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The good news is Coronavirus seems to have been controlled in TRNC.

There are still problems for the many people waiting to return to their homes in the TRNC



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BRS Coronavirus weekly News Update 2nd May



Latest News

The British Residents' Society published very important news on 2nd May 2020 with the latest information provided through their ongoing liaison with the TRNC authorities about the Coronavirus Regulations which we are sharing for other readers who are seeking the latest facts and information.

Editor's Note:

This BRS newsletter with the introduction by Chairman, Peter Wilkins contains a great deal of information so we are presenting

this as a PDF download, see link shown below. For those readers wishing to learn more of the British Residents' Society and registration as a member please see link shown below.

May 2020.

CHAIRMAN'S NOTES

As we prepare this months Newsletter it is heartening to know that for the past 14 days there have been no new Covid-19 cases reported. This is leading to

an increased amount of speculation regarding the 're-opening' of the TRNC.

Can we take this opportunity to thank everyone for supporting the stance of the TRNC Government in reducing Covid-19 here.

Hopefully once both Turkey and the Republic of Cyprus can bring their infection rates under control it will mean that those people who have been prevented returning to their 'homes' here in the TRNC, will once again be able to do so.

On Wednesday (29th April) we were informed that during the Parliamentary session decisions had been made as to the proposed manner that this would happen.

The decisions as we know them so far are as follows: -

** The requirement to wear protective masks will continue.

** The Night-time full curfew (between 21:00 and 06:00) will continue till 15 May.

** Travel restrictions between districts of TRNC will be lifted starting from 4th May, 06:00.

** The partial curfew ends on May 4th, **except for Sundays** beginning on May 10th. Full curfew continues regardless, until May 15th.

** Hence, starting from 10th May (Sunday), on Sundays, people will **ONLY** be allowed to go out to supermarkets, butchers, pharmacies and gas stations, and to take care of their urgent health needs. Everything other than these will be not allowed.

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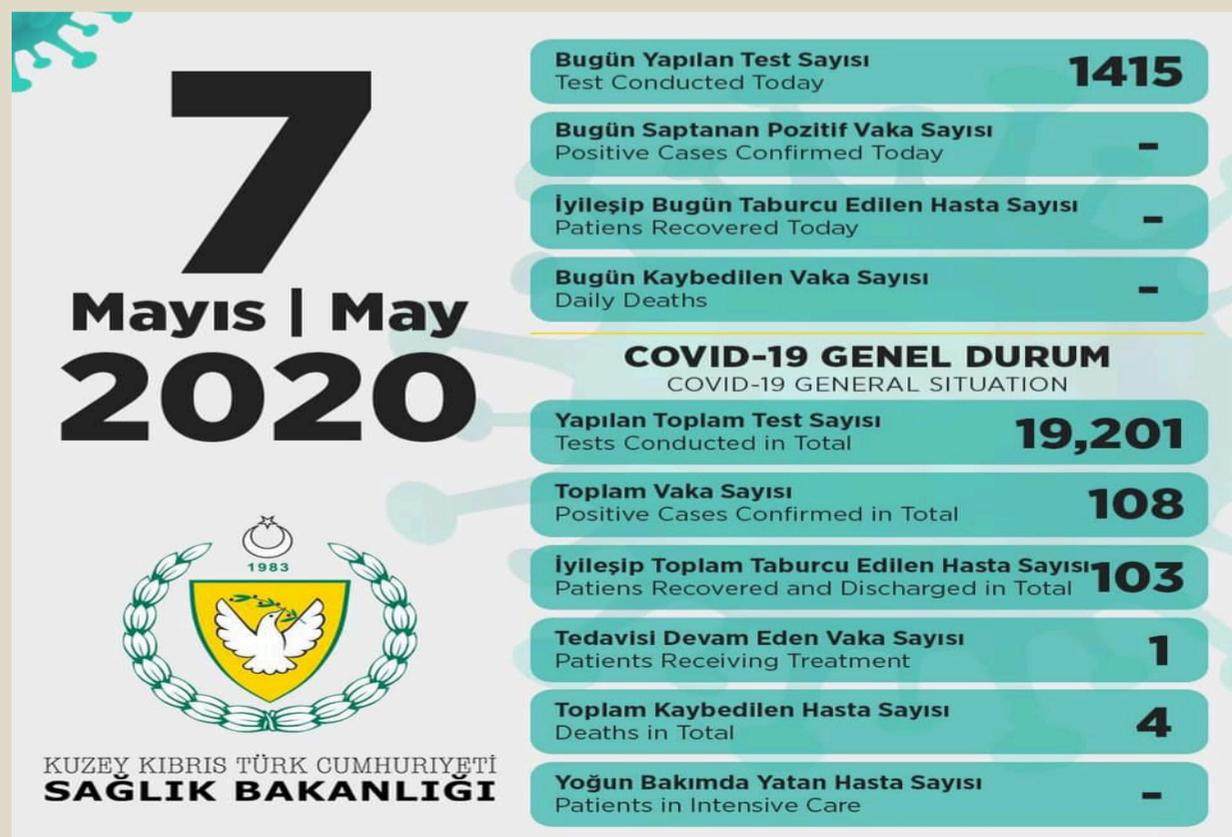
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The following sectors and businesses will be **CLOSED**, and the following actions will be **BANNED** till 15 May:

- 1) Tourism sector, hotels and hostels, casinos, and similar;
- 2) Entertainment venues, cinemas, bars, cafes, and similar;
- 3) Picnic spaces, parks;
- 4) Gyms, places for sports activities (such as dancing schools), stadiums, and similar;
- 5) Wedding salons;
- 6) Restaurants, patisseries, café, and buffets (i.e. sandwich buffets);

- 7) All kinds of public transport;
- 8) Night clubs, bet offices, internet cafés, massage salons;
- 9) Barbershops, hairdressers, beauty salons, and similar;
- 10) Municipality bazaars and open bazaars;
- 11) Children play grounds, children gardens, and similar;
- 12) Theatre, cinema, concert, exhibition, libraries and other culture & arts activities involving crowds;
- 13) All educational institutions, schools, kindergartens, after school centers, and similar;
- 14) All sports events.

The British Residents' Society published very important news on **3rd May 2020** with the latest information provided through their ongoing liaison with the TRNC authorities about the Coronavirus Regulations which we are sharing for other readers who are seeking the latest facts and information.

UPDATE – 3rd MAY 2020

As predicted, (2nd May) following the announcements regarding the removal of the Partial Curfew on Monday to Saturday and which businesses and areas WILL or WILL NOT be open after

6am on Monday 4th May, we are now seeing amendments to those details.

Firstly, in addition to the areas remaining closed until at least the 15th May, are added beaches and swimming pools

Picnic areas and parks

Market Places

Mobile Food vendors

Any kind of collective activities or gatherings and ...

Home visits or house guests



CESV-112 and Bellapais Lodge donate food parcels

Following on from a previous report (link shown below) from the CESV-112 Civil Emergency Service Volunteers, we have received and are delighted to share their latest news of help given to those in need..

Readers mail....

Allan Lowden....

CESV-112....

Food Parcels for those in need.

The members of the Bellapais Lodge and CESV-112 Civil Emergency Services Volunteers have donated funds for nearly 40 emergency food parcels for people and families struggling during this epidemic.

The food parcels were donated through Supreme Supermarket and Catalkoy Belediye.

CESV 112 would like to thank everyone that has donated funds to enable us to supply these food parcels and our thanks to all those involved in distributing the parcels to those in need.

Stay safe.

Steve Collard & Allan Lowden

Editor's Note:

To learn more of CESV-112 see link shown below:



<https://cyprusscene.com/2020/04/17/cesv-112-donate-baby-products-for-those-families-in-need/>

<https://www.facebook.com/CESV112/>

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Minister Pilli: "507 tests and no positive cases on 3rd May"

Minister of Health Dr. Ali Pilli stated that 507 tests were carried out on 3rd May 2020 and that no positive cases were found as a result of the tests.

Pilli stated that as a result of the rapid test result of 3 people, PCR tests were carried out for further examination, he added that the total number of tests has reached 14,009.

Minister Pilli noted that tests have been performed in respect of employees at Nicosia State Hospital, Cengiz Topel Hospital, Famagusta State Hospital and Fever and Cough Polyclinics.

Stating that the workplaces in Dipkarpaz and Kumyalı and the members of the police at the Famagusta Police Department were tested, Pilli emphasised that some workplaces in Famagusta which will be providing takeaway services, and Eziç personnel in that region, were also tested.

Minister Pilli stated that 358 blood samples were taken in Yeni Erenköy and that tests would be done the same evening, and that samples were taken from 39 different workplaces and 12 villages. The Minister spoke about the police and municipal teams in Yenierenköy, and stated

that they will be tested in the coming days.

In addition, Pilli stated that tests were conducted in 139 businesses operating in Famagusta and Yenierenköy, in 38 areas, with

regard to markets, pharmacies and hardware stores, and that the results will be obtained in the coming hours.

Source (Turkish) :
Ministry of Health



Pilli: 1419 Tests in total and No Positive Cases at 4th May

Health Minister Dr Ali Pilli announced that the number of tests carried out in the last 24 hours at 4th May 2020 was 1419 and no positive case was found.

Minister Pilli noted that the COVID-19 test of 3 people sent yesterday for examination turned out to be negative, and 6 people will undergo PCR testing for further examination as a result of today's tests.

Minister Pilli, stated that on 4th May COVID-19 tests were conducted for Ministry of Health employees, members of the press covering all private newspaper and television workers, Lefkosa Courts, Gülseren Military Barracks, Beyarmudu Municipality employees, Gazi Magusa Municipality employees, banks and businesses in Gazi Magusa, pharmacies, coffee shops and offices in Güzelyurt and Yenierenköy.

Testing was carried out in 139 businesses operating in 38 areas, including post offices, markets, pharmacies, hardware.

Minister Pilli once again reminded the importance of respecting the use of masks, social distance and hygiene rules for the many workplaces that were closed due to COVID-19 and have been reactivated and wished convenience to all sectors.

As long as we follow the rules, Pilli repeated that we would win this war together.

Minister Pilli's statement on the general situation of COVID-19 on May 4, 2020 is as follows:

**** Number of Tests Performed Today: 1,419**

**** Number of Positive Cases detected today - None**

**** Number of Healed and Discharged Cases - None.**

**** Number of Cases Lost Today - None.**

**** Total Number of Tests Performed: 15,428**

**** Total Number of Cases - 108**

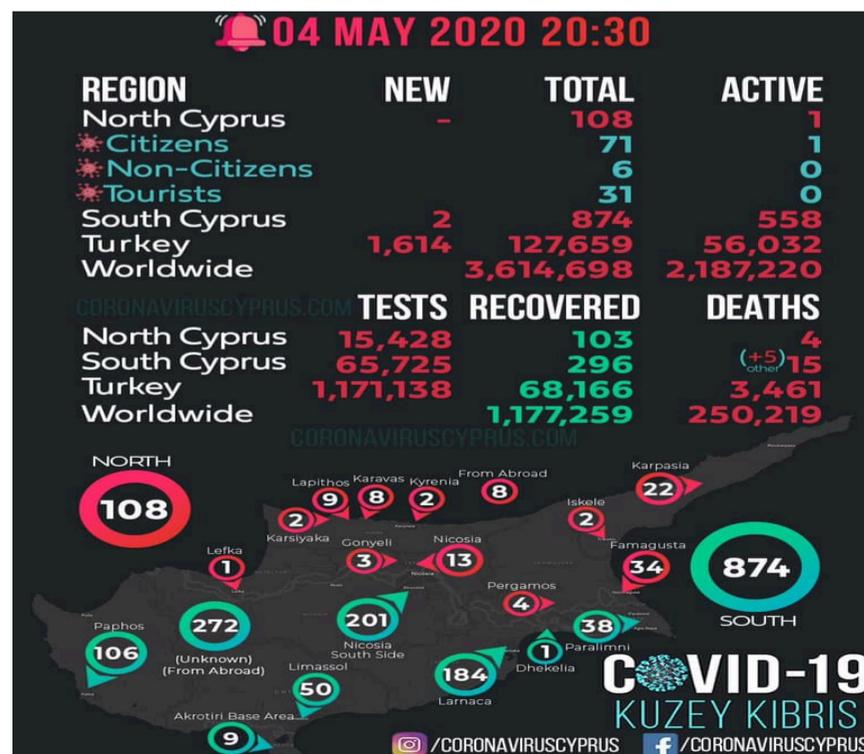
**** Number of Healed and Discharged Cases - 103**

**** Number of Cases Under Treatment - 1**

**** Total Number of Lost Patients - 4**

**** Number of Patients Hospitalised in Intensive Care - None.**

Source (Turkish) :
Ministry of Health



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Driving Schools re-start lessons within the framework of rules

As of 4 May 2020, driving schools will be able to re-start lessons within the framework of certain restrictions and rules.

