

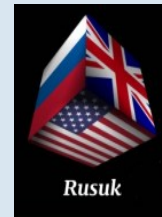


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New President of the TRNC is Ersin Tatar

The second round of the presidential elections held on 18th October 2020 in the TRNC has been concluded. Ersin Tatar, who is the candidate of the UBP and is currently Prime Minister, won the election and became the 5th President of the TRNC.

According to the results of 738 ballots, the UBP candidate Ersin Tatar won the election with 51.69% and received 67,322 votes. Independent candidate and current President Mustafa Akıncı reached 48.31% with 62,910 votes.

From 199,029 eligible voters, 133,931 voters went to the ballot box. The participation rate was 67.29%. In the first round on 11th October 2020, voting turnout was 58.29%.

Tatar, has been Prime Minister since May 2019 and has now been elected to the Presidency, he was born in 1960 in Lefkoşa. He completed his high school education in the UK and graduated from Cambridge University in 1982.

Ersin Tatar, who held various positions in the UK and İstanbul, founded "Kanal T", the first private television channel of the TRNC, in 1996. He entered politics with the National Unity Party in 2003.

Tatar was elected as a National Unity Party MP for Lefkoşa at the 19 April 2009 Early General Elections. He served as the Minister of Finance in the Governments of Eroğlu and Küçük. He was again elected MP for Lefkoşa from the National Unity Party in the Early

General Elections on 28 July 2013 and 7 January 2018.

While serving as the Prime Minister in the UBP-HP Coalition Government, which was established in May 2019, he

participated in the Presidential elections as the candidate of the UBP.

Source : TRNC Public Information Office



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Turkish Foreign Ministry reaction to S.Cyprus summit declaration

Turkish Ministry of Foreign Affairs reacted to the declaration published at the end of the Egypt-Greece-Greek Cypriot Administration summit held in the Greek Cypriot side, and published a statement.

The statement is as follows:

"We completely reject the joint declaration, issued following a trilateral summit between Egypt, Greece and the Greek Cypriot Administration on the Cyprus issue which contains unfounded accusations and allegations against our country, as it is now customary from the previous meetings.

The statements published by this tripartite cooperation, which are claimed to have the aim of "supporting peace, stability and cooperation in the Eastern Mediterranean" in fact targets our country every time, and reveals the real intentions of these countries.

Real cooperation in the Eastern Mediterranean can only be achieved with an approach that includes all riparian countries, including Turkish Cypriots. Unless the countries that create the problems in the region change their maximalist and hostile policies, there cannot be a solution to the

problems. We will resolutely continue to protect both our rights and the rights of Turkish Cypriots in the Eastern Mediterranean."

Source : TRNC Public Information Office



TRNC Assembly Speaker Uluçay expressed condolences to Gafarova



Speaker of the TRNC Assembly Teberrüken Uluçay expressed his condolences to the President of Azerbaijan Republic National Assembly Sahibe Gafarova, during a telephone call, for those who became martyrs due to Armenian attacks.

Uluçay expressed his wish for the ending of all attacks and illegal actions as soon as possible, and expressed his grief on behalf of the TRNC people.

Source : TRNC Public Information Office

According to the statement of the TRNC Assembly, Uluçay stated that Armenian attacks against many Azerbaijani civilians in different regions cannot be accepted.

Clocks go back one hour on Sunday 25th October 2020

Winter time will be arriving soon.

Don't forget you need to set your clocks back one hour on Sunday 25th October 2020.

In the TRNC set back clocks by one hour at 4am.



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President Ersin Tatar took the oath on Friday 23rd October 2020

Ersin Tatar, who was elected as the 5th President of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus, took over the duty from 4th President Mustafa Akıncı on 23rd October 2020. Tatar took the oath at the TRNC Assembly at 15:00.

After taking his oath at the TRNC Assembly at 15:00, wreaths were placed at :

Lefkoşa Atatürk Monument at 15:30,

Dr. Fazıl Küçük Mausoleum at 16:00.

Rauf Raif Denktaş Mausoleum at 16:30.

Following the wreath laying ceremonies, President Ersin Tatar attended the handing over ceremony at the Presidency at 17:00.

Within the framework of Coronavirus (Covid-19) measures, the wearing of a masks and social distance is obligatory at all ceremonies and activities.

Source : TRNC Public Information Office



Ersin Tatar visits TRNC Minister of Tourism and Environment



The President of the National Unity Party (UBP) and Prime Minister, Ersin Tatar, who was elected the 5th President of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus by winning the second round of Presidential elections held on 18th October, made his first visit to the Minister of Tourism and Environment, Kutlu Evren, after receiving the Presidential certificate.

President Ersin Tatar emphasised during his visit to Minister Kutlu Evren that he will continue to serve as an active President. The visit was an indication of this.

Tatar stated that the TRNC will continue to work intensively in order to develop and bring it to a more prosperous point, and stated that intensive work will continue to develop tourism, which has an important place in the country's economy.

Kutlu Evren expressed his satisfaction with the visit of President Ersin Tatar and wished him success in his Presidency and wished good luck for the TRNC.

President Tatar and Minister Kutlu Evren had a private meeting for about one hour following the speeches.

**Source (Turkish) :
Ministry of Tourism
and Environment**



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President Tatar received his certificate of election

Ersin Tatar, the newly elected President of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC), received his certificate of election yesterday (19th October, 2020).

The ceremony was held within the frame of Covid-19 conditions and the President-Elect will be sworn in as the country's fifth President after the results are published in the Official Gazette.

Source : TRNC Public Information Office



USA Ambassador to Lefkoşa congratulated President Tatar



The United States of America Ambassador to Lefkoşa, Judith Garber, congratulated the newly elected President of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) Ersin Tatar during a telephone call.

and said that the USA is looking forward to working with Mr. Tatar and the starting of the negotiations.

Source : TRNC Public Information Office

Garber announced via her Twitter account that she called to congratulate President Ersin Tatar

Wintertime starts on 25th October with clocks set back 1 hour

The wintertime practice will start on Sunday, 25 October 2020 with the clocks set back by one hour in the TRNC.

According to the Winter Time Ordinance of the Council of Ministers, the clocks will be set back by one hour at 04:00 on 25 October 2020.

The forward hour practice started on 29 March 2020 and the statement on the subject noted that

the hours will be taken back on 25 October 2020 within the framework of the ordinance.

Source : TRNC Public Information Office



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Ministry of Health announces new decisions for Covid-19

The Ministry of Health announced additional measures in line with the decisions taken by the Contagious Diseases High Committee, which convened under the Contagious Diseases Law.

