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MONTH	MONTHLY LEAGUE WINNERS			MOST IMPROVER PAIR IN MONTH		
	Partnership		Av % in Month	Partnership		% Improvement on previous month
Apr-20	Tony Armstrong	Jenny Armstrong	59.7%			
May-20	Rupert Harding	Sharon Harding	65.1%	Susan Cahit	Mike Bezzant	13.5%
Jun-20	Colin Pearson	Patrick Monvid	64.4%	Janice Harper	Phil Conkie	12.7%
Jul-20	Hussein Cenktas	Mehmet Cenktas	59.8%	Barbara Pooley	Viv Mckee	8.5%
Aug-20	Hussein Cenktas	Meltem Cenktas	63.1%	Hussein Cenktas	Meltem Cenktas	16.0%

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The British Residents' Society published the latest news on 1st October 2020 and we are sharing the latest information provided through their ongoing liaison with the TRNC authorities which we are sharing for other readers who are seeking the latest facts and information.

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CHAIRMAN'S NOTES

RESIDENCY

There is an important update to Residency regulations in the Government Liaison section which I would advise you ALL to read

Please check out the NEW information in the Government Liaison section, which deals with Passport validity when applying for Residency, as well as updates to the Law.

Also find about how 'Residency Renewals' will be dealt with online, as

well as the details regarding quarantine fees.

You will also find the latest versions of the following documents on the Website Members Area under the Residency tab.

** Online System - Frequently Asked Questions

** Online Residency System - Pictorial User Guide

In this Newsletter there is an important update to Residency procedures which I would advise you ALL to read.

GREEN LINE CROSSINGS

Despite a frenzy of interest and various statements being released by the TRNC Chamber of Commerce neither the Greek Cypriot administration nor the TRNC Government have released official statements indicating that the crossings have reopened to anyone other than Cypriots or, in the case of

persons from the RoC, who have Permanent Residency.

Since the lockdown, UK Citizens residing in the TRNC who have applied to cross into the RoC to catch flights to the UK for strictly humanitarian reasons have been assisted to do so, but currently to 'turn up' at a crossing with an airline ticket expecting to be able to cross into the South, run the risk of being disappointed – and being out of pocket.

More news including ;

- * COVID=19
- * PCR TESTING - TRNC.
- * ENTRY CONDITIONS INTO THE TRNC FROM THE UK
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- * RESIDENCY UPDATE – 2

This is a lengthy document and can be read full on the link shown below.



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UK people must tell its government to recognise Northern Cyprus

By Chris Elliott....

It is time for the UK people to tell its government to recognise Northern Cyprus and stop its self serving activities to suit other countries and serve its people. Great steps in this direction have been made with Brexit and a decision not to allow the EU or others to control the best wishes of the UK people and their interests.

Let's take a look back in time and note that the Ottomans offered Cyprus to the British in 1833, 1841, and 1845) before it was accepted in 1878 and prior to that Cyprus had a strong Turkish influence since 1570 when they took over the island bringing many nationalities with them.

The local Greek Cypriots on the island had been given the opportunity to manage local authorities by the Ottomans but troubles were brewing with the idea of the political union of Cyprus with Greece which was born in the 19th century after Greek independence in 1830.

So the British had inherited a growing political issue from the Greeks when taking over Cyprus but this came to a head when the Ottomans sided with the Germans in WW1.

The Ottomans fought First Sea Lord, Winston Churchill's allied expeditionary force in the Dardanelles to a costly military evacuation. The British then on 5 November 1914 formally annexed Cyprus as a Crown colony and perhaps as a result of this, then started giving greater preferences towards the Greek Cypriots.

If so, the demand for Enosis by Greek Cypriots became stronger leading to bloodshed and ethnic cleansing in Cyprus by them, which the British declared as a State of Emergency from 1955-59.

Britain resolved to solve the dispute by creating an independent Cyprus. In 1959, all involved parties signed the Zurich Agreements: Britain, Turkey, Greece, and the Greek and Turkish

Cypriot leaders, Makarios and Dr. Fazil Kucuk, respectively. The new constitution drew heavily on the ethnic composition of the island. The President would be a Greek Cypriot, and the Vice-President a Turkish Cypriot with an equal veto.

The contribution to the public service would be set at a ratio of 70:30, and the Supreme Court would consist of an equal number of judges from both communities as well as an independent judge who was not Greek, Turkish or British. The Zurich Agreements were supplemented by a number of treaties. The Treaty of Guarantee stated that secession or union with any state was forbidden and that Greece, Turkey and Britain would be given guarantor status to intervene if that was violated.

The Treaty of Alliance allowed for two small Greek and Turkish military contingents to be stationed on the island, and the Treaty of Establishment gave Britain sovereignty over two bases in Akrotiri and Dhekelia.

On August 15, 1960, the Republic of Cyprus was proclaimed but the Greeks Cypriots were not happy and forced the Turkish Cypriots out of power with ongoing ethnic cleansing and forced the Turkish Cypriots to live in enclaves for their own safety.

This situation continued with the UN trying to control the violence but by 20th July 1974 Turkey having failed to get support from the British as another guarantor power, mounted an intervention mission to put a stop to the bloodshed and violence by Greek Cypriots. The day before, 19th July 1974, Republic of Cyprus President, Archbishop Makarios stood before the UN Security Council and said his country had been invaded by Greece.

This all said it meant that Cyprus was divided with the Turkish Cypriots having relocated to the north of the island for their safety and waiting for a change in the status quo.

On 15th November 1983, with no solution in sight, the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus was born under the leadership of Rauf Raif Denktaş as founding Turkish Cypriot President to achieve self-determination but this was shunned by the world with the exception of Turkey who had upheld the Zurich Agreement and the Treaty of Guarantee, which the British had chosen to ignore or support.

The United Nations has committed to the reunification of the island under the Cyprus Republic administration but we can see the Greek Cypriots have rejected 15 peace plans proposed between 1948 and 2012 when the UN Annan Reunification Plan was rejected by the Greek Cypriots by 75% votes against the 64.91% Turkish Cypriots vote in favour of the peace plan.

Following this, we had another failed attempt to achieve a peace agreement at Crans Montana in 2017, and the UN sticks to its guns that one day it will get to both sides live together again.

Now clearly there is a murky world of international politics and agreements that serve no one but the originators and the most breathtaking act was EU member France to encourage another EU member Greece to start military expansion in the Aegean and Eastern Mediterranean seas to counter the interests of Turkey and the TRNC.

If this was not bad enough France then offered to supply military equipment to Greece which both as EU members have major financial issues just proves there is no common policy to maintain peace and stability. So where do we go from here? UK Government Petition to allow Direct Flights to the TRNC (see link shown below).

Over the years the TRNC and NGOs have appealed for justice and recognition to no avail but recently there was a new UK Government petition raised asking for Direct

Flights between the UK and the TRNC. To date there have been 12,705 signatures and as the first staging post of 10,000 signatures had been passed the following statement was made: "The UK Government has no plans to authorise direct flights between the UK and the north of Cyprus. Direct flights would breach obligations under international law."

The petition remains in force until 27th January 2021 when if 100,000 signatures are raised this petition will be considered for debate in Parliament (it is claimed).

Now the current UK Government is one of change and it needs to listen to its people and start putting right the many wrongs done by previous UK Governments through flawed or unfair international agreements.

