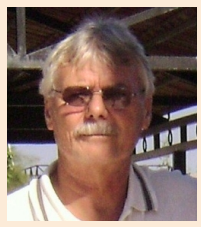


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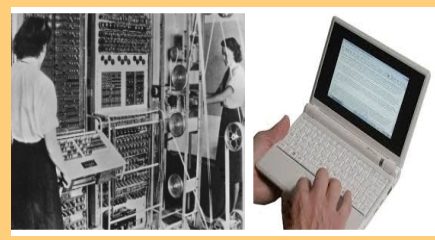


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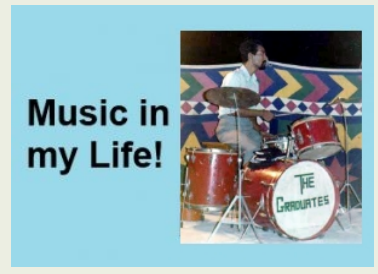
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New Year - It's that time of the year isn`t it?

Readers mail...
From Robert Smallwood....

Dear Sir. It's that time of the year, isn`t it?

Time to reflect but also a time to look forward to see what the new year has in store for us. I think it is exciting to see what 2020 may bring forth but what may go beyond that we may wonder.

I append for yourself and your readers a glimpse into the future which is breathtaking and holds out a promise which you won`t believe. If only we could have foreseen the effect of the explosion of mobile phones, the internet, and the electronic media: would we have believed it was about to happen? But no one warned us, did they?

We were totally unprepared for what was about to happen and 15 year olds cannot conceive being without all the electronic gadgetry they have at hand. So let's take a look into a future, which is nearer than you think, which will blow your mind.

The Future is -- SINGULARITY.

To mark significant progress in any profession, belief or field of knowledge, we use the term "paradigm shift". The most common, perhaps, is the shift from - the world is flat, and the earth orbits the sun. As an example, the relatively recent unforeseen explosion in communication ie, mobile phones and the internet. Historically, it took three months for Columbus to discover America in 1492 and less than three hours to fly on Concorde from London to New York in 1996. Similarly, one of Magellan's ships, Victoria, took three years to circumnavigate the world 1552, which again, Concorde completed in just under 30 hours in 1996. There are many similar shifts, with which we are familiar, in science, medicine, travel, technology, entertainment, printing etc etc.

So, what will be next? In a word - "Singularity", and it is nearer than you may think.

In early January 1968 on returning to, what is now Coventry University, for completion of our final year in Electronics, students were informed all previous instruction on thermionic valve technology was to be archived. From now on all instruction would concern Solid State components. This would be a paradigm shift dwarfing all others. Pocket calculators, weighing less than a cup of tea, heralded the dawn of miniaturisation of such proportions and diversity that the whole world looked on with incredulity. This was the start of a new world characterised in miniature, and in 2017 is recognised as the era of nanotechnology.

But, where did this all begin? What does the future hold for us, as a species? The world is about to enter an unbelievable evolutionary phase which, will be entirely in our hands.

Once upon a time – so the theory goes – there was a big bang. There are three basic problems with this idea: ten to fifteen billion years ago (when it was said to have occurred) planets did not exist. A suitable listening planet appeared five to ten billion years later. Human ears first heard it only fifteen million years ago. Evolving some twelve to thirteen million years later homo erectus, with fire and language would also have wondered what all the noise was about. But homo-sapiens, us in infancy, would pass onto their progeny, homo sapiens sapiens, a fear of noise in the extreme 40,000 ago, or in evolutionary terms, a short term memory exercise. So, what does miniaturisation and nanotechnology signal? It brings into focus the rate of change of our pedestrian evolutionary process, in mental and physical terms, also to recognise we have been, and still are, at the mercy of some hidden agenda (DNA?).

But can we influence our progress and take some measure of control in our evolutionary future? That is to say, do we have the ability at hand to seriously challenge the Intelligent Design - versus – Natural Selection process?

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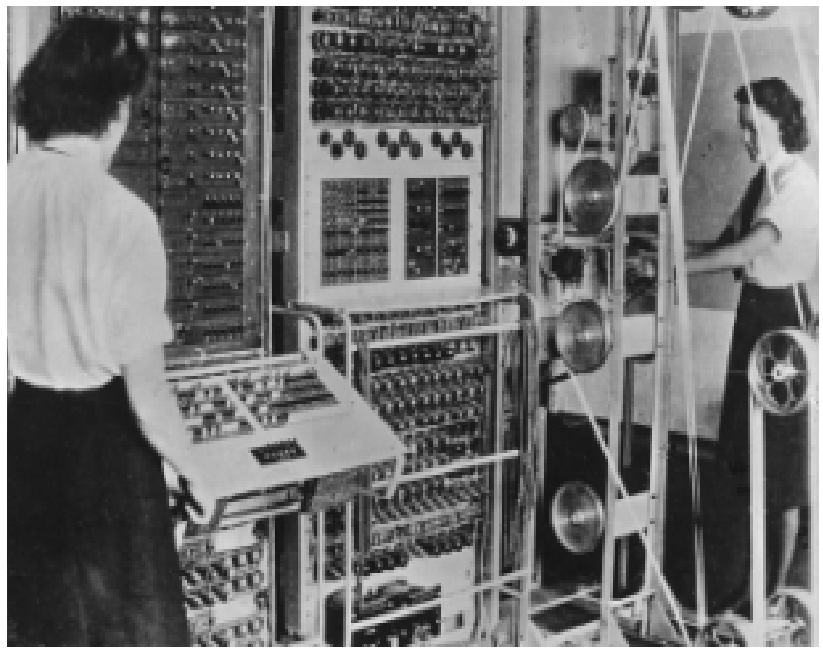
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How are we to do this? In fact, the process has already begun. Intelligent Design (ID) has surreptitiously affected our lives in so many ways: contact lenses, hearing aids, joint and organ replacement, pacemakers, cochlear and other implants, etc, have become common place over the last twenty years. And can be considered just the small tip of an enormous iceberg, in nanotechnology terms.

The observation of paramount importance is – "rate of change". The speed at which technology is itself evolving, in fact, accelerating. And, what does this portend for the future? Transistor speed (ie the speed at which it can go from completely OFF to completely ON, and vice versa.) measured at just over 1,000,000 Hz in 1976 was over 1 Giga Hz (1000,000,000) in today`s terms. Similarly, the number of transistors per Microprocessor has ranged from around 1000 in 1970 to over 7.2 billion today, and in a laboratory in excess of 30 billion recently. All this speed, size and cost follow Moore`s Law, halving in size, doubling in quantity per cubic cm in 1 to 2 years. So, if this trend continues, what does the future hold for us?

Computer design originally followed human brain activity, that is, in terms of computations per second and memory. The human brain is estimated to have 100 billion cells, called neurons, with each one having 1000 connections to its neighbours.

Therefore, our brains have 100 trillion connections, each capable of simultaneous calculation. But, neural circuitry is very very slow at about 200 calculations per second. Therefore we are capable of 20 million billion calculations per second. Which should impress most sceptics and amaze the majority of those among us.

The object of computer design is to emulate the human brain in performance ie, to operate at our level. So, where are we now? Even with today`s supercomputers, it is estimated that 2023 is the earliest we may see equality in performance matching human brains even though the supercomputer, Deep Blue, beat Gary Kasparov, the world chess champion in 1997. Even so, a state has to be reached when computers can match the total of all human intelligence, which is designated as reaching "Singularity", and is forecast at 2045.

What can we expect to see then? Revolution! Not in terms of conflict but as a result of the birth of nanotechnology. At this point, we will have the potential to, and I quote: to rebuild the physical world – our bodies and brains included- molecular fragment by molecular fragment, potentially atom by atom. Precise molecular control will be by way of smaller than human blood cell robots called Nanobots. These bloodstream-based devices will keep you healthy destroying bacteria, viruses and cancer cells without autoimmune reactions.



DNA errors will be repairable, restoration of cell membranes, reversing atherosclerosis, as well as hormone and neurotransmitter levels. The promise of nanobots is to reverse the aging process such that staying young will be a choice, where biotechnology will initiate the action and nanotechnology complete it. But this may be just the beginning as the advent of neural implants, to augment our senses greatly increasing memory and assisting other cognitive functions, will show.

There will be an end to invasive surgery: paraplegia, cancer, debilitating brain disorders, prosthetic limbs and transplants as we crack the code of regeneration. Governments will grapple with, not an ageing population, but a forever young one, as hospitals and doctors become redundant.

The promise is so much more than this – but – there is, alas, as with any "giant step for mankind", a downside, which in the wrong hands could potentially be lethal to our very being.

As we become less biological, not only in body but more invasively in our brains and minds, the argument is whether we will become Cyborgs, as the non-biological portion of our brain begins to dominate - but – if we retain our full range of emotional and spiritual conscience are we not still essentially human?

Robert Smallwood. BSc, IEng, MIIEE.

April 10th 2017.

Effective Inspections from Ministry of Labour and Social Security

Within the scope of Occupational Health and Safety, 533 construction site inspections were carried out throughout the country by the Labour Department between 1st January - 10th December 2019.

Between 1st January and 10th December 2019, 1,314 complaints were filed with the Labour Department Alo 102 contact line and were processed and followed up by the District Office of the Labour Department. In the audits carried out 1,286 informal workers were identified. An administrative fine of 400TL was imposed.

According to the statistics of Labour Department; in the first half of the year between 1st January 2019 and 31st May 2019, 766 illegal workers were identified during the inspections conducted by the Labour Department in respect of informal labour throughout the country.

In the second half of the year, between 1st June 2019 and 10th December 2019, 520 illegal workers were identified in the inspections of unregistered workers. 670 complaints were followed up and audited by the Labour Department. Occupational Health and Safety inspections were carried out at 293 construction sites. An administrative fine 1.768.000TL was imposed.

Controls to combat illegal working will increase throughout the country.

Within the scope of the fight against illegal working, the inspections carried out by the Labour Department and the Social Security Department of the Reserve Fund of the Ministry of Labour and Social Security throughout the country will continue to increase in 2020.

Occupational Health and Safety audits in all sectors, especially in the construction industry, within the framework of "Occupational Health and Safety Regulation in Construction Works", "Risk Assessment Regulation" and "Certification of Occupational Health and Safety Services" which came into force within the scope of the Occupational Health and Safety Law, will become effective.

Source: Ministry of Labour and Social Security



Bayerwald students banned from taking final trip to North Cyprus

By Chris Elliott...

Our friends from Kuzey-Kibris.de sent us a link to an online German language newspaper which when translated, has a very sad report as shown under. This is just continued pressure to ensure that North Cyprus is not recognised and that young tourists are prevented from coming to the TRNC to enjoy perhaps a New Year Holiday.



Ministry prohibits Bayerwald students from taking a final trip to Cyprus.

The Bavarian State Ministry of Culture has decided: Vocational students from Waldkirchen (Freyung-Grafenau district) are no longer allowed to take their graduation trip to Northern Cyprus. The reason: international law problems.

Half a dozen water slides guarantee fun. The sandy beach is huge and the sea is still pleasantly warm in autumn. Young people can let off steam without danger on the approximately 100,000 square meter facility. As well as these advantages, the accommodation costs at the Acapulco resort in the northern part of Cyprus are moderate. That is why the vocational schools in Waldkirchen, Ingolstadt and Kelheim have been heading to the hotel complex on their graduation trips for many years. The idea of letting the students vacation there comes from Waldkirchen. But now that's the end.

The Bavarian State Ministry of Education and Culture has unequivocally recommended that three schools stop checking in at the Acapulco resort. Because the trips are politically explosive. There are problems under international law because the hotel is located in the northern part of the island of Cyprus. This resulted in a request from the PNP (Passauer Neue Presse)." Even the Federal Foreign Office in Berlin is involved in the case. The vocational secondary schools in Waldkirchen, Ingolstadt and Kelheim are affected by the decision.

Northern Cyprus sees itself as an independent state - not recognized by EU countries

The region in the north of the island of Cyprus sees itself as an independent state, which - apart from Turkey - is not recognized by any EU country under international law.

