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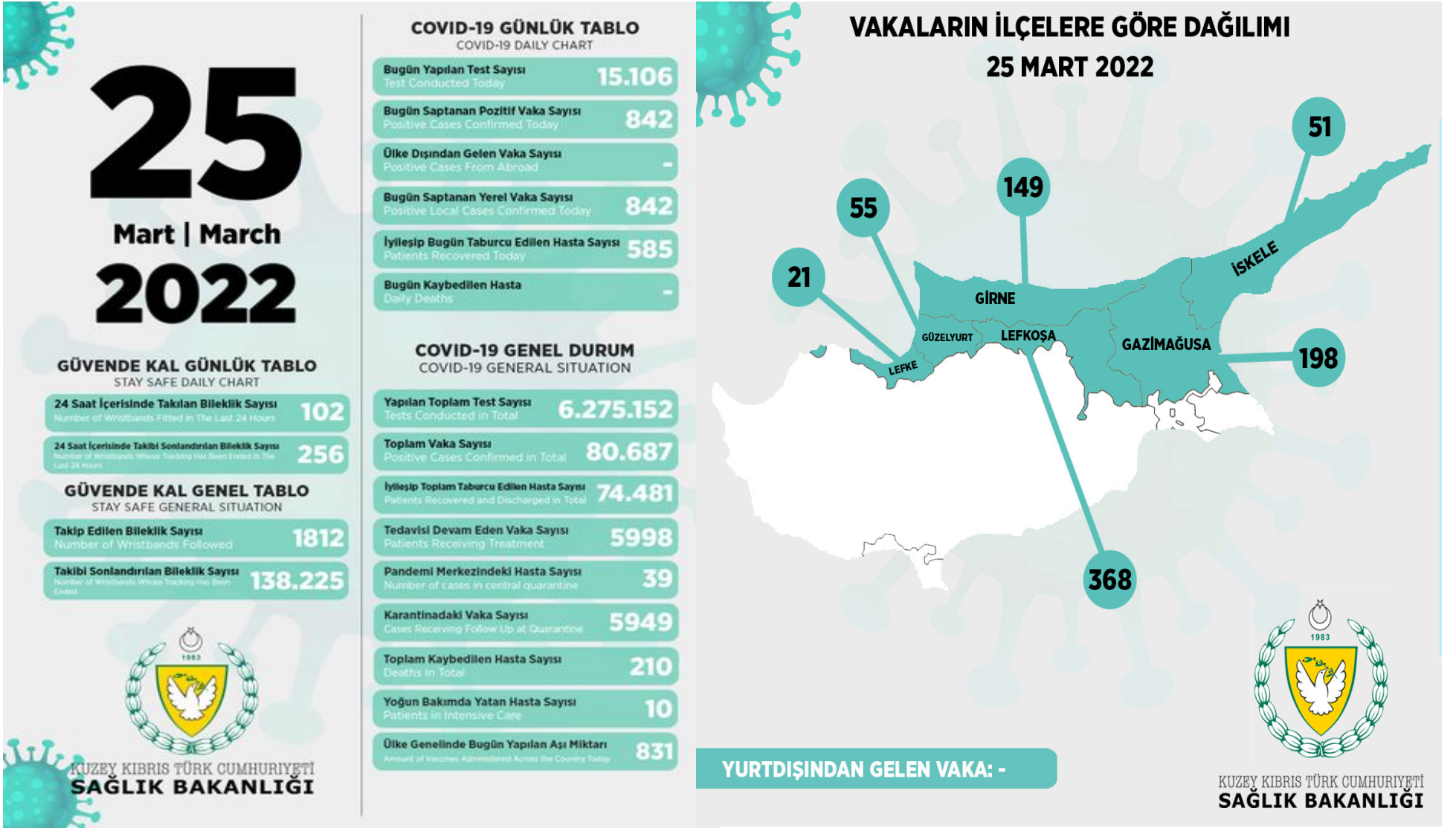
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TRNC exhibited at the 1st Mesopotamian Tourism and Gastronomy Fair

In his opening speech at the 1st Mesopotamian Tourism and Gastronomy Fair, Fikri Ataoğlu emphasized that:

“HISTORY AND CULTURE OF THE TRNC MAKES IT AN IMPORTANT DESTINATION”

Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Tourism, Culture, Youth and Environment Fikri Ataoğlu attended the opening ceremony of the 1st Mesopotamia Tourism and Gastronomy Fair in Turkey hosted by Diyarbakır Governorship and the support of TÜRSAB and Diyarbakır Chamber of Commerce and Industry, at the Diyarbakır Mesopotamia International Fair and Congress Centre.

The opening ceremony was attended by Erbil Governor, Omed Koshnaw, Bursa Yenişehir Mayor, Davut Aydın, TÜRSAB Chairman, Firuz B. Bağlıkaya, President of the Turkish Tourism Investors' Association, Oya Narin, and Diyarbakır Chamber of Commerce and Industry President, Mehmet Kaya. In his opening speech, Diyarbakır Governor, Münir Karaloğlu expressed his satisfaction in mentioning the importance of Diyarbakır's historical and natural riches and the crowning of this good fortune now with a new concept.

In his speech, Ataoğlu said: “Tourism is not defined by religion, language or race. We all know how extensive its contribution is when tourism is spoken in only one language. We have all seen and experienced how important the contribution of tourism is during the pandemic period”. He emphasised that tourism was an important factor that triggered cultural and social

development while contributing to the economy.

Ataoğlu pointed out that there was already a bond between Diyarbakır and the TRNC in higher education and trade as well and expressed that they are ready for all kinds of cooperation and endeavour to further strengthen this bond.

He also said: “I would like to thank the TÜRSAB delegation for enabling us to be here representing the TRNC. I believe that this collective action by people from the 9 provinces of Mesopotamia will become much more effective in future years”.

Karaloğlu: “If you have a story in tourism, you will succeed”

In his speech, Diyarbakır Governor, Münir Karaloğlu pointed out that the rich cultural heritage of the region should be promoted as a whole.

“If you have a story to tell in tourism, you will succeed. Tourism is the pursuit of a story. We live in eternal lands, in a geography where the most important stories of humanity were written and where the story of humanity on earth begins. We have hundreds of thousands of stories and legends that we can offer to people as a package in this region. The history of human civilisation was written in Mesopotamia. This is where the history of faith began and flourished. We are making an effort to re-discover tourism in these lands, to spread out the economy through tourism, and to provide jobs for the young”.

Bağlıkaya: “Tourism is the most effective way of acquiring prosperity, sharing cultures and



for peoples to get to know and understand each other”

In his speech, TÜRSAB President, Firuz B. Bağlıkaya drew attention to the importance of the fair for tourism in the region.

“These epic lands of Mesopotamia because of its 12 thousand years old past and unique traces of human history is a very special destination. With its native people, cuisine, handicrafts, hospitality as well as historical and cultural treasures it can satisfy all the new expectations of the tourist”.

Remarking that the region is one of the most important spots for culture, faith and gastronomy tourism, Bağlıkaya said: “We will continue in our efforts to show the whole world historical footprints, traditions and customs of the region together with the wonders of its geography and people. In that respect, this fair will be the foundation stone of a brand new beginning”.

After the speeches, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Tourism, Culture, Youth and Environment, Fikri Ataoğlu, partook in cutting the opening ribbon to the fair.

“The TRNC stand attracts great attention with its Büyük Han

concept”

Ataoğlu, Diyarbakır Governor, Münir Karaloğlu, and TÜRSAB Chairman of the Board, Firuz Bağlıkaya, visited the TRNC and other stands in the fair.