Now the 66,600,000 UK citizens and residents who are eligible to sign this petition if they did so, the UK Government has to decide to come clean and start acting fairly

Remember this is a petition for change by those who wish it and if say 1 million signatures requesting change were made supported by NGOs those who would oppose it will have their chance later.

Finally with the UK citizens and residents asking for recognition for the TRNC from the UK Government, the opportunity exists for the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus to write to countries around the world asking for Recognition



Recognise Northern Cyprus

<https://petition.parliament.uk/petitions/320878>

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Erdoğan: Energy and cooperation forum including all sides

Erdoğan: “We believe that holding an energy and cooperation forum which will include all sides will be useful”

President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan made a speech at the “Symposium on International Maritime Law and the Eastern Mediterranean in terms of History, Politics and International Relations” in Istanbul.

Addressing the Symposium President Erdoğan said: “We can resolve the problems in the Mediterranean not by excluding each other, but by gathering all the regional actors around the same table. Equations in which Turkey and the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus are not fairly included cannot yield a Pax Mediterranea.”

“It is our priority that disagreements be solved on the basis of international law and in line with fairness,” President Erdoğan emphasised, adding that Turkey, in this regard, stands ready without any precondition for dialogue with Greece.

Drawing attention to the importance of holding an energy cooperation forum which will bring together all the parties, including the Turkish Cypriots, in the Eastern Mediterranean, President Erdoğan said: “Regarding this issue, we act with self-confidence arising from our rightness in terms of both international law and maritime law. We have never compromised our calm stance despite the provocations of Greece and the Greek Cypriot side. We have

declared it to the entire world that we will not succumb to the language of threat, pressure and blackmail in the Eastern Mediterranean. All the attempts aimed at surrounding our country from the seas failed. Turkey has

made it clear that it will defend the Turkish Cypriots’ rights for all time, together with its own rights.”

Source : TRNC Public Information Office



Özersay speaks with Di Carlo

Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Kudret Özersay held a conversation with the UN Under-Secretary-General for Political and Peacebuilding Affairs Rosemary Di Carlo. During the conversation, Özersay stressed that

it is time for the UN to leave the routine expressions and positions which cause the status quo on the Island and to take initiative for the solution of the Cyprus issue.

Özersay also conveyed his demand

to encourage the crossing of the Greek Cypriots to North Cyprus and for dialogue between the two sides.

Özersay expressed that the UN has seen, after the referendum held in 2004 in Cyprus, that the Greek Cypriot side is not ready to share “Administration and Wealth” with the Turkish Cypriots therefore a federal solution is not possible and this situation still continues today.

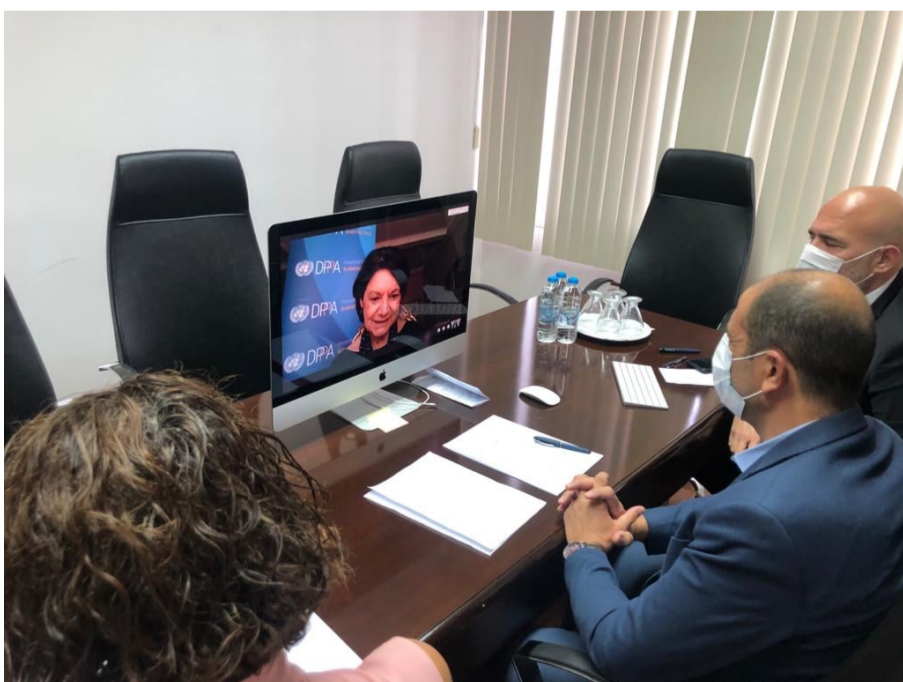
Özersay asked the UN to make a call for a 5-party conference of the sides to discuss the reasons of deadlock for 52 years and establish what could succeed.

Adding that within the framework of the current situation on the Island, the only way to reach a solution is “cooperation models”

on various issues primarily on the natural gas issue around the Island, Özersay said that by this way, an atmosphere of confidence and economic interdependence can be created between the two communities, and the European Union is a good sample in this regard.

Furthermore, Özersay informed Di Carlo about negative approaches of the Greek Cypriot side recently regarding armament, deploying foreign powers on the Island and steps which sabotage the TRNC economy.

Source : TRNC Public Information Office



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Deputy Prime Ministry & Ministry of Foreign Affairs condemn Armenia

Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus Deputy Prime Ministry and Ministry of Foreign Affairs stated that they strongly condemn the Armenian attack on Azerbaijan with heavy weapons which caused civilian casualties, as it is a clear violation of international law and the cease-fire.

In a written statement the Ministry pointed out that with this incident it has been proved once more that

Armenia, which has continued to attack in spite of the cease-fire, violates the target for peace.

Also the Ministry wished Allah's mercy upon Azerbaijani martyrs who lost their lives, conveyed condolences to their families and wished a speedy recovery to the wounded.

Source : TRNC Public Information Office



Exemption from TRNC quarantine and PCR test fees for some people

The Council of Ministers have decided on an exemption from quarantine and PCR test fees for

TRNC citizens, those who have work and residence permits and students coming to the country.

The quarantine requirement introduced on 7th September, as a result of the additional measures taken against Covid-19 and the decision that everyone who will enter quarantine will pay the fee themselves, was changed with the decision dated 24th September, and published in the Official Gazette.

According to the new application, the quarantine and PCR test fees of those who are TRNC citizens, those who have a work permit, those who have a residence permit,

and students who come to the country will be covered by the state. Those who fall outside of these categories will pay the quarantine and PCR test fees themselves.

In accordance with this decision, it has also been decided that the fees already paid by those who are now exempt from the fee since 7th September, will be refunded to them upon their request.

Source : TRNC Public Information Office



Author Feyzan Korur presented her books to Girne Mayor

Author Feyzan Korur visited Girne Mayor Nidai Güngördü and presented her books of poems and plays.

In her speech during the visit, Korur expressed her thanks to Mayor Güngördü for the appreciation and value Girne Municipality has always shown to art and the artist. Korur presented her 6 books entitled "Şiire Dökülsün Sözler", "Yiğit Kızlar", "Yüreğimin Yağmurları", "Yaseminlere Su Vermeliyim", "Hüzünlü Kıyılardan Şiirler", and

"Bütün Oyunları" to Mayor Güngördü.

