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Cabinet of TRNC Government approved by the President

The cabinet of the new TRNC coalition government established by the partnership of the National Unity Party (UBP), the Democratic Party (DP) and the Rebirth Party (YDP) has been approved by President Ersin Tatar.

The names of the cabinet in which UBP has the Prime Ministry and 7 ministries, DP has 2 ministries and YDP has one ministry, are as follows:

Prime Minister - Ersan Saner;

Foreign Minister - Tahsin Ertuğruloğlu;

Interior Minister - Kutlu Evren;

Finance Minister - Dursun Oğuz;

National Education and Culture Minister - Olgun Amcaoğlu;

Agriculture and Natural Resources Minister - Nazım Çavuşoğlu;

Public Works and Transport Minister - Ünal Üstel;

Health Minister - Ali Pilli;

Tourism and Environment Minister - Fikri Ataoğlu;

Labour and Social Security Minister - Koral Çağman;

Deputy Prime Minister and Economy and Energy Minister - Erhan Arıklı



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Every individual living in the TRNC has all rights

In his message regarding the 10th Universal Declaration of Human Rights Day, President Ersin Tatar emphasised that every individual living in North Cyprus has all the rights of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

Noting that Turkish Cypriots know the importance of the concept of human rights due to the dreadful pain of recent history, President Ersin Tatar said ;

“I want to emphasise that every individual living in our country, whether our citizen or not, has all the rights of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, which our state defends with strong determination."

Source : TRNC Public Information Office



Foreign Ministry condemns Greek Cypriot leadership statement

While the Greek Cypriot leadership violates the Human Rights of the Turkish Cypriot people at all times, it continues its efforts to mislead international public opinion with its arrogant statements.

The Greek Cypriot leadership, which turned the island into a bloodbath through the EOKA terrorist organisation with the intention of connecting the island of Cyprus to Greece since the mid-1950s, resorted to all kinds of violence to achieve this goal. The Greek Cypriot Administration of 1960 expelled the Turkish Cypriots from the Republic Partnership, and with the terrorist acts which started in December 1963, it tried to destroy the Turkish Cypriot people on the island by attacking the right to life for 11 years. The Turkish Cypriots, who were liberated after the epic resistance of our people and eventually the Turkish Peace Operation, gained their state in 1983 and proved once again that they would never bow to these pressures.

The Greek Cypriot leadership is trying to achieve what it cannot do with weapons through the state and status they usurp. The relevant Greek Cypriot Ministry, which has made obstructing the Turkish Cypriot people its reason for existence in every field, has made it a principle to work with all its might to prevent our youth and children in social, cultural and sports fields. This is a violation of Human Rights and these activities should be viewed clearly.

This mentality, which develops itself to represent our country in various fields and regards the breaking of young hearts as a success, which is prepared intensively for these activities, has been keeping the Turkish Cypriot people at the negotiation table for more than 50 years with negotiation processes and increasing the activities of usurping our rights appearing as the sole owner of the island.

It should be known that the Turkish Cypriot people will never bow to the efforts and pressures of the Greek Cypriot leadership. This understanding, which tries to isolate the Turkish Cypriot people by violating universal human rights in all areas of life without hesitation, will never achieve its goals. If there is a party violating human rights on the island of Cyprus, it is the Greek Cypriot leadership. This reality is very well described in recent and past history.

In the light of these facts the TRNC Ministry of Foreign Affairs deplores the latest statement issued by the Greek Cypriot leadership on Human Rights Day attacking Motherland Turkey with baseless accusations.

Source (Turkish) :
TRNC Ministry of Foreign Affairs



Nazim Çavuşoğlu: No quarantine fee for student status visitors

TRNC Minister of National Education and Culture Nazım Çavuşoğlu stated that the quarantine fee will not be charged to anyone who comes to the country with student status.

Speaking at the General Council of the TRNC Assembly, Minister Çavuşoğlu said, "Anyone who comes to the country with student status whether a TRNC citizen or a foreigner, will not pay quarantine fees. The money will also be returned to those who have already made payment. As a student-friendly island, we will continue to show dedication to students".

Source: TRNC Public Information Office



Mevlüt Çavuşoğlu: Greek Cypriots benefitting from the status quo

Speaking at a workshop on the Eastern Mediterranean hosted by the International Council of Universities and Akdeniz University in Turkey, Turkish Foreign Minister Mevlüt Çavuşoğlu stated that the Greek Cypriot side and Greece made agreements with Egypt, Lebanon and Israel between 2003 and 2011 by ignoring the rights of the Turkish Cypriots and Turkey.

Responding to the question 'What do you think about the UN meeting on the agenda which is an effort for solving the Cyprus Problem?' Çavuşoğlu said 'We are in favour of fair sharing. It has been 50 years that the federation has been on the negotiation table however it was the Greek Cypriot side that rejected the Annan Plan as a result of the opposition campaigns.'



Pointing out that Cyprus has strategic importance for the region's stability, Çavuşoğlu stressed "The Greek Cypriot side does not want to share anything with the Turkish Cypriots. In respect of the hydrocarbon issue, the Greek Cypriots also took steps backwards in Crans-Montana regarding rotating presidency and power sharing. They still ignore the political equality of the Turkish Cypriots in the negotiations".

Minister Çavuşoğlu also underlined 'Will this problem continue for a life time? It should not. What is the point of negotiating for a federal settlement for 50 more years? There is no point. It is the Greek Cypriot side which is benefitting from this and the Turkish Cypriot people are being punished. That is why we need to solve this problem as soon as possible.'

Source: TRNC Public Information Office

Congratulations to the new TRNC Government

Turkish Foreign Minister Mevlüt Çavuşoğlu congratulated Tahsin Ertuğruloğlu, in his duty as the new Foreign Minister of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC).



Mevlüt Çavuşoğlu



Fuat Oktay

Turkish Vice President Fuat Oktay issued a congratulatory message for the new government established in the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC).

In the post on his social media account, Oktay wished that the efforts to establish a government in the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus and the approval of the Council of Ministers by President Ersin Tatar would be auspicious.

Oktay noted the following in his post:

"Turkey wish for the peace and prosperity of the Turkish people of Cyprus in the new cabinet headed by Mr Hamza Ersan Saner, We are very pleased that the country will begin to work for peace and stability."

Erdoğan: "We do not want to usurp anyone's rights or law"

Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan sent a video message to the "Eastern Mediterranean Workshop" which was organised by the International Council of Universities and Akdeniz University.

Erdoğan said: “We are following the process very closely both to guarantee our own interests and to protect the rights of our brothers in the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus."

“We do not want to usurp anyone's rights or law. We display an upright stance against pirates’ mentality which try to usurp our rights. In fact, Turkey has shown its determination by what we have experienced in the last few months." Erdoğan added.

Stressing that Turkey has never supported tension in the Eastern Mediterranean but supports peace, cooperation, fairness and justice, Erdoğan continued:

"In this regard, Turkey has maintained its calmness despite all the waywardness of Greece and the Greek Cypriot Administration since 2003. Today, we continue our same conciliatory attitude. The European Union should eliminate the strategic blindness as soon as possible and also the EU should not be unfair to Turkey and the Turkish Cypriots anymore under the name of solidarity."

Reminding that the proposal of Turkey regarding holding a conference in which all regional riparian countries to the Eastern Mediterranean and Turkish Cypriots take place is still on the table, Erdoğan said: "Turkey expects their interlocutors to support the proposal of Turkey. I believe that if they act with common sense and sincerity, we can find a win-win based formula that protects everyone's rights."

Source: TRNC Public Information Office



TRNC Ministry of Tourism and Environment handover

Following the new coalition government established by the National Unity Party (UBP), Democrat Party (DP) and the Rebirth Party (YDP), the Ministry of Tourism and Environment handover took place.

Former Minister of Tourism and Environment, Kutlu Evren, handed over the duty of the Ministry of Tourism and Environment to Fikri Ataoğlu.

In his speech at the handover ceremony, ex-Minister of Tourism and Environment Kutlu Evren stated that they will hand over the task to Fikri Ataoğlu, who was previously the Minister of Tourism, with peace of mind.

Emphasising that tourism is among the most affected sectors in the country due to the pandemic, Kutlu Evren stated that they have been working together with the Ministry personnel to keep the sector alive in the pandemic process.



“We have come a long way in terms of both COVID support, grant programs and incentives that have remained unclear for a long time. On the other hand, with serious regulations regarding the issue of the Kumarcilar Inn, which had become problematic for a long time, Evren said that with the support of TIKA, walking paths were opened at 8 points".

Former Minister of Tourism and Environment, Kutlu Evren, expressed his happiness for handing over the position of Minister of Tourism and Environment to Fikri Ataoğlu, who previously had a successful Ministry experience, and wished him success.

Evren also thanked both the Ministry staff, the sector representatives, and the relevant non-governmental organisations of the sector with whom he worked together during his duty as the Ministry of Tourism and Environment.

