Information regarding the new Coronavirus and the measures being taken

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Coronavirus statement from Health Minister Pilli

“There are currently no Coronavirus cases in our country.”

Minister of Health Ali Pilli made statements about the new type of Coronavirus, which has occurred in China and is spreading to other countries.

Even though there is no occurrence in our country at the moment, Minister Pilli emphasised that there is no situation and our people should be alarmed in this regard;

“All of our necessary research on the status of this virus which is emerging in Wuhan, China, and what precautions to take, has been initiated by our Ministry and a risk assessment meeting regarding the new Coronavirus infection was held on 24th January, following all researches.

In order not to create any misinformation and panic on the subject, we decided to inform the public following the meeting on the 24th January.

Although there is no occurrence of the virus in our country at the moment, I would like to emphasise that our people should not panic about this issue.

At the meeting, the measures to be taken in order to prevent a possible epidemic in our country were decided by discussing what to do in the case of a person with the disease caused by this virus, all relevant stakeholders were informed and an action plan was prepared.

Undersecretary of the Ministry, Director of the Ministry, Managers of TSHD and YTKD, Head of the Medical Association, infection experts of the ministry, and the representatives of the Ministry of Transport, attended the meeting held at the Ministry.

Our recommendation to our people is that they pay attention to general hygiene issues at the moment and if possible not to travel to the regions where the epidemic has occurred.

I would like to underline once again and emphasize that, as the Ministry of Health, all necessary measures have been taken to prevent our people from being affected by the new type of Coronavirus seen in the world.

We continue to follow the matter with all our relevant units.

Necessary information and evaluations on the subject will be made by our Ministry.”

Source: TRNC Ministry of Health

On facing page - Risk assessment meeting at Ministry of Health to discuss Coronavirus
TRNC Ministry Of Health Coronavirus Press Release

As known, in DECEMBER 2019, a respiratory infection caused by a newly emerging virus was reported to the World Health Organization in Wuhan city in Hubei, China. On January 7, the name of the new virus was announced by China as the new Coronavirus 2019.

The third of the WHO (World Health Organization) status reports, which were closely monitored by our Ministry, was published on 23.1.2020. In this report, the number of cases reported to WHO since the beginning of January has been announced as 581. It was stated that 571 of 581 cases were reported from China, 95 of them were severe and 17 cases were fatal. In addition, 10 other cases were reported from Thailand, Japan, Hong Kong, Korea and the USA.

In the risk assessment by WHO regarding this situation, which is accepted as an epidemic, it was stated that the virus is a high-risk public health threat in China and other countries of the region, while it is a moderate public health risk globally. As the Emergency Committee established in accordance with the International Health Regulations (IHR) of WHO, it was expressed in their opinion that there is no public health problem at an international level regarding the epidemic. However, they stated that they accept the urgency and importance of the issue and said that they would come together again and evaluate the situation.

Although there is no such outbreak in our country at this moment, our Ministry decided to hold the first risk assessment meeting regarding the new Coronavirus infection which was held on 24th January.

The Minister of Health, Dr Ali Pilli, organised and chaired the meeting. Other participants were the Undersecretary of the Ministry, the Director of the Ministry, the Managers of the TSHD and YTKD, the President of the Medical Association, the relevant persons working in epidemic management, the infection specialists, the Child Clinic Chief and the representative of the Ministry of Transport.

At the meeting, the measures to be taken in order not to experience a possible epidemic in our country were decided by discussing what to do in the case of a person with the disease caused by this virus.

As a result of the evaluations made, our Ministry asks our people to pay attention to general hygiene issues for the moment and, if possible, not to travel to the regions where the epidemic is occurring.

In the coming days, necessary information and evaluations will be made by our Ministry in the light of new information on the subject.

CORONAVIRUS KNOWLEDGE (TRNC MEDICAL ASSOCIATION)

What is Coronavirus 2019-nCoV?
Coronavirus 2019-nCoV comes from a large family of viruses. This virus family has viruses such as cold, SARS (2002) and MERS (2012), and was first reported to WHO (World Health Organization) in Wuhan, China on 31 December 2019.

How is it transmitted?
It is predicted that this virus, originally thought to be transmitted from animal to person, can also be transmitted from person to person when new notifications from China are evaluated and outbreaks may occur in this way.

WHO considers that this virus can be transmitted in the same way, by air, since it is a virus from the Coronavirus family.

What does WHO suggest regarding non-transmission in societies with Coronavirus?
Washing your hands frequently with soapy water and cleaning with alcohol-based disinfectants when this is not possible.

Using the inside of your arm during coughing or sneezing or disposing of disposable wipes

Avoiding people with cough and fever as much as possible (This is also a general precaution to prevent seasonal flu)

People who have a fever, cough or breathing difficulties should apply to health institutions if they have a history of travel to the countries where the epidemic has occurred.

Avoiding the contact surfaces of animals or animals in the live animal market places in cities with regional Coronavirus epidemic in the world.

Consumption of undercooked meat.

What are the possible sources of transmission?

With today's information, it is thought that the virus passes from animals to humans but can then be transmitted from person to person.

It was determined that the first cases that occurred in China were related to a market where seafood was sold. However, it is stated that the virus may have passed through bats. There is no clear information about this yet.