Accordingly the following will apply ;

In the training to be given in the private schools of the driving schools, the students will be taken to the private teaching institutions one by one.

All vehicles will be disinfected before and after each lesson.

All instructors will have to wear masks and gloves during the training.

All students will have to wear masks and gloves during the training.

It will be mandatory to have disinfected fluid in each training vehicle.

The conditions and starting dates for the driving licence examinations will be shared with the public in the coming days.

Source (Turkish) :
TRNC Ministry of Public Works and Transportation
Traffic Department Directorate



Driving schools re-opening with controls

Pre-Registration of imported vehicles will be made on Internet

Within the framework of Vehicle Registration Automation System (AKOS), the pre-registration process of vehicles to be imported will be started via the internet (on-line).

With the new application created with the development of AKOS, which was launched on January 6, 2020, motor vehicle importers and sellers will be able to pre-register the vehicle through the system which they can access with their own information without going to the office. Thanks to the new system, ease and speed will be brought to vehicle registration processes.

Online video conferencing for all motor vehicle dealers is to be launched on Wednesday, 6th May 2020 at 14:00, in cooperation with the Ministry of Public Works and Transportation and the Association of Motor Vehicle Dealers and Importers (MASİB). Training will be provided with video conferencing via the internet for motor vehicle dealers. Motor vehicle importers and gallery managers were informed about access to video conferencing by MASİB and Vehicle Registration, Licensing and Inspection Branch.

In addition, a 10% discount will still be applied to those who pay

the vehicle road tax fee over the internet until the end of May 2020. Payment can be made by clicking the "AKOS Vehicle Registration Fee Payments" link on the website of the Ministry of Public Works and Transportation (www.bub.gov.ct.tr).

Those who have difficulties in making transactions on the

internet and/or request help can get assistance by sending an e-mail to the free Vehicle Registration Support Line number 1300 during working hours and to akos@bub.gov.ct.tr outside working hours.

Source (Turkish) :
Ministry of Public Works and Transportation



Telecommunications Department payment centres open 11th May



Payment offices in all branches of the TRNC Telecommunication Department will start to provide service within normal working hours as of May 11, 2020.

For this reason, the social distance and all hygiene rules determined by the Ministry of Health will be fully implemented for all our payment desks. At the entrance to the payment point, a temperature measurement will be recorded and

visitors at the building entrance not wearing a mask will not be allowed entry.

We would like to thank Tel-Sen for contributing to the necessary measures.

Source (Turkish):
Ministry of Public Works and Transportation

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Some measures taken for COVID-19 end on 4th May

Some measures implemented in the middle of March for COVID-19 will end today (4th May). Some work places will start to be opened from 4th May and the partial curfew for 6 days of the week, and the travel restriction between districts, will also end on 4th May.

Partial curfew and travel restriction between districts will not now be implemented for 6 days of the week but starting from 10th May, on every Sunday there will be partial curfew. Members of the public will only be able to leave their homes on Sundays to go to the supermarket, pharmacies and petrol stations.

Supermarkets will be closed at 20:00 until 15th May. Pharmacies and banks will return to normal working hours as from 4th May.

The night-time curfew between 21:00-06:00 has been extended until May 15. The obligation for wearing masks will continue. Within the framework of the decisions taken by the Council of Ministers on 29 April, businesses and sectors that will be opened as of today (May 4) will implement the criteria and rules determined by the Ministry of Economy and Energy.

All schools and educational facilities will remain closed until 15th May. Mass organisations or events such as entertainment venues, cinemas, theatres, sports facilities and wedding halls will also remain closed until 15th May.

The ban on entry of all foreign nationals, with the exception of TRNC citizens, their spouses and

children into the TRNC has been extended until 15th May 2020.

Restaurants, patisseries, cafes, bars, kiosks, tourism sector, hotels, casinos, all entertainment venues, public transportation, wedding halls, dance schools, massage salons, market places, hairdressers

and beauty salons, theatres, cinemas, coffee shops, clubs, children's playgrounds and picnic areas will remain closed until 15th May.

Source : TRNC Public Information Office



TRNC Summer working hours to start on 11th May

According to the decision of the TRNC Council of Ministers, summer working hours at the public institutions will start on 11th May 2020 and will be effective until 21st September 2020.

Summer working hours at the public institutions apart from essential services will be Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, 08.00-14:30, and on Thursday 08.00-12.30 and afternoon 13.00-17.30.

Source:

TRNC Public Information Office



TRNC Summer working hours for 2020

Partial normalisation in TRNC continues with Coronavirus measures

The partial normalisation, which started in the TRNC on Monday 4th May, continues without interruption of the precautions against Coronavirus epidemic.

After a break of 51 days, with the re-opening of many workplaces on Monday, mobility in some shops and traffic has resumed.

Within the framework of the precautions against the epidemic affecting 4 million people in the world, schools and workplaces in

the TRNC have remained closed for a long period of time and the partial curfew and intercity travel ban was removed from Monday, with the exception of Sundays.

Those who go out on the streets are required to wear a mask.

The curfew will continue from 21.00 in the evening to 06.00 in the morning and on Sundays it will remain throughout the day. On Sundays only going to the supermarket, butcher, pharmacy

and gas station will be allowed and going out on the streets will be prohibited except for urgent health needs.

Source :

TRNC Public Information Office



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Accepting and living with Coronavirus in society



By Ahmet Abdulaziz

The ongoing Coronavirus pandemic is expected to settle down in the near future. When I say "settle down", I do not mean that everything will be fine instantly. There are two differing opinions about the future of Coronavirus pandemic. A group of people believe that with the invention of the coronavirus vaccine in the near future, the world would get rid of this virus.

There is another group of people who believe that it would not be possible for the world to get rid of the virus through vaccines only. They believe that in one way or another, people would get used to the virus. They argue that the world does not have any vaccines for AIDS or Cancer. At its prime AIDS had led to many deaths, and a horrible scenario was available, but with the passage of time, people get used to the way of life that would reduce infecting with AIDS.

Cancer is a different type of disease. It is also killing many people the world over. Every other day we hear the news of someone close to us, having cancer. The medical world has some broad ideas about the reasons for cancer, but they too do not know what exactly is the reason for cancer. With the passage of time, the world has got used to cancer and the deaths of people.

The important point is that the world has learned how to get used to these diseases. They now know what should be avoided and what steps we must take if we want not to have cancer or AIDS. Not all are able to take the necessary measures, but over a period of time, we have accepted the existence of such dangers in our society.

The same maybe with the Coronavirus too. Now we know how we can avoid getting infected. Everyone knows that keeping ourselves locked inside our houses is the initial reaction of the world. To a great extent, these measures appear to be succeeding, and the situation is getting better day by day, the world over.

But the world cannot remain locked for an indefinite period. The economic activities are bound to be restored. Then human beings are

bound to come out of isolation and attend to their daily routines. The only option is to adjust ourselves to the changed circumstances now. The severe impact of this virus can be reduced to a great extent by taking some personal actions. But these actions are supposed to be adopted by the whole of society. For this, to a great extent, the social and cultural practices are bound to change.

For example, the practice of shaking hands appears to have no future now. Other forms of greetings people would adopt and become part of the culture in the very near future. People may be saluting each other informally, or just raising one hand would be considered sufficient to exchange greetings. Maybe in the future we would be just saying good morning or good evening, for example, without shaking hands, and that would be considered socially acceptable.

The practice of keeping the social distances would in this case, become permanent. The seating arrangements in public transport, waiting halls, restaurants, etc etc would go through a major change. There would be less seats in the buses or trains. people would not

be touching everything here and there.

We all would get used to using gloves and the cleaning habits too would go through change. People would be washing their faces and hands more frequently. The consumption of water would increase.

The system of entering into markets and other shops would be changed. We would all get used to waiting outside the doors. There would always be only a prescribed number of persons inside any market or shopping centre. An electronic display of numbers of persons inside the shopping centre, for example, would be used as a tool for not allowing more people to enter. We all would become used to this practice. Maybe the automatic doors would be programmed not to allow any more people inside.

The seating arrangements in schools, workplaces, etc would also go through a drastic change.

Most probably the practice of drinking hot water would take the place of drinking cold water.

Maybe in the future, the period of self isolation would reduce, so people would prefer to self isolate themselves voluntarily.

Above all, I am sure people would realise, accept, and bring to life the idea that a strong immune system is basically what we all need to be healthy.

However, even if the vaccine is found, and the world gets rid of Coronavirus, even then I feel there is a need for bringing in some positive changes in the social and culture setup the world over.



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KAR - News Update



We have over 300 vulnerable dogs and cats at the centre needing:

Food
Medicine
Water (we have no mains water, it has to be purchased via tanker)

We are now completely reliant on donations from you all. All our shops and market stalls are closed, our fundraising events, suspended.

Please, please help us to maintain care for them all. You can pay directly into our bank, via the donate button on our website.

You can sponsor one or more of our dogs or cats for £10 per month. (email the office for the sponsorship form - kartrnc@gmail.com).

Please don't forget us.

<https://www.kartrnc.org/how-can-i-help-kar/donate/>



As you know, we don't have a mains water supply at the centre, so we have to purchase tanker water. We average 4 deliveries a week at 300TL (£40) per delivery. So that is 1200TL (£160) PER WEEK on water. Please consider buying us a water delivery at £40. Donate via our website. Please don't forget us. We need you now more than ever.

<https://www.kartrnc.org/how-can-i-help-kar/donate/>



Thank you **Taskent** for the donation that you delivered to us yesterday. As there was so much food we shared the food with other organisations, and individuals, who are all helping the animals here in TRNC. Lots of street animals will be enjoying their KAR/Taskent goodies today and for a while to come.



We have some fantastic supporters, staff, volunteers and owners. One owner - who previously adopted **Rolo** from our center - is **Graham (and his wife Clare)**.

Graham contacted us back in February with some surprising, and very welcome, news. He had nominated KAR for a Charity Award - organised by his company **Genesee and Wyoming** - and he was emailing to say that the nomination had been accepted and that the company would be donating **£500** to KAR.

We were delighted to be nominated - even more so as often such awards are given to UK based charities.

The donation was this last week paid into our account - it could not have come at a better time !!!

Thank you Graham, Clare and Genesee & Wyoming - thank you Rolo - from all of your friends at KAR.



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10 February 2020

Dear Graham,

G&W UK/Europe Charitable Donation Scheme 2020

Following our call for charity nominations, all the submissions have now been reviewed and I am delighted to inform you that your chosen charity, Kyrenia Animal Rescue, has been selected to receive a £500 donation from the G&W UK/Europe Charitable Donation Scheme 2020.

We would like to invite you as the nominator to present the donation to the charity. Please note that charity presentations are staggered throughout the year.

With this in mind, please organise a suitable date between April – August 2020 to present the cheque and contact corpcomms@gwrr.co.uk three weeks prior so we can arrange payment and send the presentation cheque to you. Please feel free to take any guests you wish with you. We would of course like to feature a piece in our staff magazine, Traction, about the donation and accompany this with a photograph of you presenting the cheque to a charity representative.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your nomination of Kyrenia Animal Rescue.

Yours sincerely

Jaye Dry
Corporate Communications Executive
G&W UK/Europe Region

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KAR - News Update



While we are all struggling to get our heads around the TRNC "Lockdown relaxation rules" that came into play, partially, on Monday and questioning "How do these rules affect KAR's future income?" - there is still FGF within KAR.

Do you remember a short while ago we told you about Leia and Luke the 4 week old pups thrown into a garden - dumped like nothing more than an empty can? They were being looked after by one of our experienced KAR foster carers.

Well they spent yesterday getting to know their new Furever family in Karisiyaka. It was sniffs and wiggles all around until it was time for their 1st night time sleeps - as usual snuggled up together.

Thank you Karen and Mick for offering them both a home. Thank you to their foster carers for taking good care of them.



This is Tippy.

Please listen to her story. She is loved by everyone at the centre. We wish we could home each and every one of them 'our shelf girl' is very special and will probably live at the centre for the rest of her days.

We need you to help US protect Tippy and her friends. Please donate to help keep this possible.

