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Filiz Naldöven remembered

A poetry event will be organized in collaboration with Girne Municipality and the Lyric Poetry Group at 19:30 on Friday 28th June in memory of retired teacher writer and poet Filiz Naldöven.

This will be held at the route connecting Karaölganlı and 19 Mayis Street (between Calliop and Levent Apartments) and Filiz Naldöven Street, members of the Lyric Poetry Group, will read poems of the poet Filiz Naldöven.

Serkan Soyalan made a statement on behalf of the Lyric Poetry Group: “We commemorate Filiz Naldöven, one of the most important poets of our country, with respect, longing and poems in the third year of her death.

Naldöven will always be with us with her work.

Nidai Gungördü, the Mayor of Girne, said that Filiz Naldöven was given a special award at the International Olive Cartoon Competition, which was traditionally organized by Girne Municipality and Turkish Cypriot Cartoonists Association.

Nidai Gungördü reminded that Filiz Naldöven's name was given to a street in Girne on 8th March, to mark International Working Women's Day, as a result of the unanimous decision of Girne City Council.

Describing that Filiz Naldöven was a successful artist who had continuously produced work, Güngördü said that they wanted to commemorate her with poems in the 3rd year of her death and everyone is invited to attend the event.

Girne road markings refreshed

Girne Municipality are maintaining speed bumps, pedestrian crossings and kerb edges throughout the city.

In order to provide traffic and pedestrian safety within the program, the painting of kerb edges, speed bumps, pedestrian crossings and road markings renewal works are continuing on various streets of the city by Girne Municipality.

Girne Mayor Nidai Güngördü, said road safety, as well as the aesthetics of the city is important in terms of the Municipality and the BELPAZ company are happy to carry out the work for the benefit of people, vehicles, and the elements.

Güngördü stated that the company also provides services to other Municipalities and the government as well as Girne Municipality, “We have invested in safety of vehicles and people, and we see the results of this”.

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I know that through the whole of my journalistic life, I had never been in the good books of my editors. They always complained about my habit of taking things too easy in the beginning and then rushing to file the story before the deadline. I know that it is not a good habit, but good or bad, this is my habit.

At times I really come under pressure due to this habit, but I think it is my self confidence and experience which always helps me to meet the deadline. Of course, under such a situation one can understand the severity of the pressure that the editor passes through, after leaving a blank space in the dummy newspaper, for my story.

Something like that happened this week.

Last Sunday I told Chris and Margaret that I would be submitting this column, and some other news a little earlier as I would be out of the TRNC at the weekend. In return they told me that they too were planning to finish earlier this week.

I had planned to sit at my PC in the evening and write this column, but I found myself more inclined to go out for a long run/walk that evening.

The next morning I sent a message to Margaret saying that I could not write my column last evening, and would be submitting it a little later that day. I had thought to write it during my lunch break, but as it always happens, after having my lunch, I sat in a chair, spread out my legs, and closed my eyes for a short rest. My mind tried to remind me that I was supposed to write the article, but the same mind told me to enjoy the cool atmosphere and take a rest. "Don't worry, you are a quick writer, you can do it in a short period of time, after you take some rest," I had heard my mind saying that to me. So I closed my eyes, to continue resting. When I re-opened my eyes, the lunch break had already passed, and my boss was calling to finish an uncompleted job.

I once again consoled myself, saying that it won't be too difficult to write the column in the evening at home. Unfortunately, I had to stay late in the office that evening. But that was not all. When I reached home, I was told by my wife, that were supposed to go out to attend the marriage of a close friend. So once again the idea of writing my column was left behind. Again I promised myself that I would be writing it the next day, during the lunch break.

The next day, once again I asked Margaret to allocate space for me, and I would be submitting my column some time that day. But as you can imagine, the lunch time came and went the same way, as it had a day earlier. Once again I renewed my commitment to write the column that evening.

But as the saying goes, what man proposes, God disposes. When I reached home that evening, I found my son playing some game on the PC, along with his friends. I did not want to disturb them, because my son was leaving for Turkey the next morning. So I waited, for their game to finish.

But it was not like that, their game continued and continued.

When I went to bed at around 11.30pm they were still playing the game.

I learnt journalism, when there were no computers. We used to type. Those who had used typewriters, know that doing corrections while typing is a very time consuming and disturbing action, particularly for a person like me, writing quickly at the last moment. So I developed the habit to write accurately, so that I would not have to correct.

Now we have computers with all sorts of facilities, yet still I do not read and check again after writing. This is due to my habit of writing everything in its final shape, without going through any correction and amendments.

NOTE:

One more reason of typing without re-reading or amending is because I know that Margaret is a perfect editor, and none of my mistakes can pass through her without being spotted and corrected.
Saner and Candan attended PACE General Council Meeting

UBP Gazimağusa Deputy Hamza Ersan and CTP Güzelyurt Deputy Armağan Candan attended the General Council meeting of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE) held in Strasbourg, France.

According to the information of the TRNC Assembly, Saner and Candan attended the sessions of migration, refugees and displaced persons committee where the rights and humanist needs of displaced people were discussed.

Within the framework of the so-called report, the missing persons issue in Cyprus was discussed. During the meeting, a video call was held with the Turkish Cypriot member of the Committee on Missing Persons in Cyprus, Gülden Plümer Küçük, Greek Cypriot member Leonidas Pantelidis and the third member Paul Henry Arni.

The members of the Committee on Missing Persons gave information about the work done since 2006 and the cooperation between the sides.

During her speech, Gülden Küçük stressed that the issue of migration and missing persons in Cyprus started in 1963 but criticised these issues not being reflected in the report.

In his statement regarding the issue, Candan said that the issue of missing persons is a humanity issue which started in 1963, adding that the migration issue did not start in 1974, 25,000 Turkish Cypriots were forced to immigrate in the years of 1963/1964 and were forced to live in ghettos.

Candan stressed that in 2019, the Committee on Missing Persons gained access to 30 new military zones and the researches have been conducted without any obstruction.

Furthermore, Saner said that it is a big shame of the Greek Cypriots that Turkish Cypriot Deputy Cengiz Ratip who disappeared on 14 February 1964 still has not been found.

Saner and Candan are also attending Political Affairs and Democracy Committee, Culture, Science Education and Media Committee, Human Rights and Democracy Committee, Immigration, Refugees, and Displaced Persons Committee, Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Developments Committee, Equality and Anti-discrimination Committee meetings besides as well as the General Council meetings.

UBP Parliamentarian Hamza Ersan Saner participated in the European Conservatives Group meeting and CTP Parliamentarian Armağan Candan participated in Democrats and Greens Political Group meeting.

The TRNC Assembly delegation has also held various bilateral meetings in addition to the other meetings they which they attended.

Erdoğan: "We will continue to take steps in Eastern Mediterranean"

Turkish President and President of Justice and Development Party, Recep Tayyip Erdoğan, gave a speech at the Turkish Grand National Assembly meeting and said that they will continue to take steps in the Eastern Mediterranean with determination until provision is made for the just sharing of all natural resources which have been, and will be, found in the Eastern Mediterranean.

Stressing that they will never allow the initiatives which ignore the rights and interests of Turkey and Turkish Cypriots in this region he said: "we defend from the beginning that our cognates in this region also have rights in the natural gas and our thesis has always been that Turkish Cypriot authorities should be involved in detection and investigation."
TRNC Government has not taken decision to open Maraş

Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs Kudret Özersay stated that the government has not taken a decision to open Maraş but an inventory study is planned within Maraş.

Answering the questions of A Haber, Özersay made statements to the press on the issue of Yavuz drilling vessel departing to the Mediterranean and the decisions of the government regarding Maraş.

Özersay stressed “The TRNC government has not taken a decision to open Maraş. The decision taken at this stage is to make an inventory study within Maraş. The government has not decided to give Maraş to anyone, or to open it under the control of the UN or the TRNC government. We as the government want to see the results at the end of the inventory study in order to shape our future policy. We have a principle on this issue. We will take steps without prejudice to the property rights of former owners and the Foundation Administration”.

Furthermore, Özersay stressed that Greek Cypriot side will try to create an atmosphere as if the properties of former owners are disregarded so we should not fall into this trap.

Evaluating the Yavuz drilling vessel departing to the Mediterranean, Özersay said “In 2011, we signed the Continental Shelf Restriction Agreement with Turkey. As the Greek Cypriot side gave licenses to some companies, we gave license to the Turkish Petroleum Corporation. We conducted seismic research. We expressed to the Greek Cypriot side that we will start drilling if they start drilling, so we began drilling and will continue.