Girne Mayor Nidai Güngördü pointed out that authors have a great contribution to society in culture and art, and have great responsibilities, and underlined that the most important of these is to produce their works.

Güngördü expressed his support to writers and artists within the bounds of possibilities and thanked the author Feyzan Korur and wished her continued success.



Source (Turkish) : Girne Municipality

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Solidarity message from President Akıncı to Azerbaijan

President of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus Mustafa Akıncı condemned the Armenian attack against the territory of Azerbaijan and conveyed solidarity to the friendly and brotherly Azerbaijani people on behalf of the Turkish Cypriot people.

decades long unresolved conflict between Armenia and Azerbaijan which has turned into border clashes and made a call on the international community for immediate cease-fire and to seek a diplomatic solution to the conflict.

In his written statement President Akıncı expressed his grief for

Source : TRNC Public Information Office



Prime Minister Tatar: “Azerbaijan is never alone”



Prime Minister of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus Ersin Tatar made a statement via his social media account regarding the attack of Armenian forces targeted on Azerbaijani civilian settlements.

in the region and said ‘Azerbaijan is never alone, and those who encourage Armenia to attack will not achieve their dreams’.

Source : TRNC Public Information Office

Prime Minister Tatar underlined that some powers are using Armenia to realize their own goals

Turkish Cypriot people go to referendum on 11th October 2020

The Turkish Cypriot people will go to referendum for the fifth time in their political history on Sunday, 11th October 2020 when the presidential election will be held.

Three referenda have been held for the constitution or constitutional amendments, and one for the solution plan to the Cyprus problem named the Annan Plan of the then term UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan. A new referendum will be held on 11th October 2020.

The TRNC voters will elect the TRNC President, from 11 candidates, who will serve for 5 years and they will also vote for the Constitutional amendment that

envisages increasing the number of Supreme Court judges.

The Constitutional Amendment Law, which has been prepared in order to eliminate the density of the judiciary work and was approved by the majority of votes at the Assembly on July 6, recommends the Supreme Court to consist of 1 president and a minimum of 7, and maximum of 16 judges. At present the Supreme Court consists of 1 president and 7 judges.

For both the election of the President and the Constitutional amendments to take effect, the approval of more than half of the valid votes must be obtained on 11th October. If none of the

candidates reach this rate, the Presidential election will be held for a second round and re-election will take place on Sunday, 18th October between the two

candidates with the highest number of votes.

Source : TRNC Public Information Office



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Letter from Turkish President Erdoğan to EU leaders

Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan sent a letter to the heads of European Union (EU) organisations and the leaders of member states where he communicated Turkey's approach towards the Eastern Mediterranean and proposals for the solution of problems.

According to information from an AA correspondent, in the letter sent to EU member states, except for Greece and the Greek Cypriot Administration, Turkish President Erdoğan reminded that the Turkey-EU relations and their progress were always a matter of priority for his country and significant progress was achieved during his term in office.

Noting that there were compelling challenges in the over-60-years history of the Turkey-EU relations, Erdoğan continued as follows:

"Recently, our relations stand in the face of another novel challenge due to the developments in the Eastern Mediterranean. With this letter, I would like to lay out our

approach towards the Eastern Mediterranean and Turkey's proposals for the solution of problems. Our Eastern Mediterranean policy has two main objectives. The first one is the delimitation of maritime jurisdiction areas in an equitable, just and fair way in the Eastern Mediterranean in accordance with international law and the protection of our sovereign rights and jurisdiction over our continental shelf. The second one is securing equal rights and interests for Turkish Cypriots over the hydrocarbon resources of the Island of Cyprus, as the co-owners of the Island.

In line with these objectives, Turkey wishes that the Eastern Mediterranean becomes a region where all parties cooperate, hydrocarbon resources are shared equitably and fairly, and where peace and stability prevail. We wish that, in the same manner, coal and steel become the starting point of the EU, hydrocarbons will lay the ground for the settlement of the Cyprus issue and constitute a basis

for the formation of a wider EU."

Emphasising that the root cause of the ongoing tension in the Eastern Mediterranean was not by Turkey but Greece and the Greek Cypriot Administration, President Erdoğan's remarks continued as follows: "The current situation stems from Greek/Greek Cypriots' attempts to disregard Turkey and the Turkish Cypriots, their unilateral steps and faits accomplis and EU's indifference to developments since 2003. The

Greek Cypriot Administration, which became a member of the EU before the settlement of the Cyprus issue, ignored the Turkish Cypriots and signed so-called maritime delimitation agreements with neighbouring countries in 2003, 2007 and 2010, announced licence areas in 2007, carried out international tenders and conducted its first drilling operation in 2011."

Source : TRNC Public Information Office



Turkish national athlete Emre Seven to swim from Mersin to TRNC



Emre Seven, the first Turkish swimmer who crossed Cebelitarık Bosphorus, will swim from Mersin to the TRNC with the slogan "You are as far away as much as my overarm".

During his press meeting, the Turkish national athlete stated that he is very happy to be fulfilling his dream. TRNC Mersin Consul Zalihe Mendeli stated that national athlete Seven's crossing without a cage will be a first.

Seven will swim the 80km. route according to the rules determined

by the World Open Water Swimming Association (WOWSA) without contacting any land or marine vessel and he is expected to finish it in 30-40 hours.

It was stated that the President of Channel Swimming Association (CSA) Michael Read will follow the activity as an observer.

Source : TRNC Public Information Office

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KAR - News Update



It has been a difficult year for KAR (and everyone else) with 300 furry mouths to feed and care for. Most of our fund raising events - which bring in much needed TL / Kurus / £ / Euros - have almost all been cancelled.

But we cannot cancel our animal food bills, or our vet bills, or our running costs anymore than we have already done. So it means so much that we have some regular donations coming in to help us at this very difficult time. One group is **The Lodge (Catalkoy) Bingo Players** who regularly donate some money to us.

It doesn't matter how much it is - every little bit helps. A little bit is far better than no bit!

Thank you **The Lodge Bingo Players** for thinking of us every month.



Saturday's Super Sale at Glad Rags was a resounding success.

Thank you to all of our lovely volunteers who gave up yet more time to sort, price and organise everything for the sale. Then also to man the stalls and sell sell sell to the many shoppers who came along. There were many shoppers determined to grab a bargain - of which there were plenty.

Putting in a guest appearance were 6 of our young kittens - part of their socialisation process - but also hoping to find their "forever family"

Thank you everyone who supported us on Saturday - we hope that you are pleased with your bargains.

What a success - over **3,300TL** in sales and **2 lucky lucky kittens** have now been adopted as a result of their guest appearance.

Well done Team KAR,



During our Saturday Super Sale we had two young visitors to the KAR Office with their Mum. **Charlotte (7 years)** and **brother Thomas (9 years)** were delighted to be kept amused by the KAR kittens as Mum looked for bargains in the sale.

The 2 youngsters decided that they wanted to help the kittens and so they each donated **100TL** towards their ongoing care.

Meow purr Charlotte and Thomas (kitty speak for Thank You) from our kittens and a very **BIG Thank You** from everyone at KAR. It was a pleasure for us to meet you.



