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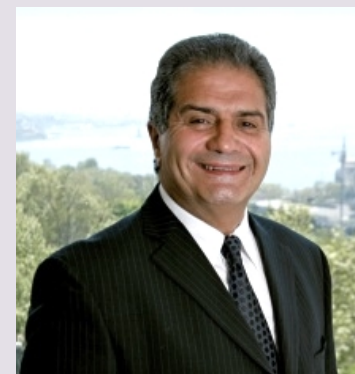
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Sue Steel : Rest in Peace

By Chris Elliott

Today 14th March 2020 in the Facebook newsfeeds I noticed that Tom Steel had posted the following news on Sue Steel's Facebook page.

" Hi all, this is Tom. Sue passed away this morning, but prior to that she asked that I notify her FB friends - ergo, the sad news has been passed on ".

This was such sad news but not unexpected as she had terminal cancer which she had been fighting so bravely for a long time.

Sue was a lovely lady and I can remember when I first started to wander round taking photos and writing for a newspaper some years ago I would encounter her also taking photographs for another newspaper.

Time moved on and she became

very involved with the Esentepe Fun Run providing press releases and other information and did a great job.

Sue as an ex-service woman was also seen many times laying wreaths on behalf of her regiment at annual Remembrance Day events in the old British Cemetery in Girne.

She even sent us photos and an article which she submitted to a newspaper which was never published and we were delighted to publish this for her about the Esentepe beachside bus/cafe, which sadly has now gone forever.

The link to this article is shown below :

Just prior to Sue moving back to the UK we went to see her when she was holding a sale of some household goods and Margaret

bought a few items from Sue, including a lovely table runner which has pride of place in our home and we can both remember Sue by having this prized item.



Rest in Peace Sue



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Number of Coronavirus cases in TRNC has increased to 6

Health Minister Ali Pilli announced that result of one of the four recent examinations in the TRNC was positive and the total of Coronavirus cases in the country has increased to 6.

Health Minister Ali Pilli stated that the new Coronavirus case in the country is a TRNC citizen from England.

Minister Pilli noted that the tests

carried out for the other three of the tourists who are being monitored in the hotels are negative.

Health Minister Ali Pilli stated that the general condition of the Coronavirus patients is good and that their treatment in quarantine continues in the hospital

Source Ministry of Health

Posted: 15th March 2020



TRNC Coronavirus - Call Center Number 1102

**1102 Numaralı
Çağrı Merkezi
Devreye Girdi**



In addition to the GSM numbers previously announced for the Coronavirus notification line, the Ministry of Health has created a call centre number 1102 that can be reached immediately from both landline phones and GSM appliances, in order that more people can reach the Ministry urgently.

A system has been put into service in the call centre, where 5

people can be answered at the same time and 10 people can be on hold.

The system has been prepared to respond in Turkish and English.

All our citizens will be able to reach the call center 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Source: Ministry of Health

TRNC Coronavirus cases increases to 20

Health Minister Ali Pilli said in a statement that 39 people from the group who had contact with the previous infected cases, and considered the most at risk, were tested and 13 people tested positive.

Minister Ali Pilli said that all of the people who had positive Coronavirus tests were German citizens and were in the group under observation.

Pilli said that some of the 39-member group who were tested had mild fever, headache and weakness.

With the latest cases, the total number of Coronavirus patients in the TRNC rose to 20. 18 of these patients are German citizens and 2 are TRNC citizens returning from England.

Source (Turkish) : Ministry of Health



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All tourists in TRNC are to be sent back to their countries

Email from Ministry of Tourism and Environment 15th March 2020

"Regarding the Coronavirus pandemic, in accordance with the decisions taken by our government in order to protect public health, tourists in our country are to be sent back to their countries.

In cooperation with the Ministry of Tourism and Environment, the Turkish Cypriot Hoteliers Association (KITOB) and the Cyprus Association of Turkish Travel Agencies (KITSAB), all tourists in our country are to be sent back to their countries by means of chartered aircraft by Monday evening 16th March.

As the Ministry of Tourism and Environment, we have put into effect an initiative to ensure better tourist and health care services during the isolation period of the tourist group, which is currently under surveillance at Salamis Hotel, Famagusta.

As a result of our initiatives, it was ensured that in respect of tourists held in isolation at the hotel, they are provided with morning, noon and evening meals by a special catering company, including the need of drinks and snacks.

As the Ministry of Tourism and Environment, we publicly share concern that the tourists at the hotel, who are being kept under

surveillance, are in constant consultation with both the Ministry of Health officials and the Hotel's top management, and that doctor and nurse services are carried out without any problems."

Source: Ministry of Tourism and Environment

Editors Note; We understand that the Turkish Cypriot Hoteliers Association (Kitob) have appealed to its Hotel members to volunteer to provide urgently to the quarantined hotels Cardboard Cups, Kettles, Tea Bags and Nescafe.



Creditwest Bank revised emergency service

We have received and are sharing the following news from Creditwest Bank about the revised service during the Coronavirus emergency period.

In all probability, other banks may be operating in a similar manner.

We have heard of readers experiences that due to a limited number of staff working in banks at the moment there are restrictions on the number of people allowed into the bank at a time.

We must all be patient and understand the need to cooperate with each other during these difficult times.

Dear Customers, As part of an ongoing set of measures taken by the Council of Ministers, our services have been temporarily modified as follows:

-Beginning 16th March 2020 our branches will be operating weekdays between the hours of 08:00 - 12:00 with the minimum capacity of employees in the branches.

-In order to minimize contact, please opt to use ATM, Internet banking, Mobile Branch application, West Notifier, Mobile Payment Local Pay and Telephone Banking for financial services and for all banking services.

-If you need support for our services you may contact us 7 days a week between the hours 08:00 - 22:00 via WhatsApp messages 05338469378 / 05488399378 and you can also message on our social media pages. You can call us on 03924440678 between working hours 08:00 - 12:00.

-Regarding to the cheque processes of companies whose operations were stopped by the decision of the Council of Ministers, their cheque clearances will be postponed for after the 30th of March.

-We will continue the rigorous disinfection efforts in the branches. We are sure that you will show the necessary sensitivity in maintaining the distance between people, and we thank you for your understanding.

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BRS newsletter: Roundup of Residency and UK Flight issues

We have received a copy of the British Residents' Society 13th March Newsletter which contains very helpful information for those readers who are concerned about the Residency issue and also flights to the UK.

Dear Member,

Today (13.03.2020) has been the busiest so far with regards to the information being requested from Members. I have put below the latest information which has come DIRECTLY from the Government.

RESIDENCY

The following information relates to RESIDENCY APPLICATIONS and was received this afternoon from the General Legal Counsel of the Ministry of the Interior.

The Interior Ministry announced that within the framework of coronavirus measures, temporary arrangements have been made by the Council of Ministers in the Charter of Residence Permits and Visas.

According to this;

Hand applications for all types of residence permits of foreigners have been stopped for 30 days from the date of publication in the Official Gazette of the Amendment. (13 March 2020). Applications for online residence permits are continuing.

Foreigners who have the right to apply within the period of their current visa which have been stopped as a result of this, will be able to apply within 30 days after the expiration of the period, without penalty.

Foreigners who have come to the country as tourists or other reasons and cannot return to their country during the visa period given at the entrance, due to Coronavirus or disruption of transportation due to it, are allowed to remain in the country for 30 days on legal leave. They will not be subject to any punishment i.e fines.

If the 30-day period is insufficient, this period can be extended by the Minister to 90 days.

FLIGHTS FROM THE UK TO THE TRNC

Having been made aware of the situation at Stansted Airport where a UK expat with a TRNC residency permit was refused to be allowed to fly on a Pegasus flight, I spoke to the Undersecretary of Public Works and Transportation and the Head of Operations of Pegasus Cyprus on a conference call this morning.

I asked them what information had been provided to Pegasus staff at Stansted regarding persons allowed to enter the TRNC until 1 April 2020.

I was told that they had informed the London Headquarters of

Pegasus Airlines that the TRNC Government had been instructed that the following persons were allowed to enter the TRNC.

* Citizens of the TRNC

* Persons holding valid work permits

* Students holding valid education permits and

* UK citizens holding valid Residency permits.

They stated that they would speak to the London HQ immediately to reiterate these instructions.

We are aware that Pegasus Airlines are offering to reschedule flights during this period of uncertainty.

We know that Turkish Airlines were informed but as yet do not have any further information.

BRS CLINICS

For those of you who are not aware, **Lambousa Clinic** will NOT be open this weekend as the Market itself has been suspended due to the COVID-19 virus.

The Hut will also be closed due to its confined internal area.

The clinics at Creditwest Banks at Catalkoy (Mondays 0930 – 1130) and Alsancak (Wednesdays 0930 – 1130) will still operate if the Banks remain open but this will be under constant review.

The same will apply to our clinics at Esentepe and Bogaz

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AT THIS TIME WE WOULD ASK ALL OF YOU TO FOLLOW THE INFORMATION WHICH HAS BEEN CIRCULATED TO KEEP YOU SAFE AND VIRUS FREE.

ALL INFORMATION IN THIS PRESS RELEASE IS FROM GOVERNMENT SOURCES AND NOT CONJECTURE OR SUPPOSITION.

We are aware of various fake news items being peddled on certain sites but we will only ever provide the accurate information for our members.



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BRS Newsletter: COVID-19 Additional Information

We have received a copy of the British Residents' Society 14th March Newsletter which contains very helpful information for those readers who are concerned about flights to the UK and TRNC emergency regulations to deal with the Coronavirus issue.

Dear Member,

Since yesterday we have seen an increase in activity by the Governments of both the TRNC and the Republic of Cyprus regarding movement and commerce.