5 TRNC Mayors attended Cittaslow in Italy

5 Cittaslow municipality Mayors from the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus attended the General Assembly of Cittaslow in Italy.

The Cittaslow movement is celebrating its 20th year. This year’s meetings took place in Orvieto, Italy.

Recently Tatlısu Municipality received a membership certificate therefore the number of Cittaslow certificated municipalities in the TRNC officially increased to 5.

2nd Turkish Cypriot Culture and Art Festival in London

It has been reported that the 2nd Turkish Cypriot Culture and Art Festival, which took place in London, brought together 20,000 people.

According to the written statement by the UK Turkish Cypriot Trust, the festival, which was organized by the UK Turkish Cypriot Trust, also featured a concert by Ziynet Sali. Approximately 20,000 people attended the festival which took place in the Lee Valley Athletics Centre in North London.
Sucuoğlu visited Olive Tree Solidarity Association (ZAYDER)

Minister of Labour and Social Security Faiz Sucuoğlu visited the Olive Tree Education and Solidarity Association (ZAYDER) and received information about the activities of the Association.

Sucuoğlu met with Rabia Özcömert, the Chairman of the Board of the Association, which has branches in Girne, Nicosia and Famagusta and attracted attention for the help of families and people in need throughout the country.

Rabia Özcömert stated that the Association supports families in need through a food and clothing bank and that they provide support to children, families, sick and elderly people and individuals with special needs.

Özcömert said that they are trying to encourage the needy housewives to produce handcrafted items. Özcömert asked for the support of Minister Sucuoğlu, stating that they need a place that will allow the sale of women's handcrafted products in the Surlarıçi region.

Minister of Labour and Social Security Faiz Sucuoğlu expressed his great excitement regarding the visit to the Olive Tree Education and Solidarity Association and pointed out that the production model of the Association for women in need is a good example. Sucuoğlu underlined the importance of supporting the Association on a voluntary basis, which provides opportunities for women and mothers to work by producing and contributing. Sucuoğlu noted that the projects aiming to gain profit from the work of disabled citizens by participating in production will be initiated in the coming days and added that the Ministry is ready to support the activities of the Association and congratulated the Association for its work.

Source: Ministry of Labour and Social Security

Transportation Hotline 1181 Activated

Department of the Ministry of Public Works and Transportation launched the transportation hotline 1181 in order to collect complaints regarding taxis, minibuses and buses. The call centre for the hotline will be available during working hours, 8.00am-2.30pm on Monday to Friday, and from 8.00am to 17.30pm on Thursdays.

After hours there will be an answering machine recording the messages.

Source: Ministry of Public Works and Transportation

Haspolat-Taşkent Road Repair Started

Ministry of Public Works and Transportation, Department of Highways, began to repair the collapse and deterioration of the Haspolat-Taşkent Road. 110 tons of asphalt surfacing has been done so far in the work carried out at Haspolat Circle to Taşkent.

With regard to maintenance and repair tenders for Dr. Faizil Küçük Boulevard, Nicosia-Famagusta Highways up to Haspolat Roundabout and Nicosia-Güzelyurt Highway from Gönyeli Roundabout to Yılmazköy junction, maintenance on these routes will begin after the delivery of materials.

Source: Ministry of Public Works and Transportation
By Peri Sualp....

In my last article about animal cruelty, I wrote about how circus animals are getting abused.

I talked about why we should stop circus animal abuse and of course all type of animal abuse! It is not fair for animals. No living thing should be forced to doing something which is against its nature!

In this article, I will be writing about animal abuse in touristic places which might not be seen as severe but it is. Now that the holiday season started, you should all know the truth behind the scenes.

These animals are the world’s cruellest attraction!

Even if all you do is ride on an elephant, take a selfie with a tiger or watch dolphins or whales perform a show, you are contributing to the suffering of these majestic animals!

So what type of suffering do the animals face.

1. Elephants - are taken from their parents when they are babies and from day one they are trained with the system called ‘the crush’! It involves physical restraints, inflicting extreme pain and deprivation of food and water. When tourists come to see those elephants they are all calm because their spirit and joy has been broken into pieces! This affects their psychological and physical well being! After ‘the crush’ they are chained! They can’t interact with each other, and as elephants are naturally gregarious, i.e. live in groups, they can die of broken hearts!

2. Tigers - are also separated from their mothers at an early age! They are trained cruelly and are always locked up in cages and chained. They might be dangerous animals but they are tortured and abused! Tourists handle the cubs and adults for hours and pose with them for photos. They are also often told to hit the cubs if they display aggressive or unwelcome behaviour.

3. Dolphins - many people visit these most wonderful fun loving creatures and watch them perform! They watch them perform in awe, but they are unaware of the cruelty and abuse the dolphins experience!

They are often chased by high-speed boats before being hauled on board or caught in nets. For most of the poor dolphins they stress very easily when they are getting transformed to their new habitat which is why they die! You might not notice the dolphins abuse but they all go through a lifetime of suffering!

4. Camels - are used in touristic places very often! Especially in summertime these poor camels suffer from the heat and torture at the same time! The heat and the abuse these camels are exposed to causes a lot of health problems for them! If camels spit or scream, it means that they have experienced bad abuse.

So before you put your child on camels or allow them to pet animals, understand their pain and if you have just a little bit of conscience, then you’ll never participate in such activities!

These animals are just a few examples! You cannot imagine the suffering many animals/creatures are going through. Do you think they want a life like this? They feel hopeless and have no escape! They feel like they were born to be beaten up and to suffer and know nothing but sadness!

No matter how comforting and convincing these animals’ owners are, don’t believe them! They are absolutely all liars.

HOW TO HELP STOP ANIMAL ABUSE IN THE TOURISM INDUSTRY...

1. Don’t participate in any activity which involves animals because no animal likes being used for their whole life!

2. Make a debate! Find friends and family, even strangers to join a club and discuss what can be done to help.


4. Start up a campaign against abuse of these animals and report these people if possible.

With everyone’s help we can together stop the animal entertainment industry and therefore their abuse! Save our world! Save yourself!

Thank you for reading...
Do you remember Pasha?

Back in April we were asking if anyone recognised her - She understood commands in English and was very well behaved so we were fairly sure that she had come from an English home. Well no one came forward to claim her.

Then we featured her asking for a new "Furever" home.....Pretty Pasha caught the eye of Denise but she was worried as she had her own handsome hunk at home, her beloved Rocky (the rott). After many talks and thoughts it was decided that Denise should foster Pasha to see how she got on with Rocky and how she was at home. It was agreed that if it didn't work out, or if Pasha and Rocky didn't hit it off, that she would go back to the Centre immediately. After 2 weeks it was clear that Pasha and Rocky were besties ....it was also clear that Denise was also smitten with Pasha and vice versa .....so Pasha is now Lily and she has been "at home" for several weeks now and is well and truly part of the family.

Happy Days Lily.

Whenever a cat or dog is homed from our KAR Rescue Centre it is always made clear that IF there are any problems the owner should come back to us to discuss the problem and we WILL help as much as we can. The same is true for our foster carers - we WILL help as much as we can and we WILL take the foster animal back if the placement is not working for either the foster carer or the cat/dog.

Please if you can offer a foster placement (or a furever home) for one of our cats or dogs contact us or visit the Rescue Centre to have a chat.

We have so many who need you.

Can you spare 2 hours, twice a week (minimum), we are looking for a driver who can do pick ups in the Centre van between 1pm - 3pm on a Tuesday and Wednesday. Experience of Transit Van driving would be helpful as it's a big old beast!!!! Please call Elaine on 0533 863 1950 if you can help!!

Today marked the end of an era at the centre. Elaine has asked that we pay tribute to Dave who leaves for pastures new with Rae his wife and family. Dave's medical knowledge has made a huge difference to the lives of the dogs and cats at the centre, his concreting and welding skills are perfection. Elaine, the centre staff and all at KAR wish you the best and happiness with your move, you will be missed. Are you sure you don’t want to change your mind?
KAR - News Update

Message from Louise Holly Flynn....
Thank you so much Kyrenia Animal Rescue (KAR) for letting us walk your beautiful doggos, absolutely loved fussing them and taking them out in the mountains, we will definitely be back! Anyone that can help in any way, it’s so appreciated! All these doggos need forever homes but even just taking them for walks/donating food, any help you can give is huge! There’s around 300 beautiful dogs here that have all been rescued by KAR and the work they do is amazing! If you get the chance to visit here then definitely do so. x

Elaine and the staff at the Centre would like to thank all the visitors who have brought donations to the centre, including and not totally inclusive..beach umbrellas, dog biscuits, cat food, collars, leads. Please keep your donations coming, it is so generous of you all!!