Making a statement at the handover ceremony, Tourism and Environment Minister Fikri Ataoğlu stated that they will continue their work in unity and solidarity.

Ataoğlu stated that during the coronavirus process, the procedure will be a very challenging one. "The main thing is to achieve success in this difficult process," said Minister Ataoğlu, "No one should doubt that we will work together in cooperation to carry the ministerial duty further from the point we have taken."

Tourism and Environment Minister Fikri Ataoğlu also wished success to Kutlu Evren, who was appointed as the Minister of Interior.

Source (Turkish): Ministry of Tourism and Environment

President Tatar visited Girne Municipality

President Ersin Tatar visited Girne Municipality this morning (11th December 2020) and received information from Girne Mayor Nidai Güngördü.

Girne Mayor Nidai Güngördü expressed his satisfaction with the visit of President Ersin Tatar and wished success in his duty as President and expressed his belief that President Tatar will do his best for the TRNC in his new post.

In his speech, President Ersin Tatar stated that Girne is one of the most valuable cities in the country with its tourism potential, natural beauty, and increasing number of students and universities, and drew attention to the fact that Girne is a city known in the world with all these features.

Reminding that not only local citizens live in Girne, the city also hosts foreigners, university students and tourists from abroad, Tatar emphasised that the entire infrastructure of the city should be developed, and the sea, environment and nature should be protected.

Drawing attention to the importance of protecting the environment and the sea in Girne, Tatar said that he is following the intensive work of Girne Municipality in this direction. Tatar stated that the Municipality of Girne is trying to make the city a more modern structure by protecting the environment, developing its infrastructure, providing more contemporary service to the citizens, and emphasised that his duty as the President is to support the works in this direction with the government.

Noting that the traffic density in the city is a serious problem, Tatar pointed out that the Alsancak-Karşıyaka Highway works should be completed as soon as possible and the project for the development of the Değirmenlik-Çatalköy-Girne Highway should also be implemented.

Tatar expressed his belief that the new government, with a new working system and understanding, will work to complete projects aimed at improving the infrastructure of the country and to give its citizens a healthier, modern and civilized life, and wished Girne Mayor Nidai Güngördü and his team success in their work.

Source (Turkish):
Girne Municipality



Girne Municipality & Bel-Paz attend Health & Safety Training

Girne Municipality and Bel-Paz employees participated in the Joint Occupational Health and Safety Training.

At the meeting held at the Girne Municipality Cultural Center with the participation of 151 people, the employees were trained by Occupational Health and Safety Experts - Halil Erdim, Anıl Çağdan and Sıdıka Geylan. Girne Mayor Nidai Güngördü gave a speech before the training. In his speech, Mayor Güngördü pointed out that the goal is to reduce the risks as much as possible with training that raises awareness about occupational health and safety.





Girne Mayor Nidai Güngördü pointed out the importance of such training and pointed out that the goal is to reduce the risks as much as possible with every training given to ensure occupational health and safety. Saying that 88% of accidents occurring are related to the human factor, Güngördü said, “Misconduct is mainly caused by ourselves. We need to study this correctly and educate ourselves."

Post-training work for personnel who receive training on subjects that are directly related to employees include Basic Principles of Occupational Health and Safety, OHS Culture, Employee Obligations, Personal Protective Equipment, Physical Hazards, Heavy Loads and Messy Work Environments, Vehicle and Traffic, Working Outdoors, Biological and Chemical Hazards. A short film about health and safety was also shown.

Source (Turkish) :
Girne Municipality

Returning to "My World" with eyesight back & creating again



By Ahmet Abdulaziz...

After a pretty long period, I am now back to my old world. I am using the word “my world”, just to make it distinct. I have spent the last few months in a totally different world. Every day I found myself in a deep depression, after being cut off from almost all of my usual hectic activities.

Yes, as you all perhaps know, I went through a cataract operation on both of my eyes. Everything did not go as well as I had initially understood. The operation process indeed was the simplest part of the whole story. In fact, I had prepared myself wonderfully for the two operations, but I had not prepared myself at all for the period subsequent to that.

I had never thought, how I could be in a world where I could not read or write. It is very difficult for a person who loves writing and reading. Without reading or writing, I found myself in a deep depression. The more I tried to help myself out, the more I found myself lost.

This is what I have been through during the last three months.

First my right eye was operated on. Everything was fine after that, until the fourth week when all of a sudden I started seeing watermarks, black tiny dots in my eye. I was very shocked and panicked because nobody had earlier mentioned such a situation. My doctor tried to console me, but I was deeply shocked. At that moment I slipped into a deep depression. I decided not to get my other eye operated, simply because I did not want to put my left eye at risk.

My doctor delayed the next operation since she had realised that I was not calm enough to go through the operation of the other eye.

Ultimately I realised that I did not have any other option but to get my other eye operated on. The operation went through as normal, but the other day all of a sudden, my other eye started seeing everything too white, and I felt as if everything was muddy and cloudy. That was the worst time that I went through. One of my eyes had stopped seeing at all. I was seeing clouds everywhere. The other eye was operated on just a day before, and I was not supposed to put pressure on that.



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I rushed back to the doctor in a state of extreme panic. She checked and found that the blood pressure inside my eye had shot up. She gave me some medicine and drops, and my eye returned back to normal, seeing everything. The clouds were no more.

But this period of a few hours broke me psychologically. For the first time in my life, I had experienced blindness. I had become extremely frightened. My family came to my rescue. But ultimately I became too careful in everything.

Right now I am re-scheduling my work so that I do not put my eyes under much pressure.

I am happy that I am back, and writing these lines and feeling happy as I return back to my “old world”.











KAR - News Update

INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTEERS DAY

With busy lives, it can be hard to find time to volunteer. However, the benefits of volunteering can be enormous. Volunteering offers vital help to those in need, worthwhile causes, and the community, but the benefits can be even greater for you, the volunteer. The right match can help you to find friends, connect with the community and learn new skills. Giving to others can also help protect your mental and physical health. It can reduce stress, combat depression, keep you mentally stimulated, and provide a sense of purpose. While it's true that the more you volunteer, the more benefits you'll experience, volunteering doesn't have to involve a long-term commitment or take a huge amount of time out of your busy day. Giving in even simple ways can help those in need and improve your health and happiness.

VOLUNTEERING AT OUR RESCUE CENTRE

Volunteers working at our rescue centre will have many different duties, like cleaning shelters, feeding animals, dog walking, and assisting in the rehabilitation of traumatized animals. You might also be asked to engage in efforts to control the overpopulation of stray animals, especially if you have previous experience. Being a rescue centre volunteer is good for your emotional, physical, and mental health. It is scientifically proven that spending time with animals helps lower your stress levels and blood pressure. It will also keep you active, especially if you prefer to walk dogs.

VOLUNTEERING AT OUR CHARITY SHOPS

Volunteers will enjoy their time at a charity shop. It gives you the chance to meet people, make new friends, become part of a team and learn new skills while raising money for KAR. You may be asked to sort donations, price goods, work on the till, and create window displays.

KAR heavily relies on volunteers so we can make most of the donations and we are always looking for volunteers, If you think volunteering could be for you please contact our office by e-mail at: kartrnc@gmail.com, Please enclose a brief resume together with information of any skills you can bring to us. We look forward to welcoming you into Team KAR.



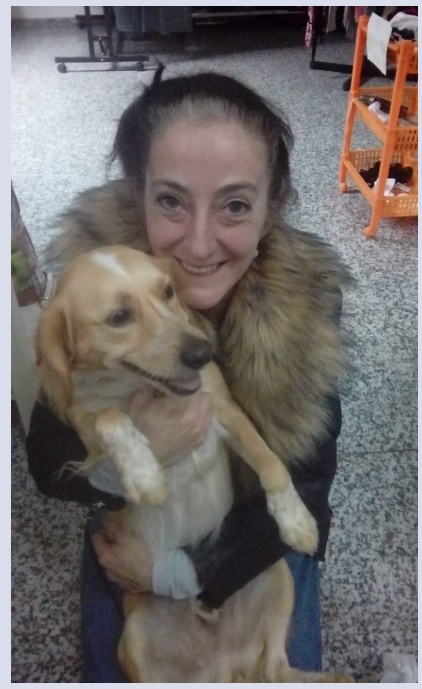
Olaf

Created from Elsa's (Frozen) magical powers, Olaf is by far the friendliest snowman in Arendelle. He is innocent, outgoing and loves all things summer. Olaf may be a bit naive, but his sincerity and good-natured temperament make him a true friend (to Anna and Elsa in the film)

Well the Olaf that we recently arranged travel for is not a snowman - but shares the same traits as his namesake.

We just hope that now he is in the UK he is not feeling as chilly as his namesake.

Happy Days Olaf.







