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Is the UK Labour party still trying to commit suicide in 2019?

By Chris Elliott....

Politics are a very touchy subject with people becoming very entrenched in their views and being blind to the realities of what is occurring and I was fascinated to read again the article by Ismail Veli published in June 2016 as shown below.

Nothing has changed under the leadership of Jeremy Corbyn as the Labour Party has largely held the country to ransom since the last election in 2017 with help from radical politicians whose egos and desires were more important to them than party unity and dealing with the Brexit issue and helping parliament on behalf of the country fulfill a democratic decision to Brexit the EU.

So just 14 days from the UK general election the Labour party are trailing well below the expectations of their election plan as the new government and this is largely due to the dithering, deceit and unwillingness of its leader Jeremy Corbyn to work for the good of the people by compromising and finding solutions that suit all concerned.

As Ismail Veli suggested back in 2016 “The UK is in desperate need of a strong opposition party that through leadership, will create national unity and achieve what is best for the British people and not the party. So with very little time left can a miracle occur which will prevent Jeremy Corbyn and the Labour party falling on the Sword of Failure.

What do you think?

Is the UK Labour party committing suicide?

By Ismail Veli.......

The aftermath of the Brexit vote seems to have turned the whole British political scene on its head. The failure of the Prime Minister Cameron to convince a large part of the British public after his feeble attempts to negotiate a deal with the EU on a new deal, saw the British stick their fingers up at the EU, and the message to Cameron was simply that his efforts were simply not good enough.

Cameron resigned and the rush to find a new leader got underway, but not before some backstabbing by Michael Gove against Boris Johnson. If Boris Johnson had any dreams that he would fill the vacuum left by Cameron he was soon disillusioned. Boris, accused of stabbing Cameron in the back with his Brexit campaign, which many believed may have played an important part in winning the 52% Brexit vote soon found out that others can also play the political double dealing game.

Michael Gove the man who on many occasions publicly stated that he was simply not good enough to be Prime Minister suddenly woke up one morning and decided he was the best man for the job. If this was not enough, he informed Boris that he was simply not the right man to lead the Conservative party. In one swoop Boris realized that Michael Gove, his right hand man in the Brexit campaign, helped destroy any hope that he may have had of becoming Prime Minister. The demise of David Cameron and Boris has however led to what seems like an orderly scramble to put their party back on track.

The Labour party following the Brexit vote seems to be in free-fall. Their leader Jeremy Corbyn elected on a strong mandate by its members is in complete disarray from his own Parliamentary MPs. The vote of no confidence on Tuesday 28th June saw 172 MP’s against J. Corbyn with only 40 in support with some abstentions. Corbyn's supporters are outraged. They consider the vote of no confidence as un-democratic. They point out that Corbyn has the support of the grassroots of the party and no doubt was voted leader.
Corbyn was elected with a large margin of 59.5% on a turnout of 422,871, which was 76.3% of its membership in September 2015. No other candidate came close to beating him.

So what's gone wrong in such a short time? Corbyn's left wing views though having the support of its members seems at odds with his own MPs and a British public that is not particularly very interested in old style socialist thinking, but seems to be going against a growing right wing British public.

His lacklustre and unconvincing performance in the 'remain in Europe' campaign has outraged his own shadow cabinet and his MPs in general. They simply feel that Corbyn has neither the ability or the policies to win the next elections for their party. His policies are believed to be more in line with Union style protest actions rather than a party leader that should at this time and moment be much more effective against a ruling Conservative party that is not particularly popular.

Conservatives did win last year's elections but their popularity has waned somewhat.

While Corbyn's supporters are right to point out that he has a strong support with a democratic mandate from the mainstream Labour members, one thing his supporters seem to miss out is that without the support of 172 of his 229 MPs his credibility or ability to present a strong opposition to the Conservatives is almost impossible.

It may be that the vast majority of the 600,000 Labour members support Corbyn's style of politics, but what about the 9-10 million votes Labour needs to win in order to beat the Conservatives in the next election?

A narrow focus on just its members is okay if they are not concerned about the wider population's support in general. His supporters need to decide whether they want to remain the main opposition party or reduce themselves to an exceptionally large party that simply lobbies for its ideology, with much vigour but little effect. His MPs clearly believe that despite all his consistency and polite demeanour he simply lacks the ability of a strong leadership. If Corbyn somehow hangs on to his position as leader, the Labour party may well fragment and split. At a time of historic political uncertainty, with the potential of another recession in the next year or so the UK can little afford a weak government, much less an opposition party that needs to be firm, solid and united.

The UK is in desperate need of a strong opposition to challenge the potential whirlwind that could hit Britain in the Brexit negotiations.

In fact what is really needed is much more national unity than what we have at the moment. It's simply not enough to go with our hearts, what the UK needs is an all party negotiation team to face the immense challenges that the British will face in the not too distant future.

Sadly I see no ruling or opposition party that seems remotely like it has the ability to face the coming storm with any degree of confidence. Unless Labour supporters wake up and smell the coffee, I fear they will help divide their party beyond repair.

It's an untenable argument that their leader should hang on in there regardless of the long lasting consequences that amounts to nothing less than the suicide they seem so intent on committing. One individual person, (leader or not) should not take priority over the future of the party. If as feared Labour fragments it would mean that the Conservatives despite their unpopularity may remain in power for an indeterminate period. Before the Labour party pushes itself over the abyss, cool heads and an objective analysis of the party's present state is urgently needed to bring some sanity into the equation.

If obstinacy, entrenched emotions and knee-jerk reactions prevail the party will lose its credibility as an opposition party, but the biggest losers will ultimately be the British people.
Prime Minister Ersin Tatar is holding contacts in Istanbul

Minister Tatar who travelled to Istanbul yesterday afternoon (26th November), began his contacts in the evening. He attended a gala dinner of the 10th Bosphorus Summit organized by the International Cooperation Platform under the auspices of the Turkish Presidency.

Prime Minister Tatar, who will attend the 10th Bosphorus Summit as the guest of the International Cooperation Platform, will make the opening speech of the summit.

He will travel to Strasbourg this evening after completing his contacts in Istanbul.

Following his contacts in Strasbourg, Tatar will return to the TRNC on Friday. (29/11/2019)

Prime Minister Ersin Tatar in London

Within the framework of his contacts in London, Prime Minister Tatar will meet with Turkish Cypriot non-governmental organisations in the UK. After making various visits he will hold a press conference before leaving London.

After completing his contacts in London the Prime Minister will return to the TRNC tomorrow. (30/11/2019)

Prior to his visit to London, Prime Minister and Head of the National Unity Party, Ersin Tatar, travelled to Strasbourg, and met with Czech Parliamentarian Jan Zahradil, one of the prominent figures of the Conservative and Reformist Group of the European Parliament, of which the UBP is a member.

The meeting focused on the development of relations between the National Unity Party and the European Parliament, the Conservatives and the Reformist Group, and they also exchanged views on the future of Europe and Cyprus.

Taçoy attends COMCEC meeting

Minister of Economy and Energy Hasan Taçoy has departed for Istanbul to attend the meeting of OIC Standing Committee for Economic and Commercial Cooperation (COMCEC).

