact and send regular updates. Love regards Vanessa"*



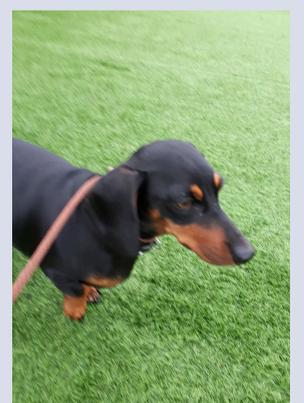
Ahla and Tata then travelled (separately) through Belgium and France and then into the UK. Lis messaged us to say :

*"Hello we wanted to let you all know that Ahla (Sue) is settling in brilliantly - she arrived last night and has made friends with our dog Alfie and is currently cuddled up next to me on the sofa! Thank you so much for your help in getting her to her forever home - you are all amazing people, she's settled in so well. She is getting along with Alfie well and just loves cuddling up on the sofa with us so Alfie has started getting in her bed! She's been out on her lead walking up and down to school and we will take her to the park this weekend although we won't be letting her off for a while. Lola has asked for a dog agility kit for the garden for Christmas - she has already taught Alfie a few tricks so I think she will be well trained before long. Glad you got back ok- you are doing wonderful work for these dogs and we are so grateful you helped us to get Ahla safely home. Have a great Christmas"*



Tracey also contacted us to say ...

*"Tata is enjoying her new bed and toys and seems settled : Thank you again with all of your help getting her safely to the UK! "*



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## Christmas celebration 2019 at Holman Hall, Girne

By Margaret Sheard ....

There are some events in North Cyprus which have become a tradition and one of these is the Christmas celebration of Nigel and Lynn Holman at their beautiful home in Girne.

Part of this traditional event is a choir singing carols. This year it was the Kyrenia Chamber Choir, accompanied by Rauf Kasimov on piano. The choir, conducted by Iris Langford, stood on the magnificent staircase and gave a lovely rendition of popular carols, and no excuse for the guests not joining in as they had been provided with song sheets. So Holman Hall resounded with the singing of carols, which was very enjoyable.

There are people we do not see often and it is a nice opportunity to catch up with them at this wonderful event. It is also a chance to bring out the dress suits and evening dresses, everyone looked so smart for the occasion.

During the evening violinist Ammar Dadizadeh wandered

around the guests playing lovely romantic music to couples and groups of people.

The guests were milling around in the grand hall, lounge, kitchen and outside terrace and later the food was served. As we had attended another event that day for lunch and had eaten rather a lot, we didn't relish another large meal, although I succumbed to a lovely jacket potato later in the evening, as did Chris.

After the choir there was background music and plenty of conversation. I heard Nigel comment that they are not professionals but I would say the Christmas event at Holman Hall is by far one of the best.

Thank you Nigel and Lynn for inviting us to join you for this wonderful occasion.

Thank you Ece Sualp for the use of some of your photographs.



Above : Kyrenia Chamber Choir

Below : left Ammar Dadizadeh and Rauf Kazimov :  
Right Chris Elliott, Margaret Sheard, Ece Sualp



Ammar Dadizadeh and Rauf Kazimov



Chris Elliott, Margaret Sheard, Aynur Kayabas Binatli, Nigel Holman

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## My Christmas Shopping – ARUCAD Workshops



By Heidi Trautmann ....  
[www.heiditrautmann.com](http://www.heiditrautmann.com) ....

My message after my Christmas Shopping is: Support the artists, support those who sit down and knit, crochet or do handicrafts, make jewellery or decorations for the Christmas tree etc. It has been our family tradition for as long as I live that with the beginning of advent one room in the house was dedicated as Christmas Room where Christmas preparations were made and later I had my own where I worked with my children and often children from the

neighbourhood joined us. From the forest we had brought in all sorts of treasures such as pine cones, dried autumn leaves, funnily shaped roots, stones etc. and for four weeks this special room was closed to other family members but for the children who were working hard, painting, cutting, creating and also practicing their Christmas songs and poems.

The time you spend on making presents for someone is more precious than any amount of money can buy. In our modern times of electronics, these traditions should be kept alive because I remember the lights in the children's eyes light up when a piece of handmade present for Mom or Dad was successful.

With family coming for this year's Christmas I was looking around the many Christmas markets in Lefkoşa and Girne.... we never ever had so many markets before.... and I was

pleased to see so much handicraft done and so many nostalgic art objects laid out on the stalls. Protecting our environment was a very important reason for handicrafts, away from plastic was the motto. Charity was another important theme, actually the leading organisers were charity organisations, we should thank them for their perseverance, for the vision they have to help others. But also educational institutions, art groups came forward with their work; one of them was the ARUCAD Glassblowing and Ceramic Workshops in Girne on the road to the new harbour. It is an absolutely unique place with fully equipped workshops for ceramics and glassblowing while the latter is a first on the island. It has attracted the interest of many new students and also visitors who can come to see the glassblowers in action during weekdays. On the last Sunday before Christmas, the ARUCAD Workshops

organised a small Christmas Market to show the students' works to the invited and/or passing public. I went there on that Sunday and bought three pieces from one of the young glassblowers, beautiful pieces, I took a photo for my readers.



## Heidi's Christmas letter - Eagle's Nest 2nd Sunday in Advent 2019

With the evenings getting cooler, I decided to start my usual end-of-the-year-cleaning in my little thought studio where everything is stored what I once wrote down, books, articles, notes, ship logbooks, travel diaries, old desk calendars and several telephone books and a big box of cards, Christmas and other wishing cards, postcards from friends around the world. I forgot all about cleaning and sat down to go through all those.

It was a journey into the past and I realized how much I was connected to it. There is one very old telephone book, it dates back to the 1980s, I kept it for many years as the only one and there I had registered friends we had made on our travels, where all our family members are noted down in alphabetical order with so many new entries added because they have moved to other places. I found entries of artists who were present in the 1980s when I was involved in the art house 'Werkhof' in Bavaria where we organized art events, and there were the many sailors listed we encountered when sailing along the coasts of the Mediterranean for many years and also people we met in the most unlikely places

whose life stories we listened to in countries where we spent weeks or months travelling through by car, bus, train or camper. However, there are many names crossed out with the date given when they had left the garden of life.

After we threw our anchor for good in Cyprus, I filled new telephone books with my artist friends and such institutions, also non-artistic connections, and also here I found so many listings crossed out. People had moved away for one reason or other.... or nice shops went broke.... or governments had changed and connections became redundant....or again, the one or other had died. I greet them from here and today.

My card box gave me extreme pleasure because these cards were greetings from close friends, mostly artists with their own work printed on them, among them many who have moved away or have gone to another level of existence, reminders of good times. One friend, the only one really, had been sending postcards to my lonely and mostly empty POBox for 20 years from places she had spent her holidays in, a beloved and old-fashioned way of communication.

It makes me smile sadly, the world has changed immensely. Who is actually still using a landline, we all have mobile telephones, use Whatsapp or Skype. A telephone book? You save all your numbers in your mobile. Writing postcards? A short message typed in and sent to or from even the opposite side of the globe. Recently I have been strolling through Kyrenia with a lovely 89 years young lady from Luxembourg, she kept looking for postcards as souvenirs for an unforgettable stay in Cyprus. We found postcards on display which looked old and yellow like forgotten objects of the past.

