

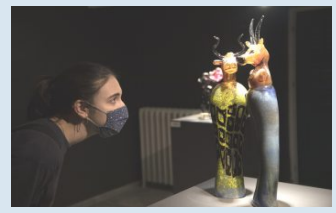
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Introducing a regular CyprusScene video review

By Chris Elliott....

For a long time now I have been interested in taking CyprusScene to another level and although we have made various videos in the past and with the advent of the 2020 coronavirus lockdown and the emergence of applications for online group discussions like Zoom I decided to give it a try.

Having created a CyprusScene ZOOM account in this pilot video below I am talking about how this facility can be used to promote an individual or group interest or project which will be recorded and shared on our website and e-newspaper for a worldwide readership.

So I am hoping to make a start early in the New Year and if there are individuals or representatives of groups who would like to talk to the world through CyprusScene, please send your details to the link shown below.

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President Tatar's Christmas and New Year message to Expats

Introduction by Chris Elliott ....

We are delighted to be able to share President Ersin Tatar's Christmas and New Year message to the expat community on our CyprusScene website and e-newspaper.

The year 2021 presents many opportunities for the TRNC and its friends worldwide together with the expat community to present to the world the Truth and Injustice that the Turkish Cypriots have had to endure for so long and let's pray that recognition and removal of the embargo will be the long-awaited reward.

"Dear Friends,

As we prepare to say goodbye to 2020, I hope that the forthcoming year will bring good health, prosperity and joy to you all.

As you know, this past year has been full of challenges – not least the political and economic challenges stemming from a pandemic, which the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus has managed successfully up until now when compared to many other countries in the world, and has managed to keep Covid-19 cases at low levels, making our country one of the safest and most secure.

Because of the determined stance to put health first, this and the previous government which I led as Prime Minister, implemented appropriate measures in a balanced manner to protect our economy and the different sectors of the country at a time of hardship.

We are heading towards the New Year with the continuation of inhumane isolation which affects all the residents who invested here and who love and live in our country. The continued isolation on the Turkish Cypriot people despite the many promises given to us to end the restrictions in terms of trade and direct flights is a disgrace.

Turkish Cypriots are still unable to participate in many international sports tournaments under their own flag and identity, because of the obstacles put forward by the Greek Cypriot side. I hope that the New Year will allow for a fresh approach to be taken by the international community which respects universal human rights laws and previously made promises, that paves the way for direct trade and travel between all residents in the TRNC and the rest of the world. The Turkish Cypriot side has not been the side which has prevented a settlement in Cyprus as evidently seen during the Annan Plan referenda of 2004, and more recently, the collapse of the process in Crans Montana in 2017, because of the maximalist demands of the Greek Cypriot side, and their refusal to share governance and the natural resources of the region with the Turkish Cypriot co-owners of the island.

On a positive note, however, I want to thank our expat and foreign resident friends, to whom I afford great value, for the kind messages following my election victory in October. I am aware of the impeccable work in the social and charitable field undertaken by our residents and the economic and cultural contributions to our society, which I commend.

I am indeed aware of the issues you face, from residency to property matters, and have begun a dialogue with civil organisations in the hope of addressing these issues.

As I wish you a merry Christmas and a happy new year, it should be remembered that the festive season can only be celebrated by giving the light of love to those who need it most.

I wish you and your families a very happy and prosperous new year at a time when we need to adhere to the rules of wearing protective masks, observing social distancing and adhering to good hygiene.

Let's all stay safe and beat the Pandemic with new energy.

May God bless you all. "

Source:
President Ersin Tatar
Facebook page



TRNC restrictions on sending or receiving cargo package

The Ministry of Public Works and Transportation has announced that because of the stopping of ship and aircraft transportation between Turkey and some countries due to the COVID-19 pandemic, sending or receiving cargo package between the TRNC and some countries is not possible.

According to the information provided by the Ministry, cargo package receipt or sending has stopped from the countries on which Turkey has applied transport restrictions but package receipt and transmission continues between Turkey and the TRNC and also with the countries which do not appear in the list.

For this reason, cargo package sent from the TRNC to the countries listed below and packages sent from the listed countries to the TRNC will not be accepted by the PTT, and citizens are asked not to send packages to the countries listed below, and will not to receive it from the countries in the list.

The countries where aircraft acceptance has stopped are as follows:

"Angola, Myanmar, Argentina, Papua New Guinea, Aruba, Paraguay, Barbados, Rwanda, Bolivia, Samoa, Botswana, Sudan, Brunei, Suriname, Churaçao, Syria, Chad, Chile, Democratic Republic of Congo (Zaire), Tanzania, Ecuador, Turkmenistan, Ethiopia, Uruguay, Eritrea, Yemen, Fiji, New Caledonia, Ivory Coast, Zimbabwe, French Polynesia, Ghana, Honduras, Costa Rica, Cuba, Lesotho, Macau, Mali, Mongolia, Mauritania, Mozambique".

The countries where ship acceptance has stopped are as follows:

"Afghanistan, Macau, Angola, Maldives, Argentina, Mali, Albania, Mongolia, Aruba, Mauritania, Barbados, Mozambique, Bolivia, Myanmar, Botswana, Nepal, Brunei, Panama, Djibouti, Papua New Guinea, Churaçao, Paraguay, Chad, Peru, Democratic Congo Rep. (Zaire), Rwanda, Ecuador, Samoa, Eritrea, Sudan, Ethiopia, Suriname, Estonia, Syria, Fiji, Saudi Arabia, Ivory Coast, Chile, France, Tajikistan, French Polynesia, Tanzania, Ghana, Turkmenistan, Georgia, Uruguay, Honduras, Venezuela, Iceland, Yemen, Costa Rica, New Caledonia, Cuba, New Zealand, Lesotho, Zimbabwe, Luxembourg ".

Source : TRNC Public Information Office



Turkey has always showed constructive attitude in negotiations

The TRNC Presidency stated that the Turkish side has always showed a constructive attitude in the negotiation processes executed under the auspices of the UN since 1968 to reach a permanent solution in Cyprus.

TRNC Presidency spokesperson Berna Çelik Doğruyol stated that the Turkish Cypriot side, who approved the Annan Plan "UN Comprehensive Solution Plan" in 2004 which was discussed during four years, also showed much flexibility in Crans Montana in 2017 to reach a sustainable solution in Cyprus.

In her written statement, expressing that due to the Greek Cypriot mentality, a solution could not be reached in Cyprus, Doğruyol stressed that the mentality of the Greek Cypriots has not changed, on the contrary, it has become deeper. Adding that it is not possible to wait for a different result from that mentality, Doğruyol stated "The negotiation process which has continued for almost half a century to reach a federal solution, has become an instrument for the Greek Cypriots, who have exposed the Turkish Cypriot people to isolation and restrictions, to continue the status quo on the island against us. It is frequently expressed by the UN that the current status quo in Cyprus is unacceptable and that a permanent solution is essential. In the light of these facts, President Ersin Tatar defends a compromise based on sovereign equality and cooperation between the two people and two states, with the authority received from his people. This consensus model has received the full support of the Republic of Turkey. The Turkish side made a proposal to hold the 5 + UN informal meeting in search of a common ground between the two sides to reach a sustainable solution. Our President has announced that we will attend this meeting with good will and a constructive attitude. We expect the same goodwill and constructive attitude from the Greek Cypriot side and Greece".

Source : TRNC Public Information Office



Kaymaklı Martyrs and Martyr Hüseyin Ruso commemorated

Resistance fighters, and one of the symbol figures of the Turkish Cypriot struggle Martyr Hüseyin Ruso, who were killed during the Greek Cypriot attacks in Küçük Kaymaklı were commemorated with separate ceremonies.

Girne Branch Representative of the Association of Martyrs' Families and War Veterans Ersoy Taluğ made a speech at the commemoration ceremony and stated that the attacks to eliminate the Turkish Cypriot presence from the island, massacres and the resistance days of the Turkish Cypriots should not be forgotten. Taluğ also pointed out that 67 people from Küçük Kaymaklı were martyred between the years 1957 and 1974. However with the Turkish Peace Operation in July 1974 Küçük Kaymaklı survived from the atrocities of the Greek Cypriots.

The second ceremony was held at the location where martyr Hüseyin Ruso died on 25th December 1963 during the Turkish Cypriot resistance against Greek Cypriot attacks in Küçük Kaymaklı. The remains of Martyr Hüseyin Ruso were found after 54 years and laid to rest a few years ago. Martyr Hüseyin Ruso, a symbol for the Turkish Cypriot existence struggle and the Küçük Kaymaklı region, was a teacher and was 28 years old when he was killed.