<https://www.kartrnc.org/how-can-i-help-kar/donate/>



Monty is our May star!! If you would like to sponsor him, please email the office at kartrnc@gmail.com. Sponsorship is our only form of income at the moment, so please help if you can. If you would like to donate instead..... here is the link

<https://www.kartrnc.org/how-can-i-help-kar/donate/>

May is for Monty

SPONSOR ME



Monty and his brother Micki were dumped at the centre, 5 years ago, when they were 13 weeks old.

Bundles of energy and love causing trouble! He constantly teases the other cats and loves a game of hide and seek.

He would love a home of his own, as would all our cats. Please help if you can.

Please consider a sponsorship, only £10 per month, details available via email at kartrnc@gmail.com

May is Lyme Disease Awareness Month.

Ticks can be a big problem here in TRNC.

The best way to protect pets from Lyme disease is to take preventive measures to reduce the chance of contracting the disease. People with pets should:

Use reliable tick-preventive products. Speak with your veterinarian about what tick preventive product is right for your pet.

When possible, avoid areas where ticks might be found. These include tall grasses, marshes and wooded areas.

Check for ticks on both yourself and your animals once indoors.

Clear shrubbery next to homes.

Keep lawns/grassy areas around the house well maintained.

Check your pets and yourselves on a regular basis. **Keep Safe**



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Cyprus Regiment - Forgotten heroes of WW2

By Ismail Veli

V.E in Europe day. On this day I would like to remind people that 606 Cypriot's died or went missing fighting against Nazism. This article is about 3 brothers from Lurucina who happen to be part of my family roots. Three went only two came back. Tina Kemran their niece provided a heart wrenching account of their experiences.

Gone but not forgotten. This is their story

There are many stories of heroes and unknown Martyrs who served the British Commonwealth in its hour of need.

Britain's need for fighting men at the outbreak of WW2 was desperately needed. Nazi Germany had overrun Europe, and its new concept of Blitzkrieg (Lightning war) and military might had brought it to the point of total European domination. Poland, Czechoslovakia, Belgium, all the Nordic countries and France were totally overrun. The Soviet Union signed a pact with Germany. Italy was part of the axis and Britain stood alone.

Defeat seemed inevitable and only the very few, if that, saw any chance of surmounting the power of Nazi Germany. It was against this background that Cypriots rallied to volunteer to the tune of 20,000. Amongst these was a family that lived in Larnaca but originated from the village of Lurucina. Hasan & Hussein Mehmet Ramadan (twins born in

1921) together with their brother Seyit Mehmet Ramadan joined in earnest. Their other brothers Kemal & Numan stayed in Cyprus as policemen.

Their father Mehmet Ramadan had already proudly served as a policeman all his adult life and was a Corporal in the Cypriot police force. As a result he had lived in many parts of the Island. The twins Hassan and Hussein were born in Limassol and Seyit was born in Larnaca. The family were brought up in Larnaca and Mehmet Ramadan was proud that his sons were either policemen or soldiers in the British army. The adventurous and courageous nature of these men was nothing new to the family. They had come from a long line of military men that went back to the time they arrived in the village of Lurucina in the mid or late 1700's. Their grandfather and all their uncles had carried the name of Kavaz (bodyguards/Guards which is now used by many as the family surname) through generations. Their blood was running high and staying behind was not an option. They volunteered early in the war. Though Seyit Mehmet Ramadan born in 1925 was still underage he lied to enlist and the British being desperate were asking no questions.

The Cyprus Regiment was soon formed and in 1941 Hassan M. Ramadan was shipped out to help defend the island of Crete against the tough and experienced German paratroopers. Unfortunately after some tough and brutal fighting the British army suffered a defeat. Hassan was captured together with other Cypriots. Many served out the war as prisoners but Hassan was having none of it. He soon escaped and joined the Greek partisans in Crete. Like other Luricinali's his knowledge of the Greek language gave him a great advantage in passing off as a local Greek civilian. He came close to being captured a second time when an alert German soldier stopped and questioned him. The German suspected him of being a British soldier but staying calm he dismissed such notions as ridiculous. He soon



convinced the German soldiers that he would 'collaborate' with them by pointing out the real members of the Resistance! Hence, he spun them a yarn, by saying that whoever he tapped on the shoulder would be one of the Fighters! Well, apparently, they let him go and proceeded to follow him.

He, obviously, didn't tap anyone on the shoulder and entered a house and escaped through the back and fled to the mountains, where he continued to fight with the Resistance, until the British Army managed to liberate the Island and he returned back to his Unit in the 8th Army (better known as the Desert Rats) in North Africa.

In the meantime his younger brother Seyit was doing his own stint.

The story of Seyit is most vividly described by his daughter Tina

Kemran and the following are her words:

' Corporal Seyit Mehmed Ramadan, witnessed many historical moments during WW2 (i.e.: the bombing and destruction of Monte Cassino) and got into quite a few scraps, also. (whilst playing billiards in a café, one winter, in Senegalia and hearing a commotion outside he rushed to the rescue of a younger Greek Cypriot soldier, who was surrounded by an Italian mob and had been set upon, whilst others - including his fellow soldiers - stood by. Apparently, dad unleashed his belt and "dived-in" and let loose, left/right and centre and, in his own words, "liberated" him! He was so hyped-up that he picked up the bike of a bystander and threw it at them! But, they all had to leg-it, as the Military Police were on the way!)

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Seyit M. Ramadan



Hasan M Ramadan in Crete

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continued Cyprus Regiment - Forgotten heroes of WW2

As a 17 year old, one night, in March 1943 whilst on Guard Duty, he saved the life of his Platoon, whilst they slept. Apparently, he heard a noise in the distance and, of course, shouted out for them to halt and identify themselves. When no response came, after the third? time, he let out a shot. Obviously, everyone awoke and they went to investigate further, in the dark of the night, only to find a dead soldier.

When my dad had seen that he had a bullet wound to the forehead, he got very upset but his Platoon Commander told him that it was a very good thing that he had done, because he had saved all their lives. As, obviously, had he not done so, or was shot himself, the German soldiers would have proceeded to kill the rest of the platoon, whilst they all slept.

Death escaped dad (Seyit) on a number of occasions. The first was when they were on a ship, one night before landing, and they were being bombed. He told my sister that he was convinced, he would not see his 18th birthday! On another occasion, whilst in Haifa (Palestine), he was walking down the main street, when he was stopped by some Jewish Freedom Fighters (who were not averse to killing the odd British Soldier) and only escaped with his life, because he told them he wasn't English but Turkish Cypriot! That convinced him to leave the Army and so, in June 1947 he was demobbed and returned to Cyprus. He was due to join the Cyprus Police Force and all his uniform was laid out for the next day, but dad didn't want to stay in Cyprus and so got on a ship and came to England! For my father, the event of his brother's death over-shadows all that took place during the War, and is the most important link to that time.

As for recognition, there is a letter from Prince Charles to my father, which acknowledges my dad's contribution to WW2, but I haven't seen it since my dad died. He had loads, from The Queen, Prince Philip, Prime Ministers etc and I should have

kept them, but - maybe - one day, I'll get to find them. Dad's family are/were pretty eccentric and eclectic? Their lives have been very eclectic and varied, indeed, and have spanned many countries, continents and cultures. Their sense of duty and honour seems to have seeped down through the generations, of which I am very proud to be a part".

In 1943 the allies invaded Italy and Seyit's unit was one of the first to enter Rome. The war was not over but the Allies were advancing on all fronts.

Seyit was also present when the body of Mussolini and his mistress were strung up by Communist Partisans by their heels at a petrol station at the Piazzale Loreto in Milan. Though they had been lynched while attempting to escape from the advancing allies his column was stopped before crossing into Switzerland. Taken into custody by the Partisans his fate was a foregone conclusion. After the Lynching they were taken to Piazzale Loreto in Milan which was the site of a fascist massacre of resistance fighters the year before.

In the meantime Hussein met a beautiful Italian girl named Lina who captured his heart. The dashing young Hussein cut a fine figure as a handsome young man and both fell in love. They managed to get engaged and the photo in this article was given to Hussein by Lina, but the happiness was short lived. Tragedy was to engulf the family.

It was 9th September 1944 at 5pm when Hussein was leading a convoy in the mountains of Italy. As it had been raining the roads were narrow, slippery and treacherous without any warning an American convoy suddenly came head on from around the bend. His motor bike skidded forcing him off and caused terrible head and facial injuries which caused instant death. Seyit his brother was called to identify the body.

At 19 years of age the sight of seeing his brother in such a state was to leave a lasting impression and sadness which he never forgot. Due to the shock Seyit was confined in camp for a week. The official version was 'battle accident' and he was buried at the Ancona military cemetery where he still lies today. On his tombstone he is listed as 'Corporal Hussein Mehmet, CY/1217'. Another twist to this sad story was that Hussein sent his photo to the family not long before his fatal accident.

Previously Hussein, had gone missing in the Sahara desert for a week and survived through many dangers only to be killed in an accident. Three brothers went to war only two came back. They showed great courage in fighting for King and Country. Whether evading capture, and serving the Commonwealth in Cyprus, Egypt, Crete, Italy or Palestine their sense of duty made them risk their lives when staying at home in Cyprus would have been the easy and safer option.



Above : Hussein M Ramadan
Below : Lina



The total Cypriot contribution in WW2 as part of the Cyprus Regiment was 20,000 personnel. At the end of January 1944, the Regiment consisted of 10,008 recruits. 7,967 Greeks, 1,999 Turkish, 37 Armenian's 3 British, 1 Polish, and 1 Maltese. The casualties totalled 358 dead and 250 missing. They are buried in 56 cemeteries in 16 different countries. Their decision was to fight against Nazism and help play their part for freedom and democracy. It is to these heroes that we owe the freedom we have today, it is their sacrifice that have provided our children with the safety and comforts of a free democratic society that we take for granted, after all is said and done let's not forget the echo of their words.

**"When you go home
tell them of us,
and say for your
tomorrow
we gave our today"**

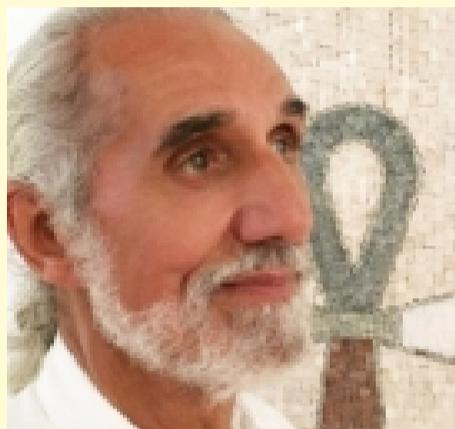


Above : Ancona War Cemetery
- Final resting place of
Hussein M Ramadan

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Poets Corner



Poem by Nick Vye - Sanctuary

TIME UPON TIME



All those memories in your mind,
Some of them of a special kind,
They come and go very fast,
Just like a train that's speeding past,

You try to hold that sweet refrain,
But it's all scrambled by your brain,
Then your mind starts its tricks,
Quickly flashing them, like movie clips,

Everything about time becomes confusion,
Is it time or just an illusion,

Now you know you can't be sure,
How many times you opened that door,

Was it past, present or up to date,
As all of time rushes by as fate,
You're not sure now, where you are,
In the present or out by far,

Never mind it's all the same,
It's just Father Time playing his game,
Then in the long final awaited end,
You may look back and see him as your friend..

continued Cyprus Regiment - Forgotten heroes of WW2

The following poem is courtesy of Tina Kemran, daughter of Seyit M. Ramadan.

For Corporals *Hussein. M. Ramadan. Hassan. M. Ramadan & Seyit. M. Ramadan Cyprus Regiment 1939-1950.

*Hussein. M. Ramadan died in Italy, 9 September 1944.



Ancona War Cemetery - Hussein Mehmet Ramadan

Commonwealth Soldier

**Commonwealth soldier please die for me,
Your King and Country is in dire need,
Of your body and soul to fight to be free,
Of all persecution, oppression and greed.**

**Enlist voluntarily, fight like a man
Lay down your identity, by sacrificing your land.
Never complain, never ask why?
The Motherland needs you, at this moment in time....**

**Proud old soldier, what is your story?
Standing there, in all your fine glory.
What horrors have you witnessed,
What atrocities have you seen - Did you take part in battles,
Where you would rather not have been?
You wear your medals with so much pride,
But underneath your dapper jacket - You cannot disguise the hidden scars,
Of what war really means.**

**For Freedom, we cry an endless ocean.
For Freedom-We deny it, to those
Who have, yet, to know it!**

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Hope 4 Pets - Paddy's Story



News Update by Elizabeth Stowell ...

