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Infectious Diseases Supreme Committee made some decisions

Infectious Diseases Supreme Committee made some urgent decisions on 22nd August 2020. The daily number of flights is now limited to 6 flights and the daily number of passengers coming to Girne Port is limited to 250 passengers. The number of people is limited at indoor and outdoor entertainment venues. It has become compulsory to wear a mask at weddings.

The decisions of the Infectious Diseases Supreme Committee are as follows:

1) Limiting the number of daily flights to 6 flights starting from 24:00 on 23 August 2020. (Except private aircraft).

2) Limiting the number of passengers carried by two companies to Girne Port daily to

125 + 125 = 250 passengers from 24:00 on 23 August 2020. (Except for private yachts).

3) Quarantine of the employees of Taş Yapı İnşaat Company, which is carrying out the airport construction, within the construction site.

4) The number of people in respect of entertainment to be held in open areas is limited to 100 people. In closed areas, the number of people is limited as follows:

Maximum 50 people in places of 200 m2 and above

Maximum 30 people in places between 100-200 m2

Maximum 20 people in places between 50-100 m2

Maximum 10 people in places under 50 m2.

5) It is compulsory to wear a mask at weddings, to pay attention to social distance, and to avoid handshaking and close contact.

The urgent decisions taken by the committee regarding the

Coronavirus outbreak entered into force by being published in the Official Gazette.

Source : TRNC Public Information Office



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BRS Latest Quarantine News Update 23rd August 2020



**PLEASE ACT RESPONSIBLY
- FOR EVERYONE'S SAKE!**

This is a very large document so you can read this in the flipbook below or download a full copy.

Editor's note:

For those readers wishing to learn more of the British Residents' Society and registration as a member please use the following link :

<http://www.brstrnc.com/>

The British Residents' Society published the latest news of Quarantine Restrictions on 23rd August 2020 and we are sharing the latest information provided through their ongoing liaison with the TRNC authorities about the Coronavirus Quarantine Regulations which we are sharing for other readers who are seeking the latest facts and information.

UPDATE - 23rd AUGUST 2020

These new regulations are the ones circulated last week which were due to come into force on 25th August once confirmed by the Government but have been introduced earlier in order to reduce the number of new infections.

We have also been made aware of some UK citizens recently arrived in the TRNC who are flouting the "self-isolation" rules. This is both dangerous and foolhardy and if caught you WILL be put into quarantine AND have to pay the relevant charges - AS WELL AS BEING PROSECUTED. Checks will be carried out.

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Interview Day for 100% Scholarship at ARUCAD - 27th August

Arkin University of Creative Arts and Design (ARUCAD) held interviews on Thursday, 27th August for candidates who want to increase their scholarship rate to 90% and 100%. This year, ARUCAD provides 75% scholarship without an examination to all students who will enroll at the University due to the pandemic, and offers a job placement guarantee to the top ranking students.

ARUCAD, the only Foundation University in Cyprus and the region focused on art-design-communication, will place TRNC citizens and / or Turkish nationals who have completed their high school education in the TRNC for 4 years without an examination, with 75% scholarship.

Interviews took place at the University's campus in Girne on Thursday, 27th August, for candidates who want to increase

their scholarship rate to 90% and 100%.

Participation Guarantee

Graduates from the departments of ARUCAD approved by YÖK have job placement guarantee. The university provides job placement guarantee to the top graduates of the department, and offers students the opportunity to start one step ahead in their career.

Double Degree Advantage with Manchester School of Art

ARUCAD Department of Plastic Arts offers its students a double degree opportunity through a student exchange program based on the cooperation agreement with Manchester Metropolitan University's Manchester School of Art (MSoA). Manchester School of Art is the UK's second oldest art and design school, ranked in the top 10 of British universities

according to the UK University Guide 2020.

Candidates will be able to access up to 100% scholarship opportunities offered by ARUCAD. Detailed information about interview and registration requirements can be found on the website kibrisaday.arucad.edu.tr and on the WhatsApp line numbers 0533 87385 85 / 0533 850 96 56.

All departments of ARUCAD,

which has 9 departments including Plastic Arts, Photography, Ceramics, Film Design and Management, Architecture, Interior Architecture and Environmental Design, Industrial Design, Visual Communication Design, New Media and Communication, are approved by YÖK.

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



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Prime Minister Tatar evaluated the reopening of Maraş

Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) Prime Minister Ersin Tatar attended the live TV program jointly broadcasted by TRT and BRT and said 'The inventory and infrastructure work is almost complete, we are in the opening phase'.

Underlining that the reopening of Maraş is necessary in terms of both human rights and the economy, Prime Minister Tatar said 'Maraş lies within the TRNC territory and it is definitely going

to be opened, the tide has shifted, a new page has been turned.'

Prime Minister Tatar pointed out that there are almost 300 applications to the Immovable Property Commission and they will be evaluated. Tatar also stated that there is no negotiation process with the Greek Cypriot side on the agenda, however, they are ready for an agreement securing the vital interests of the Turkish Cypriots.

Source : TRNC Public Information Office



Oruc Reis activities extended in the Eastern Mediterranean



Turkey's seismic research vessel, the Oruc Reis will continue its activities in the Eastern Mediterranean until 27th August 2020.

Oruc Reis will continue its research activities in the Eastern Mediterranean together with the Cengiz Han and Ataman vessels in the Turkish continental shelf.

Earlier it was announced that the vessel would conduct research in the region until 23rd August 2020 however this has been extended for 4 days with the new statement.

Source : TRNC Public Information Office

Akinci received the French Ambassador to South Cyprus

French Ambassador to South Cyprus Isabella Dumont paid a farewell visit to TRNC President Mustafa Akinci.

During the visit, President Mustafa Akinci stated that it would be a more accurate approach for France to spend efforts for contributing dialogue between the two sides in Cyprus, rather than taking sides in the Eastern Mediterranean.

Pointing out that France was both a European Union (EU) member and a permanent member of the United Nations Security Council

(UNSC), President Akinci added that France should show a balanced approach in her relations with the two sides of Cyprus.

The President wished success to Dumont, who was appointed to the cabinet of French President Emmanuel Macron, in her new position.

Source : TRNC Public Information Office



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Greece/Greek Cypriot side increases tension in E. Mediterranean

Turkish Foreign Minister Mevlüt Çavuşoğlu stated that it is Greece and the Greek Cypriot side, and not Turkey, that increases the tension in the Eastern Mediterranean.

Stating that Greece should not put themselves at risk by relying on some countries in the Eastern Mediterranean, Çavuşoğlu said that if Greece makes statements such as "we will defend our rights, we will do military exercises here", or if they take wrong steps, Turkey will do whatever is necessary.

Çavuşoğlu and German Foreign Minister Heiko Maas held a joint press conference after their meeting at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Minister Çavuşoğlu underlined that Greece and the Greek Cypriot Administration have been continuing their exclusionary and one-sided activities with their maximalist thesis for a long period of time in the Eastern Mediterranean.

Emphasising that it is not Turkey which increases the tension in the

Eastern Mediterranean instead it is Greece and the Greek Cypriot side, Çavuşoğlu said that the latest example of this was the military

exercises Greece conducted in the region yesterday (25th August).