Source: TRNC Public Information Office



Akar: Greek Cypriots should accept the Turkish presence

Turkish Minister of National Defence Hulusi Akar emphasised the importance of a solution in Cyprus and said that the Greek Cypriots should abandon their spoiled and stubborn attitude and accept the Turkish presence to reach a solution as soon as possible in Cyprus.



Stressing that the Greek Cypriots disregard the existence of the Turkish Cypriots on the Island, Akar said that it is not possible to proceed under these conditions, and all sides should see the reality in Cyprus.

Akar made a statement during his visit to Libya. Stating that Cyprus is a national case for Turkey, Akar said "Our approach is very clear. We have the same attitude as in 1974".

Underlining that any project is not valid in the Aegean and the Eastern Mediterranean in which Turkey and the TRNC do not take place, Akar said :

"We as a guarantor country will use all of our responsibilities and rights. No one should have any doubts. We are determined to protect our rights and interests in Cyprus".

Source: TRNC Public Information Office

Kumsal Martyrs commemorated

Kumsal martyrs who were massacred during the Greek-Greek Cypriot attacks on 24th December 1963 in the Kumsal district of Lefkoşa were commemorated in front of the 'Monument of Kumsal Raid Martyrs' at the Museum of Barbarism on 24th December.

President Ersin Tatar, Prime Minister Ersan Saner, other State and Government officials as well as military officials attended the ceremony.



Source : TRNC Public Information Office

New Covid-19 measures are announced in TRNC before New Year

New measures have been announced against the Covid-19 pandemic, which continues to affect the TRNC together with the whole world.

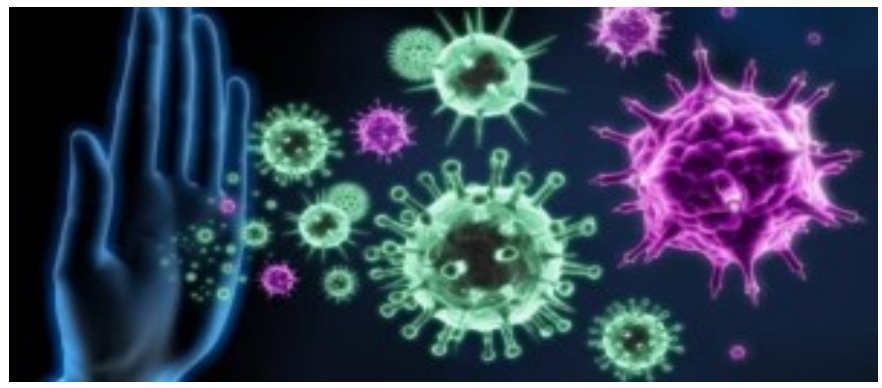
In accordance with the decisions taken at the meeting of the Infectious Diseases Supreme Committee held on Friday (25/12/2020); activities in places such as cafe, restaurant, patisserie, betting office, hairdresser, beauty centre, massage parlour, gym, pitta shop, simit shop, barber shop will cease as of today (28/12/2020) after 21:00 pm. Only take-away services will be allowed from 21:00 pm.

While the decision to close taverns, bars, clubs and similar entertainment venues was extended until 4 January, 2021, the ban on New Year's celebrations were repeated; and regulations regarding public transportation were made.

The decision to stop the arrival of those who intend to come to the TRNC by air and sea without quarantine for three days or less has been extended indefinitely.

It was deemed appropriate to allow UN, EU, British Bases, Buffer Zone and UNFICYP employees to cross the border gates provided they submit negative PCR tests conducted in the last week.

Source: TRNC Public Information Office



14 Martyrs who were children killed in 1974 laid to rest

The remains of a total of 14 children, seven girls and seven boys, between the ages of four months and 16 years from Muratağa and Sandallar Villages, who became martyrs following an attack by EOKA-B terrorists on 14th August 1974 were laid to rest following a military ceremony. The remains of the children had been identified following DNA testing at the excavations executed by the Committee on Missing Persons in Cyprus.



On 20th July 1974, all men of fighting age were taken away as prisoners of war to prison camps and immediately after the launch of the second peace operation of the Turkish Army on 14th August 1974, EOKA-B, a Greek Cypriot terrorist organisation, killed almost the entire population of three villages, mostly women and children aged between 16 days old to 95 years old.

President of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus Ersin Tatar attended the ceremony and said that the families of the 14 Martyrs have been in deep sorrow for 46 years. President Tatar also underlined that this event shows that the two people of the island cannot live together and if there will be a sustainable solution in Cyprus it should be under the effective and efficient guarantee of Turkey.

Source: TRNC Public Information Office

Oktay: "The painful memories have come before us once again"

Turkish Vice President Fuat Oktay stated that the farewell to our children who were martyred by EOKA once again brought back the painful memories.

Oktay shared on his Twitter account regarding the identification through DNA tests of 14 children who were martyred in the massacres in Muratağa-Sandallar by the Greek Cypriot terrorist organization EOKA-B in 1974 and commemorated 46 years later.

Turkish Vice President Oktay said: "The farewell to our children, who were martyred in the EOKA atrocities in the TRNC, to their eternal resting place brought the painful memories back to us once again. The mentality that ignores, tries to destroy and condones the Turkish presence on the island is still alive today. Turkey will stand by Turkish Cypriots as of yesterday, today, and tomorrow with all the facilities, and will continue to protect their life, property, rights and interests with determination. The whole world should see this reality and contribute to the process towards a just solution.

Source: TRNC Public Information Office



Bye Bye 2020, Welcome 2021



By Ahmet Abdulaziz ....

Last week I had declared the year 2020 as a horrible year for the whole world. Yes, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the whole world suffered a lot, both in financial terms and in the terms of loss of human lives. However today I will try to be limited to the place where I live, and that is the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC).

For this part of the island, which has been termed as 'A Corner of Earth Touched by Heaven', the year 2020 was not different than any other country of the world. The COVID-19 pandemic surfaced in the month of March, and in a short period of time, most of us found ourselves locked in our homes. Strict measures were taken to avoid the spread of the virus. To a great extent, we succeeded, but of course, there were losses of some valuable human lives too.

However, the TRNC suffered a lot in financial terms. As we all know that the whole economy of the country is dependent mostly on tourists and foreign students in the local universities. The arrival of foreign tourists almost stopped due to the pandemic. The same was the case with the foreign students, as most of the universities stopped their educational activities or shifted to the online system.

However, the year 2020 was also the year of the Presidential election.

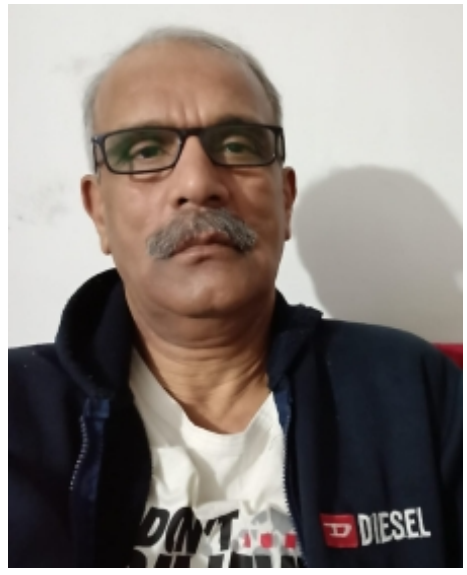
First, it was postponed but was held during the second half of the year. The then sitting President Mr. Mustafa Akınci and the then Prime Minister, Mr. Ersin Tatar, had merged as the ultimate contestants.

Following a hectic but short election campaign, marred due to the strict measures taken against the COVID-19 pandemic, Mr. Ersin Tatar, emerged as the winner, with a small margin

Subsequent to the presidential elections, the government also went through a total re-shuffle. The earlier ruling coalition of parties ended, and in came another coalition of three parties. The new Prime Minister and his cabinet started working as the year approached its end.

As for myself, the year 2020 was also eventful. Apart from the changes in the lifestyle brought by the COVID -19, I went through some personal health complications.

I went through cataract operations of both of my eyes.





However, the year 2020 was the year of the marriage of my daughter.

The year 2020 was an unforgettable year for all of us. I hope that the incoming New Year will bring more happiness and peace to the whole world.