The written statement made by Health Minister Ali Pilli on behalf of the Ministry of Health is as follows:

“As of 20 October 2020 (including 20 October 2020), those people who want to enter the TRNC from Group B countries and stay in the island for a maximum of 3 days, must submit negative PCR test results at the entrance to the country and they will have to undergo a 2nd PCR test at the entrance to be able to enter the country without staying in quarantine on the condition they stay in a hotel or isolation centre until the 2nd PCR test results are obtained.

However, those who have a reservation at a hotel will be transferred to the hotel with taxis, minibuses, and buses with which the hotel has cooperated until the test results are obtained, and provided the hotel takes full responsibility for this”.

“Those who have no hotel reservation will wait in the central isolation places determined by the Ministry until the PCR test results are available. People with negative results will be exempt from quarantine provided that they only stay in the TRNC for a maximum of 3 days.

As of 20 October 2020 (including 20 October 2020), "random" tests will continue to be performed for people who pass to the Greek Cypriot Administration side in respect of work, education, and for health reasons.

For other reasons, those people who want to pass from the Greek Cypriot Administration side to the TRNC will be able to enter the country providing that they submit their negative PCR test results, which have been done within the last 3 days, at the border gates.

However, those who pass from the Greek Cypriot Administration side to our country (except for those who pass for work, education, and health reasons), and will reside in the TRNC for more than 3 days, will remain in central quarantine for 7 days.

People who enter the TRNC and reside for less than 3 days will be required to complete the commitment form prepared at the border gates. If people who complete the form do not comply with their commitments, criminal action will be initiated against them.

It has been decided that religious prayers and funeral ceremonies will be held after 19th October 2020 within the framework of the pandemic rules.

A decision has been taken that wedding and engagement ceremonies can be held after 19th October 2020 within the framework of the rules to be

followed for weddings, which were previously taken by the Committee and published in the Official Gazette dated 28 August 2020, No: 163.

In the event of possible Covid-19 cases in team sports, the rules regarding the measures to be taken have been decided and a detailed notification will be made to the Sports Office Directorate regarding the application.

It has been decided to postpone the opening of cinemas, theatres, fairs, birthday and festival events until 1st November 2020."

Source : TRNC Public Information Office



Anastasiades congratulated President Tatar



Greek Cypriot Administration Leader Nikos Anastasiades congratulated Ersin Tatar via a telephone call, and expressed his wish for a social meeting as soon as possible with the newly elected President of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC).

Source : TRNC Public Information Office

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BRS Weekly Update 19th October 2020

The British Residents' Society published the latest news on 19th 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.

WEEKLY UPDATE

19th OCTOBER 2020

PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS

Following the voting yesterday (18th October) Ersin TATAR has been elected President in the TRNC for the next five years.

However, we probably will now have new elections following the breakdown in the coalition, so although we will continue to push for meetings with Ministers and senior Civil Servants we do not know how this will affect their availability or previous decisions.

We will, of course, monitor the situation and update you when we know.

COVID 19

Due to the ongoing Presidential Elections we have not seen any additional information being released by the Government.

Once we have something to share, we will do so.

PLEASE BE RESPONSIBLE AND FOLLOW THE RULES! PLEASE WEAR FACE MASKS AND OBSERVE SOCIAL DISTANCING. KEEP SAFE.

GREEN LINE

We are aware that some private Taxi companies are providing a good service to assist travellers either leaving OR arriving at Larnaca or Paphos airports.

As far as 'visiting' the South for shopping trips, this is still restricted. Whilst the RoC administration has not changed its entry regulations it appears that co-operation between Cypriots is being used specifically for travel to and from the UK.



For those members intending to return to the TRNC via the 'South', please be aware that the time requirement for PCR tests is 72 hours (as opposed to 120 hours for the TRNC) prior to arrival.

This has thrown up a slight, but potentially expensive problem as to receive a guaranteed result within 24 hours as opposed to the normal 48 hours, some VIVO clinics are charging £249 for an 'express' result, not the 'standard' £145.

For information only. The BRS does not recommend particular clinics.

RESIDENCY

The current 'amnesty' for persons over 60 years of age who were present in the TRNC prior to the 23 October 2019, to complete their residency expires in less than 10 days.

The date for this has not been extended and you should have completed your Police Station Immigration appointment by that date. We have been made aware that should you be applying for an 'Immovable Property' permit (this will include family permits for that

property) but will not complete your Police Immigration appointment by this date, you will have until 31 December 2020 BUT the applicants MUST provide a written document showing why they were unable to complete this stage before 23 October 2020, due to COVID.

We are trying to seek clarification regarding this, as since the initial introduction of the solely on-line system we have seen the dates provided by the system for appointments at the Police Station Immigration offices, particularly in Girne, extended beyond FIVE weeks, so we are hoping that common sense will prevail.

We are also aware that should your passport have expired or not have the necessary period of validity, if you complete any applications prior to 31 December 2020 this will not affect your permit.

Editor's Note :

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

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



Latest News

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KAR - News Update



Here's today's shaggy dog story! Say Hello to **Bobby**, a handsome boy who has been with us since 2015. He is very friendly, both with humans and other dogs. All our dogs are neutered when they are old enough and also vaccinated. If you would like to offer Bobby his forever home, then please contact us.

Even if you can't offer him a home, Bobby can be sponsored - for just £10 a month. Please share and share so we can find Bobby the home he so very much deserves.

Meet our very handsome **Winnie**. Winnie is just 5 months old and looking for his forever home, as you can see he is very loveable and enjoys cuddles!

Even if you are unable to offer Winnie a home, he can be sponsored - it costs just £10 a month to sponsor him (or any of our lovely dogs and cats). Please share for Winnie and fingers crossed we can find him a loving home.

Meet Hugo. Hugo was found at Lambousa at the end of last year, the poor lad was unable to stand up. He has ongoing issues with his legs, which are helped by taking daily supplements. It is unlikely that Hugo will ever find his forever home but he is well looked after by the caring staff at the centre. However, you can help Hugo by donating towards his care or becoming his sponsor. It costs just £10 per month to sponsor Hugo, you will receive a lovely photo of him and you can visit him at the centre, we're sure he would love that! For more information about sponsoring Hugo, please contact our office - kartrnc@gmail.com



Original post by Elaine Powell - Calling all pet owners

It is important to think about who would care for your pets in the event of your inability, illness or death, and to implement a plan to prevent your pets from ending up in a shelter where they could spend the rest of their lives. Discuss with your family and friends the possibility of them taking over the care of your pets if you are unable to care for them anymore.