At the TRNC stand designed with the concept of the Great Inn in Lefkosa, Master Chef Ziya Türksel offered molehiya (mallow) and other native dishes to Diyarbakır Governor, Karaloğlu and TÜRSAB Chairman of the Board, Firuz Bağlıkaya.

This 1st Mesopotamia Tourism and Gastronomy Fair will continue until 27th March and the TRNC stand is proving to be very popular with the visitors.

Source (Turkish): TRNC Ministry of Tourism and Environment



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TRNC FM Ertuğruloğlu called on OIC to take action on Cyprus



Foreign Minister Tahsin Ertuğruloğlu gave a speech at the “Partnership for Unity, Justice and Development” themed 48th Foreign Ministers Council Meeting of the Organization of the Islamic Cooperation (OIC) held in Islamabad.

In his speech, Foreign Minister Tahsin Ertuğruloğlu emphasized that it is high time to implement the decisions of the Islamic Cooperation, which envisaged the lifting of the inhumane isolation imposed on the Turkish Cypriot people.

Minister Ertuğruloğlu also called on the Member States to fight together in order to solve the common problems faced by the Islamic World.

Foreign Minister Tahsin Ertuğruloğlu also held bilateral meetings with his counterparts at the sidelines of the OIC 48th Foreign Ministers Council Meeting.

Source: TRNC Public Information Office

TRNC FM Ertuğruloğlu met with Secretary General of the OIC, Taha

TRNC Minister of Foreign Affairs Tahsin Ertuğruloğlu, who is in Pakistan's capital, Islamabad to attend the 48th Meeting of the Council of Foreign Ministers of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation, had a meeting with the Secretary-General of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation Hissein Brahimi Taha.

The development of relations between the Organization of Islamic Cooperation and the TRNC was discussed during the meeting.

Before his meeting with the Secretary-General, Minister Ertuğruloğlu participated as a speaker in the interview which was organized in cooperation with the Peace and Diplomatic Studies Institute and the Riphah Public Policy Institute, with broad participation.

Foreign Minister Ertuğruloğlu also gave interviews to media organizations throughout the day.

Source: Public Information Office



Turkish Cypriot Municipalities Union made contacts in Strasbourg

The Delegation of the Union of Turkish Cypriot Municipalities attended the 42nd session and committee meetings of the Council of Europe Local and Regional Authorities Congress in Strasbourg.

The head of the Union of Municipalities, who is the Administrative Committee Representative of the Union of Municipalities and the Mayor of

Güzelyurt Mahmut Özçınar

The Union of Municipalities and Güzelyurt Mayor Mahmut Özçınar, who is the Administrative Committee Representative of the Union of Municipalities, and the Lefkosa Turkish Municipality Mayor Mehmet Harmancı, who is the Current Affairs Committee Representative, were accompanied by Hüseyin Köle, the General



Coordinator of the Union of Municipalities and the International Delegation Secretary.

Source:

TRNC Public Information Office

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Girne Municipality visited Nottingham Municipality in the UK

Mayor of Girne Municipality Nidai Güngördü and Girne Municipality Traffic Commission paid a Study Visit to Nottingham Municipality in the UK.

In the statement made by the Municipality of Girne, projects are being carried out with the aim of finding a solution to the increasing traffic problem in the city, and a commission was formed for this. In this regard, the delegation, through the British High Commission, informed the Nottingham Municipality, which is an exemplary city in England with high experience and providing traffic consultancy services to the whole world, that it continues at a technical level in various contacts at home and abroad. It was informed that a technical visit was carried out.

Girne Municipality delegation, during the technical trip, took place between 14-18 March, under 6 titles, and 15 department chiefs who are experts in related subjects made presentations.

The delegation, which was hosted by sharing experiences and making on-site observations, completed the study tour.

On the first day, the Nottingham Municipality Leader, David Mellen gave a keynote speech with information about the general sections.

Nidai Güngördü, Mayor of Girne Municipality, made a statement on the subject and said, "It is pleasing that the projects and arrangements we have been carrying out as a result of the meetings have been approved by the experts in Nottingham.

However, it has been observed that England's Nottingham Municipality has implemented radical measures and legal regulations from the very beginning in parallel with the development of the city since 1980.

I would like to express that we would like to host the technical team of Nottingham Municipality and invite



them to evaluate the on-site suitability of the ongoing and planned projects related to traffic, and to contribute to the updating of the current situation and the Master plan.

On the last day of the technical tour, "Lord Mayor David Trimble" hosted us in the historical city hall. He gave information about the functioning of the assembly and its practices.

Girne Mayor Nidai Güngördü and the delegation also met with the students studying in Nottingham and chatted

about current issues.

Güngördü said: "I would like to take this opportunity to announce that we will continue to work to take Girne forward and that we are working to create the necessary regulations to make it a world city. As a result of all these contacts, Nottingham Municipality also stated that they do not demand any consultancy fee from our municipality."

Source (Turkish): Girne Municipality

Girne Municipality Buse Aksay Park was opened with a ceremony



President Ersin Tatar, Speaker of the Assembly Zorlu Töre, some ministers, deputies, Girne Mayor Nidai Güngördü, and Buse's family and loved ones attended the ceremony.

Buse's mother, Gülesen Aksay, who

made the first speech at the opening, noted that they lost their daughter at a very young age six months ago and they went through great pain and said that they will continue to undertake social responsibility projects to keep her memory alive.

Girne Mayor Nidai Güngördü also stated that they are happy to help such a park come to life in order to keep Buse's name alive, and that from the first day the issue was brought to the city council, the council members played a major role in the formation of the park by

voting positively.

Güngördü wished patience to the grieving family and thanked everyone who contributed and participated in the opening of the park.

Source (Turkish): Girne Municipality



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February and March Hygiene Inspections in Girne



Eating and Drinking Places, Food Production and Sales in Girne, and Businesses that are directly related to Public Health are constantly Inspected.

Between 21st February and 18th March 2022, a total of 172 businesses were inspected for general hygiene and food safety measures by the Girne Municipality Health Branch teams.

In the inspections made to protect public health and eliminate possible risks, a total of 172 businesses were checked on the basis of basic hygiene criteria, written warnings were given regarding the non conformities detected during the inspections, and legal actions were taken against some

businesses.

A total of 6248 TL fines were imposed on 4 restaurant businesses and 2 grocery businesses, which were found to be serving in conditions that risk food safety. The activities of a hostel-student dormitory, a workshop, and a cafe, where legal obligations and hygiene conditions were insufficient, were suspended and sealed.

Within the scope of hygiene controls, which are carried out continuously and with an independent vision, based on legal legislation and scientific data and in order to protect public health, Girne Municipality, inspected 71 businesses with deficiencies which

were warned in writing; 11 enterprises were also given notice of closure if they did not make up for their deficiencies. While various food products were confiscated for destruction from two different supermarkets whose sales conditions were not suitable, some unhygienic equipment of a bakery enterprise was also seized for destruction.

Mayor of Girne Municipality Nidai Güngördü said: Public Health is one of our Top Priority Issues and as the Municipality of Girne, I would like to underline that our primary goal is to protect public health, while official

controls continue without interruption. It is an essential need of our people living in the city or coming to visit us that businesses that operate cleanly in accordance with the rules protect not only their own commercial values, but also social values. I would like to thank all the operators who have maintained their sensitivity at this point;

I wish good luck to the concerned entrepreneurs in these days when we are on the verge of the tourism season and the entertainment season.