A **Seasonal Saturday** is happening this Saturday 12th December - our Karakum Glad Rags shop and Xmas Shop will be OPEN from 9.30 to 1pm. Then at 11 am we will be drawing our Xmas Raffle - there are so many prizes to be won (including 500TL meat voucher/luxury hamper/meal vouchers/wines/spirits and much much more).

There will also be yummy Mulled Wine and Mince Pies available. See you there for some Seasonal Saturday shopping.



KAR - News Update



This sweet girl is **Harper.** She was dumped at the centre back in March and was very frightened. Over the last few months, with the care and patience of the centre staff, she has become more confident. She is still unsure about people she doesn't know but is happy once she gets to know you. Harper is looking for a kind, patient owner who can help her confidence to grow - is that person you? Please come up to the centre and meet Harper - we are open 7 days a week 9am to 1pm. Remember, even if you can't offer her a forever home, you can sponsor her for just £10 a month.



FELINE PANLEUKORENIA

Feline panleukopenia (FP) is a highly contagious viral disease of cats caused by the feline parvovirus. Kittens are most severely affected by the virus. The virus does not infect people.

Because the FP virus is everywhere in the environment, virtually all kittens and cats are exposed to the virus at some point in their lives. While cats of any age may be infected with the feline parvovirus that causes FP, young kittens, sick cats, and unvaccinated cats are most susceptible. It is most commonly seen in cats 3-5 months of age and death from FP is more common at this age.

Cats can shed the virus in their urine, stool, and nasal secretions; infection occurs when susceptible cats come in contact with these secretions, or even the fleas from infected cats. An infected cat tends to shed the virus for a relatively short period of time (1-2 days), but the virus can survive for up to a year in the environment, so cats may become infected without ever coming into direct contact with an infected cat. Bedding, cages, food dishes, and the hands or clothing of people who handle the infected cat may harbour the virus and transmit it to other cats. It is, therefore, very important to isolate infected cats.

The signs of FP can vary and may be similar to other illnesses such as Salmonella or Campylobacter infection, pancreatitis, feline immunodeficiency virus (FIV) infection, or feline leukemia virus (FeLV) infection. Infected cats may even show signs that resemble those seen when a cat has been poisoned or has swallowed a foreign object.

The first visible signs an owner might notice include generalized depression, loss of appetite, high fever, lethargy, vomiting, severe diarrhea, nasal discharge, and dehydration.

The likelihood of recovery from FP for infected kittens less than eight weeks old is poor. Older cats have a greater chance of survival if adequate treatment is provided early. Treatment focuses on correcting dehydration, providing nutrients, and preventing secondary infection. Although antibiotics do not kill the virus, they are often necessary because infected cats are at a higher risk of bacterial infections because their immune systems are not fully functioning (due to the decreased white blood cells) and because bacteria from the damaged gut may enter the cat's bloodstream and cause infection.

Today, there are vaccines that offer the best protection from feline parvovirus infection. Vaccination is just as important for strictly indoor cats as for indoor/outdoor cats because the virus is everywhere in the environment.

For more information please log onto www.amva.org



Art Photography Exhibition at Atatürk Cultural Centre



By Heidi Trautmann ....
www.heiditrautmann.com ....

"Art begins in the head and not at the tip of the tool one is using." It is the ability to observe, it is the ability to use our senses, to gather experiences and high sensitivity mixed with our own individual interpretation and based on the mastery of the tool one is using.

Art Photography with Seven Visions Exhibition at the Atatürk Cultural Centre.

KIFSAD (Kibris Fotograf Sanati Dernegi/Association of Cyprus Photography Art) was established in 2011, a young and ambitious association with many members from all corners of the island. At KIFSAD they regard photography as fine art and strive to fulfil this vision and I can only confirm this after having visited their last exhibition at the Atatürk Cultural Centre in Nicosia; it is not the first exhibition, where I have witnessed the high standard of their philosophy, the goals they try to reach by continuous workshops, participation in international competitions and submitting to a continuous process of learning.

See the text 'About us', the introduction to their association to learn more. Also the description of their last project 'KIFSAD World of Art Project' which gives us an idea how passionate they were about this ambitious project. The link to their facebook site where the reader may learn more about the association is shown below.

An exciting exhibition with a new approach, the individual groups working together, discussing their ideas and setting it up; the photos about the preparatory work the groups do for their projects is very interesting and helpful for the viewer to understand, and finally at the end, I learned, all the groups got together and set up their ideas of exhibition.

It is not about to take a photo of what you see; it is to tell a story, and the stories are well told. In Nostalgy, they have created a look back into the middle of last century; in Fairytale, it is a dark modern interpretation of 'Little Red Riding Hood and the Bad Wolf'; In People and Nature, we see a very intimate approach to nature, i.e. the birth of a turtle; In Double Exposure some very delicate presentations of the twin personality 'Nature and I'; In People with Down Syndrome we learn about their daily working life and their joy in it. In Conceptual Portraits, it is about bringing the soul of a human face to the surface; and finally, the project Darkness and Horror is dark theatre, researching and creating images of Fear.

An entire book of stories told at this exhibition. Congratulations, I say, and my respect. It makes you want to join. Unfortunately, the exhibition was very short but I hope it will be repeated one day in better times and other places.

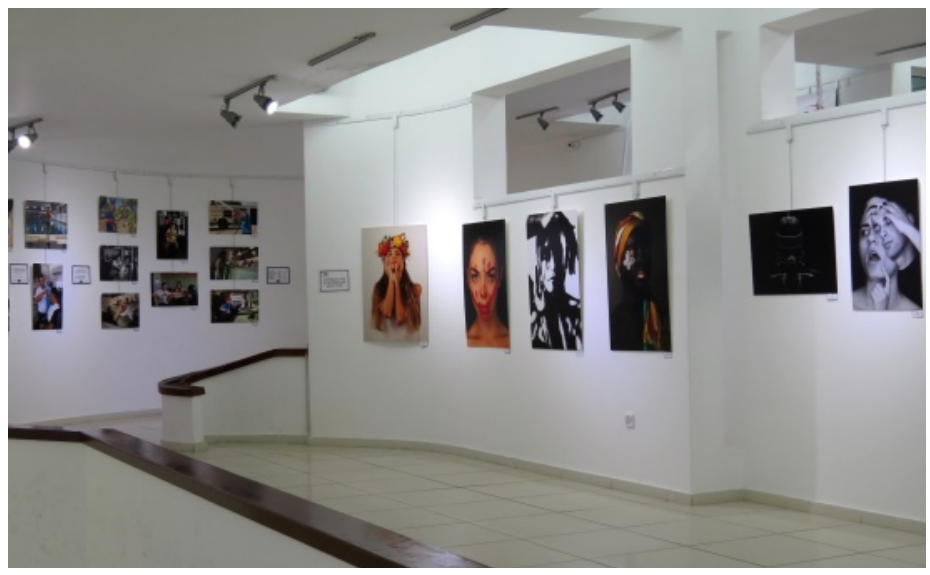
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ABOUT KIFSAD WORLD OF ART PROJECT

As we entered into 2020, we as KIFSAD came up with a brand new project that involved elements on many levels. We called it KIFSAD world of art and made it our mission to involve elements such as sharing, interaction, transfer of knowledge, learning, teaching and productivity. Our members came together amongst themselves and formed groups in which they would work together for the rest of the season on a topic which again they themselves would choose. Every week at the association meetings the groups shared their experiences and progress. With the participation of 34 members, 7 groups were formed and worked on topics such as : retro, people and nature, down syndrome and occupations, conceptual portraits horror/dark, and double exposure. As of the month of March all groups worked on their photographs as well as the designs of the exhibition walls to take place on the 2nd of December.

As a result, a very unique and vibrant exhibition of different topics and styles evolved and was presented to photography lovers. Much hard work and effort was put into the project which resulted as a valuable experience for our association and its members, and has held a light to our future projects.





Art Photography Exhibition at Atatürk Cultural Centre

List of Projects and names of participants in each group :

1-Nostalgy: Gökhan, Yılmaz Merve, Coşkuner Haktan, Okumuşoğlu Haluk, Erim Hülya Poyraz, Çelik Kamuran, Dede Songül Bekem.

2-Fairytale: Hakan Genç, Metin Duran, Sunay Özbostancıoğlu, Cüneyt Bayram, Ahmet Haraç.

3-People and Nature: Derviş Beyit, Ahmet Bullici, Çağın Çağaşan.