Source : TRNC Public Information Office



"Hidden Treasures in Cyprus" Exhibition opened

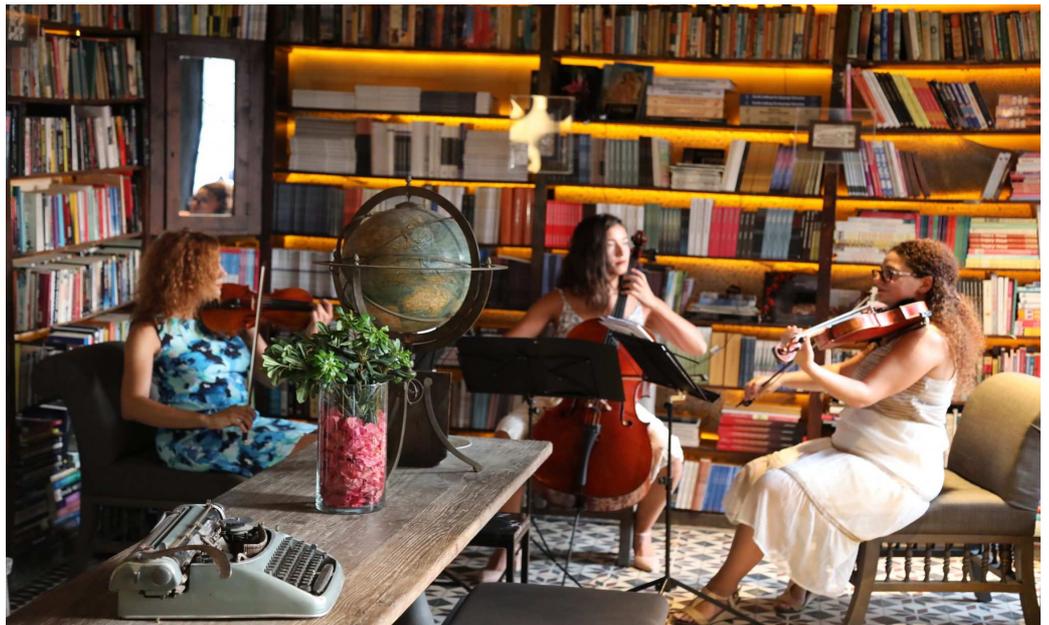
An exhibition of Masters of Modern Western Art Opened

ARUCAD Art Space, in collaboration with Rüstem Bookstore, organised The "Hidden Treasures in Cyprus" Exhibition, which opened at Rüstem Bookstore Gallery, Lefkosa on Friday, 21st August.

This special collection, which brings together the Masters of Modern Western Art, was open for visitors at Rüstem Bookstore Gallery until 28th August.

The exhibition coordinated by Oya Silbery and Halil Duranay consists of paintings, sketches, signed prints, artwork, exhibition posters and catalogues of important names of modern western art such as Chagall, Giacometti, Dali, Cousteau, Abidin Dino, Metzinger and Rodin.

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



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The right to bury our loved ones in peace?

Readers mail...

From Ismail Veli....

All humans have experienced the loss of a loved one in their lives. Paying our last respects is the most important last tribute to our loved ones. Parents/grandparents, and for many who have sadly lost their children or life partners, the tragedy can be overwhelming.

Our emotions often take over our composure. This is where experienced funeral directors take over our burden. Their profession may be a business like many others, however, their compassion and patience often calms us down during the immense preparation of sending off our loved ones with dignity. The final burial place is often picked for its location to our homes so as to make it possible to visit and pay our respects for years after. Our conscience tells us that our loved ones need a nice resting place, free of legal problems, and above all free of corrupt or unethical cemetery owners.

My family lost our father on 6th August 2020, 6 days short of his 91st birthday. His early life in Cyprus was one of extreme hardship and a life saving operation actually changed his future for the better because the UK provided medical facilities which were non-existent in Cyprus during the 1950s, so the UK became the country that saved his life and changed all our lives.

He was made to work when 5-6 years old by his father in the mid 1930s, and sadly was never allowed to go to school. He married in 1951 and by 1956 he had 3 children. Our family moved to the UK in 1962. and have lived in the UK since then.

Due to heart and kidney failure, we lost father after a 3 week stay in North Middlesex hospital. Sadly only one visit for an hour was allowed for his family before his passing due to the COVID-19 restrictions. The family then began the emotional last duty of a decent burial and funeral arrangements, that's the least we could do for a father who only had one aim in life, that was to provide support and love to all his children, and grandchildren, not to mention many great grandchildren.

Due to its close proximity to home, our mother's choice was Tottenham Cemetery, in Nightingale Road, Edmonton, the family was apprehensive as we had heard "bad things" and did not think the cemetery was well maintained. Our mother's wishes were however of paramount importance. The owners gave us a price of £8.000 (pounds sterling), as our mother wanted to eventually be buried with her husband the owners said that they needed to dig deeper, up to five and a half feet, which I found surprising as the standard depth of a burial was 6 feet. The funeral was scheduled for the 19th of August.

On 10th August I rang the cemetery owners and requested a meeting with a view to acquiring the plot ownership documentation and their bank details for the transfer of the fees, the response was 'No problem I will call you and we could meet at the office'.

Not hearing by the 12th August I called again, no response, I called again on the 13th still no response.

By Saturday the 15th I was getting very stressed. With only 4 days to the funeral, nothing had been done. I decided to call again, this time the Tottenham cemetery owner responded. I again repeated that we needed to meet with a view to doing a legal transaction of deeds and money. His next response was shocking. "Ismail I can't give you a deed but I will give you a receipt which is proof enough" I expressed my concern, but his reply this time shocked me more, "I've sold 50 burial plots this year without issuing deeds as I'm busy mapping out the cemetery, I can't do you a favour when others accept a receipt which is proof enough". I cut it short by telling him I will call him back.

The immense stress of being in limbo suddenly dawned on me. I called a friend to share my grief and fortunately, she said she would call a Mr Erkin Guney who organised funerals from The Masjid Ramadan Mosque at Shacklewell Lane, Dalston, London.

To my relief, Mr. Guney rang me within 15 minutes and asked if I wanted him to take me to view a few cemeteries in North London. He did this on the same day, by the evening Mr Guney and his wife Melanie were hard at work trying to organise fathers funeral for the 19th August. Melanie got into 5th gear and with sheer professionalism but above all compassion arranged everything by the 17th.

They took over the burden of the burial plot and funeral arrangements which to our surprise was £4.500 for a plot at Lavender Hill, owned by Enfield Council. With all the legal requirements and protection of the law.

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Ismail Veli on his Mother's knee with his sisters and Dad in 1956

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continued ... The right to bury our loved ones in peace?

£8,000 FOR A BURIAL WITH NO LEGAL PROOF, £4,500 WITH LEGAL DOCUMENTS. SAYS IT ALL.

On the night of the 17th, I saw a letter by the local MP, shared by Meral Ece, a Turkish Cypriot in the House of Lords, which clearly stated that Tottenham Cemetery still carries out funerals though it is full. In short, we came back from the brink. the only conclusion is that new funerals are carried out on plots that have been sold or over existing plots. Hence the refusal to give an official deed.

Sadly many people going through the emotions and grief of a family funeral completely forget the legal documentation. My experience of having arranged both my in-laws previously helped give me some idea of the procedure. The truth is that without the deeds to a burial plot no one can prove ownership therefore a private cemetery owner can actually bury in the same plot well before the 50-year lease often

required by law. Another sad aspect is that many actually accept the initial receipt and within a year or two lose it, The consequences are that they can never prove ownership, and the stress this can have on their conscience is simply mind boggling.

The UK government needs to step in and force unscrupulous cemetery owners to work according to the basic legal requirements. If such people have no respect for our dead, or compassion for living relatives they have no business being in a profession that requires compassion at a basic minimum. After all, even the purchase of a TV comes with a legal guarantee. Buying a land plot for a resting place is way and above one of the most important events in our lives. Our families deserve the best we can afford to give as a last thank you for the life, protection and love they give us.

AMEN TO THAT.

Tottenham Park Cemetery

Many constituents have contacted me over recent months to express their concerns about the management and operations at Tottenham Park Cemetery. The issues raised included new burials taking place despite the Cemetery being full, a lack of communication regarding COVID-19 and damage to graves and headstones.

I subsequently contacted the Ministry of Justice (MOJ) to raise those concerns as a matter of urgency and as a result the MOJ have now contacted the owner of Tottenham Park Cemetery to ensure that those concerns are addressed. The owner of the Cemetery will now be required to provide the MOJ with their 'business plan' and to adhere to recommendations from the most recent inspection of the cemetery including that no 'new' graves should be excavated in the Cemetery. Lastly, the Cemetery will now be expected to put in place social distancing procedures so that it adheres to the latest COVID-19 protocol.

I appreciate that the cemetery is of particular importance to the Turkish-Cypriot, Turkish and Kurdish communities. All families of loved ones who have been laid to rest in the cemetery deserve reassurance that they have a safe future and that the cemetery will be maintained to a high standard. I, therefore, want to make it absolutely clear that I will continue to work with other Members of the House of Commons, Lords and the Ministry of Justice to ensure that moving forward, Tottenham Park Cemetery is properly run and maintained. I would also urge anybody who has ongoing concerns to contact my office at edmontonconstituency@parliament.uk.



Mum, dad and their 3 children - year 1999-2000



Memorial picture designed by Connie Costa

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KAR - News Update



26 AUGUST - NATIONAL DOG DAY

Here at KAR we don't need an official day to celebrate man's best friend but here are just a small selection of the beautiful dogs we have the pleasure of looking after.