Source (Turkish): Girne Municipality



St Andrew's Church, Kyrenia, March 2022 magazine

For those followers of St Andrew's Church, Kyrenia, we are pleased to share with you their March 2022 magazine which is so full of information as under.

SERVICE TIMES FOR MARCH

- * Each Sunday there will be a service of Holy Communion at 10:30am
- * Each Thursday Morning at 10.30am there will be a service of Holy Communion

IMPORTANT NOTICE

- * Documentary proof (printed copies of a valid AdaPass will be required before entry can be allowed into the church.
- * Please note that wearing masks,

social distancing and limits on numbers are still necessary and it is important to arrive on time as we will not be able to admit anyone after 10.30am.

* Unvaccinated people: No entry permitted

For any further information please see the church website or contact the Church Wardens.

On Father Mike's Page he writes:

"I write this on 2nd March – Ash Wednesday – while taking a short break to visit family in Ireland and the U.K. Janet and I will be returning to the TRNC shortly and it will be good



to be back together again.

As we enter the Lenten season the good news is that in many places, though sadly not all, most of the restrictions imposed because of the Covid pandemic have been lifted. In the TRNC the main effect this will have is on the social distancing requirements for gathering together

indoors: these have been eased somewhat which will enable the Church Council to look at what this means for us. Also travel restrictions for those entering the country have been eased which may enable our swallows and visitors to return sooner rather than later. ".....more.....

And so much more is included in this month's magazine for readers which is interesting and enjoyable.

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Happy Nowruz – An informative afternoon at Ipek Denizli Art Studio

By Heidi Trautmann....

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Happy Nowruz, the beginning of a new year, the beginning of spring, the renewal of life... on March 20, when day and night are more or less equally long. It is called the Spring Equinox, valid for the Northern Hemisphere, while in the Southern Hemisphere we have the Autumn Equinox.

Since history can be followed back, it has been a significant event in many cultures around the world. However, I found out, that special rituals correspond to those of many other countries, as the welcome of new energy and hope, fertility and wealth and happiness.

Ipek Denizli as the organizer and owner of the Art Studio, welcomed the guests to this cultural event, supported by her many followers and companions. In the centre of the studio a table, the Haft-sin table, with candles burning. Next to her Mandana Mehrnia, artist, explained to us the traditional ways of her home country Iran.

In Iranian families, a table, the 'Haft-sin table' is set up which must contain seven important symbols starting with an 'S' ... to learn more about it, I found the following explanation on

internet in a compromised form:

Typically, before the arrival of Nowruz, family members gather around the Haft-sin table and await the exact moment of the March equinox to celebrate the New Year. The number 7 and the letter S are related to the seven Ameshasepantas as mentioned in the Zend-Avesta. They relate to the four elements of Fire, Earth, Air, Water, and the three life forms of Humans, Animals and Plants. In modern times the explanation was simplified to mean that the Haft-sin Persian (هفت سین), seven things beginning with the letter sin (س) are:

Sabze (Persian: سبزه) wheat, barley, mung bean, or lentil sprouts grown in a dish.

Samanu (Persian: سمنو) sweet pudding made from wheat germ

Persian olive (Persian: سبزه,) romanized: senjed)

Vinegar (Persian: سرکه) romanized: serke)

Apple (Persian: سیب,) romanized: sib)

Garlic (Persian: سیر,) romanized: sir)

Sumac (Persian: سماق,)



romanized: somāq)

The Haft-sin table may also include a mirror, candles, painted eggs, a bowl of water, goldfish, coins, hyacinth, and traditional confectioneries. A "book of wisdom" such as the Quran, Bible, Avesta, the Šāhnāme of Ferdowsi, or the divān of Hafez may also be included. Haft-sin's origins are not clear. The practice is believed to have been popularized over the past 100 years.

Mandana Mehrnia went on to explain, that the festivities usually last 13 days, when families get together, when the spring cleaning of the house is done and at the end a big fire is lit in the open and young people are requested to jump over it. In Germany, at least in the Southern part, in Bavaria, we have the same traditions. Also the painting of eggs (our Easter tradition) and the

decorating the house with greenery goes into the same direction.

The past is being honoured by reading out of wise books, and for that Mandana's Mom stood up and read texts from the Holy Book, she was followed by other poets who read from Iranian legend and poetry books, while Iranian music was played in the background.

As the International Day of Poetry is being celebrated on March 21, some of our local poets and writers read some passages from their own books, Ayse Tural, Feyzan Korur and Zafer Muhtaroglu.

It is a lovely idea to have the opportunity to learn about other countries' culture and traditions.



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Vote for Medi Foundation at the UK Turkish Cypriot Community



Ismet Medi

By Chris Elliott....

Way back on 25th June 2020 I attended the launch of the Medi Foundation in Lefkosa which was the brainchild of Ismet Medi who had this to say about the foundation of his charity.

"I am Turkish Cypriot born in London, my parents were both born in a small Cypriot village in the Karpaz, which I am proud to say is called Kaleburnu.

I cared for my beloved mother for 4 years who was suffering from Alzheimer's a beautiful lady who I loved very much and I lost my mother last year.



But I also must tell you that I was also an alcoholic for almost 4 years and now I am alcohol free for 33 months after medical treatments and I am in recovery process doing the treatment that is composed of individual psychotherapy, the 12 steps with a sponsor, group support and keep up to my life meaning and the joy of healing. I know this process of recovery I will do for the rest of my life.

After stopping drinking my mind was getting better and so was my body, I was feeling good and positive I wanted to reach out and help people in any way I could to help others do what I had

managed to do.

I wanted to help others but did not know where to start or what to do, I felt like I wanted to just shout out and ask if anyone wants help. But I didn't know where and how to start.

After many conversations and meetings, I start seeing the light and feeling the support when finally meeting like-minded people with the same vision, I am happy to say that the Medi Foundation was finally formed officially in February 2020.

Our aim is to help people of all ages with recovery from addictions of all kinds, for example Alcohol, gambling, technology, food, smoking, drugs.

The Medi Foundation now has on its board as members a great professional team full of energy, and also the President of the Prime Minister's Anti-Drugs Commission, Mr. Hasan Karaokcu, who said the following"

"We have been calling all

individuals and all segments of the society to shoulder the struggle since the day we took office, and that the Medi Foundation established under the leadership of Ismet Koldas Medi is a very strong non-governmental organization with its vision and mission."

Ismet Medi the Founder and President of the Medi Foundation also said "We know help is needed out there for our kids, families and everybody and we are going to do our utmost to help people to recover and to prevent others from addictions."

Since those early days a great deal has happened and much has been achieved by the Medi Foundation in the TRNC and I invite our readers to enter Ismet Medi of Medi Foundation as your vote for the Medi Foundation for the "Overseas Charity of the year" award by clicking on the link below

<https://www.mi-nomination.com/awards/form/AwardsEnglish>

For more information of the Medi Foundation go to www.medifoundation.com

Mayor Güngördü message on Down Syndrome Awareness Day

March 2st, Down Syndrome Awareness Day, is a day when efforts in this field are concentrated, what can be done is discussed and these are put into practice.

Down Syndrome is not a disease, it is a genetic difference. It is our only wish that our children with Down Syndrome are not excluded from society, that they live with equal

rights like other children, and that they receive education under equal conditions.

It is the responsibility of all of us to ensure that our children with Down Syndrome socialize and improve their perspectives and lifestyles in a positive way.

With these feelings and thoughts, I offer my love and respect, with the

hope that March 21 will be a day when it is understood that we are equal and that there is no 'difference' between us.