There are so many other forgotten objects of the past, and I wonder where we are heading to, can we still stop this mad speed which will one day catapult us into darkness, darkness of crime, destruction and death? A spark of hope though is making us breathe more freely, our youth around the world has been lighting a torch and is now carrying it around the world, they are waking up as they have realized that their governments are leading us into the wrong direction. The adults have failed. The youth takes over because it is their future, no longer ours.

Let us help them to improve moral values

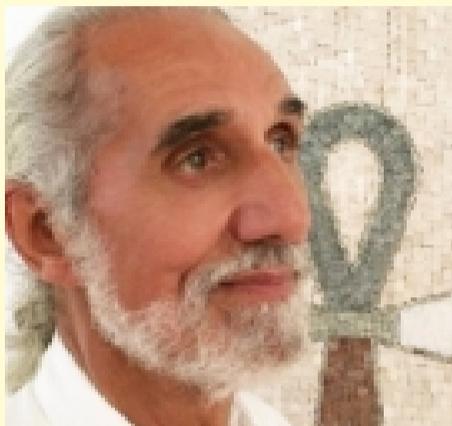
again, to protect values like environment, love and respect for each other. Let us become world citizens because the globe Earth is the home of all of us, and when it falls sick in one spot it will have to concern us all. We must stop making the world become sick by exploiting it in the way we have been doing it right now. We must find other and simpler, less egoistic ways to satisfy our thirst and hunger, because we are about to cut the branch on which we are sitting so comfortably. We must not wait for governments to make decisions, we must learn and practice responsibility ourselves.

**Heidi.**



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## Poets Corner



# THE FLOW

By Nick Vye - Sanctuary

The river it was so strong,  
 Its current rushing all day long,  
 It gave a loud gushing sound,  
 That seemed to be duty bound,  
  
 Where it flowed, it didn't know,  
 But on its endless journey it did go,  
 Once maybe it had been a stream,  
 But now had left that joined up team,  
  
 It was now flowing all alone,  
 Hoping soon to reach its home,  
 Life it seemed was much the same,  
 Playing out its programmed game,  
  
 Would we ever reach the end,  
 Like the river we can bend,

Who knows which way we'll go,  
 Like the rivers endless flow,  
  
 One day it may reach the sea,  
 Joined together, as meant to be,  
 We are on a journey too,  
 Like the river, me and you,  
  
 One day we will surely know,  
 Like the river, where to go,  
 Until that day, we must wait,  
 Accept our lives, accept our fate,  
  
 And when that river joins the sea,  
 Like us, united it will be,  
 Now as one it's reached its goal,  
 But for us, we've reached our souls...



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## Slimmer's World Christmas celebration at Lord's Palace

By Margaret Sheard ....

We went along to Lord's Palace, Girne on Saturday 21st December, to join the Slimmer's World Catalkoy Group Christmas get-together.

What a lovely venue this is with plenty of room for a large group in their big dining area. The choice of meals is immense, there is so much to choose from the very extensive buffet, hot and cold meals and wonderful desserts, it is really very hard to decide what to choose.

There were around 26 of the Slimmer's World members at the lunch and it is always nice to catch up with them again and learn how they are doing with their weight loss, but no-one was checking on the plates of food that day!

During the meal Barbara Burton made a presentation to Val Stuart-Traynor and read the message in the envelope given to Val, who was very overcome and almost in tears. Following is the message of the gift made to Val for her dedication to the members.

*" Dear Val*

*You are the inspiration for all of us in our search to change our lives. You have been there always when we have needed help or just simply a kick up the backside.*

*We want to thank you for all you do for us, to show our appreciation and love for you in the best possible way.*

*The tree you have wanted for so long is on its way to you. This summer you will be sitting beneath a tall and shapely Red Jacaranda Tree. As you sip your ice cold gin and .... you can think of us doing as we are told with our diet coke and sugar free tonic.*

*Ring this number and Santa's elves will be bringing you a large mature tree, delivered and planted exactly where you would like it to be in your own garden.*

*We hope it will flourish and grow as your leadership has done this year.*

*Thank you for all of us for your love and care. "*

What a lovely gift from the members. Val said she had seen this type of tree some years ago and it was something she really wanted to have. Perhaps when the tree is planted and in full bloom we will be able to pay a visit and take a photo of Val sitting under it.

Earlier in the day there had been the usual meeting at Khan's Restaurant in Catalkoy where the presentation was made for Target Slimmer of the year which was awarded to Christine Lynch who had lost 3 stone and although this had been achieved in June, Chris had managed to keep it off and still 3 stone lighter in December.

Following is Val's comment about their Saturday morning meeting.

*" Wow want a fantastic meeting today. It got off to a bad start with my car breaking down but thanks to Upper Crust Karakum, Dunya Motors and Khan's Restaurant we got there.*

*Helen with a fantastic 9 pounds weight loss this week was Slimmer of the Week, Rose achieved her 2.5 stone award and a half stone award went to Allan. But the award of the day went to Christine .... Target Slimmer of the Year, 3 stones lost and kept off for 6 months. All followed by 26 people to lunch at Lords Palace who looked after us so fabulously well.*

*The day was finished off by my fantastic members giving me the most fabulous Christmas present I could have wished for x "*

The meeting place will change in 2020 as Khan is moving to the old Grand China/Bollywood premises (the narrow road opposite Ledi Supermarket), so from the 4th January 2020 this will be the new meeting venue, still under the name of Khan's Restaurant.



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# FARC - News



## 23rd December

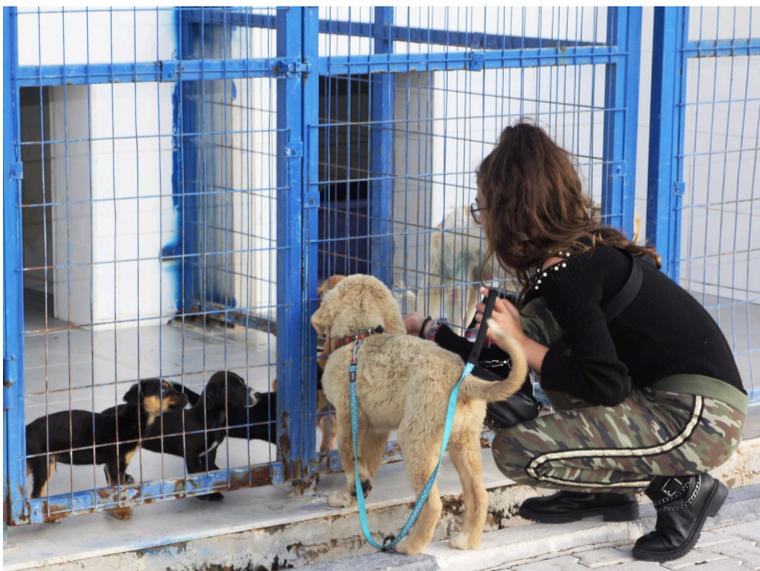
A huge thank you to all those who visited the Famagusta Shelter with us, thanks to you guys, our dogs got to feel freedom, happiness and excitement, even if only for one day. Please feel free to tag yourselves in the pictures, who knows maybe someone who doesn't know about the shelter will see you amazing people with our pups and also come to visit us.