Although there have never been any problems in practice during the school trips, the Ministry of Culture is concerned about the final trips. "The fact that a school violates international law has never happened," says Uwe Burghardt, the headmaster of the BSZ in Waldkirchen.

Source:
Harald Rast Passauer Neue Presse

It's not acceptable for Greek Cypriots to cooperate with Haftar

Prime Minister Ersin Tatar stated that the attitude of the Greek Cypriot administration to cooperate with the coupist General Haftar Administration, who is against the current administration in Libya, regarding usurping the rights of Turkey and the TRNC is not acceptable.

Tatar said that they closely follow the geopolitical developments in the Eastern Mediterranean and are committed to protect their national strategic interests with Turkey.

In his written statement Tatar said the following:

"We have followed with concern the contacts of the Libyan House of Representatives Chairman Akile Salih, who is the pro-Libyan coupist of General Khalifa Haftar, with the Greek Cypriot Administration and his political pursuits against Turkey. This visit once again showed that our approach to the Cyprus problem and our foreign policy should be re-evaluated with a broader understanding.

The agreements which were signed by Turkey with the Libyan National Reconciliation Government regarding defence cooperation and the delimitation of maritime jurisdiction areas have been a milestone in the Eastern Mediterranean geopolitics

The rapidly developing security and energy cooperation between the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus and Turkey is also a critical part of this great strategic picture.

The Turkish nation is a great nation that has dominated the Mediterranean Sea for centuries. It is not possible to write and explain the history of the Mediterranean Basin without Turkish history. Every effort towards depriving the Turkish nation from the Mediterranean's wealth is closely followed by us and we have a determination with Turkey to prevent this.

Within this context, it should not be forgotten that our stance on the Cyprus problem has moved to a new dimension with the changing Eastern Mediterranean geopolitics. We carefully monitor and evaluate dynamic regional developments."



Greek Cypriots need to settle issues with TRNC in advance



Turkish Foreign Minister Mevlüt Çavuşoğlu stressed 'Greek Cypriots need to settle their issues with the TRNC in advance'.

Çavuşoğlu stated at an event in which he participated in Antalya that Turkey is an important actor in international issues and touched upon the drilling activities in the Mediterranean. Çavuşoğlu said: "Greek Cypriots need to settle their issues with the TRNC in advance.

We sent two drilling ships in order to defend the rights of the TRNC against those who disregard these rights and we changed the balances. We bypassed their games and we are bypassing all the games one by one.

Akinci: EastMed natural gas pipeline

TRNC President Mustafa Akıncı stated that the EastMed natural gas pipeline agreement which was signed yesterday (2nd January 2020) in Athens between Greece, South Cyprus and Israel is against the geographical realities, economically irrational and solely based on political concerns.

In a written statement President Akıncı pointed out that the pipeline project which aims to carry natural gas from Israel to Greece and Italy via South Cyprus and Crete was the longer and more costly route in comparison to other alternatives. President Akıncı said:

'It is clear that efforts to keep this project alive, despite opposition from experts, as was the case with granting the Greek Cypriot side EU membership on its own, will not contribute to the solution of the Cyprus Problem'.

President Akıncı also added that the political climate of atmosphere could be changed with mutual steps but it was not possible to alter or change geography and said 'The geographical realities indicate that it is not possible to exclude Turkish Cypriots and Turkey from the energy equation in the Eastern Mediterranean'.



I played drums, but sorry to say that I do not know music!



By Ahmet Abdulaziz....

I ask myself what did I do in the field of music, my simple answer has always been that I did not do anything at all. Yes I played drums in our amateur sort of musical group of friends for more than a decade, during the 1970s, but I simply did not do anything else except playing drums.

For example, in all those years I never tried to learn music. I believe that knowledge of music is something different from playing an instrument. I never felt the need to understand or learn music. What we as friends were doing in those years was just to copy some popular songs, and try to play them within the limits of our personal abilities.

For example, Iftikhar was the most talented person in our group, who took most of the show load on his shoulders by not just singing the songs, but also by making our performances appreciated by the people listening to us in family functions. He was the one who had the pain of learning all the songs by heart. It was not so easy in those days, yet I am sure he must have been filling in some blanks in the lyrics. Of course, this practice is not simply limited to amateur performers like us, even professionals resort to such techniques.

Both Waqar and Sohail played guitar. Sohail did have the additional advantage of playing the keyboard too.

I am sure I was the weakest part of the group, and I was there only because I had a drum set. I had learned to play drums from Richard D'Souza, one of the celebrated drum players of the city at that time. But after a passage of over 45 years I feel that he had taught me to play drums, but had not given me an understanding of music and playing the drums accordingly.

I am sure other friends in our musical group also did not know much about music. When I used the term "understanding or knowing music", I mean the ability to create music. I am sure none of our quartet had the ability to create music. We were simply copying various songs.

The truth is that we were so busy in salvaging ourselves, by playing some of the popular songs of that period, that we never had time to bother ourselves with the painful passage of learning and creating music. As I have frequently mentioned earlier, all four of us were busy firstly in our studies and then in our different professional fields later, that we could only assemble once in a couple of months and also when we were invited to play music somewhere. I do not remember if on more than a very rare occasion did we get together to practice.



Ahmet-Iftikhar-Sohail-and-Waqar - The-Graduates

When we were playing at some function that was the only time we were playing together. So that used to be our practice session. Looking from that angle, I feel proud that we managed to perform songs, without going through practice sessions. Both Waqar and Sohail used to practice alone in their free time, on any song that they could find worthy of playing. Iftikhar used to sing the songs that he could find suitable. On my part, I used to practice the drum beats of these songs, in my mind only, since it was not possible for me to play the drums all the time in the house. Of course, we did not have a separate place to play music.

So whenever we assembled to play at any function, we used to play the same songs that we had been playing on previous occasions. The positive aspect of this practice is that with the passage of time we were becoming masters of those particular songs, by playing them repeatedly. That practice was also helpful to introduce variations in drum beats.

Looking back at all this, I find ourselves as being successful, because with all the limitations mentioned above, we were able to play some popular songs of The Beatles, Boney M and other popular groups.

I feel really amazed, recalling how with great confidence we used to play very difficult songs like "Rivers of Babylon", "Black Magic Woman" or "One way Ticket". But we did do that. "Seasons in the Sun", "Baby Come back", "Let it Be", "Hey Jude", were rather easier songs particularly for me on drums, but were of course not so easy for the rest of the members of the band.

But we all loved whatever we were doing, under all unfavourable conditions. We used to play music simply because we wanted to play.

It has been around 45 years that we all are no more in the field of music, but I am sure we are all proud of what we did in that eventful part of our lives.

However, still, I am sorry to say that I do not know music.



Ahmet on drums with Iftikhar singing



"You May Say I'm a Dreamer"



By Ahmet Abdulaziz....

The awaited year 2020 has finally arrived. This means that according to the Gregorian calendar, human beings have left behind 2019 years, and nobody knows how many more years will pass.

Even before the start of Gregorian calendar, the days were still passing, and humans were keeping note of days as they passed, by referring to seasons and events. Even today not everyone is following the Gregorian calendar, but in fact this is the time that passes, even when not counted.

However with the start of the year 2020, what fascinates me is the number. The repetition of 2 and zero, or 20 and 20 are unique, as they are appearing for the very first time in our history. This type of number comes only once in a century. A century back it was 1919. A further hundred years back it was 1818, 1717, 1616 and so on if we continue looking backwards.

I tried to Google for the meaning of the number 2020, and found the following :

" *Angel number 2020 starts with the number 2, the meaning of which is magnified by its double appearance. The number 2 represents harmony, duality, and relationships. It is linked to the relationships we have to other people, but also the relationships that we have with different parts of ourselves. It behoves us to seek balance and harmony, and reminds us that sometimes we need to bend and compromise in order not to break.*

Angel Number 2020 is also strong with the digit 0, which represents everything and nothing, all possibilities and the void. It often suggests that we have a blank slate of some sort to write our own destiny, and that all options are currently available to us. Angel Number 2020 is also linked with the number 4 as 2+0+2+0=4. The number 4 is the number of community and our links with family, friends, colleagues and others.

Angel Number 2020 reminds us that our only limits are the ones that we place upon ourselves,
and not to put up walls between us and the people who are important to us."

Reading the above really fascinated me, since it charts out our best social behaviour in a world order that we lack now. As I understood the number 2020 stands for humanity.

In fact humanity is what we all claim to believe in. This is what all leaders, politicians, celebrities etc, claim believing. Yet still we see human blood being spilled everywhere. Wars, for political reasons, are killing hundreds and thousands of humans. Civil wars backed by people with vested interests are taking lives of innocents.

As we leave the year 2019 behind us, we leave a long history of events of inhumane behaviour. We see piles of corpses of innocent people, spilled human blood everywhere. We see humans who are hungry and have not food to eat. We see people having no place to live. We see people not having clothes and shoes to wear. We see children unable to get education. This list goes on and on, as humans continue with their inhumane attitudes.

With that long history of inhumanity in this world, there are people who still believe in humanity. There still are people who believe in peace. There still are people who dream of a totally different world.

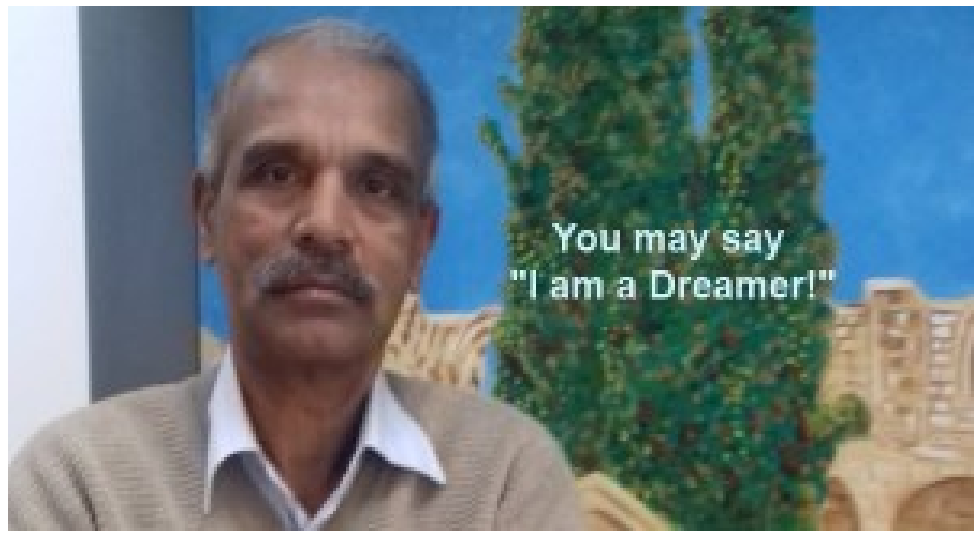
Yes I believe in a totally different world. You may say "I am a dreamer" but I believe strongly in what John Lennon said in "Imagine".

Imagine there's no countries
It isn't hard to do
Nothing to kill or die for
And no religion, too

Imagine all the people
Living life in peace

You, you may say I'm a dreamer
But I'm not the only one
I hope someday you will join us
And the world will be as one

Imagine no possessions
I wonder if you can
No need for greed or hunger
A brotherhood of man





So what will the New Year bring?

Video link - Imagine
https://youtu.be/YkgkThdzX-8list=RDYkgkThdzX-8

KAR - News Update

We received this update yesterday (26th December) from Lee Roy Lacey.



"We adopted Dani in September 2017 and she has just been promoted to a big sister and is taking her role very seriously. She is the nicest dog and so gentle with the baby. A testament to the hard work and love the dogs in your care receive".

Congratulations to the Lacey family and Dani.

URGENT! We have a desperate need for any 'softies' you may have. The bad weather leads to a shortage and we currently have cats in quarantine with a bad gastro virus, which means we need clean bedding on a twice daily basis. We are trying to wash as much as we can, but the weather hampers the drying process! Please, drop anything you have at either Veni Vici on the West and the Karakum Office on the East Side. You can drop directly to the Centre as well.