KAR - News Update

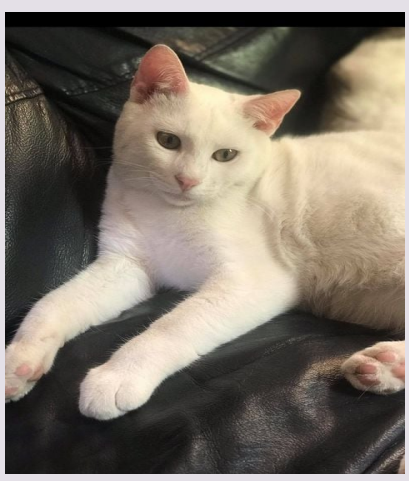
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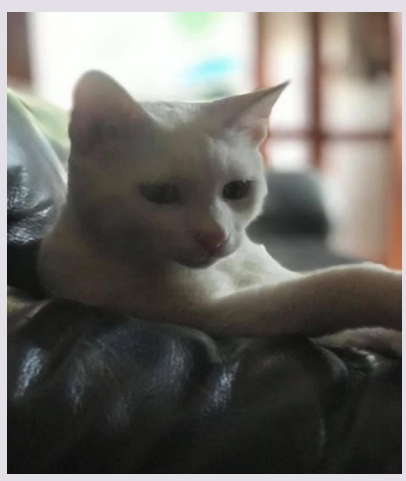
We had an exciting visit to the centre last Sunday from members of the Turk Riders North Cyprus. They brought with them an amazing donation of bags and bags of food for the animals and a generous cash donation too. It was great to see you all and thank you so much. Look forward to seeing you all again soon.



POSTED ON BEHALF OF A THIRD PARTY (26th December)

This handsome boy is **Tokyo**, who has gone missing from his home in Dogankoy. He's been missing for 3 weeks now and his owner would really like to have him back home with her. If you have seen him or find Tokyo, then please phone Zehra on 0533 836 5965. Please share and we hope that Tokyo is found very soon.





HAS SANTA BEEN AND BROUGHT YOU A SHINY NEW PC FOR CHRISTMAS?

Don't know what to do with the old one? Or maybe you have one you don't use as you have a laptop, tablet or phone instead?

Our Rescue Centre PC has been poorly for some time now, and unfortunately it finally gave up over Christmas. We desperately need a new (to us) PC to enable us to keep the relevant records up to date and ensure the smooth running of the Rescue Centre. With all the problems Covid has brought with it we just do not have the cash to buy a new one!

If you have one that will help us please will you either take it into our office in Karakum (Monday to Friday 9am to 1pm - but not New Years Day) or into the Rescue Centre (7 days a week 9am to 1pm including New Years Day).

Thank you so much. The picture is for illustration purposes only.



OUR MANTRA FOR 2021



KAR - News Update

Hello everyone and a Merry Christmas to you all.

We just thought that we would let you know how we are surviving in this new world we are living in during the Covid 19 pandemic.

As the TRNC is an island the lockdown arrangements that were put in place early have managed to keep all of our staff and volunteers safe from the virus.

However it meant that there have been no visitors or tourists which, as you can imagine, has had a tremendous impact on KAR. No food from hotels and restaurants, no visitors bringing donations or walking dogs etc, no money in our collection boxes, all of fundraising events cancelled etc.

All of this whilst we were all also worrying about family and friends near and far.

We re-opened our charity shops with much reduced opening hours in June under the new Covid regulations. Gone (hopefully not forever!) are the days of happy smiling faces of customers calling in for bargains and a chat. Instead we are all masked up like Batman's Babes!!! But we, and our customers (like you we expect) are making the best of a bad situation.

As if we were not struggling enough at the beginning of October vet's fees were increased once again by over 30% along with other increases in pet food, medical supplies, cleaning materials etc. We can ignore (quite happily at times!) the housework at home but not up at the Centre - cleanliness is so important in disease control.

Our annual Christmas Bazaar was cancelled (At least Father Christmas got to have the day off!) and plans were put in place to hold mini Christmas Bazaars and open a Christmas shop to try to overcome the loss of funds. Christmas/New Year dinners for the dogs and cats at our shelter at £5 each went on sale - we cannot promise Turkey and all the trimmings but it is nice for them to have a treat - if you would like to purchase a dinner for one of our cats/dogs please use "Dinner" as a reference when paying any monies into our account.

Elaine and the staff at the centre have been producing regular videos of dogs and cats that are waiting for new forever homes particularly introducing some of our elderly inmates that have been in our care for many years. Just like us - they want a nice quiet happy loving place to spend their twilight years. These "oldies" have been shown on our Face book page and Website..

Whilst there have been no visitors to help with any building and repair work at the centre, members of the staff have been busy concreting compounds, laying drainage ready for the rainwater that pours down the mountain during the winter months and replacing damaged and chewed wooden kennels using second hand pallets. Thank goodness for the "men and women - who can " And DO!

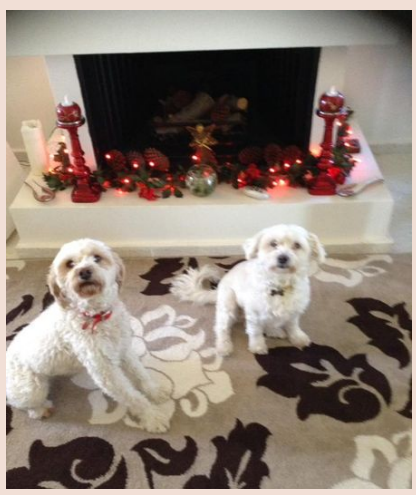
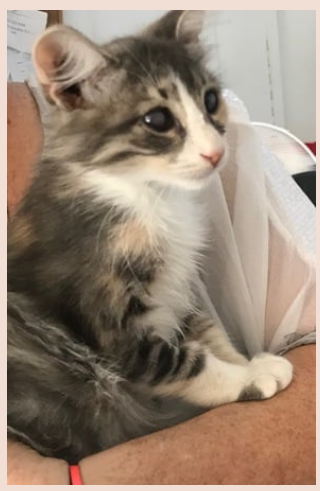
Fold up beds and camping equipment is now kept in readiness up at the Centre - not for sneaky naps - but in the event of any new lockdown regulations.

As we approach the end of this unprecedented year we want to thank you all for your fantastic help with donations and lovely words of support. Please keep it coming as you are the reason that we are able to continue to do what we do and thank you for helping us to help all of the wonderful dogs and cats.

Please stay safe. We wish you all a very happy Christmas and we hope that we will all be looking forward to a much better 2021.

The pictures are of just some of our very lucky adopted ones (apologies if your "furbaby" is not in this selection but there are so many that we cannot include them all) – they, and their TRNC friends, are the reason Team KAR continues to care.

Love from us all at K.A.R







The EVKAF Volunteers for Kindness in the TRNC



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

What an unusual name, it makes one wonder what may be behind it. One day I came across a story on facebook about a batik course in Girne where people created length of fabric in batik art for charity reasons under the supervision of Ismet Hilmioğlu, an expert in this art. It made me curious and I contacted Oya Kutsal who, as I learned later, is the Head of the Girne Evkaf Volunteers for Kindness Group. I wanted to buy some of this batik material as it is my general attitude to buy from artists and craftsmen when I am looking for presents for family and friends.



After I had acquired three beautiful batik lengths at her house, I asked Oya Kutsal to tell me a bit more about the background and history of Evkaf İyilik Gönüllüleri / The Evkaf Volunteers for Kindness.

Oya started with the very beginning, which is back to the roots and as one of the principles of the Evkaf Foundation.