Please please please....
We love that you want to walk the dogs at the Centre, but with it being so hot, we can only allow them to be walked for short periods or at 9am.

We don’t wish you to be disappointed, but walking after 10am is extremely dangerous for them and YOU!!

Heatstroke can be deadly.
Share this image to help pet parents learn the signs!

The signs of heatstroke include:
- Excessive or exaggerated panting
- Lethargy
- Weakness
- Dizziness
- High fever
- Dark red gums
- Rapid heart rate
- Unresponsiveness to surroundings
- Vomiting
- Collapse
- Shivering
- Excessive drooling
- Warm/dry skin
Cypriot Lacing - A disappearing skill

By Ismail Veli......
(published by CyprusScene 12th October 2015)

Cyprus is famous for its Sun, beaches and history. But the name of Cyprus is also synonymous with its legendary Lefkara lacing.

Lefkara is only a part of this unique talent however. I doubt we could get into a time machine, visit every village on the island 60 years ago, and find a single place where lacing did not exist. For many, lacing was a means of earning a little extra income. Lefkara was the Queen of lacing, but the other 650 villages in Cyprus were its princesses. Lacing may not be unique to Cyprus, but mention the name and many travellers and historians look to Cyprus as the island of lacing. Its tradition and quality has a place in people's hearts.

What about the history however? Lefkara lace derives its name from the name of the village of Lefkara. Other places like Kato Drys, Athienou, Kornos, and Skarinou are well known for what the locals call Lefkaritika. The lacework with its amazingly fine and intricate patterns originated from a local style embroidery called "asproploumia" (white embroidery).

In the old days when money was scarce this would also be used as a dowry. During Venetian rule Lefkara was a summer retreat of the ruling Venetian families. The Venetian ladies took their embroidery to the village in order to pass the time. With little else to do this fascinated the local women so much that they took on lacing as a pastime. The silk production on the island was at an advanced level, therefore using this amazing material was ideal for work of such delicate nature. Many women would gather around in small groups for endless hours producing lace of extremely advanced quality. It could often take weeks or maybe even months to complete one item.

The immense range of patterns and motifs date to the Venetian period. But lacing predates the Venetian period in Cyprus. French convents, the Apennines, Spain, Belgium, Germany, Italy and many places were well known for their unique form of lacing. No doubt many countries try to claim the honor of being the birthplace of lacing. I doubt even historians can pinpoint with any degree of accuracy as to where lacing originated from. A lace originating from Egypt, during Roman rule has however survived which proves that this amazing talent existed thousands of years ago.

In medieval times Venice was a major trading power with contacts all over the Western world and beyond. Lacing was established and popular during the 15th and 16th centuries. It was in Venice that the first known lace book named "Le Pompe" was published.

As Cyprus was under Lusignan rule during the 15th century, it was natural that the Latins would bring this form of skill to the island.

James II of Cyprus of the house of Lusignan became King in 1468. His decision to choose Catherine Cornaro as his wife and queen was to change the course of history. Only 14 at the time Cornaro was part of the Venetian nobility. This marriage in effect secured Venice major trading privileges in Cyprus.

Venice eventually took control in 1489, and with this their influence and culture became more established on the island.

It was during this period that lacing in Cyprus became a firmly established tradition. Cypriots inherited this skill but turned it into their own unique style of which, as mentioned, Lefkara lace became the most famous. Other styles of lacing however are also very popular.

The first half of the 20th century, but in particular the middle part saw the steady growth of tourism in Cyprus.

In the 1550's. The book had a multitude style of patterns, and advice for women on how to lace. Venice was at the time spreading its unique knowledge of lace. In the 1600's England, Spain and France and other centers in Europe were producing immense quantities of good quality lace. As women were skilled in textiles their adoption of lacing seem to have become popular. The nobility in particular sought good lace-makers for their women. Refugees and immigrants who moved to different countries helped spread this skill even further. Good quality lace-makers were therefore popular with royal families.
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To satisfy tourists desire for these beautiful handmade laces many traders often travelled to villages in order to seek out women who were skilful and dedicated enough to spend hours on end each day to produce infinite styles and patterns that tourists would buy as souvenirs or gifts for their families and friends.

My mother was one of these. With 3 children to feed and my father needing a life saving operation in the UK in 1957 she used this unique skill to earn whatever she could to ensure her children had food on the table and whatever clothing could be afforded. Not that the family did not help. However she was too proud to sit idle and live on handouts. Within a short period of time she was also helping to create patterns, and designs for her friends and neighbours who admired her immense dedication and hard work.

She trained many other women in how to lace successfully. Though in the UK since 1962, she never gave up lacing and continued to lace as a hobby, creating endless laces for all her children and grandchildren. At the age of 80 she finds it difficult to lace as she used to, therefore she has turned to knitting instead. Her sister, (aunt Emine) is skilled at Lefkara lacing, and just like my mother devotes much of her time to this amazing skill as a hobby.

Present days sales of lacing are mostly cheap imported and machine produced items. No doubt the cost of buying handmade lace in this day and age is immense. For some like my family who are fortunate enough to have inherited an immense number of original laces made by a dedicated mother, we no doubt consider ourselves lucky. The number of women capable of traditional Cypriot lace may be on the wane, but I doubt this unique skill will ever be forgotten in the hearts of Cypriots who will carry this tradition with great pride to future generations who will be less fortunate, and may not truly appreciate the immense skill, hard work and ceaseless dedication that has helped to put Cyprus on the map. After all not many places can boast that Leonardo De Vinci one of the greatest artists in world history preferred to buy his lacing from Cyprus. Exaggerated or not, this story has remained part of our proud heritage for centuries. And so it should.

Pictures of my mother and our family and you can see me as the youngest child.

Girne Art Gallery - Paintings and Ceramics exhibition

Girne Municipality hosted an Art Workshop Painting and Ceramics Exhibition which opened on 25th June at Girne Municipality Art Gallery.

In the exhibition, in addition to the ceramic works of 35 people who participated in the courses of the municipality, there are paintings consisting of pencil and watercolours. The exhibition can be visited between 25th June and 6th July from 10:00 to 17:00 and on Saturdays from 10:00 to 15:00.

Girne Municipality Painting and Ceramics Courses Trainer Bedia Kale stated that the trainees received painting techniques and basic art education, and basic ceramic art education by doing 3-dimensional studies. Kale, who thanked the trainees who had prepared the works said, as a resident of Girne, I would like to thank Girne Municipality for giving me the opportunity to teach.

The Mayor of Girne, Nidai Güngördü, said that the courses of Girne Municipality Art Workshop, which have been continuing since September, have increased the interest in painting and ceramic arts, and that the art courses supported by the Municipality have created awareness in different fields of art.

Mayor Güngördü thanked the trainer and trainees who had contributed to the exhibition.
The project Friends Across Borders applied for the Stelios Award 2019 with the highlight of the FAB Festival from 27th to 29th September at the Soulist in Alsancak/Karavas in aid of “Help Those with Cancer Association (TULIPS)“.

“Friends Across Borders (FAB)“

For the second time musicians from both sides of Cyprus will be coming together on one stage in North Cyprus, following the invitation of the founder of this project, Roland Eyerich (German Blues & Rock DJ from Bayrak International). The motive for Roland is his former education as a social worker and social pedagogue that he is committed to the Ethos of Social Work to overcoming borders and building bridges against fears and breaking down prejudices in the divided island of Cyprus with music. Very successful for this project is the pathos for music of the Turkish musician and friend Alper Cengiz (The owner of The Soulist Coffee and Music House in Alsancak). With the help of his musical competence and his personal commitment, this cross-border and bi-communal project has become possible. He is also convinced that music can also contribute to cultural understanding.

For the first time a band from the former divided country of Germany and former divided City of Berlin will be supporting this project on the 28th September this year.