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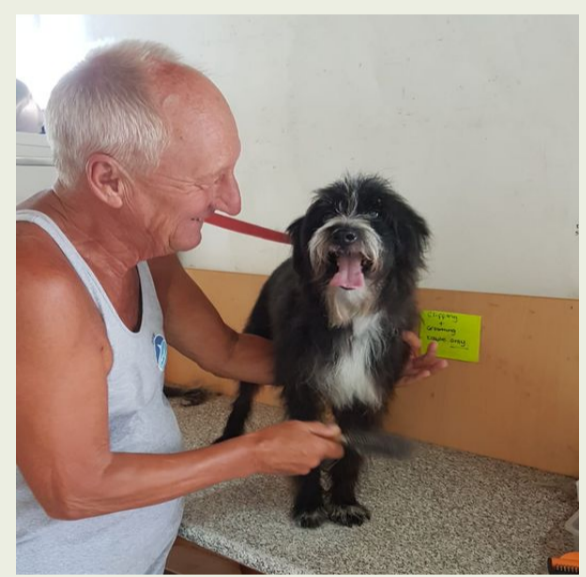


CENTRE VOLUNTEERS - DOG AND CAT GROOMING

Please let me introduce you to **Michael Robinson**. Michael volunteers at the rescue centre, as and when he can, as a dog groomer. With over 300 animals awaiting his attention he has plenty of customers all queuing up for his services. One of our other volunteers, **Julie**, regularly grooms our cats and with the change of season fast approaching both Michael and Julie will be kept very busy. Fancy giving them a helping hand? Doesn't matter if you've zero experience grooming animals. There's always a dog to bathe, or a cat to cuddle (erm... I mean brush). Social interaction is very important to all our animals at the centre and is part of the care we give to them all.

We are always looking for volunteers at the centre, not just people to groom the animals. We have volunteers who regularly take dogs for a walk (when it's not too hot) and try their best to get them used to walking nicely on a lead. We have volunteers who meet and greet visitors to the centre and show them around telling them about the centre and the animals. We have volunteers who help with the daily needs of the animals, with feeding them and keeping their enclosures clean. Maybe you have a different skill that may help us enrich the lives of our animals? Please call in at our rescue centre and discuss with our manager what you have to offer. I'm sure you'll be welcomed with open arms.

The centre is open 7 days a week from 9am to 1pm and can be found up the mountain road above Arapkoy (turn off left at the huge white Carringtons sign). Look forward to welcoming you to our team!



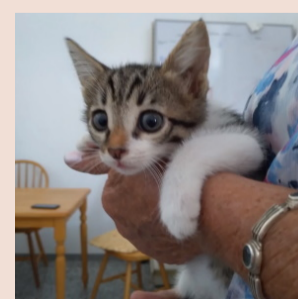
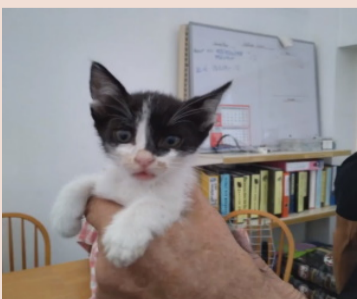
6 LITTLE KITTIES CAME A CALLING

We had a wonderful surprise visit this morning at the KAR Office/Gladrags Charity Shop.

6 teeny weeny little kittens (approx 6 weeks old we think) paid us a visit on their way to the rescue centre. One of our volunteers was made aware of 3 abandoned kittens close to where she feeds other street cats and when she went to investigate SHAZZAM they'd turned into 6!! Even though we are full to brimming of cats and kittens at the centre we couldn't leave the poor, vulnerable kittens where they were so it was decided the centre would squeeze them in somewhere.

If you have room in your heart and in your home for one of these gorgeous creatures or one of the many others we have at the centre please do pop along to the centre to say hello. The centre is open 7 days a week 9am to 1pm and I can assure you, you will be made very welcome. If you are unable to adopt one of these cute bundles of fluffiness, or any other animal we care for in the shelter, but still want to help them please enquire about sponsorship by e-mailing our office on kartrnc@gmail.com.

Here are a few photos to tempt you further. You wouldn't believe how difficult it is to get kittens to pose for the camera and as the sharp-eyed ones among you will have noticed some are totally camera shy!!



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RUSUK view of "Oil as a Fuel is Finished" – Discussion

Tonight, just right after my 10K run in the park – something that I now do not often do – I went to the nearest supermarket, Perekrestok, which is a huge Russian chain.

There is a big parking lot just outside it. Lots of cars. Expensive, middle class, some shabby...

Among those cars, I've noticed a futuristic thing, cherry color. Nice lines. What could this be? – I wondered.

It was... a Tesla. Wow...

Some future among the today's grey reality, a glimpse of California in an autumn Moscow.

Wind of change...

Calm down. Oil is far from to be finished. Right, the age of fossil resources is slowly coming to its end and that Tesla is a symbol of it.

But just a symbol yet. Those electric cars are not so ecologically friendly as some vegans might hope. The lithium battery production is kind of bad for the ecology...

Sure, in 30 years from now, you won't probably see gasoline running cars but... I'm not sure. Yes, you might drive a nice electric vehicle in London or Munich.

But what about mighty V8 trucks? Built for business, construction, other real things. Those beasts need an instant torque to move with some heavy loads. If some electric thing could do it for the same budget, then let me now. So far, I've seen only nice designs and big ecological statements.

Well, we will see it in next five years if technology will find a solution.

P.S. I'm not even discussing lots of other things where oil is useful, from moving great ocean-going ships to producing synthetic cloth. To me, the Age of Oil is far from over. Yes, I'm not trying to be politically correct. I want be straight and I don't think that oil itself is this bad.

P.P.S What if tomorrow some smart ass would say that electricity is bad for some reason? Like, it might harm or even kill somebody? You're ready to get

back to the Stone Age because of somebody's naive but good-hearted intentions???

I am not.



Planet first, oil profits last.

While steam chugged along happily to satisfy the bulk of 19th century energy needs, it was oil that really fuelled the next 100 years. You would have thought that the 21st century would bring a whole new energy system, especially in light of climate change. Yes, you could argue that clean-energy industries are gaining some momentum, particularly when Covid-19 sees oil demand fall by 20% or more, and the price now at rock-bottom.

We all know renewable energy is healthier, more politically stable, with less economic volatility, so why isn't the new order with us yet? What's stopping it, and will the world reach that point in time to avoid destroying the planet?

I'm not confident. America is the world's top producer of oil, and its gobshite president doesn't even believe in the science of global warming, because it suits him and his oil barons not to. I wonder whether Dean will vent his spleen on that one.

But oil is still more copious than was previously thought, so it will be lack of demand rather than lack of reserves which may bring diminishing production of the disgusting black barrels. That's of course assuming most countries agree that reliance on oil needs to stop, and pretty damn quickly. Will they? What will be the short term consequences, apart from saving the planet? Which country will have the guts to go for it, with its implications of massive job-losses in the fossil-fuel industry, for instance? I find it hard to think of many nations that will do what's right. There's simply too many corrupt fools in power at the moment.



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RUSUK view of "Oil as a Fuel is Finished

And changing to renewable energy still requires raw materials. These are available around the world, but the problem is that they are often produced in a manner which can do great damage to the local ecology, and there's also the problem of how to get them to the marketplace within the time constraints that rapid weaning-off oil demands. It's not a geological shortage, it will be a massive financial paucity.