Source (Turkish):

Girne Municipality



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ATA Walk the Green Line in Lefkosa



Members and guests of the Anglo Turkish Association of Northern Cyprus (ATA) put their walking boots on and took to the back streets of Lefkosa for an informative and enjoyable amble along the divided city's 'Green Line'.

Known locally as the 'Green Line' or Buffer Zone within Lefkoşa's medieval city walls. Unlike many fortified cities, this capital city isn't defined by its surrounding walls, Venetian bastions still enclose the old part of the city, but a much newer barrier holds sway. The so-called Green Line – a demilitarised buffer zone patrolled by United Nations peacekeepers – scythes through the middle of this city, slicing it in two.

This is Europe's last divided capital, but its entwined history straddles both sides of the green line.

In the capable hands of Gültür Kuran, ATA members and guests were spell bindingly transferred back in time to the 1950's, 60's 70's before being transported back to the 2020's as she told from personal experience story after story about life in Lefkosa during these times, whilst also intermingling her stories with informative information about the various fascinating places visited along the walk, the Lapidary Museum, Eaved House,

Bandabuliya, Büyük Han, Lokmacı Gate and Yiğitler Bastion to name but a few places.

With a break for coffee at an oasis that is a restored boutique hotel that backs on to the buffer zone, and one for a traditional Turkish Cypriot lunch at the Büyük Han, so visually engrossing was everything seen on the walk that the day passed by in the blink of an eye. From being in places where you could see the whites in the eyes of soldiers on both sides of the divide to walls covered in modern street art whilst nestling next to bullet-ridden houses still standing (how is anyone's guess), to within a touching distance of Greek Cypriot cars, and flags of both nationalities fluttering in the breeze, not to mention UN observation posts. This was a walk for the curious.

Enthralled with the day, a large number of guests on the walk joined the ATA there and then, with one new Member Fiona Harris saying "I am so glad to have been on this walk with the ATA today, it

has been a brilliant way to learn something about the island's history that affects us all, and all in the company of such friendly people. I can't wait to go on the next activity of theirs, which is why my husband and myself became members".

ATA Event organiser Debbie Bird thanked Gültür for being the perfect guide for the day and said that so popular was this walk that another would be organised for all those who unfortunately couldn't go on this one!

Information about the ATA's green Line Walk including photographs taken during the walk can be viewed on the 2022 Events Page of the ATA website on the link below or Facebook Group or Facebook Page.

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St Andrew's Church, Kyrenia, needs your help - Update



Readers mail....

From St Andrews Church, Kyrenia

St Andrews Church:- Who we are, what we are.

On Saturday 19th March a group of people from the local community, members of the church council plus The Arch Deacon in Cyprus, the Very Rev Christopher Fulcher and our very respected Interim Priest Father Michael Graham, following an open invitation to everyone who had an interest in the future of St Andrews to attend.

The object was to ask the community

1] What they felt the church offered to them,

2] To explore what they wanted from the church

3] To establish who was prepared to travel on this pathway, actually helping.

4] To gratefully accept all helpers

5] How and who we would like to lead the church in the future

6] For the church council to consider these options.

The Church of St Andrews is a church which follows the

Anglican Tradition this is a 'middle ground' church which is founded on scripture and the Gospels.

Whoever you are, whether part of the Anglican community already, visitor, friend, or enquirer, we warmly welcome you to the church of St Andrews.

We would like you to be part of the ongoing decision-making community, to enable St Andrews travel into the future with a firm mandate.

We have another meeting on the 2nd April 2022 at 10am in the Church Hall to explore further ideas and suggestions.

YOU ARE INVITED

St Andrews Church wants to Consult with YOU!

With thanks from the Church Council.

From Diocese of Cyprus and the Gulf

This Diocese serves the people of around ten political jurisdictions - depending on how you count them - across a huge area. Everywhere our doors and our worship are open to all. We're of many nationalities. Some of us are citizens of the land in which we live but most of us are expatriate migrants. We're aware that our region, the Middle East and Eastern Mediterranean, is in the spotlight of world attention. What happens here has global implications. With our strong ministry of presence we try, alongside other Christian traditions, to shine a bright light especially in times of unrest and violent conflict. With people of goodwill across faiths, we work and pray for peace with justice.

In the Diocese of Cyprus and the Gulf we see the features on our landscape for what they are: God-given opportunities and blessings.

Archbishop Michael

With thanks from the Diocesan website

Let's TALK

Our future?

HOW DO YOU SEE THE FUTURE FOR ST ANDREW'S CHURCH?





Many issues face us, decisions need to be made that will affect the future of St Andrew's. the church and it's ministry belong to us all and The Church Council would like to hear Your thoughts and opinions to help with our future planning. To this end we plan to hold two informal gatherings.

If you have a love for St Andrew's and are interested in these issues, please come and join one or both of the gatherings to be held in the Church Hall on Saturday 19th March & Saturday 2nd April, 10am to 12 noon. Refreshments will be available.



Our future?

This message is to all who care and have an interest in the future life and work of the parish of St Andrew's, Kyrenia

We need to think seriously about the future of the parish of St Andrew's and how we are going to continue to carry out God's work for us here and now.

We must also try to determine how we can fill the role of chaplain to steer us on this course.

The old models no longer work as we come to terms with the effects of the Covid-19 pandemic on congregational numbers; Brexit and the restrictions on cross-green line activities and travel in a diocese which covers two separate jurisdictions; the new residency requirements here in the TRNC; and the financial situation in which the diocese and the parish find ourselves among other things.

The church and its ministry belong to us all and the Church Council would like to hear your thoughts and opinions to help with our future planning. To this end we plan to hold two informal gatherings.

These will be held in the Church Hall on Saturday 19th March & Saturday 2nd April, 10am to 12 noon.

Refreshments will be available. Note: these meetings are not restricted to those who attend church.



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The Ukraine war and the words of peace by John Lennon



By Ahmet Abdulaziz....

I do not remember how many times I have mentioned "Imagine" by John Lennon in this particular column. Of course many times I wrote about it. Indeed it's a repetition again and again, but it's not my fault. Again and again, we find ourselves in such a situation where in my opinion, there is no other way out but to listen more carefully to the words of John Lennon.

It's almost a month now, and the war between Russia and Ukraine is going on and it's far from over. As the situation appears right now, most probably it will last longer than expected. Honestly speaking it's going to last longer than Russia had originally planned for.

The ultimate winner of this

particular war does not carry any value to me. I am not concerned about that at all, but what is happening out there indeed hurts me. The reason for all this is the spilling of human blood on Ukraine soil. That's what I am concerned about.

Everyone is indeed concerned about the civilians who are losing their lives in this conflict, but I am equally sure that the people in uniforms of both countries, must also be taken into account. The soldiers losing their lives in Ukraine, both Russians and Ukrainians, too are human beings, who have families. Human life is a human life and is very valuable for this world, uniform does not matter at all to me.

I am sure John Lennon had all this in his mind while penning down

"Imagine". It is not too difficult to read his mind when he wrote

"Imagine there's no countries, it isn't hard to do, Nothing to kill or die for"

But for sure John did know that all that he was saying is difficult for other humans to digest, so for all those people he said.

"you may say I am a dreamer

But I am not the only one

I hope someday you'll join us

And the world will be as one".

Unfortunately, as it appears, with the passage of time, the superpowers of the world are not letting people realise the importance of peaceful living.

They are more concerned about achieving their own goals at the expense of the lives of innocent people. For years the same game is being played in different parts of the world. None of the superpowers has succeeded in getting total control of the whole world, but millions and millions of precious human lives have been lost.