The Shelter is open every day of the week so feel free to message us on our pages to visit us.

We hope to do more open days in the near future.



**URGENT APPEAL**  
With over 150 dogs and puppies in our Rehab Unit, we have bedding to wash daily and our washing machine isn't working. Is there a washing machine engineer out there who would offer their time to come and fix it please? Our dogs need you.



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## A Grand Christmas Celebration by Merit Royal

### Readers mail... Merit Royal Hotel....

Christmas celebrations at Merit Royal Hotel were much more than a certain time of the year or a season. All the guests had a fantastic festive break and a celebration to remember.

Last Tuesday, on Christmas Eve, the Hotel hosted a legendary Gala Dinner that was attended by about 200 people who came to Merit Royal for a festive season break from different parts of the world such as England, Poland and Germany. The guests were impressed with the feeling of the warmth of home and hospitality at the Hotel. Merit Royal Premium ballroom, where the Gala Dinner was held, featured a magnificent Christmas-themed table setup and decorations. The guests who took photos during the evening shared the happiness of being at Merit Royal Hotel on social media.

The guests had a chance to indulge their taste buds to a magnificent Christmas menu handcrafted by the talented Merit Royal Kitchen Team who managed to bring all-time favourite festive recipes to art cuisine level!

The evening was spiced up with a raffle in which lucky winners received their luxury Christmas gifts from the Hotel, such as an all-inclusive two-night stay at Merit Royal, VIP Spa use, a romantic dinner at a-la-carte restaurants etc.

The live band and DJ cheered everyone up with all-time favourite rock'n'roll songs. The guests danced the night away and performed "buggy buggy" group dance on the built-in dance floor.



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# The Soulist Christmas Market with Music - 21/22 December

By Margaret Sheard ...

The Soulist Coffee and Music House held their second Christmas Market with Music on the 21st and 22nd December and again it was a very successful event.

We visited on Sunday 22nd December and were very impressed with the lovely layout of the market where there was a lovely Christmas tree and stalls selling hot and cold food items, there were also jewellery, gifts, and pet products stalls and on the Tulips stall there was Gluhwein which had been made by volunteer Connie (wife of Roland Eyerich co-organiser of the 2 day event).

Roland told us the first day went extremely well for the market and also in the evening when there was music. Towards the end of the evening it was Alper Cengiz and Friends' performance and there was a change from normal as Alper took the drums and Roland said he was brilliant. Alper ended with Purple Rain, which is a much loved favourite of everyone who visits the Soulist.

The music events were :

**21st December :**

- Acoustic Duo - Hilmi Ozakin and Umit Tulumbaci
- Gospel Choir - "Alight House" Hugh O'Neill
- Alper Cengiz & Friends

**22nd December :**

- Kyrenia Chamber Choir
- Salime Atalar (piano and vocal)
- Myrrha Trio

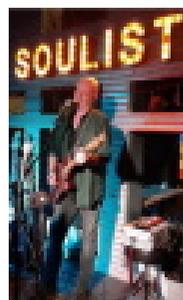
On Sunday we stayed to hear the Kyrenia Chamber Choir who gave a lovely performance of Christmas music and carols. There was a

much smaller number of choir members than we had seen at another event the previous evening but they gave a brilliant performance putting everyone into the Christmas mood. Iris Langford does a superb job with the choir which she conducted and they were accompanied by Zara Barkhoudarian (piano and vocal). We were pleased to see our friend Katie Economidou there and at the end of the concert Katie also sang for the audience, although she had told us she had a bad cold, nevertheless she sang beautifully as usual and even persuaded Roland to join her.

As the sun went down the lights of the market came on which was a lovely sight and there were still

many people milling around, probably waiting to enjoy the next music event of the evening.

Well done to the Soulist, Alper Cengiz, Roland Eyerich, Adeleh Mozafari, Connie Eyerich and all of the others who made this 2-day event such a success. Thank you Roland for some of your photos.



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## Soulist Christmas Market with Music, the finale

By Roland Eyerich ....

This unique Christmas Market in Northern Cyprus, the “cultural Soulist Christmas Market” was held on 21st and 22nd of December in Alsancak/Karavas.

In the centre was a Christmas tree and there were stalls selling hot and cold food items, jewellery, gifts, and pet products and it was also the venue for Live Music with different musical performances, this time with free entry. A gift for all music lovers. On the second day at the “Soulist Christmas Market”, the Soulist presented Choir music with Christmas songs, a pop music act and classical music.

The finale was opened by the Kyrenia Chamber Choir giving a brilliant performance putting everyone into the Christmas mood. Then the evening was ready for the young talented singer Salime Atalar.

Her first performance at The Soulist was during the Friends Across Borders Festival on 29th September when she was part of the Young Stage. Now again she

performed on the Soulist stage supporting the Christmas Market with her own programme.

The atmosphere was well prepared by the Kyrenia Chamber Choir, dark outside, the Christmas market with its coloured lights now determined the mood and in the Soulist only the piano and microphone were on the stage and then Salime took her place at the piano.

She started with “Someone you Loved“ from Lewis Capaldi. The first words...the sound from her voice she touched not only my heart – everyone was touched.

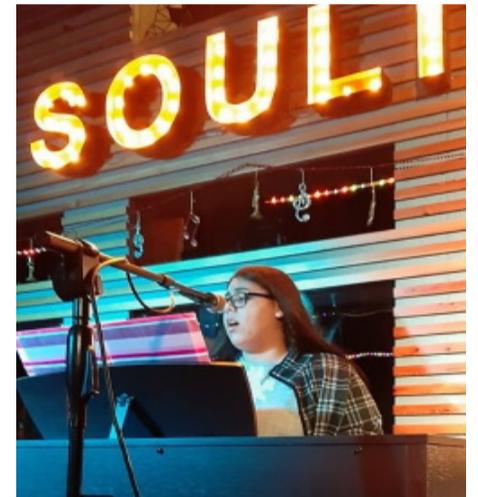
Her programme was a fair mix for someone so young, and she sang also in the Turkish language – great, “Yalnızlık Senfonisi“ from Model. This song in the Turkish language is an example how music in a foreign language can touch your heart, an amazing performance always giving goosebumps.

The Programme:

Someone you Loved – Lewis Capaldi, Gods Country – Blake

Shelton, Yalnızlık Senfonisi - Model, "Always Remember Us This Way" – Lady Gaga, Shallow – Lady Gaga & Bradley Cooper, Radioactive – Imagine Dragon, Dance Monkey - Tones and I, Take me to Church – Hozier,

That was not enough – Salime had to take an encore... It was “Open Eyes” from Billie Eilish.