Have you eaten too much? feel the need to walk off a few inches? The centre is open all over the festive season. Come visit and walk a dog on one of our nature trails. 9am-1pm, 7 days per week!



Happy New Year 2020 and this is a heartwarmer.
Nick and Simon moved here late summer 2019. They arranged with KAR PetTravel to bring Murfee into the North and to the new family home. From the outset they were determined to help KAR, so firstly donated half the furniture from their container!! Then they became volunteers at the Centre, meeting and greeting visitors, then it happened, well Poppy happened, during a meet and greet they saw Poppy, they met, introduced Murfee, fell in love and on Christmas Eve she completed their TRNC Family.
Thank you Guys for you considerable support of KAR, you gain the title of KAR Heroes and join our merry little gang!





KAR Education team visit Karakum School

On Thursday December 19th the Education team, Maggie Smith, Carole Widdison, Carol Easton and Ruby had the pleasure of teaching the preschool children at Karakum school. There were 44 delightful, and extremely well behaved children who enjoyed taking part in the activities during the lesson.

The class was introduced to Ruby and told a little about the Rescue centre at Beşparmak, which was Ruby`s home until a short while ago when Maggie gave her a forever home.

The first activity showed the children what dogs and cats needed to be happy and healthy. They looked at things the animals needed such as bowls, collars, nametags and leads, a brush, a blanket and toys. One of the children came out and showed how to brush Ruby. They then learned how to stroke a dog correctly, letting it sniff their hand first. The demonstration used Maggie, whose permission had to be asked for first, and Ruby. The lesson finished with the children learning how to behave around dogs on the streets. They learned to ‘stand like a tree’ in silence while Maggie pretended to be a dog barking near them. It is quite a sight seeing 44 children standing like this and trying not to giggle.

Each child had a folder of activity sheets to complete and take home to show their families.

We are very grateful for the welcome we always get at this school and the involvement of the Director and teachers in the lesson, especially with their help translating for us. There were also donations of food that the children had brought for the animals which was much appreciated.









January, a dry month for Slimmer's World's Val Stuart-Traynor

Intro by Margaret Sheard ....

Val likes a drink in the evenings, maybe 2 or 3 whiskeys or pink gins! but she wants to help one of her Slimmer's World group to cover veterinary bills for Twinkle, an injured dog which is being treated for a broken and dislocated leg and also will need a permanent home, and so Val has decided as a New Year resolution she will do a 'dry month' in January.

This will however have one exception as the 17th January is Val and Geoff's 25th wedding anniversary, so we must forgive her for that day.

Val had only just started to ask for sponsorship and Chris and I pledged 100TL on behalf of CyprusScene but as at 30th December while out shopping and visiting the butcher she found the amount already pledged was 460TL, and later in the day Val confirmed it had risen to 750TL, so well on the way.

If you would like to help Val (and Twinkle) please contact her by email :

geoffandvalst@gmail.com

Following is Val's message :

" *I'm going to do dry January to raise money to pay Twinkles vets bill. He was run over and abandoned. A fabulous lady will take him permanently if a home can't be found.*

Around 2,000TL is needed. If you could just sponsor me 1TL a day (total of 31TL) that would be fantastic x"



Walking the Dog(s)

Readers Mail ....
From Carole King ....
Happy New Year

The sun shone on the walkers today. Thank you Mike, Valerie, Mike Plus and Louise.

We walked lots of wonderful dogs who wagged their tails and gave us big sloppy kisses and cuddles.

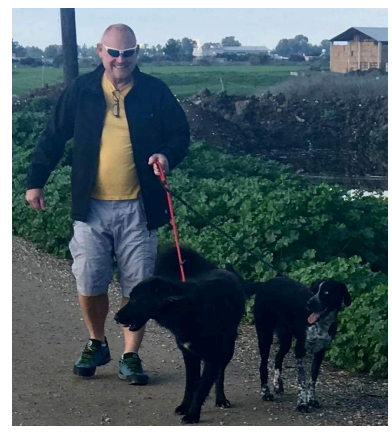
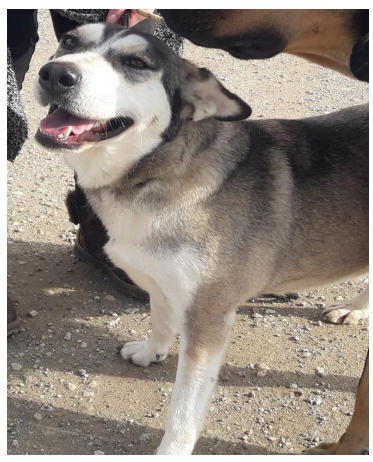
A little New Year's Day fun today, let's play a memory game! Name that dog?. The lucky winner can come and join us next week. (Walkers excluded).

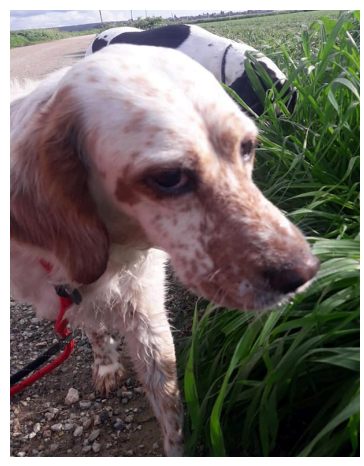
Get well soon Carole we all missed you today including the doggies - Where was our treat lady today?

Editor's Note :
If you would like to join the walkers and give a little cheer to the dogs please send Carole King a Facebook message.

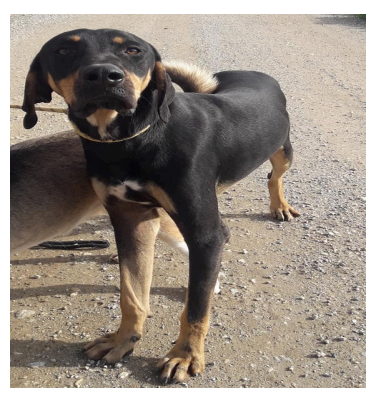
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ARUCAD - new departments to Faculty of Communication and Art

Arkın University of Creative Arts and Design (ARUCAD) are adding new departments to the Faculties of Art and Communication during the Spring Semester of 2019-2020 Academic Year.

In line with the aim of becoming a leading educational institution in the field of art and design, and becoming a part of the international art network of internationally experienced and respected academics and students in art circles, in the Spring Semester of 2019-2020 Academic Year, preparations are being made to add new departments in the Communication and Art Faculties.

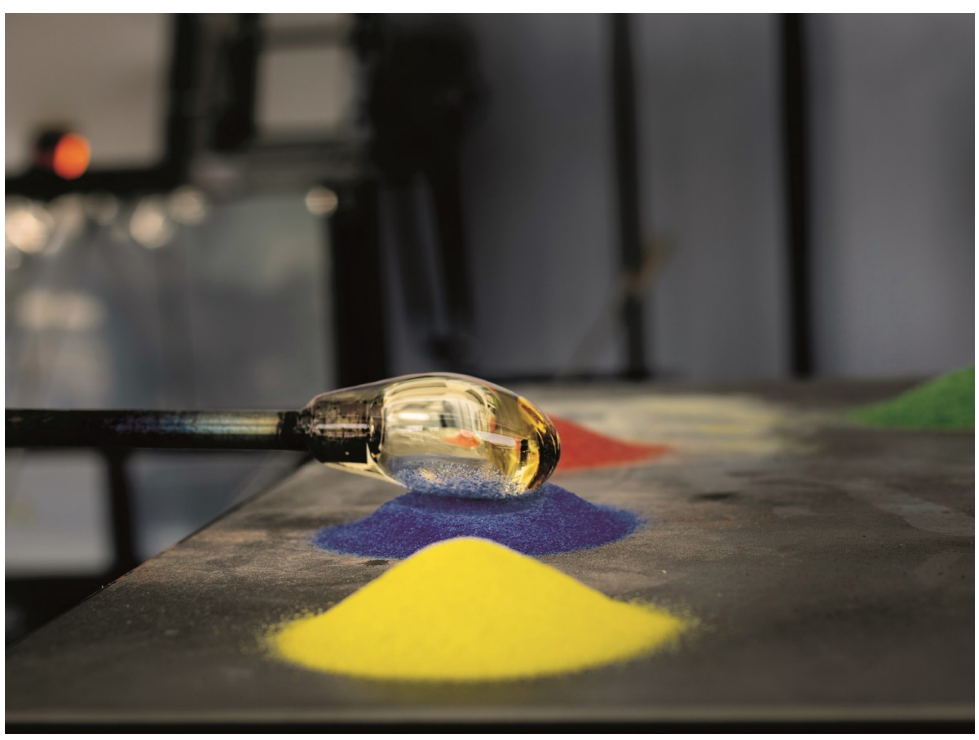
ARUCAD, the only art and design-oriented University of Northern Cyprus and the region, are adding to the Department of Ceramic and Glass Design from the Faculty of Art and to the Department of Film Design and Directing from the Faculty of Communication in respect of the Spring semester of the 2019-2020 academic year and have established their goal of becoming a leading educational institution in the field of art and design.

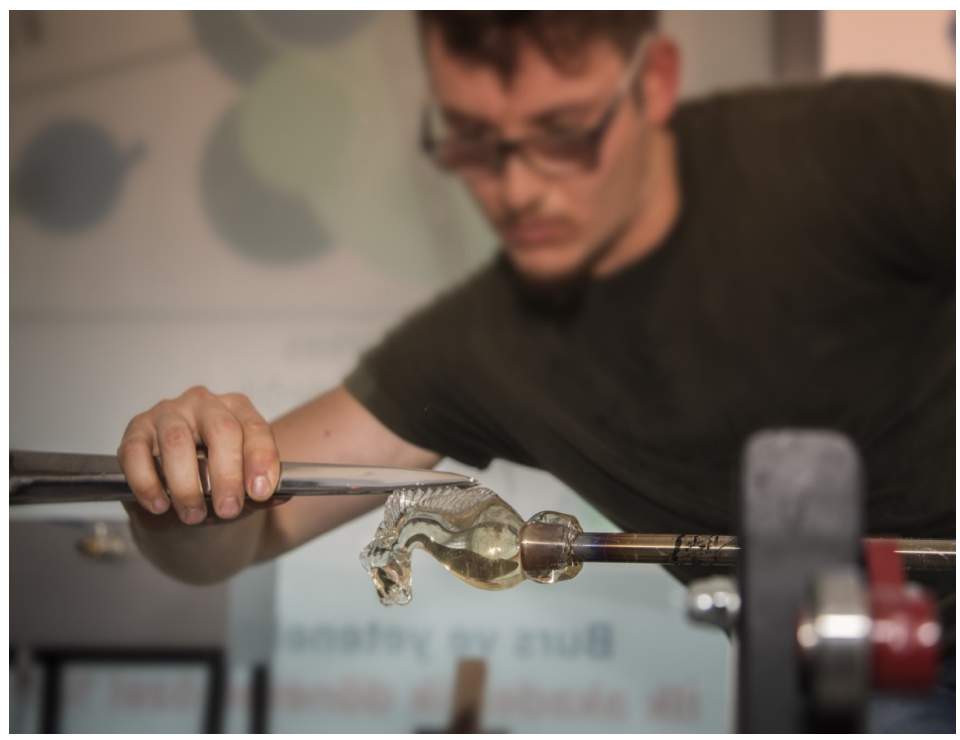
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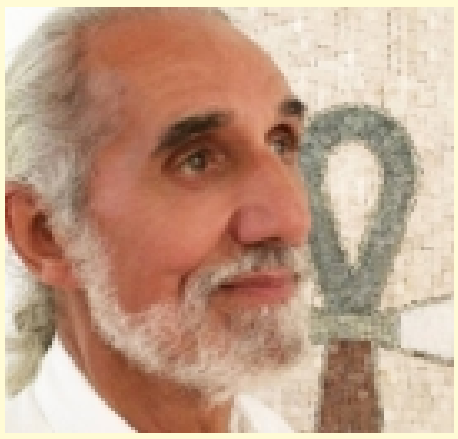