During lockdown Hope 4 Pets would like to share some positive stories. In our line of work we don't often have time to sit down and write an article, or reflect on what we have achieved, there is always another cat or dog needing our urgent help.

PADDY

Mr November in our Hope 4 Pets Calendar is the very handsome, full of character Paddy. His story is slightly unusual, we had some very interesting obstacles to overcome to get Paddy his happy ending! We had some laughs, made new friends and unusually because of the time spent re-homing him, we got to know a very special dog quite well.....

It is a bit of a standing joke that the stray dogs know when I and my husband Peter are coming for a holiday, but in this instance 2 dogs had appeared in the neighbourhood 2-3 weeks before we arrived, our neighbour had very kindly messaged me. When we arrived 2 dogs were playing with our neighbours dogs both had blue ear tags, one was a huge black dog, looked like a Great Dane crossed with a Labrador and a small German pointer. The big black dog was named Paddy by our Irish friend Rose, Major was named by Stephanie Harrison-Croft and Major's story will be covered later.

Our priority was Paddy he was very thin and was not being fed, he was huge and although thin was very muscular, he was very scary looking. We slowly started to gain his trust, mostly through food it has to be said, but we got there in the end.

Our first attempt at getting him to the vet was not successful we didn't even get as far as the front door! As we tried to pull him across the kitchen floor he just went rigid and would not budge, we didn't know him well enough to manhandle him anywhere even if we could lift him, he weighed over 35kg and still looked thin! Second day, second attempt, success! We got him to the car! Yay! Peter had his lead and we opened both doors to the car, Peter tugging from one side with the tasty treat in his hand and I had the rear end! Eventually with a bit of manhandling he was in the car. Phew! At the vet, he behaved very well but obviously had never been on a lead before or in a car. He met the surgery cats all went well!. He was

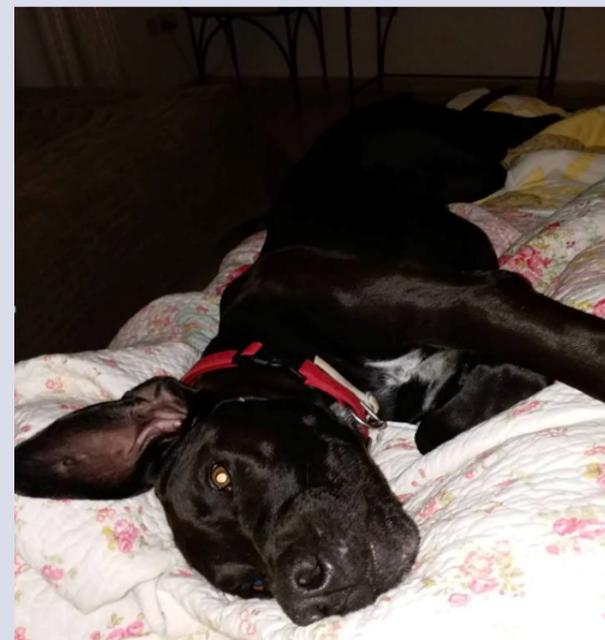
tested for Leish, Ehrlichia, and Distemper all negative, happy days! He had his first Distemper vaccination. The vet also took bloods so they could be sent away to double check the distemper results. A few days later I appealed on Facebook via Hope 4 Pets for a home, I didn't hold out much hope as he was huge, black and a lot to take on, miraculously a home was found for him in Wales, I was over the moon, everything was going well, too well...

4 Days after the vet visit we had a phone call to say Paddy's blood results were back and he had tested positive for distemper. Sadly, because he had already had his first distemper vaccination, it was now not possible to take another blood sample to verify if he did or didn't have the virus. So now we had a huge problem, Paddy could not go to kennels as we had planned and we had a matter of days to find an alternative. We appealed for a dog sitter and we received a couple of interested candidates. The criteria would be that the person would stay at our villa, for 6 weeks and look after Paddy until he was allowed to go to kennels. We Paddy proofed our garden as he was a Houdini! Up to this point Paddy had been coming and going freely, but because of the 2nd test for distemper he now had to be segregated from other dogs. We left him in the capable hands of the dog sitter and flew home. After we had been home around 10 days we received numerous messages from our neighbour to say that the lady was leaving paddy tied to the railing at the back of the house and was not staying at our house at all, just popping up for the odd hour or two!, Paddy was howling all night, we had to drop everything, and fly back to the TRNC on the next available flight, luckily we could get a

dog sitter for our dogs in the UK, and work was understanding. We arrived back at the beginning of October, and thankfully found the most wonderful lady who dog sat for Paddy, he was still an escape artist even though we had altered the fence by another 3 feet and put netting up around where we was sneaking through bushes, but he settled down and loved his new dog sitter, that dog just didn't know how lucky he was!

At the beginning of December he was allowed to move to kennels. He lasted 3 – 4 weeks, he was losing weight and still managed to escape from there! So we asked our lovely dog sitter if she would look after Paddy until he could fly which was March, another 3 months. The dog sitter said he was very subdued when she picked him up but as soon as the car rounded the bend to our house he knew he was home and he was back to his normal self. This lovely lady looked after Paddy until his flight in March, and they grew inseparable I think it is quite safe to say that they adored each other, Paddy was and is a big, soft, cuddly dog, who is very affectionate. Paddy definitely has a naughty side to him too, which made life interesting for this lady but she was very patient and taught him how to be a good house dog. We and H4P made a good friend, and as a group we saved a lovely gentle giant from a very uncertain life on the streets.

Paddy now lives very happily in Wales with a border collie and 2 cats. He is a much loved member of the family, although he is still not allowed off the lead as he is still prone to disappear, but he has marathon walks in the Welsh countryside which is right on his doorstep.



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Rusuk ask: Can any airline in my country survive?



With the world still suffering from COVID-19 and with preventative lockdowns being enforced, the travel industry and airlines are paying a heavy price in terms of cancelled flight refunds and grounding of their fleet of aircraft, it poses the question will these airlines survive and what will happen next which our friends from RUSUK try to answer from their countries.

If the pandemic shows a slowdown of deaths and new cases in Britain very soon, it's possible that some airlines could survive, and slowly rebuild. However, the Coronavirus figures are not encouraging at all. It's going to be a long, long process to get back to anywhere approaching normality, whatever normality will be in the future.

And even though the vast majority of planes have now been grounded, they still need maintaining, so there are still ongoing costs with, in many cases, absolutely no income, and millions of refunds to pay out.

Add to that how many of us, right now, and for the foreseeable future, really want to mingle in a crowded airport and then travel on a plane bunched up with people coughing and sneezing? You know, we all have had to learn to do without stuff in the past few weeks, like air travel, that we used to take for granted. Now we know

we can do it, maybe we are not ready to go back to the old ways of doing things, like stepping on a plane at every opportunity.

So let's look at a few of the players here. Flybe have already gone. The start of the pandemic was the final nail in the coffin for the beleaguered company. Norwegian, a British company despite the name, also appear to be in deep trouble, especially after their massive fuel-price hedging went pear-shaped, due to the plummeting price of oil. I don't expect them to survive.

Easyjet, who have grounded their entire fleet of 350, have said they can survive at the moment, but not for an unlimited period. And if they have to pay for all the new planes on order, their founder Stelios Haji-Ioannou says they will go bust. He was always against their expansion plans.

The flagship airline, British Airways, have grounded the vast majority of their fleet. Many of them are parked at provincial airports like Hurn in Bournemouth,



on the south coast of England. I doubt we will ever see their ageing fuel-guzzling Boeing 747s in the air again, and maybe not even their much newer Airbus 380s – a brilliant aircraft built at totally the wrong time. It's interesting that BA does not agree with government support of ailing airlines, so it's unlikely they will be asking for any. It's going to be extremely tough going.

In any case, should the Tory government decide they will help the airlines, I wouldn't trust a word they say. It would be foolish for the airlines to hope too much.

At the end of the madness, how much will we have to pay for flights compared to the beginning of the year? Will they be cheaper, to encourage us back on board, or will it be expensive beyond many people's means as the poor airlines try to recoup some of the billions they have lost? A real conundrum for all of us to ponder over the next few months. It will get very messy indeed.



Can any airline in my country survive?

When the COVID-19 crisis began to unfold, the Russian government determined dozens of the so-called 'system-establishing' companies, both state and private, taking into account its importance to the economy and the employment. Its number has been defined as 646, just falling 20 short of the Number of the Beast. There's a variety of companies, from energy sector to banks to trade chains and hi tech.

The airlines, of course, have made it onto the list. By the way, 'Pobeda' (Victory) low-coster, an Aeroflot subdivision, and S7 airlines, flying to Cyprus, both are on the list. Altogether, there are eight names, including the cargo giant 'Volga-Dnepr'.

Being in the list is basically a guarantee that the government will support you and won't let you go bankrupt in case of such a possibility.

Focusing on the Russian airlines' future fate, I'd feel comfortable on its survival.

Probably there are some smaller air carriers in Russia (excluding the subsidiaries of the Big Eight) but, surely, they're meant to fight for survival – just like most of the Russian companies and citizens.

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Can any airline in my country survive?

Why? Simply because the government doesn't, at this moment, seem to help the economy on the scale the West does it: around 10 per cent of the GDP or more. So far, in Russia it is only about 1,5 – 2 per cent of the GDP. This thing raises lots of questions – but this is a different story.

On the other hand, by June the virus restrictions I expect to gradually be lifted. Not even because there will be victory over the virus but simply because otherwise the economy will be dead.

Lots of small businesses – I know those people first hand – in Russia are already in dire straits with Vladimir Putin urging owners to continue paying the wages without any tangible government support in sight. He's basically saying: pay the wages out of your pocket and I don't care if you go bust. But, again, this is a different story.

But when it comes to the airlines, I feel like they're on a much safer ground.



Everybody hates United... I have a score to settle with that nasty-assed lady working the gate counter in O'Hara.

So, now that you know the above (we be stupid and we hate United), you will understand why we pick United more than any other airline. They are the biggest because they have earned it.

Of course there are possibly other reasons, like they have purchased rights to slots at busy airports and there is little choice. Or the US Federal Aviation Administration defends the domestic airlines by not allowing foreign airlines to fly

domestically. That way they can all suck jointly; safe in the knowledge that Singapore Airlines will not have the chance to crush em'.

These guys have it made. They are gaud awful and they will demand the government give them free

money because of the virus. They need not lose sleep, they will get it. Better yet, president drain the swamp has already fired the guy who was supposed to be in charge of the watchdog organization overseeing the cash. And no, he will not be replaced. Can't have little things like the law get in the way of skimming a bit for yourself.

So worry not... the US taxpayer will pay and these guys will not go under. The US Airlines can choose between grants and loans. Yes, I just said that. As far as I know, nobody has yet to apply for a loan. Did I mention the **we be stupid** part?



United Airlines customer service



We Be Stupid

Americans are not like regular humans, we got us an extra serving of stupid. Consider this: the most hated airline in the US is United and they deserve it. They suck. They suck so hard even their CEO says they need to straighten up.



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Isolation Challenge for Lilian and Ray in the UK

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Readers mail....

From Lilian Kendell-Ambler....

Hello Chris,

We are part of the group of people who are trying to get to the TRNC and we have been asked to contact you to see if you would like to include our story

In a nutshell my husband Ray and I were due to move to Northern Cyprus, lock, stock, and barrel on the 16th March, but unfortunately, everything went into lockdown and we are now homeless in the UK living in expensive rental accommodation with no income. Every flight we booked was cancelled and we are currently

waiting to see if our new flight booked for the 1st June will happen

All our worldly goods are now sitting in Famagusta waiting to be delivered to our home in Esentepe and all we have is a suitcase each.

We were swallows as we were both still working and a few years from official retirement and we bought our home in Esentepe in 2018 planning to use it as a holiday home until we retired. But every time we came out it was harder and harder to leave so we had deep

discussions about retiring early, part of which was selling our home in Harlow, Essex.

The house completion was on the 12/3/20 and our flights booked for the 16/3/20 and then this awful virus happened and our flights were cancelled. Because the sale had gone through our only option was rented accommodation, so we are currently based in Stansted near the airport. So close, but so far!