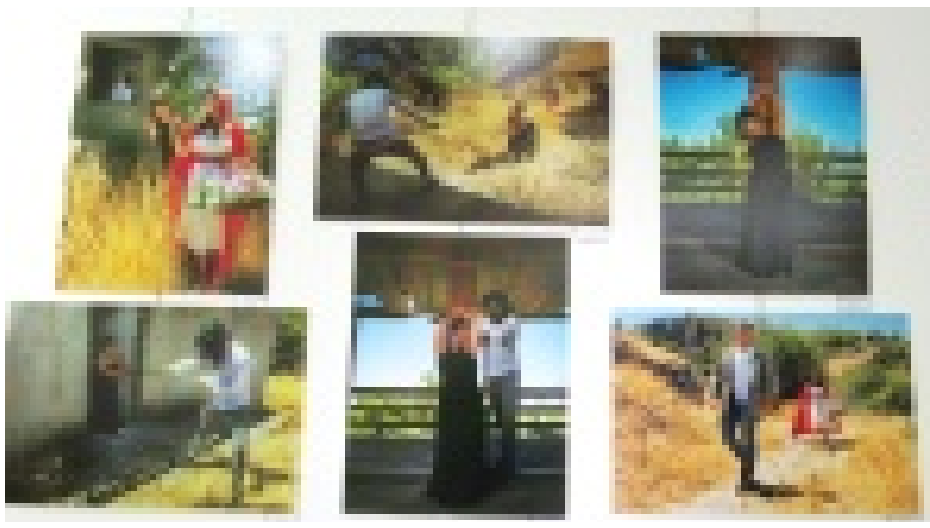
4-Double Exposure Emel Sefer, Nilgün Ortaş, Nilgün Çolakoğlu.

5-People with down syndrome at their working place: Hasan Okanar, Hasan Darçın, Cem Cengiz, Nurettin Şehitoğlu.

6-Conceptual portraits: Yıltan Taşçı, Candan Behzatoğlu, Mehmet Altuner, Cahit Arkut.

7-Darkness and Horror: Mehmet Gül, Emine Kasap, Aliye Bozdağ, Emre Gürsev, Özhan Özatay, Emete Büründük,



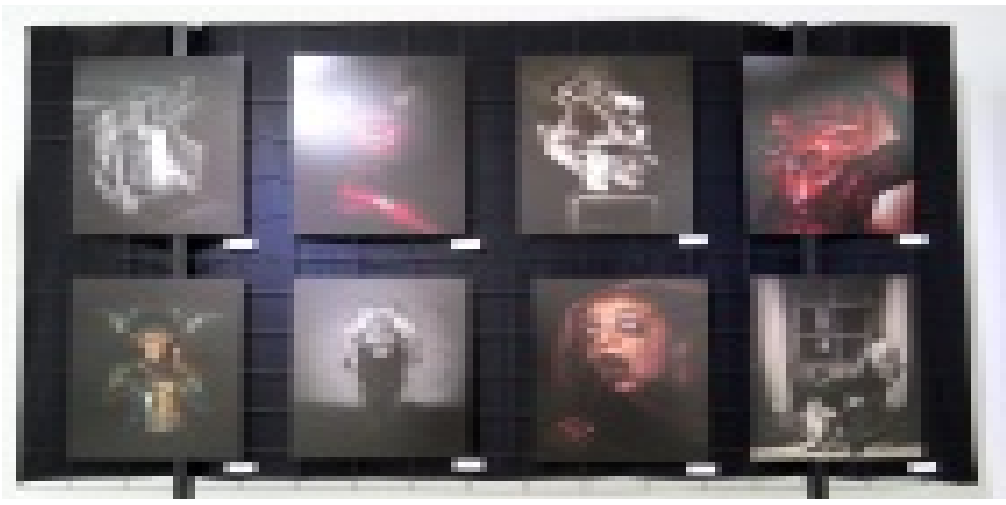


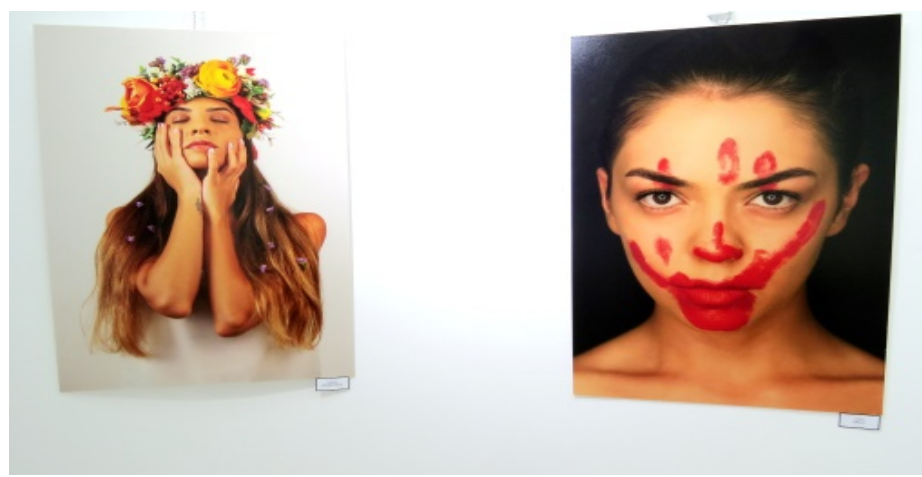




Top right - Nostalgy
Right 2 - People & Nature
Right 3 - People with Down Syndrome at their work
Right bottom - Conceptual portraits
Top left - Fairytale
Left middle - Double Exposure
Left bottom - Darkness and Horror







Poets Corner



Poem by Nick Vye - Sanctuary

You don't know me

You don't know where I go,
You don't know what I know,
You don't know where I'm at,
You don't know that's a fact,

You don't know me that's for sure,
You don't know me to my core,
You don't know where I've been,
You don't know what I've seen,

You don't know what's on my mind,
You don't know my special kind,
You don't know me at all,
You don't know I'm not a fool,

You don't know what I think,
You don't know if I blink,
You don't know if I'm a friend,
You don't know me in the end....







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Hope 4 Pets - News Update

Stephanie Harrison-Croft - 7th December

Update on the lovely kitten dumped outside my home. **Sylvia Austin and Jules Hall came to my rescue and she has now become a Karmi Cat named Bonita.**

Thank You sooo much ladies xxx

Hope4Pets will have her spayed as soon as she has settled in but I have on good authority that there is now no more room at the inn!!



Cafe Grumpy, Ozankoy - 13th December



Stephanie Harrison-Croft - 3rd December

It think that is safe to say today that the lovely **Bailey** who will be going to the UK in the New Year to his home with Lauren Harris is maturing beautifully under the wing of the sage called **Frodo** (with **Mama Chanda** in the wings).

Yes Bailey broke his wait but just 5 days in.

Melek Hoca, Gaston Kisheri, Sylvia Austin.





Hope 4 Pets - News Update

Stephanie Harrison-Croft - 8th December

Joanna Walker has kindly donated these two lovely pieces to Hope4Pets North Cyprus which will make lovely gifts or personal pressies. Her blog is below .....

"Here is a second (or third) chance to support the charity, helping the animals in their greatest hour of need.

One month ago I won this adorable piece of jewellery through an online competition with Boutique Cyprus Gifts and Adil Erten to post the name of a pet. The charity has continuously supported me in the welfare of the street cats and dogs and as a thank you and to give something back I would like to donate this necklace in the hope that more money can be raised to allow them to continue the great work they do. It doesn't just end there, last week I was lucky enough to guess correctly what was in the gift box and it turned out to be this lovely ring which I have also donated.

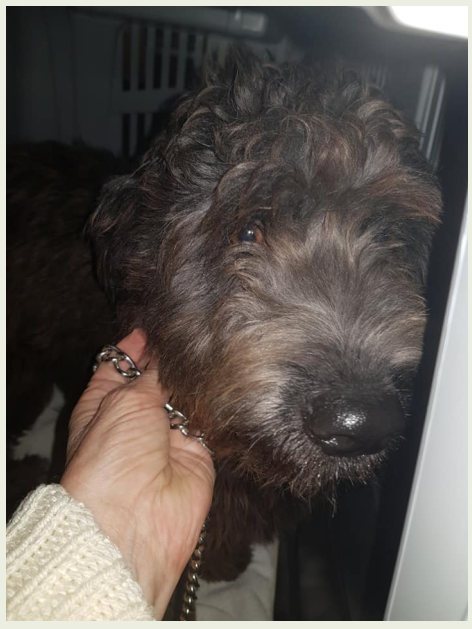
The necklace retails at 60tl and the ring 35tl and the reserves will be 30tl and 20tl but both are open to the highest bidder (who can collect from our Christmas Market this Sunday at Grumpies in Ozankoy from 17.00 onwards) to raise necessary funds for our charity.
Happy bidding folks."





Stephanie Harrison-Croft - 7th December
Another late one and just back home but worth it to get another 2 dogs, **Popo and Raini**, on their way to their home in the UK with the lovely **Rebecca Beedie**. It's been a long wait hasn't it Rebecca xx
Thanks go out to Rebecca of course for giving these 2 lovely siblings a wonderful home. To Elizabeth Stowell for allsorts, to Hasan Aligullu for getting the pups away smoothly and professionally for us and to Niyazi Çelebi and Joanna Bartholomew for going above the call of duty to accommodate and help with their send off and to Bill Harrison-Croft for everything yet again xxx
Long and Happy life lovelies.