REPUBLIC of CYPRUS

Firstly in the Republic the Prime Minister announced the following measures:-

From 1 a.m. of 15 March and for a period of 15 days in the first phase, the prohibition of entry to any citizen - regardless of nationality - who does not fall into the following categories:

- * Cypriot citizens.
- * Legal residents in the Republic of Cyprus.
- * European nationals or third-country nationals working in the Republic.
- * Nationals of countries who are in a designated diplomatic service or mission under bilateral or international conventions.
- * Individual cases of European nationals or third-country nationals for unavoidable professional obligations, provided that the relevant authorization has been obtained from the competent Ministry.
- * European or third country citizens attending educational institutions in the Republic of Cyprus.

As regards the crossing points between the free and the occupied areas, entry will be permitted only to persons falling into the following categories:

- * Cypriot citizens, Greek Cypriots and Turkish Cypriots.
- * Legal residents in the free areas.
- * Nationals of countries who are in a designated diplomatic service or mission under bilateral or international conventions.

This effectively means that ONLY Cypriots will be allowed to cross between North and South in the next 15 days.

Those of you who have flights booked from Larnaca and Paphos in the next 15 days will have to contact your airline to see if you can reschedule your flights.

We have no information how the announcement will be dealt with in relation to reclaiming costs for lost flights. In the first instance we would suggest you contact your airline.

This advice is the same if you are currently in the UK waiting to fly to either Larnaca or Paphos.

T.R.N.C.

The Council of Ministers have issued the following statement.

All public officials working in the public sector except for police, fire brigade, health, civil aviation, finance and similar services will be considered as administrative leave until 27/03/2020. (All educational institutions will also suspend education until 27/03/2020)

In the private sector, all shops,



businesses, casinos, night clubs, betting offices, entertainment centers, etc., except for businesses that produce services within the framework of meeting basic needs such as pharmacy, gas station, bakery, and market places will be closed until 27/03/2020.

Within the framework of these two measures, it is obvious that a large number of our citizens will stay at home and do not feel the need to go out. On the other hand, as the government, we call for nobody to go out to the street unless it is necessary. Also, depending on the developments within the next 48 hours, our Council of Ministers will evaluate the prohibition of partial or full curfews under Chapter 156.

As of 14/03/2020, 02:00, until 01/04/2020, only TRNC citizens and persons with legal permission can enter the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus through the land, sea and air border gates. Entries to the TRNC are prohibited until 01/04/2020.

Regardless of which country it comes from, our citizens and persons on legal leave who enter our country through land, sea and air gates will be monitored and controlled at home for 14 days. For those who do not comply with this, legal action will be initiated under the Communicable Diseases Law No. 45/2018.

Between 14/03/2020 and 01/04/2020, a decision was made

to meet in associations, unions and locales and not to perform collective worship.

It has been decided to use Famagusta State Hospital as a quarantine hospital, and efforts have been increased to provide sufficient personnel, equipment and bed capacity and all kinds of facilities in our hospital.

The Government has felt it necessary to implement these measures in order to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

BRS CLINICS

In line with the measures being announced to keep the people of the TRNC safe, we will be suspending ALL clinics until further notice.

EVENTS

The events at Asra Claire's and the Shopping Trip to the South are cancelled. We will let you know when they are reinstated.

HEALTH ADVICE IN THE TRNC

If you have travelled to countries with cases of COVID-19 disease and have a fever, difficulty in breathing and have a dry cough please call the Epidemic Hotline of the Ministry of Health, which is open 24/7 on 0533 850 1188 and 0548 850 1188

KEEP SAFE!

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My life's adventures with painting



By Ahmet Abdulaziz ...

Painting is a lifelong love. I did not go to any art school, I learned just by practicing. I tried to learn painting wherever I found someone drawing or painting something.

I remember as a primary school student, there was a cinema hall at a distance of about half a mile from my house. In those days the huge cinema posters used to be made by hand, to be hung in front of the cinema hall. There was a large yard behind the cinema building where the huge film poster was painted. So whenever I could get time, I would go there and see the artists painting huge portraits of film artists on the poster. Unfortunately, that was not an open place, so there was not much chance for me but to watch the artists at work from a distance, from the main gate. Luckily the iron gate was made of long iron rods, so I could watch everything going inside there easily.

That was my initial introduction to the world of painting. My mother did not allow me much free time to go there for long periods of time, yet whatever I could manage to see formed the base of my art. I learned about painting from there. In the present day terminology, it was distance learning for me.

Since I watched the artists painting portraits of film artists on the huge

posters, portraits became my prime field of interest. That is one reason that I never developed a liking for painting landscapes or anything else of the type. That long experience of watching those artists painting, further led me to develop a liking for painting large canvases. Even now I still find myself more comfortable painting on a larger canvas. I feel uneasy while working on a small canvas.

Though I learned oil painting earlier, for a very long period I did not start working in oils. I continued making portraits by pencil.

My adventures with pencil continued for quite a long period. Though I still have a liking for pencil art, it has now gone into background. Oil painting on canvas is my field now.

There are so many artists who work with Acrylic paints, but I never thought of adventuring with them.

However, every painting always comes to me as a new challenge, a new adventure. Having an inbuilt nature of liking adventure, every new painting give me a tough time, most probably because I like tackling everything in a different manner. The problem with me is that I am never satisfied with my paintings. I understand that this is a problem that most artists have, but

I feel that at times it make things much more difficult for me.

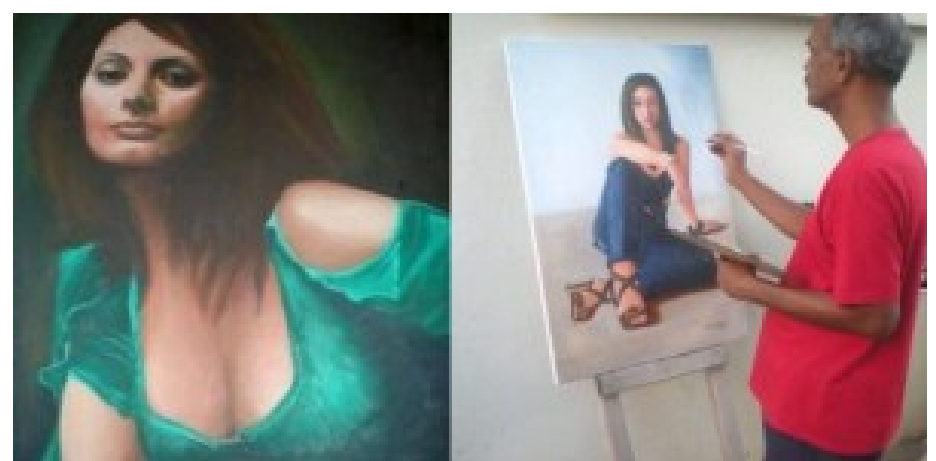
Recently I made an oil painting for a client. It was a simple painting, yet it took more than the expected time. Firstly I painted the background. I felt as if it needed more detailed work to be done. Though there was no need for going into so much depth, I took it as a challenge for myself and worked for hours to come to the point where I could feel satisfied. Then I found myself dissatisfied with the colours of the overall painting. I showed my painting to a couple of people, and they thought it was lovely. But I was still not satisfied. I went for a major overhaul of colour scheme which took a lot more time and energy.

The painting was still incomplete, from my point of view, when my wife intervened. She told me to take a photo of the painting as it was and send to the client, to have the views of the client. I agreed

with her suggestion. The response from the client was very positive and encouraging. He was more than delighted to see the painting and he liked the painting very much. My wife once again admonished me for my unchangeable habit of not feeling satisfied with my paintings. At times I feel that she is right, because all that I am doing is putting myself under pressure without any reason. I think it is the time when I should do something to overcome this. Unfortunately so far there is no success.

None of my clients have ever rejected any of my paintings. They all liked my paintings. They are all happy and satisfied. But unfortunately, I always hand over a finished painting to the client, thinking what more I could have done in it. As my wife says, "I love painting too much". I think she is right.

Let's hope for the best.



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KAR - News Update



Can we just get this straight - especially as we have already had people who turned up at the Rescue Centre wearing gloves and masks asking us to take their dog from them as they did not want it passing on the illness to their child - **Cats and Dogs do NOT pass on the virus to humans. It is spreadable from HUMAN to HUMAN.**
Keep Calm and Carry on Caring for your pets.

Koronavirüs'ü Kedi ve Köpeklerden Insana bulaşmaz !! Sadece insandan insana bulaşır.

Kedi/köpeğiniz size koronavirüs bulastırmaz !!
Her zaman yaptığınız gibi el hijyeninize dikkat etmeniz yeterlidir.
Sokakta olanlar zaten zar zor yaşıyor, kirli bilgiyle
bu canların daha çok zarar görmesine izin vermeyelim.
Görsel kaynak: T.C.Sağlık Bakanlığı

Your Cat or dog doesn't give you a koronavirus!!
Just take care of your hand hygiene as you always do.
Animals on the street are barely living,
Let's not let these lives get more hurt by false information.
Source: Ministry of health

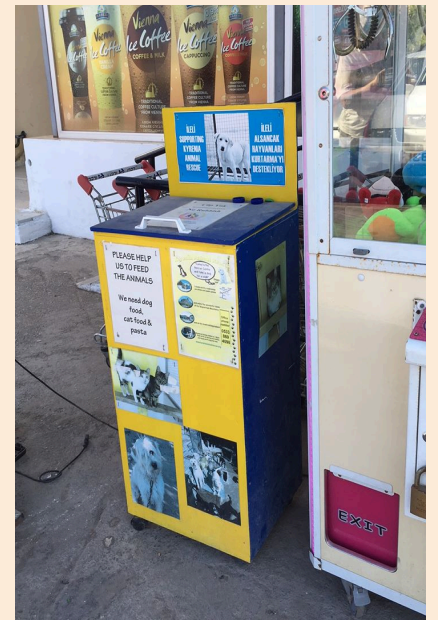


HELP please HELP. It is difficult times for everyone here in the TRNC (and across the world) but please if you are in the supermarket could you buy a (or more!!) can of dog/cat food, or a bag or dry cat/dog food, or a bag of rice or pasta. You can then pop it into one of our food collection boxes and we will be able to collect it and take it to the centre to help feed the cats and dogs.