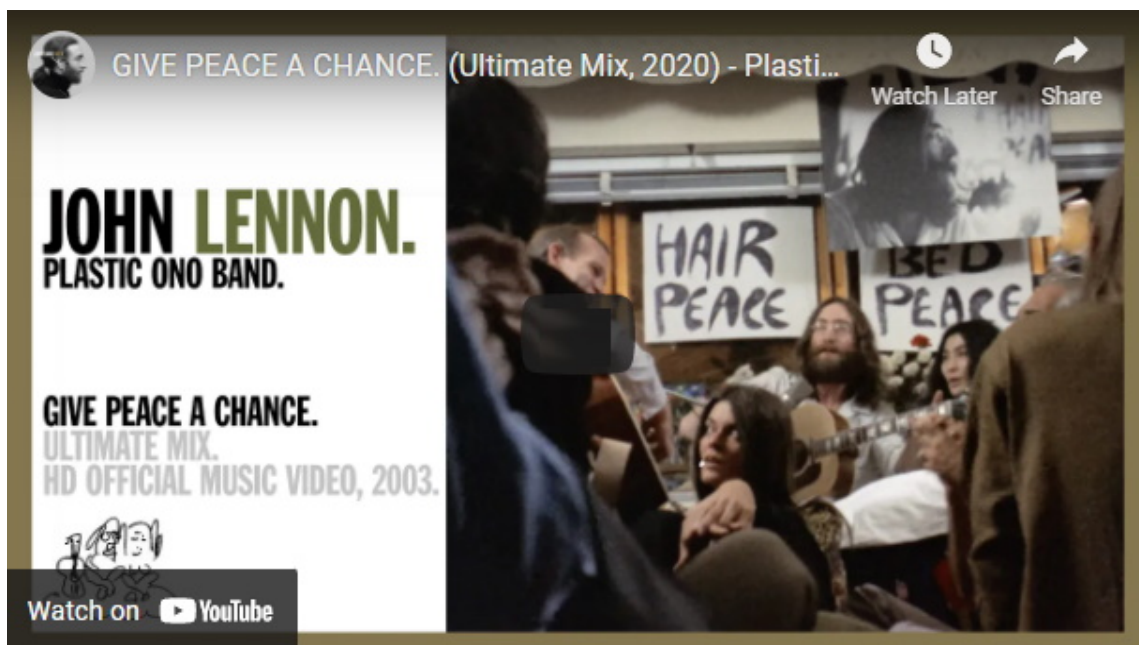
So what have these superpowers gained up to now? That's the question that we all must ask.

Returning back to the ongoing Ukraine war, I would like to say that right now the world needs peace.

Once again I would remember "All we are saying is Give Peace A Chance", again by John Lennon.



All we are saying is Give Peace A Chance!



To view the "Give Peace A Chance" video please click the link below.

https://youtu.be/C3_0GqPvr4U

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Trevors Tips for April 2022

NORTH CYPRUS TREVOR'S TIPS



By Trevor Hughes...

Be Aware When Buying a Car

When buying a used car, it is vital you do your homework! The car I was driving recently was hit by a Ford Focus. The damage was quite severe to both cars. My car was full comprehensive insurance, the guilty car owner was third party.

The owner of the car which hit me, instructed the garage not to replace the two activated air bags because of cost, which is illegal. But worse to come, he has a small child who sits on the front passenger seat and is at maximum risk should a similar incident happen again.

Not only that, when the time comes to sell the car, the prospective new owner will not be aware that the two airbags are missing and will not be aware the airbags will not be activated if involved in a road traffic accident again!!!!

Residency Health Payment

Foreign residents applying for Temporary Residence who are over the age of 80 years do not have to pay the full amount for the State health provision. The fee due is currently 382 TL per year of application.

Customer Survey

Capital Insurance, recently hired the services of a marketing company to undertake a survey of our customers in order to find out what our customers thought about the service they received when making a claim.

780 customers were called and over 90% of replies gave a positive response. In many cases, reporting the service as excellent.

Of the 90% satisfied customers, all of them said they would definitely recommend us to their friends and neighbours.

We are studying the 10%, who marked us down and the reason for this, in order to see why the lower marking was given and how we can improve on their comment. We realise we cannot meet 100% satisfaction, as some customers make spurious claims, or they do not meet the criteria laid out in their policy.

Although claims are subjected to excesses, of all the claims to which we responded and settled, excesses were not charged and paid out in full.

Daily Fuel Price Adjustments

The Government has made the decision to amend the Fuel Law,

meaning fuel prices can be adjusted (up or down) every working day.

This is to help people budget more effectively if we experience any price increases.

The decision came into effect on Wednesday 16th March 2022, and will be repealed on August 15, 2022.

If you decide to completely fill your tank, taking advantage of lower priced fuel, remember the extra weight of carrying a full tank of fuel will result in your car becoming less efficient!

New Vehicle in the TRNC

The cost of new vehicles could double in price once existing stocks have been sold off. The Government should adjust its tax thresholds, because it collects around 50 percent of the cost of a new import.

They noted that the import of new vehicles had virtually stopped after the pandemic. And I also pointed out that the people's purchasing power has been eroded because of the depreciation of the Turkish Lira. When stock in the country is depleted, the prices of imported vehicles will increase by at least £2,000 and it will be very difficult for citizens to own a new vehicle.

Importing saloon cars from Japan to North Cyprus has become almost impossible. Before the pandemic, importing a vehicle from Japan cost £3,000. That price has more than doubled to £7,000. After the Pandemic it now costs between £9,000 and £10,000 to import a Japanese vehicle.

The increase in freight charges, taxes and customs charges are the main reason for the increase in the cost of new vehicles.

The cost of importing new cars from abroad is as follows:

Customs: 10%, Shipping Fee: Around £2,500 (if the car comes from Japan) and around £700 (if the car comes from the UK)

Harbour Fees: 4.4%, Security Forces: 2.5%, Price Stabilisation Fund: 20%, Withholding Tax: 4%, Vehicle Registration Fee and Navigation: 6%, VAT: 20%.

Half the cost of an imported vehicle goes to the government in taxes.

You can bet your bottom dollar the insurance premiums will increase. The Government will need to review the maximum payout for the third-party policies in order to cover the increased value of cars.

Car Solar Panels

Each year many expats go back to their home of origin for a number of weeks (known as swallows), or go on their annual holiday.

Although they may have locked the car to keep it safe, little thought is given to whether the car will start upon their return. In this situation, Capital Insurance will arrange for your car to be collected and taken to a garage of your choice at no cost to you, thus solving the problem. However, many insurance companies do not provide this facility, leaving you

Continued...

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continued....Trevors Tips for April 2022

to sort the problem out for yourself.

You can purchase one of these solar panels from Amazon and bring it back to the TRNC with you. The cost of same is from 18.99 euro upwards which is little cost to avoid an annoying situation. To connect the panel is very easy by following the straightforward instructions, just make sure the panel is in the sun and your battery will be charged sufficiently to allow your car to start upon your return.

First Time Driving License Applications

When speaking with clients who are applying for a TRNC driving license for the first time, they are informed by us that they will need their completed application form rubber stamped by the Tax Office in Girne or Lefkoşa.

Quite often, if you go along to the

Girne Tax Office on your own, you may have some difficulty in completing this simple task. All too often, you will be told that you must obtain the rubber stamping from the office in Lefkoşa. This is completely untrue and it's their misunderstanding of who is responsible for this minor task.