Which countries has it spread to?
According to the WHO statement dated January 21, 2020, there are cases in China (309 people), Japan (1 person), Thailand (2 people), North Korea (1 person), Hong Kong (5 people). On January 23 a person travelling to the United States from China had contracted the virus.

What is the situation in Turkey?
On January 22, 2020 Turkey's Minister of Health, stated that the virus does not pose a risk for Turkey at this stage, however, he announced that it has made all the preparations for a possible situation. On January 23, Turkey cancelled direct and connecting flights between Wuhan city in China and Istanbul and placed thermal cameras at the airports.

What are the symptoms of Coronavirus respiratory disease?
Runny nose, cough, sore throat, fever, shortness of breath are the known symptoms of the disease today. However, we can associate these symptoms with the new Coronavirus 2019 disease in people who have been travelling to countries where there is an epidemic, or who are in contact with a person who has been travelling and has become sick.

Is there any treatment?
There is no specific treatment or vaccine for the disease at the moment. Support therapy is provided to patients.

How fatal is it?
The virus, believed to have appeared in December 2019, has caused the death of 18 people so far. In other words, 25% of those found to be infected with the virus remained severe, while 3.4% died.

Source: TRNC Ministry of Health
Özersay speaks at the UK House of Lords

Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs Kudret Özersay spoke at the House of Lords, in London, which was hosted by the UK Parliament All Party Parliamentary Group for the TRNC.

Lord Maginnis, Lord Kilclooney, Lord Sharkey, Lady Butterworth, Baroness Hooper and Parliamentarian Andrew Rosindell attended the session under the presidency of Lord Northbrook. Many diplomats were also in attendance at the meeting.

In his speech, Özersay stated that following the UK leaving the EU, the Turkish Cypriots may have the opportunity to trade with the UK again and they will use the opportunities of working together.

Özersay also answered questions on the issues of hydrocarbon, transportation, energy, halloumi, and the Cyprus negotiation process.

Stressing that as the Greek Cypriot side issued licences to some companies on the issue of hydrocarbon, the Turkish Cypriot side did the same, Özersay said that the Turkish Cypriot side wants to work with the Greek Cypriots to use the common wealth together but they have never received a positive answer from the Greek Cypriot side on that issue.

Adding that the Turkish Cypriots are the joint owners of the natural resources around the island and are protecting their own rights, Özersay pointed out that cooperation should be developed in that respect. Expressing that the current conditions are not suitable for a federal partnership in Cyprus, Özersay said that federal partnership is based on sharing but the Greek Cypriot side is not ready to share governance and wealth with the Turkish Cypriots. Therefore, the negotiations should focus on partnership models based on cooperation, not sharing.

“**There are de facto two states on the Island. It is necessary to start cooperation on various issues by taking into consideration this reality. In brief, a settlement is possible with cooperation before a solution. Cooperation is the most important instrument with regard to a solution**” Özersay stressed.

Source : TRNC Public Information Office

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Turkish Cypriot students react on speech prevention campaign

Turkish Cypriot Student Federation of the United Kingdom condemned the Greek Cypriot student organisations campaign to prevent the speech of the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs Kudret Özersay at King’s College in London.

The Secretary General of the Turkish Cypriot Student Federation of the UK, Mehmet Göksu, made a statement regarding the issue and said that the campaign of the Greek Cypriot student organisation towards preventing Özersay from delivering a speech at King’s College was a great intolerance campaign which should not take place at a university campus of the UK.

Adding that this action is part of a systematic initiative towards excluding the Turkish Cypriots from the Cypriot student organisations, Göksu said that a similar letter was also sent to the King’s College Administration by the Greek Cypriot Ambassador in London.

Source : TRNC Public Information Office

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Özersay gave an interview to the Guardian newspaper

Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs Kudret Özersay had an interview with the Guardian newspaper’s diplomatic editor Patrick Wintour within the framework of his contacts in the UK.

During his interview, Özersay mentioned the international developments regarding the Eastern Mediterranean and Cyprus.

Source : TRNC Public Information Office

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Presidential Elections to be held on 26 April 2020

The Supreme Committee of Elections announced that the Presidential elections will be held on 26th April 2020.

Preparations have been started by the Supreme Committee of Elections for the 10th Presidential election of the TRNC since 1974.

The political parties should determine their candidates by 17th March.

Source: TRNC Public Information Office

Özersay met UK Turkish Cypriot representatives and students

Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs Kudret Özersay first met with representatives of the Turkish Cypriot community and Turkish Cypriot students studying in the UK within the framework of his UK contacts.

During his contacts at the TRNC London Representative Office, Özersay met with the British Turkish Community Football Federation, Cyprus Turkish Community Centre, the United Kingdom Turkish Cypriot Student Federation and the Turkish Cypriot Youth Union, the British Turkish Language Culture and Education Consortium and the British Cyprus Turkish Associations Council.

The problems, expectations, and demands of the Turkish Cypriot communities living in the UK were discussed during the meetings.

Özersay also visited the Turkish Ambassador to the UK Ümit Yalçın.

Minister Özersay made a speech yesterday (27/1/2020) in the House of Lords, hosted by the Westminster UK Parliament TRNC Friendship Group.