If you have room in your heart and your home for a wonderful companion who asks for nothing more than food, water, walkies, love and devotion (with the occasional treat thrown in for good measure) then please come to our centre in Arapkoy to say hello.

The centre is open 7 days a week from 9am to 1pm. If you get there at 9am you could take one (or more) for a walk in the beautiful area that surrounds the centre. Sorry, it's too hot for them (and you) after 10am. But there's always puppies and dogs to cuddle and play with. They love playing in water in the hot weather so come prepared with towels. You will be made to feel very welcome as are all our visitors.

We are currently No.1 on the Trip Advisor list of places to go in and around Kyrenia and we are very proud of that. Look forward to seeing you there.



Sadly this morning we have heard the news of **Carole Lloyd** passing. She was a long time supporter, not only of KAR, but many other organisations and individuals who were involved in animal welfare as well as being a big supporter of NCCCT.

Carole will be sorely missed - she was a great friend to many here in the TRNC - humans and animals alike.

RIP Carole - enjoy the G & T that is waiting for you.



presents:

An evening of play reading:

"Where's George"
directed by Diana Peek

"Post Mortem"
directed by Stephen Everett

Tuesday, 29th September 2020 at 7pm
Black Olive Cafe, Alsancak

85TL per person with buffet meal

For reservations call KADS on 0533 848 5313
Tickets also available from the Lambousa Market, The Black Olive and TFR Friday meetings



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KAR - News Update



We have received this lovely update. It's so good to hear about our rescue dogs and how they are settling in at their furever homes.

"I've finally sat down to post about our beautiful fur baby **DAIZY**. Daizy was brought into KAR while I was helping out in August last year having just given birth to 7 puppies, from the second I saw her I knew she had to come home to the UK with me, once Daizy had finished looking after her pups. We waited for a date for her flight, things were put back for a while as she had a health issue. KAR were fantastic they kept us updated with messages and photos. I flew back out in November for 2 weeks to help out and spend some time with Daizy. We finally got our date and on the 12th March she arrived at Heathrow, 2 days later Cyprus went into lockdown, we feel so lucky to have had her when we did, luck was finally on Daizy's side. Daizy is the best addition to our family, she is a dream to have around and fits in so well. Daizy has an obsession with birds and squirrels she will refuse to move from under a tree at the park and several times I have had to carry her home, she is a funny little character and we love her so much, so does everyone who meets her. The staff at KAR are fantastic and do the most amazing job. Thank you so much to KAR. Steve, Lisa, Ben and Daizys fur baby brother Sid."

Thank you Steve, Lisa, Ben and Sid - for sharing your home and your hearts with Daizy - many many Happy Days are ahead for you all.
PS - your "to do " list is growing - and waiting for you - hopefully for next year!



Very little in life is ever just black and white - but for **Domino** it is very clear cut - he is one lucky happy boy. He is one very lucky dog, now living with Jacky Kester and her husband Ern.

"This is Domino I found him wandering on the main road near the centre very early in the morning. Got him into the car and my reward for saving him from being run over by a brick lorry was peeing in the car. This all happened at 06.10 hours on 21st June 2020.

Domino came into the Quarantine area at the centre. I adore all the dogs as they have such individual quirks and special traits but Domino touched something deeper.

It might have been tearing my shorts, peeing up my leg or seeking cuddles. Who knows but I was totally smitten - Domino was about 7 months old and a collie cross with a wagging tail and big tongue.

Surprise surprise when he was ok to be adopted guess whose family he joined?

He has been with us for 25 days now is toilet trained, walking reasonably well on the lead and stealing all the toys. Domino that is, not my hubby - still training him! So lucky I found him"

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Atun: "Natural Gas will change the fate of Turkey and TRNC"

Introduction By Chris Elliott....

The announcement from Turkish President, Recep Tayyip Erdogan regarding the discovery of a large natural gas reserve off the Black Sea coast is going to be a game changing win in the world of Eastern Mediterranean politics and Turkey and Northern Cyprus have a decided advantage going forward in the future that no one can deny and we received the following view from Prof. Dr. Ata Atun from the Cyprus Science University Engineering Department.

ATUN: "NATURAL GAS WILL CHANGE THE FATE OF TURKEY AND TRNC"

Cyprus Science University (KIU) Engineering Department Dean Prof. Dr. Ata Atun, said that the discovery of 320 billion cubic meters of natural gas reserves in the Black Sea by the Fatih drilling vessel will change the fate of Turkey and TRNC. Turkey's new economic and diplomatic power will open the doors to a settlement in the Cyprus issue, where the rights for the Turkish Cypriots will be based on equality and equal rights on the governance and sovereignty of Cyprus.

The statement of President Erdogan of Turkey, giving the good news of the discovery of natural gas in Tuna 1 (Danube 1) well at the Sakarya parcel, caused great joy in the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus, (TRNC).

Cyprus Science University Engineering Department Dean, Prof. Dr. Ata Atun said Turkey is rapidly becoming the leader in the region. Atun said that the Turkish drilling ship Fatih conducted a drilling activity in the exploration area known as "Danube-1" in the Sakarya Parcel, approximately 100 nautical miles north of the Western Black Sea coast, and that good news came as a result of these activities.

"The natural gas reserve detected in the Sakarya parcel is around 800 billion cubic meters. The discovery of 320 billion cubic meters of natural gas in the Tuna 1 (Danube 1) well, will form the first step in the change of the fate of Turkey in the 21st Century.

The second drilling vessel "Kanuni" now is also preparing to move to the region. Further good news is expected from the Kanuni drilling vessel as well.



With this discovery, Turkey will get rid of the foreign economic and diplomatic exertions and sanctions. With its large population, defense industry, digital-electronics technology, and armed forces, Turkey will be the governing and arbiter country in the Eastern Mediterranean and the Middle East's regional diplomacy.

He stated, accordingly the fate of the Turkish Cypriots will also change in Cyprus and the Cyprus issue as well.

Emphasizing that energy is of great importance in the establishment of national

independence as well as being the basic element of development, Prof. Dr. Ata Atun concluded, stating: "Turkey will open the door to a solution that would give the Turkish Cypriots' rights and equality in the governance and sovereignty of Cyprus and/or internationally recognized independent state.

Prof. Dr. Atun stated, "I believe that the fate of Turkey and the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) will change dramatically and I am proud of being a Turk and that Turkey is my homeland".



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Support for Lebanon, please help if you can

Readers mail....

Medi Foundation, Viola Edward Kayana Consultancy and Ersoy Law Firm have joined forces to support victims affected by the disaster in Lebanon.

Your donations. in money, clothing, dry food, and tinned food, together with towels, medicines, diapers, and bedding are very much needed.

Please send your donations to the relevant collection points.

For all your financial contributions see the link below, that has all the bank details and accounts, please include the annotation "Lebanon Help".

Financial Contributions Support can be made to the accounts shown on the **link below (1)**.

The money from your donation will go to help women in restoring their businesses and their lives through the "Stand for Women" organisation - **link shown below (2)**.

The food and the goods will be received by the "Beit El Baraka" organisation to be delivered to individuals and families. **Link shown below (3)**.

We are sure that together, we can make a difference for the people affected in Lebanon during this painful and challenging time.

If you have any questions concerning details of this public gathering of help, please contact us here.

Financial Contributions Support **Link - shown below (4)**.

DROP OFF POINTS

For clothing, dry food, tinned food, towels, medicines, diapers and bedding

Famagusta:

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AKADEMİSİ.
İsmet inönü bulvarı.
Başbuğ sokak no 115 gazimağusa
8~14.30 Mon-Fri

Kyrenia :

Magic Touch
Semih Sancar Street
(Near Bellapais Traffic Lights)
No 75/3/4/
9-5 Mon-Fri 10-13.00 Sat

Lefkosia coming soon

For making payments you can go to any ASBANK Branches and make payments to Medi Foundation

Thank you all for your kindness, commitment and generosity

Ismet, Nevin and Viola



LINKS

(1) <https://www.medifoundation.com/en/support/>

(2) <https://www.standforwomen.org/>

(3) <https://www.beitelbaraka.org/>

(4) **Financial Contributions Support Link:**

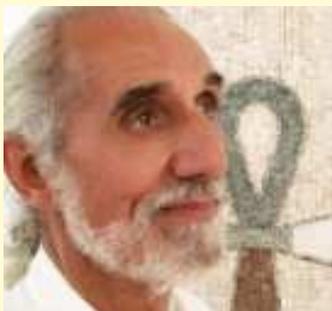
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Poets Corner



Poem by Nick Vye - Sanctuary

DEPARTING

I don't like long goodbyes,
They bring tears to my eyes,
I'd rather just turn and walk away,
There will always be another day,

I now know, how it all seems,
Like you're passing by in dreams,
I want to reach out and hold,
As I turn away, into the cold,

Just compelled to turn and look,
Like turning the next page of a book,
Will she stop and then turn around,
All my hopes are dashed to the ground,

Only a smile and a wave would do,
To let me know, give me a clue,
I've now given up on any hope,
As she starts to disappear, can I cope,

Then from nowhere, out of the blue,
She turns and sends a kiss to you,
My heart beats then skips a beat,
I'm left tingling down to my feet,

Oh that feeling of deep emotion,
All my fuss and all that commotion



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Bellapais Monastery land cleaned by Girne Municipality

Girne Municipality Cleaning Branch Teams carried out cleaning and landscaping work in Bellapais Monastery, square, and parking area.