Capital Insurance will provide assistance that will meet with you at the Tax office and circumvent this potentially annoying situation.

The fee is 150.00TL. If for whatever reason your license is declined, the fee will be refunded, but the 150.00 TL will be withheld.

It's That Time of Time, Again

We are on the cusp of springtime and the Belediye workforce, are out with their grass trimmers. It's inevitable when the grass is

being strimmed, stones and debris get flicked up and onto your windscreen. All too often the stones either chip the screen, or even crack the screen. Remember, even a small chipped screen can lead to a cracked screen and could result in an MOT failure. Does your insurance cover you for such mishaps?

Capital Insurance full comprehensive policies does exactly that, at no extra cost to you. Not only will we replace your damaged screen, but our technicians will also undertake the replacement at your home. This is so convenient to you saving the fuss of having to go to the replacement screen company, and having to leave it there for 24 hours whilst the screen settles in.

Ask your insurance company if your policy covers you for such an incident and where will the screen be replaced?

Clocks Go Forward

On the 27th of March at 12.00 am the clocks go forward one hour.

Bayram Holidays

There are no Bayram holidays in the month of April. However, in May 2022 the Bayram holidays where Banks, Government Offices, and some Local Government offices will be closed from Monday 2nd through to Wednesday 4th May 2022, and re-opening for their normal daily hours of working.

If you wish to ask me a question, please email me at the address below. do so in the contact box below.

Best wishes

Trevor Hughes.

trevorhughes329@gmail.com

Güngördü published a message on World Water Day

Mayor of Girne, Nidai Güngördü, published a message for World Water Day, celebrated every year on 22 March.

Girne Mayor Nidai Güngördü, in his message, pointed out that the 22 March day, which is celebrated regularly every year in order to draw attention to the importance of clean water resources and to prevent water waste, should also raise awareness in our country.

Güngördü stated that the water that we use in many fields such as agricultural irrigation, energy production and tourism, in addition

to its consumption as drinking and utility water, loses its cleanliness every day due to misuse.

Pointing out that water resources are decreasing day by day due to the wasted use of water and global warming, Güngördü said that our people should be more careful in their use of water and that water should be used without wasting it.

Source (Turkish): Girne Municipality



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SPOT attended international meeting for protection of sea turtles



Readers mail....

From SPOT - The Society for the Protection of SeaTurtles

This past week, SPOT took part in an international meeting for the protection of sea turtles supported by the MAVA Foundation and held at Pamukkale, Turkey. Representatives from 12 countries including Albania, Morocco, France, Greece, Spain, Italy, England, Libya, Lebanon, Egypt, Tunisia, and Turkey attended the meeting and considered their

future cooperation.

Professor Yakup Kaska of Pamukkale University and DEKAMER had organised the meeting which was attended by about 40 participants. The attendees were hosted at Hotel Colossae and also visited the Pamukkale travertines.

Taking part in the meeting representing SPOT, Dr. Damla Beton said, "Good cooperation has been achieved by the coming together of

groups from different countries with a common interest. Harmonious continuation of this cooperation is very important for the protection of turtles in the Mediterranean. Taking part at this meeting representing Northern Cyprus is both motivating and invaluable for our team".

The meeting assessed studies of genetics, migration routes, unintentional catches, feeding areas and marine habitats in the various countries around the Mediterranean Sea. In the light of these studies, experts evaluated the condition of sea turtles in the entire Mediterranean. A procedure to be followed in the near future was agreed upon.

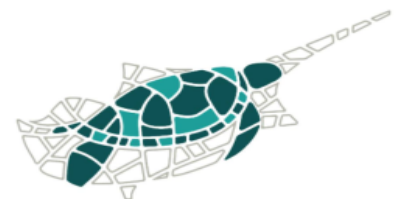
Representing SPOT, Dr. Robin Snape said: "We are able to take part in such international collaborations today because of our long-running studies in Northern Cyprus and internationally appreciated publications. These studies which prove the significance of sea

turtle habitats in the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC), are especially important for the recognition of the country".

We would like to thank the Environmental Protection Agency for their support in our studies, Professor Yakup Kaska for his hospitality, and the MAVA Foundation for making all of these possible.

We hope you will support our conservation work by sharing your sea turtle observations by calling number 1188.

Source (Turkish): SPOT - The Society for the Protection of SeaTurtles



The Play "Waiting For Godot" staged in Girne Chamber Theatre



"Waiting for Godot" adapted by the Antilogos Theatre company was performed at 8pm on Thursday 17th March, at the Chamber Theatre of Girne Municipality.

Due to great demand tickets for were sold out and theatre lovers watched the play enthusiastically. There was a standing ovation for the actors at the end.

* "Waiting for Godot" playwright: Samuel Beckett,

* Concept, Direction, Adaptation: Kostas Silvestros,
 * Players: İzel Seylani, Yorgos Kyriakos,
 * Sound: Andonis Andoniu,
 * Props, Costumes: Thelma Kasulidou,
 * Lighting design: Kulis Shamdanis,
 * Assistant Director: Vasilis Pafitis,
 * Lights operated by: KS İhotehniok Ekdilosis LTD,
 * Translation/Surtitles: Maria Chiakali,

* Photography: Hristos Avraamidis,
 * Video/montage: Yorgos Aleksandrou,
 * Promotional Material and * Program Design: Neofitos Avraam,
 * Promotional Material preparation, Communications and PR: Elena Yorgallu,
 * Adapted: by Antilogos Theatre company.
 "Waiting for Godot, is normally a

three and a half hour play, but Kostas Silvestros has interpreted the play to an hour and a half. In doing this he acted rather differently to other directors by adapting it to today and beyond and to our country. The excellent performances of both actors are worthy of commendation".

Source (Turkish): Girne Municipality



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Blues Attack a great band is coming to the Soulist in Alsancak

Readers mail....

From Roland Eyerich....

Powerhouse funk/rock blues band Blues Attack from Istanbul, Turkiye will be the guest performers on Saturday 16th of April at The Soulist Coffee & Music House in Alsancak from 21:00pm.

BLUES IN BRITAIN MAGAZINE said:

“ The Blues Scene is proving to be thriving in Turkey, BLUES Attack is a turkish delight worth testing“.

BLUES ATTACK creates an exceptional and unique blend of funk/rock and blues/rock that delves into a variety of styles. The band is innovative, different, with layered sound, insanely good guitars and a rhythm section that is seamless and tight.

On November 26th, 2021 BLUES ATTACK released the compelling

debut album "Bringing Down The House" with great reviews in "BLUES ROCK MUSE" and "BLUES in BRITAIN" magazines followed and chart nominations in the American R&B and Blues charts.

On December 27th, 2021 there was a presentation of the album with an interview by ROLAND in the Netherlands at HOEX Radio - The Dutch Rock Station in "Keep The Blues Rock Alive with ROLAND".

On April 16th, 2022 Live – There will be a Presentation and Performance of "Bringing Down The House" at The Soulist Coffee & Music House in Alsancak (North Cyprus).

The Band:

Güray Oskay (vocals, guitar, harmonica)

Hasan Ali Polat (drums)

Sezen Köroğlu (Keyboards)

Tarkan Mumkule (guitar), BaturYurtsever (Bass), So come to The SOULIST the “venue for Live Music in North Cyprus“ – with BLUES ATTACK - Presented by ROLAND from “Keep The Blues Rock Alive“ from HOEX RADIO The

Dutch Rock Station (Netherlands). This Turkish delight you have to taste.