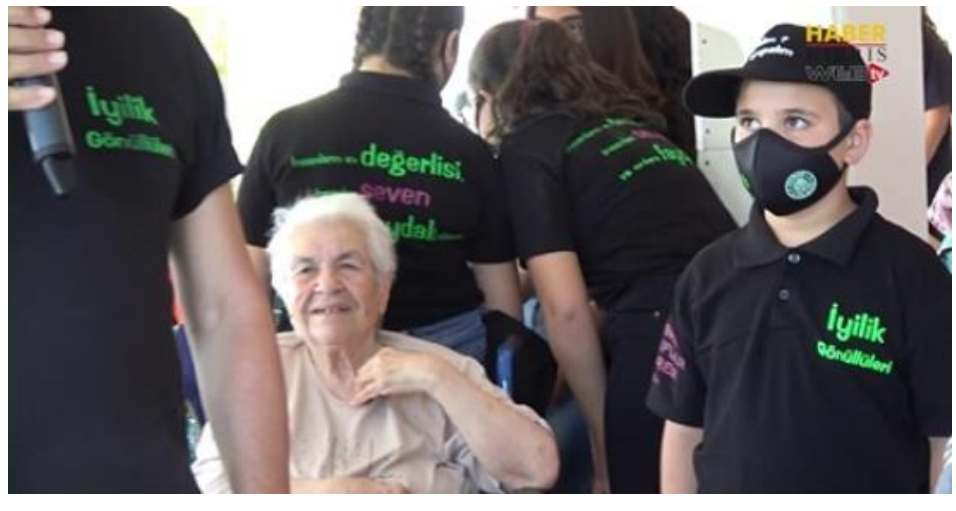
“Evkaf is a foundation that administrates properties through trusts to help the poor and needy and to meet all the vital necessities of the society. For some reason this principle had been neglected in the past. When Ibrahim Benter was appointed as the new head of Evkaf, he started to bring this main principle to the foreground again and supported the realization of the idea of Evkaf Volunteers for Kindness as a bridge between the society and Evkaf. It took some years to find volunteers to work for this aim. I accepted to be the leader of the Girne Evkaf Volunteers for Kindness about two and a half years ago. Now we have leaders in every area. Dr. Nurçin İncirli is the leader of Güzelyurt, Özlem Kadirağa is the leader of Famagusta, Mustafa Samil is the leader of Nicosia. Each leader has his/her own team. But there is a great will of cooperation between the various area leaders. An official link with more detailed information on Evkaf is shown below."

“We are a very well organized group with a dense network. We cooperate very professionally and solve the problems immediately. Especially recently, with the pandemic controlling our lives, we were ready almost in ten minutes. I can say that we became very visible during the pandemic and we have gained the respect of all during those hard times.”

What are the targets of the individual groups because I think that all areas have different problems they have to work on, I was asking.

“Each area has its own targets. In problematic times though, all groups work together but normally we work for our own targets. We, the Girne Evkaf Volunteers for Kindness, have a wide range of duties. We work for the environment, for historical monuments, animals and for groups of people in need. We work not only for Cyprus we work for all the people in need. For example we are helping a school for the disabled in Kenya, we sent toys to Syria, we had worked for Samos and Izmir after the earthquake and also for a Lebanese hospital after the horrid explosion they experienced. .... For us humanity has no barrier of language, religion or race.”





http://www.cypnet.co.uk/ncyprus/history/ottoman/evkaf.html

continued .... The EVKAF Volunteers for Kindness

How do you go about the various projects, for example environment?

"Firstly it is mainly about creating awareness, sort of grass root activities, standing up at roundabouts with banners saying 'PUT YOUR TRASH INTO YOUR BIN; THE ROADS ARE NEITHER A BIN NOR AN ASHTRAY' There is a special team who takes care of island wide clean-ups. Just recently on Sunday, December 06, they worked together with ÇADER to clean the Coronaro Beach, and we published the activity to further create awareness."

Yes, I have seen it and everybody talked about it, a seriously needed activity, admonishing and educating society through example and discipline.

What does your work concerning monuments involve?

"We try to assess all historical monuments in documentaries. Under 'Metruk Tarihler Ülkesi' on internet you'll find some youtube videos I have been doing together with Genç TV on historical places and their background, for example here in Lefkoşa, there are others such as about Esentepe, Balalan, or Karmi etc."

You mentioned the art and handicraft workshops, you get together and create things for sale and then donate the income for charity?

"Yes, for example we painted stones and sold them for the earthquake victims in Izmir and Samos; we did and still continue the Batik Workshop for cancer patients, for the Lapta Nursing Home for the Elderly, but also for the poor in Yemen."

Do you have a website where people can follow you?

"Yes, we have, as part of Evkav"

http://www.evkaf.org/site/default.aspx

"On facebook as Girne group"

https://www.facebook.com/Girne

"Or in general for all groups"

https://www.facebook.com/iyilikgonulluleri/

Thank you, Oya and also to all the other groups for doing this great job. I will certainly follow you. I wish you all the support and success.

PS: In the meantime, after the interview which took place over several days, with questions going to and fro, I had the opportunity to dig into the information I have been given and do some research on the internet.

My respect to all of you, you are doing a great job for society and humanity.





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Poets Corner



Poem by Nick Vye - Sanctuary

HALCYON DAYS

Do you remember those halcyon days,
All the things that came your way,
Everything had that golden touch,
You never wanted for anything much,

Life was so easy and so much fun,
No one pointing that threatening gun,
Every day the sun shone bright,
There was no fear of the dark night,

All the people had smiling faces,
Happiness in all the right places,

Now when you look back it seems a dream,
Was it all what it really seemed,

I won't let the memories fade away,
Or the words that good people say,
I'll try and bring it all back to life,
End this feeling of hopeless strife,

We have the power to change it all,
Let's all join together before the fall,
On this new day that now adorns,
Let the halcyon days be reborn.....





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Stephanie Harrison-Croft - 29th December

This poor cat needs an urgent operation to remove its eye asap, as you can see. There is a high risk of infection and the eye shape is changing which could indicate something worse is going on as the eye has been like this for some time.

We are desperate for funds to help and funding has been very low over the last year.

We need to try and raise 700tl / £70 for the operation please.

Any donations can be made directly to Niyazi Çelebi at Petline Veteriner Kliniği or by any of our following links with reference Eye Op.

Thank you for any help.

https://gf.me/u/yw5ybt

https://www.paypal.com/

http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/hope4petsnc/...

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Elizabeth Stowell - 26th December

To our fabulous friends and family who instead of presents, or sometimes as well as presents! donated to Hope 4 pets this Christmas, thank you, thank you, thank you!



Elizabeth Stowell shared - 29th December

Sign up today! raised £20.00 by buying car insurance!



Stephanie Harrison-Croft

We still have some of our beautiful high quality Calendars (130 tl) and Christmas Cards (65tl for a pack of 10) for sale.

Please reserve on the post, pm or call 0533 845 06 40



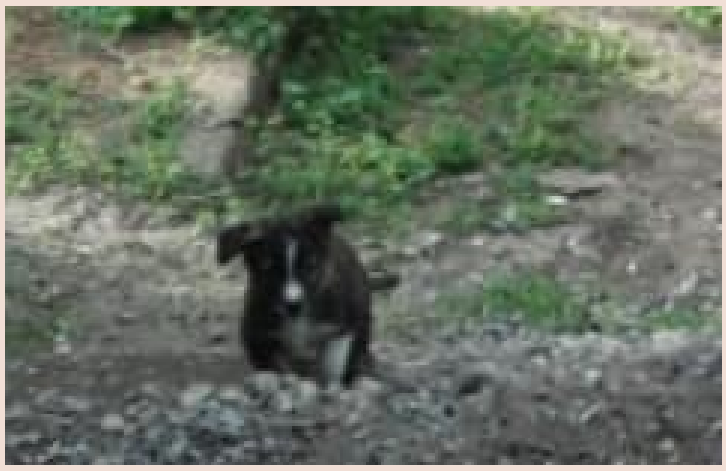
Hope 4 Pets - News Update

Ray Toffee Wallace - 26th December

Well the donations are getting very low now as expensive for inoculating and feeding these little beauties aka Alsansak 8. Any help towards keeping them fed and healthy would be very much appreciated.

Donations are sent to Hope for Pets North Cyprus. Ref.- Ray.

Food donations especially wet food locally would be a great help.











RUSUK asks : Has any good come out of 2020?



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… actually, yes, in my case.

Though I must admit the beginning was shitty. In January I suddenly got into some family troubles that just knocked me out for the most of the year. I had to manage this pressure and, yep, it wasn't easy.

Then in March I realized that our carefully planned July Alaska trip with 10 tourists from Russia had to be cancelled because of the Fake of the Year, the COVID-19 pandemic. Yes, I still think, now even more, that there has been too much blind panic, irrational fear and overreaction from both the public and most of the world governments, Sweden excluded. This year could've gone very differently for all of us had we shown some wisdom and integrity in the beginning of it. Special thanks to world media that were more than happy to make this trouble look hundred times worse than it actually is, in my understanding of the situation.

In April I lost one of my small freelance jobs because it was connected with the tourism industry that died just around this time. It wasn't such a big financial blow. It was more like: shit, things continue to go out of control in my life.