Don't even start me on what Britain might be able to achieve in the next few decades. Our present government is so busy messing up both dealing with the pandemic and with Brexit, I doubt whether replacing oil with clean energy even registers on their "give-a-fuck-o-meter."

There is no doubt where the world's priorities lie: the planet and its inhabitants should be at the top of every list, and profits of the fossil industry should be right down the bottom.

Our priorities as a society should be people and planet, not the profits of fossil capital. There is a window of opportunity here – as we hopefully, eventually, recover from Covid-19, let us not go back to normal. There should be absolutely no place for oil in the coming decades. If the world messes up, I won't be around to witness the carnage. But my kids, their kids, and the following generation will have to face it, and that leaves me with a very, very heavy heart.



The Hypocrisy of It All

First, let's get real: you are reading this on a screen; a screen made from oil. Oil made the modern world possible... period. Like most people with a brain, I also want to see less carbon based energy smoking our planet. You think oil is polluting: Can you imagine a world with coal fired cars?

I dislike the hypocrisy of Greta Thunberg and co. She will not fly across the ocean because planes burn fuel, so she takes a sailing ship. Wearing water-shedding clothing for her crossing, looking at wall covered with water-proof paint, while using a computer to keep in touch, she remains confident she is saving the planet by not using oil. I know she means well... she really is sincere.

It's not that I'm pro big oil... I dislike those guys much, much more than the Greta's of the world. You would think these big multi-nationals would be at the forefront of wind & solar. Nope, they are going to fight it every step of the way. Wall Street money trumps all and they don't care about anything beyond the quarterly dividend.

The rise of electric cars will not spell the end of big oil, not by a long shot. We are swimming in oil based products and that will not change for decades to come. Some marketing firms are touting plant based plastic bottles ; that's a lie and means nothing to the environment. The truth is, right now we really don't have any alternative to oil and that's not about to change.

Think about this: if the price of oil drops it will cause the price of

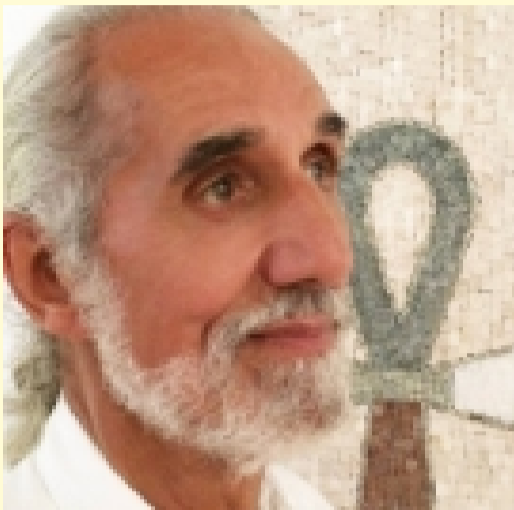
plastic bottles to drop. That means it will become even more difficult to replace the stuff.

I was surprised to learn that recycling plastic really isn't a thing. Now some people are working on making buildings out of recycled plastic. That would be great because a single building world need tonnes of the stuff and it lasts forever. I have this vision that a thousand years from now there will be these plastic buildings from ancient times. People will admire our plastic craftsmanship and consider it likely that that large building over there was used to worship a God. Most likely it was a Walmart.

No matter, people will come from all over. Plastic based tourism, complete with little plastic trinkets sold in little stalls. The massive hover ship will disgorge thousands... we hate those guys, they ruin our town and give nothing back. They spend no credits and eat back onboard. And would you just look at this place? They left trash everywhere;



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Poets Corner**Poem by Nick Vye - Sanctuary****NEVER LET GO**

Never ever let her go,
As you'll never ever know,
What is in her heart,
If you let her depart,

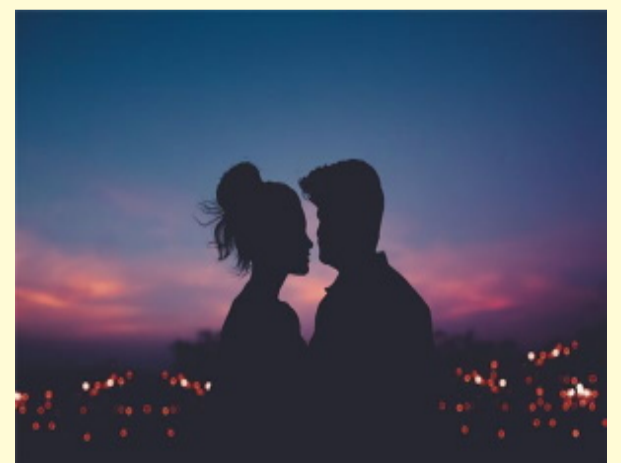
Keep her so close,
The one you love the most,
Don't have any fears,
Blend together through the years,

The love you both shared,
All those times you cared,

The days when you just float,
Never give up on hope,

Always there at your side,
Your true friend and guide,
So never ever let her go,
For the love she lets flow,

She's there when you need,
Always at hand when you plead,
So say thanks to God above,
For all her undying love...



2nd to 8th October 2020

TRNC schools opening gradually, quarantine extended to 1st Nov.

Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus Ministry of Health decided to apply new measures in connection with the decisions taken by the Infectious Diseases Supreme Committee.

According to the statement of the Ministry of Health, quarantine has been extended until 1st November, schools will be opened gradually, restrictions on contact sports has been extended until 1st November, face-to-face education opportunity for applied courses to start in the Universities under the conditions of pandemics and also transportation for education to start under the conditions of pandemics.

All of the decisions taken by the Ministry are as follows;

“ 1. The quarantine decisions applied until 01 October 2020 will be extended until 01 November 2020 at 23:59.

2. Regarding Education and Training;

From 01 October 2020;

A) Pre-school (up to 5 years old) these schools will start full-time.

B) Primary School 1st and 2nd Grades will start alternately.

From 05 October 2020;

Primary School 3-4 and 5th Grades will start alternately.

From 12 October 2020;

Secondary schools and high schools (6-7-8-9-10-11 and 12th grades) will start alternately.

3. As of 12 October, 2020 private education institutions (private teaching institutions, study centres, course centres etc.) will be opened again on the condition that social distance, hygiene and other protective measures are applied.

4. In the applied departments of our universities where face-to-face education is required, training can be carried out provided that the pandemic rules (social distance, hygiene and other protective measures) are complied with.

However, students who will enter our country from B and C group countries will be able to enter the country by submitting the negative PCR test result, which is made within 0-120 hours before the boarding date, to the officers when they enter the TRNC. Those coming from countries in group B will stay in quarantine for 7 days, and those coming from countries in group C for 14 days.

5. Transportation to be made for educational purposes within the framework of the pandemic rules.

6. Regarding the measures to be applied in schools and classrooms, the guide prepared jointly by the Ministry of National Education and Culture and the Department of Primary Health Care will be applied. Limiting the class size to a maximum of 20 students in classrooms where rotational education will be implemented and planning the classroom order in a way that social distance, hygiene and other protective measures are implemented.