Carry a card in your purse or wallet alerting someone you have a pet at home and list of emergency contacts if something happens to you. Make a pet file containing information about your pet/pets that would be valuable to a potential guardian/carer in your absence. Include things like :

- 1. Habits
- 2. Food preferences
- 3. Medical conditions and medications taken
- 4. Veterinary information and records
- 5. Behaviour around other pets/people/children.

Advise somebody where this is kept. Please ensure you have accounted in your will for provision and instruction. They are your family, they will not do well either on the street or shelter environment. Please make provision.

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KAR - News Update



We have the most fantastic news to share with you - today **Beth** has gone to her new home!

Here she is, just 5 minutes after arriving - we think she looks pretty relaxed in her new bed!

Please keep sharing the videos of our other dogs so we can find forever homes for them too!!



The cooler weather is here (thank goodness I hear many of you say) and it's time to think about getting out and about in our beautiful countryside before winter and the rain starts. How about incorporating walking one (or more) of our centre dogs in the beautiful countryside around the Besparmark mountain into your regime? It would be of benefit to both you and the dogs. They love a good walk and we have a choice of walks and an exercise area for you. You will also be helping the dogs socialise which is very important to them when they go to their furever homes.

The centre is open 7 days a week from 9am to 1pm. No need to make an appointment just pop along to the centre, pick your pooch and enjoy the stunning scenery while keeping yourself (and your walking companion) fit and healthy. Look forward to seeing you soon.

The **KAR cat neutering program** is continuing to neuter street cats in the TRNC. Every week our dedicated vets, assistants and cat team - as well as members of the public, collect cats for neutering. We do ask, wherever possible, for a donation to help with the costs. The suggested donation amount has not changed since we began our clinic program. Donations help towards the costs of the medicines used for the operation as well as long term antibiotics, internal parasite treatment etc. given whilst the cat is in the KAR clinic.

Sadly due to rising costs of the medicines, cleaning and veterinary products and the falling TL - in order for us to continue with this very valued program - we will be having to ask for a higher minimum donation - 80TL.

We do hope that you understand. Please - continue to help us to help them.



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Down Memory Lane, a further glimpse of Varosha in 1954

Readers Mail

From Richard Chamberlain

Following on from last week's article about the opening up of Varosha, here are some photos of the main street of what was Famagusta, now known as Varosha or Maraş.

Democraciat Avenue was the main street through the lovely town of Varosha. It had some lovely shops and buildings. there was an indoor cinema and also an outdoor cinema. The soldiers often used to go to the outdoor cinema and enjoy the English or American films. There were also several restaurants and cabarets, like the popular Spitfire and Ambassador cabarets. The soldiers were banned

from using them because there were "Ladies of the Night" there! Quite often, the army military police would raid the Spitfire and take away any soldiers they found in there with girls! One night a friend of mine hid in the wardrobe to avoid getting caught by the military police!

Another popular place was the meat stall where the soldiers could buy a meat sandwich roll. The meat was hung up in the open air and slices cut from it as required. In today's times of Health & Safety rules, it is interesting to note that we never had any bad repercussions from eating these sandwiches. Perhaps we were made of stronger stuff than the youth of today!



These stalls sold meat rolls and we often enjoyed one in the evening when we were in town.

A large joint can be seen hanging up



A stall selling fruit and nuts.

This soldier has bought a bunch of grapes.



The open air cinema in Famagusta



My camera in 1954



Famagusta Centre at Night

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A further glimpse of Varosha in 1954

There were many interesting characters in Famagusta at that time, one of which was an old tramp whose name was Nikolas Menikou (Boujias) who was a regular sight in the town. The photo shown below was taken outside the Spitfire Cabaret. He eventually got fed up with me photographing him and threw his walking stick at me!

There was a very popular photo and camera shop in that avenue owned by a very good photographer named Andreas Sotteriou. He produced a lot of postcards of Cyprus that the

troops would buy to send back to the UK to their friends and relations. Unfortunately, when the Turkish Troops entered Varosha, Andreas Sotteriou fled with the rest of the town's inhabitants, leaving behind most of his negatives and prints of Cyprus. Later he was able to get together a lot of his postcards and with the finance and help of Marfin Laiki Bank, they produced a beautiful book of photos of Cyprus as it was during 1940 and 1950.

I hope you enjoy having a brief glimpse of what the main avenue of Famagusta was like in 1954.



Kodak camera and film shop - Famagusta Centre, where the soldiers could get their photographic equipment



Nikolas Menikou (Boujias).

This old tramp was a regular sight in the town. I took this photograph of him outside the Spitfire Cabaret



Flags out in Famagusta main street for Cypriot Celebration day

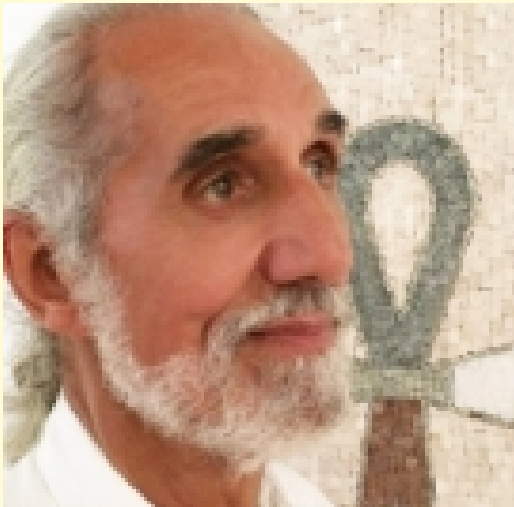


OXI celebration day in Famagusta



TAXI - Famagusta main street

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Poets Corner**Poem by Nick Vye - Sanctuary****SPACED OUT**

Headed out into open space,
Leaving behind the whole human race,
Making my way to the planet Mars,
Travelling past so many stars,

What will I find there who knows,
Just the experience to leave and go,
Alone now, I'm lost in the void,
Like film frames moving on celluloid,

Then all of a sudden I see a red glow,
Thousand of atoms pass by in a flow,
I feel the mighty magnetic pull,
My body feels like spongy wool,

All in a moment, I seem to be everywhere,
My conscious mind doesn't care,
In and out of cosmic space I float,
More like being tossed at sea in a boat,

Am I now a star that's about to be reborn,
Million pieces of a cosmic storm,
Now I expand to merge into it all,
Becoming one, like a glittering ball,

At one now a part of everything,
Oh what joy, my heart now sings..