Source: TRNC Public Information Office

Özersay held contacts in the UK Parliament

Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs Kudret Özersay held some contacts in the UK Parliament on 27th and 28th January 2020 within the framework of his visit to London, with regard to using some possible opportunities likely to arise after the UK’s exit from the European Union (Brexit), with the aim of bringing up the issue of direct flights to the TRNC on the agenda, as well as trading with the UK.

On 28th January Özersay met with Feryal Demirci Clark, the first Turkish woman deputy elected to the House of Commons of the UK Parliament.

Özersay also had an interview with the Independent Newspaper, Defence and Diplomacy Editor Kim Sengupta on the issues of natural gas in the Eastern Mediterranean, the future of the Cyprus problem and Brexit.

Özersay emphasized that they will do their utmost in continuing to make the Turkish Cypriots voice heard in every possible international platform.

Source: TRNC Public Information Office
TRNC President Mustafa Akıncı sent a message of condolence to the President of the Republic of Turkey for the ones who lost their lives in the earthquake in Elazığ, Turkey.

In his message, Akıncı expressed “I feel deep sadness for the ones who lost their lives and those injured in the earthquake which occurred in Elazığ. On behalf of myself and my people, I extend my condolences for the grieved families and the whole of Turkey and wish quick recovery for the injured people.”

Source : TRNC Public Information Office

Özersay holds contacts in London

Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs Kudret Özersay departed for London yesterday, 26th January, to attend a conference and hold some contacts.

Prior to his London visit, Özersay made a statement saying “I believe that during the process in which very important developments have been experienced in London regarding Brexit, some issues should be brought to the agenda in London. Following the United Kingdom’s exit from the European Union, there may be possibilities for the Turkish Cypriots for establishing trade with the UK, as was the case many years ago. I believe that there will be some opportunities on this issue following Brexit. We have to mention and discuss this issue at some think tanks. We will do our best in this direction. We will make the Turkish Cypriots voice heard at each possible international platform”.

Furthermore, Özersay will meet with representatives of Turkish Cypriot non-governmental organisations in London.

Source : TRNC Public Information Office

Coordination Committee of Turkish Cypriots Living Abroad

A Coordination Committee of Turkish Cypriots Living Abroad has been established under the auspices of the TRNC Prime Ministry by the instructions of Prime Minister Ersin Tatar.

The aim of the committee is to help strengthen the ties of the citizens living abroad with the TRNC, to create strong relations in economic, social and cultural fields, in addition to providing the necessary coordination and support for their problems.

The Prime Ministry authorised the Law and Political Affairs Department of the Secretariat for the operations of the Committee in order to solve the problems of the Turkish Cypriots living abroad.

The Committee will answer all the applications of the citizens no later than 30 days from receipt and will submit a report to the Prime Minister every 6 months. The Prime Ministry has created a web page for the detailed information required, which is shown below :

Source : TRNC Public Information Office

Minister Özersay gave a briefing at UK Cambridge University

Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs Kudret Özersay held a conference at Cambridge University in the UK entitled "The causes of the Cyprus issue's deadlock and possible ways out".

Özersay met with Turkish Cypriot and other students at the event he attended as a guest of the Cambridge Middle East and North Africa Forum.

In his speech at the event, Özersay drew attention to the importance of asking the right questions about why the Cyprus problem is unsolved and finding the reason for this problem not being resolved. Emphasizing the reasons of the Cyprus problem, Özersay mentioned the Cyprus negotiations, which have been going on for more than 50 years, for which a solution has not been reached although all the negotiation methods and techniques have been tried and said that the problem is not concerning negotiation methods and techniques, it is related to the mismatch between the solution model which is trying to be created and the current conditions of Cyprus.

Özersay pointed out that there must be a will to share administration and wealth among the interested parties in order to have a federal solution and mutual trust among the interested parties and a federation experience in the country, adding that many of these issues are not available in Cyprus in today's conditions. He also said that today's conditions are not suitable to make a federal partnership possible because the Greek Cypriot side is not yet ready to share the power and wealth, and there is a serious issue of trust and distrust between the parties.

He emphasized that various steps can be taken in order to persuade the Greek Cypriot side to share the administration and wealth with the Turkish Cypriot side so that the present conditions on the island can change, and in particular, it may be effective to convince the Greek Cypriots to share these resources with the Turkish Cypriots before the solution.

Stating that another move is to take steps towards lifting the isolations imposed on the Turkish Cypriots, for direct trade and direct flights to the TRNC, Özersay said that if such steps were taken, the Greek Cypriot side could turn towards cooperation based on partnership, yet at this time the international community has no intention to take such bold steps.

Pointing out that if the present conditions on the island cannot be changed, a collaborative partnership should be discussed in negotiations instead of a federal partnership, Özersay emphasized that there is such an approach in the establishment of the European Union. Özersay said that the European Union is a partnership established on such logic by cooperating on coal and steel. Similarly, a more realistic partnership can be established with a gradual and universal approach. Stating that the two parties in Cyprus can start by cooperating on a limited number of issues based on the current situation, and that they can gradually create this by cooperating in respect of various issues over a period of time, instead of deciding beforehand what kind of partnership it will become, Özersay pointed out that there may be some issues on which there can be cooperation, such as natural gas, cultural heritage, environment, trade, education, tourism.