To make a long story short, psychologically the 2020 was probably the hardest one to me so far, not just because of coronavirus. At some point everything was bad and getting even worse…

But what's on the sunny side?

It seems, though this year is technically not gone yet, that I managed to fix most of my problems and even made tangible progress starting from September.

Sure, some problems are still here but this is life. They say what doesn't kill you makes you stronger. Looks true in my case.

It looks like my personal matters are mostly sorted out and there's sun shining through.

Yes, we lost Alaska tour as a project in 2020, and it was a blow. But I now work (among my other professional activities) in the Russian Himalayan club, an iconic tourist agency / adventure community here in Moscow, and this job is as exciting as can be. Now we're trying to put the company back on track after the COVID-19 blows. The perspective is bright because we see the light at the end of the tunnel: with the global vaccination the tourism industry will be slowly rising from ashes during 2021. We're already monitoring some client activities. So there's life on Mars, yes.

There're other good things going on now in my life, too.

But the most important thing that I brought out of 2020 is: never give up.

Troubles of any kind may come together and push you back and hit your spirits really hard. Even when everything looks gloomy, even if you think you're in middle of the deep and dark forest with no hope to get out of it, keep on trying.

Don't give up and just don't crack under pressure. You're doing your best, trying to be both creative and brave in your plans and actions. Probably daring to do what you've never done before.

Then you win.

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Who Moved My Cheese?

So a couple of weeks back, Roger and me are down at his favorite pub. They have several decent sized flat-screens so he can see his favorite team lose in HD. We meet there perhaps twice a month and he has good wine and I order Miller Beer. I get Miller because it's better than the local swill and cheaper than his good stuff.

So we're talking about Covid and my thought was that the effect the virus has had is to compress what would have taken a full decade into several months. Consider the world after this is over:

**** People will shop mostly online**
**** Many will work from home**
**** Millions of jobs will have vanished**
**** China will eclipse The United States in Asia & maybe the World**
**** Domestic politics in several countries comes to a final showdown: Democracy vs. Populism**
**** The young have few options**

In short, the entire twenty-twenties will be compressed into maybe two years. The more you look, the more places you discover where this is true.

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This is one of those be careful what you wish for things. I'm sure China would not wish to simply eclipse the United States but to crush those miserable bastards. If most of the planet starts to eat and buy local, this is of little use to the new Super Power. Ships produce lots of carbon pollution and if Europe produces most of what it consumes, China loses.

I will argue a great many issues will be sorted out in 2021, not 2031. So the question becomes is this positive? Most folks hate change with a passion. Look, if something as insignificant as Windows 10 moving your icons can bring out hordes with pitchforks, how do you think the masses will respond to actual change?

This is not just moving the cheese around on Isle 9, this may be real change.

**** Will you own a car or call a self-driving, electric car**
**** Will you have a regular job (many millions will not)**
**** Do you live in a democracy or a populists autocracy that calls itself a democracy**
**** Will your child go to an actual college**



I think change is a good thing, mostly. Look at change over the sweep of history, while it's happening people get displaced and that's bad. But in the end we come out better. We started out in caves and ended up with Roger's team losing in glorious, 1280 HD at Sherman's. While Roger may not be pleased, mostly this has been good.

The Plague, The Black Death, lead directly to the fall of the Feudal Land Barons. The fact that you are reading this on a computer screen instead of … of … well, not being able to read at all is but one result.

The sweep of history is discovery on discovery and that's good; like discovering penicillin good and 2020 will be no different. Thankfully it will not be remembered like the Plague but it will also have a long lasting, positive effect.

Oh, and sorry about moving your cheese.

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Roger



Has any good come out of 2020?

I think so, yes. But much more harm has entered the system at the same time.

For the first time in my generation's lifetime, we've been subjected to all kinds of restrictions, constraints and regulations never before imposed. We are all no longer in complete control of our behaviours and lifestyles. You either go with it, because you know that's the sensible thing to do, or you disobey or simply ignore it because you think the whole thing is a delusion, a most unnecessary burden for humanity to put up with, and, of course, you know best.

So, as we approach the festive season, we are once again no longer in command of the way we want to lead our lives. Someone else is making the rules and regulations, and the conditions under which we must now all live.

I come from, I admit, a very privileged position of not having to earn a living anymore, or being responsible for schooling the kids, and I have no worries about my income supply drying out. But if this damn Covid-19 has taught me anything, it's not to worry about what I can't do, and what I can't have, and where I can't go. Instead, Mrs B and I can celebrate with what we are endowed.

My generation is by far the luckiest in the past century. Decent pensions, plus a lovely home in a glorious climate. (We are so enjoying today's torrential rain after nearly eight months of continuous sunshine, some of it exceedingly hot.) Many of us were able to retire relatively young and on a full pension based on final salary.

So what, that this is the very first time our total freedom has been somewhat infringed. Put it on the scales, and I know that our blessings will come way out on top.

We now also enjoy many more family get-togethers, even though we are thousands of kilometres apart, and can't travel. Yes, we could have "Zoomed" them more often in the past, but we didn't so much. Now we do. So do they. Even though both sides of our family have been close throughout, we all seem to care that little bit more. Marvellous. With modern technology, we can still "visit" our loved ones. As many times as we want to.

We now know we can work from home, so no more pesky building in our city centres for offices that, frankly, are redundant. Why on earth do we have to go to work in an office? It makes no sense. Another thing that Covid has taught us that we simply do not need. Hallelujah!

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But there is a huge caveat. Can any of us look forward to 2021 with maybe a little more confidence?

Well, there's finally been some good news on the vaccine front, where in various parts of the globe, the scientific community has worked absolute miracles to enable at least the most vulnerable to be inoculated this year. Another good to have come out of this horrible year.

But wait, what's this about 40 percent of the population refusing the vaccine when offered? How is that going to help eradicate Covid-19? Why is it that so many distrust science, believing instead the absolute garbage conspiracy theories they read in social media? I thought Americans were stupid enough to go out socialising at Thanksgiving, and look at that sad, sad country now. But it seems spreading the virus is not the domain of just Trump and his delusional supporters.

We, as a race, are going to have to be very, very careful next year, and into the following decade. We can't just expect things to get back to normal, and carry on as before. That's just what got us all into this mess in the first place.

The idea that we humans control our planet has been found to be totally preposterous. This pandemic was always going to happen at some time for all sorts of human-activity reasons. (No space to go over it all, but destroying natural habitats, intensive farming of animals and overpopulation are just for starters.)

And, unless we change, it will happen again, and again, and again. Will we change? You know what, the world seems so divided right now, more than I can remember in my 68 years, that I have to say, I haven't got the slightest bit of confidence that enough of us will learn anything beneficial from the past 12 months.

So despite my earlier optimism, maybe nothing good was ever going to come out of this year, or next year, or……..

To read more of RUSUK the link is :

http://rusuknow.com/



Girne Municipality New Year services

Girne Municipality has taken a number of measures in order to serve the Girne people during the New Year.

Including the first day of the new year, the garbage of the Çarşı center, Kordonboyu and hotels will be collected and cleaning services will be provided in accordance with the routine program. In the distribution of drinking water, necessary measures have been taken to prevent the program from being interrupted and teams have been formed for any malfunctions that may occur.

Citizens will be able to call Girne Municipality on the following phone numbers in case of emergency during New Year's Eve:

Public works, zoning 0548 881 2114,

Cleaning works 0533 860 5973/0533 825 0104,

Water works 0542 882 1118/0548 838 8810,

Sewage works 0533 870 2017/0533 846 2017

Funeral and burial works 0533 840 5220,

Police (Zabita law enforcement) services 0548 882 2120/0533 826 2547,

Health care 0533 870 2014

and in case of emergency ALO 185 within the borders of Girne Municipality

Girne Municipality Baldöken Auto Park and Prepaid Water Cashier will close at 12.00 on Thursday, 31st December and will continue to serve as of Saturday, 2nd January.

Source (Turkish) : Girne Municipality




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Turk Riders Chopper Club donated food and money to KAR

Readers mail.....
From John Snowby -
Turk Riders Chopper Club (Girne Chapter)

Hello Chris,

You may be interested in the fact that I'm part of a motorcycle club, the Turk Riders Chopper Club which is quite small here in the TRNC and we want to make a small difference to our community and we thought of donating food to the Kyrenia Animal Rescue Center and this is our report.