In the information given by the Girne Municipality, it was stated that cleaning and landscaping work was carried out around Bellapais Monastery by the cleaning teams, the fences on the east side of the monastery were cleaned, the benches were painted, the pots were renewed and flowers were planted.

In his statement, Girne Municipality Mayor Nidai Güngördü stated that Bellapais Monastery is one of the most important places in terms of the

country's tourism and that Girne Municipality has carried out cleaning work in this area within a specified program. Güngördü said,

"I wish the troubles experienced this year in the country's tourism, due to the COVID-19 outbreak, to end as soon as possible.

It is our duty to protect our historical and cultural heritage.

Our expectation from the citizens regarding the environment is that they keep it clean and do not pollute it."

Source (Turkish) :
Girne Municipality



Girne Municipality & Belpaz employees Blood Donation briefing

Girne Municipality managers and staff and Belpaz Company employees were informed about blood donation by the Turkish Red Crescent of Northern Cyprus.

On 27 August 2020, informative seminars were given by the Turkish Red Crescent Blood Donor Recruitment Personnel, Şerife Tutku.

In the statement made by Girne Municipality, a blood donation campaign was held in Girne Ramadan Cemil Square in cooperation with the two institutions between 08:00 and 16:00 on Friday, 28th August 2020.

While it was stated that the municipality employees would also support the blood donation, the general public were also called to come and participate.

Şerife Tutku, a Blood Donor Acquisition Personnel of the Turkish Red Crescent of Northern Cyprus, noted that there was a decrease in blood donations being given due to the COVID-19 outbreak, which has reduced stocks to critical levels. Stating that blood is a constant requirement, Tutku said that the treatment of patients who need regular blood is being interrupted.

Girne Mayor Nidai Güngördü pointed out the importance of blood donations and social solidarity and called everyone to unite in these difficult days. Pointing out that all segments of the society should fulfill their duty to meet the blood needs of the country, he expressed his satisfaction with the support of the Girne Municipality staff and Belpaz staff in taking part in the campaign.

WHO CAN DONATE BLOOD?

Any healthy individual over 50 kg between the ages of 18-65 (men 3 months apart, women 4 months apart) can donate blood.

It is necessary to eat food before donating blood, sleep more than 4 hours the night before, and not

consume alcohol in the last 24 hours.

People can donate blood after the blood donation form is completed if their health criteria is found to be acceptable.

Source (Turkish) :
Girne Municipality



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Dusk till Dawn Walk - In aid of Tulips



CANCER DOESN'T STOP



On Saturday 29th August 2020, Vicki (Black Olive) and her son Ozan will be walking from Dusk Till Dawn in aid of Tulips.

They will be starting at Karsiyaka Square at 1930hrs heading west to Catalkoy, returning to the Black Olive in Alsancak for 0630hrs
- 11 hours walking!

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Dusk Till Dawn Walk

It is a global priority to stop the spread of COVID 19 yet cancer patients still need your help.

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There are sponsor forms in various locations; Black Olive, Olive Press, Tim's Cafe (Catalkoy) and the Tulips Stall @ Lambousa. Alternatively you can donate to their fundraising page especially if you are not in the TRNC:

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Please come to Karsiyaka Square for 1930hrs to see them off on their mammoth task.

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Germans call for freedom of movement to and from south Cyprus

Attack by the Republic of Cyprus on the freedom of movement and economic existence of EU citizens.....

Introduction by Chris Elliott.....

Our German friend Roland Eyerich, who lives here in the TRNC has alerted us to a petition being directed at the EU Parliament, EU Commission, EU citizens, Federal Republic of Germany and others entitled "Attack by the Republic of Cyprus on the freedom of movement and economic existence of EU citizens." and you can read the content of this below in English and it makes a very eye opening reading.

Through Cyprusscene we have supported many times calls for the embargo on the Turkish Republic of Northern to be ended and for direct flights from the UK to TRNC be started and in our last article "Direct flights for Northern Cyprus and why not, have your say!" we linked to a UK petition click here which has had 8,424 signatures to date and on reaching 10,000 the UK government has to respond and at 100,000 signatures this will be considered for debate in Parliament so keep on signing and don't let the naysayers have their way any longer.

Attack by the Republic of Cyprus on the freedom of movement and economic existence of EU citizens.

Petition started by Lawyer Hans-Jürgen Hantsche

The EU and Germany are asked to restore freedom of movement for EU citizens between the north and south of Cyprus. The Green Line

regulation must be complied with again!

Why is that important?

1) The EU and Germany must be induced to take effective measures against the RepCy (Republic of Cyprus) in order to fully guarantee our fundamental right to free movement (including Article 13 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, Article 21 TFEU and Article 45 of the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights).

2) We must not allow the economic existence of an entire population group, here the Turkish Cypriots of Northern Cyprus, to be destroyed and the RepCy to be unjustifiably enriched at the expense of the poorest. This is criminal and a shame for the EU.

3) We must not allow EU citizens to be used as a weapon to achieve economic or political goals and to take an entire population group (Turkish Cypriots) hostage.

4) The German press completely ignores the events. The restriction of our basic right and the threat to the existence of the Turkish Cypriots is not worth noting, despite positive knowledge.

Below is the background for those interested. It is worth reading on. You will find some things hard to believe, but they are true. The author is a Berlin lawyer and is concerned himself and represents other affected German citizens.

What happened?

Due to a unilateral decision, the RepCy has completely closed the Green Line (the border between southern and northern Cyprus) for all (not only EU) tourists. The result is that tourists are no longer allowed to pass the Green Line, either from south to north or vice versa from north to south. The RepCy thus violates applicable international law, because the permeability of the Green Line must then be guaranteed.

Official reason, illegality:

The RepCy officially justifies the closure of the Green Line with the reduction of the pandemic-related infection risk. However, there is no increased risk of infection due to the opening of the Green Line, as you will soon understand. This reasoning is obviously put forward to give the measure the appearance of legality. The measure is therefore illegal.

Why is the official justification wrong?

Northern Cyprus (approx. 320,000 inhabitants) is one of the countries with the lowest number of cases worldwide (as of August 9, 2020: total 171, recovered 137, tests carried out 83,301, 4 deaths).

South Cyprus (approx. 900,000 inhabitants) currently has 1,242 cases, 870 recovered, tests 232,987 carried out, 19 deaths. South Cyprus consequently has both proportionally and absolutely higher numbers of cases and deaths than North Cyprus.

1) The following persons are allowed to cross the Green Line in both directions, provided they can prove a current negative PCR test:

- Cypriots on both sides,
- Foreigners who live in of the RepCy - i.e. South Cyprus - have a residence permit

2) The entry of European tourists in particular via airports and shipping ports into the RepCy is permitted for almost all countries in Europe and other countries if a current negative PCR test is presented upon entry. People from some countries with an increased infection rate may have to post a second PCR test until the result is available in quarantine or can then move freely in South Cyprus.



Embargoed?



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continued ... Germans call for freedom of movement

3) Tourists who were already in Northern Cyprus at the time the Green Line was closed are not allowed to cross the Green Line to Southern Cyprus under any circumstances, because the government of the RepCy does not allow this, even if the people have a current negative PCR test and even though they come from an area whose case numbers are significantly lower.

4) Given all of this, it is logically not possible that passing tourists (who have already entered the country with a negative PCR test or who have to show a quarantine with a subsequent negative PCR test) can negatively influence the infection process in South Cyprus. However, since a new negative PCR test would have to be proven after returning, the return cannot pose a greater risk to these tourists

than if they had stayed in South Cyprus the entire time.