Taçoy will give a speech at the meeting to be held at the Istanbul Congress Centre.

The Minister, who attended a TV programme, said that he will meet with the Turkish President, Recep Tayyip Erdouğan, and some ministers within the framework of his Istanbul contacts.

Following his contacts, Taçoy will depart for Brussels.

Oğuz at COMCEC meeting

Minister of Agriculture and Natural Resources Dursun Oğuz attended a meeting under the heading “Development of sustainable food systems and agriculture in Islamic countries” within the framework of OIC Standing Committee for Economic and Commercial Cooperation (COMCEC).

The meeting was attended by the ministers of the OIC member countries, and views were exchanged.

According to the statement made by the Ministry, the 35th Meeting of COMCEC was held between the dates of 25-28 November 2019 at the Istanbul Congress Centre.
Ozanköy Martyrs commemorated

Martyrs Ali Ahmet Barut Kaşıkçı, Nuh Ahmet, Necmi Ali Kaya, Halil İbrahim Recep, and Mustafa Hasan Yavaş who lost their lives in the 1963-1974 existence struggles in Ozanköy were commemorated with a ceremony at the Ozanköy Martyrs Monument.

Dursun Oğuz to attend COMCEC

Minister of Agriculture and Natural Resources Dursun Oğuz will attend the Standing Committee for Economic and Commercial Cooperation of the Organization of the Islamic Cooperation’s 35th Ministerial Session in Istanbul.

Minister Oğuz will leave the TRNC tomorrow (26th November) in order to attend the meeting which is being held between 25-28 November 2019 in Istanbul.

Trilateral meeting held in Berlin

The UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres met with TRNC President Mustafa Akıncı and the Greek Cypriot Leader Nikos Anastasiades in Berlin. Guterres met with the leaders separately prior the trilateral meeting.

In a press release after the meeting, President Akıncı described the meeting as positive, adding that: "I can say that we have put a train that looks derailed back on the right track."

Akıncı also stated that the UN Secretary-General would work for an informal 5 + 1 meeting, but would not act hastily, taking into account the situation in both Cyprus and guarantor countries.

Indicating that he got the impression that the Secretary-General will make intensive efforts for the five-party conference, Akıncı said that he believes that the conference will definitely be held next year.

Tatar to visit Istanbul and Strasbourg

Prime Minister Tatar is travelling to Istanbul today as the invitee of the International Cooperation Platform in order to attend the 10th Bosphorus Summit and will make the opening speech of the summit.

Following his contacts in Istanbul, Prime Minister Tatar will go to Strasbourg on Wednesday 27th November for some contacts and will be back in the TRNC on Friday 29th November.

Source: TRNC Public Information Office
Hope for favourable response to constructive attitude for solution

President Mustafa Akıncı said “We are going to Berlin to determine the stage reached and the road map together”. Akınci departed from the TRNC yesterday (24 November 2019) for the triple meeting to be held today in Berlin. Before his departure, Akınci made a statement to the press at Ercan Airport.

Expressing that they are not going to Berlin just for the sake of negotiation, Akınci said that the period of negotiating just for the sake of negotiations has ended and added that a result oriented and well planned process is necessary. Akınci said: “We hope there will be a favourable response to our constructive attitude towards a solution in Cyprus. I hope a positive result will be reached at the meeting for the whole of Cyprus”.

At 20:30 (Berlin time 19:30) in Berlin, the capital of Germany. The meeting will be held at the Adlon Hotel where both leaders are staying. Before the triple meeting, Guterres will meet with Anastasiades and Akınci separately.

Özersay met with Spehar

Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs Kudret Özersay met with the UN Secretary General’s Special Representative for Cyprus Elizabeth Spehar.

In his statement through his social media account, Özersay noted that they have discussed the issues including the triple meeting to be held in Berlin and the UN Peace Force in Cyprus.

Following the meeting, Özersay made a statement to TAK. In his statement, Özersay said “There is no doubt that the UN Secretary General will spend efforts to bring the sides together but as long as we do not question the main reasons of the Cyprus problem and the deadlock which has continued for half a century, the negotiation processes will continue to serve only for the status quo. We will continue to express the Cyprus problem to persuade the International Community to question the main reasons of the Cyprus problem, and also to make diplomatic contacts as much as possible to ensure that the Turkish Cypriots’ voice is heard in the world”.

We will protect rights of Turkish Cypriots as well as our own

The Turkish Minister for Energy and Natural Resources Fatih Dönmez said ‘We will protect the rights of the Turkish Cypriot people as well as those of Turkey for all time’.

Speaking at a budget planning meeting at the Turkish Grand National Assembly Minister Dönmez pointed out: ‘We are currently conducting the fourth drilling in the Eastern Mediterranean.

We will keep drilling until we find the gas. The initiator of the present problem is the long-standing incompatible attitude of the Greek Cypriot Administration.

If the Annan Plan had been accepted in 2004, we would not be discussing this issue now. Although there are some threats to our country in the Eastern Mediterranean we do not take them into consideration, we will continue drilling’.
Let's discipline ourselves to avoid sickness

By Ahmet Abdulaziz....

As I sit here, I listen to the sound of an ambulance rushing to carry some patient to hospital. For sure, quite a few times a day we all listen to the sirens of ambulances. Sometimes, we just listen to the siren while sitting in our homes or at workplaces or schools, whereas frequently we become part of this exercise when we find an ambulance trying to find a way behind us on the road, in the traffic. That really creates a short lived panic among the drivers on the road, as they struggle to manage to clear a way for the ambulance. Indeed it is not too easy for most of the drivers, as sometimes they find themselves forced to cross a red traffic light, or into the traffic coming from opposite direction.

A couple of days back one of my friends took one of his children to the emergency unit of a hospital. According to the narration that he gave, the waiting room in the emergency section was overfilled with patients waiting uneasily to be attended by the doctor. It was literally impossible for the medical staff there to attend to all quickly. Every patient, particularly those accompanying him/her wanted their patient to be attended to first or at high priority. The medical staff in the emergency section, had found a practical way out, by classifying the emergency patient in three groups.

The first were the top priority patients, which included the people injured in an accident of any type. They indeed deserved to be attended immediately when they reached the hospital.

The second group was of patients who needed attention immediately after the patients in the first group. The third group was of those patients whose problem was not too serious, and could wait for their turn.

Every day we can find many such people in the emergency unit of the hospital, who consider themselves seriously sick, but in fact they are not. The reason is that some people get too excited and panic when they find themselves or some other member of their family feeling some pain or coughing, or getting cold etc.

I call such people as common subscribers to the emergency units. They frequently visit the emergency section at odd hours of the night, although they could wait for the night to pass, and go to the policlinic the next morning. But they usually get too panicked, whereas they should keep in mind that by visiting the emergency section of the hospital they do create problems for other people having real serious problems to be treated by a doctor without any further loss of time.

There are some people, in my opinion, who simply feel relieved after being attended by a doctor. They feel uneasy and terribly sick until a doctor attends them. Half of their problem passes away, just when they find a doctor listening to them. The remainder of their worries simply evaporate, after using the medicines from the night medical stores. They feel themselves healthy after going through this exercise.