In this “Friends Across Borders project“ the main actors in Blues and Rock, Reggae, Jazz, and classic will be musicians from both parts of this divided island. In addition to this social cultural project, the musicians have agreed that the proceeds of the charity tickets should be donated to "Help Those with Cancer Association (TULIPS)“. Worldwide the number of patients being diagnosed with cancer is increasing, including in Cyprus. The Tulips Association is assisting 1,800 cancer patients at the moment and they are receiving approximately 600 - 700 new cancer patients every year. The Association is not just for local Cypriot people, TULIPS helps anyone in North Cyprus with cancer.

Stelios - The Bi-communal Awards in Cyprus

The Stelios Bi-communal Awards have been in operation on the island of Cyprus since 2009. The idea is to encourage bi-communal cooperation between Greek-Cypriots and Turkish-Cypriots in order to promote lasting peace on the island. Each team involving one Greek-Cypriot and one Turkish-Cypriot. The awards are announced at a ceremony in Nicosia in October each year. Representatives for the FAB-project are the two musicians - Charis J. Anderson - Blind Man’s Tale (South Cyprus) and Ed Sezener – Stingray (North Cyprus). Many other musicians from both parts of Cyprus support FAB. If they are not prevented, they will also actively participate in the FAB festival.

Roland and Musicians from both sides of Cyprus apply with the social project “Friends Across Borders” for the Stelios Bi-communal Awards 2019.

This year again the project is in aid of Help Those with Cancer Association TULIPS which is being held for the second time. The Motto/Theme: “Cancer and Music have no Boundaries“.

The FAB-Concert/Festival will be on the 27th, 28th and 29th of September in Alsancak/Karavas (North Cyprus).

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The first concert held in 2018, brought together musicians in the Blues and Rock Scene, after nearly 44 years, without issues playing in the North. There had been almost 3 years of preparation. There are no prejudices, especially among young people and also musicians. It must be continued.

It is the idea behind this festival to promote above all young artists and to further the "European concept" by overcoming mental borders, be free of prejudices and characterised by mutual respect without fear. The coexistence of the two communities is the aim without prejudice, hatred and boundaries in the minds. Music has no boundaries.

Necessary information about Kanser Hastalarına Yardım Derneği – also known as Tulips (Help Those with Cancer Association) - in North Cyprus. That is why musicians with the FAB project support this Cancer Association.

The Association was 25 years old in May 2019 and was set up simply because there was no Oncology unit, a unit that specialises in cancer treatment and care, within the State Hospital in North Cyprus. The Association was set up by Razıye Kocaismail (Cyprus) and she is still the Head of the Association.

The Association now employs 6 personnel who are directly linked with helping cancer patients at the Lefkosa State Hospital. As well as 5 teams of care nurses who go around the Oncology wards and also visit cancer patients at home. There is a doctor who gives talks on how to look after yourself and how to spot the first signs of cancer.

Also there is The Umut Centre (or Hope Centre) – the Association cares for children as well as adults, and the Umut Centre is somewhere that children with cancer can go to meet other children who are going through similar experiences. They have teachers calling in to give basic education so that these children do not get too behind in their studies. There are also music teachers that donate their time to teach children to play a musical instrument, Music Therapy has been proved to help children undergoing cancer treatment; it can make them feel good, it can create a calming and relaxing environment and it also encourages children to communicate.

The aims of the Association are very important to the quality of life of cancer patients, these are:

- To improve the lives of everyone living with cancer
- To raise awareness of cancer in North Cyprus
- To strive for better cancer care in North Cyprus

Until the government in North Cyprus take responsibility for looking after their own citizens who are ill with cancer, Tulips as a cancer charity will have to continue fighting every month to ensure that cancer patients receive the care that they need.

It is the Association’s work that set up the Oncology Unit and it is the Association’s fund raising activities that are paying for patient support.

There are many examples of how the Association supports cancer patients. After receiving a pathology report the Association pays for blood tests, scans etc. After a cancer patient has had an operation, the Association will help, for example by providing a voice machine to enable patients with cancer of the larynx to communicate again. By providing silicon breasts following a mastectomy, providing wigs, walking frames, wheelchairs, special mattresses, air beds, electronic oxygen systems etc. They also provide transport for patients if needed, home to hospital and back, free of charge.

There is no support in North Cyprus for Children with Leukaemia so all patients have to go to Turkey for their treatment. On average their treatment takes approximately 1 year. The family has to find the costs for transport, accommodation and treatment, money for eating and drinking, as well as paying bills for electricity and water! The Association will help the patient’s family as much as they can, for instance helping to pay the rent if the parents are having to rent accommodation to stay with their child while it has treatment in Turkey, as well as helping with air fares etc.

There is much help given by the Association to the expatriate community in North Cyprus including English speaking support and information, the translation of reports, help with medication and counselling as well as help with financial costs where appropriate.

The cost of treatment in North Cyprus can vary dependent upon which type of cancer is diagnosed, but to give some idea: Patients who have to have radiotherapy can expect to pay on average 5,000 Turkish Lira for a course of treatment at the Oncology Unit at Lefkosa State Hospital, it costs a lot more to have this treatment at a private hospital.

Patients who need to have chemotherapy can expect to pay somewhere in the region of 600 Turkish Lira per treatment, it can be much more expensive in the case of some types of cancer because of the high cost of chemotherapy drugs.

Costs have risen tremendously, one year ago the Association needed 110,000 Turkish Lira every month to cover its running costs but at the present time the Association needs 208,000 Turkish Lira every single month to continue with its work.
Facebook post by Stephanie Harrison-Croft 23rd June.

I just have to share Asil's face with everyone on his way home. Animal rescue is so difficult and there are invariably more downs than ups but his little face filled with happiness and anticipation has to be one of the highest ups for me ever after all he has been through.

Facebook post by Kathy Ashton to Muğla Pointer Rescue (Turkey) 23rd June

Euro Pet Travel have done it again! In 3 days they have travelled 8 dogs and 2 cats from Turkey to England. They had 3 northern Cyprus dogs on board for the lovely charity Hope 4 Pets North Cyprus that we are now helping to find homes. EPT will transport the rescues to save the charity donated funds (as flying from northern Cyprus is very expensive) This was the first successful trip and here is to many more.

EPT U.K. is now in charge of delivering the dogs up and down the country. Fantastic team work all round but special thanks as usual to Andy Hewitt and Stuart Coglan who are amazing at what they do.

All three H4P dogs Asil, Major and Bailey are safe now on English turf and they are now on their way to their homes.

All travelled well in the expert hands of EPT who did a fab job for H4P.

Thank you so much to the entire EPT team including Andy Hewitt Stuart Coglan and Kathy Ashton of course.

If you wish to transport a rescue or your own pet to the UK we highly recommend EPT for overland transport which offers a much cheaper option to flying being in the region of 1K with no hidden extras.

Please contact H4P if you would like to use this service and we will refer you to the EPT team.
Another fab day for H4P with the lovely donation of 2000TL made by the lovely Jacqueline Mansfield and Maurice Gardener who held a special joint birthday party and selflessly asked for donations from their guests to H4P as opposed to birthday presents.

Thank you so much for considering us at such a special event and a Big Happy Birthday to you both xx

Facebook post by Stephanie Harrison-Croft 24th June and Elizabeth Stowell 26th June.
Well the last of our H4P dogs to arrive in the UK is now happily at home with his lovely new owner Adele Booth, professionally delivered by the EPT team. Major is settling in beautifully. He has been out and about with his new brother Coco, and finding the best seat in the house!
The Wedding Line
Be in the Spotlight!

The Wedding of Attila Kent and Anna Fiorentini at Le Chateau Lambousa, Lapta

Photo courtesy of CyprusScene

Would you like your event pictures shown in our Leisure Line. Please email them with a description and phone number to:

Tina King at: fab.trnc@gmail.com
Two months and two weddings in Northern Cyprus

By Margaret Sheard ....

Following a wedding in Dipkarpaz in May, we had an invitation for another wedding in June.

John and Valerie Aziz Kent invited us to the wedding of their son Attila and Anna Fiorentini on 22nd June at Chateau Lambousa, Lapta.

There were many guests attending, both for the bride and groom, and the setting was just wonderful for this occasion. The ceremony was held at 6.30pm, just as the sun was going down, in the lower level grassed area of Chateau Lambousa which was laid out with seating for the guests, and a red carpet to the area where the registration took place. I am sure some of the guests holidaying at Chateau Lambousa must have been well impressed with what they saw.