Even then, harassing individual cases against German citizens

EU tourists in Northern Cyprus will not be allowed to enter the south, even if they were already registered before July 1st. booked a return flight from the south;

A German from Northern Cyprus was not allowed to enter the south, although he only wanted to pick up medicines for his wife from a post office box in the south - the German embassy did not help either;

Several Germans who wanted to go from the south to the north were cursed at the checkpoint by South Cypriot officials just because they wanted to go north.

Tourism is the economic lifeline of both parts of Cyprus

After the pandemic-related development allowed it again, the entry restrictions in both parts of Cyprus were relaxed again from July 1st, 2020. Tourism was revived. Due to the closure of the Green Line from July 1st, 2020, only South Cyprus could benefit from this. At all RepCy airports, tourists were immediately made familiar with the fact that it was not possible to continue to Northern Cyprus. Hotels in the south were found for tourists at the airports.

With this, Northern Cyprus was de facto excluded from tourism. As in many other countries, the situation there had been dramatic by then. All people in Northern Cyprus who had hoped for an economic

recovery have been deprived of their livelihood, tourism, in an inhuman way by Southern Cyprus.

Neither the German government nor the EU are doing anything about it, although they are well aware of the situation.

Please take part in this petition to restore our right to freedom of movement.

Editor's Note :

It would seem both the German and British Government have no interest in contesting the Greek Cypriot Administration actions and we have seen a number of references to the British High Commission on this issue in articles we have received and published.

"GREEN LINE CROSSING ISSUES

We are well aware that the Greek Cypriot administration are using the current COVID-19 emergency as a reason to exclude anyone, other than GCs and some RoC permanent residents, from crossing from the South into the TRNC.

This is a flagrant breach of EU rules regarding Free Movement between both sides. Although there are isolated instances of Foreign nationals being able to cross the Green Line, it appears that these are being facilitated through the relevant Embassy teams.

We have received requests that we enlist the help of the British High Commission to assist UK nationals (Members) crossing the Green Line in order to catch flights that they have booked. The British High Commission has so far refused to assist in these requests which they do not see as 'for humanitarian' reasons.

They seem reluctant to upset the Greek Cypriot administration!"



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Girne Municipality Children's Assembly visited Lefkosa

Girne Municipality Children's Council visited historical places in Lefkosa on 27th August 2020 following recent visits to Girne and Mağusa and completed the cultural tour program organised by the Social Affairs Branch.

In the information given by the Girne Municipality, the group between the ages of 6-14, visited historical places in the Girne and Mağusa areas and on 27th August visited Hasder Handicraft Centre, Lusignan House, Selimiye Mosque and Büyükhan on the third day of their cultural trips, and were given information about historical places and Cyprus culture.

In his statement on the subject, Girne Mayor Nidai Güngördü expressed his gratitude to the children, families, their staff, and the institutions and organisations that voluntarily opened their doors to the children, pointing out the importance of children visiting historical places and getting to know the historical and cultural values of the country they live in.

Source (Turkish) Girne Municipality





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Girne / KKTC

28th August to 3rd September 2020

Girne Children's Assembly visited historical places in Girne

Girne Municipality Children's Council visited Bellapais Monastery, Girne Castle, Girne Municipality Art Gallery and the Girne Museum, where restoration work is in progress, within the framework of the cultural tours.

The Children's Assembly will also visit other historical and cultural sites in Mağusa and Lefkoşa in the coming days.

Girne Mayor Nidai Güngördü addressed the children before the trip and said, "With this trip, you will have seen and learned about the historical places of our country and you will have the opportunity to get to know our country more closely. I wish you all a pleasant trip.

Do not take off your masks and obey the necessary rules." On the trips organised with the participation of limited numbers, the children had the opportunity to visit historical places and spend pleasant hours by following the social distance and mask rules.

Girne Municipality Social Affairs Branch Supervisor Misli Kadioğlu

pointed out that children's workshops and children's council meetings were postponed this summer due to the epidemic danger, and said that they organised cultural tours within the framework of the participation of a limited number of children and the measures taken due to the COVID-19 outbreak.

Reminding that the children, who have stayed in their homes for a long period of time, and have been unable to continue their social life and cultural activities, Kadioğlu pointed out that these carefully organised trips are important for children to get to know Girne, our country and the history, and to make good use of their time.

Zehra Bilge Bayram, the President of the Children's Council of Girne Municipality, said that the cultural trips were organised within the framework of the decision taken by the Children's Assembly in the meetings they held in January and February and that they wanted to hold them before the schools are re-opened. Bayram said that they were happy to participate in these trips.

In the information given by Girne Municipality, it was stated that other trips organised by the Girne Municipality Social Affairs Branch were held on Monday, 24th August

2020 to Mağusa and on Thursday, 27th August 2020 to Lefkoşa.

Source (Turkish) :
Girne Municipality



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Girne Municipality Children's Assembly visited Gazimağusa

Girne Municipality Children's Council visited historical sites in Gazimağusa on 24th August 2020 within the framework of the cultural trips that have been organised.

According to the information given by Girne Municipality, the group, whose ages are between 6-14, recently visited historical sites in the Girne region, and on the second of their cultural trips, they visited St. Barnabas Icon and Archeology Museum and Salamis Ruins and learned about these historical places.

In his statement on the subject, Girne Mayor Nidai Güngördü pointed out that our country has a very valuable cultural heritage and that in this respect Gazimağusa is one of our rich regions. Güngördü also pointed out the importance of children visiting such places to learn about the historical and

cultural values of the country they live in.

It was stated that following the Girne and Gazimağusa cultural trips, Girne Municipality Children's Council also visited historical and cultural sites in Lefkosa on Thursday 27th August 2020.

Source (Turkish) :
Girne Municipality



KTMMOB Chamber of Engineers & Architects visit Güngördü

A delegation from the Union of the Chambers of Cyprus Turkish Engineers and Architects (KTMMOB) visited Girne Mayor Nidai Güngördü.

KTMMOB Chamber of Architects President Kozan Uzunoğlu, Secretary Simzer Kaya, Treasurer Ertuğ Ertuğrul, Board Members Burak Tursoy and Ferruh

Dülgeroğlu visited Girne Mayor Nidai Güngördü. Manager Ali Teknikel also attended the meeting. In the information given by the Girne Municipality, Kozan Uzunoğlu emphasised that the completion of the Girne Municipality New Service Building adds value to both Girne and its residents and thanked Güngördü.

Center of Girne Municipality, which has taken a new shape due to the COVID-19 epidemic. Expressing his satisfaction with the visit of the Members of the Board of Directors to the Girne Municipality, he stated that they will act together with KTMMOB in the projects planned and noted that cooperation will continue.

Source (Turkish) :
Girne Municipality

At the meeting, where various issues were discussed, ideas were exchanged and a date was set for future projects.

Girne Mayor Nidai Güngördü also gave information about the work of the Social Affairs, Health Affairs, and Consultation Support



28th August to 3rd September 2020

Carole Lloyd – Rest in Peace

By Margaret Sheard

Although we were aware that Carole was very poorly and in hospital, it was still a big shock to learn that she had passed away.

Chris and I met Carole and her late husband Rod many years ago at the time when Rod did bingo sessions, with the help of Carole and, following the death of Rod and in his memory, she continued with the bingo events for NCCCT, accompanied by Mike Alican, who sadly also passed away a few years

ago. My sister and I often attended the monthly bingo sessions at Pine Bay Hotel in Alsancak and the picture shown is the last occasion of these bingo nights for NCCCT at Pine Bay.

August 2014 - Last NCCCT Bingo at Pine Bay Hotel

We have fond memories of Carole being a "fan" at events where Gurcan Ahmet (Easy G) was performing. A great entertainer and very popular during his years in North Cyprus but he decided to

move to the UK with his wife and children, a great loss for the TRNC (and Carole).

Carole was well known as the raffle ticket seller at many events, including NCCCT coffee mornings which she supported for many years and later she became very involved with animal welfare, so there are many charities that will greatly miss her. She was a staunch supporter of the weekly walks for the Gonyeli Shelter dogs where, although not a walker, she regularly supplied doggy treats and

cuddles for the many dogs at the shelter.

Many people had great affection for Carole and her involvement with so many events for charity and helping others, where she could, and she was a very familiar face at social events.