I believe that most of their day to day sickness can be done away with, only if we improve our immune system. Our immune system is the free gift of nature, implanted in our bodies for free, which works twenty four hours of the day, whether we are sleeping or awake. Our immune system does not make us wait in the emergency units of the hospitals.

Our immune system is just like a powerful and well trained army which stops the enemies at the border, and does not allow them to cross it. Even if the enemy forces manage to enter, a skilled, disciplined and well trained army immediately throws them out, with very little loss. This is how our immune system works.

All that we need is to make our immune system work. To make it work, we are supposed not to make it lazy. We have to keep it alert all the times. Just like armed forces. Our immune system gets stronger only if we discipline our lives. Disciplining our lives covers every action and every part of our lives, may it be eating, sleeping, walking, or anything. All that we have to do is to lead our lives in a healthier way and according to a preplanned schedule.

As I frequently say, we all bear pain, put our lives to the discipline as prescribed by the doctor, only after we get sick. It would be much easier and simple if we discipline our lives before getting sick. Disciplining our lives simply reduces chances of getting sick.

All that we need is to ask ourselves, do we want to get sick and go through all the problems, or discipline ourselves not to get sick?

My answer is simple. I do not want to get sick.

What is yours?
For everyone in the TRNC and anyone abroad who would like to donate to help with items for the Tombola for the Christmas Bazaar 2019 (Saturday 7th December). We need prizes!! Tins, biscuits, anything we can stick a raffle ticket on! Check out those cupboards, there must be a bottle of booze in there, no one likes. Please help us make this a success!! Donations to either the shop in Kyrenia or the office in Karakum.

New kennels for the winter - thank you Gurgun and Sema for your generous donation towards the materials for the building of the new kennels. Dry sleeps for our dogs now.

Corinne will be at the The Fez Christmas Market on Saturday 30th November, selling her beautiful handmade items on behalf of KAR. Please pop in and say hello!

KAR Mugs available from PIT Table on a Friday (opposite Café George) and from the KAR office in Karakum. 35TL - lovely stocking filler!
IT'S HERE AGAIN! It was Sooo successful last year, we are doing it all again. We will have 'volunteers' dressed in cat and dog outfits, selling meals on the day. Please come and support us. If you aren't here and still would like to contribute, please use the link below, stating 'dogs dinners' on your donation. We are determined to beat our amazing record, set last year. So please let's get ALL the dogs and cats a Christmas Dinner AND a New Years dinner. That’s 700 meals + YOU CAN DO THIS!!!

https://www.kartrnc.org/how-can-i-help-kar/donate/

Now the weather is cooler our dogs are eagerly awaiting a nice long walk!! Please consider walking our dogs on one of our designated walks. The Centre is open daily from 9am-1pm - 7 days per week!!

Lovely selection of cards, just donated... 3TL and 4TL GladRags/Office, Karakum

It may be Black Friday with Sales Galore ... well today we have Homings Galore.

It is wonderful when we home any of our cats and dogs and we want to say THANK YOU to all of the wonderful people who have offered our cats/dogs the chance of a "fur ever" home during 2019.

One couple in particular - Karen and Michael have really opened their hearts and home to quite a few of our younger kittens/cats. Their KAR brood has grown considerably over the last year and they are all enjoying a wonderful life in the lovely TRNC countryside with Karen and Michael - with regular meals, cuddles and warm snuggly beds to sleep in at night.

Some of our 2019 "homings" can be seen in the photos......

Happy Homes for Happy Cats and Dogs. Happy Days.
News has just reached us from the CESV Civil Emergency Service Volunteers about their donations of medical equipment to the 112 Ambulance Services as under.

**Readers mail...**

**Stephen Collard - CESV**

Good afternoon Chris
The CESV team were out again today, 28th November, delivering more essential equipment for the 112 Ambulance services.

The first visit was to the 112 HQ in Lefkosa and the following medical equipment was delivered.

- 5 - Endostall
- 5 - BP testers
- 8 - Neck collars
- 4 - Scissors
- 8 - Pulseoximetres
- 6 - Light pens
- 4 - Transfer stretcher
- 5 - Spider straps
- 20 - Resuscitator

The CESV volunteers then went to Girne State Hospital and the following medical equipment was delivered.

- 6 - Endostall
- 4 - BP testers
- 4 - Neck collars
- 4 - Scissors
- 4 - Pulseoximetres
- 3 - Light pens
- 4 - Transfer stretcher
- 4 - Spider straps
- 10 - Resuscitator

**Readers Mail ....**

**by Pamela Tschersich ....**

Border chaos...a very full lost wallet miraculously handed in by another TFR member to security, amazing luck.

A full coach travelled from Karşıyaka Square to Nicosia for the TFR Christmas shopping trip.

We knew the border would have its issues and we weren’t disappointed, as we expected the officials all have different versions of what we have been told we can expect, but eventually we got across the border some with 30 days and others with 90 days. Hopefully soon everyone will be on the same page with the rules, but this is Cyprus... so don't hold your breath!

We left the Mall to eat at the Hofbrau München with plenty of beer and wine to fortify ourselves for the run back. Border control was quicker .... by then the same border officials looked at us and thought.... Oh God not them again!
North Cyprus Trevor’s Tips for December 2019

By Trevor Hughes ....

Temporary Residence
Confusion continues when trying to make a Temporary Residence Application, there seems to be regular change, amendments and additions at every turn. If you do not need to re-enter the TRNC through Border Control, it is wise to avoid this travel. You will then be able to make your application early next year when some of the confusion has been sorted and hopefully the online application will be up and running.

The latest rumour/requirement is that applicants must hold private Health Insurance and/or to pay into the State Health System at a cost of 378 Turkish Lira per year. Payment can be made into the Koop Bank in Girne and a receipt will be handed to you for safekeeping when making your application at the police station.

How valid this is, remains to be seen and further checks with the officials will hopefully clarify the validity of this requirement.

I have been reliably informed the police in the Immigration Department in Kyrenia are now informing people applying for Temporary Residence they do not need a copy of their “in’s and out’s”. Which is yet another example of how rapidly the requirements are changing.

For those who are fortunate to insure their property through Capital Insurance, we have translated the official form for those who are applying for the Temporary Residence Permit “Out of Wedlock Union Declaration” which can be used as a guide to complete the Turkish version at the Police Immigration Department. This form cannot be used in the application process, they will only accept their own Turkish Application Form.

Furthermore, we have just been informed that people who rent property must have an up to date rental agreement and duly stamped by the tax office as proof tax has been paid. Failure for the property owner not have paid tax will render your application as void!

2020 MOT Dates
(D. Private Cars, Motorcycles, Hybrids and Electronic Vehicles)

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Please be aware that if you are one day late or more for MOT renewal you will be fined 150 Turkish Lira.

Bayram Holidays
1st January 2020 will be an official holiday.

All Government and Local Government offices will be closed from 12 noon on the 31st of December.