Christmas lunch arrived a little late on Sunday for the residents of the KAR...Kyrenia Animal Rescue centre. ..The Turk Riders Motorcycle club visited the Center in Arapkoy to deliver 200kg of dog food and a donation of 500TL towards the running of the medical centre. Elaine the manager of the center couldn't believe it when over 20 bikes arrived and offloaded the food...much to the vocal excitement of the 250 residents!

The Turk Riders are quite a large organisation based in Turkey with representatives in 5 other countries. The military and police form the bulk of the groups or as we would say chapters and meet on a regular basis to share their love of bikes and of course ride out...with a purpose!...

Elaine and her crew (KAR) provide a valuable community service with many dogs, some having been there for many years...I know they are well known across the TRNC and their invaluable work helps provide a safe haven for those dogs abandoned on our streets.

The Girne chapter like all of our brothers and sisters tries to make a difference .. too many times I'm sure bikers are viewed with images that are not entirely true.

We will continue to work in our communities and where we can ride with a purpose!

Special thanks to the 3B Burgher bar for hosting the event and those motorists who gave way on the roundabouts to our motorcycles.

Thank you also to our fellow chapters Nicosia...Famagusta and Iskele...ride safe!!!

We intend similar initiatives every few months in our relatively small way and this event was initiated by the Girne Chapter ...with the support of our fellow brothers n sisters from other chapters to help make a difference..





To see the video of the donation made by Naci Kaya to Elaine, the KAR Centre Manager, the link is below :

https://cyprusscene.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/Turk-Ridesr-donating-to-KAR.mp4

4th Anniversary - Bayrak "Blues and Rock Show with ROLAND"

On 3rd January 2021 it will be the 4th Anniversary of the “Blues & Rock Show with ROLAND“ and BAYRAK International Radio (Lefkosa-North Cyprus) will be presenting the 4th Anniversary “Rockin the Blues“ with DJ Roland – the Sunday BLUES & ROCK Show from North Cyprus.





This is a unique International Radio show. An example for Global Music Network. For 4 Years the Blues & Rock Show has been presented with DJ Can Gazi, the man behind the desk, and DJ Roland, which has been successful teamwork.

The show could only grow with the support of the music labels, Label Promoters, the musicians and of course the audience worldwide, for which this show is produced.

Roland says: “Thanks to all the labels worldwide for sending me their music and all the musicians and listeners supporting this show.“ Also worth highlighting is the collaboration with RockCyprus, which presents the playlists on Spotify.... Thanks from Roland to Marcel van Bussel. After live presentation of his show, in a second step the Sunday playlist is published on Spotify.

The success for Roland is to bring his passion for music to listeners, always with actual and current music to support musicians. Also they are not so well-known, Young Bands and new Bands need a platform, so Roland always tries to give them space. Music is one of the instruments for making people happy and peaceful.

Roland says: “It`s not only a show for German people as my intention is to bring people together without regard of nationality, colour, religion or language. A radio show that finds more and more listeners beyond the borders of North Cyprus“.

Not enough for Roland!

In July of this year he received a request from the radio station "The Dutch Rock Station - HOEX - Radio" from the Netherlands, asking him if he would also like to present his music programme there.

Spontaneously Roland agreed and since 5th August 2020 every Monday (21:00 CET) the show "Keep the Blues Rock Alive with ROLAND" and on Saturday the repeat show (23:00 CET).

What a success.... and in the feedbacks there were comparisons with John Peel, the well-known radio DJ from the BBC.







Walking the Dogs - 30th December 2020

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

Fabulous walking for the dogs and it was their Christmas treat day, with special treats and toys from Santa lol.

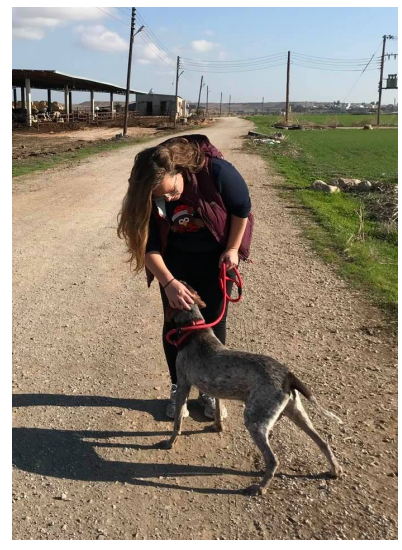
Thank you to Adela Warrington, Jennie Mitchell, Val Maskell, Cheryl Lucas and Mike Bezzant we all had a great time with these lovely animals.

We walked Samba, George, Julyet, Elsa, Ross, Kate, Beverley, Archie, Jessica's, Cooper, Stuart, Lofty, Timothy, Dylan, Karmi, Tucker, Blue and Roxy, 18 very grateful dogs and 6 very happy humans.

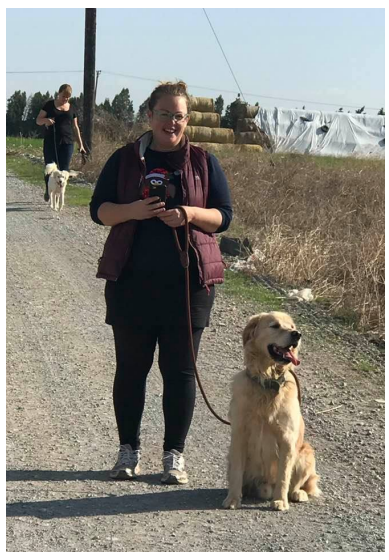
A lot of these dogs are looking for their own homes. They are all so excited to spend time with us and would make amazing pets.

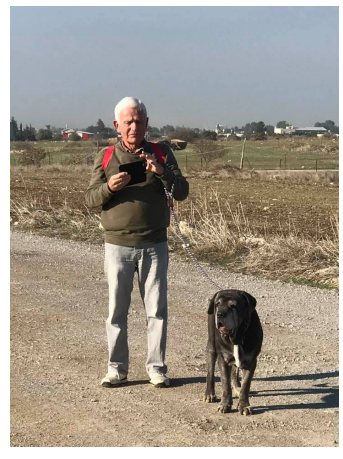
If anyone would like to join us for our Wednesday walk, please contect me on the link below.

https://www.facebook.com/carolewking

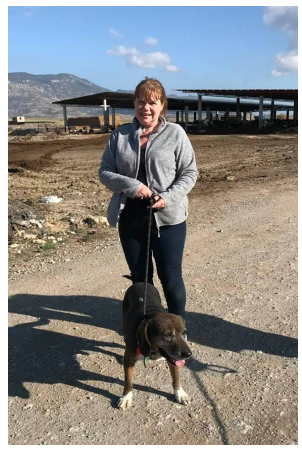



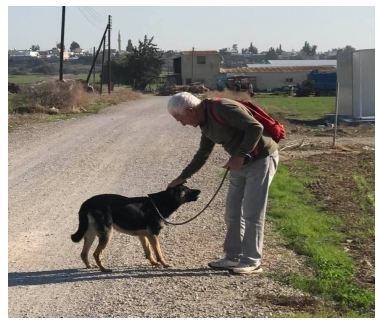


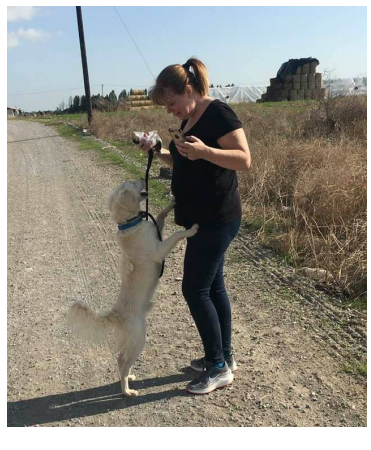


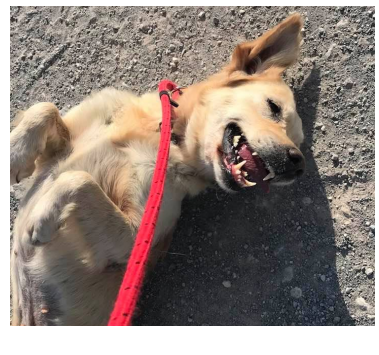
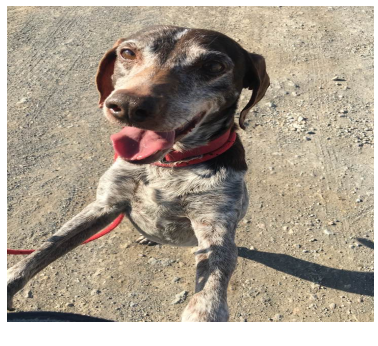










'Random ARUCAD' Exhibition opened in Art Rooms Gallery

"Random ARUCAD' exhibition opened at the Art Rooms Gallery, Girne. 'Random ARUCAD', the first of which was held as a pop-up exhibition in 2018, brought together ARUCAD's artist academics from different disciplines this year.