**Photos : Top and middle - Salime Atalar : bottom left - Kemal Atalar, Caner Canev Ilgar, Salime Atalar and Roland Eyerich : bottom right - Salime and Sebnem Atalar, Caner Canev Ilgar**

## Registered venues - no special music permits - New Year's Eve



The Department of Environmental Protection, affiliated to the Ministry of Tourism and the Environment, announced that the music entertainment venues are not subject to an extra permit on New Year's Eve.

Music entertainment venues

authorised by the Environmental Protection Agency will be able to broadcast music without any additional permission from the Environmental Protection Agency on the night of Tuesday 31st December 2019, provided that they comply with the conditions specified in their permits.

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## Christmas Day Swim at Acapulco Beach

By Chris Elliott...

As we are sitting back and savouring the wonder of Christmas Day when friends and families came together to enjoy quality time, it's great to receive news of the many things that our readers did and we received this message about the Acapulco Beach Christmas Day Swim.

Readers mail ....

From Barbara Fursman ....

Good Morning Chris,

I am sending you some pictures of the Christmas Day swim at Acapulco Beach, we had 22 swimmers, not all sponsored but hope to do well again this year.

We hope to have all the money in and make the presentation to the

Kemal Saracoglu Foundation and Tulips/Help Those with Cancer Association on 16th January 2020 at the Acapulco Resort.

A happy and healthy New Year to you and Margaret.

Barbara



## Drift Masters European Championship - 2020



Message from Enver Haskasap #535

2020 calendar is announced

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## Chef Somer Sivrioğlu at EMU talking about his career journey

By Ahmet Abdulaziz....

“Masterchef”, is a popular program of Channel 8 Television, which has been equally liked by everyone. Chef Somer Sivrioğlu, who was in TRNC recently, is one of its jury members.

During his visit to the TRNC, he was invited by the Tourism Faculty of Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) to deliver a presentation on his “Career Journey” from Bilkent University to Sydney, Australia. The presentation was at the Mustafa Afşin Ersoy Hall of EMU.

The event was organized within the

scope of the 8th International Career Days organised by the Alumni Communication and Career Research Directorate (MIKA) of the EMU.

The event received a lot of interest from EMU Tourism Faculty, Department of Gastronomy and Culinary Arts students and alumni. During his presentation, the experienced chef stated that he took his first steps into the restaurant business 25 years ago when he travelled to Australia for his MBA. Indicating that initially things didn't go as planned, Sivrioğlu stated that he didn't give-up and now owns 2 successful restaurants. Sharing his experiences with the students in

attendance Sivrioğlu emphasized that being a good chef and manager requires cost control and loss/profit calculation in addition to expertise, experience and kitchen knowledge. Chef Sivrioğlu advised the students to pay close attention to these courses.

At the end of the conference, honour and high honour certificates were presented to students for the 2018-2019 Academic Year Spring Semester. Students received their certificates from Chef Somer Sivrioğlu.



## Basin-Sen celebrate the forthcoming New Year at the Bedestan

By Chris Elliott....

It's always a pleasure to visit the ancient Bedestan in Lefkosa as its unique location and historical features lend much to the many and varied events that are held there.

On Tuesday 24th December Margaret Sheard and I on behalf of CyprusScene.com went along to the Basin-Sen (Press Workers Trade Union) New Year party where we met a few Turkish Cypriot friends and, to the best of our knowledge, we were perhaps the only representatives of English published news and reviews from Northern Cyprus.

The evening was well attended and the guests were entertained by a number of performers and as we left for our journey back to Girne many people were starting to rock the night away dancing to some great rock and roll music from the performers.

Thank you Basin-Sen for inviting us to your great event and we wish all of your members a Happy and successful New Year.



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## Ancient Kyrenia City & Harbour seminar at University of Kyrenia

By Ahmet Abdulaziz....

The Maritime centre of the University of Kyrenia (GÜDENMER) recently organized a seminar entitled the 'Ancient Kyrenia City and Harbour'.

Ismail H. Sabbar, the President of the Ancient Kyrenia Harbour Development Association was the main speaker at the seminar.

Captain Enver Yetkili, the president of GUDENMER, delivered the opening speech of the seminar and stated that with the activities they perform every month they are providing a platform to meet representatives from different areas of the marine industry and participants.

He further stated that marine tourism is one of the important sub-sectors and the ancient harbour of Kyrenia is among the places that attract the most tourists but has not reached the desired level.

In his speech, İsmail H. Sabbar, stated that Kyrenia is the crown of tourism and the most important part is Kyrenia harbour. He explained that they aim to protect, save and make the cultural heritage of the region attractive and they have prepared a plan for this purpose.

İsmail H. Sabbar, in his presentation supported by old photographs, maps and drawings, presented detailed information about the ancient city of Kyrenia including the definition, importance, legal status, development strategy plan and contribution to tourism of the region.

Sabbar stated that the current government program includes work in this direction and this would provide a significant tourism income and shared his suggestions on the subject. Referring to the decisions of the High Council of the Monuments and the Ombudsman, Sabbar expressed that they aimed for a city that is bright, clean,

culturally active and attracting more tourists. After his speech he answered the questions of the participants.

At the end of the seminar, Ocean Going Master Mehmet Emin Debeş, the Head of the Department

of Maritime Transportation Management Engineering, made the closing and thanks speech, especially emphasising the importance of young people to know their history and stated that GÜDENMER will continue its work without interruption.



## The Secret of Staying Young and Healthy by Dr. Ender Saraç

By Ahmet Abdulaziz...

Doctor Ender Saraç, famous for his natural medicine research, recently presented his paper entitled, "The Secrets of Staying Young and Healthy", at the European University of Lefke (EUL).

Saraç mentioned the importance of healthy eating and regular sports, said that nothing should be consumed 2 hours before bedtime and drew attention to the importance of quality sleep in terms of health. He further emphasised that the prevalence of obesity in youth is increasing day by day and added that not exceeding 94cm in men, 88cm in

women in terms of belly and waist thickness is important to prevent many diseases

He said that one other important rule is sports and added that "If sports and exercise are not performed, muscle and bone loss, belly and lower back fat occur. As the age progresses, diseases increase and aging healthy is only possible with sports and exercise and proper nutrition".

He further emphasised that young people should be in constant movement and exercise, men should work out resistance exercise and light weights, and women should do Pilates, and

advised students that Pilates is a sport that is very suitable for women's physiology.

At the end he said that "It's a great feeling to be with you, you have a great energy and I'm very happy to

be here" and took photos with the students. Later a commemorative plaque reflecting Cypriot culture was presented to him by the Rector's Advisor Assist. Prof. Dr. Mehmedali Egemen.