Capital Insurance would like to wish its customers a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year

Regards
Trevor Hughes
Some years ago I met with a detachment of cyclists from the UN in the early hours of the morning at Escape Beach, Karaoglanoglu who had come from their base at Ledra Palace Hotel, Nicosia to ride around the Island of Cyprus and I spent the day following them all the way to the Karpaz. Now a number of cyclist groups have ridden around the island of Cyprus and with just one day following a group I understand the dedication and planning that is necessary to achieve this goal and was delighted to learn from Gary Abbott Taff that a new ride around Cyprus is being planned.

**The Cyprus island cyclists are planning another ride**

By Chris Elliott....

Reader's mail. Gary Abbott Taff

"Our cyclist group has a new venture just starting and here are the first basic outlines of our 2020 project

This is the draft schedule and mileage is approximate.

Day 1 Karşiyaka to Pamos 56 miles
Day 2 Pamos to Kouklia via Pegeia 50 miles
Day 3 Kouklia to Zyg 57 miles
Day 4 Zyg to Bogaz via Famagusta 67 miles
Day 5 Bogaz to Davlos via Koroveia and Rizokarpass 70 miles

The variation in the mileage is governed by difficulty and possible accommodation and as I say this is in its infancy and will keep you informed."

Editors note; Photo of a previous Cyprus ride group with Gary Abbott Taff is shown and as soon as we have more news we will give full information to our readership.

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**THE MISSION OF LIFE**

By Nick Vye - Sanctuary

Fly high as a soaring kite,  
Be lost far out of sight,  
Try with all your might,  
To make it all come right,  

Give it all it takes,  
Just for your own sake,  
You can surely create,  
Anything you want to make,  

Try and find your place,  
It is only your case,  
Don’t turn the other face,  
For any other’s sake,  

You are the only one,  
To fire the starting gun,  
Let it all shine in the sun,  
Show them you have won,  

And at the very end,  
You are your own friend,  
Don’t need to make amends,  
If love is only what you send.

Live without any told lies,  
Nothing to answer, when you die,  
No need for tears left to cry,  
A warm heart and a gentle sigh,  

You made your life a feast,  
You can say you tried at least,  
To keep everything within reach,  
And always sought endless peace,  

You almost reached your goal,  
Left nothing said you hadn’t told,  
Never gave up for fool’s gold,  
Only tried to find your soul,  

There never was a test,  
You always did your best,  
Now, you’re just the guest,  
As they lay you down to rest,  

You didn’t need to be saved,  
Gently lowered in your grave,  
Flowers around you nicely laid,  
All your debts in life now paid.
Last week we published an article in collaboration with Oya Kutsal regarding the Girne cleaning operation she was organising with Evkaf Volunteers for Good, to be carried out on Sunday 24th November in the area of Castle and the Amphitheatre in Girne.

The cleaning event took place and we were pleased to see many pictures and comments of the volunteers who made the effort to join in and clean the area for the benefit of the local community.

There are now many young people showing how much they care about the environment and making efforts to make North Cyprus a place of which to be proud.

Following are comments made about the cleaning campaign.

It was a lot of fun watching how a young football team had a competition to see which team was faster in collecting rubbish. The teams were split into black and yellow and they were given 30 minutes to collect as much rubbish as possible, with a prize for the winning team.

Thank you to Girne Belediye for supporting our cleaning in the area of the Castle and Amphitheatre, and a big thank you to Mayor Nidai Güngördü for organizing a super picnic for us at Cafe George in Girne.

The Mayor joined the cleaning campaign even though it was his day off!
Hope 4 Pets - News Update

Post by Elizabeth Stowell, 25th November

UPDATE

As you know H4P had a craft table at the Christmas Craft Fayre held in Haworth, West Yorkshire. The Fayre was held in the Old School Rooms, which is opposite the Church, and the Bronte Parsonage where the sisters lived. The old school rooms are where Branwell and his sisters were taught and where Charlotte Bronte had her wedding reception.

It was a cold and miserable day in Yorkshire! what a surprise! but still plenty of visitors, we raised £142.00 for Hope 4 Pets, gave out lots of leaflets and business cards and hopefully got our name out there yet again! Thank you to Peter Kirtley, Janie Voltaire for their help and support, one of the items sold was a lovely dog scarf knitted by Jane. All the items unsold will be added to H4P shop, H4P Marketplace, where you can purchase online, without having to brave the Yorkshire weather!

This is Buddy. He was an 8 week old puppy who ran out into the road and was thankfully picked up by Jackie-Tagoe Gilbert who made the decision to save him and take him home to the UK. He has started his travel prep but Jackie needs a helping hand to get him home.

If you can help donations can be made by any of our links saying Buddy.

Thank you x

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https://www.paypal.com/cgi-bin/webscr…
http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/hope4petsnc/

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CREDITWEST CATALKOY

Post by Stephanie Harrison-Croft, 28th November

We have had some lovely unique hand crafted Christmas decorations donated to us (a selection of them in the pics). We are selling them for just 20tl each on a first come first served basis.

Please acknowledge your interest before you miss out
Hope 4 Pets Christmas Fayre at Pia Bella Hotel
By Margaret Sheard ....

Hope 4 Pets held their first Christmas Fayre on Saturday 23rd November at the Pia Bella Hotel, Girne.

Although the temperature had dropped somewhat, it was a nice day with some sunshine and the Fayre was held in the outside area of the hotel, which gave ample space for the stallholders and people attending.

The Fayre was from 11am to 3pm and we arrived at about 1pm, to see a large number of stalls selling all types of goods, bric-a-brac, pet images on tiles and wood, greeting cards, painted tiles, cakes, plants, and much more. I stopped to speak to Zoe who is a master of face painting and had been busy throughout the morning as could be seen by lovely artwork on people’s faces, including Stephanie Harrison-Croft. We were told that it had been very busy and there was still a large number of people enjoying the occasion when we were there.

It was also nice to have a chat with Emma Eminsoy and Sarah Heffernan who do so much for Hope 4 Pets and Stephanie. Not forgetting Elizabeth Stowell, a member of the team, who does a lot of promotion in the UK.

I managed to find some items I had been intending to purchase for some time, including Christmas cards which now need to be dealt with to ensure arriving in the UK in time for the festive season.

We sat for a while and had a coffee, together with a cake each kindly given to us by a lady from the cake stall to enjoy with our coffee, they were delicious. The raffle was drawn with many prizes available, and also the winner of the special raffle of a beautiful bedspread, made and donated by Annie Mockridge, was announced.

We had an enjoyable hour or so at the Fayre and were pleased to learn that a fabulous amount was raised for Hope 4 Pets.

We would like to say a huge thank you to everyone that supported us at our Christmas Fayre. We raised 12,613.25TL and £50 on the day. In addition to 5,170TL and 5 Euros for the beautiful, handcrafted quilt and the winner had the lucky ticket drawn at the Fayre.

Once again thank you to everyone involved.

Congratulations to the Hope 4 Pets team and their supporters for doing their utmost to care for the street dogs and cats of North Cyprus.
Appeal by Ismail Veli…….