Poets Corner



THE NEW YEAR AWAKENING

By Nick Vye - Sanctuary

And as the new dawn slowly broke,
I heard a gentle whisper spoke,
It said this is now your day,
You will find your own way,

The sunlight was creeping over the land,
I stood silently on the golden sand,
All around me was shining bright,
My body felt happy and my heart light,

There was so much to see and absorb,
I had opened up a new closed door,
I drifted into a high conscious state,
Had I earned it, or was it my fate,

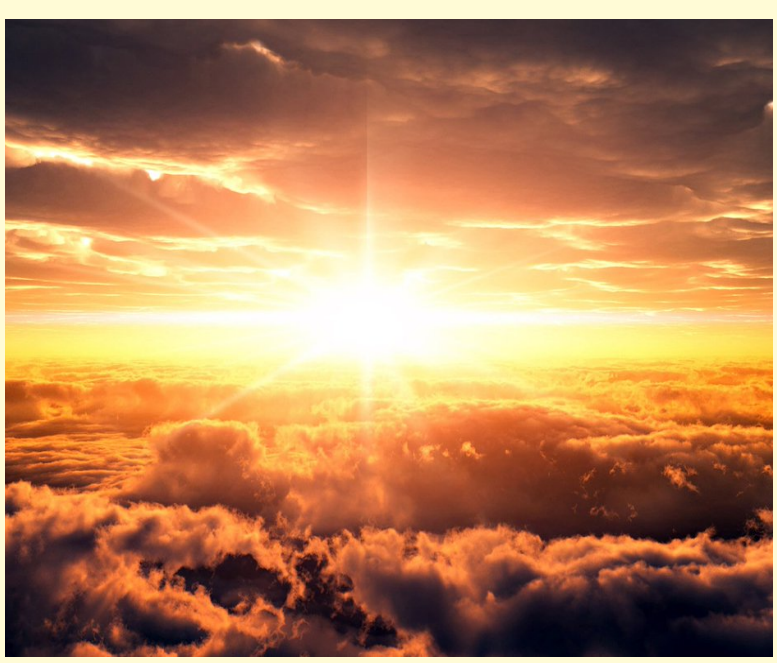
All around me was gently still,
I was aware I had no free will,
My soul had peacefully surrendered,
All my past deeds had been mended,

I ascended into another time and plane,
Nothing I saw there looked the same,
Everything there was love, light and peace,
I felt as a baby wrapped in the Veedon Fleece,

A thousand stars shone so bright,
Behold a celestial mystical sight,
If this was heaven high up above,
I was completely immersed in a sea of love,

So many hands came and lifted me up,
My joy overflowed like a full cup,
They carried me swiftly and then placed me down,
In the far distance I heard a sweet sound,

The melody was haunting, it came from the lute,
Accompanied by the soulful sound of the flute,
On the horizon, I saw a great golden glow,
Then in my head, all knowledge did flow.....







The Villa Diva Concert in aid of young North Cyprus pianists

By Dr. Demetra George Mustafaoğlu..

Ataturk said, "The children are the roses, stars and glitters of happiness of our bright future."

Despite thousands of hours of negotiations to solve the Cyprus issue, one truth remains. The Turkish North has been blocked from rights and opportunities afforded to citizens of the south and the youth must leave the island to seek careers and opportunities.

With the excellence, love and fortitude of a special musician who deserves a Medal of Honour, Dr Rauf Kasimov has opened doors for the talented and dedicated pianists in the North as he educates, mentors and launches careers from the TRNC (KKTC). Wife Ayla and maestro formed the KIBRIS PIYANO KÜLTÜR VE SANAT DERNEĞI (CYPRUS Piano Culture and Art Foundation) to support our magnificent young artists and walk them through lessons of technique, art, literature, traditions and performance skills.

Our community has been treated to years of performances at Bellapais Abbey and Karmi Church with standing ovations and award presentations from our dignitaries. How wonderful for all- BUT it's not just enough to put our hands together in applause after 2 hours of music making. Our young artists need the support of businesses and angels to send our children off the island to compete for titles that will spread the good news of Northern Cyprus, introduce our best GOODWILL AMBASSADORS, the beautiful culture, brilliant and loving people and their abilities.

Kasimov's students have taken over 30 international prizes placing 1st, 2nd or 3rd from ages 7-20!

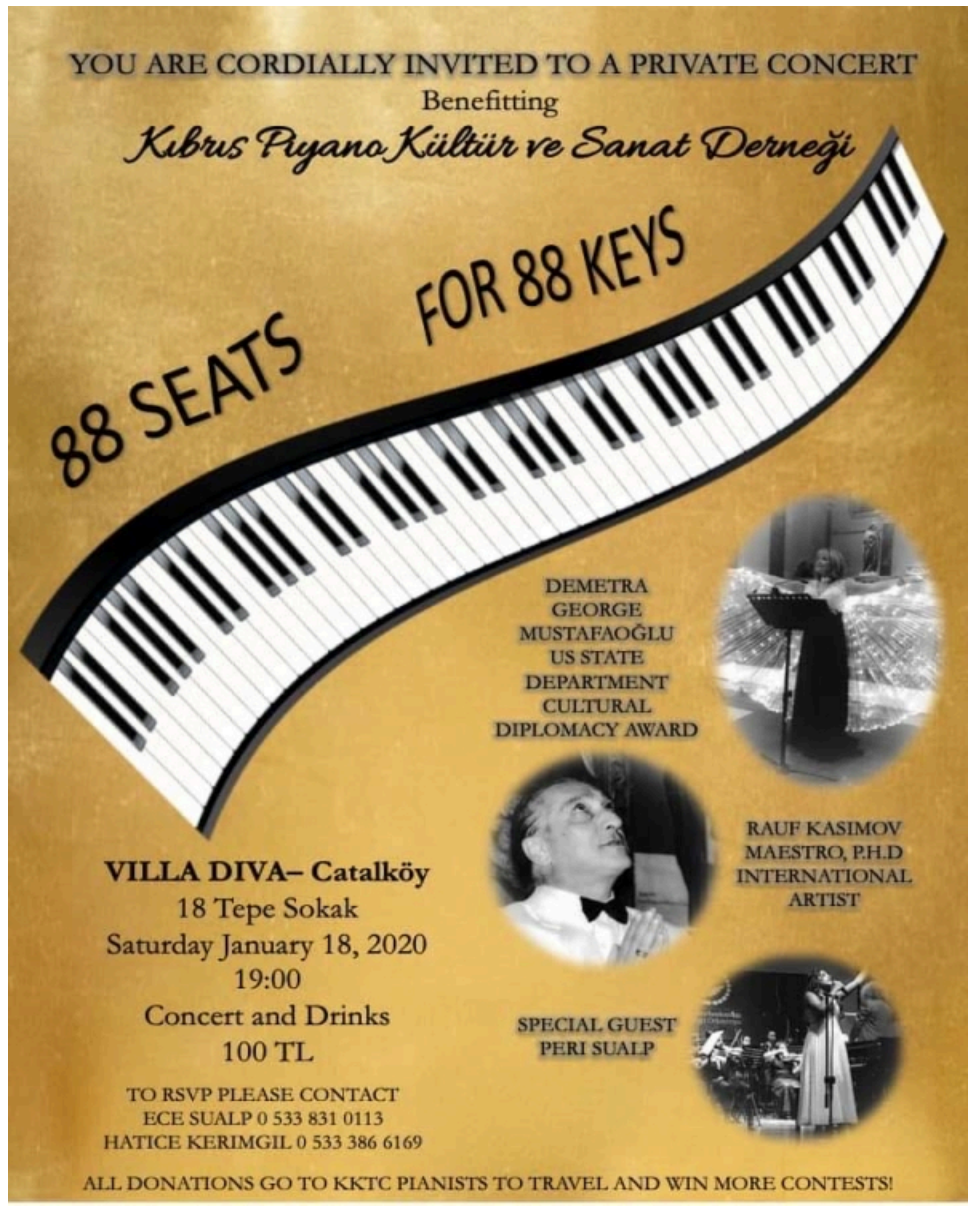
For this reason, we are collaborating with Maestro Kasimov to present this charity event to raise travel expenses for our incredible artists. DIVA & MAESTRO will be held at the Mustafaoglu home, VILLA DIVA in Catalkoy on Saturday, January 18 at 7.00 pm with refreshments and a concert to kick off 2020 with a bang. Entrance to the 88 seats representing 88 piano keys is 100TL but we are asking for donations from friends, music lovers and businesses who often give early in the year. TRNC charities have done well in recent years with great awareness to their needs but we have forgotten support for our young artists and now it's time to sing THEIR song.



Rauf and Ayla Kasimov



Mehmet and Demetra Mustafaoglu



Maestro Kasimov has won many international piano competitions, received awards for his compositions and conducting. He toured the world and shared his gifts with lucky audiences.

I am a former Miss Oklahoma to Miss America who met a handsome brilliant sweet man named Mehmet from Lefkosa, married him and it changed my life forever. He's a celebrated businessman and stands as the Honorary Representative from TRNC to Los Angeles where we reside part-time and support our community.

As a Grammy List Nominee, San Francisco Opera Winner and now US State Dept Cultural Diplomacy recipient, I have performed with over 750 orchestras and many distinguished opera companies throughout most of the US, Central America, parts of Europe and the Middle East lifting hearts and sharing American culture, opera, Broadway, movie, Disney and ethnic music to the pleasure of diverse audiences.

My dear friend Maestro Kasimov and I will share our favourites with you on that night and my young protégé Peri Sualp will also join me in some fun.

Please contact Ece Sualp 0533 831 0113 or Hatice Kerimgil 0533 386 6169 for tickets and come join us for a 2020 firecracker opening at Villa Diva benefiting the Piyano Sanat ve Kültür Derneği.
As our own BRT TV star Can Gazi says, "Be there, or be square"!

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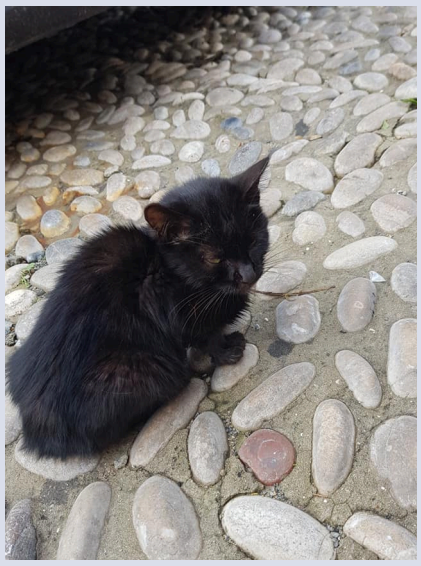
Post from Stephanie Harrison-Croft 31st December

I was hoping there would be no more rescues this year (2019) but when this poor sick kitten, now named Bud, was being kicked at the harbour there became just one more!

He has had treatment which will continue but he URGENTLY needs foster or a home as soon as possible please and funds to cover his veterinary costs.

Links below or directly to Basak Eminaga at Vetpetite...

Thank you x





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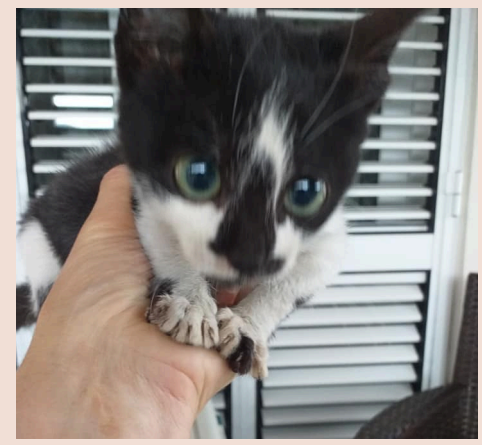
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Post by Stephanie Harrison-Croft 28th December 2019

Kitten needing a home. Please contact Robert Astley if you can give a home.



Post by Elizabeth Stowell.
What have YOU have achieved in 2019.