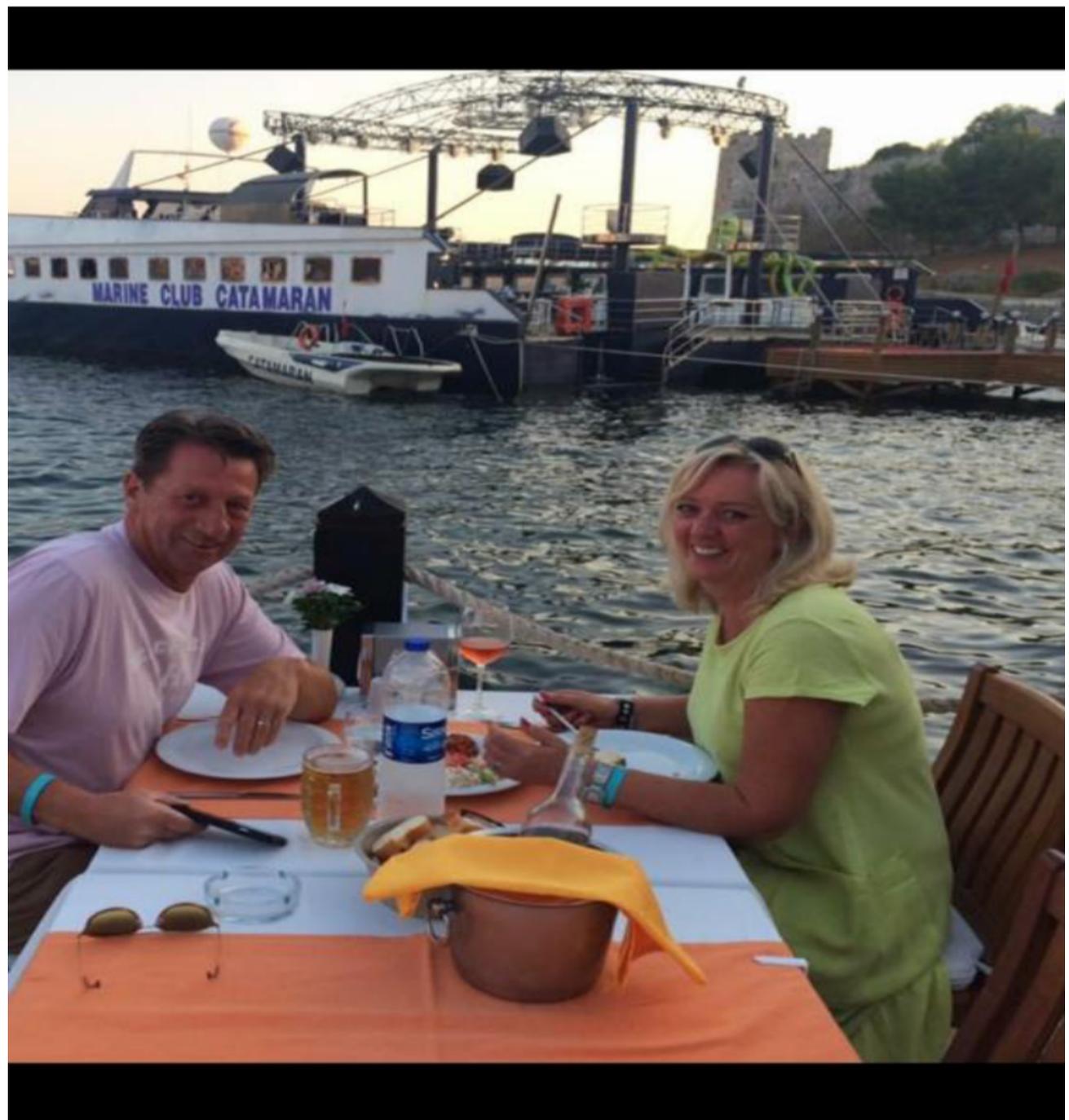
We are continually watching the news and every group on Facebook

but there isn't much concrete news from Northern Cyprus. But we have everything crossed that we might get out there soon and our only consolation is speaking to other ex-pats who are in the same situation.

Hopefully, you might get our story out there and maybe someone would be able to help us.

Kind Regards

Lilian Kendell-Ambler



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

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Introduction by Margaret Sheard

We first met Alison and Paul in May 2018 at a party night in Catalkoy arranged by Peter Toms at which his brother Colin and wife Doreen from the UK were present together with their carer Alison and her partner Paul Cunnew.

Alison and Paul had been together for 10 years and during the evening Paul proposed to Alison, which was a very romantic interlude. When they married Colin gave Alison away, and Alison continued to care for Colin and Doreen, which has now been for 4 years, and eventually it was

decided that they would all make their home together in North Cyprus.

A property was found and all the arrangements made to move here in April 2020, but then the Coronavirus lockdown emerged, so Alison, Paul, Colin and Doreen are still stuck in the UK.

This is what Alison has to say about the situation.

Reader's Mail From Alison Cunnew

We are all ok here, the weather has been good for us so we can get out for our daily exercise, although we have snow forecast for this weekend – not good!

We have been doing this for seven weeks and in that time Doreen has been able to improve her walking and she now walks a mile a day and Colin is walking better than he has since I have been their carer. We go out starting with Colin on his scooter and then half way around I get on the scooter and Colin walks the rest of the way home. We are currently living at Colin and Doreen's home due to us selling our



house ready for our move to North Cyprus, but with what has happened our move to your beautiful country has had to be put on hold.

We were having some work done on the villa we had bought in North Cyprus to make it easier for Colin and Doreen to move around, but unfortunately Zaff, our builder, had to stop due to the lockdown, however, we had good news today that he was able to start again so things are looking up.

Although we are not able to get there yet, all our belongings

arrived at Famagusta on the 8th of April and is stuck at the docks until we come over, we were also bringing our cats with us but, like us, they are also stuck here.

On a better note the gardens around us are looking great as people have the time to keep them nice, it's going to be hard on everyone once we are able to move around and go to work as people have got used to staying at home.

We are all looking forward to our new life in North Cyprus and hope it will not be too long before we can set up our new home.



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Jessic and Friends of Karsiyaka School Children donating food

Readers mail....

Deniz Aziz ... Jessic

Hello Chris,

Jessic's Friends of Karsiyaka School Children has donated **6000TL**, on top of the **9000TL** donated by our customers, making a grand total of over **15000TL**, which will be used to purchase much needed food for families in Karsiyaka who are in desperate need.

The food will be distributed by the Mukhtar, Ahmet Pelit, as unfortunately, Karsiyaka is only one of the areas which has been struggling through this difficult time.

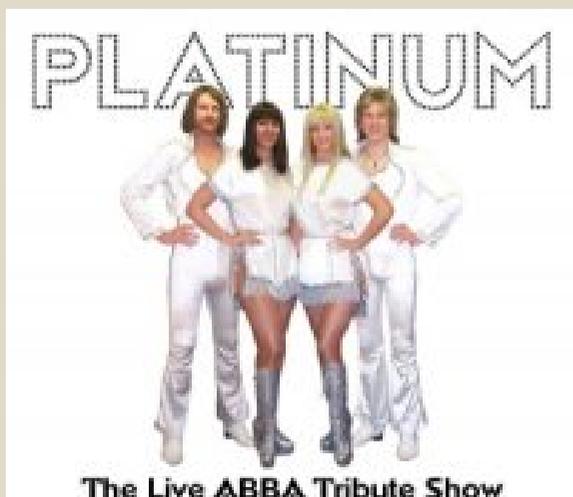
We would like to thank all our customers for their continued

kindness and generosity in helping us to raise money for our local community in Karsiyaka.

If you know of anyone in the Karsiyaka area who is in need of help, please tell them to contact the Mukhtar, as help is only a phone call away on 0533 861 8319.



Events Update 2020 from Laurence Floyd



Readers Mail ...

From Laurence Floyd - 5th May

Hope you are all as well as you can be in these almost surreal times...special concern to those of you like Derek and Kay, Denise and others stranded in the UK and unable to return to their homes here in the TRNC. Keep safe and I look forward to seeing you all when some form of normality returns...

**Luther Vandross -
June 17th**

The status regarding BA flights and the Border means that we have decided to postpone this event in support of Tulips to Tuesday October 13th which fits in with the artist's schedule. Venue and all details to be advised in due course

**Platinum - Abba show at
Girne Amphitheatre
September 19th**

This exciting show will proceed as scheduled, which is important to Tulips as funds are badly needed to support the excellent work Raziye, Sue and the team undertake in the community. More details to follow.

Take care and best regards
Laurence & Delia





BLUE SEA

Seafood Restaurant

A feast right from the sea...

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All Post Offices will reopen - Monday 11th May, Strict Rules apply

All main post offices in Lefkoşa, Gazimağusa, Girne, Güzelyurt, İskele and Lefke opened on weekdays between 8.30am and 1pm starting from May 6 2020. The main post offices will be offering money transfer service and sale of revenue stamps.

Those who couldn't collect their small packages and parcels due to the COVID-19 pandemic were able to do so starting from 6th May through an appointment system.

The small packages and parcels could be collected from package post offices between 9am and 12pm on weekdays. Owners of small packages and parcels were notified about the appointments through SMS.

Starting from May 11, 2020, in addition to the main branches and package post offices, all branches of the Postal Department will be serving on weekdays from 8.15am to 2pm.

Due to lack of flights, posts between Turkey and the TRNC are carried via sea. Thus, delays in

delivering posts will continue for a further period of time.

Social distancing and hygiene rules set by the Ministry of Health will be fully applied in all post offices.

Those who do not wear a face mask will not be allowed to enter the post offices in service.

Private cargo firms in the TRNC are carrying post and packages from Turkey once a week. Those who wish to engage in online shopping can receive detailed information from these firms.

Source: Ministry of Public works and Transportation



Dear Mother Painting and Cartoon Contest has been organised

Girne Municipality is organising a "Dear Mother Painting and Cartoon Competition" due to the approaching Mother's Day in cooperation with Deniz Plaza and Atelier Arkin.

In the information given by the Municipality of Girne, it was stated that in the lockdown period children and young people in our country spent time at home, and they can now participate in the competition with the pictures and cartoons that describe their mothers and Mother's Day.

The application period will end on Friday 15th May 2020, by sending pictures and cartoons with the theme of Mother and Mother's Day, to the e-mail address of socialisler@girnebelediyesi.com or by phone on **0533 879 9595**. Each participant can enter the competition with a maximum of two works. After the jury

evaluation, the results will be announced on Friday, 22nd May 2020.

The jury will include the Mayor of Girne Nidai Güngördü, Deniz Plaza Director Ayten Deniz, Atelier Arkin Program Coordinator Tülay Okan, Cyprus Turkish Cartoonists Association President Musa Kayra, Artists Şenol Özdevrim and Bedia Kale.

In Primary and Secondary School category;

Deniz Plaza gift voucher worth **300 TL to the winners** + One month Girne Municipality Cultural Center Painting Course

Deniz Plaza gift voucher worth **200 TL to the second place** + One month Girne Municipality Cultural Center Painting Course

Deniz Plaza gift voucher worth **100 TL to the third place** + One month Girne Municipality Cultural Center Painting Course

In the High School category

Deniz Plaza gift voucher worth **300 TL to the first place** + One month Atelier Arkin Painting Course

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month Atelier Arkin Painting Course

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(The courses will be valid after this process)

Source (Turkish) : Girne Municipality

Evde kal! #el ele başaracağız

"Carım Annem"
Resim ve Karikatür Yarışması

Kategoriler
I. Kategori İlkokullar
II. Kategori Ortaokullar
III. Kategori Liseler

Ödüllü Yarışma

ATELIER ARKIN & DENİZ PLAZA
işbirliği ile...

Son Katılım Tarihi: 15 Mayıs 2020 Cuma

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GİRNE BELEDİYESİ

8th to 14th May 2020

Minister Pilli: 3,000 Tests performed and No Positive Cases

Minister of Health Ali Pilli made a statement in the Assembly and stated today (5th May) that there had been 3,000 tests and no new cases were encountered.

He explained that the number of tests carried out in the last 24 hours was 3,000 and no positive case was found. Minister Pilli pointed out that as a result of the tests performed, 10 people will be further investigated. The total number of tests to date is 16,431.

Minister Pilli stated that there is no new case of recovery and discharge. He added that the treatment of 1 person is continuing and reminded that 4 people had died in total.

Minister of Health Ali Pilli also answered the questions posed to him in the General Assembly. "my view on education was my personal opinion. I mentioned that the schools will not be opened this year. The Scientific Committee and the Council of Ministers said that they will make this decision after 15 May."

"Do not be afraid of many opinions. It is very important to come up with different opinions. I have previously stated that there will be no fee for the

tests. We do not act without a plan. Today, some businesses were opened within the framework of a plan and program.

The first 15 days are very important to us. If an infection occurs, it will probably appear 7 days later. If we are working 1 before, now we will work 10. We will see the results in 15 days. If there is success, it is the success of all of us. It is not only my success. All healthcare professionals, government, opposition, our people are all on the same ship. If this ship sinks, we will all sink. If this ship floats, we will swim again. We will continue to expand the measures. After 11th May, the food takeaway service (paket) will also be opened. There will be new expansions later.