Rest in Peace Carole

NOTIFICATION OF FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS

The funeral for Carole Lloyd will be held on Wednesday 2nd September 10.30am at Greenhills Cemetery.

Family flowers only but donations in lieu will be divided between NCCCT and Tulips.

Colourful attire please and afterwards at Destiny Deniz where there will be a buffet and your first drink on Carole.



Carole and Rod Lloyd



August 2014 - Last NCCCT Bingo at Pine Bay Hotel.

Back to Erdener Market for home delivery service

By Margaret Sheard

Since Chris took a tumble in the garden last week he has not been out in the car, so with no shopping trips we went back to Erdener Market home delivery and placed an order and were delighted with the accuracy of what they delivered. Well done Erdener Market and anyone wanting more information about them the link is shown below.

The news this week of rising numbers of COVID-19 infections is worrying so we will be staying home and staying safe and will place further home delivery orders with Erdener Market.

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KADS presents a September Play Reading

On Tuesday, 29th September at 7.00 p.m. KADS presents for one night only an evening of light-hearted play reading at the Black Olive, Alsancak.

This will be a chance to experience the equivalent of being a radio audience as KADS present live play readings of two plays previously recorded for Bayrak International. "Where's George" is a 21st century family comedy with a touch of pathos, as performed by KADS on BRT International on 27th August 2020, and "Post Mortem" is a 20th century comedy whodunnit first recorded in the summer of 2015 and revised for your enjoyment this September.

Tickets are 85TL per person, which includes a buffet meal brought to your table.

For reservations, please call KADS on 0533 848 5313 or the Black Olive on 0533 835 5133.

Tickets are also available for collection from the Lambousa market, the TFR Friday meetings, and the Black Olive Cafe in Alsancak.



Girne Municipality held a Blood Donation campaign

With the cooperation of Girne Municipality and the Turkish Red Crescent of Northern Cyprus, a blood donation campaign was organised in Ramadan Cemil Square today 28th August 2020 between 9.00-16.00pm.

Girne Municipality staff also supported the blood donation campaign, which was organised in order to reduce blood donation shortages which have been significant during the COVID-19 period and to meet the current and future need for blood.

In his speech, Girne Mayor Nidai Güngördü said that during the COVID-19 epidemic period, people's sensitivities appeared more, and that blood is always needed, considering that there are thalassemia patients in our country.

Stating that there is also a great need for blood for emergency cases, Güngördü said that with the blood donation campaign they organised together with the Turkish Red Crescent of Northern Cyprus, people were encouraged to donate blood and the Blood Bank was

supported for blood collection.

Güngördü expressed his gratitude to the citizens who donated blood, the officials of the Turkish Red Crescent of Northern Cyprus, the

personnel of the Northern Cyprus Turkish Red Crescent, and the staff of the Girne Municipality.

Source (Turkish) :
Girne Municipality



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Forthcoming Events



AGUSTOS / AUGUST CONCERTS

- 5 PULSE BEAT JAZZ QUARTET
- 7 HILMI ÖZAKIN BAND
- 8 ALPER CENGİZ & FRIENDS
- 12 THE HOT CLUB OF CYPRUS
- 14 CYPRUS GROOVERS
- 15 ALPER CENGİZ & FRIENDS
- 19 LADY M. JAZZ QUARTET
- 21 FIREBALLS
- 22 ALPER CENGİZ & FRIENDS
- 26 KADİR EVRE JAZZ QUINTET
- 28 LATIN NIGHT / Arda Baykurt Latin Project
- 29 ALPER CENGİZ & FRIENDS



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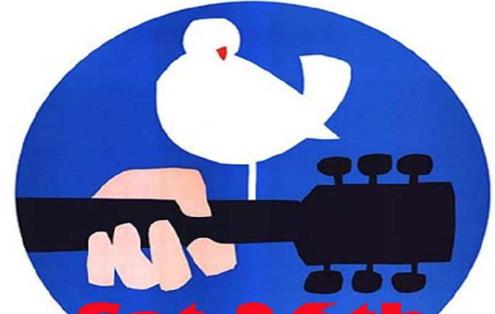



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North Cyprus Events Calendar from 29th August to 17th September 2020



29th August – Saturday - The Abnormals Brexit-Vision Song Contest 2020 at the Balti House, Esentepe. 8pm. 3-course dinner 60TL. 15TL show fee – in aid of Tulips. To book call 0548 847 1221.

29th August – Saturday - Vicky's Kitchen, Ozankoy will be having a quiz event starting at 4pm. Food available. To book call 0533 832 7090.

29th August – Saturday - The Soulist Coffee & Music House, Alsancak present Alper Cengiz & Friends at 9.30pm. Entrance 35TL. Call 0548 839 8994.

29th August – Saturday - Vicki and Ozan Karaca will be starting their overnight walk at 7.30pm in aid of Tulips. To sponsor them, forms are available at Black Olive Cafe, Alsancak, Olive Press, Lapta, Mushy's Bar, Alsancak, Lambousa Saturday Market, Evergreen Market, Lapta, Tim's Cafe, Ozankoy.

31st August – Monday - Balti House, Esentepe will be presenting "Who wants to be a Millionaire" starting at 8pm. In aid of Tulips. To book call 0548 847 1221.

1st September – Tuesday - Vicky's Kitchen, Ozankoy will be having a bingo session starting at 4pm. Food available. To book call 0533 832 7090.

1st September – Tuesday - RBL, Kyrenia Branch will be having a coffee morning at

Sammy's Hotel, Girne 10am to 12.30pm. 20TL entrance includes tea/coffee and cake. Stalls, Raffle and 50/50.

3rd September – Thursday - Susie's weekly quiz at The Balti House, Esentepe at 8pm. Quiz menu available. Booking essential, call 0548 847 1221.

4th September – Friday - Mushy's Bar, Alsancak - Quiz Night in aid of Tulips. 6pm. 10TL entrance 50% to Tulips & 50% to winning team. Bottle of wine to 2nd place. Food menu available. Raffle proceeds to Tulips. To book call Tara 0533 853 9936 or Mushy 0533 871 0941.

5th September – Saturday - Vicky's Kitchen, Ozankoy will be having a quiz event starting at 4pm. Food available. To book call 0533 832 7090.

6th September – Sunday - Double event in aid of Shelter and Street Dogs, starting at 5.30pm. Sunny's Bar, Lapta and Karma Cafe, Catalkoy. Live music, raffle, tombola and bingo.

8th September – Tuesday - Vicky's Kitchen, Ozankoy will be having a bingo session starting at 4pm. Food available. To book call 0533 832 7090.

8th September – Tuesday - RBL Kyrenia Branch – Calling all Ladies. Enjoy a day at Kaya Palazzo Hotel starting at 10am. Cabanas for 6 people 750TL per Cabana (125TL per person). To book or for information call Jill 0548 827 3910.

9th September – Wednesday - Black Olive Cafe, Alsancak will be hosting the 112 Afternoon Tea and Talk starting at 3pm.

10th September – Thursday - Susie's weekly quiz at The Balti House, Esentepe at 8pm. Quiz menu available. Booking essential, call 0548 847 1221.

11th September – Friday - Tulips and The Black Olive Cafe, Alsancak will be holding a Summer of Sing-alongs – this event will be Mamma Mia. For more information contact Vicki on 0533 835 5133.

11th September – Friday - Mushy's Bar, Alsancak - Quiz Night in aid of Tulips. 6pm. 10TL entrance 50% to Tulips & 50% to winning team. Bottle of wine to 2nd place. Food menu available. Raffle proceeds to Tulips. To book call Tara 0533 853 9936 or Mushy 0533 871 0941.

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

12th September – Saturday - Vicky's Kitchen, Ozankoy will be having a quiz event starting at 4pm. Food available. To book call 0533 832 7090.

13th September – Sunday - The Abnormals will be presenting Brexit-Vision 2020 at 33@Tim's Cafe/Bar, Ozankoy from 7.30pm. In aid of Tulips. To book call 0548 844 9256.

13th September – Sunday - Dogmental will be at Club Tropicana, Ozankoy, giving a talk with questions and answers session, starting at 7.15pm. 60TL includes food and a donation to KAR.

15th September – Tuesday - Vicky's Kitchen, Ozankoy will be having a bingo session starting at 4pm. Food available. To book call 0533 832 7090.

16th September – Wednesday - Black Olive Cafe, Alsancak will be hosting the NCCCT Bingo at 12.30pm. To book call Vicki on 0533 835 5133.