Thank you to all the people who have fostered, volunteered, re-homed, donated, and purchased goods from our stalls and online, played tombola or entered a raffle, thank you to the people who reported animals in need and did not walk away, you have saved 100's of lives.

Stephanie Harrison-Croft shared a memory from 2016

My beautiful Grand Champion Brocklair Bebopalula.

You are sorely and deeply missed. There will never be another quite like you.



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North Cyprus Trevor's Tips for January 2020



By Trevor Hughes ....

Temporary Residency

The introduction of the new Temporary Residence has certainly had its problems, mainly due to the Government not completely understanding how many categories expats fall into. Couple that with the lack of communication between Government departments and expats giving out incorrect information, or just making it up as they go along.

Well, it is starting to become a little clearer and the process is gradually becoming a little easier. By the time 22nd October 2020 comes along the application procedure problems should all have been ironed out, including the online application system.

If anyone needs more clarification and/or information, we are here for you at Capital Bank, Alsancak.

Because there is a Government requirement to hold private health insurance [private emergency /accident cover] you can either purchase it from an insurance provider at 680TL per year, or go for the Government provision at 340TL pa. Admittedly you get far more cover than the Government scheme, but it is twice the cost!

Things you may wish to consider:

1 Will you be able to call 112 for a State-run ambulance, possibly not unless you pay their fee.

2 Will the insurance provider be in existence in two years' time, if not what happens to your Temporary Residence application?

3 When a privately-run ambulance delivers you to their hospital for emergency stabilisation treatment what happens next? Do you stop in that hospital for further treatment or transfer yourself to the State Hospital, saving you a potential fortune!

On all the above, the choice is yours.

Permanent Residency

The first of some 10,000 foreign residents eligible for the TRNC's new 'white ID cards' have begun applying.

The Interior and Labour Ministry started accepting applications for the 2,000TL permanent residency cards on Monday the 23rd October, after regulations implementing the Laws were approved on 10th December 2019.

Long-term expats can apply once they have six consecutive years of residency, work, or business



permits, and business owners and employees may not be out of the country for more than 240 days in six years.

Non-working expats may not have been away for more than 1,080 days during their six years of temporary residency permits, and have to meet other criteria such as having 125,000 euros in a TRNC bank account, or having bought property worth the same amount. Over-60s may apply after three years, during which they may not have been overseas for more than 540 days.
Non-working expats must have private health insurance valid in the TRNC.

Full details and application forms - in both Turkish and English - are available from district offices, and applications should be made at the Interior Ministry in Lefkosa, after which they will be evaluated by a special commission.

I am trying to make contact with the relevant department in order to gain more information.

Vehicle Log Book Alteration

Because some solicitors are losing out on the revenue made by processing a deceased person's vehicle, they have made overtures to the Government about lost revenue. Processing of any alteration must be accompanied with a letter from a Muhtar with all parties present, otherwise, you must go through your solicitor.

Cost of Living Increases

With effect from 6th January 2020, there will be a whole raft of price increases in Government Procedures, for example, gas and energy, vehicle fuel, Government services and private vehicle insurance. Those prudent amongst us, will keep their fuel tank topped up and save money when the price of fuel increases.

Be aware most petrol stations, if not all will be closed on Wednesday 1st January 2020 for the day. Open from Thursday 2nd January as normal.

Insurance Premiums and Important Information

COMPULSORY THIRD PARTY INSURANCE PREMIUM INCREASE

As of January 1st, 2020 the "No Claims Bonus Regulations" will be enacted.

Drivers who have built up a "No Claims Bonus" will be evaluated separately from those that have claimed for damages.



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Third Party Insurance base prices will be as follows;-

Saloon Vehicles.....
To be released shortly
Motorcycles.....
To be released shortly
Driving Schools.....
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Pick-Ups / Trucks.....
To be released shortly
Taxis.....
To be released shortly
Rental Cars.....
To be released shortly
Bus/Minibus/Commercial.....
To be released shortly

Fully Comprehensive Insurance for vehicles under 50.000TL to be announced shortly.

All companies writing insurance policies are waiting for Government approval, we will then email you all regarding policy increases and conditions.

Automation of Vehicle Registration

On the 6th January 2020 the Automation of Vehicle Automation will be going live. This will include online payment for inspection fees applying for special plates, the new system should greatly assist both people and Government staff to make life a little easier.

Registering Your Will Here, Costs/Opening Hours etc.

It is essential to have a valid Will here if you wish to transfer your estate to the person[s] you love and cherish when you leave this mortal world. Although it is not compulsory to log it with the courts here, it is highly recommended.

The office you need to go to in Girne is in the court complex to the left of the walk through on the Ground floor.

The hours of opening are Monday/ Wednesday/Friday from 0900 – 1100 on each day.

Take your Will with you, plus your passport and postage stamps to the value of 90TL. You will need to enter some detail on the envelope provided and the Registrar will complete the process for you.

We are providing a Will service for the successful completion and all the necessary information needed to complete the service on your behalf.

Your official Will additions can be entered on the form provided by us and then the information can be transferred so the Will can look more official and accurate.

Bank customers are charged 75TL for this service, for non-customers the charge is 100TL, far cheaper than the more conventional route and easier.

Going through this myself with Mary's passing, has proved the information and the Will we had are more than acceptable to the Courts here.

Occasionally the contents of the Last Will and Testament will change with the passing of time, for example passport numbers and even beneficiaries, so a periodic check would not go amiss. Because of Mary's death I needed to rewrite my will and then re-submit it to the registrar's office in Girne.

Bayram Holidays

There is a Bayram holiday on the 1st January 2020 where all Government/ Local Government offices, Banks and schools will be closed from 12 noon on the 31st December 2019 and all day on the 1st January 2020 to celebrate the New year.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy and healthy New Year and hope all you wish for comes true.

Trevor Hughes

CapitalBank







Secret Santa Day – Saturday 28th December

By Kate Cornwell ...

It was with great pleasure that I attended the Secret Santa Day on behalf of CyprusScene online enewspaper.

I knew very little about this day so contacted a lady, Teresa, who with assistance from the expat community helped put on a wonderful afternoon for 84 children from deprived homes. I emailed Teresa before the day to ask about Secret Santa and who the charity was in aid of and how she got involved.

Teresa a few years ago got involved with the SOS village outreach project and they organised a Secret Santa for those children for 4 years. Teresa was having lunch a few months ago and recognised a lady, Rabia Õzcömert, who is the founder of Zeytin Ağacı eğitim ve yardımlaşma derneği. (ZAYDER – President of the Olive Tree Education and Solidarity Association). She got chatting with Rabia and the Mayor of Lapta and in conversation Teresa mentioned what she had done in the past for the SOS and before she knew it she had agreed to do one for the children that the association helped.

Teresa had forgotten that 3 weeks later she was having major back surgery and put out a plea on Facebook asking Cyprus friends to help buy a gift and help support the day as she would only have been out of hospital 3-4 weeks before the Secret Santa Day!! She got Vicki from the Black Olive Cafe on board and also Bestseller Alsancak who offered to be a drop-off point for the presents. Michael Brooks (Mickey) to be Santa, a Face Painter to keep the kids entertained and help from 6+ to be there on the day, to give out drinks, lunch etc. The party was arranged for 28th December at Karsiyaka Park and the Mayor, Mustafa Aktug, offered to provide the transport from Lefkosa and also the food for all the kids.

On the day two coach loads arrived at Karsiyaka Square and 84 kids disembarked with some helpers and mothers. Luckily it was a sunny afternoon, earlier it had looked a bit ominous but 'him





upstairs' shone through! An unexpected surprise was several young Cypriot ladies and guys turned up with 84 presents mainly a bag of clothes for each child.

What a great day for these kids! Plus one of Teresa friends gave 20TL for each child to spend at Mr Pound Plus on the way home back to Lefkosa. It must have been manic at that shop as you can imagine 84 kids running around looking at what they were going to buy – probably the staff went home exhausted!!!







Rabia Õzcömert who is the founder of ZAYDER

I met this lady for whom I have total admiration. Rabia worked as a social worker at SOS Youth House.

In order to cope with the pain of losing her child years ago, she started to work on her own and help out with other people's needs.

Later as aids grew the Association was formed and Rabia became president of Zayder. Rabia created a team from the help of elderly people, women who were victims of violence and individuals with special needs.

I met Rabia and although she didn't speak English Teresa's husband translated for us so that I could understand a little about this wonderful lady, which I am going to write about later on. The day was such a success and to see all the happy smiles on those children's faces made me feel so humble.

Well done to all those that assisted Teresa on the day – to all those that donated presents for these lovely kids – to see their smiles has made me so happy and has left me with wonderful memories.

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So what does ZAYDER do? It looks after 2,830 families and has actually existed with studies of people's needs since 2009 but got established in 2016. Firstly they were helping sick children with apparatus, catheters, feeding syringes, wheelchairs, diapers. Then they were contacted by the elderly and women victims of violence.

The team consists of 20 people and volunteer university students that help clean people's houses, help with personal care, medical, shopping, home repairs, clothing, the list is endless. They have increased the projects to include helping women to get divorced, those in violent situations and those of rape.

The organisation has set up a Workshop for women who make crafts, they work with sewing and printing machines and after 20 days of training these women are able to work which helps improve their situation. “If we improve women's conditions we will have overcome many problems”.

This organisation helps in most regions of Northern Cyprus – Karpaz, Girne, Famagusta and Guzelyurt.

They need help in the workshop – as currently they only have 10 sewing machines and urgently need more – CAN YOU HELP.?

Also they want to buy a 6-8 seater minibus. As an example, they can only take 1-2 kids to the dentist which is so time consuming and if they had a minibus then this will speed up the process of so many issues that they deal with every day – CAN YOU HELP?

RABIA's number is 0548 8372327, as she doesn't speak English Teresa has offered to help out should you wish to donate monies or help out with the workshop – Sewing machines and so many more items needed. Teresa's number is 0533 8673530 and or my number – Kate 0533 8673530.

We are all aware of wonderful charities here in Northern Cyprus that do marvellous work for people, animals. BUT this is an organisation that helps so many impoverished families and children in Northern Cyprus and needs every bit of support they can get.

WELL DONE RABIA and your team – for all your commitment and selflessness.



Girne people greeted the New Year with Ertan Derya concert

The New Year 2020 was greeted by Girne Municipality at Ramadan Cemil Square on 31st December with a concert by Ertan Derya at 22:30 pm.

Girne Mayor, Nidai Gűngördű said we hope to bring peace, health, tranquility and happiness and made the following statement:

"We have made significant progress in our goal of making Girne a more livable and modern city and in this way that we set out to serve our people in the best way.

In order to achieve our goals, we will continue to work with the support we receive from our citizens as we have done in the past. Based on these feelings and thoughts, I congratulate you on your new year and embrace you all with love ”





Exhibition of 86 artworks by Kazakh artists at NEU

By Ahmet Abdulaziz....

Three artists from Kazakhstan, exhibited their 86 artworks, in the Irfan Gunsel Congress Centre of the Near East University.

The exhibitions can be visited between 08.00-16.00 on weekdays until 10 January 2020.

According to the information released for the press, out of the three separate parts of the exhibition, one is the solo exhibition of 36 paintings by Umirbek Tleuliyev entitled "The Bulls"

The second solo exhibition of Pyotr Kishkis entitled "Chronicles of feelings" consists of 18 artworks,
The third solo exhibition of Guldana Zhurkabayeva entitled "Eclectic Me" consists of 32 artworks.

The exhibition was opened by the Dr. Unal Ustel, the Minister of Tourism and Environment of the TRNC.

Speaking on the occasion, Vice-Rector of the Near East University Prof. Dr. Tamer Şanlıdağ, pointed out that museums are foundations which contain traces of the past, certain national and cultural values, etiquette and instances of social engineering tools that contribute to the development of society, and places to collect, protect, share information and research results, and maintain continuity in all these services.

Minister Ünal Üstel subsequently presented the ULUG BEG Award to Umirbek Tleuliyev within the scope of the Alasia Awards given to internationally recognised painting masters, and the Silver Key Honour Award to Pyotr Kishkis and Guldana Zhurkabayeva.