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## Christmas Day at Rafter's, Ozankoy



**Katie B leads the entertainment and celebrations**



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# The Leisure Line

## Christmas Day at Rafter's, Ozankoy

Photos courtesy of Abbas at Rafter's



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# Forthcoming Events

**December**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Private Lessons	3	4 Private Lessons	5	6 Painting party 'Groovy chic' 6:30-8:30	7 Girl with a pearl earring in oils 10:00-13:00 200tl
8	9 Private Lessons	10	11 Private Lessons	12	13 Painting party 'Party time' 6:30-8:30	14 Paint a Cyprus money saver 10:00-12:00 150tl
15	16 Private Lessons	17	18 Private Lessons	19	20 Painting party 'The old guitarist' 6:30-8:30	21 Glass painting 10:00-12:00 150tl (3 glasses)
22	23 Private Lessons	24	25 Merry Christmas	26	27 Painting party 'Cactus in a vase' 6:30-8:30	28 Marbling on paper 10:00-12:00 150tl
29	30 Private Lessons	31	*Friday painting parties need to be reserved for 4 people or more. *Call 548-8573244 or message Island Studio on Facebook for more information.		*Location is in Ozankoy. *All levels are welcomed.	*All materials will be provided. *Come empty and leave with an artwork

**Island Studio**

**DECEMBER / ARALIK**

- 4 LADY M. JAZZ TRIO (Jazz)
- 6 ALPER CENGİZ & FRIENDS (Rock)
- 8 **BREAKFAST WITH JAZZ**
- 11 **STEFAN MELOVSKI JAZZ CONCERT**
- 13 THE GREAT FLOOD (Blues&Rock)
- 14 FIREBALLS (Rock)
- 18 PULSE BEAT QUARTET (Jazz)
- 20 ROCK BALANCE (Rock)
- 21 - 22 **CHRISTMAS MARKET WITH MUSIC**  
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- 28 STINGRAY (Rock)

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## North Cyprus Events Calendar

### 28th December 2019 to 31st January 2020

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](http://cyprusscene.com).

The Events Calendar is published on [cyprusscene.com](http://cyprusscene.com) website every week on Thursday so please try to submit information you would like to be included by Wednesday each week.



**28th December – Saturday** - The Soulist Coffee and Music House, Alsancak presents Stingray (Rock) from 9.30pm. Entrance 35TL.

**28th December – Saturday** - Island Studio Art class - Marbling on Paper, held the Ozankoy area. 10am to 12noon - 150TL. For more information call 0548 857 3244 or message Island Studio on Facebook.

**31st December – Tuesday** - Tulips Chilly Dippers - New Year's Eve Swim at The Cabin, Lapta. 11am. For sponsor form call 0542 854 8714.

**31st December – Tuesday** - Dynasty Restaurant (By-pass at GAU roundabout) will be having a New Year's Eve event featuring GP King. To book call 0533 837 2110.

**31st December – Tuesday** - Rafters Restaurant, Ozankoy will be having a New Year party with entertainment by The Chosen. 3-course meal, complimentary first drink, glass of bubbly at midnight. £35 per person. To book call 0392 815 2946 or 0533 849 7512.

**31st December – Tuesday** - Soulist Coffee and Music House, Alsancak will be having a New Year's Eve Retro Party with Alper Cengiz & Friends. Reservations 0548 839 8994.

**3rd January – Friday** - Island Studio Painting Party. 6.30pm to 8.30pm. Ozankoy area. Painting Parties must be reserved, for 4 people or more. For further information call 0548 857 3244 or message Island Studio on Facebook.

**4th January – Saturday** - Island Studio Kids Art class – Glass Painting, held the Ozankoy area. 10am to 12noon - 150TL. Call 0548 857 3244 or message Island Studio on Facebook.

**9th 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 46TL. To book call 0542 889 3034.

**9/10/11 January** - The Poppy Theatre Players will be presenting a pantomime at the Girne Municipality Theatre (near the Wednesday Market) – Jack and the Beanstalk. Doors open at 6.30pm, curtain up at 7.30pm. Tickets 45TL available from Best Seller Bookshops Alsancak and Karakum.

**10th January – Friday** - Island Studio Painting Party. 6.30pm to 8.30pm. Ozankoy area. Painting Parties must be reserved, for 4 people or more. For further information call 0548 857 3244 or message Island Studio on Facebook.

**10th January – Friday** - Bingo with Martin at Charlie's Sports Bar, Kucuk Erenkoy at 8pm. 30TL. To book 0533 874 6056.

**11th January – Saturday** - Island Studio Kids Art class – Acrylic Painting, held the Ozankoy area. 10am to 12noon - 150TL. For more information call 0548 857 3244 or message Island Studio on Facebook.

**16th 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 46TL. To book call 0542 889 3034.

**17th January – Friday** - Island Studio Painting Party. 6.30pm to 8.30pm. Ozankoy area. Painting Parties must be reserved, for 4 people or more. For further information call 0548 857 3244 or message Island Studio on Facebook.

**17th January – Friday** - Bingo with Martin at Charlie's Sports Bar, Kucuk Erenkoy at 8pm. 30TL. To book 0533 874 6056.

**18th January – Saturday** - Island Studio Art class – Soft Pastels “Self Portrait of Pablo Picasso”, held the Ozankoy area. 10am to 12noon - 110TL. For more information call 0548 857 3244 or message Island Studio on Facebook.

**23rd 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 46TL. To book call 0542 889 3034.

**24th January – Friday** - Island Studio Painting Party. 6.30pm to 8.30pm. Ozankoy area. Painting Parties must be reserved, for 4 people or more. For further information call 0548 857 3244 or message Island Studio on Facebook.

**24th January – Friday** - Bingo with Martin at Charlie's Sports Bar, Kucuk Erenkoy at 8pm. 30TL. To book 0533 874 6056.

**25th January – Saturday** - Island Studio Art class – Oil Painting “Portrait of a Polish Woman”, held the Ozankoy area. 10am to 12noon - 200TL. For more information call 0548 857 3244 or message Island Studio on Facebook.

**27th January – Monday** - Susie's Massive Music Quiz at Charlie's Sports Bar, Kucuk Erenkoy starting at 8pm. To book call 0533 825 4172 or 0533 870 5977.

**30th 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 46TL. To book call 0542 889 3034.

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**A Happy New Year  
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**NORTH CYPRUS CHEMIST ROTA****28th December – Saturday**

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**29th December – Sunday**

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**30th December – Monday**

Güven Eczanesi, Salih Miroğlu Cad. Girne. Tel: 0392 815 2409  
Mucizem Eczanesi, Naci Talat Cad. Karaoglanolu.  
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**31st December – Tuesday**