I would like to share my father’s story and hope that someone, somewhere will come forward to help me find the family of Areti/Erato from the village of Meneou.

The story as told by my father MEHMET VELI ‘Kirlapo’s, first journey to the UK in order to explore the possibilities of permanent migration which finally took place in 1962. He was born on 12th August 1929.

It was the summer of 1957 when Mehmet Veli ‘Kirlapo’ undertook his first journey abroad. Leaning over the railings of the ship as the Filippo Grimani cut through the waves he was intrigued when something distracted his attention. A few metres away he noticed a young lady in her early 20’s holding a child 3-4 years old, she was arguing hysterically with a middle aged man when she frantically ran in the direction of Mehmet crying profusely.

Mehmet was the only person on the deck at the time. She began to ask for protection as the middle aged man was offering her £5 to prostitute herself. It seemed he was very insistent. In the 1950’s, for a woman to be travelling on her own with a baby was no easy task.

Mehmet annoyed at what he heard approached and told the other man to hide his face in shame and warned him that he would have him to answer to and in addition he would report his harassment to the ship’s captain. It seemed the young lady’s name was Areti/Erato and she was joining her husband who had worked and saved enough money to bring his wife and son to the UK.

Feeling safe with Mehmet she sat at his dinner table and stayed with him throughout the journey and only left her room after a glance from her cabin door that the coast was clear. At 4,000 tons and only 150-200 passengers the Filippo Grimani though seemingly huge at the time was a tug boat compared to today’s cruise liners.

On arrival to the UK, thank you’s and goodbyes were said, and everyone was picked up by relatives at Victoria station. It was a hard 6-7 days journey but at last the trip was over.

A few months later Mehmet returned to Cyprus. Once his employment in Melusha with Ahmet and Nebile ended, he was helped by Ahmet to find a job in Meneou village, near Larnaca. This meant that he would be away from his wife and 3 children for 2 months. On recommendation he contacted a middle aged family to rent rooms for his family. Unfortunately Yorgo and Angela only had one spare room and indicated that a family of 5 would be too much for them. Cypriots being what they are nevertheless offered coffee and cakes. My father started to explain that he had met a young lady from Meneou with a baby a few months ago on his journey to the UK. At a time of strict rules of conduct Yorgo and Angela were startled at this, they explained that Mehmet was talking about their daughter. Mehmet quickly explained the circumstances and Yorgo shook Mehmet’s hand, thanked him for helping and protecting his daughter and grandson. He called him a ‘Balligari’ (a brave hero in Greek). Yorgo and Angela then immediately told Mehmet that his whole family were welcome to stay at their home for as long as they needed to. As it turned out the father later contacted his daughter Areti to tell her what had happened. Naturally she was shocked at the amazing coincidence and told her family to do their best for Mehmet and his family as she owed him her respect and security on her long journey.

My parents have always spoken in high regard for Yorgo and Angela. As a mark of respect for us being Muslims, Angela was always eager to point out to my mother if there was any pork being cooked, she ensured that the food was cooked in separate pots. I’ve been told that she cared and played with me for endless hours. Though our stay was short, my parents, Yorgo and Angela had become very attached to each other. The ladies in particular were crying when we departed.

Sadly after leaving Meneou they never saw each other again. Communication facilities were primitive and the massive migration from Cyprus and Lurucina in particular were immense. Although I was less than a year old at the time, I have always wondered what happened to Yorgo, Angela and in particular to Areti/Erato and her little son. If he is well and alive he would now be about 63-65 years old, possibly with grandchildren of his own. Though Yorgo and Angela may not be alive, I pray and hope that Areti/Erato is.

If anyone knows this family I would be more than delighted to have information that could lead to me getting in touch with them. It may be a tall order, but as we have seen from our friends in Melusha it is not an impossible dream. Yorgo, Angela and Areti/Erato came from a very small village, and I feel certain that if someone from Meneou reads this article our re-union with some members of the family will become a foregone conclusion.

Important Note. A few Greek speaking friends have indicated that the name of the lady in the story could be Areti or Erato. I apologise for my original misspelling of Eredo.

My family in 1956 as we would have looked whilst staying in Meneou, that’s me the youngest on my mum’s knee

Filippo Grimani
Merry Christmas Eve Party at Merit Royal & Premium Hotel

It’s that time of the year again… Tis the season to celebrate!
This year, jingle bells will rock at Merit Royal & Premium Hotel!

On 24th of December, join the Hotel at a luxury all-inclusive Christmas Eve Party to make the festive celebration a night to remember. Start in style with mulled wine, festive cocktails, delectable bruschetta’s and canapés on arrival.

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Finally, dance the night away with live band and DJ to add some sparkle to your festive evening. Surprises and magic await you at this flawless party…

Venue: Merit Royal Premium Hotel Ballroom

Date: 24th December 2019
Price: 45 GBP per person

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Final Status of TRNC Road Maintenance and Repair Work

The Ministry of Public Works and Transportation Department of Highways started maintenance and repair works at many points from west to east, and some of these works have recently been completed.

The deterioration and deformations on the Yeşilköy-Yenierenköy road have been repaired, and maintenance and repair works on the Kalecik-Çayırova and Ziyamet-Kaleburnu roads have started. In addition, the road maintenance and repair works of the Iskele - Karpaz Highway between Ziyamet Junction and Gelinçık Junction are continuing. Road maintenance and repair works are continuing on the part of Çayırova-Iskele Road up to the junction of Kalecik.

Ercan Junction-Iskele Road maintenance and repair work up to the completion of the section up to the Çukurova Junction, and the other routes in the same area have been repaired. At the same time, in line with the decision of the Ministry of Public Works and Transportation Tolga Atakan, following a visit to the region, road maintenance and repair works were initiated on the İnönü - Vadili Highway.

On Fazıl Kavık Boulevard, maintenance and repair works are continuing in the direction of Günyeli Circle, and road maintenance and repair works are being carried out on the double lane road between Alayköy Circle of Lefkoşa - Güzelyurt Highway and Türkeli junction towards Güzelyurt.

Teams are working on the Pınarbaşı-Şirinevler and Şirinevler-Yılmazköy routes.

Maintenance and repair works and asphalt paving at the Aydinköy underpass will be performed in the section between Doğancı Junction and Güzelyurt-Lefke Road of the Güzelyurt-Lefke Ring Road.

When all the works are completed, emergency maintenance and repair activities will have been completed on a total of 57.86 kilometers. These works will be followed by road line drawing and sign repair, manufacturing and installation.

Source: Ministry Of Public Works and Transportation

Girne Mayor and UCLG-MEWA delegation visited Kudret Özersay

UCLG-MEWA delegation headed by Secretary General Mehmet Duman, came to the TRNC for the meeting of the Presidency Council of Culture and Tourism Committee of the UCLG-MEWA Organization of United Cities and Local Governments Middle East and West Asia hosted by Girne Municipality.

Mayor of Girne, Nidai Güngörü, who assumed the position of Chairman of Culture and Tourism Committee for 2019-2022, met with the delegation and they had a meeting with the TRNC Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs, Kudret Özersay.