"Near East FM Radio" celebrates 20th Anniversary

By Ahmet Abdulaziz....
20 years ago, the "Near East FM" radio started broadcasting, as spokesman of the Near East University in particular and for the student community in TRNC in general. A cocktail reception was recently arranged in the Faculty of Communication of Near East University (NEU), to commemorate this important landmark.



According to the information issued to press by the University, the Dean of Faculty of Communication Prof. Dr. Ayhan Biber, Chairman of the Near East FM, Heads of Departments, academic members and students attended the cocktail reception.

Speaking on the occasion, Prof. Dr. Ayhan Biber in his speech expressed his belief that as an education and training radio, it is sure to accomplish much greater successes. He ended his words by congratulating the 20th anniversary of the foundation of the Near East FM Radio.

Chairman of the Near East FM, Assist. Prof. Dr. Sinem Kasımoğlu, in her speech, stated that Near East FM was brought to life with the vision of the Founding Rector of Near East University Dr. Suat Günsel. Furthermore, she stated that Near East FM not only embraced the students of the Faculty of Communication but also the students of the university as a whole. She stressed that the Near East FM had completed 20 years with the same innovative understanding and will continue to broadcast in the same way.

Assist. Prof. Dr. Sinem Kasımoğlu reminded everyone that the Near East FM began broadcasting in a small room under the bridge located on the Near East University campus. She said that since 2007, Near East FM has continued to broadcast at the Near East University Faculty of Communication Complex, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, on 88.00 FM frequency.

Subsequent to the speeches, the 20th anniversary cake was cut and a guitar performance was enjoyed.

International students' night at University of Kyrenia

By Ahmet Abdulaziz....

The University of Kyrenia recently organised a special night for the international students of the university.

The event was attended by the General Secretary of the university and heads of various departments, as well as the students.

The event started with the opening speech, followed by a dance competition, musical chairs competition, charades and New Year's raffle, and continued with fun moments including activities such as music performance of students.







Tribute to Lynda Harris - Rest in Peace

Kate Cornwell ...

Today Friday 3rd January 2020 our dear Lynda had her funeral in Wales at 11.30am and the people who knew her here, gathered at Sea Point at 1.30pm to pay their respects to this beloved lady in Northern Cyprus.

I also found out that people were gathering at Jessic's and several other venues. One very loved person!

Lynda was always smiling, dancing or singing her favourite song that she loved to perform which was Tina Turner – 'Simply the Best'. I remember one of my birthdays held at Sardunya in March 2011 which my husband organised as a surprise and all my friends were there and to make my afternoon complete, Lynda on my request got up and did her song – Tina Turner eat your heart out!! I have tried to find the photos of that day but sadly just can't locate them. But this photo in the article was taken on Friday 13th December at Sea Point (The Foreign Residents Christmas get together), before she flew off the following day to Wales to see her lovely family.

Sadly Lynda, who was only 76, suffered from a brain haemorrhage whilst visiting her son David in Derby and passed away on Thursday 19th December 2019.

Everyone that knew Lynda are of course very upset but they will have and carry wonderful memories of this warm and kind person. I know that when I have been thinking of her since her tragic death, there have been thoughts of her and her fun and love of life, that have appeared in my head, which has brought many a smile to my face and those I will keep forever.

Sincere condolences to her sister Kay Thomas, husband Derek & all their family.

R.I.P Lynda Harris your memory will live on.





Famagusta – Is this really in Northern Cyprus?

By Kate Cornwell....

Recently I had my family over and they wanted to go to the Karpaz and then the following day down to Famagusta to see Salamis and the Walled City.

I haven't been to Famagusta for many a year and was absolutely blown away with the infrastructure as the roads were second to none and the city centre was buzzing.

We left the Karpaz the following morning, after spending a wonderful day and evening, seeing the donkeys and the beautiful beaches and the unspoilt countryside and made our way down to the pretty harbour of Bogaz and then to Salamis. Most of the family did the ruins whilst my sister and I had a glass of wine and sat on the beach in the beautiful sunshine as we both had done the ruins many a time!! After all of us had a lovely swim we made our way into Famagusta centre. The centre was just full of people shopping, in cafes and restaurants it really was so different to Kyrenia and surrounding areas and I kept on wondering if I was in Northern Cyprus. It was just so uplifting to see so many people coming and going and to see the cafes and restaurants so full with all ages and nationalities.

My sister's husband kept looking at me inquisitively, as I kept shaking my head as I was so pleasantly surprised with what I was seeing, this absolutely active and buzzing city centre.

We then went into the walled city – parked the car and walked through to where the big mosque is situated near the centre of the city, again the place was heaving with people in shops and cafes, the last time I was in the walled city I think I saw only a few people milling around! Not the case anymore – so many more shops and cafes than before!

We made our way past the mosque going down on the left hand side and at the end was Petek Pastanesi. I am not really a cake lover but we all went into the place. Most tables were filled and we had to wait for a few minutes for a table to become free. You then can choose from SO many different cakes and sweets the displays were just incredible. I had a piece of walnut cake that was huge and really thought that there would be no way that I would finish it but didn't worry as I knew one of the family would definitely have it! WELL, it was delicious succulent, moist and I did finish it all, much to probably my brother in law's brother, who has a great appetite and was looking at me expectantly when I had said that there would be no way that I could finish this – sorry Roger!!

I will be going back to Famagusta definitely in the New Year and will probably spend a couple of days enjoying the atmosphere of a very busy and cultural city centre. Well done Famagusta!

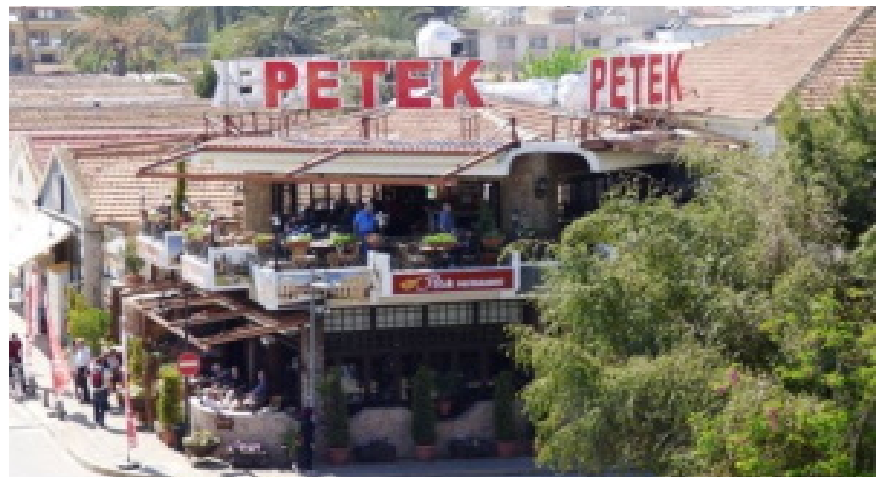














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New Years Eve at the Soulist Coffee & Music House

By Chris Elliott..

It was a night of great Rock and Rolling at the Soulist Coffee & Music House, Alsancak which had a full house on New Year's Eve where there was a 6 piece band performing led by the dynamic Alper Cengi plus guest singers.

Guest singers who came on stage to wow the audience were Hugh O'Neill with a song from the Blues band "Talk to me baby/Come on in" and Sayar Arkin with a song from Santana "Oye como Va".

The line up of the band was Alper Cengiz, lead guitar and vocals, Ed Sezener, rhythm guitar, Dean Bridges, bass guitar, Bulut Abilek, Drums, Ivan Lavrentev, saxophone and Jozi Levi, Keyboard.

During the evening friends of the Soulist, presented Alper Cengiz with new year presents of a John Lennon picture and Soul Man sculpture

The night went on long after the witching hour and we understand from Roland Eyerich that they continued to party until 3.00am in the morning with memories of James Brown and Stevie Wonder entertaining the guests, after clearing up the Soulist staff got to bed at around 6.00am.

Now that's what I call a good night out and I will try to be there next time.





HughO'Neill



Sayar Arkin



Alper Cengiz



Ed Sezener



Dean Bridges



Bulut Abilek



Jozi Levi and Ivan Lavrentev



Happy New Year, Alper

Introducing the Soulist Coffee and Music House, TV videos

By Chris Elliott..

There is a lot of great entertainment in Northern Cyprus but for something very special you need to call into the Soulist Coffee & Music House in Alsancak where you will find a wide range of music styles and it always reminds me of when in my early days as a teenager I spent a lot of time going to Soho Hot Spots in London.

On January 20th 2017, the Soulist Coffee & Music House was opened in the village of Alsancak in Northern Cyprus by Alper Cengiz (Lead singer of the group Soulstuff from Istanbul) and he soon teamed up with his German friend, Roland Eyerich who helps him with promotional activities.

Alper Cengiz has created something special. You feel the soul of the musician at The Soulist. Music is at the centre of the stage and the furnishings and musical background are there for coffee enjoyment, with trumpets as ceiling lighting, musical instruments and memories of musicians on the walls which all add to the atmosphere of the coffee house.

Soulist has a Facebook page and now has a new Youtube page **Soulist TV** where there is a growing selection of videos by Dean Bridges like the one below that you can watch and they can also be seen on the website **www.RockCyprus**

The 3rd Soulist Anniversary is coming soon so do watch this space for more news of what will be a great celebration..



Roland and Alper



Video by Dean Bridges: https: //youtu.be/l5gQNryUhJk



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NewYear's Eve at Rafters, Ozankoy

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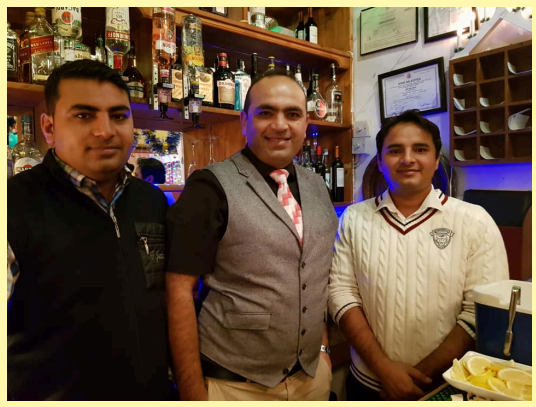
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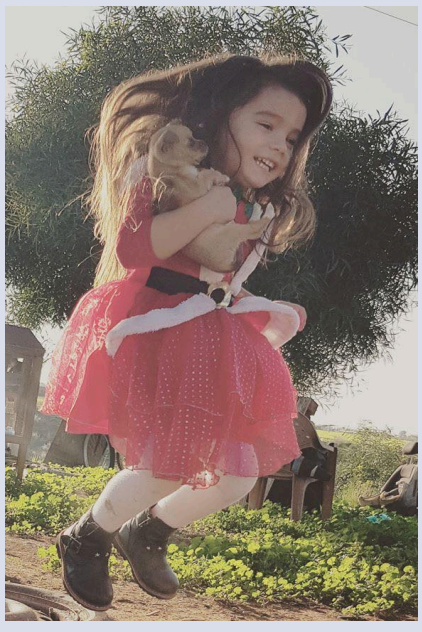
The power of good photos continues to bring success. This beauty has been adopted. Tanisha has helped a lot with taking photos, but she won't be here forever.



We really could do with a volunteer to come to the pound and take good pictures of the dogs. Can anyone spare even one day a month? Please?

You may remember our wonderful Christmas photo shoot with all the puppies and our wonderful little volunteer Azram? Well she is so concerned about all the dogs and puppies she is always asking her Mum if any have found homes yet, how sweet!

Thank you Azram for featuring in our Christmas photo shoot and helping prospective adopters see that children needn't be afraid of dogs or puppies.











This little one was adopted on Christmas Day, just shows what a good picture can do, showcases the pups/dogs to their best advantage.