Our food collection boxes are at the following supermarkets :

Ileli Supermarket - Alsancak
Sokmar Supermarket - Girne
Lemar Supermarket - Karakum
Erdener Supermarket - Ozankoy
Supreme Supermarket - Catalkoy
Tempo Supermarket - Catalkoy.

Please everyone Keep Safe and Carry on Supporting KAR.



Processionary Caterpillars are making an appearance - they are **EXTREMELY** dangerous for your pets so please keep a look out for them and keep your pets well away.



Thank you to **Susan Gilbert** for you kind donation of dog food for the centre. It is appreciated by all.



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KAR - News Update



IMPORTANT - please read.

In line with the recently announced Government Emergency Measures KAR is closed for the next 2 weeks. The 3 shops, the office and the Rescue Centre, are closed. This includes dog walking.

During the difficult time we are all facing we will be trying to continue to answer telephone calls and answer emails. However please bear with us if we are not up to speed !!!

We do need your help - our regular supplies of food donations from local schools, hotels and other establishments will not be available. We rely so much on these donations to help us feed the cats and dogs. We will have to buy in additional food supplies. If you can help with this we would be very grateful, You can either donate via our website (www.kartnc.org) or you can take packets of dry food (pasta, rice etc) or bags/cans of cat/dog food up to the centre any morning (subject to any curfew rules that may be imposed).

Please help us to care for them if you can during this very worrying time. Keep safe everyone.

Although our office and shops are closed (due to the Corona Virus measures) we are still taking calls and answering emails remotely. One call came in yesterday about an injured puppy in the Alsancak/Yesiltepe area. Necia who has been feeding the puppy was very concerned as there were obvious injuries to the leg but she could not catch the pup.

Yulian (our Community Warden) went out to see if he could help. He took one of our traps with him - we use these for dogs who are difficult to catch and although they can look harsh it is better sometimes to secure the dog quickly as opposed to chasing them - making them more scared and risking more injury. Once caught the puppy was taken to Garfield Vets where the puppy is currently being treated.

Please continue to ring us 0533 8694098 or email kartnc@gmail.com during these difficult times. Keep safe.



There will be many people who are going to be at home for the next 2 weeks (due to the Coronavirus measures) and are going to be thinking of how to occupy themselves. During those 2 weeks you could ;

Clear out your wardrobes and bag up your old unwanted clothes, shoes, bags etc - ready to bring them to KAR when it reopens.

Sort out your cupboards and box up anything you don't want - tea sets, saucepans, and bric a brac - ready to donate them to KAR when we re-open.

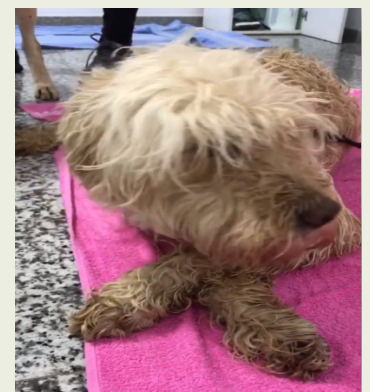
Tidy up your garden sheds and garages setting aside old tools, garden furniture anything that is no longer used - ready for us to try and sell when we re-open.

Keep yourselves safe - help Keep KAR going by donating when we re-open.



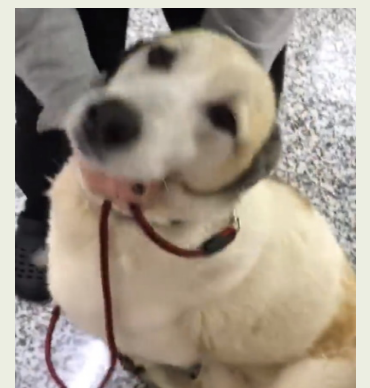
This is Bobby, he also has been down for teeth cleaning today (13th March).

He is 5 years old and has been at the centre since he was a tiny puppy.



This is Shandy. She came down for teeth cleaning today (13th March).

She is 4/5 years old and has been at the centre since 2015.



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TRNC Telephone & Internet Troubleshooting service to continue

In addition to the importance put into effect by our Government against the Coronavirus (COVID-19), which has turned into a global epidemic, some decisions have been taken to ensure that our citizens do not interfere with communication services in order to minimise their hardship during these difficult days.

In this context, at a time when individual isolation lifestyle has been encouraged by the decisions of the Council of Ministers there is an increased demand for citizens to connect with their relatives at home and abroad through online contact, online shopping, online financial

transactions, accessing information over the internet, which has become the basic need;

As a result of consultations with the Internet Service Providers (ISP), it was decided to continue the troubleshooting work by applying all the necessary measures to ensure that the services in this area do not fail.

In addition, during the measures to be implemented across the country until March 27, 2020, new installations will be stopped by Internet Service Providers, while only the telecommunications department will continue to repair faults. During this time, no new installations will be made. In order to deal with telephone

faults as soon as possible, subscribers are kindly requested to make their complaints to the telephone response system number 161 or the Telecommunication Department's Facebook page (@kktctelekom) with their subscriber name, surname, address and contact number

information.

In case of internet malfunction, the ISP for the service should be contacted.

Source: Ministry of Public Works and Transportation



TRNC Public Transport suspended - only taxis available



With the decision of the Council of Ministers, all activities with public transport vehicles have been suspended until 27 March 2020. Taxis are not included in this restriction. It is obligatory for all taxi drivers to wear masks and gloves and disinfect all taxis at least 3 times a day.

During this period, not using taximeters, demanding fares other than the determined price tariff and

similar situations will be controlled very strictly and if infringed, serious sanctions will be applied.

In this context, passengers are kindly requested to call the 1181 Alo transportation line, which provides 24/7 service for any infringement of the service.

Source: Ministry of Public Works and Transportation

Pilli: "Basic needs of tourists in quarantine hotels will be met"

Health Minister Dr. Ali Pilli stated that the basic needs of tourists staying in quarantine in 3 hotels in Famagusta are being dealt with.

Minister Pilli stated that the tourists who have been under quarantine since the first day have not been left to their own destiny and that all their needs have been met, as reported otherwise in some media.

Hotel Managers are in consultation with the Ministry of Health and all medical items and supplies of hygiene materials, are being supplied for those in quarantine,

and all new needs will continue to be met.

Doctors and healthcare team requirements for the tourists under quarantine are regularly met by our Ministry.

In addition to these controls, it was decided to deploy an ambulance in front of the hotels.

All necessary precautions have been taken in order to ensure that the tourists under quarantine do not have any problems regarding their needs such as food and hot and cold drinks.

In addition, there has been cooperation with the Municipality of Famagusta regarding the improvement of general cleaning and hygiene conditions.

Dr. Ali Pilli
Minister of Health

Source: Ministry of Health
Posted 15th March 2020



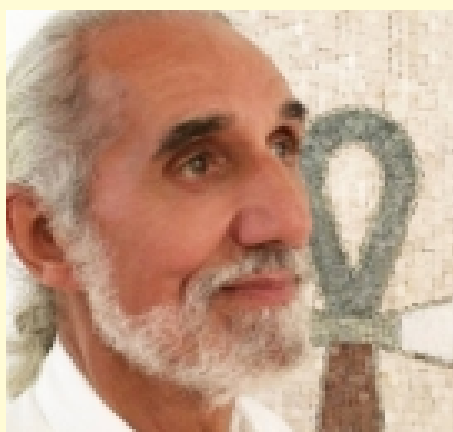
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Heidi Trautmann - Quarantine Days

Like most people, staying home, staying safe, Heidi is self-isolated in her Eagle's Nest but is keeping busy with her art. Here is one of her paintings with the title "Quarantine Days".



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Poets Corner**Poem by Nick Vye - Sanctuary****WHY DON'T WE JUST UNDERSTAND!**

Why don't we just understand,
Only peace can save our lands,
We've tried wars, far too many times,
All it brought, was death of many kinds,

It seems killing, has become a feast,
And war is like an untamed beast,
Where has it got us in the end,
When we all should be living like friends,

There's too much fighting and cruel hate,
It just can't be all down to our fate,
We should all love and show care,
So much out there, we could all share,

Why don't we just understand,
And give each other a helping hand,
It can't be that hard to really do,
To hold each other and say, I love you,

So let's try now and all understand,
Come together and play in the same band,
Let us unite and sing one peace song,
And let us remember it, all day long,

Because soon there will be nothing left to see,
Only the remnants of you and me.....



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Erbil Arkin becomes Honorary President of ATA

We have received and are delighted to share this latest news from the Anglo Turkish Association of Northern Cyprus.

Much Loved Turkish Cypriot becomes the First ever Honorary President

The Anglo Turkish Association of Northern Cyprus are pleased to announce the appointment of Erbil Arkin to the newly created position of Honorary President of the Association.

A first not only for the Anglo Turkish Association - but a first for any Association in North Cyprus.

Erbil Arkin

Founder of the Arkin University of Creative Arts and Design (ARUCAD).