Kudret Özersay said that the Ministry of Foreign Affairs has not made enough contribution and support to the local administrations and that he will consult more with the local administrations and make the necessary contributions. He added, the Republic of Turkey always supports the Turkish Cypriots, and the Turkish Cypriots in Turkey.

UCLG-MEWA Secretary General Mehmet Duman said that the Ministry of Foreign Affairs could inform the foreign representatives and other ministers about the fact that the Girne Mayor is the Chairman of the UCLG-Mewa 2019-2022 Culture and Tourism Committee. He stated that the Ministry of Foreign Affairs can support Girne Municipality on many issues and that Girne and the TRNC can be introduced through local administrations.

In addition to these works, the Ministry of Finance has been approached for the procurement of materials and construction tenders for the elimination of all street lighting faults on the general road network and the tender will be opened soon.

Nidai Güngörü, Mayor of Girne, who assumed the duty of UCLG-Mewa 2019-2022 Culture and Tourism Committee Chairman, said that Girne is the tourism capital of the TRNC. Güngörü pointed out that the municipality has implemented important work, especially in the fields of culture and art and emphasised that they will represent the country in the best way. After the speeches, gifts and plaques were presented.
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Özay Günsel Children's University, continues helping children

By Ahmet Abdulaziz....

The Özay Günsel Children's University is continuing bringing children with scientists under one roof, to improve their knowledge about nature and the world, at an early age.

As part of its curriculum for the ongoing session, the students were given an opportunity to familiarize with the trees and plants in nature and collect samples and receive information about fragrant plants. The visit to a horse farm provided the students with the opportunity to learn about the facts of horseback riding and gain experience about horse riding. Within the scope of the program, students participated in learning activities enabling them to identify and improve their mathematical knowledge and skills.

Within the scope of the training program, which started with morning sports, World Group students participated in an event entitled “Forest in My Notebook” and familiarised themselves with the trees and plants in the surrounding area by touring the Near East University Campus. They collected samples from trees and plants to create their own collections by labeling the species in their notebooks.

The Sun Group students participated in a Mathematics Workshop based on activities regarding basic mathematics. Within the scope of the workshop, students participated in activities designed to enable them to easily understand the most basic concepts of mathematics. The Sun Group students had an event under the title “Do You Know the Rights of the Child?” Within the scope of the event, the group students learned about Children’s Rights stipulated by the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child and drew pictures depicting these rights.

Within the scope of the learning activities, the Sun Group students visited a horse farm in Arapköy and received information about horse care and the preparations required before riding a horse. The students, accompanied by their teachers, had a nice time riding a horse.

James Smile art classes at Hati's Cafe, Esentepe

By Margaret Sheard....

On Thursday morning 28th November Chris and I were travelling back to Ozanköy from Bahceli along the coast road and we fancied a stop for coffee and Chris said our best option is in the centre of Esentepe.

As we were driving up the hill into Esentepe a delivery vehicle was in a position preventing us from stopping at a bar so Chris said let's go to Hati's Cafe which we did.

Whilst we were driving there I said I think James Smile has an art class there today and when we arrived there were a number of cars parked outside Hati's Cafe.

It was a nice warm afternoon with a little sunshine and we found James with a group of ladies all busy with their artwork in a nice shaded area and we were greeted by them plus our dear friend Hati.

Chris took some photos of the group and some of their work and then James, who is a near neighbour, came over and joined us for a coffee and a chat.

Today was the first day the group had met and they had all been very busy with their projects using various painting techniques with lots of help and enthusiastic advice from James.

James Smile as many locals will know is an accomplished entertainer who one day started to try painting and now, as he said, is working on paintings for around 4 hours a day and has painted many gorgeous seascapes and landscapes some of which are special commissions.

We are hoping that James is now going to pick up a pen and write a little about the various painting methods he is interested in and helping others to use and if any reader wishes to contact James they can do so on 0533 830 7558.
Conference on the "Cyprus Problem" held at the EMU

By Ahmet Abdulaziz....

In order to provide a better understanding of the ongoing diplomatic activities and efforts for solution of the "Cyprus problem", the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) organised a conference on 22nd November 2019, at the Mustafa Afşin Ersoy Hall of the University.

The Conference was held under the auspices of the Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) Vice Presidency and Ministry of Foreign Affairs, with a view to provide a better knowledge of the Cyprus problem to the representatives and prospective career employees of the representatives of the Diplomatic Academy of Turkey.

Within the scope of their visit to the country, the Republic of Turkey’s prospective career employees are attending informative meetings. The new diplomats who will begin their duty in all corners of the world after completing their education were delivered a conference entitled the “Cyprus Problem” by former Cyprus problem Lead Negotiator Osman Ertuğ.

Delivering the opening speech of the conference, EMU Rector Prof. Dr. Necdet Osam stated that the university is celebrating its 40th year and highlighted that it would not be where it is today without the contributions of motherland Turkey. Prof. Dr. Osam continued to state that EMU is an institution which allows Turkish Cypriot voices to be heard via science despite being unrecognized in the international political arena. After the opening speech Osman Ertuğ who served at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Undersecretariat, the Embassy and the TRNC Washington Embassy and held the positions of Lead Negotiator and Presidency Spokesperson, delivered his presentation on the “Cyprus Problem”.

During the conference, Osman Ertuğ provided extensive information about the background and history of the Cyprus Problem. Ertuğ shared his experiences as lead negotiator and provided information about how international diplomacy affects Cyprus. At the end of the conference, the young diplomats had the opportunity to ask former Lead Negotiator Osman Ertuğ any questions they had about the Cyprus problem. The conference came to an end with Osman Ertuğ being presented with a plaque on behalf of the Republic of Turkey Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

“Current Development and Challenges in Migration Law”

By Ahmet Abdulaziz ....

Human trafficking, migration of people and other related problems were the subject matters at a conference recently held at the Near East University.

According to the information provided by the Near East University (NEU), the conference was held at the Atatürk Culture and Congress Center (AKKM). The main participants of the conference were Assistant Professor Merve Acun Mekengeç, member of the Board of Law and Society Center and lecturer at NEU Faculty of Law, Assistant Professor Zafer İçer, lecturer at Marmara University Faculty of Law, and Lawyer Fezile Osum, Chairperson of Turkish Cyprus Refugee Rights Association.

Making a presentation on “Factors constituting a source of fear of being persecuted based on justifiable reasons in acquisition of refugee status”, Asst. Prof. Dr. Merve Acun Mekengeç addressed the basic concepts regarding the refugee law and in the light of international law documents, she delivered information about the inclusion clauses concerning the determination of refugee status for those, who left their countries with the fear of being persecuted for reasons of race, religion, nationality, membership of a particular social group or political opinion.

In his presentation entitled “Refugee smuggling and human trafficking crimes within the scope of international crimes”, Asst. Prof. Dr. Zafer İçer addressed the material and non-material components of refugee smuggling and human trafficking crimes defined in the Turkish Penal Code and touched upon the applications in Turkey within the framework of the Supreme Court’s decisions.