He also mentioned that if the necessary steps will not be taken and creative ideas regarding the solution model will not be put forward, it will only serve the status quo to continue the negotiations which have been going on for more than 50 years in the same way.

Özersay answered the questions of the participants following his speech.

Çavuşoğlu: We will protect our rights

Turkish Foreign Minister Mevlüt Çavuşoğlu said that for as long as the Greek Cypriots do not cooperate for a solution, the rights of Turkey and the Turkish Cypriots will be protected.

Minister Çavuşoğlu received the members of the Board of Directors of the Global Journalists Council in Ankara and made statements regarding the agenda of the foreign policy.

Regarding the Eastern Mediterranean issue, Çavuşoğlu said “There is only one option for a solution in the Eastern Mediterranean. The Greek Cypriots and Greece should be ready for sharing. We have taken steps to protect our rights and the rights of the Turkish Cypriot people. For as long as the Greek Cypriots do not cooperate for a solution, we will protect our rights. We will continue our determination”.

Çavuşoğlu: We will protect our rights
Tatar and Özersay reaction to tearing up of Turkish flag

Prime Minister Ersin Tatar reacted against the Greek Parliamentarian Ioannis Lagos who tore up the Turkish flag at the European Parliament and condemned his indecent attack.

Also, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs Kudret Özersay shared his thoughts by social media and said:
‘A racist mentality in the European Parliament, which can lose attitude with the tearing up of a State and Nation’s most important symbol in the 21st century! What a shame!

I condemn the attack and the disrespect against the Turkish flag’.

Source: TRNC Public Information Office

Aksoy: We will continue to protect Turkish Cypriots rights

Spokesperson of the Turkish Foreign Ministry Hami Aksoy referring to the statement made by Italy and the Greek Cypriot Administration on the activities of Turkey in the Eastern Mediterranean, pointed out that the ongoing research and drilling activities of the TPAO will continue until the rights of Turkish Cypriots are guaranteed.

Aksoy said in his written statement:
“We consider the statement made on 29 January unfortunate, especially on the part of Italy. As we have repeatedly emphasised, the Turkish Cypriots, as the co-owners of the Island, have equal rights on the hydrocarbon resources of the Island.

Based on these rights, the TRNC Government granted exploration and exploitation licences to Turkish Petroleum (TP) in 2011. TP’s ongoing survey and drilling activities in these licenced areas aim at protecting the rights of the Turkish Cypriots, not Turkey.

Until these rights are guaranteed, the TP will continue to operate in these licenced areas.

These rights can only be guaranteed either by jointly suspending all off-shore activities in the south of the Island until a comprehensive settlement is reached in Cyprus, or by launching a cooperation mechanism by the Greek Cypriots with the Turkish Cypriots in accordance with the 13 July 2019 proposal. Otherwise, Turkey will continue resolutely to protect the rights of the Turkish Cypriots.

Therefore, once again, we call on all the EU members, especially Italy to abandon their attitudes which ignore the very presence of Turkish Cypriots and their rights.

As we have also repeatedly stated in the past, the delimitation of maritime jurisdiction areas to the West of the Island of Cyprus will only be possible after the resolution of the Cyprus issue.

It is out of question for Turkey to start maritime boundary delimitation negotiations with an entity that does not represent the Turkish Cypriots and has usurped the title of the “Republic of Cyprus” since 1963. The only interlocutor of the Greek Cypriots is the Turkish Cypriots only, until the resolution of the Cyprus issue.

We also entirely reject the criticisms against the memorandum of understanding that we signed with Libya on the delimitation of maritime jurisdiction areas.

In this context, it is worth mentioning the fact that Italy and other EU member states had remained silent to the delimitation agreement concluded between GCA and Egypt in 2003, which indeed indicates the inconsistency and contrariety of their current policies in the Eastern Mediterranean.

We will resolutely continue to protect the rights of Turkey and of the Turkish Cypriots in the Eastern Mediterranean.”

Source: TRNC Public Information Office
Özersay: Cooperation can be made for natural gas before a solution

Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs Kudret Özersay gave a speech at King’s College in London on 29 January 2020. A group of Greek and Greek Cypriot students staged a protest in front of the building.

Özersay thanked the Turkish Cypriot community representatives and organisers for not cancelling the event and said “We will continue to make the Turkish Cypriots voice heard at each possible platform”.

During his speech at King’s College in London, Özersay said that the present conditions should be changed to reach a federal partnership in Cyprus and the international community should take the necessary steps for change of these conditions. Adding that if some concrete steps are not taken and the present conditions do not change, a federal partnership will not be possible, Özersay said that the Greek Cypriot side should agree to share the wealth and steps should be taken on the issues to build confidence between the two sides otherwise continuing the same negotiations for another 50 years will only serve to the status quo.

Furthermore, in his speech, Özersay gave examples in detail about the cooperation which has been achieved between the sides on the issues of finding missing persons and returning them to their families, restoration of mosques and churches in both sides of the island within the context of cultural heritage, and mutual return of criminals, and added that these are the examples of cooperation which both sides can make before a solution without recognising each other and without changing the status of each other.