7. Boxing, wrestling, melee and martial arts sports branches will not be held until 01 November 2020.

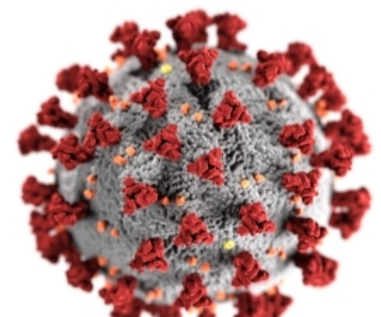
8. It has been decided to start the training of the non-contact and low-risk sports categories as of 01 October 2020, and to hold competitions without spectators at a time deemed appropriate by the Federation after 15 October 2020. Periodic repetition of PCR tests according to the internal contamination and the number of cases of all athletes.

9. No meetings and mass meetings can be held.

10. Children's playgrounds and parks will be opened from 01 October 2020.

11. If the number of cases continue to decrease in our country; it has been decided to open all workplaces and entertainment venues as of 17 October 2020, which have been closed until 01 October 2020, providing that PCR tests are carried out. It has been decided that all of the places opened are obliged to comply with the rules published beforehand, the district police boards will actively supervise them, and the places that do not comply with the rules will be subject to criminal proceedings within the scope of the Penal Code.”

Source : TRNC Public Information Office



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Hope 4 Pets - News Update



Seylan Acikyildiz - 1st October

I have been feeding stray dogs in Karaoğlanoğlu area for many years. Hope for Pets helped me with placing shelters for them. Even though I feed them every day I couldn't stop the fact of them being hurt, poisoned or lost. I am feeding 11 dogs now. One from the 11 is very scared always hiding trying to protect himself. He is 2.5 years old and is spayed. I tried sharing all 11 before but unfortunately had no response so I just wanted to share him knowing he is the most vulnerable out of the group. Thank you and sorry for the essay



Leonie Brittain - 29 September

This is my foster puppy, **Chloë**, the bullied runt of eight puppies found in Edremit. She had to be separated from her siblings as they wouldn't allow her near their food, and she was very timid and depressed. So I offered to have her until a home could be found. She is a little delight, a bit on the timid side, but no harm in that. The first command she learned to obey was "Drop it!"! She now walks on a lead pretty well when she remembers, and as in the photo, is happy to play and play. My two dogs are gentle creatures and the one in the video has only been in my care for a couple of years. She is about 10 years old and I think Chloë reminds her of her own puppies she had before I knew her. Chloë is exceedingly loving and joyful, is good with my cats, is not destructive, and loves water. My dogs do not love water, so she hasn't yet had a seaside experience. Maybe her kind forever owner will have the privilege of giving her one. She is about four months old. I really cannot afford to keep a third dog, much as I love her, and only ever intended to have her until a forever home could be found.



Ezgi Saker - 25th September

Another female dog in Lefke sterilized today. Paid for by Hope 4 Pets.

Thank you so much



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Hope 4 Pets - News Update



Sarah Heffernan - 27th September

Morning. The pups we rescued from the mountains are all doing very well. They've had their first vaccinations.

One of the girls has found a lovely home.

If anyone can offer a loving home to any of the others they are waiting for you

Thank you x



Stephanie Harrison-Croft

£172 /1674TL has now been raised to help us with this project by kind members. Thank you all. Please keep the donations coming in for us to achieve this very worthwhile goal. Every little helps us move in the right direction. Thank you.

Hi all.

We recently appealed to our members to help us neuter 10 dogs in Guzelyurt in unity with Altin Patiler and our members were so generous that we raised enough for all 10 dogs and 3 more besides and so far 7 have already been operated.

H4P are now needing support for another project in Lefke as was highlighted to us by Ezgi Şaker who is a student at the campus who is doing her very best with other students and acting responsibility for the dogs and cats where there are around 10 male and 20 female Dogs 10 female cats and 5 male cats. The animals are routinely removed by the Belediye and dumped at the local tip or disappear.

We want to change this and try to resolve this dreadful situation but we need your help. We aim initially to get 10 Female dogs and 10 Female Cats spayed asap. This will cost 5000tl / £509. We must get back to the grass roots of spaying and neutering in the TRNC and we can make a huge difference together. Please help us by donating in any way you can on any of the given links stating LEFKE. Thank you x

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Lillie 'It is necessary to return to right negotiating framework'

Readers mail

Mete Azizoglu

Voice of the Island 2020

'It is necessary to return to the right negotiating framework'

British High Commissioner to Cyprus Stephen Lillie shared his thoughts that there has been a long-standing lack of dialogue between Greek Cypriots and Turkish Cypriots, which makes the situation difficult:

Eleni Constantinou

British High Commissioner for Cyprus, Stephen Lillie, emphasized the need to return to the right negotiating framework for the solution of the Cyprus dispute. Lillie said that the British government believes it is time to return to the negotiations after the Turkish Cypriot leader election, and that it is very important for the two communities to come together.

Lillie also touched on the need to reduce tensions in the Eastern Mediterranean and the normalization of Turkish-Greek relations. Regarding the changes to be made for Cypriot students from the next academic year, Lillie talked about the new student visa.

British High Commissioner for Cyprus Stephen Lillie answered our questions regarding the Cyprus peace process, Turkish-Greek relations, the situation in the Eastern Mediterranean and higher education in the UK.

"REGARDLESS OF THE LEADERS OF THE TWO COMMUNITIES, OUR WISH IS THAT EFFORTS TO SOLVE THE CYPRUS PROBLEM WILL BEGIN AGAIN"

QUESTION:

How do you evaluate the current situation in the Cyprus dispute?

Does the long-term lack of dialogue complicate matters?

LILLIE: There has been a lack of dialogue for a long time. It

proves the need to move the process forward and make progress, as little has been done since Crans-Montana. In addition, the increasing tension in the Mediterranean made the situation even more complex. Also, there are intense discussions about Varosha. Eventually, all this shows the importance of returning to negotiations. The British government believes it is time to return to the negotiations after the Turkish Cypriot leader election.

QUESTION:

The election of the new Turkish Cypriot leader will be decisive for the developments. Does it matter who will be chosen for the future?

LILLIE: It does not matter who will be chosen. The British government does not interfere in the election of the Turkish Cypriot leader. Regardless of the leaders of the two communities, our wish is that efforts to solve the Cyprus problem will begin again and the two communities will come

together and find common ground and discuss. There are others who also support this process. The United Nations and the United Kingdom support this as guarantor states. But first, the two communities must come together.

QUESTION:

The issue of guarantors is a point that will be dealt with when the time comes for the international conference on the Cyprus problem. What is your opinion on the subject?

LILLIE: If Cypriots want to decide on new regulations, then the British government has no reason to stand before any decision.

QUESTION:

UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres stated that after the elections in the Turkish Cypriot community and the convening of five-party meeting, the negotiations on the Cyprus problem should continue. What are the thoughts of the guarantor powers?

LILLIE: The UK is showing interest as a guarantor power. But the issue with guarantors is only one parameter. Major issues mainly concern the division of powers between Greek Cypriots and Turkish Cypriots, political equality, withdrawal of troops and other issues agreed in Crans-Montana.



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Lillie Interview

“WE ARE CONCERNED ABOUT TENSIONS IN THE EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN”

QUESTION:

While there is intense mobility in the Eastern Mediterranean region, the US and Russian Foreign Ministers and French officials have visited Cyprus. How do you evaluate this interest of the Republic of Cyprus either for defense cooperation or for granting of facilities?