Event Highlight Saturday – 16th of April, 21:00 entry 75TL



Girne Mayor Nidai Güngördü message on 18-24 March Seniors' Week



Mayor Güngördü made the following statements in his message on 18-24 March, Seniors' Week.

It is in our culture and one of our primary duties to show respect and affection to our elders so that their lives become easier and contented. They raised us with limitless love and compassion to prepare us for the future. These most precious assets of our lives are light sources pointing the way to the future by transferring their past experiences to the present day.

To ensure that our elders lead peaceful lives we must do everything we can and show that we will always be by their side. They spent the most productive years of their lives serving the nation and country and now guide us with their knowledge and experiences.

During Covid-19 pandemic times affecting the whole world, Girne Municipality kept in touch with senior citizens fulfilling activities like pharmacy and grocery

shopping, food aid, and have continued to this day so that they are assured we will always look out for them.

Routine monitoring of our Second Spring members was suspended in March 2020. All 970 members of this group have now been contacted by Social Affairs Branch personnel and issued with telephone numbers to call for all their needs.

Ambulance service is provided to 50 bedridden Second Spring members, and their routine controls and needs are met on a daily basis.

People older than 65, who need transport are taken from their homes to vaccination centres, and also assisted in their pharmacy and hospital visits.

Mayor Güngördü also said it is the responsibility of not just the State but all of us as a community to solve the problems of our seniors and ensure that they take their just place in society.

I am certain that our citizens will show affection and respect not only to those close to them, but also to all our elders and be by their side in all aspects of life.

As expressed by these feelings and thoughts, I respectfully and with love, offer my congratulations of the Seniors' Week to all our elders. They are our most cherished treasures who have made great efforts to bring our society to where it is today.

Source (Turkish): Girne Municipality

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Susie's Quiz results for 24th March at the Diiva Restaurant

Readers mail

From Susie L Ford Quiz master

We had a banging night for Susie's Quiz at a fully packed Diiva Restaurant, Esentepe on the 24th March 2022

The rounds consisted of, Easy 5, Multiple Choice, The Letter Round which this week was high street shops, Danger Zone, A Table Top, A Music Round, Bump and Nominate plus, the Skeleton Game.

There was lots of laughter and a few Shut Ya Gobs with our quizzers who enjoyed themselves as usual.

- * 1st Tyke That
- * 2nd The Socialites
- * 3rd Dunne N Dusted
- * 4th JOINT, Who Let The Dogs Out and The Shebells
- * 5th Foundations
- * 6th Fork Handles
- * 7th Girls Aloud
- * The famous Susie Lemon went to the Anglo Swedes

Thank you to Ali Raza and his team for hosting us and Clarisse who always gives us so much help and of course not forgetting the quizzers who make our Quiz Night so successful

Keep Quizzing, Keep Smiling and Keep Safe.

Susie Q Xxxxx



2nd The Socialites

To see more pictures click here

<https://cyprusscene.com/2022/03/27/susies-quiz-results-for-24th-march-at-the-diiva-restaurant/>



3rd Dunne N Dusted



4th Who Let The Dogs Out



4th The Shebells

March 26th Karaoke Night at Hati's Cafe, Esentepe



Readers mail

From Susie L Ford

What a great night we had at Hati's Café, Esentepe for Sumarts Karaoke on 26th March 2022.

We had Pumpkin soup followed by The Best chicken and lamb kleftiko and homemade cake as well so Hati, your food is just amazing and delicious.

There was some amazing singing

tonight and entertainment at our Karaoke with lots of laughter and a great atmosphere.

Thank you all who joined us and safe journeys to Adam Budd, we will never forget you!.

Please book with us for the next Karaoke which is every Friday.

Thank you to Hati as always for hosting us

Stay Happy.....Susie Q Xxxx

To see more pictures click here

<https://cyprusscene.com/2022/03/27/march-26th-karaoke-night-at-hatis-cafe-esentepe/>

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2 Birthdays and a Proposal at Seabreeze Restaurant Karaoke Night



Readers mail
From Susie L Ford

Hello readers,

What a great night it was for Sumarts Karaoke at Seabreeze Restaurant, Kucuk Erenkoy on 23rd March 2022.

What more could you ask than celebrating Mehmet Dirmitas and Nicky's birthdays and also celebrating a surprise marriage proposal from John to Sam who said YES so we send big congratulations to you both and wish you all the best for the future.

The power cut came and went and it certainly was an entertaining night with some fantastic singing. The Turkish singing was very good, especially by Cuma who

sang RAP unbelievably well and also we cannot forget Mehmet and John's little act with brooms singing, "I want to break free" which was very funny and Freddy Mercury would have been so proud of these two guys.

It was another busy night with yummy fish and chips to round off another great evening at the Seabreeze. .

Thank you to Claire and Mehmet for hosting us and thank you to all the singers and everyone who joined us and made it a night to remember.

Let's hope for some warmer weather very soon

Susie Q Xxxx



To see more pictures click here

<https://cyprusscene.com/2022/03/27/2-birthdays-and-a-proposal-at-seabreeze-restaurant-karaoke-night/>

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Lapta 821 8512

FIRE

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

AMBULANCE

Emergencies **112**

HOSPITAL

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

ELECTRICITY

Electrical faults **188**
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Girne 815 2223
Gazi Mağusa 366 5514
Güzelyurt 714 2122

WATER

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

8-day Weather Forecast

28th March to 4th April 2022

Mon 28th	Tue 29th	Wed 30th	Thu 31st
 20° 6°	 19° 7°	 22° 7°	 23° 10°
Fri 1st	Sat 2nd	Sun 3rd	Mon 4th
 24° 12°	 26° 12°	 24° 10°	 23° 10°

Esentepe Youngsters Keep The Pressure On

By Richard Beale....

Result: ESENTEPE KKSK U21 1 DÜZKAYA KOSK U21 0.

Second place Esentepe kept the pressure on leaders Gençlik Gücü with a battling 1-0 win over 6th placed Düzkaya.

Saturday, March 20: AKSA U21 League 1: Esentepe Erdal Barut Stadium

Though leaders Gençlik Gücü also won 1-0, and are 9 points ahead of Esentepe, it's not all over they say "until the fat lady sings". Esentepe are snapping on the heels of the leaders ready for any slip-up, with 7 games to go, 21 points left to play for, there is hope.

This was a whole Esentepe team effort, no outstanding individuals everyone contributed in one way or another.

The only goal of the game was

scored in the 42nd minute when a superb ball from Atakan Kar saw ŞAHİN ERDOĞAN just win a race to the ball with the Düzkaya goalkeeper Veysel, the Esentepe striker managed to squeeze the ball in despite a valiant effort to clear the ball on the line by a defender.

Düzkaya goalkeeper Veysel produced a couple of good saves in the second half as Esentepe could not find that killer second goal to seal the match.

Esentepe did not help themselves in the 81st minute when midfielder Gökdeniz Soytürk was red-carded for a scuffle in the middle of the park, surprisingly the Düzkaya player also involved in the altercation got away scot-free.

In injury time Düzkaya almost



equalised when following a free kick, with their goalkeeper up for the kick his opposite number Ulaş, who had little to do during the match produced a brilliant diving

save from a snap shot.

FULL TIME SCORE: 1-0

Football Fixtures for 26/27 March and 2/3 April

By Richard Beale....

Below are "selected " local football fixtures, for the next two weekends, which may be in Expats locations. Matches marked *** are what I think are the "pick of the weekend" games.

MATCHES KICK OFF 3-30pm UNLESS STATED

SL = AKSA Super League. LI = AKSA League 1. BTM = BTM League (3rd division).