Chairman of the Arkin Group of Companies

(Colony Hotel – Palm Beach Hotel – Hersham Golf Club – The House & Garden – Daima Yachting – Cyprus Sporting Clubs + Many Other Companies in the TRNC and Countries across the World).

Philanthropist, successful business man, friend to everyone, respected by his peers, well known in North Cyprus the UK and many other Countries Worldwide, family man, and a gregarious person. Besides all this a Genuine Nice and Kind Hearted Man!

Erbil says “ *He is deeply honoured and privileged to become the very first Honorary President of the Anglo Turkish Association of Northern Cyprus, and will assist the Association in its endeavours whenever he can!* ”

The Anglo Turkish Association of Northern Cyprus gratefully thanks Erbil for accepting this position and looks forward to his valued assistance and advice in helping the Association maintain and grow its position as the leading cultural association for Ex-pats and Turkish Cypriots in Northern Cyprus!

For more information visit the Anglo Turkish Association of Northern Cyprus website:

www.angloturksihassociation.com



Girne Municipality - Second Spring members "Stay at Home"

Girne Municipality recommends that its members over 65 years of age should stay at home for their own health and community health. They will arrange any needs from the market, hospital medication and pharmacy.

The Municipality of Girne launched an initiative for their Second Spring members, 65 years of age and over, living within the municipal borders. The Coronavirus, which is affecting the whole world, calls for the Social Affairs Branch team to protect the elderly, especially in the high risk group - "Stay in your home for your health".

In addition, the registered members of the municipality of

65 years of age and over are provided with the transport services of the municipal staff for the market, hospital medication and pharmacy needs.

Girne Mayor, Nidai Güngördü, reminded that the citizens who are living in our country, as others in the world, must comply with the rules and should not be confused, especially in the risk group of the elderly and patients. Güngördü said,

"Some of the elderly and patients are living alone, some are far away from their children. They are very much at risk. We have an obligation to protect our members."

The Girne Belediyesi Social Affairs Branch can be reached by calling

+90 533 8799595 and +90 533 8702010. 12.30pm on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

Market and Pharmacy shopping will take place between 08.00- Source (Turkish): Girne Municipality



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Hope 4 Pets - News Update



Post by Elizabeth Stowell 15th March.

HAPPY! HAPPY! HAPPY!

Some positive news for a change, thought I would share with you a recent rescue story. **Monty**...

Monty was in Turkey living on the streets, he is a very young Kangal he was being fed by a very kind lady, who posted him on to the Mugla Pointer Rescue page, who shared it to Hope 4 Pets group.

Kathy Ashton, - I saw the post and it so happened I had a friend who months and months before had said if I saw a young Kangal that needed a home to let her know and send her information. I did and she fell in love with Monty. He was moved to a foster home with the lovely Denise, and has spent the last 4 months waiting to travel.

He arrived in the UK within the last few days and is settling in well. Most rescues will work together to find the perfect home for the perfect dog! The transport went without a hitch and Monty is now enjoying life in Yorkshire.

It just shows even if you can't personally re-home, foster or help financially a dog or cat, one of your friends just might.



Post by Stephanie Harrison-Croft 18th March

Another positive update as a small reminder of how H4P help animals in need.

Here is little **Olive** rescued from the Lefkosa shelter after being abandoned by her lifelong so called owner with little hope left of love and literally on the brink of life itself, being old, deaf, diseased and covered in sores smelling of her own urine and faeces but now in her loving forever home xxx



Please note **membership renewal should be done online** with the link provided to protect everyone's safety.

Cafe Grumpy's scheduled joining/renewing point/day on 24th March 2020 is now cancelled until further notice.

Please keep safe everyone and thank you for your understanding.



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BRS News from the Ministry of Interior regarding Residency

The British Residents' Society published news on 17th March 2020 with the latest information provided by the Ministry of Interior about the Residency Regulations and the current working arrangements during the Coronavirus emergency period which we are sharing for other readers who are seeking the latest facts and information.

Direct from Ministry of the Interior

Ministry Of Interior Announced From The Department Of Migration And Population Registration

Provisional arrangements made on 13 March 2020 within the framework of the decisions taken by the Council of Ministers in the Charter of Residence Permits and Visas:

1- Applications for all types of residence permits of foreigners by

hand have been stopped for 30 days from the date of publication of the amendment in the Official Gazette.

2- Applications for online residence permits are continuing.

3- Applications made before the publication of the amendment in the Official Gazette will be continued to the extent that it does not threaten public health.

4- Foreigners who had the right to apply within the period that applications were suspended, will be accepted as applying on time if they apply within 30 days after this period expires and the delayed application fee will be replaced with normal application fee.

5- Foreigners who have come to the country for tourism or other reasons and cannot return to their country during the visa period given at the entrance due to

Coronavirus or the disruption of transportation will be accepted for 30 days on legal leave in the country will not be fined.

6- If 30 days is insufficient this period can be extended by the Minister to 90 days.

In order to carry out emergency administrative procedures related to the Ministry of Interior, The Department of Immigration and Populace Registration Office, special call center phone numbers that will operate within working hours (08:00-16.30) are as follows

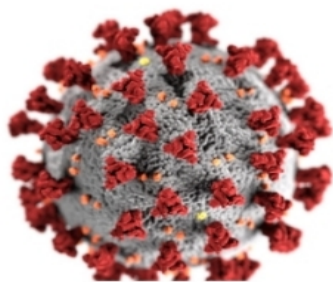
For emergency passport operations of the Department of Immigration:
(0392) 611 1088

For the Population Registration Office emergency birth certificate and ID card:
(0392) 611 1207

For those readers wishing to learn more of the British Residents' Society and registration as a member please visit their website :
<http://www.brstrnc.com/>



Girne Municipality advise people to Stay at Home



With regard to the new Coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak program, while Girne Municipality continues to work for needy families and individuals, business people have also been sensitive to this situation.

In this challenging process, Girne business people have extended their help for needy families, and prepared aid packages for families in need.

Mayor Nidai Güngördü, made a statement on the subject and said; "While we continue to work for needy families and individuals, the sensitivity of Girne business people makes us happy".

Saying that the sensitivity of helping people in need in the immediate vicinity is appreciated by everyone, Güngördü stated that solidarity is essential for these difficult days.

For those people who would like to provide food package assistance and those who will benefit from food packages, call 0533 871 2929 - 0533 870 2010.

Source (Turkish) :
Girne Municipality



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Girne Half Marathon postponed

The Girne Half Marathon organised with the cooperation of Girne Municipality and the Athletics Federation, which was due to be held in April, has been postponed to a later date as a further measure by the Municipality due to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak in the TRNC and throughout the world.

Mayor of Girne Nidai Güngördü made a statement and said : “We have decided to postpone the Girne Half Marathon, which was to be held for the third time in 2020, in cooperation with the Municipality

of Girne and the Athletics Federation, as a further measure against the COVID-19 virus.

We have accelerated our work with responsibility and sensitivity on all measures to be taken for the health of our people. Firstly, we decided to temporarily postpone all the activities we had organised as a Municipality”.

Güngördü noted that the Coronavirus information meetings and disinfection activities are continuing and that they had accelerated disinfection applications in various parts of the

city, especially where citizens are concentrated. He stressed that rational measures are being applied by all institutions and organisations as soon as possible to eradicate this epidemic with the least harm.

Güngördü noted that our people should read all warnings and informative articles about what should be done as a precaution to protect themselves.



Girne Municipality convened a meeting urgently 14th March

Girne Municipality has created a crisis desk in respect of the measures against Coronavirus (COVID-19).

Girne City Council held an Extraordinary Meeting which was convened under the chairmanship of Mayor Nidai Güngördü, to discuss the decisions taken at the meeting of the Council of Ministers.

Accordingly, funeral, garbage collection, disinfection, water works and police services were re-arranged as follows in terms of continuity:

1- Cashier's offices in the New and Old Service Buildings will be open daily (on weekdays) between 09:30 and 13:00.

2- At the Baldöken Parking Lot, the cashier will be open between 09:30 and 13:00 on weekdays.

3- The cashiers in the payment centers in the villages will be open between 09:30 and 13:00 on Wednesdays.

4- Our emergency phone numbers:

A) FOR FUNERAL WORKS
- 0533 840 52 20

B) OFFICERS - 0533 868 28 57- 0548 882 21 20

C) WATER WORKS –
For Faults: 0542 882 1118

For Freight Loading operations:
0548 838 8810

D) FOR OTHER EMERGENCY WORKS:
ALO 185 Note:
Within Girne Borders

Citizens will be able to call Girne Municipality in emergency situations by calling the following

phone numbers:

Public Works and Reconstruction
0548 881 2114,

Cleaning Works 0533 860 5973
- 0533 825 0104,

Sewage works 0533 870 2017/0533 846 2017.



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Hygiene training for food businesses in Girne

Girne Municipality organised a hygiene training seminar for establishments engaged in the food business such as restaurants, cafes and bars in the city. The seminar was arranged for the second time by the Food Supervisor of Girne Municipality, Naile Soyel, at the Girne Municipality Leymosun Culture House. Approximately 40 people participated, such as kitchen chefs, kitchen workers, supervisors and waiters.

Participants were informed about food hygiene and safe food, rules about food hygiene in businesses, food poisoning and personal hygiene. At the end of the training, where world-class hygiene standards and

scientific studies were shared, participation certificates were given. Hygiene training was interrupted due to measures taken regarding the Coronavirus outbreak, but Seminars will continue to be held when the current situation allows.

Speaking at the training seminar, Mayor of Girne Nidai Güngördü pointed out the importance of the businesses in the food industry in Girne, a tourism and student city, and pointed out that tourists, students and local people who use these businesses should receive these services in the healthiest way.