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Hope 4 Pets - News Update



Esra Gunsoy - 13th October

This dog had a traffic accident today in Famagusta. The car did not stop. One of the lady found the dog and took him to Ankavet in Nicosia. The dog needs an operation first and then he will need a forever home as well. This post is ADMIN approved. Your donations will be appreciated. Please help this little poor dog and give him a chance to live. Thank you.

Also you can visit the dog at Ankavet if you want and make donations to the vet.

For donations:

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<https://www.paypal.com/>

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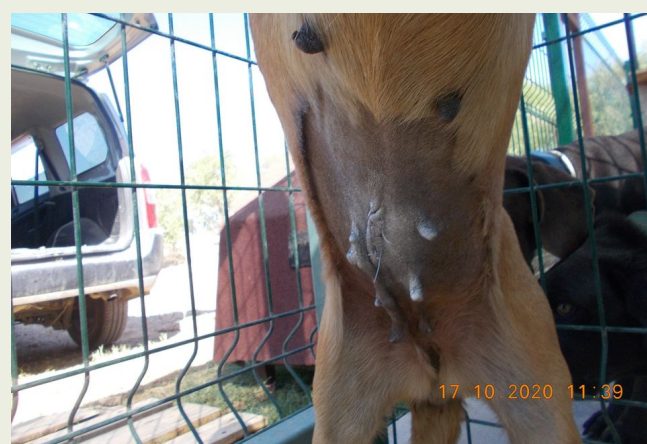
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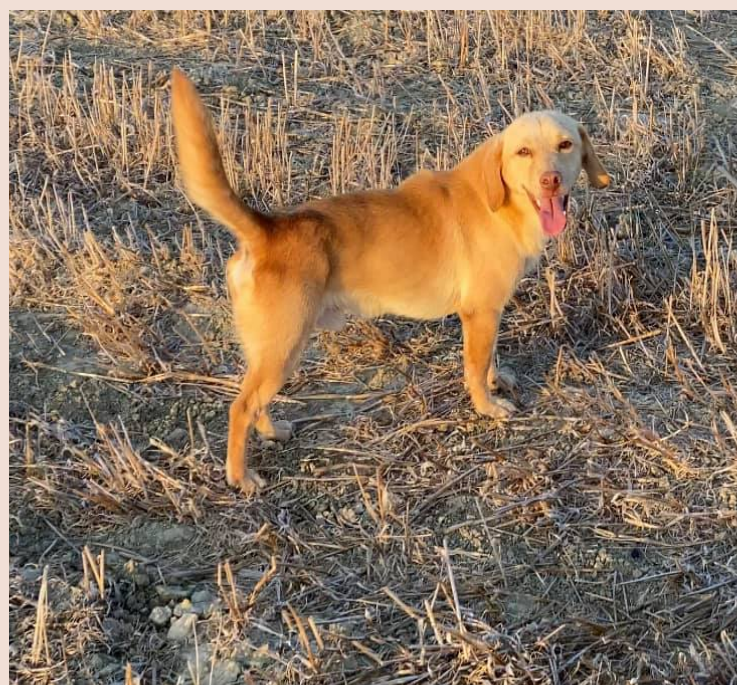
Luciano Baracco - 17th October

Another dog from Guzelyurt sterilized with the help of Hope 4 Pets.



Medi Bicen - 17th October

Abandoned **Alfie** boy will be neutered with help of Hope 4 Pets. Thank you so much.



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Hope 4 Pets - News Update



Tamara Jax-Birgfellner - 19th October

In memory of my dear Papa and with the kind donations to his memorial fund we are helping rescue 5 orphaned puppies.

Daisy is the only Puppy still looking for a 4ever loving home in the UK or Germany.

We are arranging her travel preparation and transportation to Germany and onwards to the UK.

Please please don't allow Daisy to be left behind.



Cigdem Acar - 19th October

I am very grateful to Stephanie Harrison-Croft, and all supporters of Hope 4 Pets North Cyprus for helping me for neutering & spaying four little monsters living in my complex; thank you so much. Your help is much appreciated.



Mahlagha Darvish - 19th October

Hello everyone,

I am **Prince**, I hope you remember me. I asked for help twice, but unfortunately, no one wants me. My time is running out and I have to start my homeless life.

But for the last time, I try my luck again and kindly ask if anyone loves me and adopt me?

I promise will be a very good boy for you.



Thank you to the lovely anon who donated dog food today to H4P. It was very welcome and most certainly needed.



Thank you to Suzi Georgeson, for selling her music cassette collection in aid of H4P, donation will be used towards our vet bills



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RUSUK talk about Frozen Battlefields

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Frozen Battlefields

The Nations of The North

There are several nations which border the Arctic: Russia, Canada, Greenland (Denmark), China, The United States, and Iceland. That's no typo, you can count them for yourself.

What? China is down near the Equator? Silly reader, I assure you that's not true. China wants you to know that they are a "Near Arctic State" and must be included in any dividing of resources to be found North of the Circle.

Here's a bit from The Diplomat:

"Among the economic possibilities that the paper elucidated, in addition to the further development of shipping routes, was the greater availability of fossil fuels and minerals and potential for sustainable energy such as wind and geothermal power, as well as seafood and service industries such as tourism."

The shipping route thing is part of The Belt & Road and is mostly for the

benefit of Russia. After all Sergey deserves the same cheap plastic crap Roger and I are blessed with. It should also be noted that there are far too many Russians with jobs. China has renamed Arctic shipping lanes as the "Polar Silk Road". While Russia remains wary, China has made progress: In particular, involvement in the LNG project in Yamal has been decisive. It's fallout from Ukraine.

The other passage is far more concerning. They want to drill for oil and dredge the ocean bottom for minerals. How? By investing in Greenland & Iceland. Iceland in particular has accepted China and appears ready to assist the Chinese in return for money. At this point, the Chinese have not been able to obtain a sea or air base despite several attempts. Thankfully there are no tiny islands out in the middle of the Arctic Sea to be stolen.

I do have mixed emotions about all this. While my opinion of China, the nation, has markedly changed over the last couple of years, I adore the Chinese people. I consider myself fortunate to have known and even worked for a number of Chinese over time. They are wonderful people.

However, it's clear that Chairman Xi Jinping is an aggressive imperialist who would make any 18th Century British leader blush in envy. He seems hell bent on getting into a war with one or several of China's neighbors. It's sad, really; China deserves so much better.

Roger



Frozen battlegrounds

When I was growing up in the sixties, there was only one way the world was going to end – Armageddon would be the result of the growing feud between the two super-powers, America and the Soviet Union. Later that century, it seemed it would be the Middle-East that would light the blue touchpaper; at least that was what Nostradamus predicted back in the 16th century, if you believe some of the dubious translations.