Arda Çelik Eczanesi, Zafer Cad. Ozanköy. Tel: 0392 815 2069  
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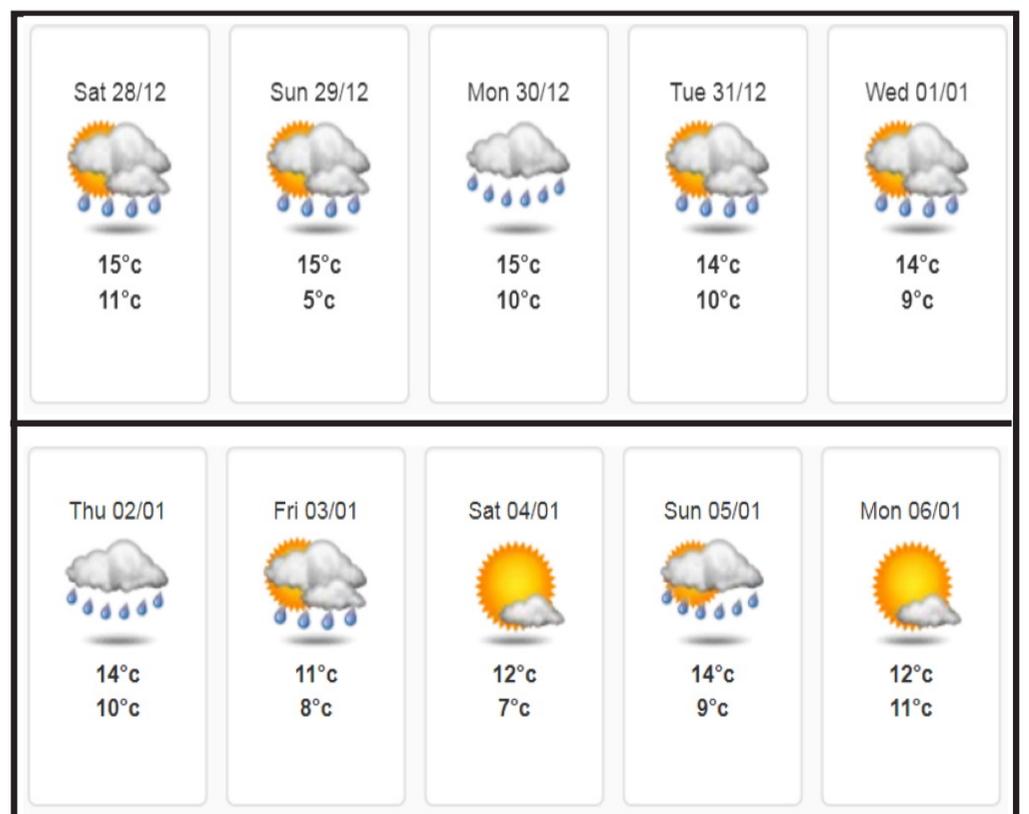
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27th December 2019 to 2nd January 2020

## Esentepe Youngsters beaten but not disgraced

By Richard Beale ..

Saturday December 21 : K-Pet League 1 Under 21 League: Maraş Necip Halil Kartal Stadi.

Esentepe task before this match was daunting to say least, facing the runaway leaders who had scored 91 goals and only conceded 4 goals in 14 matches, they were up against it even more so losing players to cover for the first team. They were also missing their Captain Salih who had to sit this match out due to suspension.

Esentepe can be proud of themselves, they breached Dumlupınar impregnable defence twice, being the only third team to score against the leaders this season.

Dumlupınar have unlimited resources and were physically stronger, their goalkeeper Alihan and defender Mert were massive compared to some of the Esentepe lads. I swear one of the Dumlupınar substitutes who was very muscular and even had the start of a bald spot couldn't be less than 21

years old, it was literally boys against men.

Still the youngsters gave a good account of themselves, forced to surrender the midfield they defended stubbornly, they defended at times like their lives depended on it. Esentepe tactics were simple without the control of the midfield, they relied on the long ball to Esentepe's front two Hüseyin and Ege Can, who did their utmost to stretch the Dumlupınar defence.

**Result: Yonpaş Dumlupınar YSK U21 5 esentepe KSK U21 2**



Match action Dumlupınar in the dark strip

The game was lost in two moments, in the first half Esentepe equalised an early Dumlupınar goal, only to concede two goals in a five minute spell shortly before the break. Then early in the second half they managed to pull the score back to 3-2, only to concede a goal again immediately after.

Dumlupınar's leading goal scorer OLADIMEJI ADEWOLE, a 20 year old Nigerian who scored 3 goals to add to his tally of 35 for the season showed

what an exciting prospect he is.

For Esentepe, defenders Halit Çulcu, Mustafa Soytürk, Dursun Alı Karal were heroic with DEVRAN ALİ GUNES being outstanding.

**Goalscorers -**

**DUMLUPINAR** : OLADIMEJI ADEWOLE (3,40,75), EMRE KARACIĞER (44,60)

**ESENTEPE** : EGE CAN AÇIKPORTALI (8), SEMİH ARSLAN (52)

## BTM Football League Results and Tables 21/22 December

### BTM LEAGUE RESULTS RED GROUP.

21/12	1461 İskele Trabzonspor	4 - 1	Dipkarpaz
21/12	Türkmenköy ASK	2 - 0	Mehmetçik TÇBSK
22/12	Vadili TÇBSK	2 - 0	Serdarlı GB
22/12	Geçitkale GSK	0 - 3	Yeniboğaziçi DSK
22/12	İncirli SK	3 - 0	Yarköy PGSK

### BTM LEAGUE RED GROUP TABLE.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1. Yeniboğaziçi DSK	9	9	0	0	22	4	18	27
2. İncirli SK	9	6	1	2	23	10	13	19
3. Geçitkale GSK	9	6	1	2	23	14	9	19
4. Vadili TÇBSK	9	5	1	3	26	13	13	16
5. Türkmenköy ASK	9	4	1	4	17	19	-2	13
6. 1461 İskele Trabzonspor	9	4	1	4	14	18	-4	13
7. Serdarlı GB	9	2	1	6	14	15	-1	7
8. Mehmetçik TÇBSK	9	2	1	6	16	25	-9	7
9. Dipkarpaz TSK	9	1	2	6	13	39	-26	5
10. Yarköy PGSK	9	1	1	7	11	22	-11	4

### BTM LEAGUE WHITE GROUP RESULTS.

21/12	Değirmenlik SK	3 - 0	Dikmen Gücü SK
21/12	Karaoğlanoğlu SB	1 - 2	Denizli SK
22/12	Tatlısu HOBSK	2 - 0	Ortaköy SK
22/12	Zümrütköy SK	4 - 5	Gülgün Süt Düzova GSK

### BTM LEAGUE WHITE GROUP TABLE.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1. Değirmenlik SK	8	5	3	0	24	5	19	18
2. Yılmazköy SK	8	5	0	3	12	8	4	15
3. Tatlısu HOBSK	7	3	3	1	8	6	2	12
4. Dikmen Gücü SK	7	3	2	2	10	9	1	11
5. Denizli SK	8	3	2	3	17	17	0	11
6. Ortaköy SK	8	3	2	3	16	17	-1	11
7. Gülgün Süt Düzova GSK	8	3	1	4	13	19	-6	10
8. Karaoğlanoğlu SB	8	2	3	3	9	10	-1	9
9. Zümrütköy SK	8	0	0	8	11	29	-18	0

## Football Fixtures for 28th December

By Richard Beale...

With the final round of League matches before the mid winter break being played last week the only matches this weekend being played are in the first round of the Kıbrıs Cup. The Kıbrıs Cup is the TRNC domestic Cup competition involving the teams from the K-Pet Super League and K-Pet League 1.

League 1 teams are automatically drawn to face a Super League Club, which seems a little bit unfair as normally the Super League clubs come out on top. Like all Cup competitions of course sometimes there are shocks and to be sure some League 1 teams will survive into the second round. Two ties that catch the eye are both local "derbies". LAPTA are home to neighbours ALSANCAK and in Güzelyurt YALOVA have been drawn against their bitter rivals BİNATLI.