Özersay also said that cooperation in the field of tourism will be for the benefit of both sides and the number of tourists can rise and the costs can be reduced as a result. Özersay also pointed out the regional cooperation examples.

Expressing that there are three basic factors in this respect, Özersay said that the first of these factors is the will and desire of the sides to cooperate. The second is to have an issue to cooperate and the third is obligation for pragmatic attitude.

Stressing that especially cooperation can be made before a solution on the issue of natural gas, Özersay said that the only problem is the Greek Cypriot side being unwilling to create cooperation on the issue. Pointing out that international actors should take the necessary steps as soon as possible to persuade the Greek Cypriot side to cooperate with the Turkish Cypriot side, Özersay said that if conditions are imposed for the Greek Cypriots to receive the approval of the Turkish Cypriot side to put these natural resources on the world market, this will open ways for cooperation on the natural gas issue.

Source: TRNC Public Information Office

Northern Cyprus participates in EMITT 2020 Tourism Fair

The EMITT 2020 Tourism Fair is being held in Istanbul from 30th January to 2nd February and Northern Cyprus will be represented with the participation of TRNC Minister of Tourism and Environment Ünal Üstel, and a professional delegation of Ministry officials, Tourism Promotion Officers, Sector Representatives and Press Members.

This will be the 24th year of the EMITT Tourism Fair which is among the four largest tourism fairs in the world. The fair is being held at the Tüyap Fair and Congress Centre in Istanbul, it is Turkey’s largest tourism trade fair and is an effective platform to capture opportunities for cooperation, being the tourism summit which has been offering new business and cooperation opportunities to the sector for 24 years.

The 2019 EMITT Tourism Fair attracted 557,470 tourism professionals, including tour operators, travel agencies, hotels as well as airlines, accommodation facilities, transportation companies and information technology companies.

The event welcomes industry professionals and tourists who want to have new and exciting travel opportunities from holiday destinations and travel companies around the world.

The Fair will be attended by around 100 countries, including the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus and is taking place at Tüyap Fair and Congress Centre. This year the TRNC has a stand of 180 m2 which is shaped like the island and is situated in Hall 2, booth number A370. “
A litter of 3 centre cats looking for their forever home.

Three siblings, from a litter of six and these are the only three left. They came to the centre at 3 weeks old and were fostered and bottle fed, they enjoy human contact. They are female and are now over a year old.

Still looking for their forever home. Zara, Zelda and Josie.

We still need 'softies' to keep the dogs, puppies and poorly cats dry and warm. Please declutter your homes and drop off at Veni Vici or Black Olive on the West and the Karakum Office and Kyrenia Shops on the East. The Centre are struggling to wash wet and dirty bedding as the weather is particularly chilly at the top of the mountain!!

Adding to our events calendar. 'A night of Chinese Whispers.'... get your teams organised for a head to head battle..... coming soon.
KAR held a celebration party to honour of all our supporters, volunteers and staff, without who KAR would not exist.

The party was held on Thursday 23rd January, at the Cabin in Lapta, to thank everyone involved, from shop volunteers, cat catchers, centre staff, education team and many more behind the scene helpers.

A selection of them are featured here in photo glory.

Thank you for 2019, hopeful for 2020 and into the future!
By Chris Elliott ..... 

The New Year is well underway and we are pleased to be able to share news of the January 2020 newsletter from The Royal British Legion, Kyrenia Branch. Chairman, Dave Horsfall. He writes of the building of comradeship with the RBL Branches in the South, as they saw both Larnaca and Paphos members joining the Kyrenia branch in various events over the last year which allows Kyrenia branch to widen their knowledge and together with other branches become stronger as a Legion.

The Royal British Legion (RBL) is a registered charity in the UK (No. 219279) which provides financial social and emotional support to millions who have either served or are presently serving in the Armed Forces, and their dependents.

The Royal British Legion, Kyrenia Branch was very active with fundraising for the 2019 Poppy Appeal and raised a superb figure of 38,245.54TL. They are also developing a series of fundraising events as shown under that will be also shown in various CyprusScene calendars as more information becomes available.

2020 Calendar

26th February - Beer and Natter at Jessics Bar.
4th April - Grand National Alternative Races at the Olive Press.
23rd April - St George's Day at the Black Olive.
8th May - VE Day Party at the Wild Duck.
22nd May - Gala Night at the Merit Crystal Cove Hotel.
19th June - Royal Ascot Alternative Races. Venue TBA
29th June - Armed Forces Day.

For those readers who may wish to join the Royal British Legion, Kyrenia Branch please visit their Website and Facebook page for more information.

The Girne Museum opens with its first exhibition

The Girne Museum will host a group exhibition called "Start" with the theme "Century-old historical building comes to life".

The Girne Museum, which has been restored by the Municipality of Girne and transformed into a city museum, was the former KTBK Logistics Support Group Command Headquarters Building next to Anafartalar High School and it is holding its first event with the theme "Century-old historical building comes to life".

The mixed exhibition entitled "Start" will be opened on Friday, 31st January at 18:30. In the group exhibition, the works of artists Ali Erol Soytaç, Ayşe Rabo, Batu Gündal, Bedia Kale, Fügên Koru, Güner Pir, Hasan Eminağa, Hikmet Uluçam, İpek Denizli, Nilgün Güney, Özlem Ekinci, Rauf Ersenal, Salih Çizgiel, Serhat Selışık, Sevenç Çerkez, Sevin Erdal and Şenol Özdevrim will be shown.