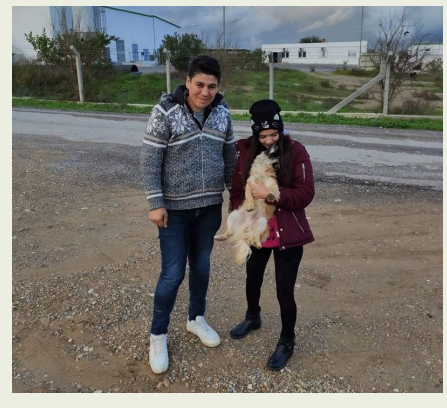
Thanks Tanisha.



Another young dog leaves the shelter for its forever home, what a start to 2020.

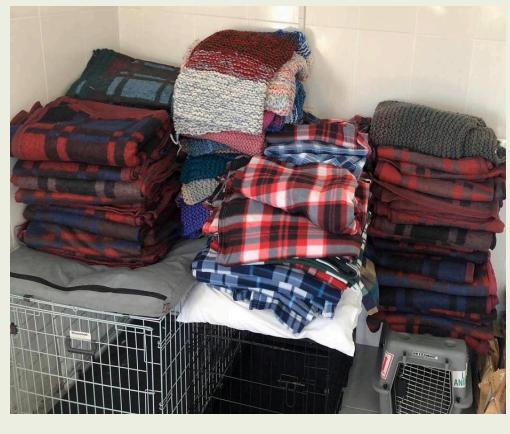


Just look how happy this little one is to be in someone's arms, he has no idea how wonderful his life is about to become.



A huge THANK YOU to our consistent supporter who prefers to remain anonymous for all the amazing blankets recently donated.

They will keep lots of our dogs and puppies in Rehab warm over the cold winter months.



3rd January 2020 to 9th January 2020

North Cyprus Events Calendar
4th January 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.
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.



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

7th January – Tuesday - SeaWise, Esentepe – Winter Afternoon with Andy Reay from 2pm. Choice of 3 hot soups and Bangers and Mash or Liver, Onions and Mash, 35TL. Call 0533 874 9598.

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 from Best Seller 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 in the Ozankoy area. 10am to 12noon - 150TL. For more information call 0548 857 3244 or message Island Studio on Facebook.

15th January – Wednesday (to be confirmed) - Black Olive Cafe, Alsancak. Hopefully cake and coffee. With the Staff of The British Medical Laboratory giving you a chance to meet Berin and Dr Barbin to find out what services and facilities are available and maybe answer a few questions. Date and time to be confirmed.

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 in the Ozankoy area. 10am to 12noon - 110TL. For more information call 0548 857 3244 or message Island Studio on Facebook.

22nd January – Wednesday - Black Olive Cafe, Alsancak - NCCCT Bingo - Lunch will be available from 1.30pm with Bingo starting at 2.15pm.

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 in 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.

27th January – Monday - Black Olive Cafe, Alsancak will be hosting the 112 Quiz starting at 7.30pm.

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.

31st 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.

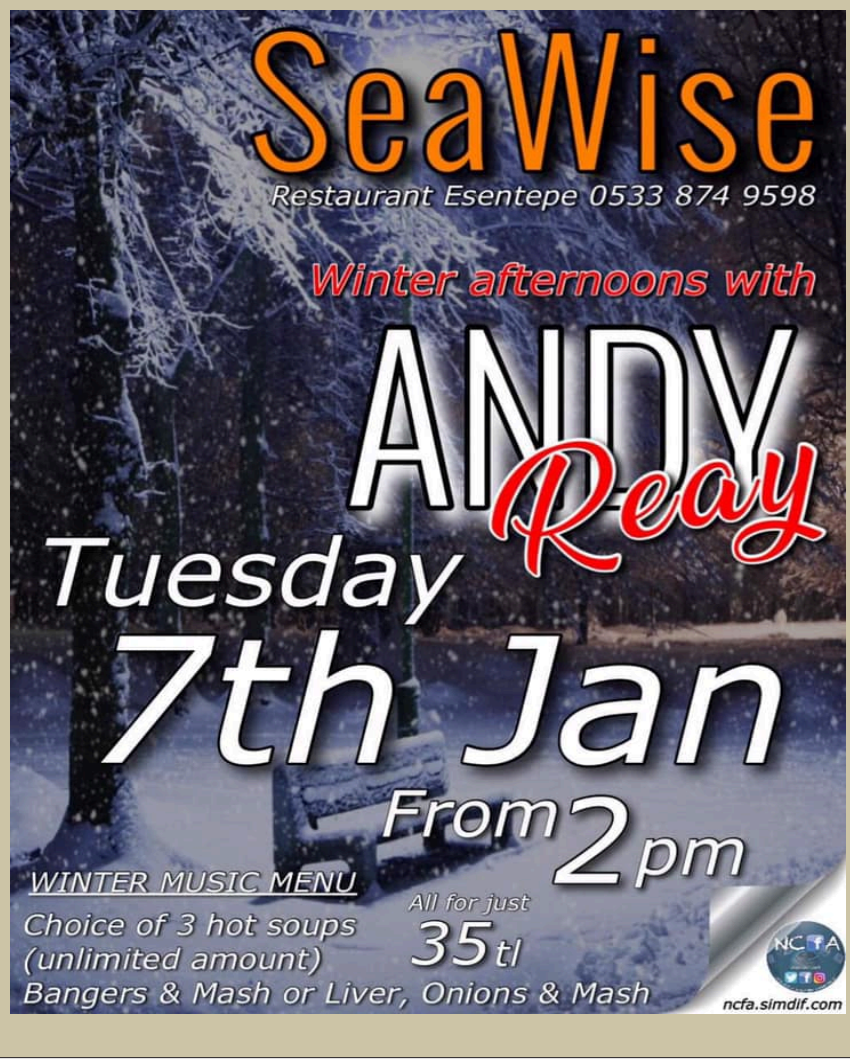
31st January – Friday - Black Olive Cafe, Alsancak – Fun Quiz starting at 7pm.

31st January – Friday - Bingo with Martin at Charlie's Sports Bar, Kucuk Erenkoy at 8pm. 30TL. To book 0533 874 6056.

Forthcoming Events



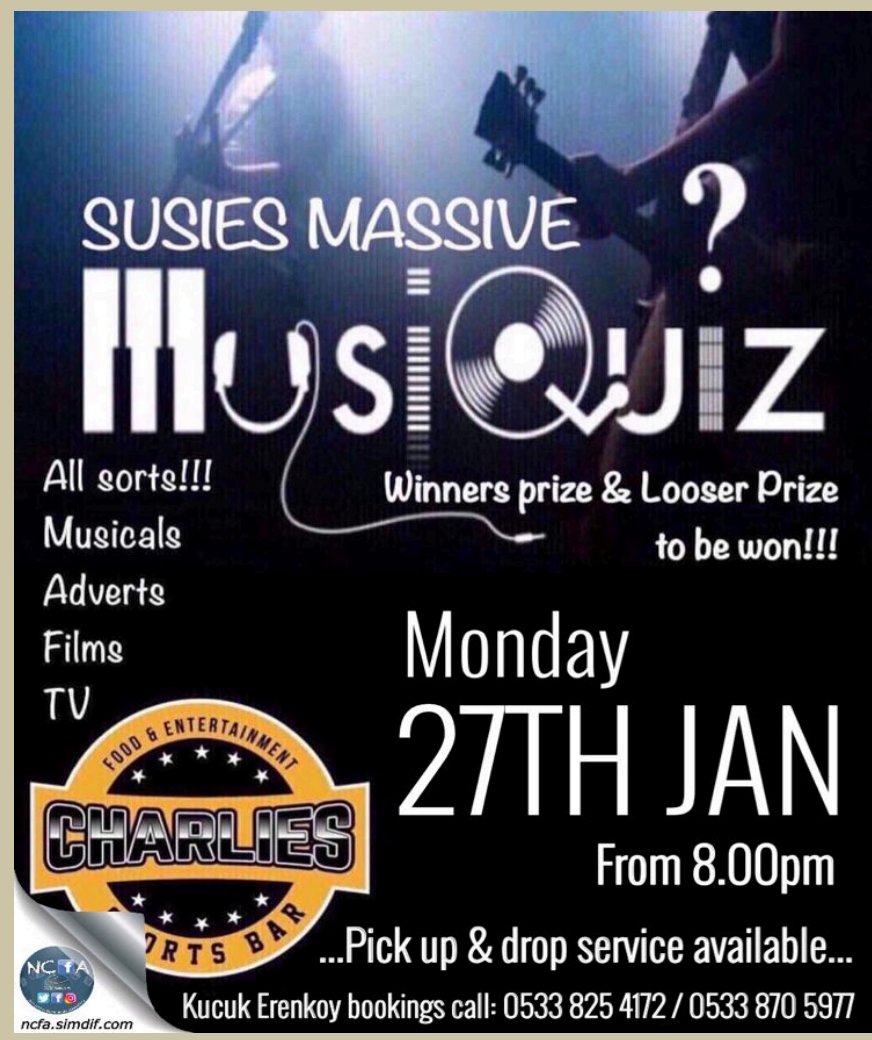






Forthcoming Events









NORTH CYPRUS CHEMIST ROTA

4th January – Saturday
Eminaga Eczanesi, Ziya Rizki Cad. Girne. Tel: 815 2248
Torensal Eczanesi, Besparmaklar Cad. Catalkoy. Tel: 824 5713

5th January – Sunday
Kucuk Eczanesi, Canbulat Sok. Girne. Tel: 815 3626
Zehra Kelebek Eczanesi, Maresal Fevzi Cakmak Cad. Lapta.
Tel: 821 3888

6th January – Monday
Omrum Eczanesi, Karaoglanoglu Cad. Karaoglanoglu. Tel: 822 2287
Basak Eczanesi, Ziya Rizkii Cad. Girne. Tel: 815 3620

7th January – Tuesday
Dunya Eczanesi, Salih Miroglu Cad. Girne. Tel: 815 0009
Erdogan Ozikiz Eczanesi, Karaoglanoglu Cad. Girne. Tel: 870 8442

8th January – Wednesday
Aydin Life Eczanesi, Kurtulus Cad. Minimall Plaza, Dogankoy.
Tel: 815 7350
Toren Eczanesi, Ziya Rizki Cad. Girne. Tel: 815 4043

9th January – Thursday
Kandil Eczanesi, Karaoglanoglu Cad. Karaoglanoglu. Tel: 822 3842
Arkan Adislani Eczanesi, Hz. Omer Cad. Karakum. Tel: 0548 853 1553

10th January – Friday
Asar Eczanesi, Karaoglanoglu Cad. Karaoglanoglu. Tel: 822 3885
Defne Eczanesi, Ataturk Cad. Girne. Tel: 815 3516

11th January – Saturday
Nurcag Eczanesi, Sht. Dursun Ozsarak Sok. Girne. Tel: 815 1025
Onal Aktolga Eczanesi, Karaoglanoglu Cad. Karaoglanoglu.
Tel: 822 4142

Duty Chemists for the Girne - Alsancak - Lapta areas

Chemist Opening Hours
From September 2019 to May 2020 - Winter opening hours are between 8am and 7pm on weekdays and 8am to 1.30pm on Saturdays.