LILLIE: We are concerned about tensions in the Eastern Mediterranean which is a very important region. We are concerned about any developments that cause increased tension. Both the tension between Greece and Turkey and that between Turkey and Cyprus must be de-escalated. We encourage dialogue between Greece and Turkey so that they can resolve their differences through negotiations, and we welcome the relevant agreement announced on Tuesday. Also, more generally in terms of tensions in other countries, we encourage the de-escalation of tensions there as well.

QUESTION:

What do you think about the agreements between Cyprus and other states?

LILLIE: England is not worried, why should worry? We have excellent relations with Cyprus and the USA is our ally. We are not worried about the close relations of Cyprus with the USA. Cyprus has the right to develop friendly relations or trade and defense alliances with countries such as the United Kingdom, France, the United States of America.

“STUDENTS WILL BE ABLE TO APPLY FOR A STUDENT VISA WITH THE NEW POINTS-BASED SYSTEM”

QUESTION:

This academic year is the last academic year for EU students, in which discounted tuition fees as well as cheap student finance rights are valid. Are you worried that this will negatively affect the UK’s choice as one of the best destinations for study?

LILLIE: First, let us clarify that Cypriot students (Greek Cypriot and Turkish Cypriot) will always be welcome in British universities and we appreciate their contribution to our academic institutions. The increase in tuition fees starting from the next academic year is a result of the British decision to remove the UK from the EU. Therefore, the same conditions apply to all students from third countries. It will be the parents’ decision to send their children for education in the UK. What I want to say is that our universities, with various study programs offer one of the best and most valuable education services in the world. In some courses the tuition will not be much different from what it is today.

QUESTION:

At least, have you considered any alternatives for students who will have to complete military service first?

LILLIE: The state does not control the universities. Universities are independent organizations and have the flexibility to approach some cases individually, like Cypriots who



have gained a place in UK universities but must continue their military service. As we have told students and their families, especially those who will study in the next academic year, should contact universities directly to find out if any arrangements can be made. For this academic year, students can apply for the European Settlement Scheme. Thus, they can have the opportunity to stay and work in the country for a long time after their education.

apply for a student visa. Specifically, to apply for a student visa, a minimum of 70 points is required. In addition, those with a bachelor’s or master’s degree can stay and work in the country for 2 years after their graduation. Doctorate holders can stay for 3 years. There is no limit to how many people will be granted a visa.

Source:
Voice of the Island 2020

QUESTION:

Will there be any facilities regarding residence status?

LILLIE: With the new points-based system to be implemented from next year, they will be able to



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Mr and Mrs Competition at Diiva Restaurant, Esentepe

Readers Mail

From Susie L Ford

Great night at Diiva Restaurant in Esentepe on Wednesday 23rd September with 5 couples taking part in our first Mr & Mrs Competition, in aid of Tulips.

The rounds were :

Paddle round x 2, Orange round, Questions for him, Questions for her.

The results were :

1st : Annette and Fossi

2nd : Pat and John Molloy

3rd : Linda and Chris

4th : Alex and Fiona

5th : Alan and Kath Gardner

Thank you to you all for joining us, great sports!! The winners received a one night stay at the Alkans Holiday Village plus an evening meal and breakfast!!

Thank you to Ali and his team at Diiva - fantastic food!

There will be something every Wednesday at Diiva, so come along!

Susie n Martin xxxx



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An Anglo Turkish Association Social Gathering at Hoots Bistro, Ilgaz

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The Leisure Line

**ATA members and friends
enjoy lunch at Hoots Bistro, Ilgaz**

Photos : Courtesy of ATA Facebook Page



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Pink October 2020 is coming!

A few upcoming events to put in your diary:

- 4th October: 12hr Bowl-A-Thon - Olive Press
- 9th October: An evening with Can Gazi & Denise Phillips - Black Olive
- 17th October: The Abnormals - Jashan's Lapta
- 23rd October: 'Wear It Pink' Day

More details and more events to follow!

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Forthcoming Events



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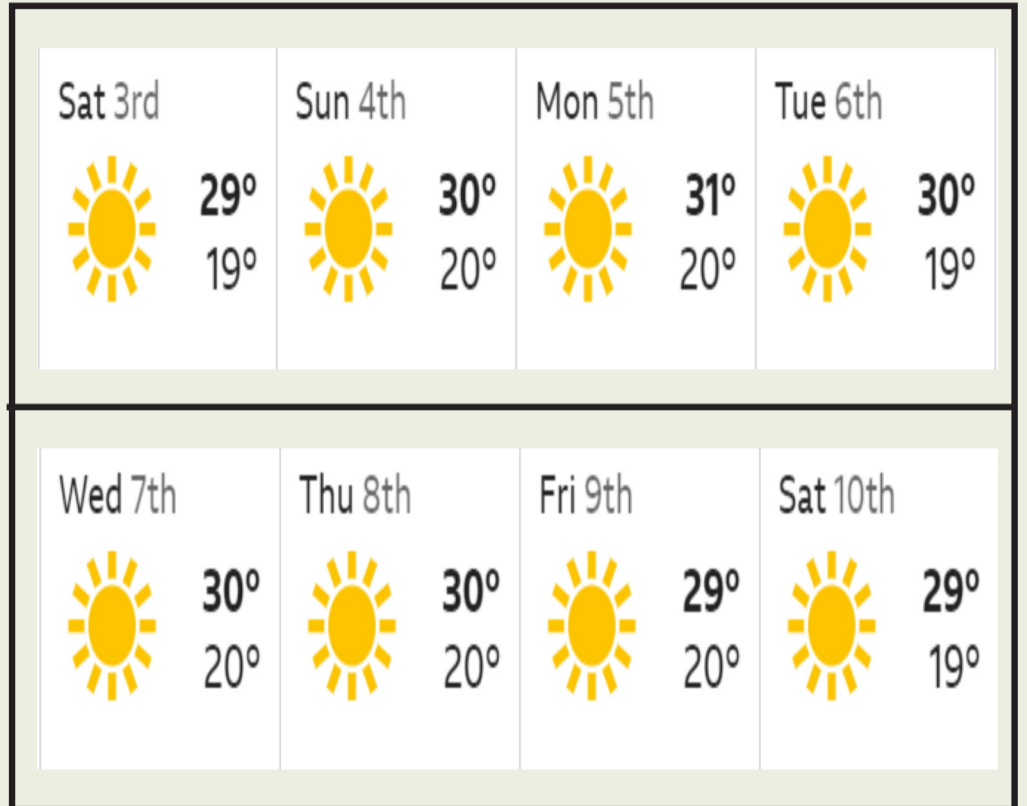
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Electrical faults **188**
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Güzelyurt 714 2122