The exhibition can be visited between 10:00 and 17:00 on weekdays between January 31 and February 07, and between 10:00 and 15:00 on Saturday...
Looking for a change in the four Seasons

By Ahmet Abdulaziz ..
Spring, summer, autumn, winter. These are basically the four seasons that all of us know. They follow each other, as if they are chasing. At times we feel as if one season has sped up and bypassed the other one, for a short period of time.

At times one, in particular, extends its span of effectivity. So sometimes one particular season lasts longer than another one. Or in other words, sometimes one particular season comes and goes in a relatively shorter span of time and days.

This is what we all are seeing, observing, passing through, day after day, month after month and year after year. We have all learned to adjust our lives, and our living patterns accordingly. This is what we are used to, from our childhood to the present time.

Viewing television news bulletins all my life, I have learned by heart the topics that the news reporters convey in every particular season. We all come across news about the precautions that we should take due to the change of season.

The news editors know what topics are to be addressed in which season, and so do the reporters.

Don’t you ever find yourself fed up with this repetition of seasons? I am sure most of us get fed up with one or another season. At a particular time of winter, for example, we all get fed up with rain and cold, and in summer from the heat.

After going through the same pattern of all these seasons, I simply want something else. I want something new, some change in the seasons. I feel that I am fed up with the repetition of the four seasons. I need something else. Some new uninvited and inexperienced season. I am sure some may laugh at my wish, but I am serious about it.

Why do our lives have to be squeezed between these four seasons? Why not 6 or eight seasons? Why not?

I know this is what nature must think about, not me. But still, I am thinking. Perhaps you will also think it over, and let me know.

Goodbye, goodbye wipe a Brexit tear from your Eyeeee!

By Chris Elliott..
Well like it or not we Brits are on the way to leaving the EU unless we see yet more self-seeking politicians either in the UK or Europe trying to thwart the will of the people who voted in a referendum to leave the EU.

We will wait and see in the months ahead but for sure those against it will be plastering their views of the almighty cockup being made across social media for months to come for it to be grabbed by the media who know that bad news sells and make the best of it until another juicy tidbit of potentially bad news comes along.

Anyway, we are almost there and if Big Ben does not Bong, no matter, those that want Brexit will be celebrating whilst others will continue to not agree, so perhaps we can leave you with 3 videos that may sum up the mood of the Remoaners and perhaps those across the Straits of Dover who seem to have been backing the wrong Ass or Donkey.

The UK Brexit MEP's Brexit the EU

https://youtu.be/RBMvZRlf9Scs
THE TALISMAN
By Nick Vye - Sanctuary

An old man, said to me one day,
I have something, to come your way,
There’s nothing now, for you to pay,
Just thank you, is all you have to say,

He said it came out of the land,
And placed a stone within my hand,
It had around it, a golden band,
And said it, had a special plan,

This stone will be your lucky charm,
And protect you, from any harm,
There it lay nestled in my palm,
I had no fear or felt any alarm,

This talisman was very old,
It had a story to be told,
Once upon a time, it had been sold,
Because it was set in solid gold,

They say it came from outer space,
From an old ancient superior race,
With golden skin, upon their face,
A hidden dome, on a planet base,

It had within a magical spell,
Like a pearl, locked inside a shell,
All your thoughts, it could for tell,
And powers to keep you safe and well,

I used its powers, to open doors,
Into the future and sometimes more,
It was so clear, without any flaws,
And many things, I saw for sure,

This gift had come, at the right time,
When I now had, control of mind,
It was not leading me, oh so blind,
As now it was my time to find,

This talisman, was meant for me,
So I could develop more and see,
And at this time for me to be,
So it could teach and set me free,

It will always be my tutor,
From this day and into the future,
Could I be its likely suitor,
Or would they be my prosecutors...
We have received and are replicating important clarification received from the British Residents Society following their meeting with Stephen Lillie, the British High Commissioner on 27th January 2020, for the benefit of all of our readers who wish to know the latest news of pre-Brexit issues.

Dear Member,

This morning (27th January) representatives of the BRS met with Stephen Lillie, the British High Commissioner at Shakespeare House, Lefkosa.

We requested the meeting to seek clarification regarding, amongst other things, the anecdotal evidence of persons attending the Metehan border crossing in order to obtain the T.O.M. documents, required to purchase insurance, for persons taking their vehicles to the Republic of Cyprus.

The information being fed back to the BRS was that the T.O.M. documents would cease to be issued following the UK’s exit from the EU on 31st January, or that UK citizens driving a TRNC registered vehicle would not be allowed into the Republic of Cyprus beyond 1st February 2020.

The High Commissioner stated that neither of the above statements were correct. He confirmed that following the UK’s exit from the EU later this week, the UK then entered its ‘transitional period’ with the EU which meant effectively that the UK remained tied to EU rules for free movement until at least 1st January 2021.

He confirmed that members of the BHC’s Consular team had met with officials within the RoC government to confirm that this was the case and had requested that the Greek Cypriot officials at the border crossings were instructed that this was the case.