17th September – Thursday - Susie's weekly quiz at The Balti House, Esentepe at 8pm. Quiz menu available. Booking essential, call 0548 847 1221

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Band manager: Shen Osman

The Leisure Line

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Rotary Fellowship Night in Paradissia at Santoria Village.

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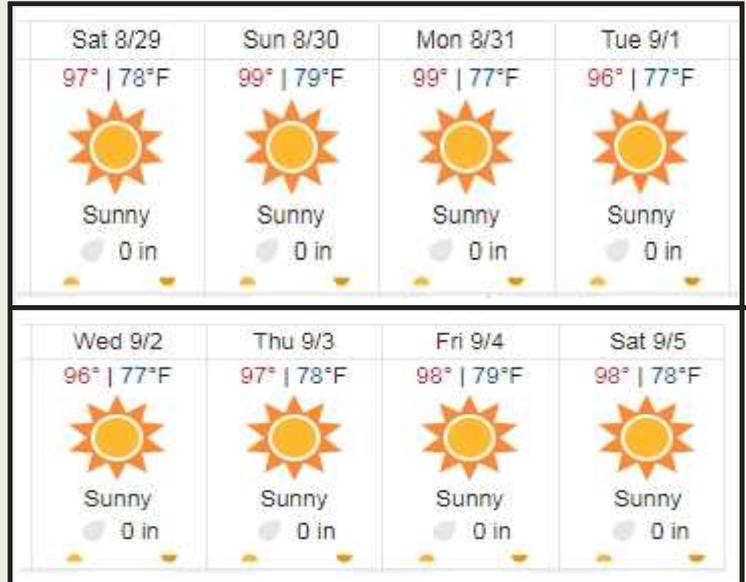
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Football match dates for 29/30 Aug & 1/2 Sept

By Richard Beale..

After a short break the BTM League 2 recommences with matches being played on the weekend 29/30 August and also midweek on the 1/2 September as shown below.

BTM League 2, Group 1

Sat	29/08	17:00	Kumyalı SK	v	Yeni Erenköy TSK	Mehmetçik Stadium
Sat	29/08	17:00	Ergazi GSK	v	Bafra SK	İskele Cumhuriyet Stadium
Sat	29/08	17:00	Sipahi TSK	v	Yedikonuk SK	Yeni Erenköy Stadium

Tues	01/09	17:00	Yeni Erenköy TSK	v	Ergazi GSK	Yeni Erenköy Stadium
Tues	01/09	17:00	Bafra SK	v	Sipahi TSK	Mehmetçik Stadium
Wed	02/09	17:00	Yedikonuk SK	v	Kumyalı SK	Mehmetçik Stadium

Group 2

Sat	29/08	17:00	Boğaziçi SK	v	Ötüken TKOSK	Akova Eray Vudali Stadium
Sun	30/08	17:00	Ardahan SD	v	Civilik SK	İskele Cumhuriyet Stadium.

Tues	01/09	17:00	Karadeniz 61 SB	v	Boğaziçi SK	Tatlısu Rauf Raif Denktaş Stad.
Wed	02/09	17:00	Ötüken TKOSK	v	Ardahan SD	Mormeneşke Cemal Bales Stad.

Group 3

Sun	30/08	17:00	Çayönü SK	v	Pergama SD	Geçitkale Stadium
Sun	30/08	17:00	Mutluyaka HSK	v	Pile TSK	YeniBoğaziçi Osman Ergün Mehmet Stadium
Sun	30/08	17:00	Güvercinlik İYSK	v	Yenişehir SK	Dört Yol Stadium

Wed	02/09	17:00	Pile TSK	v	Çayönü SK	Geçitkale Stadium
Wed	02/09	17:00	Yenişehir SK	v	Mutluyaka HSK	Gazimağusa Canbulat Stadium
Wed	02/09	17:00	Pergama SD	v	Güvercinlik İYSK	Beyarmuda Mustafa Taner Yaluri Stadium

Group 4

Sat	29/08	17:00	Akıncılar GSK	v	Gönendere ŞSKSK	Beyarmuda Mustafa Taner Yaluri Stadium
Sat	29/08	17:00	Dilekkaya ASK	v	Gaziköy SK	Paşaköy 100 Yil Stadium
Sat	29/08	17:00	Yeniceköy ZSK	v	Kırıkkale TSK	Cihangir Stadium

Tues	01/09	17:00	Gaziköy SK	v	Yeniceköy ZSK	Paşaköy 100 Yil Stadium
Tues	01/09	17:00	Kırıkkale TSK	v	Akıncılar GSK	Balikesir Stadium
Tues	01/09	17:00	Gönendere ŞSKSK	v	Dilekkaya ASK	Görmeç Üç Şehitler Stadium

Group 5

Sat	29/08	17:00	Haspolat SGSK	v	Pınarbaşı ÇSK	Göçmenköy Stadium
Sat	29/08	17:00	Bahçeli SK	v	Demirhan SK	Girne p1a Bella Stadium
Sun	30/08	17:00	Ağırdağ Boğaz T	v	Alayköy SKKD	Göçmenköy Stadium

Wed	02/09	17:00	Alayköy SKKD	v	Haspolat SGSK	Yılmazköy Mustafa Üçöz Stad
Wed	02/09	17:00	Pınarbaşı ÇSK	v	Bahçeli SK	Stadium not allocated yet
Wed	02/09	17:00	Demirhan SK	v	Ağırdağ Boğaz TSK	Değirmenlik Sadık Cemal Stad.

Group 6

Sun	30/08	17:00	Akdeniz KSD	v	Tepebaşı SK	Lapta Şht Şevket Kadir Stadium
Sun	30/08	17:00	Kalkanlı SK	v	Çamlıbel SKD	Güzelyurt BUY Aipay Volkan Training Stadium

Wed	02/09	17:00	Tepebaşı SK	v	Sadrazam Kayalar SK	Tepebaşı Stadium
Wed	02/09	17:00	Çamlıbel SKD	v	Akdeniz KSD	Çamlıbel Ahmet Ratip Okkan St.

Group 7

Sat	29/08	17:00	Akçay SK	v	Serhatköy SK	Akçay Stadium
Sat	29/08	17:00	Gaziveren SK	v	Mevlevi SK	Denizli Bilal İyigün Stadium
Sat	29/08	17:00	Yeşilyurt SD	v	Gayretköy GSK	Doğançı Emek Stadium

Tues	01/09	17:00	Gayretköy GSK	v	Akçay SK	Bostancı Tashin Mertekçi Stad.
Tues	01/09	17:00	Serhatköy SK	v	Gaziveren SK	Güzelyurt Stadium
Tues	01/09	17:00	Mevlevi SK	v	Yeşilyurt SD	Zümrütköy Stadium

Traditional Turkish Archery (Geleneksel)

By Nick Gough....
Lambousa Archers....

On 15th August the Lambousa Archers attended an archery tournament at the Aphrodite Beach Front Complex at Gaziveren. The event was organised by the TRNC Okculuk Federation and we went to support our friend, Fatih Suicmez, who was a participant in the 'Geleneksel' or traditional Turkish archery event. As a result of this interesting discipline we researched further and found that it had its roots deep in the history, heritage and culture of the Turkish people..

Introduction - The bow (and associated paraphernalia) has long held cultural significance among the Turkish peoples. The early Khans would adopt the bow as a symbol of authority and would send messages to other rulers wrapped around an arrow bearing the Identification mark of the Khan.

History - Although the earliest documented evidence of bows in use by humans dates to approximately 20,000 B.C. in cave paintings in the Iberian Mediterranean basin, it was the Scythians (800 B.C.) who were among the first peoples to master warfare based on mounted archers. Their short composite bows were later adapted by the Huns, another Turkic people, who improved the design by including horn tips to the limbs of the bows making them stronger. Later, the main weapon of the Magyars, who swept through Eastern Europe, was the Asiatic recurve bow. This type of bow, used by mounted archers, evolved into its most significant form under the Ottomans and is recognised today as the most important part of traditional Turkish archery.

Sport and Recreation - As gunpowder and firearms began to dominate warfare and the use of the

bow as a military weapon began to decline, the Ottomans had begun to organise archery for sport and recreation at institutional level with the establishment of the 'Ok Meidan' (place of arrows) and the 'tekke' which was a place of teaching and learning, akin to a modern day sports club. Although the Anglo Saxon world recognises the first archery sports club as the 'Guild of St George' founded under Henry VIII, the first Ok Meidan was established at Edirne 100 years previously. The most famous Ok Meidan was established by Sultan Mehmet II, after he had captured the city. He purchased the property and gifted the place to archers, bidding them to build a tekke upon it. This tekke was granted holy status and protected by law.