Nidai Güngördü said that the Municipality and the private sector

should work together and in harmony in ensuring food safety and hygienic conditions. With the aim of providing a better and higher standard of service

with the training seminar, Güngördü noted that they aim to make this type of training continuous.

Source: Girne Municipality



Girne Municipality implements initiatives for markets

With regard to the measures taken by the Council of Ministers in respect of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak, a number of initiatives have been introduced by Girne Municipality in order to implement some precautionary practices for grocery stores in Girne.

In her statement, Girne Municipality Health Department Branch Supervisor, Naile Soyel, said “ *In order to protect public health, it is necessary to provide some additional applications. The implementation of some measures that will have a significant impact on the Covid-19 Coronavirus as well as the Food Safety rules is vital for the protection of public health.*”

Mayor of Girne Nidai Güngördü stated; “ *Protecting the health of our people under all conditions is among our top priorities. Including the decisions of the Council of Ministers regarding the Coronavirus and the decisions of our District Security Council, we are constantly working on measures to protect the health of our local people. Many possible risks will be prevented by some measures being taken by the market enterprises*

where the basic food needs are met. At this point, we ask everyone to be cooperate and be patient with each other.”

In order to prevent the spread of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) epidemic, Girne Municipality Health Department specified the rules that market enterprises should follow in accordance with the measures taken throughout the country as follows;

** The number of people entering the market at any one time should be kept under control. The necessary guidance should be provided to avoid excessive density.

** In the market; Necessary warnings should be made to ensure that individuals keep at least one meter distance from each other.

** Hygienic mats and hand disinfectant unit should be placed at market entrances.

** Each grocery business should create its own team to take basic hygiene measures within the business.

** General cleaning and sanitation operations of the floor, shelf edges and cash checkout should be provided at regular intervals.

** Handles of shopping carts and shopping baskets should be disinfected regularly and continuously.

All market staff must follow general food hygiene rules.

** All market employees, including hand hygiene; should fulfill personal hygiene practices completely.

** The staff working at the cash desk should wear gloves and masks at all times and hand hygiene practices should be carried out.

** Credit card machines where customers insert their credit cards should be cleaned following each usage, in order to contribute to the protection of personal hygiene.

** Production and sales of ready meals at the markets have been stopped.

** Disinfection applications are instant. In places where the flow of people is continuous, this application; (especially at points such as cash checkouts, shopping carts, toilets, door handles etc. where citizens are in contact with hands) should be maintained at certain intervals.

** In ensuring disinfection of surfaces; Chlorine based (such as

bleach, domestos etc) or chemical solutions with antiseptic properties (such as dettol, sanitol etc.) should be used.

** Closed environments should be regularly ventilated.

** Alcohol-based disinfectants with a minimum content of 70% or solutions with antiseptic properties should be used for hand hygiene.

** In-market ventilation should be provided continuously.

Health Branch contact numbers - 0533 8505465 - 0533 8702014

Source (Turkish): Girne Municipality



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Dedicated teacher builds Secondary School in Losinoni, Tanzania

By Margaret Sheard ...

In December 2019 we attended a fundraising event at the home of Figen Vicky Rasmussen in North Cyprus, who was trying to give some financial help to her long time friend John Laizer in Tanzania.

The event was very successful with 1,050TL being raised, which was the first of a number of events Figen had decided to hold to raise funds for education for children in John's village. Figen has been able to send an amount of £800 to John but unfortunately due to the Coronavirus situation no further fundraising can be done at the moment until the TRNC Government gives the go ahead.

A further \$2,100 is needed to enable furniture to be bought for the students and an amount of \$115 which had been received in donations is being held as part of the next fundraising when it is possible to continue.

To see article about the first fundraising event see link below :

Figen first met John Laizer while she was in Tanzania in 2003, he was a young man of about 16 years of age at the time, he is now married and has 2 children of his own. John's education and training in Tanzania to become a teacher was paid for by Figen's dear friends Palle and Ingrid Mork from Denmark. Once John had obtained his degree he returned to his Masai village of Arusha.

We were told by Figen that during her time in Tanzania she was appalled at some of the living conditions in the villages and the lack of education for the children.

Some years ago John Laizer built a small Primary School so that the village children could receive education and it was his dream to also provide a Secondary School.

This was started in 2018 with the help of friends and sponsors, and 2 years later he was proud to say it was finished and the school opened officially on 19th February 2020, however, there is much more which needs to be done and this is what John has told me :

" We opened the school today, but no furniture. Also we are still looking for friends, NGOs etc. who wish to support our school because we have a big challenge. For example we need teachers' houses, a laboratory, a library, learning and teaching material. So pray for us "



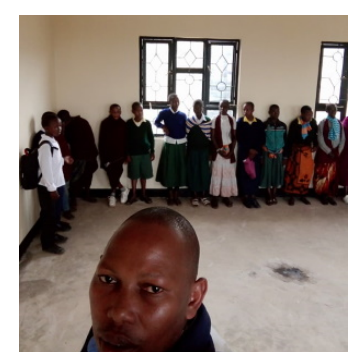
This was a school in 2003

This is just one of the many places in the world where there is a lack of education for children and the chance of being able to make something of their lives. If there is any organisation which may be able to help John Laizer to fully complete his dream please contact him by email : Johnlaizer36@gmail.com or telephone +255755756731.

Sadly we have just been informed by John that there is now Coronavirus in Tanzania, so he needs all the help he can get to ensure a safe future for the children.



New Secondary School



<https://cyprusscene.com/2019/12/11/local-turkish-cypriot-fundraising-for-childrens-education-in-tanzania/>

BELLAMERIT

Fine Italian Cuisine

*Exquisite delicacies of
Italian Cuisine at Bella Merit...*

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NEU and NEC starting an online education system

By Ahmet Abdulaziz

The Near East University (NEU) has announced that it is switching to an online education system due to the decision of the Council of Ministers to suspend education until March 22, 2020, as a result of the decision of the World Health Organisation (WHO) on the Coronavirus epidemic, which has been declared a pandemic by the WHO.

The same facility has also been arranged for the students of Near East College (NEC).

With the aim of continuity of education the courses will be held online. All students can approach their classes through the following link: <https://uzem.neu.edu.tr/>

The Moodle, Edmodo, Google Classroom and Google Meet systems, will be utilised for this purpose. Students will be able to perform all operations such as access to lessons, getting information, doing homework, and communicating through the interface offered to them during the online education process.



What do we do with ourselves during self isolation in the TRNC?

By Chris Elliott...

I had a Facebook message from Andy Reay asking for some information and as we chatted I asked him what he intended doing whilst we were all being asked to stay at home during the Coronavirus situation. See article link below :

In our conversation, I said that Margaret and I spend a lot of time at home with our publishing work and go out occasionally for shopping and social gatherings but now being asked to stay at home has a profound mental effect on us as well as the concern of catching the virus.

I asked if Andy would like to write something about how he will be coping and he said :

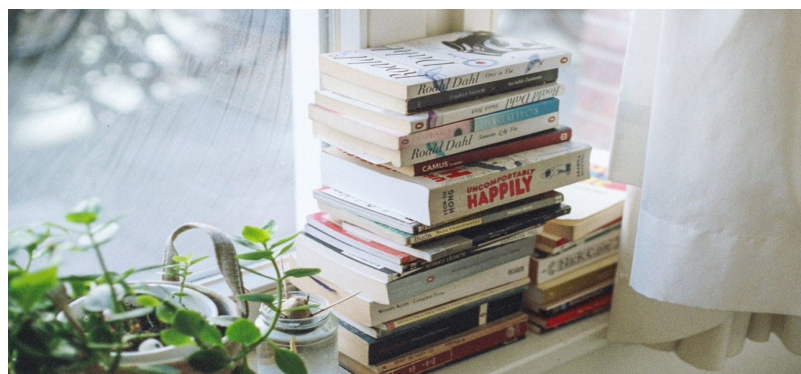
" I think it may be very helpful for people to come together and share experience and ideas, just getting the ball rolling really, some may benefit who are isolated and struggling for inspiration.

Like I said, there is a lot of focus on physical illness right now but our mental health and well-being is very important too and needs supporting and along those lines I have invited people on a health and well-being page and my page to click here to all talk about our experiences and maybe share new ideas, hobbies, coping strategies ". See Facebook link below :

So in sharing this conversation I had with Andy Reay we invite other readers wherever they may be, to email us on the link shown below and tell us how they are coping with isolation and how they are entertaining themselves and we will try to publish readers' mail on our website and weekly online e-newspaper.



Andy Reay - Entertainer



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<https://cyprusscene.com/2020/03/16/what-do-we-do-with-ourselves-during-self-isolation-in-the-trnc/>

To read other comments about what people are doing, see the following pages ...

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Isolation Challenge with the Quiz Masters, Susie and Martin

Readers Mail ...
Susie and Martin Ford, The quiz mistress and bingo man!!!

What are we doing through this difficult time? We are staying in for one..

Spring cleaning a room a day top to bottom, gardening here and there and some DIY!!

Preparing lots of quizzes for the time we will be able to get back to it...

We are enjoying each other's company and making the most of it and even the famed Abnormals have stopped their gatherings for rehearsals for now!

Keep Safe Everybody, We miss you all and let's Hope and Pray it won't be too long before we can all Return to Normality.

Keep Smiling

Susie and Martin xxx



Isolation Challenge with Janina and Brian Thackery

Readers Mail
Janina Kufluk-Thackery

Hi, we are still in UK and not being asked to self-isolate yet, but it has been really heart-warming how many local communities are organising lists of volunteers to do shopping, prescription collections, etc, etc for their elderly neighbours. (Sadly there are also the inevitable scammers trying to take advantage of the elderly.)