### ALL MATCHES TO BE PLAYED ON THE 28TH DECEMBER. Kick off 1-00pm.

Home Team		Away Team	Venue
Cihangir GSK	v	Ozanköy SK	Cihangir Stadium
Türk Ocağı Limasol	v	Çanakkale TSK	Girne 20 Temmuz Mete Adanır Stadium
Karşıyaka ASK	v	Baf Ülkü Yurdu	Karşıyaka Ergin Şahdur Stadı
Yalova SK	v	Binatlı YSK	Bostancı Tashin Mertekçi Stadı
Düzkiye KOSK	v	Görneç KSK	Çatalköy Nihat Bağcıer Stadı
Dörtöy SK	v	Gençlik Gücü TSK	Dörtöy Stadı
Lapta TBSK	v	Merit Alsancak Yeşilova	Lapta Şht Şevket Kadir Stadı
Gönyeli SK	v	Maraş GSK	Gönyeli Stadı
Hamitköy ŞHSK	v	Esentepe KKSK	Hamitköy Esat Erdoğan Stadı
Mormenekşe GBSK	v	Lefke TSK	Mormenekşe Cemal Bales Stadı
Bostancı Bağcı SK	v	Doğan Türk Birliği	Bostancı Bağcı Stadı
Göçmenköy İYSK	v	Girne Halk Evi	Lefkoşa Atatürk Stadium
Küçük Kaymaklı TSK	v	Yonpaş Dumlupınar TSK	Lefkoşa Şht Hüseyin Ruso Stadium
Mesarya SK	v	Çetinkaya TSK	Paşaköy 100 yıl Stadı
L. Gençler Birliği SK	v	Mağusa Türk Gücü	İskele Cumhuriyet Stadium

## Football Results and Tables -21/22 December

### K-Pet Super League Results to 21/22 December

21/12	Yenicami AK	1-2	Merit Alsancak Yeşilova
21/12	Doğan Türk Birliği	4-3	Hamitköy ŞHSK
21/12	Cihangir GSK	1-2	Mağusa Türk Gücü
21/12	Lefke TSK	3-1	Gönyeli SK
22/12	Türk Ocağı Limasol	1-0	Göçmenköy İYSK
22/12	Düzkiye KOSK	1-3	Çetinkaya TSK
22/12	Binatlı YSK	6-3	Küçük Kaymaklı TSK
22/12	Gençlik Gücü TSK	1-1	Baf Ülkü Yurdu

### K-Pet Super League Table to 21/22 December

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1. Mağusa Türk Gücü	15	11	2	2	45	15	30	35
2. Türk Ocağı Limasol	15	9	5	1	26	12	14	32
3. Doğan Türk Birliği	15	10	1	4	33	19	14	31
4. Cihangir GSK	15	10	0	5	42	24	18	30
5. Merit Alsancak Yeşilova	15	8	2	5	36	24	12	26
6. Yenicami AK	15	7	3	5	41	31	10	24
7. Baf Ülkü Yurdu	15	7	3	5	28	32	-4	24
8. Küçük Kaymaklı TSK	15	7	2	6	29	26	3	23
9. Göçmenköy İYSK	15	6	4	5	24	25	-1	22
10. Lefke TSK	15	5	4	6	24	29	-5	19
11. Hamitköy ŞHSK	15	5	2	8	32	45	-13	17
12. Binatlı YSK	15	4	3	8	25	29	-4	15
13. Çetinkaya TSK	15	4	2	9	21	30	-9	14
14. Gençlik Gücü TSK	15	2	4	9	19	36	-17	10
15. Gönyeli SK	15	3	1	11	22	43	-21	10
16. Düzkiye KOSK	15	2	2	11	18	45	-27	8

### K-Pet League 1 Results to 21/22 December

	Dörtöy SK	3-0**	Doğancı SK
21/12	Ozanköy SK	2-1	Lapta TSB
21/12	Yalova SK	2-2	Mesarya SK
21/12	L. Gençler Birliği SK	3-1	Görneç KSK
21/12	Yonpaş Dumlupınar TSK	1-2	Esentepe KKSK
22/12	Mormenekşe GBSK	1-5	Maraş GSK
22/12	Çanakkale TSK	1-1	Bostancı Bağcı SK
22/12	Karşıyaka ASK	0-0	Girne Halk Evi

### K-Pet League 1 Table to 21/22 December

1. Mesarya SK	15	11	3	1	38	12	26	36
2. Yonpaş Dumlupınar TSK	15	9	3	3	29	4	25	30
3. Maraş GSK	15	9	2	4	29	18	11	29
4. Yalova SK	15	7	5	3	27	14	13	26
5. L. Gençler Birliği SK	15	8	2	5	26	19	7	26
6. Girne Halk Evi	15	7	4	4	27	21	6	25
7. Görneç KSK	15	6	4	5	26	23	3	22
8. Esentepe KKSK	15	5	6	4	18	15	3	21
9. Mormenekşe GBSK	15	6	3	6	21	31	-10	21
10. Dörtöy SK	15	5	5	5	17	17	0	20
11. Lapta TBSK	15	6	1	8	23	24	-1	19
12. Karşıyaka ASK	15	4	5	6	14	23	-9	17
13. Çanakkale TSK	15	4	4	7	21	30	-9	16
14. Bostancı Bağcı SK	15	3	4	8	17	22	-5	13
15. Ozanköy SK	15	3	3	9	16	31	-15	12
16. Doğancı SK	15	0	0	15	0	45	-45	0

\*\* Match awarded to Dörtöy as Doğancı unable to fulfil their fixtures.

## First "Derby Match" for 41 years won by Yeniboğaziçi

By Richard Beale .....

Result: Geçitkale GSK 0 Yeniboğaziçi DSK 3

Sunday December 22: BTM League Red Group : Geçitkale Stadium

Sunday's match between Geçitkale (Köfunye) and Yeniboğaziçi (Aytotoro) was the first football match since season 1978-79.

Being the first match in 41 years and somewhat a "Derby" game attracted a large crowd, mostly occupying the sole terrace, but also were scattered round the Stadium. Being a Sunday, even some hunters parked up, got out their picnic tables along with bottles of Rakı and Whisky to view the match. They and the large crowd were well behaved, so were the players, the match was competitive but played in good spirit.

Yeniboğaziçi confirmed their top spot credentials, they go into the winter's break winning all of their 9 matches. Geçitkale in second place before this match, now drop down one place behind Vadili.

Another 11.00am kick off on a glorious sunny December morning gave plenty of time when the match finished to enjoy a couple of beers and take in the afternoon English Premiership.

The match itself was a competitive treat, plenty of goalmouth action, plenty of brilliant saves by both goalkeepers, and a match well refereed by Mr Ismail Ercan.

Yeniboğaziçi played like a team that are unbeaten, full of confidence, spraying and passing the ball around. Geçitkale played their part, they had to work harder than their opponents to create chance so when they did they found the Yeniboğaziçi Goalkeeper Remzi in top form. The Geçitkale goalkeeper Gürcan also saw plenty of



ÇAĞRI (white on floor) puts Yeniboğaziçi ahead and right Geçitkale goalkeeper Gürcan is

action making some good saves and also brilliantly stopping a penalty in the second half.