Stephanie Harrison-Croft – 8th December
Rebecca Beedie and all your family are wonderful for homing **Popo and Raini** from Hope4Pets in the UK xx
To all our members just look at what rescue is all about. Just look at the happiness on all those lovely fur and skin faces.
Please please consider homing a dog or better still two.
In floods of positive emotional tears here.







Mayor Nidai Güngördü message on World Women's Rights Day

Girne Mayor Nidai Güngördü published a message on 5th December, to mark the 86th anniversary (1934) of the Turkish women's right to vote and to be elected and 5th December World Women's Rights Day.

Güngördü; “Our women, who have a very important place in the family, have also established their existence by proving that they are successful in business life, arts, sports and many other fields. In all Turkish societies in history, women are very important both in family and social life. The woman acts as a bridge between family and society. The contribution of women to the functioning of the social system is great in terms of the duties they fulfill in societies. It is the prerequisite for a healthy society that our women are educated, knowledgeable and conscious. Women in particular form the foundation of the family and society in general.”

Mayor Güngördü pointed out that women councillors in the Girne Municipal Council have made important contributions to the decisions taken for the city, and stated that women assume important responsibilities in all areas of life and achieve successful work.

“5th December Women's Rights Day; On 5th December 1934, this date was started to be celebrated as the day of women's rights with the adoption of the law giving 'Women the Right to be Deputies and to be Elected'. Ignored in all spheres of life, women gained important political and social rights with the declaration of the Republic and revealed their presence in the social field. These rights, which were given to Turkish women by Atatürk before many western countries, are concrete indicators of the importance women attach to their place in society.

With these feelings and thoughts, we celebrate this meaningful day of all our women with my most heartfelt feelings; I wish success, health and happiness to our women who are symbols of love, affection and devotion ”.

Source (Turkish) : Girne Municipality



High Performance Team Coaching training for Girne Municipality

Girne Municipality Personnel were given 2 full days of training on "High Performance Team Coaching" on 30 November and 1 December 2020 by Professional Erickson Coach and NLP Specialist Ebru Elmas and Professional Erickson Coach and High Performance Team Coach Remziye Özpolili.

According to the information received from the Girne Municipality, the Girne Mayor, the Municipal Director, Municipal Assistant Directors, their superiors and the personnel responsible in various departments participated in the training. It was indicated that techniques applied all over the world are used. The "High Performance Team Coaching" training, which is also applied in corporate enterprises where many people work, was carried out in the Girne Municipality New Service Building.

In his statement regarding education, Girne Mayor Nidai Güngördü said that while the COVID-19 Pandemic continues all over the world and in our country, life continues at the same time. He drew attention to the importance of training such as “High Performance Team Coaching” in order to increase the motivation of the staff in our municipality, to enjoy their job, and to work with each other with respect and in harmony. Güngördü pointed out that the training will continue in the coming days and that they will play an important role in the development of our corporate structure by performing such training periodically. Güngördü thanked Ebru Elmas, and Remziye Özpolili for the training.

Source (Turkish): Girne Municipality





ÇADER volunteers clean up Cornaro Beach

Further to our recent postings about the activities of ÇADER. we noted that Martin Marancos shared the following news of a new event they organised.

"Today's clean up (6th December 2020) of Cornaro Beach, to mark World Soil Day, was organised by ÇADER. 47 bags of rubbish were collected by 32 volunteers. 3 bags contained aluminium cans and one was of sorted plastics, for recycling.

We would like to thank all who attended but especially :
Yusuf Tekinay, whose TEKMED company donated several boxes of gloves,

Ergün Oza, of OZA Coffee, who donated coffee sacks for rubbish collection,
and the Evkaf volunteers from Alsancak for their support"

To read more of ÇADER use the link shown.



https://www.facebook.com/groups/208833896528









A meal for two at the Bellapais Gardens Restaurant









Reader's mail....
Richard Chamberlain....

On the day my wife Weng is not working, I like to take her out for the day or go out for a special meal and I would like to share news of our latest visit to Bellapais Gardens Restaurant.

Bellapais Gardens Restaurant is nestled in the hills near Bellapais Abbey. It is a beautiful restaurant inside and out. During the warmer spring and summer weather, they serve food and drinks outside on their veranda, and when the weather gets cooler they serve food and drinks inside their beautiful restaurant.

The food selection and quality is lovely and we had a wonderful meal. Weng started with Pate and I had Soup and this was followed by the main plate of Lamb Chops for Weng and I had delicious Garlic Prawns all presented with a service which was second to none.

It is advisable to book a table as they cater for special occasion parties and are open every day of the year. Their phone number is 0392 815 6066 or 815 7668.

To visit the Bellapais Gardens Hotel website the link is shown below.

https://www.bellapaisgardens.com/rest-5/

Lefkosa Mayor Mehmet Harmancı visited ARUCAD

Mayor of Lefkosa Turkish Municipality (LTM) Mehmet Harmancı visited the Arkın Creative Arts and Design University (ARUCAD).

During his visit to ARUCAD, the Mayor of Lefkosa Turkish Municipality Mehmet Harmancı, met with Prof. Dr. Asim Vehbi, who showed him the workshops, studios, and laboratories of the University.

ARUCAD Rector Prof. Dr. Asım Vehbi said, "We were very pleased to host Mehmet Harmancı, who has carried out successful work in Nicosia, to support ARUCAD".

The Mayor of LTM, Mehmet Harmancı, congratulated those who contributed to the good work of the university and Rector Vehbi thanked LTM Mayor, Mehmet Harmancı for his meaningful visit.



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











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RUSUK says: Where else would I like to live?

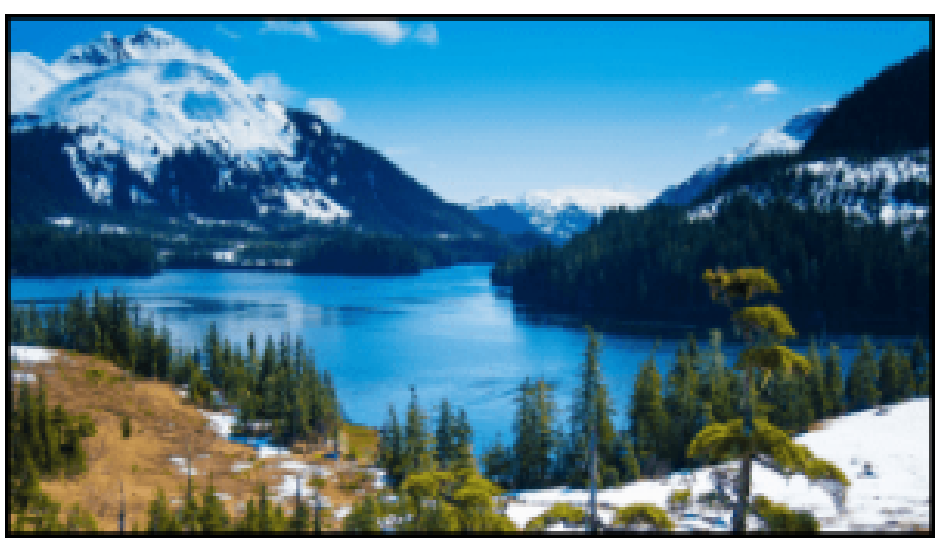


Where else would I like to live?

The country where I would live.

If you had asked me this question seven or five years ago, I would definitely choose Alaska. i.e. the United States, not the 'Lower 48' though but precisely Alaska.

It was all based on my fabulous 2011 documentary film production expedition dedicated to its Russian heritage, just ten days. I've put so much efforts to get there…. What ten days those were! We rolled over the state, actually, its historical Russian America part, mostly coastal areas. Getting a lifetime experience and filled up with emotions so deep… Unforgettable. My dream came true.



But then I went there one more time on my Fulbright journalistic project in 2017. Spent there more than three months. Living a life of a field researcher, basically, a resident of the state. Also, a musher. Visited even more places than the first time, from the Interior's parts, mushing up there and visiting Chena hot springs on the 61-degree latitude to South East Alaska hunting crabs out in the Pacific, drinking North Pacific pale ale in the process to traveling (one more time) to the enchanted Kodiak island…

That was different this time though.

I now was no visitor but a resident. Yep, such a fancy corner of the world still… I've become a bit… fed up. With dogs, with everything. That's life. The magic has gone.

So now my #1 option is former #2 one: Sri Lanka or Ceylon. A place where Sir Arthur Clark has spent around 40 years of his life. A divine ancient island filled with legends millennia old: Hindu gods & demons, Rama, Sita, the monkey god Hanuman, Adam's land bridge, green jungle, epic sunsets over the ocean, British heritage, best black tea in the world, etc.