Of course, we are aware from recent TRNC ‘residency’ issues, that officers manning border crossings and immigration posts sometimes are not sufficiently aware of the actual rules and that mistakes were inevitable. In these cases, we would ask that you have patience and report any anomalies to the BRS via the website, or at clinics so that we can report them to the BHC for them to inform the relevant officials within the RoC.

The other matters discussed at the meeting will form part of our Newsletter which will be circulated next week.

Peter Wilkins
BRS Chairman

Editors note:
For those seeking more information from the British Residents’ Society, including becoming a member, please use the link shown below:

http://www.brstrnc.com/

Golden Retriever found 29th January, Sardunya Bay area

By Kate Cornwell ....

Today walking my dogs around Sardunya Bay, there was a golden retriever near the crossroads going towards Sardunya Bay Beach Cafe and Bar.

The dog has been neutered, but has no collar. It followed us on our walk and back to the cars for half an hour.

We put the dog in my car and drove back to the road going down to Sardunya Beach Bar and stopped at multiple houses to see if they knew who the dog belonged to - to no avail!!

I went to Garfield vets to see if the dog is chipped - NO!! This is a beautiful dog and I can't believe someone has dumped it. I have obviously taken it home and he is with me and has been fed. Will keep him until hopefully, the owner comes forward.

My number is 0533 843 2862
Cafe de Liman, Girne, meeting for lunch with an old friend

By Margaret Sheard ....

28th January 2020, was a cold and grey day but we had arranged to brave the elements and have lunch at Cafe de Liman in Girne, with our friend Kate who hails from Belarus and who we hadn’t seen for a considerable time.

Kate arrived with her eldest son, Misha (Mikhail) who is now 6 years old. We sat inside in the very nicely decorated and comfortable dining area and had a look at the many different choices on the menu, which includes a large selection of Japanese dishes.

We placed our order for a starter and main course and then had a long chat about what has been happening in Kate’s life as well as our own. During our conversation an appetiser arrived, which was very welcome.

Chris and I ordered French Onion Soup for a starter and Kate chose a Japanese dish. They were all delicious.

This was followed by our main course, which again was extremely good, well presented and very different from the choices in many other restaurants.

The service was very good and the young lady serving us was very attentive in topping up water glasses and clearing dishes as soon as they were finished.
Lunch at Cafe de Liman, Girne

Only Misha decided on a dessert, which looked very nice and he really enjoyed it.

While we were enjoying our food it started to rain and, on looking through the large windows, the sea was dark and very uninviting, the clouds were low and the outlook was pretty miserable, however, I could foresee sitting there in the summer looking out onto a beautiful blue Mediterranean Sea with the sun shining and people strolling along the promenade in their summer clothes. I think this will be a must as there is also a very large outside dining area, partly with canopy cover, so this will be a lovely place to sample some more of the very nice choices on the menu. To see more of the choice of dishes visit their Facebook page on the link shown below:

https://www.facebook.com/cafedeliman/

After Kate and Misha left we were joined by Murad Gasym-zade, who is the Art Director and arranges many cultural events at Cafe de Liman. He is from Moscow and speaks very good English so we spent a long time talking to him about his plans for the restaurant to provide entertainment for the enjoyment of the guests. He told us that at least three times a week, there is live music in the style of jazz, soul, pop, ethno sounds on the stage, on other days it can be karaoke, a show program or relaxation music, or a chamber quartet. Many pop stars love to perform at Cafe de Liman, since they can organise events of high quality. This information can also be seen on the events section of the Facebook page mentioned below.

Special events can also be arranged for Birthdays, Anniversaries, Weddings etc. For further information call 0533 8553505, Turkish, English and Russian spoken.

This was my first visit to Cafe de Liman and I must say I was very impressed with the cozy atmosphere of the restaurant and definitely the food.

Photos are a mix of those taken by Kate, Chris and some from Cafe de Liman Facebook page.
Apo here. What a difference a day makes! I know it is late and I am very tired as it has been a long difficult day for me but I wanted to tell you all that has happened in a few short hours. The lady from H4P snuck up on me early this morning while I was asleep behind my rock. I tried to escape but got stuck and she managed to touch me. I was so very frightened and could not move with fear: She told me I was going to be safe now but I didn't believe her.

She took me to somewhere she called home where there were these cat things. Some seemed to just smell and look at me and others made a psssst sound at me. There were others like myself but smaller and they seemed to sort of like me but even though they were smaller than me I was still unsure. I had a rest after I had some food and then she took me to a place called Petcross where they look after animals. That was really scary with all the sounds and smells there but there were lots of people who came to stroke me and then it didn't seem so bad - Firdez Backlacı, Sibel Guzen, Emma Hammond, Julie Brown.

The H4P lady then took me back home and I dare not believe how I feel now from this morning. I even learnt what a toy is. I am sending a few photographs of my big day for you all to see in pictures. It may just be true what she tells me that some humans can love after all although I am not 100% convinced that is true yet. Nighty night zzzz xxx Apo.