In her presentation entitled “Applications and challenges concerning the migrants and asylum seekers in Northern Cyprus”, Lawyer Fezile Osum addressed the legal frame and applications concerning asylum seekers and migrants in TRNC Law.

Highlighting that the relevant legislation fell short to address the current needs, Lawyer Osum touched upon some current court decisions and administrative applications concerning the issue.
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### Island Studio

**KASIM NOVEMBER CONCERTS**

- **0548 839 8994**

### Larnaca Amateur Dramatic Society

**Sleighbells In The Park**

A Christmas Whimsical Mystery

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95tl per person to include mulled wine and a Christmas meal

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7th December 2019
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- Crispy Mushrooms

- Egg Fried Rice or Noodles

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- Vanilla Cake

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Saturday December
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Forthcoming Events

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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.

### 30th November – Saturday - Island Studio art class – Tribute to Georgia O’Keefe in oils.
10am-1pm. 200TL. Places must be booked (max. 6 people), materials provided. Ozankoy area, for details call 0548 857 3244.


### 2nd/3rd/4th - December - Black Olive, Alsancak, will be hosting KADS Christmas show “Sleigh Bells in the Park”. 95TL. Mulled wine, Christmas meal and show. For further information call Vicki on 0533 835 5133.

### 5th December – 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.

### 6th December – Friday - Bingo with Martin at Charlie’s Sports Bar, Kucuk Erenkoy at 8pm. 30TL. To book 0533 874 6056.

### 6th December – Friday - Island Studio Painting Party - ‘Groovy Chic’. 6.30pm to 8.30pm. Ozankoy area. Painting Parties must be reserved, for 4 people or more. For further information call 0548 857 3244 or message Island Studio on Facebook.

### 7th December – Saturday - Island Studio Art class ‘Girl with a Pearl Earring’ in oils, held the Ozankoy area. 10am to 1pm - 200TL. For more information call 0548 857 3244 or message Island Studio on Facebook.

### 7th December – Saturday - KAR Christmas Bazaar at Pia Bella Hotel, Girne. Help needed with baking, raffle prizes, bric-a-brac, jewellery etc. Call 0533 869 4098 or email kartmec@gmail.com.

### 7th December – Saturday - Dynasty Chinese Restaurant will be holding a New Year party from 7.30pm in aid of Tulips (Help Those with Cancer Association). Live music with Katie B. 3-course Chinese meal 90TL. Admission by ticket only. 0542 854 8714.

### 10th December – Tuesday - The Black Olive, Alsancak will be holding a Christmas Market 1pm to 4pm. Stalls, food available and mulled wine. For further information call Vicki on 0533 835 5133.

### 12th December – 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 0542 889 3034.

### 13th December – Friday - Bingo with Martin at Charlie’s Sports Bar, Kucuk Erenkoy at 8pm. 30TL. To book 0533 874 6056.

### 13th December – Friday - Island Studio Painting Party - ‘The Old Guitarist’. 6.30pm to 8.30pm. Ozankoy area. Painting Parties must be reserved, for 4 people or more. For further information call 0548 857 3244 or message Island Studio on Facebook.

### 13th/14th December – Friday/Saturday - Black Olive, Alsancak will be hosting RBL Showstoppers Christmas Singalong. Tickets 70TL including Christmas food.

### 14th December – Saturday - Enjoy a pre-Christmas party at Hati’s Café, Esentepe from 2pm. There will be a home-made lunch, wine and drinks and carols with Katie Economidou. Sounds like it will be a nice afternoon.

### 14th December – Saturday - Island Studio Art class 'Paint a Cyprus' money saver, held the Ozankoy area. 10am to 12noon - 150TL. For more information call 0548 857 3244 or message Island Studio on Facebook.

### 19th December – Thursday - Christmas Quiz with Susie at the Balti House, Esentepe, starting at 8pm. To book call 0542 889 3034. Please wear something festive!

### 20th December – Friday - Bingo with Martin at Charlie’s Sports Bar, Kucuk Erenkoy at 8pm. 30TL. To book 0533 874 6056.

### 20th December – Friday - Island Studio Painting Party - ‘The Old Guitarist’. 6.30pm to 8.30pm. Ozankoy area. Painting Parties must be reserved, for 4 people or more. For further information call 0548 857 3244 or message Island Studio on Facebook.

### 21st December – Saturday - Island Studio Art class - Glass painting (3 glasses), held the Ozankoy area. 10am to 12noon - 150TL. For more information call 0548 857 3244 or message Island Studio on Facebook.

### 25th December – Wednesday - Christmas Day swim at Acapulco Beach at 10am. In aid of Tulips (Help Those with Cancer Association) and Kemal Saracoglu Foundation for Children with Leukemia and Fight against Cancer. Sponsor forms from Graham Fursman - call 0533 836 3972.
The Chemist Rota for December is not yet available but will be published next week.

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Kyrenia Weather (from 30th November 2019)

10-day Forecast
By Richard Beale ....
Saturday November 23: BTM League Red Group. Akdoğan Özgürlük Stadi

A superb finish by Yeniboğaziçi winger Serhat not only proved to be the winning goal but lifted this match from mediocrity.

Yeniboğaziçi have now won all of their five matches but had to be forced to trade blows to grind a result out.

Another 11-00am kick off which was ideal for my “Super Saturday” of local football. The morning was this match, with a Pide and a pint lunch, then off to nearby Dörtlöy to watch them entertain Girne Halk Evi in the afternoon. Back home to catch up on West Ham v Spurs, then Manchester City v Chelsea in the evening! and I am married as well!

Two season ago Yeniboğaziçi were in the Super League among the elite of the TRNC football Clubs. Two successive relegation seasons now see them in League 3 of the TRNC, how the mighty have fallen, still they are starting on the road to recovery this season.

Result: Incirli SK 1 Yeniboğaziçi DSK 2

This match was attritional, agriculture more like a rugby match, robust tackles abounded, no quarter given, none asked for, but disappointingly little in the way of skill.

Maybe the playing surface which was the colour of Army camouflage, bumpy and looked like it had a water main recently installed on it didn’t help.

This may have resulting in the Yeniboğaziçi struggling to adjust to the surface as they certainly didn’t look like the unbeaten leaders in the opening 20 minutes.

Incirli took the lead in the 18th minute, when their striker Mehmet Turgut went on a run and saw his shot parried by the diving Yeniboğaziçi goalkeeper Remzi, only to see BEKER BILGİ following up to slot home 1-0.

Against the run of play Yeniboğaziçi equalised when following a free kick from the left, which was only partially cleared to Burcin on the edge of the area, who saw his low shot take a deflection off the Incirli Captain Salih and into the net for an own goal. 1-1

It took a brave save from the Yeniboğaziçi goalkeeper Remzi at the feet of Can to prevent Incirli regaining the lead shortly before the interval.

HALF TIME SCORE : 1-1

The match continued to be frantic, played at 100mph, with players flying into tackles and giving away numerous free kicks.

After 65 minutes Yeniboğaziçi defence was caught napping from a clearance out of the Incirli defence, Can nipped in, but the winger finished disappointingly shooting straight at Remzi.