Sat Mar 26	Mağusa Türk Gücü	v	Girne Halk Evi	SL	Famağusta Dr Fazıl Küçük Stadium
Sat Mar 26	Merit Alsancak Yeşilova	v	Göçmenköy İYSK	SL	Karaoğlanoğlu Orhan Dural Stadium (behind Mountain View Hotel)
Sat Mar 26	Düzkaya KOSK	v	Bostancı Bağcıl SK	L1	Çatakköy Nihat Bağcier Stadium (behind Old Tempo Supermarket)
Sat Mar 26	L. Gençler Birliği SK	v	Yeniboğaziçi DSK ***	L1	Iskele Cumhuriyet Stadium
Sat Mar 26	Mehmetçik SK	v	Yenierenköy SK ***	BTM	Mehmetçik Stadium
Sat Mar 26	Geçitkale SK	v	Türkmenköy	BTM	Geçitkale Stadium
Sun Mar 27	Yenicami AK	v	Binatlı YSK	SL	Lefkoşa Atatürk Stadium
Sun Mar 27	Türk Ocak	v	Yonpaş Dumlupınar YSK ***	SL	Girne 20 Temmuz Mete Adanır Stadium
Sun Mar 27	Maraş GSK	v	Çetinkaya TSK	L1	Famağusta Necip Halil Kartal Stadium k
Sun Mar 27	Tatlısu HOB SK	v	Ozanköy SK ***	BTM	Beylerbeyi Dr Ali Özsoy Stadium ko 11-00am
Sun Mar 27	Karaoğlanoğlu SK	v	Dikmen Gücü SK	BTM	Karaoğlanoğlu Orhan Dural Stadium (behind Mountain View Hotel) ko 11-00
Sun Mar 27	Sadrazam Kayalar SK	v	Doğancı SK	BTM	Lapta Şht Şevket Kadir Stadium ko 11-00am
Sat Apr 2	Doğan Türk Birliği	v	Yenicami ***	SL	Girne 20 Temmuz Mete Adanır Stadium
Sat Apr 2	Yonpaş Dumlupınar	v	Merit Alsancak Yeşilova ***	SL	Famağusta Dr Fazıl Küçük Stadium
Sat Apr 2	Karşıyaka ASK	v	Düzkaya KOSK	L1	Karşıyaka Ergin Şahdur Stadium
Sat Apr 2	Lapta TBSK	v	Denizli SK	BTM	Lapta Şht Şevket Kadir Stadium ko 11-00am
Sat Apr 2	Ozanköy SK	v	Karaoğlanoğlu SK ***	BTM	Ozanköy Mustafa Özkayım Stadium ko 11-00am
Sun Apr 3	Girne Halk Evi	v	Türk Ocak ***	SL	Girne 20 Temmuz Mete Adanır Stadium
Sun Apr 3	Esentepe KKSK	v	L. Gençler Birliği SK ***	L1	Esentepe Erdal Barut Stadium
Sun Apr 3	Çanakkale TSK	v	China Bazaar Gençlik Gücü	L1	Famağusta Muharrem Döveç Stadium
Sun Apr 3	Yenierenköy TSK	v	Düzkova GSK	BTM	Yenierenköy Stadium
Sun Apr 3	Iskele Trabzon	v	Geçitkale GSK	BTM	Iskele Cumhuriyet Stadium ko 11-00am

"Derby Day" Draw for Düzkaya and Esentepe

Result: ESENTEPE KSK 2 DÜZKAYA KSK 2

By Richard Beale....

Predictably with one point and one place separating the two teams, the match ended in a draw, which at the end of the day was a fair result and both Coaches would be happy with a point.

Sunday March 20, 2022: AKSA League 1: Esentepe Erdal Barut Stadium.

Maybe it was the bitterly cold weather that restricted the crowd to a disappointing size of around 100 in this "Derby" match against Düzkaya from Çatalköy.

Esentepe still missing Deniz, Semih, Mustafa and Tuğra through injuries and illness at least there were more options on the bench this week. Esentepe welcomed back Şenol and Salih from suspension. There was also a first full start for Mahmut Izoğlu who underwent a knee operation in the summer and has been battling to make a full recovery all season.

In the Düzkaya lineup were 2 ex Esentepe favourites goalkeeper Ali Karal and defender Uğurcan Basayak.

Maybe it was the unseasonable cold weather as Esentepe were still in hibernation mode as Düzkaya swept into a two-goal lead within the first 15 minutes.

Esentepe's defence resembled the Titanic in the opening period - slow turning and was sunk without a trace.

In the 8th minute, a simple ball over Esentepe saw HÜSEYİN TÜRK fasten onto it in a flash and lob the ball over the advancing Esentepe goalkeeper Onur. 0-1

Esentepe were on the back foot with Düzkaya's quick, rapier thrusts and it was no surprise when they increased their lead in the 14th minute. Uğurcan was brought down by Hüseyin Deynekli but referee Isfendiyar applied the advantage rule, the ball was swept across to the right where YAĞIS GENÇAY outpaced Okan and beat Onur at his near post. This was Yağıs 10th goal of the season and he has developed a habit over the seasons of scoring against Esentepe. 0-2.

Esentepe could not come to terms with Düzkaya, losing out in midfield and their only outlet was the long ball trying to get the lightning-fast Hüseyin Deynekli on the right-wing into action.

They were given a lifeline in the 28th minute and it was from that predictable source a long ball to Hüseyin Deynekli who sped on into the box and was brought down by Uğurcan and a penalty was awarded. The Esentepe supporters were incensed that their ex-player Uğurcan should have been red-carded as he was the last man and illegally prevented Hüseyin from scoring - Mr Isfendiyar would have none of it. Skipper ESER KAN converted the penalty. 1-2.

Düzkaya continued to threatened and in the 42nd minute, Salih headed just over the bar from a Bilal corner. HALF TIME SCORE : 1-2.

Maybe it was Düzkaya players still thinking about their warm mug of Bovril during the break as they now were caught napping as Esentepe equalised immediately after the break.

Poor Düzkaya defending a poor pass let in Hüseyin Deynekli in on the right, the diminutive player crossed to



an unmarked ESER KAN to shoot past Ali to record his 13th goal of the season. 2-2.

Düzkaya were clearly rattled their defence was panicky making poor clearances and Hüseyin Deynekli was giving Uğurcan a torrid time down the right.

Düzkaya Coach Hasan Topaloğlu had to act immediately as his side were in danger of losing the match and in the 55th minute, he made a treble substitution.

This must-have settled the team as they came back into the match, created a couple of chances themselves with the closest chance being when Mehmet headed just past the Esentepe left-hand post.

Esentepe finished strongly in the last 5 minutes and could have snatched the 3 points themselves, Ali saved an Ilyas shot, which rebounded to Eser whose shot was deflected for a corner. Then the Esentepe Captain caused Ali an anxious moment sending in a shot that went just past the left-hand post.

FULL TIME SCORE: 2-2.

SUMMING UP: Esentepe continue to be inconsistent - Jekyll and Hyde - one minute their blowing hot the next minute their blowing cold. A draw for both teams, a point keeps them just outside the promotion and relegation play off places. With 7 games to go both are well placed to have a crack at the promotion play off places, if they want it badly. If they dont then a comfortable mid table place will retain them their League 1 status. If they hit a bad patch then they could get dragged down into a relegation play off places.- there is all to play for.

HÜSEYİN DEYNEKLİ was my Man of the Match - a constant threat, made 2 goals and caused





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