There is only one problem with Ceylon: I was there just once, back in 2011, too. This was my honeymoon.

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Where else would I like to live?

To properly work this one out, I need to list all the attributes, the quirks, and the frustrations living in my permanent domain for the past eight years, the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus, and then discover somewhere which will better those on all fronts.

The island itself is stunningly beautiful. Quaint little villages that seem to have remained unchanged since biblical times, gorgeous mountains, sandy bays galore, three or four sizeable big towns or small cities, and mostly un-busy roads between them.

The climate is perfect for me. Mostly sunny all year round, and very warm for 10 months of the year. OK, it gets extremely hot in July and August, but give me those all-day-long blue skies any time instead of overcast, misty, grey crap that you get in many places elsewhere.

It's cheap. Oh so cheap compared to almost everywhere. Even though the Turkish Lira has been struggling for some time now, prices still compare very favourably. And on a fixed-income pension, that's important for us oldies. I would baulk at paying more than £3.00 for a decent New Zealand Sauvy, with a measure at least double what you would get in an UK pub or restaurant. Our villa, on a beach resort, would easily fetch over a million sterling back in our previous home island of Jersey – here it is a tenth of that!

The people – warm, generous, ever-helpful, not in the least bit resentful of us "wealthy" ex-pats living in their homeland.

That's just four attributes – there are so many more.

Yes, it's also quirky, and can be frustrating with a fair measure of third-world-type occurrences, particularly in administration. Just yesterday, to help with our residency renewal, I had to travel 130km to the capital Nicosia and back, just to obtain a piece of paper a little bigger than a postage stamp, containing a tiny detail which was already known to the Immigration Department. But no, it had to be on a special little bit of paper, provided by only one office in the entire country.

The standards of driving are appalling, and there is more litter around than we were used to. It's always somebody else's job to clear up after a picnic.

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continued .... RUSUK says : Where else would I like to live?

So, where to go to get improvements on all this? Mrs B and I have always liked France – we lived close to it during our thirty years living in Jersey, and often used to pop over on the fast ferry for Sunday lunch. We love the fresh croissants for breakfast, and their wines can be quite pleasurable as well. We have enjoyed several holidays there and always enjoyed our experiences.

But it's more expensive, the weather is far too British, and some of the people simply don't like Brits (not sure I can blame them that much).

I simply cannot imagine anywhere I would rather live than here in the TRNC. And, as a bonus, let me assure you that there is nowhere else on this planet I would rather be during this pandemic. Only one local fatality in all this time, and to date, nobody in ICU.

And we can all enjoy the Christmas period celebrating with our close friends. How many people around the world can say that?

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Arrrgggg Matie!

I mean what's not to love: they are all descended from pirates and criminals. Our people have so much in common. In the 80's several of our biggest movie and music stars were from there.

The last time I met an Aussie, he cracked open the door and out came this hand clutching a Fosters. This was at nine in the morning. I now know that Fosters is something they do for the benefit of the Cowboys. They don't actually drink piss themselves so they ship it all North. Thank you so much.

So if you asked me twenty years ago where I wanted to live I would have said Australia, without hesitation. The whole female pirate thingie makes me smile. Do you think they walk around the house with one of those big knives between their teeth? God, I hope so.

I suppose that means they don't talk a lot. You would get a cut on your tongue every time you wanted to nag about the lawn.

As you get older, you become wiser – or so I'm told. I recently learned that Aussies don't actually walk around with big knives or dress their women like pirates. Needless to say Australia has lost much of its allure.

A few years back I was lucky enough to spend quite a bit of time in Southern Italy; what a beautiful country. I don't like big cities but I even like Rome, the place is like a huge outdoor museum.

I felt very comfortable there, to an American ear, Italian sounds like Spanish and they seem to like Americans. Maybe I was a bit too comfortable: my last trip was only for a month and I put on like twenty-two pounds. Wine, great cheese, and these olives to die for… not like that garbage they sell at the grocery store in the States.



Lunch would be something like Prosciutto and cheese. Italy is amazing.

So I suppose that would be my answer for today: Italy. Of course, because of the virus every country is about to undergo real economic changes and my answer may be different next year.

But Italy is truly spectacular and you really should go if you get the chance.

By the way, there are two different Italys: The North is industrialized and wealthy, while the South is more laid-back but suffers from a less well developed economy. Unemployment in the South remains a stubborn problem. It's really not fair, tourism remains mostly in the North while the South offers a beauty unique on the Planet.

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To read more from RUSUK use the link shown below :

http://rusuknow.com/





Walking the Dogs - 9th December 2020

Readers Mail ....
from Carole King ....

Well my favourite day of the week spent with lovely people walking wonderful dogs. The weather was glorious...

How great to see Val Maskell, Mike Phillips and a friend Coleen, Kim and Graham MacIntyre, Heather Gordon, Adela Warrington and my lovely husband Mike Bezzant. So many happy faces and that's just the people and so many happy dogs.

We walked 23 happy dogs today, all of whom were well behaved, dying to give kisses and just loving the treats.

A huge thank you from Roxy, Blue, Karmi, Dylan and Florence, Timothy, Tucker, Lofty, Stuart, Cooper, Julyet, Jessica, Archie, Beverley, Kate, Ross, George, Susie, Little George, Samba, and 3 others.

Cannot think of a better way to spend a few hours.





https://www.facebook.com/carolewking

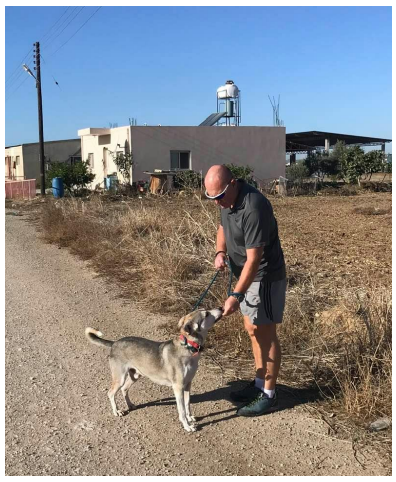










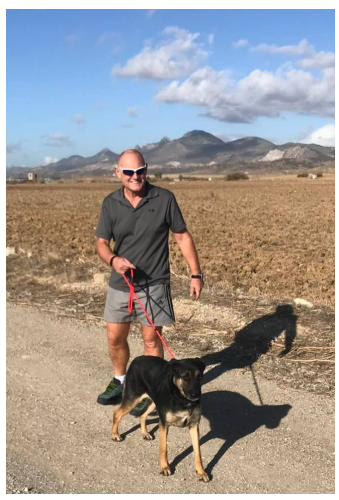


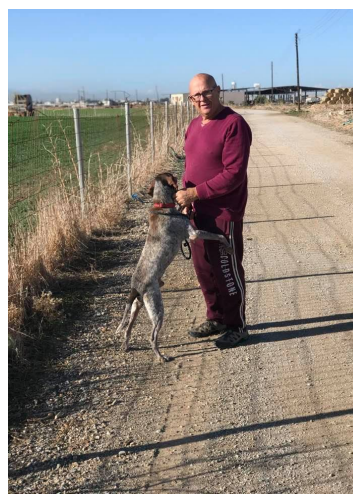


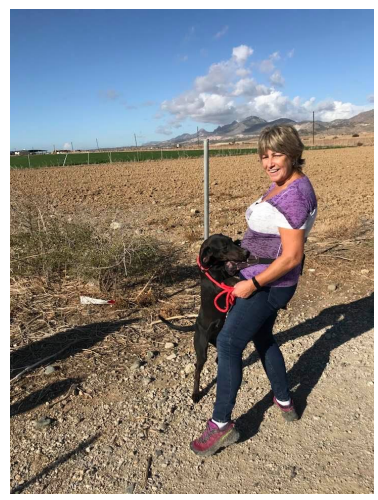


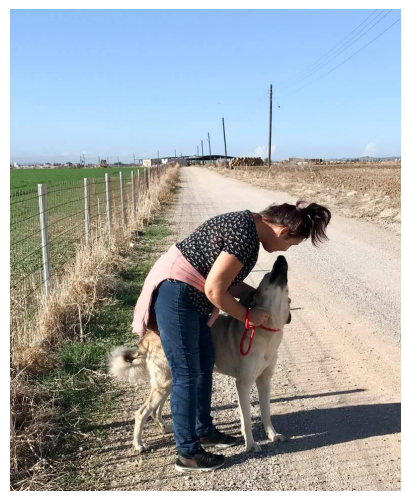












Tulips say thank you for fundraising and donations

Tulips give thanks to fundraisers at the Indian Garden, Catalkoy and for donations from St Andrew's Church and Turk Bankasi.

Readers mail ....
From Sue Tilt – Tulips ....