The mediocre was finally broken from the only bit of skill in the 75th minute. The ball bobbed around the Incirli area before coming across to SERHAT

FULL TIME SCORE : 1-2

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* Lapta awarded match as Doğanı unable to fulfill their fixtures.
By Richard Beale ....

Saturday November 23 : K-Pet League 1: Dörtyol Stadi.

My second "Super Saturday" match in the afternoon saw me at the village of Dörtyol, where the home team played host to Girne Halk Evi - unlike the first match in the morning this was not a disappointment.

On arriving at the Stadium I found that there were more than the usual pressmen, photographers and all around the ground there were more TRNC/Turkey flags. As you may have seen in the papers this week there were photographs of an extremist Greek Cypriot group burning the TRNC flag, which of course has caused upset over this side of the border.

The Girne Halk Evi (GHE) Goalkeeper Athos Chrysostomo, is a Greek Cypriot, he has been plying his trade along with a number of his fellow countrymen over here for a number of seasons. He is a good guy and a fine goalkeeper, so this was an opportunity to condemn the actions of a very small minority and show solidarity and friendship across the whole island. The match had become political and symbolic, hence the extra media presence.

This time a year ago GHE were playing in the Super League, and Dörtyol were in the third division. It was the small village team that caused an upset, sending their illustrious opponents back to Kyrenia with their tail between their legs. Dörtyol fans who were strangely absent in numbers when they played at Esentepe last week, were back in force, they are Dörtyol's heartbeat, their secret weapon, their twelfth man, they did not let their team down with their vociferous support.

Dörtyol work so hard for each other, no other team can match them for work rate yet their tactics are simple. They employ a 4-2-4 system always with two wide men to keep their opponent defenders occupied, their two forwards Furkan and Ayberk drop back to help out in midfield. With a virtually impregnable defence led by their inspiration Captain Can Özsoy, and a very good goalkeeper in Suleyman they are a very hard team to beat.

GHE had the more talented and skilful players, but they did not have Dörtyol's guts and determination and will to win.

Dörtyol never allowed GHE to settle and before you can say "Bob's your Uncle" or maybe he is not, the home team were in front straight from the kick off.

1 min : Ayberk weaved his way into the GHE box, before sending in a shot that struck the GHE left hand side post, rebounding to MUSTAFA ÇELİK to shoot past a couple of GHE defenders on the line. 1-0

4 mins : It should have been 2-0, when Salih had his legs taken from under him in the box. Unfortunately for Dörtyol Ayberk's penalty was weak and easily saved by Goalkeeper Athos.

It was all Dörtyol in the opening 20 minutes but gradually GHE came back into the game creating a couple of chances for themselves.

24 mins : Samet on the right made a run into the box before sending in a cross shot that Suleyman dived to palm over the bar.

42 mins : GHE were awarded a penalty when Ahmet Saygi was brought down in the box. Kaan's penalty was brilliantly saved by Suleyman diving to his right to push the ball away for a corner.

HALF TIME SCORE : 1-0

The second half started like the first with Dörtyol on top for the opening 20 minutes of the half

46 mins : Osman who had come on as a replacement for Dörtyol was very prominent putting in a great run down the left before crossing into the area, just in front of Ayberk who couldn't connect properly.

70 mins : In a rare GHE attack from a corner from the right Cemil volleyed over the Dörtyol bar.

Dörtyol continued to work hard for each other and with GHE committing men forward they were always susceptible to breakaways.

81 mins : Furkan found Ayberk with a lovely reverse ball who set up Osman, whose shot was pushed around the post by the diving Athos.

82 mins : Again Athos was called into action making another diving save from Osman.

87 mins : GHE at last threatened to equalise Kaan's right footed shot bringing a spectacular diving save from Suleyman pushing the shot over for a corner. From that corner the goalkeeper did extremely well under pressure to punch the ball clear.

FULL TIME SCORE : 1-0

SUMMING UP : A superb match a great advertisement for TRNC football. A great atmosphere created by Dörtyol fans, a great effort from the Dörtyol team themselves.
Good Point for Esentepe

By Richard Beale ..

Sunday November 24, 2019: K-Pet League 1: Bostancı Tashin Mertekçi Stadi

Esentepe returned home from Güzelyurt on Sunday evening with a very valuable point after holding third place Yalova to a draw. At the end Esentepe could have snatched a victory if they were more ruthless in their finishing.

A new dawn, a new beginning for Esentepe with new Coaches taking the helm and in the end a satisfactory result for their first game in charge. Last Monday saw Hüseyin Çağır leave the Club and his replacements Under 21 Team Coach Ali Kanlı and Salih Özbir were installed as first team Coaches.

Ali Kanlı is the figurehead of the duo, it was Salih (dressed in a smart Jose Mourinho suit!) who was mostly giving out instructions from the touchlines. Certainly noticeable was more encouragement instructions and appreciation of the players efforts coming from the bench.

In the end probably a draw was a fair result, Esentepe dominated the first half and their possession should have warranted more than the one goal they scored. Yalova were very poor and it was hard to see how they have only been beaten once this season and were third in the table. In the opening minute of the second half Esentepe missed a glorious opportunity to increase their lead. Yalova gradually came out of their slumber, equalised and put Esentepe under pressure. Esentepe relying on breakaways had further chances but wasted them.

The opening 20 minutes was very quiet with Esentepe enjoying the majority of the possession, midfielder Vurkan had a shot from outside the area, pushed around the post by the Yalova Goalkeeper Kivanç and the same player headed over the bar from a good position following a Hüseyin free kick.

Esentepe did take the lead in the 25th minute when a ball upfield caught the Yalova defence napping and ERAY ERGİN stole in behind them and fired past Kivanç, 0-1

All Yalova had to offer was a shot by Selçuk that got deflected for a corner.

HALF TIME SCORE : 0-1

In the opening minute Esentepe should have increased their lead when Şükür was put through with only Kivanç to beat. However the giant of a goalkeeper rescued his side by flinging himself to his right to push away Şükür’s shot - Esentepe would live to regret that miss.

Yalova gradually started turning the screw pushing Esentepe back without really testing Onur in the Esentepe goal.

In the 64th minute Yalova’s pressure finally paid dividends when following an Ahmet Hasan corner, MİTHAT KUÇUKAKÇALI rose high above a group of players to head firmly past Onur. 1-1

A couple of minutes later Yalova should have increased their lead when Ahmet Hasan screwed his shot helplessly wide from a good position. The highlight of the match came in the 68th minute when Yalova winger Hakan Demir went on a run taking him past three defenders before unleashing a fierce shot that Onur spectacularly sprung himself to his right to push the ball away.

Esentepe in the final 20 minutes restored their composure and could have come home with all 3 points from breakaways, but the end product let them down.

FULL TIME SCORE: 1-1

SUMMING UP : A hard working team performance, that will give encouragement to the new Coaching duo. The defence was pretty solid, and in the first half the midfield trio of Vurkan, Furkan and Hüseyin dominated until they tired in the second half. I thought Esentepe’s best player was defender UĞURCAN, who started at right back, finished at left back but in both positions he gave his usual energetic performance.

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