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Water problems:
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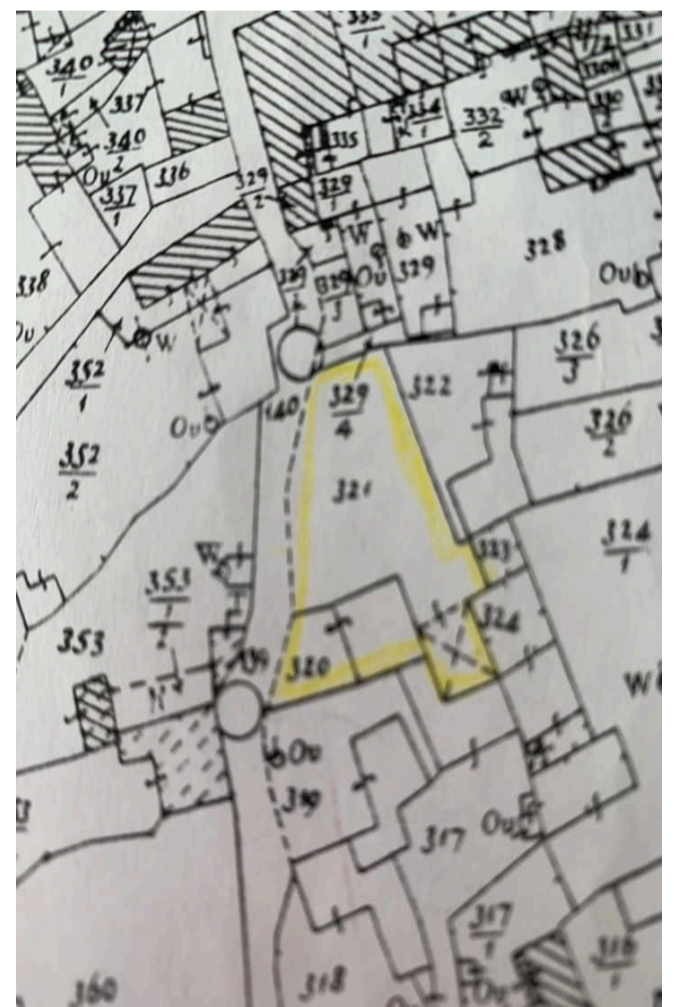
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ISLANDSBC Online Bridge Tournaments

Back in April this year we reported on the establishment of a new Islandsbc online bridge tournament (see link below) that had been set up in March to provide regular bridge for those enthusiasts who normally play at the 3 local Bridge Clubs in Kyrenia. After six months the tournaments are still going strong with three per week held at 13:00 on Mondays, Fridays and Saturdays.

The Organiser Colin Pearson reports that the online membership has reached 50 players (out of approx. 80 members in total) who are based in the TRNC, UK, Spain, Norway and India. It was planned to discontinue the Friday session in early September as the Karsiyaka club was due to reopen but the late upswing in COVID-19 cases put a stop to that and Colin expects the online club to continue probably into the next year until all the “swallows” are able to return.

Each Tournament depends on a Director (plus usually a helper who can substitute in times of difficulty) and Colin explained that the requirements for being a competent Director in online bridge differ markedly from those expected for normal bridge clubs. Where Directors are required to have attended special training for normal bridge many of these decisions are made by the Bridge Base Online (BBO) computer. As it's a lot harder to be rude to another bridge player online the Director doesn't have to intervene in these circumstances. Somethings don't however change and managing slow play is often the main challenge. Being a Director online requires good computing skills and we have been especially fortunate that the following members have undertaken this role to allow me to play from time to time. I am especially grateful to Phil Conkie,

Simon Harding supported by Derek Matter, Jenny Armstrong supported by Tony and Rupert and Sharon Harding.

Rupert Harding describes his experiences below after being thrust into the role in April.

“It's not rocket science”, wrote Colin breezily (I'm paraphrasing a bit), “all you need is a good wifi connection and plenty of common sense mixed with some computing skills.” As for the first, Virgin Media ought to be up to the job and as for the second and third well, we'd just have to wing it. The request to Sharon and me came in the days of lockdown; Government restrictions meant that you were only allowed out of the house for one hour a day to exercise and our diary was otherwise a gaping void, as we'd planned to be in Cyprus from 30 March, an aim thwarted when the TRNC government closed

the country's borders weeks earlier, on the 13th.

So there wasn't any obvious excuse for not taking on the burden. You don't need any technical bridge knowledge, said Colin, and this is thankfully true; you can't revoke (i.e. where someone doesn't follow suit) or bid out of turn or do any of the things that happen in real life bridge, as BBO won't let you. That was a great relief, as neither I nor Sharon had ever picked up a copy of the Yellow Book (the famed English Bridge Union bible for Directors), still less opened the covers to read it.

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<https://cyprusscene.com/2020/04/21/isolation-challenge-north-cyprus-duplicate-bridge-clubs-go-online/>



Colin Pearson



Rupert and Sharon Harding

continued ... ISLANDSBC Online Bridge Tournaments

So we took up the challenge in April. On Friday 24 April we sat in as observers, with Colin and Stephen from the Philippines directing. Unfortunately it turned out to be a far from smooth competition, and 2 players were thrown off almost immediately, proving impossible to reseal, and the initial tournament was cancelled. We ended up actually having to play in a new but truncated tournament as a result. Unknown to the directors at the time, cancelling the tournament on BBO isn't a good idea as it turns out that you can't restart another one till 30 minutes have elapsed. It was all rather traumatic but Colin kindly agreed that we could sit in again on the following Friday as our initial directing

experience had been so unusual, to put it mildly.

Eventually Friday 8 May dawned and we sat nervously at our screens as the minutes ticked down to the start, wondering what was going to go wrong. Happily the answer was not very much. When things are going well, the tournament pretty much runs itself. All you have to do is flit between the tables having the occasional laugh at the bidding. It's amazing how helpful it is to be able to see all four hands and then pronounce sagely "Well, that was never going to make!"

Of course, things did eventually start to go wrong, at which point smug calmness went out of the

window pretty quickly. During one session several players started flashing red showing that they had fallen off BBO. My pc stopped working and I tried directing from my tablet, but I couldn't make head or tail of anything on there as it all looked completely different from BBO on a pc. Panic ensued, and the language which followed was less than refined. "Stop running round like a headless chicken you fool" hissed Sharon as she calmly tried to substitute herself for one of the missing players, successfully in the end. It subsequently transpired that my pc problems seemed to stem from using Microsoft Edge browser; for some reason BBO and Edge don't seem to work well together. Once I had switched to Google Chrome

all went fine. I would say that directing on BBO is a lot easier than real life directing and would agree that all you need is good Wifi and some basic pc skills, together with a bit of common sense.....

Finally each month there is a prize for the highest placed partnership as well as a prize for the pair that have improved the most.

Next month we will be reporting on Colin's plans to start an international online-dating-matching service following his experiences of the last six months running the club and also the experiences of one of our members returning to the TRNC after being locked out for 4 months.

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MONTH	MONTHLY LEAGUE WINNERS			MOST IMPROVER PAIR IN MONTH		
	Partnership		Av % in Month	Partnership		% Improvement on previous month
Apr-20	Tony Armstrong	Jenny Armstrong	59.7%			
May-20	Rupert Harding	Sharon Harding	65.1%	Susan Cahit	Mike Bezzant	13.5%
Jun-20	Colin Pearson	Patrick Monvid	64.4%	Janice Harper	Phil Conkie	12.7%
Jul-20	Hussein Cenktas	Mehmet Cenktas	59.8%	Barbara Pooley	Viv Mckee	8.5%
Aug-20	Hussein Cenktas	Meltem Cenktas	63.1%	Hussein Cenktas	Meltem Cenktas	16.0%



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