Archery training within the tekke was strictly organised with a hierarchy consisting of students, known as Talip, under instruction from the Masters, who were able to 'graduate' when they were able to shoot a pishrev arrow a distance of 594 metres, witnessed by four people to become Kemankes (archers). In the ceremony a bow was dropped into the hands of the newly appointed Kemankes to symbolise the gaining of knowledge and tradition.

Disciplines - Under the Ottomans archery was practiced under two main disciplines: flight archery and target archery (Puta), and also included the disciplines of Qabaq and Darb.

Flight archery was the sport of distance shooting using heavy draw weight bows and specially designed arrows (the draw weight being the amount of force in lbs (UK) to draw the bow to 28 inches). The short arrows were carefully tapered to make them aerodynamically efficient and to lessen the possibility of breakage, and shorter to make them lighter, as a



lighter arrow is likely to travel further. The use of shorter arrows which 'drew' beyond the handle of the bow was facilitated by the use of a unique device called the 'sipher'. The sipher is essentially a grooved shelf firmly attached to the bow hand of the archer that enables the archer to fully draw the bow to exert maximum force while giving support to the arrow before release.

Incredible distances could be achieved with this equipment and up to 800 metres are said to have been recorded. The best archers became famous and stone markers called Menzil stones were erected for record shots, facing the direction the shot was fired from and inscribed with the date, distance and name of the archer. In 1795 the Turkish consulate, Mahmud Efendi, at a gathering hosted by the Toxophilite Society, shot a measured distance of 440 metres, which was 100 metres further than the longest distance of an English longbow. What's more, he stated that he was out of practice, just an amateur and that his bow was not in the best of condition!

Target archery, known as 'puta', was the discipline of shooting arrows into a distinctive pear shaped target called a puta. The puta is traditionally made of a leather covering and stuffed with sawdust, shavings and seeds. The puta are often decorated

and feature a circle as the target centre or 'bullseye'. Modern puta are likely to maintain the traditional pear shape but be constructed of man-made material for longevity and economy. Quite incredible distances of 165-250 metres have been recorded for traditional puta, with the targets having been set at the distance that an enemy would have been engaged. However, in 2018, the puta were set at 60 and 70 metres at the sixth Annual Conquest Cup at Istanbul's Okular Vakfi (archery foundation).

Qabaq is a traditional discipline based on target shooting on horseback. This has obvious cultural significance, bearing in mind the heritage of the Turkish people and their martial history. Qabaq translates as 'gourd' and during Qabaq the archer aims to hit a disc or other target on top of a 50ft pole whilst at full gallop. To achieve this feat it is often necessary to lie upon the neck of the horse while



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continued Traditional Turkish Archery

shooting upwards at the target when passing under it. This discipline demonstrates a high level of horsemanship coupled with an exceptional skill in archery.

Darb is a minor traditional discipline based on target archery and the ability to pierce armour or metal plate. This ability has often been overlooked in comparison with the achievements of the English longbow against armoured knights, but it was well known to the Romans who lost seven legions under Crassus at the battle of Carrhae, against the Parthian mounted archers. Later, the Romans noted that the Huns had no difficulty penetrating armour with their improved bows. As late as 1682 the Hapsburg army were advised that the breast plates of the Austrian cuirassiers could be easily pierced by the Ottoman archers.

The bow. - The Turkish or Ottoman bow is the evolutionary result of the bows developed by the Eurasian peoples over many centuries. They improved upon the short composite recurve bows by refining the construction materials and improving the basic design. They were among the shortest Asiatic bows, commonly measuring between 30 and 50 inches (for comparison, my Olympik recurve bow measures 70 inches) and so heavily reflexed that when unstrung, the limbs would wind back upon themselves almost to form a circle. The shorter and lighter limbs enabled heavy draw weights and maximum force, due to extensions on the recurve limbs and the materials used in their construction. These bows were made up of a laminate featuring a wood core of maple with horn for the belly (archers side) and sinews on the back (target side). These materials were held in place using glue derived from animal by-products and also fish glue. The horns from water buffalo were preferred to any others and the sinews from the achilles tendons of cattle. The sinews would be dried and

then pounded with a wooden mallet, before being combed and saturated with glue as they were applied to the bow. All the separate wood components would be fish tail spliced and glued to form the basic skeleton shape of the bow. On completion, the bows were often finished with a layer of leather or birch bark and decorated, often with Koranic inscriptions. The addition of horn to the belly of the bow enabled the bow to withstand the great forces of compression when drawing the bow, and the stacked tendons on the back which experienced a lot of tension. All these features gave the Turkish bow superiority against the 'self' (one piece) bows, for example, the English longbow. The manufacturing process was so involved, with each process involving adding material and gluing plus forming, that it could take up to three years to make a complete bow. However, bows from the old masters were said to be still in use up to two hundred years later.

Bowstrings - The bowstrings, from the earliest times appear to have been made from horse hair and it is said that it got its name 'kirish' from 'kir' meaning horse. Eventually, they came to be made of up to 50 strands of unspun silk which were finished at each end with a loop called tundj. They were fastened into the silk with a special knot. To protect the string from fraying where the arrows were nocked, a separate 'serving' known as meidanlyk was added - this was made of undyed raw silk. A thicker string was used for target (puta) and a thinner string for flight shooting.

Arrows - Up to ten types of arrow have been recorded as being in use traditionally for the different styles of shooting, with the points, fletchings and form of the arrow being dictated by the discipline. The arrows were almost always made from pine wood and the points made of ivory for the

flight arrow (pishrev) which measured on average 24.5 inches. Metal was used for the 'azmayish' arrow (26 inches), which was used by seniors competing for prizes and the 'puta' arrow used for target practice. Two practice arrows without fletchings were the 'hava gezi' with no point and the 'torba gezi' with an iron tip, and shot into a practice sack. For the fletchings, the pinion and tail feathers of swans, eagles, cormorants and pigeons were used and the three feathers for the fletching all had to come from the same side of the bird, left or right and were glued at 120 degrees on the shaft. The nocks were made separately, spliced and glued and commonly made of horn or brazil wood.

Technique - An essential feature of traditional Turkish archery is the thumb ring or 'Zyghyr'. Without this piece of unique equipment it would be almost impossible to practice archery consistently, safely and accurately. It is a fundamental difference between traditional archery and archery practised elsewhere as a recreational activity or sport, and involves the bow being drawn by the zyghyr on the drawing hand and locked (mandal, mandal being the Turkish for lock) by holding the forefinger over the thumb with the Zyghyr on it. The Zyghyr are often constructed of gold, silver or jade and many different types of horn are used. The best zyghyr are made of Ivory with walrus ivory being preferred because it polishes well and does not tarnish. Zyghyr are often worn around the neck of the archer when not in use, as a way of identifying participation in the sport with fellow archers.

The zyghyr, used in accordance with the mandal is essentially a trigger release mechanism. It spreads the load imposed by the bowstring, protects the thumb (as a recurve archer would protect their fingers by



using a 'tab') and enables a clean release of the arrow. It is said that the use of the zyghyr enables a cleaner shot by preventing 'rolling' of the string on release and the combination of the zyghyr and the mandal gives excellent control of the shot process, especially when in motion.

Revival - To date there is a revival in traditional archery as more people of Turkish origin are becoming aware of Ottoman culture and their heritage, evidenced by popular television shows featuring the origins of the Ottomans. Traditional archery is being promoted by the government and the Annual Conquest Cup has been held at the Okcular Vakfi (archery foundation) in Istanbul since 2012. Held in late May, the Cup celebrates the conquest of Constantinople by the Ottoman forces and it features archers from various countries using traditional equipment, shooting at targets set at 60 and 70 metres. The Okcular Vakfi is the most famous archery complex in Turkey and was founded by Sultan Mehmet II, 565 years ago. The original stone pulpit (namazgagh) still stands. Here in the TRNC, traditional archery featured at a tournament in August this year held at the Aphrodite Beach Front Complex at Gaziveren by the TRNC Okcular Federasyonu and was well received with much interest from fellow archers. It is hoped that the numbers of traditional archers will increase in future years.

Traditional Turkish Archery was inscribed on the Unesco list of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity on behalf of Turkey in 2019.

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