Attending the "Random ARUCAD" exhibition, were Arkin University of Creative Arts and Design (ARUCAD) artists and academicians Prof. Dr. Nur Onat, Dr. Cem Yardimci, Dr. Eser Keçeci, Dr. Cengiz Bodur, Dr. Melisa Balkaç, Arvin Medghalchi, Mümine Özdemirağ Yağ, Rebecca Öğün, Yılmaz Kastanbollu, Ecem Küpeli, Emir Özkaya and Korhan Akbaytogan.

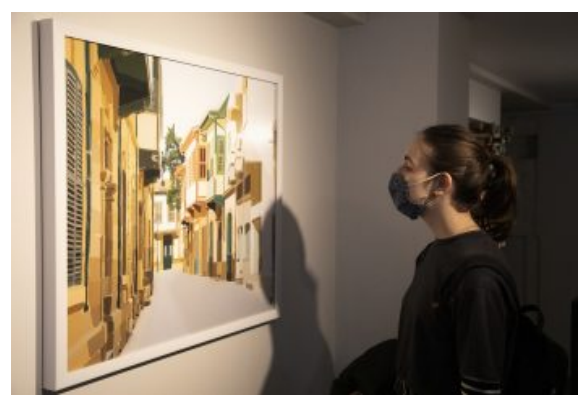
It was not possible to hold an opening ceremony cocktail party due to COVID-19 but the 'Random ARUCAD' exhibition, can be visited at the Art Rooms Gallery in Girne between 12:00 and 21:00 every day until 25th January 2021, within the framework of the measures taken in accordance with the pandemic.

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









Free Portfolio Courses started for High School students in ARUCAD

Free Portfolio and Illustration Course for high school students has started at Arkin University of Creative Arts and Design (ARUCAD), the only foundation university in Cyprus and the Region focused on art, design and communication.

The Portfolio and Illustration Course started at ARUCAD with the students of 19 Mayis Turkish Maarif College and Anafartalar High School. ARUCAD, which offers a wide range of scholarships to talented and creative students, organised a free Portfolio and Illustration Course for those who plan to continue their education in the departments of universities that accept students with a talent exam or portfolio presentation.

ARUCAD helps students who will study in the field of art and design with a Portfolio and Illustration Course, to find their own style with applications such as Basic Art Education, Advanced Colour Theory, Pattern Studies, Colouring Techniques, Material Knowledge, Portfolio Building and Presentation Techniques, CV and Motivation Letter preparation.

ARUCAD Rector Prof. Dr. Asim Vehbi in his statement said, “The portfolio file informs about the subjects you are interested in, the ways of drawing, the words you use, the times you took photos, the places you liked to shoot videos. "It would be a good start for art and design education to get to know the students through the skills they show in their studies based on these interests and curiosities."

Rector Vehbi stated that ARUCAD's workshops, studios and laboratories are open for the use of all high schools and underlined that their support for high school students will continue to prepare portfolios.

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







RUSUK and their Years in Review

1720
The Year In Review



The Year in Review

England – 1720

Oh my, what a year! It maketh one thinke! How will we ever get over this?

I'm sure it won't happen in the future, but why does everyone in England want to make money with such rapaciousness and voracity?

This year, there is only one topic on the minds of all our citizens. 'Tis this very year, in return for a loan of £7,000,000 to finance the war against those pesky French, our House of Lords passed the South Sea Bill, which allowed the South Sea Company a monopoly in trade with South America. Slaves and stuff, which is of course fine. But it doesn't end there. Unfortunately.

The company also underwrote our National Debt, which stands at an incredible £30,000,000 million, give or take a farthing or two, on a promise of 5% interest from the Government.

Shares immediately rose to 10 times their value, there was much speculating, and some completely lunatic companies were launched amidst all the financial chaos.

I give thee three examples; a company floated to manufacture a gun which would fire square cannon balls; another one to buy the Irish Bogs; and one, wait for it, "For carrying-on an undertaking of great advantage but no-one is to know what 'tis!!" This last one raised thousands of pounds. You couldn't make this up……

Of course, the inevitable has happened. Huge fortunes were made, but eventually, huge fortunes were also lost as people all over the country became destitute, almost overnight. They included the gentry as well as those who literally couldn't afford to invest, let alone lose what they did not possess …… No wonder suicides have sadly became a daily occurrence.

On a cultural note, as a music lover, my major disappointment this year has been that it has not been possible to see and hear that virtuoso violinist Vivaldi. Instead of visiting our fair isle, he's decided to tour around Europe instead. Heathen. It means I have to put up with more bloody Handel instead. Lucky man was our George Frideric – he invested in South Sea in 1716 and sold last year! Why doth he not return to Brandenburg-Prussia?

But 1720 has had an upside as well. Word has reached me from that infernal pestilence of a country we know as France that such is their increasing rural prosperity, that even the peasants are drinking wine daily! Hard to believe, and no wonder we are at war with them.

However, they have discovered a very handy way of reducing their production costs. Instead of beating the grapes with sticks or battoons, they cleverly now use little children, who spend all day and half the night in the Tubs, treading the grapes under their feet. Genius. That will keep the little brats out of trouble. All we do in England is send them up chimney stacks to clear the soot away. Progress, I think you will agree.

So, a tumultuous year comes to an end, a year of such unhappiness, and personal deprivation for so many; it is only goode that my country cannot possibly ever experience such a year again, even if we dare look hundreds of years into the future.

I wish you all a more prosperous and less volatile 1721.

1820
The Year In Review



I have been asked to remark upon the current events around here, in The Year of Our Lord twenty and eighteen-hundred. It's been a remarkable year, there ain't been barely a week goes by what something happened.

I shall start at the most important: The Presidential Elections was between November 1, and December 6 and James Monroe got a second term in office with a considerable landslide victory in the Electoral College. The President defeated John Quincy Adams by a tally of 231 to 1. None of us liked Adams no how – cabbage head.

Oh… There is more news: To prove that a tomato ain't poisonous, Colonel Robert Gibbon Johnson ate one in public in Salem, New Jersey. Far as anybody around here knows, he is still alive. No matter, you will not be catching me eating one of them damn things.

I am reminded of Mr. Abraham Hatchel. He ate a tomato last year and the next day, he was on his way into town when he fell off his horse and died. Hear tell he was dead before he even hit the ground. I do not know how much more proof a body needs.

This week's Postal Rider brought the Newspaper and it turns out that on December 20, Missouri imposed a $1 bachelor tax on unmarried men aged between 21 & 50. It seems sensible enough to me. They probably should have called it the I'm ugly tax.

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I suppose you already know this but earlier in the year The Missouri Compromise bill, sponsored by Henry Clay, passed in the Congress. That legislation allows slavery in the Missouri territory, but not in any other location west of the Mississippi River that was north of 36 degrees 30 minutes latitude. That clears the way for the territory to be admitted to the Union, maybe next year.

The local Southern Baptist here became most exercised over the entire affair. It seems Preacher Matthews says God ordained indenturement and even quoted the Bible. The Good Book says that it is acceptable to keep people as long as they be from another state. And Preacher said that meant another country. So keeping Africans is as God intended, the Bible says so.

He then goes on to say Greek philosopher Aristotle claimed that some people were slaves by nature, and as a result of this belief, Aristotle argued that their enslavement was the only way to serve their best interests.

If you consider it, it's probably so. These poor creatures would not even have clothing to cover their nakedness. After the current fashion, they have not only clothing but they got houses and food. I figure it is better than they could achieve by other means.

There's other news, but I figure you would find the story of Mr. Jackob's corn crop a bit trifling.