The borders will open when the COVID-19 outbreak is taken under control in Southern Cyprus. Necessary measures will be discussed by the bi-communal Health Committee and a middle way will be found.

I would like to thank the healthcare professionals once again. Today, everyone spoke very positively about health. I would like to thank everyone who contributed. Today, this assembly has made very good contributions in

terms of health. I offer my endless thanks. I thank you all.

After 18th March, quarantine hotels were established with the decision of the Council of Ministers and those coming from abroad were kept in quarantine hotels, following which 3,000 people from the quarantine hotels were then isolated further in their homes.

I have not given any privileges to anybody up to now. I did not grant privileges to either the minister or the relatives of deputies or the child of my own undersecretary and they were held in quarantine hotels. I do not know the owner of the Merit Hotel, nor his son. We did not give any privileges to anyone and sent them to

their home. Merit Hotel became a quarantine hotel and there was not only the owner's son but also other people. We will now set strict rules for those coming from abroad. There is still a risk of this virus. This virus has already come to us from outside, and we do not want the virus to be transferred back to our country. Of course, our citizens who are in a difficult situation abroad will not be stranded. Those coming from abroad will be kept under surveillance for 7 days in a dormitory that we have turned into a hospital, and the health committee will decide how many days these people will need to remain there."

Source (Turkish) :
Ministry of Health - 5th May



Face shield visor support from ARUCAD to Girne Municipality

The first production of Arkin Creative Arts and Design University's (ARUCAD) own design 3D face-protection visors, are to be distributed to the employees of Girne Municipality. Vice Rector Assoc. Dr. Asım Vehbi delivered the visors to Sıdıka Geylan, the Occupational Health and Safety Expert of the Municipality.

Vehbi said in his statement, "It is a pleasure to support our Municipality, with which we have always been in cooperation as a University, in our days when our country has been going through a difficult period due to the COVID-19 pandemic. We understand

the importance of social solidarity in such times. The union of the society with institutions and organisations at common values and acting together



allows us to embrace the future with confidence. As ARUCAD, from the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic process, we have taken action for the

production of face shields using the technological possibilities of our studios. We continue mass production with the face shield designed by Tobia Repossi, the Innovation Hub Director, who is working within our university. These visors will be distributed free of charge to the institutions in need".

Girne Municipality Occupational Health and Safety Expert Sıdıka Geylan thanked ARUCAD for its sensitivity and support.

Source (Turkish):
Arkin Creative Arts and Design University's (ARUCAD)

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Isolation Challenge - TRNC Quiz Masters 8th online Quiz

In response to the article we published with entertainer Andy Reay (link shown below) on the subject of what do you do during Self Isolation, we have started to receive messages from many happy people as you will see.

For those readers who would also like to share their experiences please email using the link shown below and we will try to publish them on our website and in our weekly online e-newspaper. Let's try to make the world happy again by sharing good news.

For those people who are wanting to return from the UK to the TRNC or go from the TRNC to the UK please go to Facebook page "TRNC Residents trying to get home" using the link shown below and register your details as directed.

**Readers Mail...
Susie and Martin -
The Quiz Masters**

Susie's 8th online quiz on 7th May 2020.

We had another full online quiz night with 14 teams!! All of us in isolation still and taking part from the TRNC, UK, Germany and Sweden.

One team took part at 6.30pm and the other at 8.00pm with 20 questions on general knowledge and a music round of 10 songs guessing the artist and colour and title!

The results were:

- 1st Butch and Sundance 46 Pts**
- 2nd Dixies Chix 41 Pts**

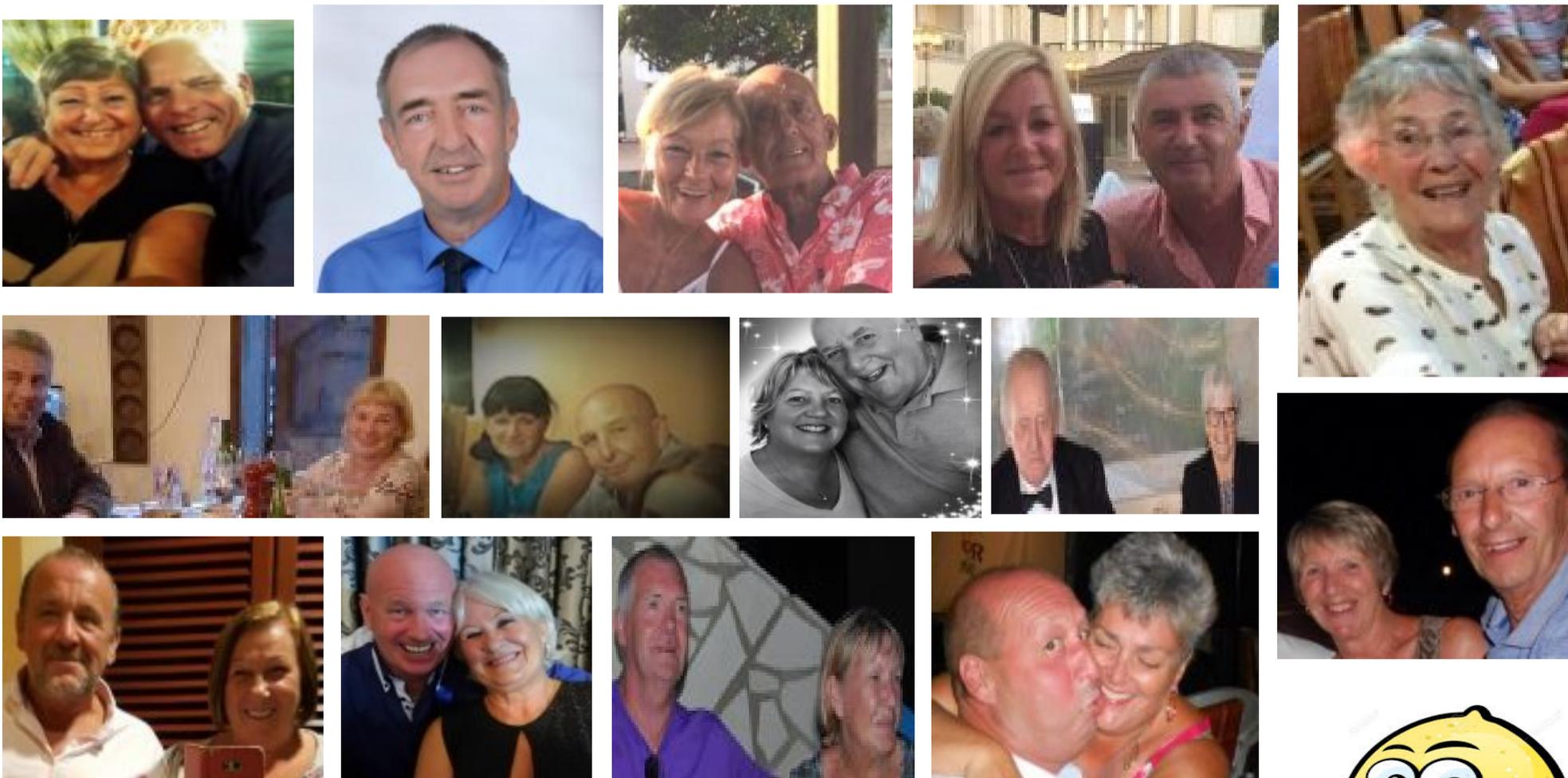
- 3rd Joint Flippers, Bell Bottoms 40 Pts**
- 4th Fridge Raiders 39 Pts**
- 5th Social Distancers 38 Pts**
- 6th Joint On My Own, Locked Up, Gin'll Fix It 37 Pts**
- 7th Don't Mention The War 36 Pts**
- 8th Lemon Lovers 33 Pts**
- 9th Anglo Swedes 31 Pts**
- 10th Clappers Ahoy 26 Pts**
- Lemon Losers - Outsiders 23 Pts**
- 2 Shut Ya Gobs, Lesley and Griff**

Next week is FULLY BOOKED again and thank you again for all who joined us and sorry to those who could not join in with us.

Keep Safe Everyone As Always

Love All U Quizzers

Susie and Martin xxxx



Andy Reay article - <https://cyprusscene.com/2020/03/16/what-do-we-do-with-ourselves-during-self-isolation-in-the-trnc/>
 CyprusScene Email : kyreniacommentator@cyprusscene.com
 TRNC residents trying to get home - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/855953861515372/>



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SPOT are seeking TRNC volunteers to help them

Readers mail....

Damla Beton...SPOT....

As the Northern Cyprus, Society for Protection of Turtles (SPOT), we have been carrying out the Sea Turtle Protection Project for approximately 30 years in cooperation with the TRNC Environmental Protection Agency and Exeter University.

In each breeding season, we protect the sea turtle nests that breed in our country and are under threat with nearly a hundred people consisting of volunteers and collect data for research to improve conservation efforts.

To this end, we create teams from many volunteers around the world to work with us every year during the breeding season, in April - October. However, due to the pandemic this year, we will carry out these studies only with the people residing in Northern Cyprus.

Our volunteers, who are willing to protect the turtles, have the opportunity to work with both adult and juvenile turtles. We will carry out works to protect the nests in May - July, and to reach the sea safely in July - September.

Our works are carried out from three basic stations: Akdeniz, Alagadi and Dipkarpaz. While daytime activities are carried out to detect and protect the nests at all stations, some works are also carried out at night to register mother turtles. Volunteers can work at different stations on a weekly basis and have the opportunity to get to know the unique beaches of our island and take part in different missions.

They also take responsibility for each other while developing their teamwork skills. In particular, they become conscious about the environment. Our volunteers, who were in our team in the past, express with pleasure that these experiences have also contributed a lot to them in their business life.

Come and support us in our work and contribute to their protection by helping sea turtles, which have become the symbol of our country.

We are looking for volunteers who will work with us for a long period of time in May - September 2020, who are ready to work, and applicants must be at least 16 years old.

If you want to contribute to our project and protect the turtles by working with us, you can access more detailed information and our application form on our website (see link below).

The deadline for application has been extended by a further week to 08.05.2020.

Source (Turkish) :

Society for Protection of Turtles (SPOT)



<http://cyprusturtles.org/home/tr/volunteering/>

8th to 14th May 2020

Tulips 2.6 Challenge to celebrate 26th May anniversary

Reader's Mail from Sue Tilt - Tulips

Hello,

Tulips/Help Those With Cancer Association is 27 years old on the 26th May and what better way to celebrate it by asking you to all join the 2.6 Challenge!

COVID 19 has ground the world to a halt and this includes the TRNC. All Tulips events have been cancelled throughout March, April and May with no news as to whether we can fundraise in June yet. Without these funds Tulips cannot to pay for their cancer patient's drugs with many not receiving the treatment they require therefore we need your help (again!).

It doesn't matter what you can do, you can be part of it. It can be fun, energetic, crazy or just plain silly i.e. a 26 minute bike ride, flip a pancake 26 times, do the plank for 2.6 minutes, 26 uppies with a football, how many 'hole in one' on a pitch and putt can you do in 26 minutes, 26 hops around the house.

The aim is to challenge yourself and your family to include a 2 and/or a 6 in your challenge; the options are endless so please have fun, donate, fundraise and don't forget to send Tulips your video/photos of your challenge!

Tulips look after some 1,800 patients at any one time and currently has no income. A lot of our money comes from employees who donate from their wages however many have not been paid for 2 or nearly 3 months. Employers also pay but they have not been earning money either and to those that have been able to make a contribution we are eternally grateful but sadly we need more.

All money raised from this event will help towards covering the cost of some medication and treatment for our cancer patients in the TRNC.

Tulips is a non-governmental, non-profit association aimed at helping people affected by cancer in the TRNC.

All of the services Tulips provides are financed by donations only.

Sue Tilt
0542 854 8714

Tulips/ Help Those With Cancer Association

(Kanser Hastalarina Yardim Dernegi)



Tulips Anniversary
26th May

Start your challenge
NOW
Until the 26th May

the tulips
2.6
challenge

How to get involved

Think of a challenge that involves the numbers 2.6 or 26

Imagine all the ways you can help

Skip for 2.6 minutes	Plank for 2.6 minutes
Do 26 star jumps	Hula hoop 26 times
Bake 26 muffins	Walk backwards 2.6kms
Climb the stairs 26 times	26 keepie uppies

How to support

<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/susan-tilt-1>

Create a justgiving page of your own for your family and friends to donate

Make a pledge to the Tulips Facebook page

Call Sue: 0542 854 8714

Send Tulips your challenge photos or videos - we will publish these on our Facebook page

As a child in 1945, I remember VE Day

Readers mail.... From Richard Chamberlain....