Come the 21st century, and it seems that most nation's intolerance with any other whose narrative doesn't fit could escalate into something bad, very bad.

But just when you think there would be enough going on in the natural world, what with Climate Change and a world-wide pandemic to occupy fully the minds of the elite, another very worrying development looms large over the horizon. To be more specific, on top of the world. The Arctic.

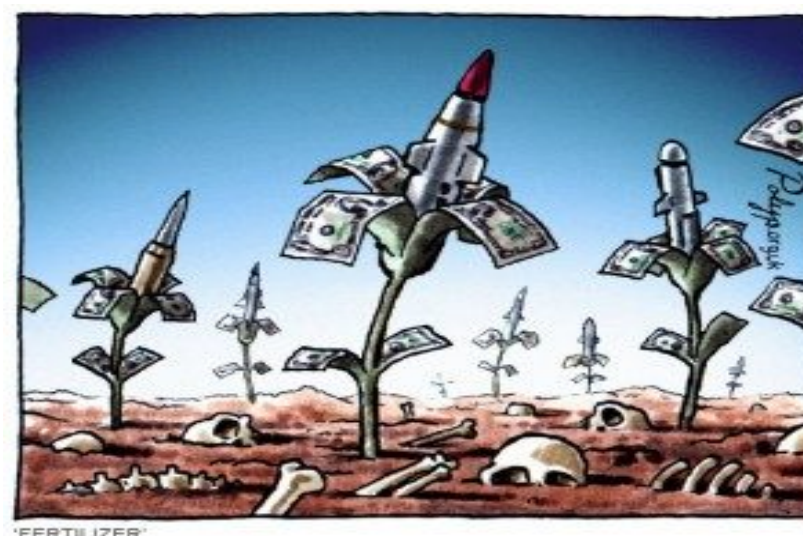
Back in the era of the Cold War, this area of our planet was seen by America to be worthy of loads of military bases, so they could blow out of the sky all the Russian missiles and bombers that were on their way to destroy New York and Washington, and probably every other major city. All that seemed to dissipate following the break-up of the USSR, but guess what – those bases are back, and more.

You see, Russia borders a fair part of the area, and it's known that it has a nuclear capability on the Kola Peninsula. And as always, other countries will stake their "legitimate" claims. But they will all be fighting for something quite different this time. Not only does the area hold a wealth of nickel, phosphates and iron ore, but is now the subject of extensive oil and gas exploration.

And here's the huge, unbelievably massive irony of the situation. Why oil and gas now? Simple. The sea ice is retreating towards the north as average temperatures rise rapidly, making it now much cheaper and cost-efficient to extract it.

So the very same forms of energy, whose consumption has caused that melting ice and all its associated problems, will now be fought over no doubt by many nations, so they can exploit the situation, and make Climate Change and Global Warming ever worse.

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RUSUK talk about Frozen Battlefields

You surely couldn't make this utter stupidity up. I totally despair. World leaders should be getting their heads together to solve the planet's problems, but instead, they will be happy to fight for a source of fuel that frankly should be dead and buried, should remain where it lies, never to be touched again.

So will there be World War 3 as a result? For the first time in these blogs, where I have discussed the various hot-spots around the world, my thinking is yes, it could well kick-off in the next few years. Sometimes I genuinely wish for the big players to go and blow each other up, and leave us peaceful folk to enjoy what's left of our planet.



Frozen battlefields: merchants or warriors?

When exploring Alaska, Russian trappers (with sea otters being target #1) were called promysloviks. It comes from promysel that stands for small business, fortune-dependent odd earnings. These guys were first explorers of the land to the other side of the Bering Strait, true founders of

the emerging Russian America. Then, in the 1840s, several Russian expeditions ventured up Far North, to the Alaskan Arctic, to explore new frontiers. One of them was the famous Lieutenant Otto Kotzebue expedition. Those were already not promysloviks but polyarniks or 'polar explorers' in Russian.

But the word itself, polyarniks, has popped up to the general audience much later, in the 1930s, when Stalin's Russia started to actively explore and develop the Arctic. Otto Schmidt and Valery Chkalov, other Polar Soviet explorers, both seamen and pilots, had become the country's true heroes and household names. The Soviet Arctic exploration program wasn't just something of great importance to the state, but also a very romantic affair. Being a polyarnik in 1930s was something like being a Cosmonaut in the 60s: very cool and even breathtaking.

Now it seems that Russia is coming back to its past but in a slightly different way; no more romantics, just business and security, as claimed by the Kremlin. It is a functional thing now, one of the country's strategic goals – in the region that seems to be very rich in natural resources. Yes, it is all about oil and gas. Plus, with global warming well underway, the ice cover is retreating up north, so commercial navigation in the Arctic has already become something real. It is destined to have a very promising future in terms of world trade as

sailing the Arctic route from China to Europe is shorter than southwards. It could also be much safer taking into account instability in South East Asia. Russia wants to control the Northern sea route claiming its territorial rights. Other northern countries, with China becoming now one of the biggest players there, would want to claim their rights, too.

The Arctic is rapidly becoming a strategic area for too many powerful countries involved. Russia, the United States, Canada, Norway, Denmark (because of Greenland) plus two Asian guests, Japan and, of course, China.

Some experts even believe that controlling the Arctic would mean controlling the world, though I wouldn't go that far. But the fact is that fierce international rivalry for the offshore natural resources and the commercial naval routes in the Arctic has already begun.

Russia has dozens of ice-breakers, including modern ones, already trailblazing the northern seas. The US, I far as I know, has only two ships of such class. The opinion that 'we're behind the Russians' in this field is kind of widespread in Alaska. Russia is also coming back to its abandoned Soviet military bases in the region, establishing new ones there.

Some people fear that the Arctic could be the next world battlefield. True, a conflict for the natural resources and

trade routes doesn't look like something unreal, especially taking into account the current state of affairs between Russia and the West. It may happen. I do not think though that it would escalate to a military clash. The reason why I think it won't happen is that there will be no clear upper hand in such a conflict and the current status quo would still be kept, more or less. No country would 100 per cent project its power in the region. This means there's no need for conflict as it won't bring a final solution to any of the sides.

Cooperation, in the end, seems to have more benefits than confrontation. Though I think that each country would seek its strongest initial position in the big Arctic game.