Humbly Yours,

Mr. Lewis

1920
THE YEAR IN REVIEW



1920 in Russia… in its brightest moments

February

On February 6 Admiral Alexander Kolchak, recognized since 1918 by the White movement as the 'Supreme Leader and Commander-in-Chief of all Russian Land and Sea Forces', is executed by Bolshevik's firing squad… Immediately after his body was dumped down the ice of the frozen Angara river…

This news effectively puts an end to the White movement, already on defense in all directions across the country with South of Russia and the Far East being the last strongholds. Kolchak was a man of honor and integrity, a very good Navy officer and a fearless Arctic explorer, a passionate patriot of Russia but, at the same time, a person with very poor communication skills and an inept administrator. He obviously failed to unite the White movement and, thus, beat the Bolsheviks. He, in my mind, to the great bad luck of Russia, was an antipode of Leo Trotsky, a very charismatic speaker, the man who has built the Red army from scratch, the one who could fire up people to fight for the Soviets. The Bolshevik press calls Trotsky 'The Trooper of the Revolution'.

April

The worldwide 'Spanish flu' or the Influenza pandemic is coming to an and. Since 1918 this horrific disease has taken lives of up to 100 million people around the planet, according to some estimates. The number of its victims well exceeds the number of the MIA in the World War One, even taking into account the most conservative estimate of 'just' 17 million lost lives… Russia, already torn apart by the Civil war, has suffered a lot, too. Thanks God, at least one devilish thing has vanished here.

Japan occupies the island of Sakhalin, from now on called Karafuto but at the same time its dreams of annexing the whole of the Russian Far East denied by US President Woodrow Wilson.

September

Inessa Armand, a Frenchwoman and Vladimir Lenin's long-time lover and unofficial wife, dies from cholera. According to some reviews, Lenin is deeply shocked by her death.

October

The Soviet-Polish war that has begun last year, has finally, as it seems, come to an end. The Soviet Russia and Poland sign a truce agreement drawing the 'Kurzon Line' as the new border between the two countries. It seems that Lenin and Trotsky's plans of creating a Soviet Poland are now destroyed.

November

We now see the Bolsheviks finally taking upper hand in the Civil war with the seizure of the Crimea, the last stronghold of the White movement. General Wrangel and the White Guard leaving the country aboard ships and vessels of every possible kind bound for Istanbul. Thousands and thousands of warriors against the Reds, plus their families, plus lots of civilians who don't imagine themselves in the Soviet Russia, under Lenin and Trotsky's rule. All now turning into refugees with Russian Imperial navy ships transporting them to a foreign land… For good? So many of them hope, with General Wrangel first, now the leader of the White movement, it would be just a matter of time when, with the help of the Entente powers, when they back and wipe out the Bolsheviks, once and for all.

But who knows what lies ahead?

December

Soon after the defeat of General Wrangel in Crimea, just before the New Year, on December 30, Soviet Russia opens its trade offices in Great Britain, Germany, Sweden, Turkey, Italy and some other countries.

This effectively means that business prevails over politics even when it comes to dealing with Communist Russia.

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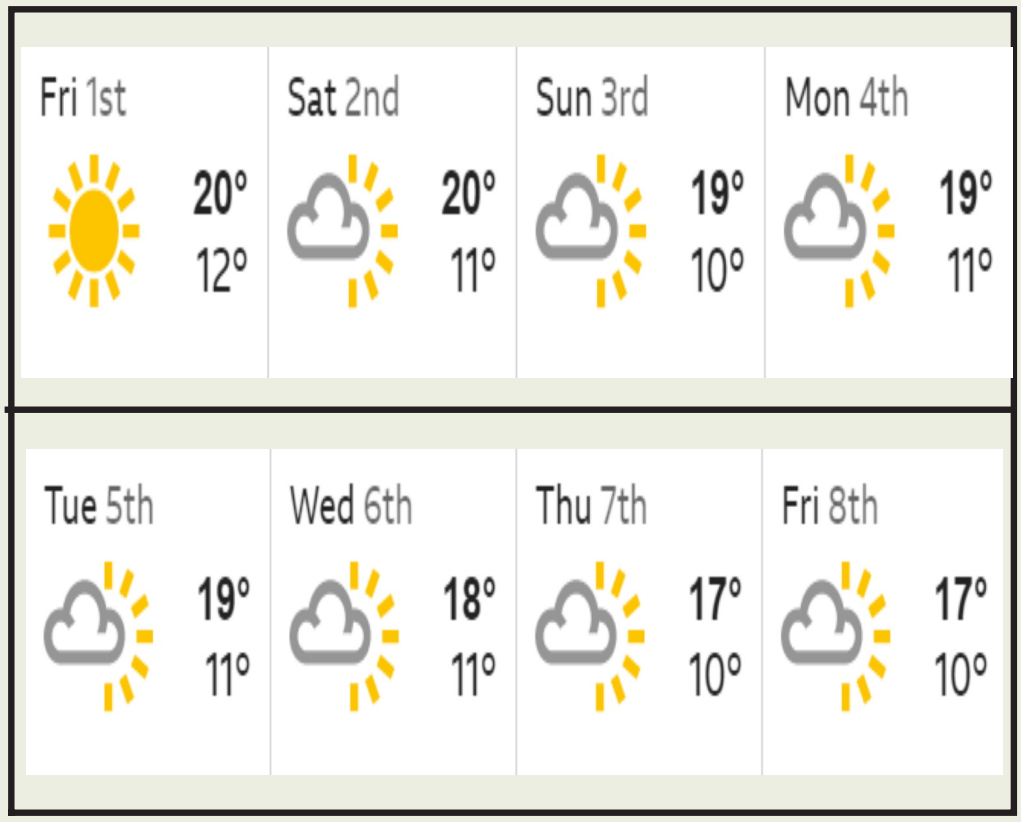
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(from 1st January to 8th January 2021



Girne Municipality continues its animal rights activities

Girne Municipality called all dog owners to renew their annual licenses and register.

Girne Municipality, which continues its cooperation with non-governmental organisations related to stray animals, called on all city residents to make official registration of owned dogs for annual license renewal. Continuing its studies on stray animals throughout the city in Girne, the Municipality carries out veterinary care and rehabilitation of stray animals that need special care.

Girne Municipality Health Branch Director Naile Soyel stated that the most basic vital rights of all animals are that they live in good welfare; For this reason, she said that they continue to work as a municipality for the effective use of the powers granted by the Dog Registration Regulation and the Animal Welfare Law. Naile Soyel noted that besides providing food and warm kennels support for stray animals, especially on cold winter days, they continue to work on neutering, veterinary control and treatment and rehabilitation when necessary.

Girne Mayor Nidai Güngördü said that owned dogs must have their licenses renewed every year. Güngördü stated that they continue to work at the Girne Municipality Animal Shelter and Rehabilitation Centers, which they opened in 2017 for stray dogs, and that nearly 400 stray dogs have been neutered so far, and instead of buying dogs he wanted the animals at the center to be adopted.

Güngördü stated that for the animals living on the street they provide them with warm environments and food that they can eat in the struggle for survival in cold weather conditions. Explaining that cooperation is made with citizens and tradesmen who are sensitive to street animals, Güngördü noted that kennels for stray animals are placed at certain points throughout the city of Girne, and that they are trying to support animals on the street with feeding points that are regularly supplemented. Güngördü added that the protection and observation of these points, which are under the regular supervision of the municipal teams, is important for sustainable work practices.

Source (Turkish) : Girne Municipality







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SPORT

A Light Dusting of Football!

The results of Saturday's "friendly matches" were:

HAMITKÖY 3 YENİCAMI 2

YONPAŞ DUMLUPINAR 5 ESENTEPE 0

GÖÇMENKÖY U20 1 GÖNYELİ U20 3

By Richard Beale .....

Normally December 26th, and it being a Saturday, the TRNC would have had a full League programme, before the season shuts down for its winter break. Covid-19 has already been at work though shutting down the entire 2020-21 football season before it even started.

The Football Federation has allowed some friendly matches to be played providing all the right precautions are taken.

There was an exciting Lefkoşa derby match with Hamitköy beating their Super League rivals with an injury time goal from Hasan Akkyu.

Unfortunately I was unable to attend the Dumlupınar- Esentepe match as we had friends visiting us. Normally I would have gone but thought I will gain some "Brownie points" for future matches if I didn't go!.

A very young Esentepe side were thoroughly beaten by the Super League team Yonpaş Dumlupınar, played in Famağusta.







Esentepe are missing quite a number of experienced players as with no football they must commit themselves to full time working. Esentepe therefore have to field inexperienced youngsters but Coach Kılıç Ali Kahraman is quite happy for this to happen.

He says that it will give the youngsters invaluable experience and will help with their future development.

Esentepe next friendly match is on Saturday 9th January, when they take on Hamitköy for the Erdal Barut Memorial Trophy kick off 2.00pm at Esentepe Erdal Barut Stadium.





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