On May 8th 1945, I was 10 years old and was living in Didcot (then in Berkshire) with my family and I remember as if it were yesterday that day when it was announced the WAR had come to an end. Together with my twin brother Michael, we were given 6d, to go and buy a bottle of lemonade to celebrate!

75 years later, I now live in

Northern Cyprus so I decided to hang out the flags at my house in Ozankoy to celebrate and commemorate the memory of all those years ago. It is a very



emotional time, thinking about all the suffering of so many soldiers, sailors, airmen, and civilians who lost their lives and their loved ones.

The British people and the whole free world stood together in such desperate times.

Finally, The free world won the war, but at such a terrible price. The world is now in another nightmare situation, and once again we have all got to stick together, and hopefully we will come through it. Thanks to everyone who played their part in winning the war and God bless us all.

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EMU help doctors and medical staff who are fighting Coronavirus

By Ahmet Abdulaziz....

To ease the Coronavirus crisis in TRNC, the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), are constantly working to help the personnel in the health sector.

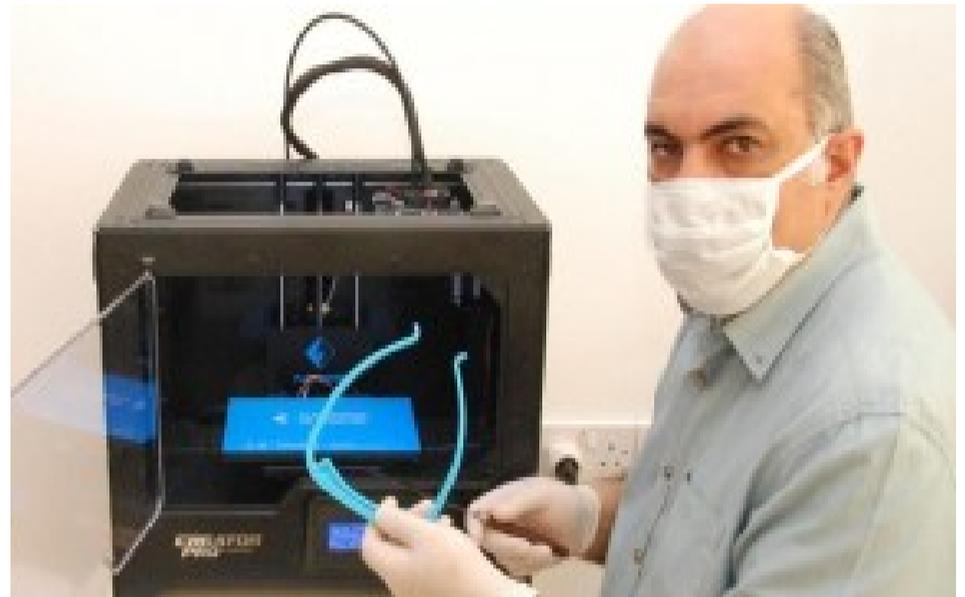
The Department of Visual Arts and Communication Design, which started to work with the support of the Turkish Cypriot Physician Union and the Ministry of Health, is continuing working on the "Medical Shield Project".

According to the information

provided by EMU, the "Cypriot Friends", have provided support in the form of materials for the shields.

The "Cypriot Friends" is a group of individuals, the majority of which are Turkish Cypriots, living in Turkey and mainly in Istanbul.

In the meantime the "Team Ada", comprising of students of the Engineering Faculty, delivered 205 transparent face masks to the Famagusta Public Hospital. The masks were personally designed and produced by these students.



Asım Vehbi: Higher Education Area must prepare for all scenarios

Arkin Creative Arts and Design University (ARUCAD) Vice Rector Assoc. Dr Asım Vehbi said "Higher education field should be prepared for all scenarios," when making suggestions and recommendations regarding COVID-19 and higher education.

Speaking at the panel on higher education, ARUCAD Vice Rector Assoc. Dr. Asım Vehbi stated that ARUCAD, one of the youngest and newest universities in the island, overcame the process more easily in the COVID-19 pandemic compared to crowded universities. Stating that the technology has the latest possibilities due to the new establishment of the university, Vehbi underlined that ARUCAD is a "full digital campus".

Stating that this technological campus was brought to life with great investments, Vehbi said, "We thought of online education as a support education. ARUCAD is equipped with the technological infrastructure required by the age.

Academician and administrative staff of ARUCAD consists of a young and dynamic staff who can use this technology. In this sense, ARUCAD was technologically ready for this crisis." Adding that academicians can easily adapt to the process and organise their curricula according to the opportunities provided by this technological infrastructure, Vehbi said, "We have quickly taken the position of digital campus".

Indicating that ARUCAD is an art university, Vehbi added that the courses are mostly applied and that the courses that could not be done in this period will be completed rapidly in the summer and will be a quick transition to the new academic year.

Stating that the legal arrangements were made very quickly in the transition to online education, Vehbi said, "We provided computer support for our students who did not have the opportunity. We helped them to purchase

internet packages quickly and continuously. We sent food packages to the needy students staying at the dormitories with the support of the Board of Trustees, the Ministry and the Municipality.

Thank you to the Ministry, Girne Municipality and our Board of Trustees. We also provided psychological support to our students. We have passed this process with 100% student and academic satisfaction."



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Kyrenia University seminar "Procurement of Aircraft for Airlines"

By Ahmet Abdulaziz....

With the closure of universities due to the coronavirus pandemic, local universities are focusing more on online educational activities.

The University of Kyrenia recently held an online seminar entitled "Aircraft Purchase for Airlines Activities". The Department of Aviation Management of the University organised this seminar.

The speakers on the seminar were Asst. Prof. Nalan Gelirli, who is the head of the Aviation

Management Department, and Mr. Ertuğrul Diş, who is the freelance Aviation consultant.

The seminar in general dealt with topics covering aircraft definition for trade, evaluation of aircraft procurement methods and options, the overall content of aircraft procurement contracts, the technical acceptance of the aircraft, and the official incorporation into the fleet by legal registration.

At the end of the seminar the participant students also had the opportunity to ask questions on the topics.

Aviation Management Department Head Asst. Prof. Nalan Gelirli stated that they aim to continue such seminars, which they see as an integral part of the education

process, which is necessarily transferred to the internet environment due to the COVID-19 outbreak.



Health and Safety training for food package distributors

Renewal and updating of the training for the employees of Girne Municipality against risks and dangers continue at full speed.

Within the framework of the new Coronavirus outbreak program, also known as COVID-19, intensive work has been initiated by Girne Municipality in the past months. Information given by the Municipality; In the event that the dangers and risks change and differ in respect of work done according to the Occupational Health and Safety Law, efforts to renew and

update the training of employees against these risks and dangers continue in full swing, in addition to the measures taken against the new risks and dangers.

Training includes personal protective equipment our employees will use against COVID-19 virus existing in the world and in our country, and which protective clothing and in what order to wear and remove. Under which conditions and which personal protective equipment is to be used related to waste

management. It was noted that training continued to be given according to the order in which protective clothing should be worn and taken off, under what conditions, and the relationship between personal protective equipment and waste management. Together with up-to-date information for the team, especially on food package distribution, training on wearing masks, gloves and overalls continued.

"In order to prevent the Coronavirus (COVID-19) epidemic that affects our country, the Girne Municipality continues to work intensely with the relevant teams to continue the essential services of daily life without interruption. 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".

STAY HOME, STAY HEALTHY

Source (Turkish) :
Girne Municipality

Girne Mayor, Nidai Güngördü said



8th to 14th May 2020

Girne to hold “The Most Beautiful Garden, Balcony Competition”

"The Most Beautiful Garden and Balcony Competition" is being organised by Girne Municipality in cooperation with Natura Garden, Eminağa Garden, Çağ Akar, Perfect Garden.

Citizens who want to participate in the competition will be able to apply by sending their photos by message to the WhatsApp line numbered 0533 879 95 95 or by e-mail to socialisler@girnebelediyesi.com no later than Thursday 28th May 2020.

In the information given by the Municipality of Kyrenia, the competition, "Apartment and Residential Balconies" will be held in two categories which are "Apartment and Site Gardens".

After the pre-selection from the photos, it was stated that the balconies and gardens will be visited and evaluated by the jury members. The results will be announced on June 5, 2020, World Environment Day.

Mayor of Girne Nidai Güngördü pointed out the importance of protecting nature and the environment, which is felt even more with the mandatory change of our way of life, especially in respect of the epidemic that affects the whole world.

Stating that they are organising a new competition in the city in this context, Güngördü emphasised that the restrictions in our social life can be turned into an opportunity to beautify our living spaces.

He said, "In these days when we have more time and less excuses, we can make both our city and our environment more colourful with flowers.

More importantly, we can protect, multiply and protect our orange, olive, lemon and fruit trees."

Awards

“The Most Beautiful Apartment or Residential Balcony”

First place -	250 TL Gift Voucher + 500 TL
Second place -	250 TL Gift Certificate + 250 TL
Third place -	250 TL Gift Certificate

“The Most Beautiful Apartment or Site Garden”

First Place -	500 TL Gift Certificate + 500 TL
Second place -	500 TL Gift Certificate + 250 TL
Third place -	500 TL Gift Certificate

TERMS OF PARTICIPATION:

1- Anyone living in the borders of Girne can participate in the competition.

2- Persons, institutions and organizations providing professional services on the subject of the competition cannot participate in the competition and cannot claim rights. Competitor balconies or gardens will be organised entirely by their owners. Competitors cannot get support, contribution, service from professionals providing balcony or

garden arrangement, landscape architecture services or companies and can make no claims about the competition.

3- The participant must be 18 years of age on the application deadline.

4- The selection committee evaluation will be done from the photos. Participants who apply to enter the competition by Thursday 28 May 2020 must submit at least 5 colour photographs to the Competition Selection Committee. One of the photographs should show the overall garden and balcony / terrace arrangement. The other photos are required to be taken from different angles of the garden, balcony / terrace and the perception of the space as a whole.

5- At least 5 photos of the balcony or garden to be evaluated in the competition; participant name-surname; The residence address and phone number should be sent to email address: socialisler@girnebelediyesi.com and/or via WhatsApp phone number **0533 879 95 95**.

6- Photos must be in minimum 1024x768 pixel resolution and in jpeg format. The name of the applicant must be written on the back of the printed copies.

7- All the broadcasting and advertising rights of the photographs that the participants submit for the competition belong to Girne Municipality and broadcasting and advertising materials can be used indefinitely and unlimitedly by the mentioned institutions.

8- The Competition Selection Committee, Competition Secretariat and their first-degree relatives will not be allowed to participate in the competition.

9- Municipality of Girne can make changes in terms of competition conditions if necessary.

10- The participant has to get the ownership permission for the application area for which he will apply.

11- All applicants should take care to preserve the area as when they apply, until the end of the competition.

12- The contestants who will participate in the "Most Beautiful Apartment or Site Garden" category will have to present a document approved by the board of directors of the apartment and/or the site in which they are located and entered in the decision book during the application.

13- Participants of the contest are deemed to have accepted all the conditions listed above.