While we were waiting for the bride to make her entrance there was music by Mo Talukder (flute) and Analise Cassar. Then Anna arrived on the arm of her father Alfred Fiorentini and accompanied by her bridesmaids. She looked stunning, a beautiful dress with a very long train. There was more music by Jermain Jackman and a welcome and introduction, followed by the declarations, and a reading by Ted Cumming. Then came the Exchange of Vows.

There was another reading by Mary Thorne and Attila and Anna signed the register, during which there was more music from Ellie Goulding and Jermain Jackman.

So Attila and Anna were now married and they walked back down the red carpet to the music “Love Train” performed by Jermain Jackman.

Anna looked so happy as she danced by the side of her new husband.

The guests then made their way to the reception which was held by the side of the huge pool, it had two large flower arrangements floating on it, another lovely touch. The tables all had the theme of musical shows, we were on Half a Sixpence. Music was provided by Serdar Tuksal and his group which went on through the evening in between the speeches and the cutting of the cake.

It was a lovely evening, the weather and setting perfect for this special wedding.
Readers Mail....
from Carol Blackwell-Gibbs ....

A busy time for weddings in North Cyprus and so nice to hear from another happy couple about their special day.

This was the wedding of Billie Natalie Andrews and Cory Daryl Jackson at Bellapais. The Best Man was James Knight and bridesmaids were Paige Andrews, Megan Childs, Lucy Gardner and Keira Jackson.

Carol Blackwell-Gibbs

This is what Billie and Cory had to say about their special day.
"Yesterday was amazing, everything we had dreamed of. It all went so smoothly and the weather was amazing. Very happy and so sad that it’s over and done with so quickly!

Billie’s grandparents retired to North Cyprus 5 years ago which is why we chose to have our wedding here. We chose Bellapais because we absolutely love the view from the Abbey. We also wanted something historical to be part of our day.

The wedding itself was better than we expected. We honestly don’t think there is anything that we would want to have improved! It was truly amazing.

The best part for us was seeing all our family and friends gathered in one of our favourite places, in such a beautiful setting. There wasn’t a worst part except that how quickly the day went! We were having such a good time that the day and night flew by!

We like to come out to Northern Cyprus at least twice a year.

It was the best wedding day we could have possibly imagined. We could not have done it without our wedding planner, Carol, who has been a pleasure to work with since we contacted her in 2017. Everything we wanted, she gave us and for that we are both truly grateful. A massive thank you to Carol, Keith our officiate, The Kybele, our photographer, our DJ, our florist, our cake maker and everyone else who made the day possible! We will cherish those memories forever.

Billie & Cory Jackson"

North Cyprus Wedding for Bill and Zoe

Readers Mail...
From Carol Blackwell-Gibbs ....

Two weeks ago I organised the wedding of Bill and Zoe who are from Fulham, London. The actual wedding was held at the Town Hall in Nicosia. When couples get married there, they play Cliff Richard’s “Congratulations” once they are married! My husband and I were the witnesses. There were no other guests.

On the evening of their wedding, they dined at The Kybele, Bellapais. The staff had been briefed about the special day and had laid up a romantic table for two on the Juliette balcony. The happy couple especially wish to thank manager Haluk and Ali the chef of the Kybele Restaurant.

They stayed at Ambelia Village, Bellapais during the week but on their wedding night, they chose to stay at The Palace Boutique Hotel in Kyrenia.

I had not met the happy couple before they flew out to Cyprus, but we all had so much fun, we are now close friends! Carol Blackwell-Gibbs

Bill and Zoe had the following to say about their happy day.
"My godmother has owned a property in Ambelia Village for over 30 years, which is why we chose Bellapais for our wedding. We didn’t really know what to expect but thanks to Carol Gibbs, the wedding organiser, it went beyond our imagination of how the day would go. Carol’s efficiency and local knowledge and connections made it an effortless, stress free happy day. After leaving Bellapais at 9.30am we returned from Nicosia as a married couple, enjoying lunch with Carol and James at the Palace Boutique Hotel in Kyrenia.

The entire day was wonderful ...the laughter with Carol and James, Cliff Richard’s recording of Congratulations concluding the ceremony, staying in the Palace Boutique Hotel and a romantic dinner in Kybele Restaurant – with special attention from the excellent staff. On the downside we found the bureaucracy involved concerning the paper work and obtaining necessary stamps a bit stressful, but all officials involved were so friendly that it made it an acceptable part of the day.

We made very special local friends in Bellapais. We would like to come again and happily indulge in more rose wine, laughter and banter in the convivial company of James and Carol.

We thank all who were involved ... especially the Turkish Cypriot friendliness and hospitality, which compensated for the fact that we decided not to include any family or friends.

Bill and Zoe "

North Cyprus Wedding of Billie and Cory
North Cyprus Wedding of Charlotte and Daniel

Readers Mail
From Carol Blackwell-Gibbs ...

May has been a very busy month for weddings! I recently organised the wedding of Charlotte Dervish and Daniel Nunn who are from South Ockendon, Essex in the UK.
The Best Man was Terry Ward and Usher – Jon Dervish. Bridesmaids were Connie Nunn, Poppy Winfield and Lizabel Sulun. Charlotte and Daniel were so happy with their day that they sent me a beautiful bouquet of flowers as a thank you for making their day so special.
The marriage was celebrated at the Kybele, Bellapais. Keith Lloyd was the officiate and he also conducted a Tying of the Knot Ceremony.

Guests were from the UK and from Northern Cyprus as Charlotte’s family originate from the TRNC.

Following a delicious meal, guests were entertained by a belly dancer and a DJ as they danced the night away under the stars!

Carol Blackwell-Gibbs

Here are some comments from Charlotte and Daniel.

"Charlotte - My paternal family originate from Northern Cyprus, many of whom still live there, so we try to come over every year; more often if we’re lucky! Daniel and I have been together for six years, and he quickly fell in love with the island when I introduced him to our little piece of paradise!

We came to see Bellapais initially in 2018, after being engaged for two years, however, as life gets in the way, not really having made any plans for the big day. The setting was just breathtaking, and the views were unbelievable and we just knew that this was the place where we would be married. We returned again a few days later and we were sure, this was it!

The wedding was better than we expected, more than exceeding our wildest dreams. The décor, the weather, the food, the staff at the Kybele, the ceremony… it was just perfect!
The whole day was perfect, but if we had to choose something as the best part, we would have to choose how seamlessly the day went, all thanks to Carol, and how welcome everyone was made to feel by staff at the Kybele.

The worst part of the day was the end! The day just flew by and the end came much too quickly!

We will definitely be visiting Bellapais again, we have even discussed returning for our first anniversary next year.

We would just like to thank Carol, Keith, Haluk and the staff at the Kybele, and everyone else involved in giving us the best day of our lives, it was more than we could have ever asked for, the setting and flowers were beautiful, the food was amazing, the photographers were excellent, our stunning belly dancer Jasmine was wonderful and really got the party started, and all went above and beyond to make our day so exceptional.

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Cancer and mental health discussed at EMU

By Ahmet Abdulaziz ....

The Faculty of Medicine of Eastern Mediterranean University recently organised a meeting with the title "Cancer and Mental Health". The meeting was organised in collaboration with the Tulips "Cancer Patients Society".

According to the press release of the University, the meeting was attended by the members of the faculty, officials of the Cancer Patients Society, cancer patients and their friends and family members.

Taking the floor during the meeting, EMU Dr. Fazıl Küçüklü Faculty of Medicine, Dean Prof. Dr. Nahide Gökkora, stated that psychological support is an important part of cancer treatment: “Cancer should no longer be perceived as solely a physical disease. New scientific research shows that psychiatry should play a part in cancer treatment and even cancer prevention.”

During the meeting, Psychologist Dr. Pelin Erbil answered questions directed her way, indicating that some studies have found that quiet and introverted people are more prone to cancer and that depression and anxiety are the most common problems after diagnosis. Dr. Erbil emphasized that in these situations psychiatric help should be received and antidepressant use under doctor control is useful: “Keeping morale high increases conformity to treatment and the chance of success. Therefore, patients should seek professional help rather than withdrawing into their shell and staying at home in a depressed manner. They should continue their occupation, be careful about their diet and play an active role in their communities. The patient should carry out tasks to the best of their ability and have hobbies. It has been proven that meditation techniques can positively affect the psychology of patients. Therefore motivation to live can be kept high and the vicious cycle of depression can be broken.” The meeting also touched upon the importance of holistic approaches to psychological counselling and motivational work for health personnel in oncology centers.