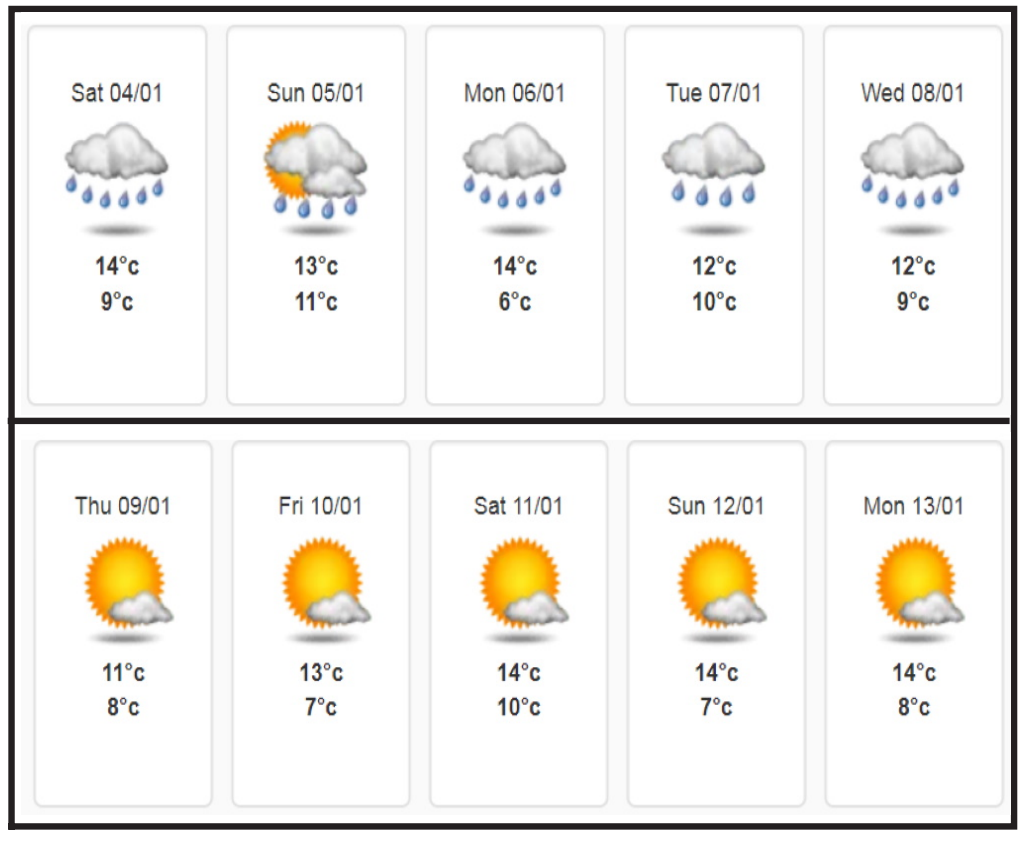
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POLICE	
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General	228 3411
Girne	815 2125
Lefkosa	228 3311
Gazi Mağusa	366 5310
Guzelyurt	714 2140
Lapta	821 8512
FIRE	
Emergencies	**199**
Forest Fire	**177**
Girne	815 2111
Lefkosa	227 1259
Gazi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

HOSPITAL	
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Gazi Mağusa	3662876/3665328
Güzelyurt	714 2125
ELECTRICITY	
Electrical faults	**188**
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Gazi Mağusa	366 5514
Güzelyurt	714 2122
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Lefkoşa	228 3315
Girne	815 2118
Gazi Mağusa	366 4483
Güzelyurt	714 3516

Kyrenia Weather (from 4th January 2020) 10-day Forecast



No project successful that excludes Turkey & Turkish Cypriots

Turkish Foreign Ministry Spokesman Hamdi Aksoy made a written statement regarding the Eastmed project agreement signed between the Greek Cypriot Administration, Greece and Israel.

Emphasizing that the signing of this agreement is a new instance of the futile steps that excludes Turkey and the TRNC in the region, Aksoy stated that no project can be successful that excludes Turkish Cypriots and Turkey, which has the longest coastline in the region.

Aksoy added: “We bring this issue to the attention of the international community once again.

In the evaluation of natural resources in the Eastern Mediterranean and the most economical and safe route for the transmission to consumer markets in Europe, including our country, is Turkey.

However, the lack of cooperation with us and the Turkish Cypriots is a clear indication that some countries are in pursuit of vicious political accounts rather than cooperation.

We would like to remind the project participants that such unfair actions will not hold in the future, as they did in the past.”



Source :
TRNC Public Information Office

KIBRIS CUP: First Round Results

By Richard Beale...

Last weekend the first round of the Kıbrıs Cup was played, 16 teams from League 1 were automatically drawn against Super League opposition. Out of those 16 League 1 sides only one team Karşıyaka lived to fight another day. Karşıyaka beat Baf Ülkü Yurdu at home 2-0, to provide the only "giant killing act" of the round.

Dörtyol ,Girne Halk Evi and Mesarya all forced their Super League opponents into extra time before finally succumbing.

The draw for the second round will take place on January 8th, with matches being played on Wednesday February 5th.

KIBRIS CUP: First Round Results

28/12	Cihangir GSK	6 - 0	Ozanköy SK
28/12	Türk Ocağı Limasol	5 - 0	Çanakkale TSK
28/12	Karşıyaka ASK	2 - 0	Baf Ülkü Yurdu
28/12	Yalova SK	2 - 3	Binatlı YSK
28/12	Düzkaya KOSK	3 - 2	Görneç KSK
	Yenicami AK	3 - 0 **	Doğancı SK
28/12	Dörtyol SK	1 - 1 (aet 2-3)	Gençlik Gücü TSK
28/12	Lapta TBSK	0 - 4	Merit Alsancak Yeşilova
28/12	Gönyeli SK	3 - 0	Maraş GSK
28/12	Hamitköy ŞHSK	5 - 2	Esentepe KKSK
28/12	Mormenekşe GBSK	1 - 4	Lefke TSK
28/12	Bostancı Bağcıl SK	0 - 6	Doğan Türk Birliği
28/12	Göçmenköy İYSK	0 - 0 (aet 1-0)	Girne Halk Evi
28/12	Küçük Kaymaklı TSK	4 - 1	Yonpaş Dumlupınar TSK
28/12	Mesarya SK	3 - 3 (aet.4-5)	Çetinkaya TSK
27/12	L. Gençler Birliği SK	0 - 3	Mağusa Türk Gücü

**** Tie awarded to Yenicamı as Doğanci unable to fulfil their fixtures.**

aet = after extra time.

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Esentepe is well beaten by striker Ebuka

By Richard Beale ....

Saturday December 28, 2019 : Kıbrıs Cup 1st Round. Hamitköy Esat Erdoğmuş Stadı

Result: GHamitköy ŞHSK 5 Esentepe KKSK 2



JOHN EBUKA scoring his first two goals past a static Esentepe defence.

Hamitköy Nigerian striker JOHN EBUKA scored all 5 of his side's goals as the Super League team eased their way into the second round of the Kıbrıs Cup.

16 League 1 clubs were automatically drawn against 16 Super League clubs in the first round of the domestic Kıbrıs Cup. After the initial round 15 Super League clubs will be in the hat for the second round, with the only League 1 club Karşıyaka being the only giant killers beating Baf Ülkü Yurdu **2-0.**

Esentepe joined the League 1 clubs and was knocked out at the first attempt, but they gave a good account of themselves, the difference between the two teams was that Hamitköy have in their side a proven goalscorer. Esentepe only recognised forward Eray, was injured in Esentepe's last match and was not risked. The central striking role was filled at times by Kaan, Şükrü or Mustafa Günlü.

The Cup does not have the importance or the magic that it enjoys in the UK and this was reflected in the poor attendance maybe 12 from Esentepe and 40 from Hamitköy.

The weather was dry with sunny periods but with a cold wind blowing right to left, in Esentepe's favour in the first half.

John Ebuka is the Super Leagues leading goalscorer on 17 goals, Hamitköy supporters told me that he is attracting the interest of other clubs notably Lefkoşa giants Yenicamı and Küçük Kaymaklı They say if he leaves Hamitköy will be relegated, if he stays they won't be.

His goal prowess and poaching were much in evidence, his first 2 goals and his last 3 goals were almost identical.

In the 14th and 27th minute he put Hamitköy ahead with shots from just outside the area, with Esentepe central defenders giving him too much space.

In the second half he scored in the 52nd, 55th and 88th minutes, with identical goals all resulting from crosses from the left, Ebuka was either left unmarked or loosely marked and had the simple task of just tapping the crosses in.

In between those goals Esentepe had their best periods of the match 10 minutes either side of the break. Their first goal came in the 35th minute when Kaan had a couple of shots blocked, the ball went out to the right where Yakup put in a good cross that teenager ŞÜKRÜ finished with a well directed header.

Esentepe's second goal was scored in the 48th minute bringing them level. Uğurcan on the left did well to get to the byline sending in a cross that Mustafa Günlü just failed to connect with, Yakup retrieved the ball on the right and sent in a cross that was met by KAAN who spectacularly headed into the net with a diving header.

Esentepe continued to dominate the opening half and an upset looked like to be on the cards, but they failed due to John Ebuka's goalscoring instincts.

For Hamitköy other than John Ebuka, his striking partner Ardahan and winger Hasan impressed me.

In injury time Uğurcan should have made it 5-3, after doing all the hard work rounding the goalkeeper he somehow managed to pull his shot wide of an open goal.

For Esentepe Uğurcan gave his usual "Dynamo" energetic performance and so did Yakup.



Another goal for JOHN EBUKA and he gets to keep the match ball!

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Lucky Esentepe win in injury time

Result: Esentepe KKSK U21 2 Karşiyaka ASK U21 1

By Richard Beale ..

Sunday December 29: K-Pet U21 League 1; Esentepe Erdal Barut Stadium.

Sometimes football can be so cruel, brave Karşıyaka who could not raise a full team, had their hearts broken when Esentepe's Hüseyin Deynekli scored the winner in the 93rd minute giving them all 3 points that they did not deserve.

This match was a rearranged fixture that was originally postponed due to bad weather 3 weeks ago. Karşıyaka could only raise 10 players for this game and had no replacements on the bench. Just spare a thought for them to start a match with one player short, already you are facing an uphill task, you cannot even make a tactical change or replace an injured player. The Karşıyaka team did their Coach proud, did themselves proud, and did their village proud they did not deserve to go home empty handed.

Today Esentepe were not at the races, they struggled and were a shadow of the team that had such a fine first half of the season. They just couldn't get going, the word FRUSTRATION! sums up their performance, their Coach was frustrated, the team was frustrated and the spectators were frustrated by the performance.

Esentepe's much vaunted forwards Ege Can Açikportalı and Hüseyin Deynekli who have terrorised many defences this season could not reproduce their understanding with each other so Esentepe attack was too predictable.

But it is a testament to the Esentepe team this season, that yes they were not at their best, but they still have good team spirit and now as the season enters its winter's break, the team currently lie 4th in the League, a fantastic achievement.



Esentepe in the black strip attacking

The match was played in cloudy conditions with sporadic rain. The first half was pretty even, it was noticeable that Karşıyaka were the most composed team, passing the ball around well. The only real chance of the half fell to Esentepe in the 33rd minute following good work on the left by Salih and Hüseyin, that resulted in a cross to the far post that Ege Can's shot was brilliantly turned over the bar by goalkeeper Emre Gazı.

HALF TIME SCORE ; 0-0

Karşıyaka caused a shock by taking the lead in the 49th minute, with a bizarre goal. VOLKAN TÜRÜT on the left touchline sent over a long high cross that sailed over the Esentepe goalkeeper Uluş head hit the far post and went in. **0-1**

Karşıyaka continued to frustrate Esentepe defending stoutly, the home side simply could not get going.

Esentepe reverted to playing 3 upfront with the introduction of OSMAN ERDOĞAN and it was him that gave the home side a lifeline when he equalised with a low shot just inside the area in the 82 minute. **1-1**

Karşıyaka not surprisingly were visibly tiring, Ege Can shot over the bar from a good position in the 89th minute. His fellow striking partner Hüseyin then brought a good save from keeper Emre Gazı as the match entered 5 minutes of injury time.

In the 93rd minute HÜSEYIN DEYNEKLI gave Esentepe all 3 points, when for the first time he was loosely marked and he shot pass Emre Gazı from close range. **2-1**

No 99 OSMAN ERDOĞAN equalises for Esentepe (right) HÜSEYİN DEYNEKLİ breaks Karşıyaka hearts by scoring the winner in the 93rd minute.

I cannot speak too highly about the Karşıyaka team, all them performed heroically in particular defenders Recip Tavyip and Hasan Yeşilyüz. In midfield Mert and their Captain Berken worked tirelessly.

For Esentepe their best player was HÜSEYIN BAHÇECI who put in a good shift for his team and was surprisingly substituted in the 72nd minute. Dursun Ali Karal and Devran Ali Guneş both had good games in the Esentepe defence.



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