We shall be gardening and going for walks when the weather allows (like the beautiful day we have had today 16th March 2020) and in less good weather I will have loads of time to:

- * Turf out cupboards and spring clean
- * Continue with my family history research
- * Read books and digital newspapers
- * Do the crosswords and sudoku
- * Continue trying to learn Turkish and Polish
- * Paint and sketch
- * Dream up plans for remodeling the kitchen and bathroom and installing a downstairs loo
- * Prune the photographs we are storing online and see if any are worth printing
- * Go through our collection of ancient negatives and see if any are worth uploading to the computer

via my new gadget.....

I think that will keep me busy enough, though what my husband Brian is going to do without his football I don't know!.

Today (17th March) is Day 1 and we are planning a walk shortly to

replace our water aerobics at a local leisure club.

Best wishes to you all in the TRNC, hopefully, we will be able to join you at the end of April!

Janina and Brian



Isolation Challenge with Sermen Erdogan in Melbourne, Australia

We shared a copy of one of these Isolation Challenges on the Facebook page "Melbourne Australia Turkish Cypriot Radio" and our friend and Radio

DJ/Presenter, Sermen Erdogan replied as follows.

Readers Mail...
Sermen Erdogan



Isolation is recommended like in other countries in Australia as well but not enforced by government yet.

Many private schools, some universities and some workplaces have voluntarily closed down. Parents are reacting to the government for not closing down all schools!

Gathering of people outside is limited to 500 and inside is limited to 100 people and deaths from

COVID-19 is relatively small but increasing and there are over 500 persons under treatment currently.

Lastly the first Australian rules football match was played last night 18th March without spectators. It was a disaster for Carlton who were beaten by 100 points.

I have now locked myself in my house for protection from Coronavirus and I can motivate myself by writing at least.

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Isolation Challenge with Diane and Graham Loftus

Readers Mail... Diane Loftus

Hi Chris

A couple of friends popped in to see us today (16th March 2020) to use our Turkish mobile phone and they caught us gardening.

They called in to report they had come from UK to the 1102 number. Everything was ok with them both.

They both took their cardigans off and said: "right let's all get stuck in, there's nothing else to do". Now that's what you call friends.

We have had a lovely afternoon together during this worrying time and then had lunch together and a catch-up.

I hope you and Margaret are keeping well and safe.

Kind regards

Diane and Graham Loftus



Isolation Challenge with Pat and John Malloy stuck in Germany

Readers Mail... From Susie Ford (The Abnormal)

Pat and John Malloy who are part of The Abnormals Team are stuck in Germany and sent the following message.

" On the 9th March we went to visit our son for 1 week and were due to return on the 16th March and Turkish airlines cancelled our return flight on the 14th March.

We are enjoying our time with our son but anxious about getting home

as we have no idea when that will be and our poor dogs are still in the kennels.

The kennels have contacted us and told us not to worry the dogs will be fine. We have been watching Netflix, doing some batch cooking and going for long walks in Munster.

The weather has been better than we expected as we expected it to be raining most of the time. We will give our son's flat a nice spring clean.

We had thought about visiting my son for longer in the future but we wondered how the dogs would be away from us for so long so this way we have had no choice.

We are due to visit our other son in May in Spain as his partner is due a baby anytime now and we hope that we can get home to the TRNC for a few weeks and spend time with the dogs before leaving to see our new grandson.

I hope everyone keeps safe and can

be back to their normal routines soon.

Pat and John xxx "



Isolation Challenge with CyprusScene.com



By Margaret Sheard

Being in home isolation is not very different from the normal routine of Chris and myself.

We spend hours tapping away at the keyboard in our office/small bedroom so perhaps we are not finding it as hard as others who are used to a more social life.

However, even though our routine is not much different to usual, we have both found there is a mental factor which seems to have crept in which has caused some sort of depression.

This would have been an ideal time for sorting out and spring cleaning but normal contributions keep coming so we soldier on!



BLUE SEA

Seafood Restaurant

A feast right from the sea...

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Isolation Challenge with Chris and David Harriman

Readers Mail...
Chris Harriman

Hi, I am Chris Harriman.

We have lived in Catalkoy in an Australian Build house since 2004 when we retired. In 2006 we built in underneath our house on stilts, and since then we spend summer upstairs and winter downstairs, which has central heating, a smaller kitchen, a large bedroom which could accommodate walking frames or wheelchairs if necessary as we get older.

So in summer I deep clean downstairs and in winter I deep clean upstairs! We usually go upstairs in early May and come

back downstairs in October. I walk two rescue dogs on the mountain and never see a soul at 6.30 am taking pictures for Frozen Cypriots Facebook page which I post daily click here, our original two rescue dogs are buried in the garden and lived to well over fourteen.

My husband David has COPD so we are especially vigilant these days, he cannot walk far because of his breathlessness but has in the past. When well enough he likes nothing better than to work in his workshop, in the past he has done Cypriot Woodcarving and we have chests, tables and beds to show how well he learnt the craft. These days he turns any old wood into wine racks and has in the past made us

garden furniture, but at nearly 81 is definitely slowing down.

I spend my time utilizing all the garden produce, making Lemon, Orange, Grapefruit, and Pomegranate squash. Soon the

Mulberries will be ripe too and they will need using, so who has time on their hands?

Regards

Chris Harriman



Isolation Challenge with Peter Coghlan in Perth, Australia

Readers Mail...
Peter Coghlan

Hi Chris,

Just emerged from 14 days self isolation in Perth after my trip back from TRNC. Fortunately no adverse symptoms have arisen and gave me a great opportunity to rest up and recover from jet lag.

Western Australia is just starting to experience community transmission of the virus so I expect to see a surge in new cases.

Testing centres have been established at major Perth hospitals and regional centres with strict criteria for who gets to be tested. Supermarket shelves are bare in many sections (see photo - Toilet rolls and paper towels) taken yesterday when my wife went shopping for her 93 year old Mum.

Seems like bad behaviour by some as we're assured there are no food shortages.

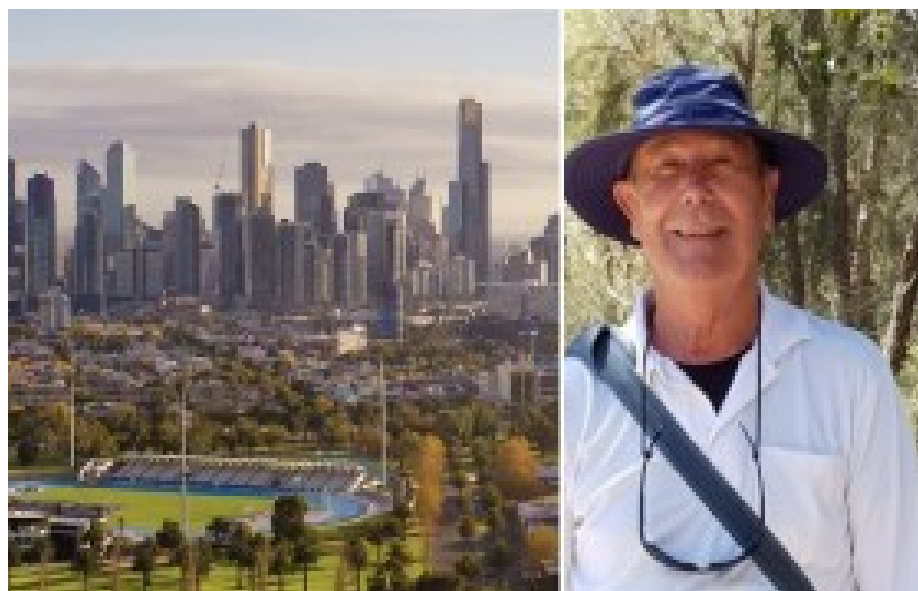
Our schools remain open because it is considered better at this stage for kids to be in a controlled environment.

On the lighter side I also attach a photo from my son in Boston USA

highlighting the entrepreneurial spirit of local home delivery service in providing a toilet roll with every delivery - a commodity that is fast becoming tradable here and in the US.

Take care all.

Peter



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Girne Municipality Coronavirus hygiene measures

With regard to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak program, intensive work has been initiated by Girne Municipality.

Mayor of Girne, Nidai Güngördü, emphasised that the cooperation of our people and the institutions that have to continue their services is essential for the successful implementation of this sensitive issue.

Güngördü said “In order to prevent the spread of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) epidemic that affects our country, the Girne Municipality continues to work intensively with the relevant teams to continue the essential services of everyday life. In line with the decision taken by the Council of Ministers, within this process it is necessary not to go outside other than in essential situations”.

In the statement made by the Press and Public Relations Department of Girne Municipality; In public spaces disinfectant application studies by the Municipality Health Teams are continuing intensively.

Especially trucks, vehicles entering the Girne Tourism Port and the entrance areas of the immigration building are disinfected at certain intervals. In addition, ATMs and public toilets in Girne are also within the routine disinfection program. Disinfection of the Girne Municipality Service building, which is providing limited service, is also carried out, and direction to set a social distance limit in a controlled manner. Disinfection of public buildings such as the General Directorate of Police and the District Office is also provided.

Disinfection application is not a protective process for a long period of time because it is an instant application. It is much more important to know that the flow of people will not remain sterile and that individuals should pay attention to personal hygiene. The social distance between individuals should be limited to at least 1 meter. In order to ensure hygiene, hands should be washed with sanitizer or soap and water for at least 20 seconds and contact with the face, nose and eyes should be avoided.