"Puppets in the World of Children" exhibition organised at EUL

By Ahmet Abdulaziz ....

The Faculty of Education Department of Pre-School Teaching of European University of Lefke (EUL) recently organised an exhibition with the theme of “Puppets in the Worlds of Children”.

The exhibition was organised at the EUL Raif Raif Denktaş Educational Complex.

Children learn by playing with Puppets.

Considering that puppets have a great importance in terms of child development in the pre-school education period and the participation of children in the teaching process will be more effective because they perceive the puppet as a game, it was stated that such an exhibition was organized by the Department of Pre-school Education and that puppets could be used effectively in children's eating, sleeping and toilet habits in their leisure activities.

Puppets designed using a recycling theme

Various toy materials presented by the students using the theme of recycling gained the admiration of the visitors to the exhibition.
"Clean Society, Good Future" - by the students of EUL

By Ahmet Abdulaziz ....

As part of their social projects, the students of the Faculty of Communication Sciences of the European University of Lefke (EUL), recently organised a social awareness project.

According to the information released by the University, the slogan of the event was "Clean Society, Good Future".

The students designed public spots, posters and cloth bags, with a view to raise public awareness about a clean society and its overall effects on our future.

The project aimed to let people realise the dangers now that we and our future generations may face in the future if we fail to maintain a clean society and environment.

"Universe and Black Holes" discussed at CIU

By Ahmet Abdulaziz ....

The mystery of black holes has remained a hot topic among scientists and social circles, for the last few years. The Cyprus International University (CIU) recently organised a short lecture, where detailed information was provided about the "Universe and the Black Holes".

According to the information provided by the University, Prof. Dr. Vali Bashiry, from the Faculty of Basic Sciences and Humanities, Faculty of Arts and Sciences of Cyprus International University (CIU), gave information about the mysterious “Universe and Black Holes.”

Prof. Dr. Vali Bashiry explained to the students about the big explosion and universe formation. He pointed out the concepts of dark matter and dark energy. Information was given about the problems that the dark matter and dark energies are solving and the possible end of the stars.

Bashiry said black holes in space are large enough that any substance or radiation cannot escape from the mass gravitational field. "In fact, black holes are usually caused by the depletion of light of the stars (energy) as a result of the collapse.”

According to the estimates, in the Milky Way, there are at least 100 million black holes. He added that there is a large black hole in the center of the Milky Way Galaxy.

Prof. Dr. Bashiry explained some very interesting properties of black holes and made explanations especially about the last displayed black hole photo.

Bashiry pointed out that this image is actually the first notable observation of a black hole and it confirmed the predictions of Einstein's general theory of relativity on a large scale. “In this context, black holes are thought not to have a singular point and structure. If it has the material structure, supersymmetric particles can create black holes and dark matter” he said.
Exquisite delicacies of Chinese Cuisine at Merit Royal Chinese Cuisine & Sushi.
Army Life From A Guard Dog's Point Of View - By Roy Oswick

By the late Roy Oswick....
(published 29th June 2015)

" Hi readers,

I am Royal Military Police Guard Dog 'B 308' Paddy.

Not a name that I would have chosen, but that's the Army for you. I've been in service now for about 3 years, I did not volunteer for this life you understand, no, I was quite happy doing my happy families thing with a professional couple and I was the centre of attention until one day I woke and found that a miniature human had become entrenched in the family home. I had never been consulted and was expected to simply love this thing that kept me awake all night and did nothing but squawk and make other peculiar noises all day.

After a very short while I found myself being transported to an Army Camp where the guy who was supposed to be my best friend handed me over to this strange man in a uniform who said that I was just the sort of dog that he was looking for, and that he was sure I would be a great Guard Dog. And that was that. I was pretty upset for a few days but then I started my training and I loved it. Running around all day and actually being rewarded for biting people, a dogs heaven!!

Of course it had its down side. The discipline was strict but once I got used to obeying orders I soon settled down and looking back I really enjoyed my training and now here I am, one of the senior dogs in the kennels with a good deal of experience, and a fair few captures under my belt. The work is hard, all night shifts, but the conditions are good and the food is great, and, I get a new handler every 6 months or so which is great fun.

If you could see their faces on the first day of their training you could not help but laugh. All of us dogs put on a real show for them, especially Mad Marty, he steals the show every time. He is such an ugly devil and those red eyes they scare the life out of me so what the poor h.....s think when he starts performing god only knows.

I have known him to bite one of these guys on the very first day which I think is a bit over the top. I know they can be a pain, but come on they did not volunteer for this and it cannot be a lot of fun to be confronted by 20 or so fighting fit 80lbs howling banshees for the first time, and then being told by the Training Sergeant to open the kennel and go in. It would scare the daylight out of me too!!

Anyway it's all part of the job and it gives us a chance to brush up on our skills, plus while we are training the new handlers, and believe me that is what happens, (they think that they handle us, but that is far from the case) we get 2 weeks off duties so we get to spend 14 nights in our kennels instead of pounding the beat around those old depots, nice little perk!!

I have actually seen some of them turn and run away from the kennel area!!

Well, have to go now, time for lunch and I have just heard the Sergeant say that a new course starts tomorrow so no doubt we will all have a little rehearsal tonight ready for the next bunch of would be Guard Dog handlers.

I can hear Mad Marty warming up already, he will probably keep us awake all night while he goes through his party pieces, pity the poor MP on kennel guard duty tonight. No sleep for him I fear,

Hey Ho, life is never boring and I wonder what my new handler will be like. Please God not one of those macho men who want to be masterful on the first day, might be forced to do a Sprint if he is, prefer not to so let's hope for the best.

Here we are then. New Course, first day. We have been up since dawn practicing and are really up for this. Judging by last night's rehearsal this morning should be one of our best performances ever.

Yes here they are. Just look at them. Not a bad looking bunch but oh, oh, there he is Macho man, built like the proverbial, strutting his stuff, please let him go past my kennel, what a part!!

I leave you with a look at what my doggie mates are doing in the British Army today."

See video link:
https://youtu.be/pWui8yPoJkk
Rauf Kasimov and a Summer Concert in Karaman Church

Introduction by Chris Elliott...

We published news that Rauf Kasimov has arranged a Summer Concert at Karaman Church on Saturday 29th June at 6.00pm with his students playing and we are showing this profile of those involved and it will prove to be a concert full of piano talent.

Rauf Kasimov was born in Baku on the 28th October 1954. He is Russian. He speaks Russian, Turkish and English. Rauf Kasimov began his musical education at a private school in Baku in 1962.

In 1978 he was awarded a Master’s Degree with Distinction from the Baku State Conservatoire as concert pianist and he received his PHD from the same conservatoire in 1980.

Between the years of 1983-1986 he assisted the head of the piano department at the Moscow Tchaikovsky Conservatoire, Professor Dorensky, a world famous pianist and educator. He was awarded First Prize in the O’Shea International competition in Tiflis, Georgia in 1977 and again in Paloma, Spain in 1984.

In 1980 he was awarded the Honour Prize at the M. Canal International Piano Competition in Barcelona. He had also many piano competition awards. Rauf Kasimov was appointed as a piano instructor at the Baku State Conservatoire between the years of 1980-1991.

He has been living in North Cyprus since 2005. He arranged many concerts in different countries and in North Cyprus. His students have won 30 international piano awards in ten years.

Rauf Kasimov was an adjudicator at the Pera International Piano Competition in Istanbul in May 2013.

Pelin Ece Acar (age 16) She won seven International Piano competition prizes.
Gokcen Mertoglu (age 20) She is a conservatoire student.
Onur Zaifoglu (age 17) He has a Grade 8 piano diploma.
Irem Bilen (age 12) She won two International Piano competition prizes.
Sylvana I. Hughes (age 11) She has a Grade 3 piano diploma.

Of his students Rauf Kasimov said: "My students are everything to me. I just want to open the door to music for them. It’s an another world where not all bad things happen around us in real life. They are hard workers because we have to gain something for passing through this door. I am teaching them not only to play piano but to be honest, trustworthy and good people as well.

I hope their lives will be full of colour, happiness and bright minded experience."

The concert will be on Saturday 29th June starting at 6.00pm and will feature the students of Rauf Kasimov.

The location is beautiful for this type of concert and a donation of 30TL is suggested and seats can be booked by emailing karamanchurch@outlook.com

Girne Mayor Güngördü attended workshop in Ankara

Nidai Güngördü, Mayor of Girne, participated in the Socialist Municipal Workshop organized by the Local Administration Research Aid and Education Association (YAYED) at ITU in Ankara.