Hello,

1) Indian Garden Quiz, Catalkoy

We would like to thank everyone who took part in the Quiz on 2nd December 2020 at the Indian Garden in Catalkoy.

Tulips received **920TL** from the event and we are so very grateful for this.

Thank you to Graham Fursman for putting it together and to everyone who parted with their money!

2) St Andrew's Church and Turk Bankasi

St Andrew's Church donated **£400GBP** to Tulips to help us put some enjoyment into the lives of the children for New Year. These children need our help whether they be cancer patients themselves or children of cancer patients but all are living on or below the poverty line.

When St Andrew's Church asked Turk Bankasi for a big cheque to make a special presentation to Raziye Kocaismail, Turk Bankasi enquired as to why St Andrew's needed the cheque. Turk Bankasi immediately offered to donate **£200** themselves!

Our heartfelt thanks go to St Andrew's Church and Turk Bankasi for this incredibly generous donation which was presented to Raziye Kocaismail,



Chairperson on Monday 7th December 2020.

Regards,
Sue Tilt
0542 854 8714
Tulips/ Help Those With Cancer Association
(Kanser Hastalarina Yardim Dernegi)

Korineum Golf Club support Tulips & British Cemetery Committee





Readers mail ....
From Sue Tilt – Tulips ....

Hello,

Representatives of both Tulips and the British Cemetery Committee were invited to the Korineum Golf Club today (9th December) for a presentation of monies raised throughout the captaincy of Nilufer Dilek and Gareth (Griff) Griffiths.

Each charity collected a cheque for **7,767TL**

This is a truly amazing figure which far exceeded our expectations and we cannot thank the members of the Korineum Golf Club enough for their support especially through these difficult times.

Regards,

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6,000 miles from London in US Greek restaurant we get a surprise

By Ismail Veli....

I will never forget when I walked into a Greek Restaurant on Hollywood Boulevard in 1987. It was around 3-4pm so the place was empty, a man came up to me and showed my wife and I to a nice table.

As it was quiet the chap started to chat and was mildly happy and surprised that we were of Turkish Cypriot origin. We also noticed on the wall a photo of Turkan Soray, which naturally caught my attention as she was Turkey's leading female star.

After saying how nice it was to see her photo he asked if we watched Turkan Soray's films, I said, of course, we all loved her. He then told us that he was her father, I was a little sceptical, and I think he realised it and he went and brought wedding photos of Turkan Soray with him standing next to her.

I was shocked, what a small world. Here we were 6.000 miles from London, in a Greek restaurant, talking to the biggest Turkish star's father.

It turned out his wife was from Thessaloniki and I guess with so many Greek speakers in the USA it made sense in 1987 to promote a Greek style restaurant.

We had an amazing meal and the couple treated us to a Turkish coffee and as no one else was there we had a long chat. One regret is I never had a camera handy, after all, we were only having a walk and looking for something to eat.



My wife and I when we went to Waimea Falls, Hawaii in 1987.



My postcard showing TURKAN SORAY

Güngördü message on 10th December Human Rights Day

Girne Mayor Nidai Güngördü posted a message for the 10th December Human Rights Day. Güngördü stated that on the World Human Rights Day, human rights problems are experienced in many corners of the world, wars and migrations continue, and that it is the right of all humanity to live in a reliable, peaceful, and happy environment within a culture of peace, tolerance, and reconciliation.

Güngördü stated that every person has a different value, it is important to express every opinion freely, and that everyone has the right to live in equal conditions and justice.

Mayor Güngördü said; “The Universal Declaration of Human Rights, adopted by the UN on 10th December 1948, is one of the most important declarations on human rights in the world. While wishing a peaceful world where everyone lives humanely, respects each other, nature and animals, it should fulfill its responsibility to become an honorable member of the modern world and to eliminate the violations of rights all over the world.

With these thoughts, I congratulate the World Human Rights Day on 10th December ”.

Source (Turkish) : Girne Municipality



ISLANDSBC Online Bridge Club continues to flourish & expand

Colin Pearson writes that the Islandsbc North Cyprus Online Bridge Club continues to flourish and has expanded again with up to 8 Tables (16 pairs) being played on some days.

No doubt the second wave and lockdowns in some countries has contributed to regular attendances but here in North Cyprus with numbers normally reducing over the winter period there is less enthusiasm to go back to normal bridge despite the encouraging handling by the health ministry of the COVID-19 situation locally. For these reasons it is planned to continue the tournaments until at least March 2021 when we hope to see many of the swallows return.

On Sunday 6th December there was a successful Christmas party lunch organised by Susan Cahit at the Fez Restaurant Çatalköy when many of the local members were able to meet and socialise for the first time for nearly nine months.

Over 25 members and partners sat down to an excellent traditional Christmas lunch with all the trimmings. Janice Harper as Chair of the Monday Club coordinated a number of presentations and gifts at the lunch - one to Suzi Moir for running the Friday club at Karsiyaka and who is due to be leaving the island in 2021. A second presentation was made to those Directors present who had run the individual tournaments. The third presentation was to Colin Pearson for setting up and running the Islandsbc Online Bridge club for the last 9 months.

Hall of Fame

Phil Conkie had a double success in November being part of both the Monthly League winner pair as well as collecting the Most Improver Pair award.

ISLANDSBC ONLINE BRIDGE CLUB HALL OF FAME						
MONTH	MONTHLY LEAGUE WINNERS			MOST IMPROVER PAIR IN 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%
Sep-20	Hussein Cenktas	Meltem Cenktas	57.7%	Jayne Watney	Alex Tabbitt	13.9%
Oct-20	Colin Pearson	Phil Conkie	62.2%	Janice Harper	Susan Cahit	7.8%
Nov-20	Colin Pearson	Phil Conkie	64.0%	Janice Harper	Phil Conkie	7.0%















Photos - above : top left - Jenny and Anthony Armstrong with their award as Directors : **top right** - Peter and Suzi Moir, Janice Harper, Piers Oakey, Pru Lundie. **Bottom left** - Fran Dawes, Colin Pearson, Janice Harper, Lalitha Scott, John & Fatos Ingham : **bottom right** - Carole King, Brian Richardson, Susan Cahit, Conni Richardson, Patrick Monvid, Mike Bezzant.
Photos - right - top - Phil Conkie with his award as Director : **middle** - Suzi Moir with award presented by Lalitha Scott : **bottom** - Colin Pearson receiving his award from Janice Harper

Forthcoming Events







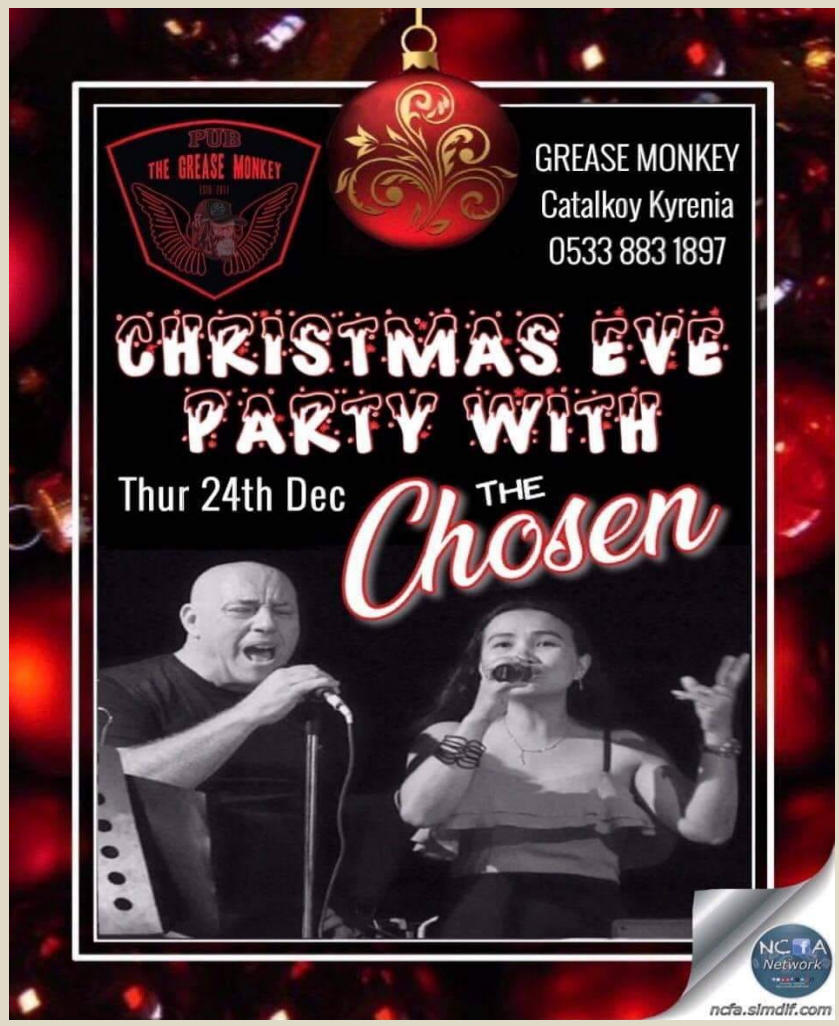


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General	228 3411
Girne	815 2125
Lefkosa	228 3311
Gazi Mağusa	366 5310
Guzelyurt	714 2140
Lapta	821 8512