While hygiene measures are taken in public areas by Girne Municipality, businesses should also take their own precautions in areas that continue to serve the public throughout the city:

In corporate places, the hygienic cleaning of general surfaces, including floors, door handles, chair edges, countertops etc. with which people have contact, should be carefully performed. Chemicals with a chlorine base (such as

bleach, domestos etc.) or antiseptic properties (such as dettol, sanitol etc.) should be used to ensure the hygiene of surfaces. Closed environments should be regularly ventilated.

Alcohol-based disinfectants with a minimum content of 70% or antiseptic solutions should be used for hand hygiene.

Source (Turkish):
Girne Municipality



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Isolation Challenge with Demetra and Mehmet in the USA

Readers Mail...

Demetra George Mustafaoglu

Dear Family and Friends in Cyprus,

We are alive and presently well and kicking in Los Angeles as we await the birth of our 4th grandchild Altan on Friday the 20th March and are participating in social distancing and quarantining at home much like most of you.

Fortunately a friend tipped me off about the outbreak in China early on so we decided to stock up on supplies in early February, all which could also be useful in the event of one of our California earthquakes.

We didn't have to fight anyone off for toilet paper, hand sanitizers, alcohol or disinfectants. We loaded up for 3 months of lockdown and purchased TP, canned meats, vegetables, fruit and plenty of rice and pasta. Of course we have our stash of Cyprus Raki and Anglia Brandy for those crazy days or special celebrations!

After 45 years of marriage, busy careers and raising our daughters Devran and Deniz, we thought it would be great to be alone again BUT, that didn't last long! Both daughters needed help with childcare due to closures so they could continue working from home and with preschool, gymnastics, library and swimming all cancelled, we fit the bill to fill in for a while.

Our fearless fool Trump and his minions who don't believe in science got caught with their pants down and though they continued to lie to the American public and

tried to pray away the Coronavirus in the US, it is here and out of control. Our stock market is 6 feet under, businesses are shuttered, my concerts all cancelled, there are very few testing kits available nor enough hospital beds, not ample protective gear for medical personnel, no idea how many are infected and walking about, and there is probably more fear of the unknown than panic just now.

We are driving between the homes of our children to share our time and knowledge, music and language skills with the grand babies. Tristan, 2 is counting to 10 and nouns in Turkish, Spanish, Farsi and English nonstop. Asena, 21 months is singing the Laughing

Song from Die Fledermaus on pitch and counts in Turkish and sings Frozen 2. Six month old Destan has just found his voice and is competing with his sister for attention! So you see we don't have much time to worry. Too busy planning routines for our family.

Trying to keep up with Cyprus news but also family and friends in England, Spain, Italy, the Middle East and their heartbeat. Hearing that Americans returning from abroad weren't tested or temperatures taken is alarming and just plain negligent. Also seeing thousands of youth cavorting on Florida beaches during Spring Break is absolutely shocking after

seeing millennials on ventilators in Italy and being told the cemeteries are closed due to lack of burial space! Stay home please!

So here we wait in hopes of flattening the curve while the novices in DC attempt to dig themselves out from under their lie that the news of the Coronavirus was a Democratic Party hoax perpetrated to bring down Trump's re-election. We pray for a miracle like the rest of the world. And a change in our LEADER.

With love

Mimi D and Mehmet Dede



Above left : Mehmet with Destan - Above right : Demetra and Mehmet

Below : Asena (left) and Tristan (right)



20th to 26th March 2020

North Cyprus Events Calendar

Due to the close-down of restaurants, bars, public gatherings etc. we will not be publishing any events until a later date when the current restrictions are lifted.

Isolation Challenge with TRNC Quiz Masters First online Quiz

Readers Mail...
Susie and Martin :
The Quiz Masters

As you know we do a Quiz every Thursday night so we thought why not try it online which we did on Thursday 19th March at 7pm!!

Those taking part were:

Dixies Chicks, Clappers Ahoy, Bell Bottoms, Gin'll Fix It, The Flippers, Anglo Swedes, Don't Mention the War, The Fridge Raiders, Butch and Sundance, Pat and Colin, are all the teams that took part and did it by video chat on the internet!!

The Quiz consisted of 1 General Knowledge round with 20 questions and 1 Music Round.

Remember there were 10 international teams, 1 in Germany, 1 in Sweden, 1 in UK and 7 in the TRNC!

Rules were (could not mark their papers LOL) so there was no cheating!!

Winner :

Butch and Sundance 33 Points

2nd, Fridge Raiders 32 Points

3rd, Bell Bottoms 30 Points

4th, Gin'll Fix It

Joint 5th, Anglo Swedes, Don't Mention The War, Dixies Chicks, all got 23 Points

Joint 6th, The Flippers, Clappers Ahoy, all got 13 Points

The Online Lemon Losers --- Pat and Colin 7 points!!

For the 1st time doing this quiz online, we were not sure it would work but with trial and error, everyone thanked us for taking the

time. We may even do this next week if we are still isolated!

Thank you all for making this a fun night

Luv You All and Happy Quizzing
Susie and Martin xxxx



Isolation Challenge

The Quiz Masters

First online Quiz

DMEC 2020 COVID-19 UPDATE

Readers Mail
From Enver Haskasap

DMEC 2020 COVID-19 UPDATE

Dear DMEC fans,

As we approach the start of a new DMEC season, everything had been looking extremely positive. We have partnered with some exceptional companies, have confirmed multiple improvements to our media content creation and live broadcasting, while also assembling the most impressive driver grid in European history. This is an exciting time for European drifting. That said, we now, like the rest of the world, face unprecedented challenges.

Similarly to other public event promoters across the world, the COVID-19 Corona Virus issue is one we must take very seriously. At this time, the Austrian government has cancelled all public events until April 7th (6 weeks before DMEC Round 1), so we are hoping there will be no need for a cancellation and the event will go ahead as planned. We will be updated regularly by the local Austrian authorities over the next few weeks and they are positive in their approach. Driver, crew and fan safety is a DMEC priority at all times.

In the unlikely case that the event needs to be rescheduled, we have worked on a number of options for this and are ready for any eventuality. At this time, like

most of the world, we do not have all the answers, so we will keep you all updated as the situation progresses.

You can rest assured the DMEC team is continuing to prepare for this season as per usual and are ready to raise the bar once again. We would like to assure all of our fans, partners, drivers, and staff that we will stop at nothing to

bring you all the best season of DMEC we possibly can. In the meantime, we hope you all stay safe and well in these difficult times.

Arkadiusz Dudko
DMEC President

David Egan
DMEC Vice President



20th to 26th March 2020

Emergency Telephone Numbers

mobile numbers are prefixed 0533 or 0542 or 0548

landline numbers are prefixed 0392

POLICE

Emergencies	155
General	228 3411
Girne	815 2125
Lefkosa	228 3311
Gazi Mağusa	366 5310
Güzelyurt	714 2140
Lapta	821 8512

FIRE

Emergencies	199
Forest Fire	177
Girne	815 2111
Lefkosa	227 1259
Gazi Mağusa	366 5389
Güzelyurt	714 2200

AMBULANCE

Emergencies	112
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HOSPITAL

Girne	8152266/815 2254
Lefkoşa	228 5441;
Gazi Mağusa	3662876/3665328
Güzelyurt	714 2125

ELECTRICITY

Electrical faults	188
Lefkoşa	225 3436
Girne	815 2223
Gazi Mağusa	366 5514
Güzelyurt	714 2122

WATER

Water problems:	
Lefkoşa	228 3315
Girne	815 2118
Gazi Mağusa	366 4483
Güzelyurt	714 3516

Kyrenia Weather (from 21st March 2020)**10-day Forecast**

Sat 21/03  15°C 6°C	Sun 22/03  17°C 11°C	Mon 23/03  18°C 11°C	Tue 24/03  18°C 12°C	Wed 25/03  19°C 13°C
Thu 26/03  20°C 13°C	Fri 27/03  17°C 12°C	Sat 28/03  20°C 14°C	Sun 29/03  20°C 14°C	Mon 30/03  19°C 14°C

15 Sporting TRIVIA Questions and a STINKER Question

By Richard Beale.....

With virtually all sport being stopped because of the **Corona Virus**, we thought it will be an appropriate time to revive our Sporting Trivia Quiz. The answers will appear in the CyprusScene Enewspaper on **page 30** and answer to the "Stinker" question will appear in **next's week edition**.

Q 1: When the Premier Football League was suspended on the 9th March, how many points were Liverpool leading second placed Manchester City by 23/25/26 or 27 ?

Q 2: England Cricket Team tour was cut short due to the virus, which country were they touring at the time ?

Q 3: On the 9th March the last English Premier League match between which teams was played before the cancellation of the League due to the virus. ?

Q 4: Dump, floater and wipe !, are terms used in what team sport ?

Q 5: Former England Rugby star Mike Tindall married which member of the Royal Family in 2011 ?

Q 6: The Football World Cup has been won by which 5 European countries ?

Q 7: Who will represent London in the new domestic cricket competition "The hundred" ? Cockney Crusaders, Surrey Sabres, Oval Originals or London Pride ?

Q 8: Archery is the National sport of Bhutan, Denmark, Thailand or Switzerland ?

Q 9: Who won the 2020 Australian Open Mens Tennis singles ?

Q10: Which football League club was expelled by the Football League in August 2019 ?

Q11: When England won the 50 over ICC Cricket World Cup in July 2019, in the "super over" who were the two English batsmen at the crease ?

Q12 : In February 2020 which round did Deontay Wilder corner "throw in the towel" to stop the WBC Champion fight against Tyson Fury ? 6/7/8/9.

Q13: To supplement his acting earnings in his early days Kirk Douglas was a professional in what sport ?

Q14: Who is the oldest English Premier League manager ?

Q15: What is the national sport of Japan ?