ÇAĞRI (white on floor) puts Yeniboğaziçi ahead and right Geçitkale goalkeeper Gürcan is helpless in trying to stop CEMİL free kick to add the second goal.

### MATCH NOTES :

**6 mins** : A free kick on the far right near the touchline taken by Cemil Awwad caused concern in the Geçitkale goal area before striking the top of the crossbar

**13 mins** : Yeniboğaziçi took the lead from another free kick in an almost identical position again taken by Cemil. His low free kick to the Geçitkale near post was met with the deftest of touches by ÇAĞRI SARPOĞLU which deceived goalkeeper Gürcan at his near post. **0-1.**

Geçitkale responded with a couple of chances of their own Onurhan shot over bar and then after good work by Osman and Vedat, Nazimcan finished badly from the resultant cross.

**38 mins** : Yeniboğaziçi increased their lead with a brilliant free kick taken by

CEMİL AWWAD. The winger's free kick from just outside the box, went over the wall and dipped into the left side of the Geçitkale net, beating a despairing Gürcan dive.

### HALF TIME : 0-2.

Geçitkale with nothing to lose started the half with more intent after good work by Onurhan who headed the ball back into the path of the Geçitkale Captain Rifat who sent in a shot that fizzled just wide.

**52 mins** : As Yeniboğaziçi talented young winger Serhat weaved his way into the Geçitkale box he was upended by Koray and Mr Ercan pointed to the spot. Çağrı penalty was brilliantly pushed away by Gürcan diving to his left and also being equal to the follow up effort.

**55 mins**: Yeniboğaziçi didn't have to wait long to increase their lead breaking quickly from a Geçitkale free kick. CEMİL AWWAD picking the ball up on the left, beat a couple of players before cutting inside and beat Gurcan at his near post. **0-3**

Geçitkale threw their last roll of the dice, their 37 year old player coach Hüseyin Yesilbaş forgoing his

touchline roll and taking to the field to try and prompt his team by example.

**76 mins** : The Coach was soon in action setting up Rifat whose shot was brilliantly tipped over the bar by the Yeniboğaziçi goalkeeper Remzi.

**85 mins** : Geçitkale continued to press and Onurhan saw his shot suffer the same fate by the Yeniboğaziçi keeper.

**92 mins** : It wasn't to be Geçitkale's day as they couldn't score a consolation goal, again Remzi denied them diving acrobatically to push over Rifat's shot.

### FULL TIME SCORE: 0-3

**SUMMING UP** : A thoroughly entertaining match by the top two teams.

**Geçitkale "Man of the Match"** : RIFAT EMIRHAN - the Captain tried his hardest, and a couple of good shots that on another day would have gone in.

**Yeniboğaziçi "Man of the Match"** - CEMİL AWWAD - scored 2 goals and was involved in the other goal, a constant threat down the left.

## Ali and Salih's army keeps rolling on!

By Richard Beale ..

Saturday, December 21, 2019: K-Pet League 1 : Famagusta Dr Fazil Küçük Stadium.

Esentepe provided the shock of the day and one of the shocks of the season, beating high flying Dumlupınar to make it 5 unbeaten games for the new Coaching duo of Ali Kanlı and Salih Özbir.

Second place Dumlupınar were brought down to earth with a battling performance by unfancied Esentepe who signed off the first half of the season by grabbing all 3 points with a 90 minute winner. Dumlupınar who have only conceded 2 goals in 14 matches, an amazing achievement had that virtually impregnable defence breech twice by the visitors. Dumlupınar have now lost 3 of their 7 home matches, but they have not let in a goal in their 7 away matches.

After watching Esentepe youngsters in the morning, I thought I was still at that match, such were the young faces that took the field for the senior team. Hit by injuries, an already threadbare squad resembled a kindergarten rather than a football team. 17 year old GÜRHAN DEMİR was given a first ever start in the senior team, and the youngster did not let the team down, slotting seamlessly into the Esentepe defence.

A sunny and warmish December afternoon attracted a good sized crowd to the impressive Dr Fazil Küçük Stadium

An even opening 20 minutes saw only one real chance in the 15th minute fall to the home team, following a long throw from the right by Hüseyin Kayalılar that was flicked onto the far post, where Turgut Kaan shot wide from a good position.

**Result: Yonpaş Dumlupınar YSK 1 Esentepe KKS 2**



**Esentepe in Red and white strip**

Esentepe suffered a huge body blow when they lost their Captain Vurkan who hobbled off in the 29th minute to be replaced by Mahmut.

Esentepe were working very hard for each other, restricting Dumlupınar to a few half chances, unfortunately they did not trouble the home goal themselves.

**HALF TIME SCORE: 0-0**

Dumlupınar took the lead following a disputed penalty in the 59th minute. Again a long throw in from Hüseyin, saw two Esentepe players take a tumble in the box, a Dumlupınar player then had a shot that struck an Esentepe hand. Despite Esentepe's strong appeals that their players were pushed, referee Hüseyin Özkan awarded a penalty and HÜSEYİN KAYALILAR sent Onur the wrong way. **1-0**

In the 70th minute another one of Esentepe 17 year old's, Şükrü, went on a run on the right, beat a couple of players, cut inside and sent in a shot that just cleared the Dumlupınar bar.

The youngster was not to be denied, with a goal that I didn't really see in the 74th minute but ŞÜKRÜ scored ! **1-1**

Immediately Dumlupınar counter attacked straight from the kick off and had a goal disallowed for offside,

Dumlupınar were now piling on the pressure, with Esentepe defending frantically, but somehow surviving. In the 82nd minute Berke did well to get in a cross from the left and saw Hüseyin Kayalılar send a header on to the top of the Esentepe crossbar.

Hüseyin Kayalılar's long throw in had caused Esentepe defence problems all afternoon from another one in the 88th minute, Burah had a header brilliantly tipped over the bar by goalkeeper Onur.

With Dumlupınar piling forward they were caught by a fast Esentepe breakaway in the 90th minute. Kaan started the move on the left, carried on by Yakup, then Şükrü who carried on into the area, as Goalkeeper Turkkın came out the winger squared the ball across the goal where unmarked substitute MUSTAFA GÜNLÜ slotted home. Understandably wild scenes on the Esentepe bench and in the stand followed and this carried on after Esentepe safely saw out 4 minutes of injury time. **1-2**

To compound Dumlupınar's misery Abbas who had already been replaced was sent off after the final whistle.

**SUMMING UP :**

This is why you support a local football team, joyous scenes afterwards, celebrations galore, Esentepe's makeshift team had pulled off the impossible. The Coaching team deserve great credit as they have restored confidence, their planning is meticulous and the players have responded.

A good all round hard working performance, every player made a contribution, hard to pick an individual, but I would give it to "Man of the Match" Goalkeeper ONUR ÖZBİNGÜL, in fairness he didn't have a lot to do, he was well protected, but when he was called upon he showed coolness and calmness, to inspire his team.

Dumlupınar will get promotion to the Super League, this was a "blip" with the squad they have, and unlimited resources it's just a formality. Today they had an "off day". it happens to all teams, but Esentepe have given me the perfect **Christmas present.**



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