In the workshop, Nidai Güngördü, Chairman of YAYED Prof.Dr. Dr. Birgül Ayman Güler, YAYED Secretary Serhat Salıhoğlu, Prof.Dr. Dr. Can Hamamçı and Dr. Ali Sonel gave speeches.

The speakers gave examples from Bergama and Hekimhan Municipalities and explained their experiences.

Mayor Güngördü talked about the history of local government in Cyprus and Girne Municipality. Güngördü stated that they had organized the Girne City Congress to ensure the participation of the citizens in the city administration because they had adopted a people-oriented working system that values citizens, and gave examples from the Girne-Catalkoy Zoning Plan and Girne Traffic Transportation Master Plan.

Güngördü said that they closely follow the work of local governments in Turkey.
TFR Midsummer Night Party

Readers Mail ...
From Ralph Kratzer ....

Dear members of TFR!

Our tireless Events Manager Pamela sends you the following review of our Midsummer Night party last Friday:

" TFR Midsummer Night at Turtle Beach, Akdeniz, 21st June..."

76 TFR members and guests left Alsancak to head to the Caretia Restaurant at Akdeniz Beach to celebrate the traditional Midsummer Night.

We stopped at the very scenic water reservoir en-route for visiting guests to enjoy the spectacular view of this newly built asset to Northern Cyprus that now links with Turkey mainland to help with the Island's past water shortage.

Heading on to Turtle Beach at Akdeniz we arrived in fine form ready to eat, drink and play games on the beach.

Thank you members for your continued support in helping yet another tradition be a very fun event ... members were enjoying the music with some getting up for a little dance.

Prizes were presented to the winning Boules players, plus of course our visiting children who excelled at the Hoop game.

Our thanks to the coach driver Kasim and his co driver, who drove us with the usual care and consideration. Thank you also to Horst and Brad for your help with the games plus of course - keeping those rowdy members in good order!! Pamela Tschersich, Events Manager"

The Foreign Residents in the TRNC

Kyrenia Animal Rescue - Best Bites

Aubergine and onion au gratin

4 medium aubergines
Salt and pepper
2-3 tbsp oil
8 oz onions
8 oz cheese grated
Chopped parsley to garnish

Slice the aubergines and layer in a colander, sprinkle each layer with salt and set aside for 1 hour. Pat the aubergines dry.

Heat the oil in a frying pan and fry the aubergine slices for 2-3 minutes each side. Drain on kitchen paper. Fry the onions in the same pan until soft.

Arrange the aubergine and onion slices in a greased ovenproof dish, seasoning each layer.

Sprinkle with the cheese.
North Cyprus Events Calendar
29th June to 29th September 2019

A list of events you can look forward to in North Cyprus. For those charity fund-raisers, venues etc. who would like to include an event in the Weekly Events Calendar, contact Chris or Margaret at cyprusscene.com.

The Events Calendar is published on cyprusscene.com website every week on Thursday so please try to submit information you would like to be included by Wednesday each week.

29th June – Saturday - The Soulist Coffee and Musician House, Alsancak presents The Gentleman (Rock) starting at 10pm. Entrance 35TL.

29th June – Saturday - RBL Kyrenia Branch will be having a Race Day event at The Courtyard Inn, Karakum for Armed Forces Day. 6pm with first race at 6.30pm. 60TL for 2-course meal. To book call Jill on 0548 827 3910.

29th June – Saturday - Cyprus Piano Summer Concert in Karmi with the students of Rauf Kasimov at Karmi Church starting at 6pm. Suggested donation of 30TL per person. To book a seat email : Karamanchurch@outlook.com

30th June – Sunday - Island Studio Art Classes at The Food Lodge, Catalkoy 9.30am to 11.30am. Tribute to Mary Cassatt “Little Girl in Armchair” with soft pastels. 150TL, materials will be provided. Reservations must be made 0548 857 3244 (maximum 8 per class).

30th June – Sunday - Hope 4 Pets will be holding a car boot sale at Tim’s Cafe/Bar, Ozankoy, starting at 11am. 20TL per car.

4th July – Thursday - Quiz of the Week with Susie, followed by Karaoke at the Balti House, Esentepe at 8pm. 5TL per person. 2-course quiz menu 40TL. To book call 0542 889 3034.

5th July – Friday - Bingo at Charlie’s Bar, Esentepe at 8.30pm.

11th July – Thursday - The Crow’s Nest, Karmi will be having a Breakfast and walk in aid of the Blister Sisters (Walking 4 Tulips). There will be a 6-8km walk in Karmi area at 8am. Breakfast 10am to 12 noon. 25TL with 5TL from each breakfast to the charity. For more information or to book call 0533 8731693.

11th July – Thursday - KAR will be holding a “Tenable Quiz” at the Fez in Catalkoy at 7.30pm. Chicken/Chips in a Basket for special price of 50TL, to book meal call 0533 867 1781. Entry is 10TL which is donated to KAR plus a percentage from meals served. To book a place call 0533 869 4098.

11th July – Thursday - Quiz of the Week with Susie, followed by Karaoke at the Balti House, Esentepe at 8pm. 5TL per person. 2-course quiz menu 40TL. To book call 0542 889 3034.

12th July – Friday - The Black Olive Cafe, Alsancak will be featuring Billy J Redif. More information to follow.

12th July – Friday - Bingo at Charlie’s Bar, Esentepe at 8.30pm.

12th July – Friday - Sunset Concert at Hatti’s Cafe, Esentepe, with Katie Economidou and Deniz Sever (Piano). 6pm for drinks and 7pm for music. Booking recommended.

18th July – Thursday - Quiz of the Week with Susie, followed by Karaoke at the Balti House, Esentepe at 8pm. 5TL per person. 2-course quiz menu 40TL. To book call 0542 889 3034.

19th July - Friday - Bingo at Charlie’s Bar, Esentepe at 8.30pm.

25th July – Thursday - Quiz of the Week with Susie, followed by Karaoke at the Balti House, Esentepe at 8pm. 5TL per person. 2-course quiz menu 40TL. To book call 0542 889 3034.

26th July – Friday - Bingo at Charlie’s Bar, Esentepe at 8.30pm.

28th July – Sunday - Andy Reay and Stephanie Kuyucu – Heart & Soul - will be giving their first performance at Thalassa Beach Resort, Bafra. Hot and cold buffet 100TL. To book call 0533 858 2818.

24th August – Saturday - The Abnormals will be performing A-lad-in-the-BaltiHouse from 8.30pm. Adults 15TL, under 16’s 5TL. In aid of Help Those with Cancer Association (Tulips). Booking essential, call 0542 889 3034.

14th September – Saturday - Queen tribute with Killer Queen at the Girne Amphitheatre which will be in aid of Help Those with Cancer Association (Tulips). Tickets £25 per person. Tickets will be available the 3rd week of July from Best Seller Bookshops in Karakum and Alsancak.

27th-29th September – Friday-Sunday - The Soulist Coffee and Musician House, Alsancak are preparing a Friends Across Borders event with bands from south and north Cyprus and possibly Germany. This will be a great live music event. More information to follow.
Forthcoming Events

28th June to 4th July 2019

Island Studio Art Classes

June Calendar

2nd
“Paradise Sunset” in acrylics
Price: 150€
Time: 9:30-11:30

5th
“Candy Tree” in acrylics
Price: 150€
Time: 9:30-11:30

16th
Tribute to Paul Gonski
Tahiti and Picnic in acrylics
Price: 150€
Time: 9:30-11:30

4th
“Under the Sea” in acrylics
Price: 150€
Time: 9:30-11:30

8th
“Beach scene” with acrylics
Price: 150€
Time: 9:30-11:30

30th
Tribute to Mary Cassatt
Little Girl in Armchair
with soft pastels
Price: 150€
Time: 9:30-11:30

- Reservations need to be made in advance; please call: 548-851-3244 to reserve a spot.
- A per-person maximum for each class.
- Materials will be provided.
- Recommendations and requests are welcomed.
- Lessons take place at Food Lodge Bakery in Kato Pafos.