THE STINKER QUESTION? - Answer in next weeks edition

Who is currently the longest serving football manager in the English Football League?

Richard Beale our reporter and 2 football friends

By Chris Elliott....

Sadly sport is now off the CyprusScene menu due to the Coronavirus situation and we will not be hearing much from Richard Beale unless he decides to write about all the jobs he is doing at home.

It's strange however, through CyprusScene, how many friendships are made and old friends found and we were delighted to hear how keen football fan and **Scouser, Phillip Lloyd** of the **Anglo Turkish Association** had made friends with our **Bristolian** reporter, **Richard Beale** as he tells us as follows:

"Chris,

In case you are quiet for news at any time this tale may interest you.

I don't know if Richard has told as he may not want to shout this from the top of the tree - although when I spoke to him yesterday evening

(20th February), he was jubilant, but yesterday morning I finally met up with Richard and took a photo of him holding Ex Liverpool FC and Bristol Rovers player autobiography.

Nicky Tanner went to school and is still friends with my brother.

I sent my brother the photo, and within a couple of hours it was on Nicky Tanner's Facebook page with CyprusScene mentioned. What surprised Richard was that Nicky Tanner then asked if he could be a Facebook Friend and follow Richard, whereas we both know it is normally the other way around (with people following the celebrities, not a celebrity following your reporter)

The reason I sent the photo was that when my brother told Nicky about me living here and that I was lending his book to a Bristol Rovers Fan, my brother said Nicky told him that he knew there were Liverpool Fans in Cyprus (which I am) but

there was no way a 'Gashead' was in Cyprus, and if there was he wanted a photo to prove it - hence the photo!

When I sent Richard's photo to my brother I said the following: - Richard has Nicky Tanner ex Liverpool & Bristol Rovers player autobiography in his hand!

Richard Beale, Sports Reporter for CyprusScene Newspaper (CyprusScene.com) in Northern Cyprus believed to be the only 'Gashead' in Northern Cyprus.

Richard reports on North Cyprus football matches every week both via CyprusScene and his own Facebook Page, with his photographs also used by all other North Cyprus Newspapers.

Richard is going to upload the photograph to a Bristol Rovers supporters site and my photograph was taken at the 20 Temmuz Mete Adanir Stadium,



Girne in front of a statue of the local hero Turkish Cypriot footballer Mete Adanir who played for Leyton Orient.



Cheers.....Philip Lloyd

Football Federation advises all matches postponed

By Richard Beale..

Following decisions by various Football Associations around the world to suspend football due to the Corona Covid-19 virus, the President of the Kıbrıs Türkish Football Federation Hasan Sertoğlu issued a statement regarding football in the TRNC. The last matches were played on Weekend March 7/8.

Sertoğlu's explanation is as follows:

"Precious football family... Uncertainty persists in relation to the Coronavirus outbreak, which we are in and measures are taken on our island. It is not possible to see ahead and predict what will happen tomorrow, as you know. As in all over the world, our people are afraid and concerned about Coronavirus in our country. Under the current circumstances, there are a number of measures taken by the Council of Ministers until 27 March 2020. Conditions go as

expected and assuming that everything is going well after March 27, 2020, the earliest start date of football matches is 4-5 April 2020. In the process, we should be aware that our health is above all else and take personal measures in this regard. In this context, I ask that all our teams do not start sports activities until March 27 and to pay attention to the health of our sports brothers and sisters.



Are there any other Gasheads in the TRNC?

Richard Beale ...

In response to the Chris Elliott/ Philip Lloyd article regarding the ex Bristol Rovers and Liverpool footballer Nick Tanner, I am a **Gashead**, are there **any more of you out here**?

WHAT IS A GASHEAD?

- he/she is a supporter of Bristol Rovers FC

WHY ARE WE CALLED GASHEADS?

- Bristol Rovers used to play at Eastville Stadium, behind the ground was a gas factory with two gasometers and boy when the wind was in the right direction you were intoxicated by the smell of gas hence "gas head"

Am I unique out here in the TRNC? The majority of expats seem to support the major Premier League clubs, the usual suspects **Liverpool, Chelsea, Manchester United/City, Arsenal, Tottenham** etc etc.

I haven't come across too many who support the lower League Clubs, the grass roots of football. I know some people who do and



Eastville Stadium, Bristol Rovers "spiritual home" and the Gasworks behind the Stadium

they support Oxford, Doncaster, Barnsley and Morecambe, I'll be interested in what other Clubs people support out here.

Most Turkish/Cypriots always seem to support Liverpool or Manchester United. I get asked a lot at local football matches which English team do I support? When I reply "Bristol Rovers which is a small team in the lower leagues", they look at me as if I were mad, give me the Cyprus shrug and say "who? never heard of them!"

I have been watching Bristol Rovers since 1960, I used to go on the "old football specials" buses that ran every Saturday to either

the Rovers or Bristol City matches, at that time I was a supporter of both clubs. I always had a soft spot for the Rovers they always seemed to lose! but I loved their famous unique Blue and White quarter shirts and the Pirate mascot that used to walk round the ground.

As a young boy I collected autographs and the Rovers players seemed to be more friendly and obliging than their Bristol City counterparts. Alfie Biggs, Harold Jarman, Ray Mabbutt and Bobby Jones were household names at Bristol Rovers in the 60s and 70s. My favourite, being a goalkeeper like myself, was Bernard Hall small for a keeper but very brave,

tragically his career was cut short by a head injury sustained in collision with Middlesbrough's John O'Rourke in the late 60s.

Referring to **NICK TANNER'S** autobiography "**FROM A FIELD TO ANFIELD**" he mentions a particular gentleman in a raincoat and trilby hat with a rolled up newspaper who used to shout "shoot!, shoot!" it didn't matter if the ball was in your own half "shoot, shoot!" he would shout, I remember the crowd were in fits of laughter!..

Continued....

Sport Quiz Answers

Questions on page 28

1/ 25 points.

2/ Sri Lanka

3/ Leicester City and Aston Villa

4/ Volleyball

5/ Zara Phillips

6/ West Germany, Italy, England, Spain and France

7/ London Pride.

8/ Bhutan.

9/ Novak Djokovic beat Dominic Thiem

10/ Bury FC

11/ Ben Stokes and Josh Buttler

12/ Round 7

13/ Wrestling

14/ Roy Hodgson he is 72.

15/ Sumo Wrestling

continued.....Are there any other Gasheads

The 60s turned into the 70s and with a group of friends I remember going to most of the away matches by supporters' coaches going far and wide, usually ending up in defeat at say a rainy Halifax or Rochdale.

I remember we used to stop on the way home to Bristol at Marlborough to get fish n chips and secure a copy of the local evening sports paper to pursue the football results - no mobile phones then.

Bristol Rovers used to rent Eastville Stadium but when the owners decided to sell in 1986 to IKEA and Tesco they were forced to leave their spiritual home and play their matches at Twerton Park in Bath.

Those were happy days and where I first came across Nick Tanner or "woosh" as was his nickname as he seemed to have a horseshoe in his football boots and they packed a powerful punch.

Under Bobby Gould and then Gerry Francis "Rag tag Rovers" as we were known were "skint", they used to pass a bucket around the crowd to put any spare change in to help the club survive. They were great times in the 10 seasons we were at Bath, a unique atmosphere, that intimidated teams who were frightened to play against us. Gerry Francis put together a team of misfits Devon White, Gary Penrice, Ian Holloway, David "Boris" Mehew and Nick Tanner, they had what money couldn't buy unlike our rich Bristol rivals, "team spirit, never say die attitude"



The famous blue and white quartered shirts and Pete the Pirate!

which eventually got us promotion to League 2.

Like a lot of people we were surprised when Nick was signed by Liverpool in 1988 for £20,000 that amount probably saved the Club from going bust. Nick made the most of his skills, he was always a good honest 100% player and after a couple of seasons in the Liverpool reserves he finally became a regular in the Liverpool team, before a back injury forced him to retire from football in 1994 at the age of 29..

I ramble on .. Rovers eventually returned to Bristol in 1996 to their current home the Memorial Stadium.

Work commitments on a Saturday or Sunday limited my visits but if I couldn't watch Rovers then I would go to see Yate Town. This is probably why I love live football matches in the TRNC. I don't get much enjoyment sitting in a bar watching football on the telly. The locals really do appreciate it, that you made the effort to watch a game, always offering you fruit nuts and shh! an occasional glass

of Raki!

On moving to the TRNC 11 years ago obviously now the only time I can get to see the "gas" is when I go back to visit the UK as they are very rarely featured on the telly.

I have seen them this season, last September, when they drew 1-1 with Gillingham.

Supporting Bristol Rovers there has been probably more "downs than ups ", but when the rare "ups" come we certainly enjoy and savour them.

Loads of happy memories with Rovers, one of them going to Old Trafford to see them beat United 2-1 in the League Cup. (Best, Law, Charlton and all) is a particularly fond one. Winning the Watney Cup in the early 70s.

NICK TANNER in Bristol Rovers and Liverpool colours



Beating Brian Clough's Brighton 8-2 away with "Smash and Grab" Alan Warboys and Bruce Bannister running riot.

Of course one thing that tops all that is beating Bristol City, for a "gashead" it is the most important thing in the world. Bristol "derby" matches are just as fiercely contested as the Liverpool, Manchester and Glasgow derbies.

One thing you are is "once a Gashead, always a Gashead " am I the only one here? If I am not please let me know! We can have a meeting in that telephone box!

If you are a **Gashead** or **Liverpool** supporter then the **Nick Tanner** Autobiography **"FROM FIELD TO ANFIELD"** (ISBN 9781785313073) is a cracking read and is available from Amazon Bookstore.



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