Not a Cassandra though but I'd predict some fierce geopolitical rivalry in the first half of the century in the Arctic. Then a compromise would be finally found, the rules set up and business as usual would start. With all actors playing the game by these rules. Trade is better than war, true. Well... you have to be strong not to be involved in a conflict to lose your position. Eventually, it will be an era of promyslovik that will overshadow the time of the Russian America's sea otter hunters.

To read more from RUSUK, the link is shown below.

<http://rusuknow.com/>



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TFR Annual General Meeting - 31st October 2020

Dear Members

We are planning to hold our AGM on 31st October. Executive Committee Members and Other Post Holders are elected for a period of 2 years. This year the following posts are open for Re-Election:

The existing post-holders shown below have all confirmed that they are willing to stand for a further term.

Executive Committee	2020-2022
Chairman / Başkan	Horst Gutowski
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Information & Internet / Danışma ve İnternet	Ralph Kratzer
Cemetery Committee Chairman / Mezarlıklar Alt Komitesinin Başkan	Tommy Rognmo

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Denetçiler	Beverley Westbrook
Yedek Denetçiler	Sarah Garsed
Disiplin Komitesi	Mike Turner , Inka Imanovic-Day
Yedek Disiplin Komitesi	Barry Price + 1 vacancy
Yedek Supervizör (Murakip) Komite üyeleri	Jim Liversey , Dawn Lowther

If you would like to stand for election to any of these posts please let me know as soon as possible, but no later than 20th October so we can advertise the election candidates in advance of the meeting. Please reply to: carolinehoughton@btinternet.com

If you wish to stand for an Executive Committee Post, you must send me your name, details of the post you wish to apply for, a short summary about yourself (including a picture). You must also provide the name of your proposer and seconder, who must be Full members of the TFR.

If you wish to stand for one of the other posts, you only need to provide your name and the details of the post you wish to apply for.

Note: Full members of the TFR are those members who have been members of the Association for at least 6 months and have lived on the island for more than 6 years.

I look forward to hearing from anyone who is interested in applying to become part of the TFR Management team.

Kind regards

Caroline Houghton
Secretary of the TFR





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Girne / KKTC

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Girne Municipality - successful 19th International Olive Festival

The Municipality of Girne, within the framework of measures taken against the Covid-19 outbreak, held the International Olive Festival in a digital environment via Facebook social media.

The 19th International Olive Festival began in the entrance hall of the Girne Municipality New Service Building with a live broadcast of opening speeches made via Facebook, and also the opening of the 19th Annual Festival. The results of the International Olive Caricature and Humour Competition were also announced.

Girne Mayor Nidai Güngördü said in his opening remarks that the main theme of the festival is to draw attention to the production of olives and by-products and the protection of olive trees.

The final results of the 9th International Cartoon Contest 2020, organised by Girne Municipality and the Cyprus Turkish Cartoonists Association within the framework of the 19th Olive Festival and within the scope of the International Olive Humour Festival have been announced. Despite the limited operation of the postal services in the world as a result of the Covid-19 outbreak, 289 cartoonists from 62 countries participated in the contest with 887 works.

The works submitted to the 9th International Cartoon Competition were evaluated by members of the select committee consisting of M. Serhan Gazioğlu, Derman Atik, Musa Kayra, Selen Selişik and Huseyin Çakmak at the Girne Municipality Art Gallery between 21-25 September 2020 under the honorary presidency of Girne Mayor Nidai Güngördü.

According to the statement made by the International Cartoon Competition Organising Committee, the winners of the 9th International Cartoon Competition, where the topics were "Olive" and "Free" subjects, are as follows:

Grand Prize (Free Section) -
Ali Rastroo (Iran) 1,500 Euro + Golden Olive Statue + Diploma.

Competition on Olives –

First Prize: Ayhan Alkan (United Kingdom) 750 Euro + Golden Olive Sculpture + Girne Municipality Award;

Second Prize: Elahe Khoraman (Iran) Silver Olive Statue + Turkish Cypriot Cartoonists Association Award;

Third Prize: Zhaleh Yoosefinezhad (Iran) Bronze Olive Sculpture + Olive Festival Award.

Competition on Free subjects –

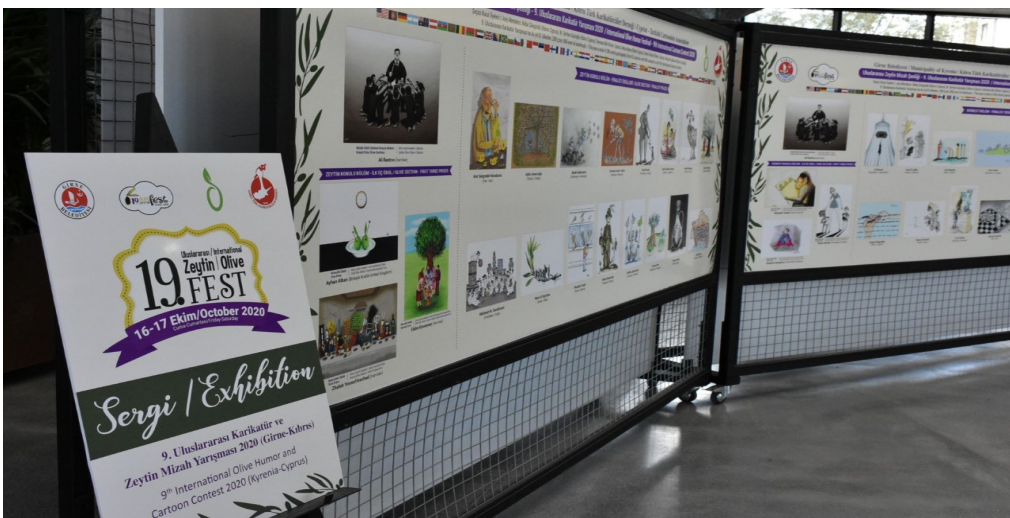
First Prize: Mustafa Tozakı (Cyprus) 750 Euro + Golden Olive Statue + Girne Mayor Special Award;

Second Prize: Damir Novak (Croatia) Silver Olive Sculpture + Olive Humour Festival Award;

Third Prize: Grigoris Georgiou (Greece) Bronze Olive Statue + Ramiz Gökçe Special Award (Diploma).

The caricatures of the award winners and other winners will continue to be exhibited in the New Service building of Girne Municipality until the end of the year.