FIRE

Emergencies	**199**
Forest Fire	**177**
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AMBULANCE

Emergencies	**112**

HOSPITAL

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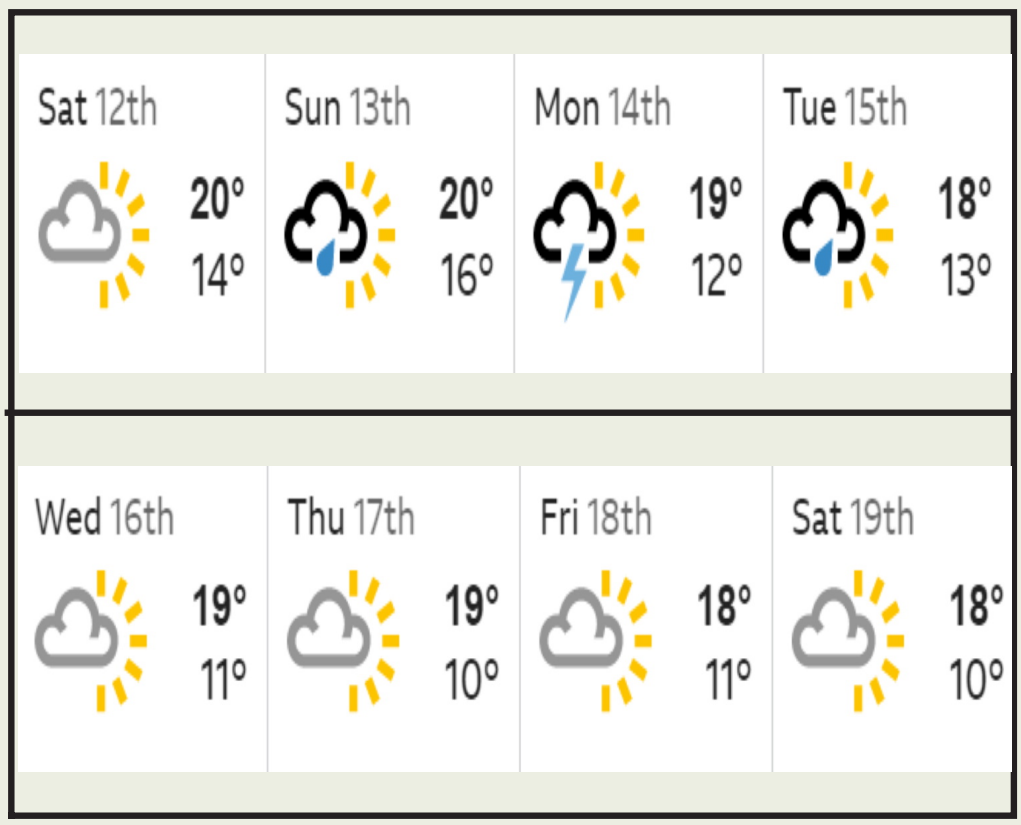
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Güzelyurt	714 2122

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Lefkoşa	228 3315
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Güzelyurt	714 3516

Kyrenia Weather : 8-day Forecast

(from 12th to 19th December 2020)



Plot of land for sale in Esentepe Village, North Cyprus

Total Area is 460 square meters (1 evlek 1350 ayak kare).

Permission exists for 2 storeys (total 214 square meters indoor area) which can be constructed at the site.

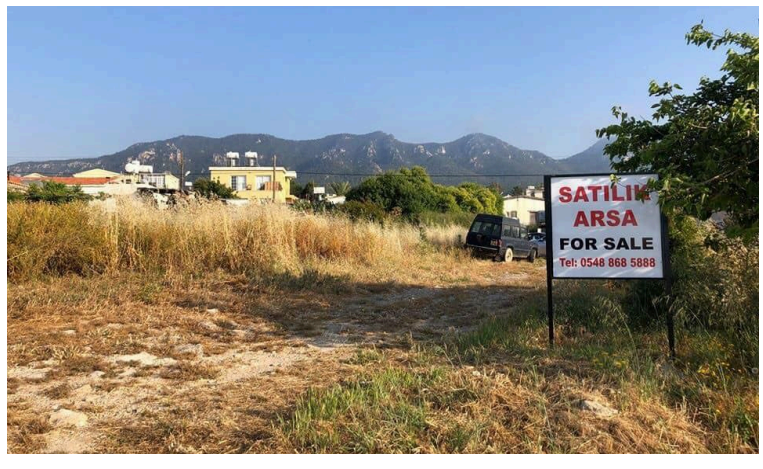
The plot is situated at the edge of the village with beautiful sea and mountain views (close to Tumba Restaurant).

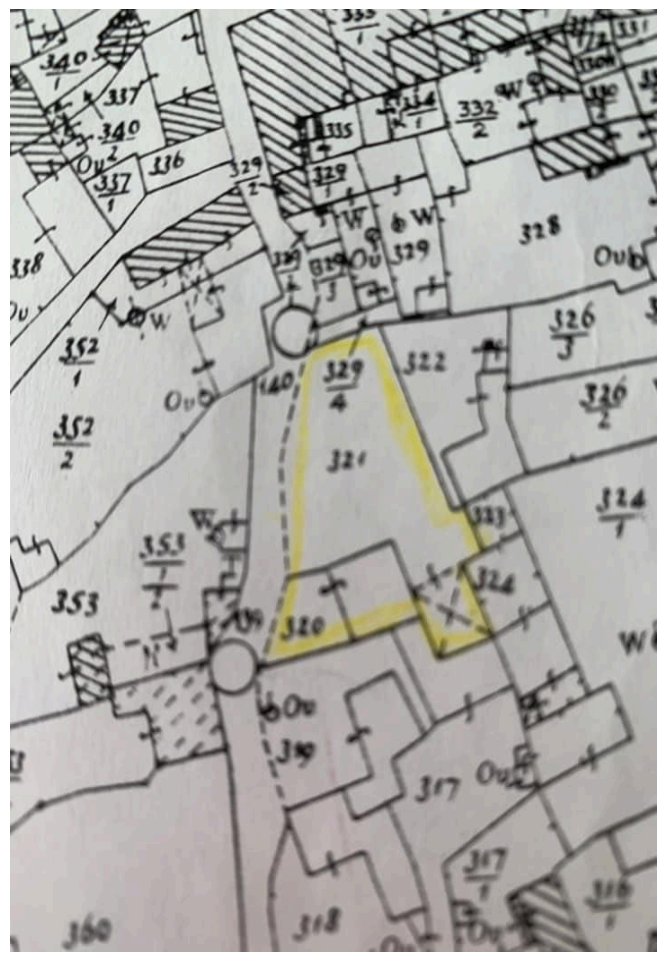
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COVID-19 cancels the TRNC 2020-21 Football Season

By Richard Beale...

After a meeting held at Lefkoşa Ahmed Sami Topcan Conference Salon on Monday evening between the Cyprus Turkish Football Federation and representatives from 30 football clubs, it was decided that the delayed 2020-21 season should be cancelled.

I understand that this action was taken after discussions and guidance with the Contagious Diseases Executive Committee

The 2020-21 K-Pet football season involving clubs from the Super League and League 1 was due to start in mid September and finish at the beginning of May.

Turkish Cypriot Football President Mr Hasan Sertoğlu stated "as a result of the evaluations made at the meeting where 30 out of the 32 clubs participated it was decided not to play the 2020-21 football season we are in and to start the 2021-22 football season one and half months earlier than the normal start date if favourable health conditions are prevalent"

This has come as a severe blow to many football clubs, who have seen no income through gate revenue since March when the 2019-20 was stopped due to the virus. Also the Clubs have missed out on sponsorship money, with some of clubs being in danger of folding altogether and many footballers facing financial hardship.

The majority of footballers have full time jobs but many have not and rely on football earnings as their sole income. With the virus closing many hotels, casinos and the leisure industry, jobs will not easy to come by and will cause financial difficulties especially those with young families.

I am unaware at this stage whether the Government and/or the Football Federation will provide assistance to clubs and footballers.

If, as stated, the 2021-22 season is to start 1½ months earlier, then the season will start in August and pre-season training will begin in July the hottest months of the Cyprus summer! not an ideal situation.

However in these troubled times, health and wellbeing is paramount and we can only hope that a vaccine will be made available in the new year and then maybe the season can start as normal.

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Left: Club representatives at the meeting. right; Mr Hasan Sertoğlu, President of the Kibris Turkish Football Federation.


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