The Royal British Legion
Kyrenia Branch

ARMED FORCES DAY
SHOW YOUR SUPPORT

Alternative Race Day

Followed by a Guest DJ

First race @ 6.30pm
All proceeds are donated to the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

Contact John on 0548 8273910 or email poppy@tholymos.com to book your table

Thalassa Beach Resort
Bafra

28th July
Hot and cold buffet 100€
Call 0533 858 2818 to book.
28th June to 4th July 2019

Forthcoming Events

**THURSDAY, 11TH JULY 2019**

**THE CROW'S NEST**

JOIN US ON A 6-8 KM WALK IN KARMİ

ENTRANCE FEE: 25TL (INCLUDES TEA, COFFEE OR SOFT DRINK AFTER WALK)

MEET AT THE CROWS NEST (KARMİ)

8AM FOR 8.15AM START

**SUPPORTING**

**BLISTER SISTERS WALKING & TULIPS**

NON WALKERS AND WALKERS ARE INVITED TO JOIN US FOR BREAKFAST FROM 10AM TO 12NOON (FSTL FROM EVERY BREAKFAST TO THE BLISTER SISTERS)

BREAKFAST OPTIONS: BACON ROLL, BACON, SAUSAGE AND EGG BUN OR TURKISH BREAKFAST

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: 0533 173 1693

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**Meat Deal optional not essential to play the quiz**

Chicken and chips in a Basket

Special KAR price of 50TL

Full for menu available.

Please call to pre book KAR menu

0533 367 1751

Entry cost 20TL Per Person. 50% to KAR and a percentage of food sales based on the KAR food offers.

Also a twelve Kafe… and the ever popular Carol Bingo…

A night of interactive fun and raising money for a great cause at a great venue!

**• ALL NEW Tenable Quiz at The Fez Catalkoy**

Teams of contestants answer questions about Top 10 lists and try to score a perfect 10

Saturday 11th July 2019 7.30pm 10TL per person. Call 0533 869 4098 or email kartmc@gmail.com to book your space!

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**SUNSET CONCERT AT HATI'S CAFE**

KATIE ECONOMIDOU (opera singer)

**DENİZ SEVER** (pianist)

♥ SONGS OF JOY AND LOVE ♥

12th July

6pm for drinks

7 pm music

Our place is limited, recommend to book your place

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**Balti House**

*Indian Restaurant Exotica*

The AbNormalis present

**A-lad-in-the-Balti House**

Saturday 24th August

From 8.30pm

Adults - 15TL

Under 16 - 5TL

Bookings a must, see Susie or call 0542 889 3034
NORTH CYPRUS CHEMIST ROTA

29th June – Saturday
Önal Aktolga Eczanesi, Karaoğlanoglu Cad, Bakkal Market. Tel: 822 4142
Tören 11 Eczanesi, Vakıflar Çarşısı, Girne. Tel: 815 1790

30th June – Sunday
Ilgen Eczanesi, Bedreddin Demirel Cad, Girne. Tel: 815 0009
Sertac Eczanesi, Kurtuluş Cad, Girne. Tel: 815 9067

1st July – Monday
İlgen Eczanesi, Bedreddin Demirel Cad, Girne. Tel: 815 8118
Karpuzolu Eczanesi, Uğur Miroğlu Cad, Karakum. Tel: 816 1230

2nd July – Tuesday
Selvin Çağay Eczanesi, Ecevit Cad, Girne. Tel: 815 2025
Nejla Ercal Eczanesi, Universite Yolu Sok, GAU, Karaoğlanoglu. Tel: 822 3202

3rd July – Wednesday
Buğçe Eczanesi, Nusmar Market Zeytin yolu Girne. Tel: 815 0032
Günay Varış Eczanesi, Uğur Mumcu Cad, Karakum. Tel: 815 2585

4th July – Thursday
Rizki Eczanesi, Naci Talat Cad, Girne. Tel: 815 3496
Pinar Keklik Eczanesi, Karaoğlanoglu Cad Alsancak. Tel: 821 3077

5th July – Friday
Arkan Adışanli Eczanesi, Hz Omer Cad, Dedekorkut Plaza Karakum. Tel: 815 2062
Nazim Varış Eczanesi, Karaoğlanoglu Cad, Alsancak. Tel: 821 3088

6th July – Saturday
Aydınlı Eczanesi, Minimall Plaza, Kurtuluş Cad, Doğankoy. Tel: 815 7350
Mucizem Eczanesi, Naci Talat Cad, Nevzat Center, Girne. Tel: 815 1150

Duty Chemists for the Girne - Alsancak - Lapta areas

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Lefkosa 228 3311
Gazi Mağusa 366 5310
Güzelyurt 714 2140
Lapta 821 8512

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

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

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

AMBULANCE
Emergencies 112

Kyrenia Weather (from 28th June 2019)
10-day Forecast

TODAY JUN 28
SAT JUN 29
SUN JUN 30
MON JUL 1
TUE JUL 2
WED JUL 3
THU JUL 4
FRI JUL 5
SAT JUL 6
SUN JUL 7

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Mostly sunny; very warm
Sunshine; very warm and humid
Plenty of sun; very warm
Plenty of sun; very warm
Plenty of sunshine; very warm
Sunny remaining very warm
Blasting sunshine; very hot
Blasting sunshine; very hot
Mostly sunny; very warm
Iskele going to Finals Day, but Tatlısu make them sweat!

By Richard Beale...

Saturday June 22 ; BTM League 2, Group 5: İskel Cumhuriyet Stadium.

1461 İskel Trabzonspor finished top of their group, to earn a place in the 'Play Off Finals" but bottom Club Tatlısu pushed them all the way, with the scoreline flattering the İskel side.

Tatlısu were just expected to turn up, to be "fed to the lions" or "lambs to the slaughter", but it did not turn out to be an easy ride for the group leaders.

Tatlısu who have had a disappointing season, finishing once again with the "wooden spoon" left it to their last match to put in their best performance of the season. Tatlısu normally a team of individuals and a defence that leaks goals like a sieve suddenly starting playing together as a team and for long periods of the match dominated it.

İskel were awarded a controversial penalty in the first half and it was only in the last 10 minutes that they played anything like group leaders, as Tatlısu tired.

A large crowd on a very warm evening, filled the Cumhuryet Stadium expecting an easy win to take them into the "Play Off Finals".

Tatlısu were the much better team in the first half, seeing plenty of the ball but not threatening the İskel goal. When you are struggling at the bottom lady luck deserts you and this was true when İskel took the lead in the 25th minute. A corner taken on the left by Mehmet Çavdar led to a penalty as referee Mert Erkan Bulut adjudged that an İskel player was pushed in the box. Tatlısu players protested strongly, and I thought it was a very harsh decision by the referee. MEHMET ÇAVDAR sent goalkeeper Sinan the wrong way with his spot kick. 1-0.

The only other goal threat of the half was shortly before the break, following a short corner from Mehmet to Murat who cut along the byline before forcing Sinan into a good diving save at his near post.

HALF TIME SCORE : 1-0

İskel were not looking like group leaders as Tatlısu continued to impress. They should have equalised in the 55th minute when Ramazan tried a long shot from just outside the box, which goalkeeper Hamit Koç dived to his left to push the ball away. The ball fell invitingly to Göksel who should have done better but his shot was again saved by the goalkeeper.

Against the run of play İskel increased their lead when on the right REŞAT KORKMAZ beat Orhan and ran on into the box to beat Sinan. 2-0.

Still Tatlısu refused to throw in the towel as Göksel set up Ramazan whose powerful shot was brilliantly tipped over the bar by Hamit Koç.

In the final 10 minutes İskel awoke and started looking dangerous as the visitors tired. In injury time MURAT DELIBAŞ scored the best goal of the match breaking into the box and beating Sinan at his near post.

FULL TIME SCORE: 3-0.

For İskel Final Day awaits, they can and must play better if they are to gain promotion to BTM League 1. It's too late now for Tatlısu but they can take heart on this performance.

İSKEL TRABZONSPOR "Man of the Match" SERKAN ÖĞÜT - the veteran defender and Captain had a strong game in defence.

TATLİSU SERACILAR "Man of the Match" - I could pick a number of players, Murat, Soner, Ramazan all had good matches but defender ORHAN YALÇIN shaded it with a solid performance shoring up his teams normally leaky defence.
CHRISTMAS Holiday Packages

TWO-NIGHT ACCOMMODATION PACKAGE

24 December (Tuesday check-in)
- Enjoy mulled wine and welcome cocktails on arrival
- Check-in time for a special open-buffet Christmas Eve lunch
- Accommodation in a deluxe room with all inclusive concept
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