Source (Turkish) : Girne Municipality

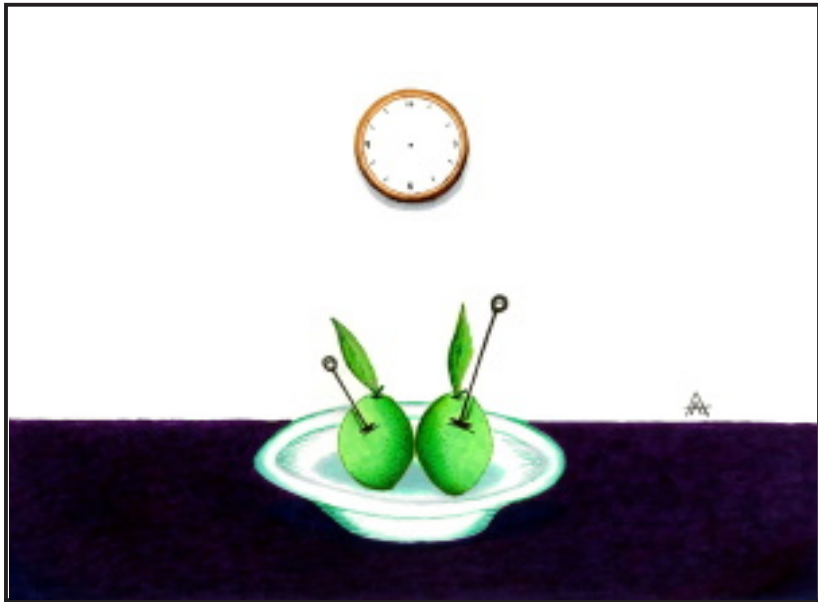


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continued International Cartoon Competition awards



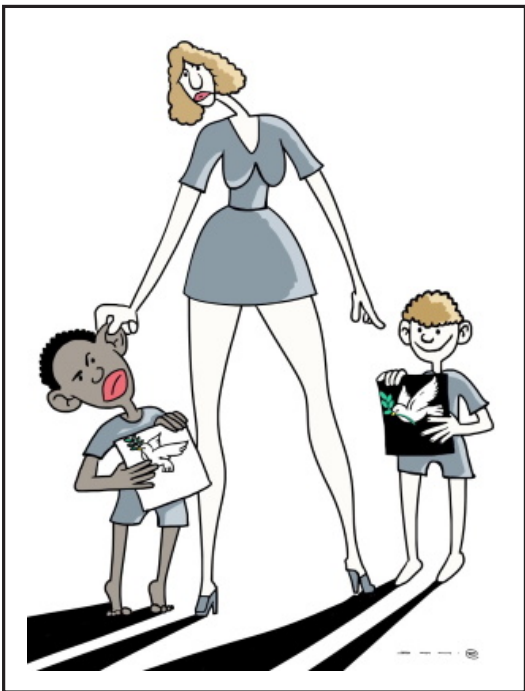
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Competition on Olives –
First Prize: Ayhan Alkan (United Kingdom)



Competition on Free subjects –
First Prize: Mustafa Tozakı (Cyprus)



Competition on Free subjects –
Second Prize : Damir Novak (Croatia)



Competition on Olives –
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Walking the Dogs - 21st October 2020

Readers Mail
From Carole King

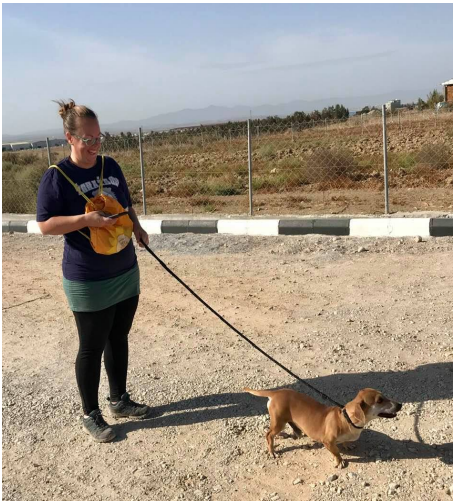
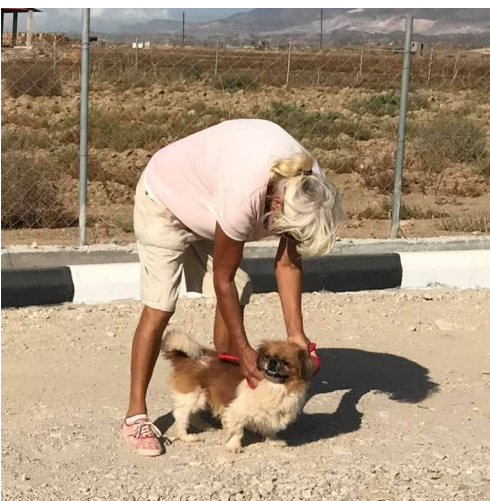
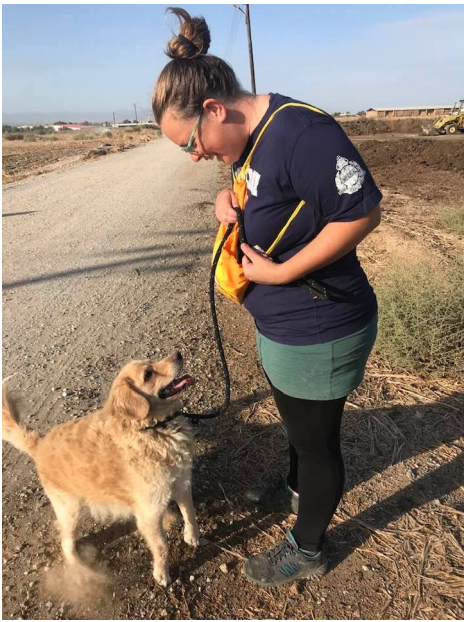
Just got to love our dog walkers
- they managed to walk 18 dogs
between them. Some shorter walks
than others but all important for the
dogs concerned.

Sorry I missed some photos.

Thank you Kim and Graham
McIntyre, Val Maskell, Adela

Warrington and Jennie Mitchell for
walking Roxy, Blue, Karmi, Dylan,
Samba, Juliet, Laura, George,
Bella, Nina, Tucker, Bernard,
Leila, Frank, Elmo, Morris,
Timothy and one other.

Wonderful people giving joy to
some beautiful dogs.