14- Application deadline is Thursday, May 28, 2020

Source (Turkish):
Girne Municipality



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Emergency Telephone Numbers

mobile numbers are prefixed 0533 or 0542 or 0548

landline numbers are prefixed 0392

POLICE

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

FIRE

Emergencies	199
Forest Fire	177
Girne	815 2111
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Gazi Mağusa	366 5389
Guzelyurt	714 2200

AMBULANCE

Emergencies	112
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HOSPITAL

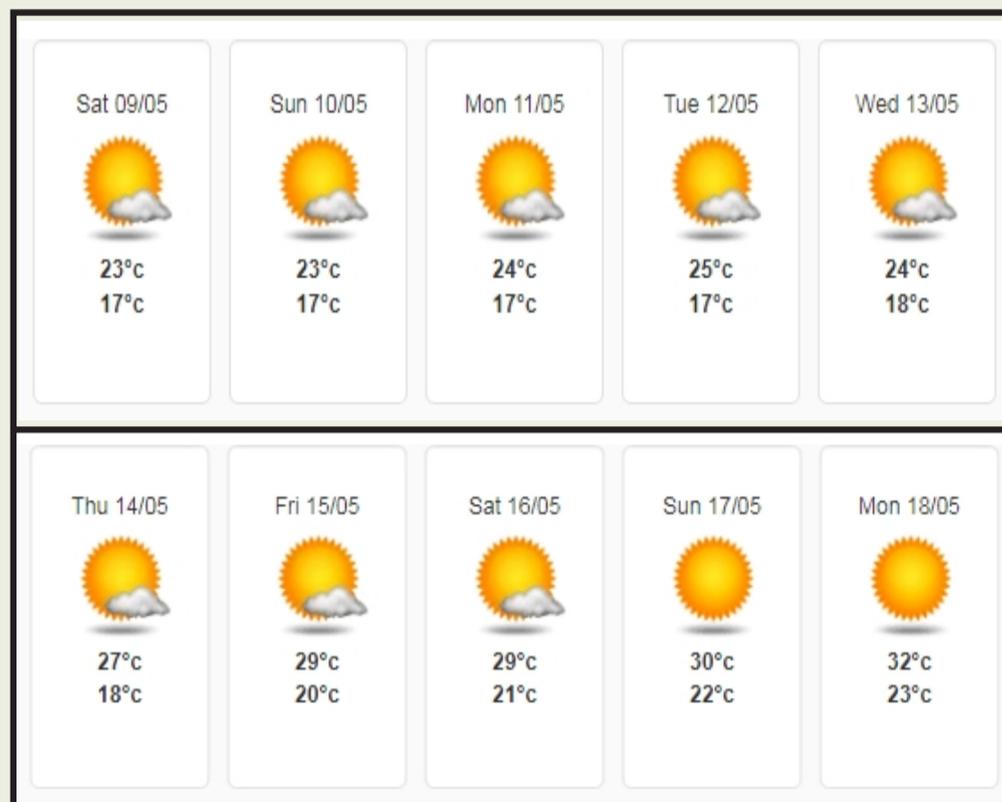
Girne	8152266/815 2254
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Gazi Mağusa	3662876/3665328
Güzelyurt	714 2125

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 9th May 2020)**10-day Forecast****14 Sporting TRIVIA Questions and a STINKER Question**

By Richard Beale.....

This weeks **SPORTING QUIZ** plus the **STINKER QUESTION** are here and the answers will appear in the CyprusScene Enewspaper, on **page 31** and the answer to the "Stinker" question will appear in next week's edition.

- Q 1:** What is the tennis player Roger Federer's home country?
- Q 2:** Mo Salah joined Liverpool from which Italian club?
- Q 3:** The **Marlins, Heat and Dolphins** are sports teams from which American city?
- Q 4:** Which country did boxer Lennox Lewis represent in the 1988 Olympics?
- Q 5:** Who currently (but not for long) is the Manager of England's Women National soccer team?
- Q 6:** Which golfer was known as the "Great White Shark"?
- Q 7:** Which two teams contest the Calcutta Cup in Rugby Union?
- Q 8:** Arsenal left Highbury for the Emirates Stadium in 2006, which other Football League clubs still play their home matches at a stadium named Highbury?
- Q 9:** At which Kent motor racing circuit would you find Dingle Dell and the Brabham straight?

- Q10:** What is the nickname of the Argentina national rugby team?
- Q11:** Which cricket county play their home games at Grace Road?
- Q12:** Steelers, Sharks and Eagles are all sports teams from which English city?
- Q13:** Who has won the most Wimbledon Women's single titles?
- Q14:** Which 2 two English football teams play their home matches at St James Park?

STINKER Question (answer in next week's Enewspaper.)

Q/. Who is the only player to have won trophies at both Liverpool and Manchester United?

8th to 14th May 2020

North Cyprus Events Calendar

Due to the close-down of restaurants, bars, public gatherings etc. current events have been cancelled but **we are showing some events for hopefully later in the year.**



30th May – Saturday - British Residents' Society Blood Donor Day. Give blood and help save a life at Dr Akcicek State Hospital, Girne.

30th May – Saturday - The Abnormals present Brexit-Vision Song Contest 2020 at 8pm – Charlie's Bar, Kucuk Erenkoy. In aid of Tulips. 15TL and 5TL for under 16's. Open menu available. To book call 0533 825 4172 or 0533 870 5977.

13th June – Saturday - Black Olive Cafe, Alsancak – Glastonvicki. More information to follow.

17th June – Wednesday - Luther Vandross Tribute at the Colony Garden. This event has been re-scheduled for 13th October - Details to follow.

19th June – Friday - RBL will be holding a Royal Ascot Alternative Races event. Venue to be confirmed.

29th June – Monday - RBL will be celebrating Armed Forces Day. More information to follow.

10th July – Friday - Tulips and The Black Olive present the Rocky Horror Picture Show. Prizes for best dressed table and best Time Warp Dance. Fancy dress recommended but not obligatory. To book call Vicki on 0533 835 5133. More details to follow.

12th September – Saturday - British Residents' Society Blood Donor Day. Give blood and help save a life at Dr Akcicek State Hospital, Girne.

19th September – Saturday - Girne Amphitheatre – Abba Platinum – live ABBA tribute show. Leading celebration of the legendary ABBA. More information to follow.

25th to 27th September - The Soulist Coffee & Music House, Alsancak, will be presenting the 3rd "Friends Across Borders (FAB)" Music Festival. More information to follow.

NOVEMBER (Possibly 13/14 Nov) - RBL will be holding their Gala 2020 – Ultimate Elton at Merit Crystal Cove, Alsancak. 3-course meal including unlimited local beverages. £50 members / £55 non-members. To reserve tickets call Jill on 0548 827 3910. **This event has been re-scheduled from May due to Coronavirus outbreak. Tickets can be refunded or retained for the new date.**

5th December – Saturday - British Residents' Society Blood Donor Day. Give blood and help save a life at Dr Akcicek State Hospital, Girne.

PLATINUM



The Live ABBA Tribute Show



THE **ABNORMALS** Presents **BREXIT-VISION** song contest 2020
Sat 30th May
 From 8.00pm
 Pick up & drop off service available **OPEN MENU**
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 Adults - 15tl
 Under 16 - 5tl
 Bookings call: 0533 825 4172 / 0533 870 5977

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Qigong Home Training with Tarik Tekman week 5

By Chris Elliott

I have now been following Tarik Tekman online Qigong videos for the past 5 weeks and I have to say I am noticing an increase in leg strength plus being able to relax and concentrate on feeling my body experience during the exercise program.

With the passing of 15 years plus more of training associated with Karate, Tai Chi, Qigong and Pranic Energy Healing, it's been good to take a step back in time and start rediscovering those disciplines which gave a higher level of body fitness and mental balance and satisfaction so now I am looking forward to next week and Qigong Home Training video number 6.

There will be a 15 week Qigong Home Training program and Tarik also runs an online class on Tuesday and Thursday every week.

Following is Tarik's program :

The first video of 15 weeks long Qigong Home Training is live now as below, Teach yourself Qigong with this 20 minutes video. If you like it, join my online live classes on Tuesdays &



Thursdays. Every week, I will release a new video on Monday morning and continue with Tuesday & Thursday live online classes. There is also the Turkish version of these videos on my website.

All the details you need are at: <https://tariktekman.com/en/home/>

15 weeks Qigong training with videos, practice cards and Zoom online classes:

Download and test Zoom for online classes.

IF ZOOM ASKS YOU TO ENTER A PASSWORD, ENTER: **home**

Mondays 08:00: Video of the week is released. Practice with that video.

Tuesdays 10:00-10:40: Online Class
Thursdays 10:00-10:40 Online Class
All hours are Cyprus Time (UK +2 or CET +1 hour)

All other days practice with the same video and next Monday move on to the new video.

The class of the last week will be on Wednesday, 15th July – on the 100th day of the training.

Every Monday separate English & Turkish videos are published. Online

classes are bi-lingual.

Online classes do not repeat the details already covered in the videos but include deepening the exercises, corrections and adjustments, answering the written questions, and additional practices.

Send questions to tarik@tariktekman.com to be answered in the next class.

The training is donation based. Donate any amount with any frequency (just once, weekly, monthly etc).

Week 1 video: https://youtu.be/f_7MRLwhAeY

Join a Class: <https://tariktekman.com/en/home/>

Donations: <https://tariktekman.com/en/donate/>

Sport Quiz Answers

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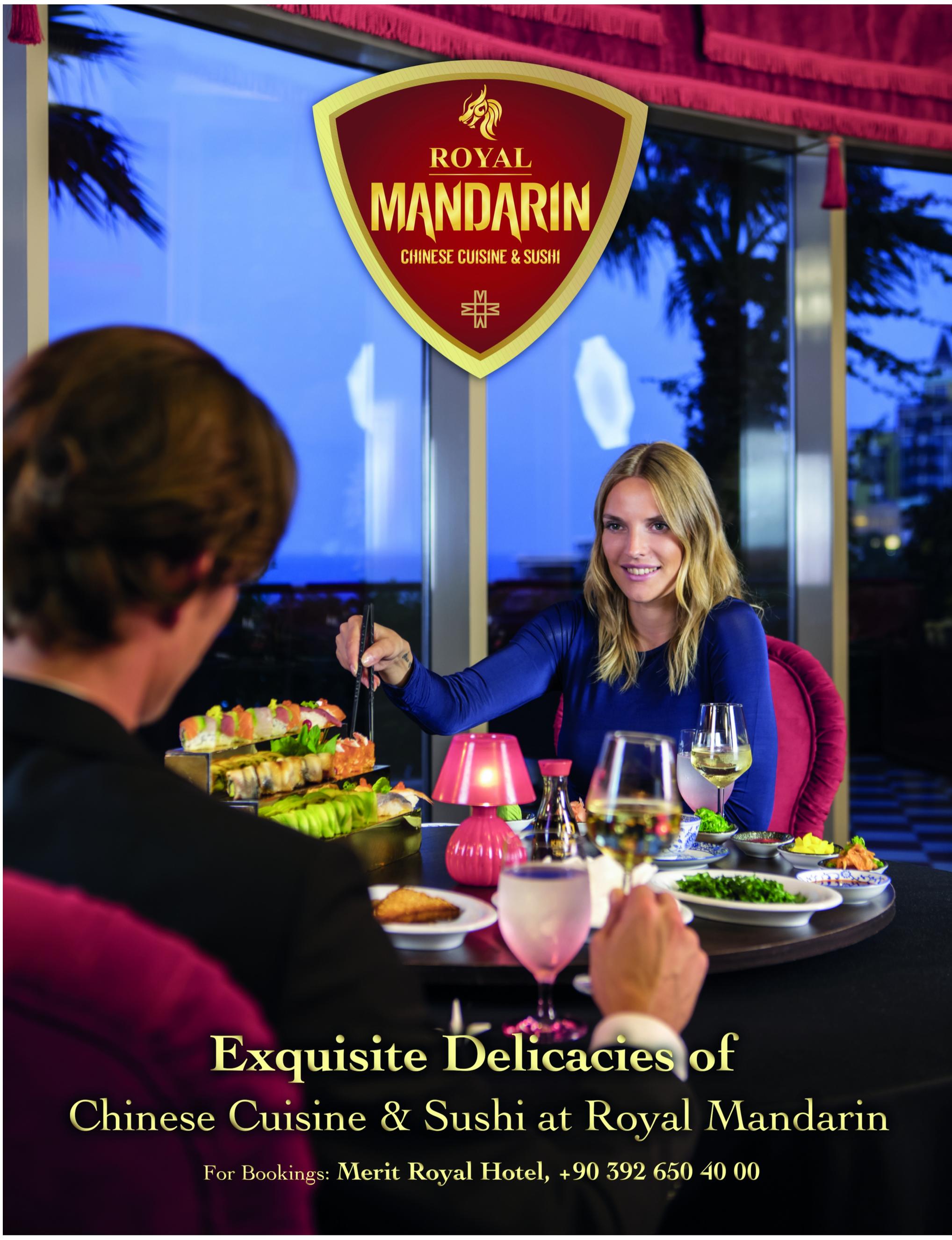
- 1/ Switzerland
- 2/ Roma
- 3/ Miami
- 4/ Canada
- 5/ Phil Neville
- 6/ Greg Norman
- 7/ England and Scotland
- 8/ Fleetwood Town
- 9/ Brands Hatch
- 10/ Pumas

- 11/ Leicestershire
- 12/ Sheffield
- 13/ Martina Navratilova
- 14/ Newcastle and Exeter City

LAST WEEKS "STINKER" Question & ANSWER

Q/ In 2013 whilst playing for Liverpool, Luis Suarez bit which Chelsea player ear?

A/ BRANISLOV IVANOVIC



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