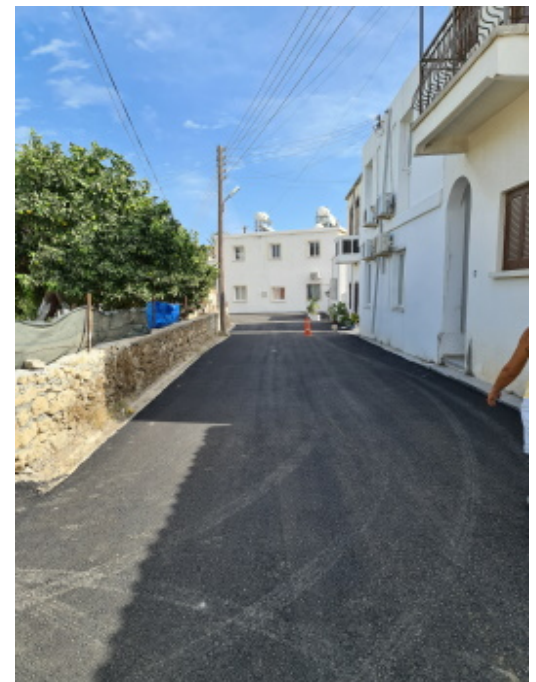
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More asphaltting work carried out in streets in Girne area

According to the information received from Girne Municipality, it was stated that the asphaltting work in Marmaris Street, Kanuni Street and Sultan Mecit Street in the Girne Turkish District has been completed. It was also noted that the pavement blocks in Poet Nedim Street will be laid in the following days as part of the program.

In his statement on the subject, Girne Mayor Nidai Güngördü pointed out that the asphaltting work is continuing in the regions of the Municipality and that the problems on the roads will be solved to a large extent as a result of this work.

Source (Turkish) : Girne Municipality



St Andrew's Church, Kyrenia, October 2020 magazine

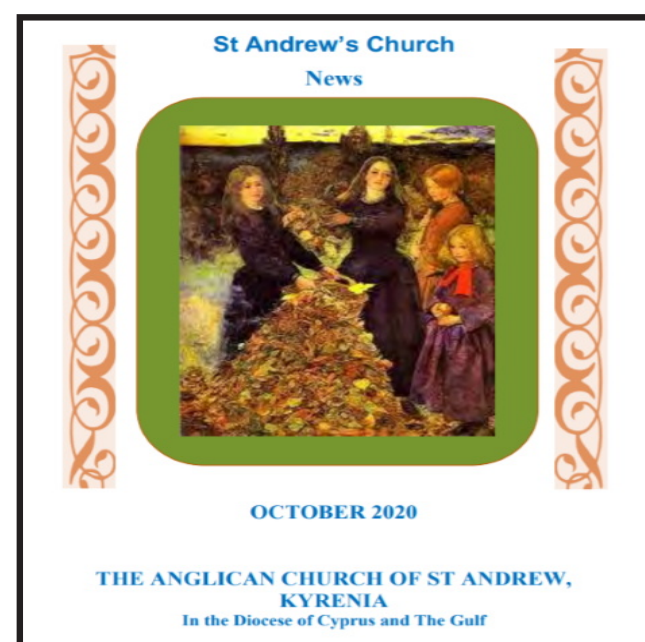
For those followers of St Andrew's Church, Kyrenia, we are pleased to share with you their October 2020 magazine which is so full of information.

Sad news that due to the increasing number of COVID-19 cases and the tightening up of TRNC Government regulations it has been decided to cancel church services in St Andrew's for the foreseeable future. For those that wish there is a link shown below to an online Sunday service from St Helena's Church, Larnaca, Cyprus.

News from the Church Wardens that The Hermitage has now once again been secured for the future use of St Andrew's Church as a Chaplaincy residence.

In this latest magazine there are many interesting articles to keep you fascinated and entertained.

Link shown below to the PDF of the magazine.



<https://sainthelenaschurch.com/online-services/>

<https://cyprusscene.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/St-Andrews-Magazine-Oct-2020.pdf>

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Forthcoming Events

DIIVA RESTAURANT- CAFE - BAR
ALKAN HOLIDAY VILLAGE ESENTEPE 0533 885 2908

KARAOKE WITH KARAOKE
 MASTER MARTIN



Diiva
 RESTAURANT - CAFE - BAR

Wed 28th Oct @ 8pm

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Poppy Appeal Launch
2020

Wednesday 21st October
2020

Roadhouse Bar & Bistro, Alsancak
09.30 -12.30



Thursday 29th October
2020

@
Tim's Cafe & Bar Ozankoy
11.00 -14.00



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15th October 2020
22nd October 2020
29th October 2020

70TL each (20TL to Tulips)
1.30pm to 5pm

Reservation essential: 0533 840 1985



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Forthcoming Events

The Red Ribbon,
Karakum
is presenting
a music and entertainment quiz
with DJ Ozzie.

On Thursday 5th November 2020 at 7 p.m
In aid of
**Furry Friends,
Kyrenia**

"Helping people to help
the street animals"

Tickets 80 T.L. each (including supper).
Come and join us to test your knowledge of music and films.
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Wed 11th Nov
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Music Quiz**

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**Monday
16th Nov**
From 8.00pm
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From 8.00pm

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Forthcoming Events

You have to be in it to win it...

SUSIES FORTUNES

AND THE SURVEY SAID
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Winning Team takes all, maximum 4 to a Team, 5tl per person entry fee.....

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Wed 24th Nov
From 8.00pm

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ALL PROCEEDS TO

THE ABNORMALS
do the musicals
+ GUEST SINGERS

SAT 12TH DEC
FROM 8PM

15tl per person show fee / raffle on the night
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POLICE

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

FIRE

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

AMBULANCE

Emergencies	112
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HOSPITAL

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

ELECTRICITY

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

WATER

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

**Kyrenia Weather : 8-day Forecast
(from 24th to 31st October 2020)**

Sat 24th	Sun 25th	Mon 26th	Tue 27th
 30° 19°	 30° 18°	 29° 18°	 28° 18°
Wed 28th	Thu 29th	Fri 30th	Sat 31st
 28° 19°	 27° 18°	 26° 17°	 25° 17°

Lambousa Archers on the 'shooting line' again

The Lambousa Archers, represented by Nick Gough and Mike Turner competed in the latest tournament organised by the KKTC Okculuk Federasyonu held at the Pia Bella Hotel, Girne, on Saturday the 17th of October.

Shooting once again in the over sixties Olympik recurve category, the pair shot six 'ends' of six competitive arrows making a total of 72 arrows at an 80cm target at a distance of 30 metres. It was a successful event with Nick taking Gold Medal, just ahead of Mike taking Silver.

It was a welcome return to competition archery with training having been suspended from the 8th of September on advice from the Archery Federation due to the Covid 19 restrictions and recommencing on

the 5th of October. Another tournament is provisionally planned for later this month with the venue to be decided.

Anyone interested in archery, whether experienced archers or beginners are more than welcome to get in touch. For further information please use the link shown below. You can also find them on Facebook on the link shown below.



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