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Our gorgeous boy Frodo xx

We were so blessed that you came into our life three years ago Baggins. A precious gift for sure x

Frodo is now H4P's ambassador giving blood, fostering many kittens, cats, puppies and dogs. He is a therapy dog to all his fur four legged friends and to the two legged human child and bigger ones. His impeccable and undeniable dedication to others is given freely and naturally in return for nothing other than a loving and kind home and hand and should remind us all of the many many other brother and sisters he still has out there in the cold, the blazing heat, struggling, starving, unloved and in need x

NEVER EVER question how rescuing a soul in need will enrich your own life and the ones around you. They touch us in a way that cannot ever be repaid in full to them.
Exclusive to you...
1st Susie's Big Music Quiz at Charlie's Bar, Küçük Erenköy

Readers mail...
Susie Ford....

The 1st Big Music Quiz was held at Charlie's Bar in Küçük Erenköy and was a great event and it is to be held once every month on a Monday starting at 8pm.

The teams who played in the First Quiz were:
Charlies Mob,
Tyke That,
Dunne and Dusted,
3 Fakes,
US4,
Squeeky Clean,
Betcha By Golly Wow!

The rounds were, Girls Groups, Country and Western, Films, Musicals and The Big 30 with also a Tabletop to start with which was on The X Factor!! The Rounds will change every month!

The Winners
Charlies Mob / Tyke That
2nd Dunne and Dusted
3rd Betcha By Golly Wow

TOP 3 winners received Cash Prizes!!!

Susie's famous Losing Lemon went to the 3 Fakes!!!
NEU shares information about the new "CORONAVIRUS"

By Ahmet Abdulaziz ....

The “Coronavirus”, is fast spreading, taking lives and making people sick. Starting in China, the virus appears becoming an epidemic and is expected to spread out of China.

Professor Doctor H. Kaya Süer of Near East University, took this opportunity, and explained about the outbreak of the respiratory disease (pneumonia) caused by a new coronavirus that first emerged in Wuhan-China and had become the recent agenda of the world. Indicating that the new coronavirus was named as 2019-nCoV and resulted in thousands of confirmed cases in the world, Prof. Dr. H. Kaya Süer stated that the respiratory disease is transmitted through the inhalation of the virus spreading throughout the air.

Expressing that coronaviruses are a large family of viruses that are common in many different species of animals, including camels, cattle, cats, and bats, Professor Doctor H. Kaya Süer states that animal coronaviruses can infect people and spread between people. He stated that human cases were reported as some animal coronaviruses, evolved over time, had become capable of infecting humans. He notes that some coronaviruses cause respiratory diseases in humans and demonstrate a clinical disease table.

Stating that some of the human coronaviruses that are common all over the world were identified years ago, while some of them had been identified recently, Professor Doctor Süer delivered further information: “Seven different coronaviruses have been identified so far. Human coronaviruses are usually a cause of mild or moderate disease. However, SARS-CoV and MERS-CoV, which were detected in the last seventeen years, are known to cause severe respiratory diseases. Severe acute respiratory syndrome (SARS), which was first reported in Asia in February 2003, is a viral respiratory illness caused by a coronavirus called SARS-associated coronavirus (SARS-CoV). Middle East Respiratory Syndrome (MERS), which was first reported in Saudi Arabia in 2012 and has since spread to more than 25 countries, including the United States, is a viral respiratory illness that is new to humans. Today, there are thousands of confirmed cases associated with the coronavirus 2019-nCoV that is newly added to the coronavirus family” he said.

Stating that the first cases came into agenda upon detecting findings of pneumonia in 4 persons working in a large seafood and animal market and in many people visiting the same market in Wuhan City, Hubei Province of China on 29 November 2019, Professor Doctor H. Kaya Süer stated that on 7 January, Chinese authorities confirmed that they had identified a new coronavirus, which belongs to the family of viruses SARS-CoV and MERS-CoV, as a result of examining the samples taken from patients. Prof. Dr. Süer noted that the new coronavirus was identified as 2019–nCoV as it doesn’t match with any known coronaviruses. Stating that Chinese authorities had reported the new coronavirus, which resulted in thousands of confirmed pneumonia cases in China including cases outside Wuhan city, Professor Doctor Süer pointed out that the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) had been closely monitoring the outbreak of the respiratory illness caused by the new coronavirus that was first identified in Wuhan, Hubei Province, China. Prof. Dr. H. Kaya Süer noted that additional cases had been identified in a growing number of other international locations adding that all patients diagnosed outside China had a history of travel to Wuhan city.

Professor Doctor H. Kaya Süer delivered information about the symptoms of the disease. “The disease progresses with high fever at about 39 degrees, cough and shortness of breath, which start suddenly after an incubation period of 2-14 days. Sore throat and runny nose have been reported in some patients. Most of the patients, who suffered from severe pneumonia caused by 2019-nCoV or died due to the disease are elderly people (+65 years old) or people with other underlying diseases such as lung diseases, organ failure, cancer, diabetes, and immunosuppressive diseases. The disease, which generally has a moderate to severe clinical course, has a relatively milder course in young healthy adults”.

Prof. Dr. H. Kaya Süer also delivered information about how the 2019-nCoV is transmitted from human to human: “When an infected person sneezes or coughs, the viruses spread as droplets through the air, when a healthy person inhales these droplets, the disease is transmitted. So, close contact is a risk factor. According to the standard isolation precautions, gowns, masks, gloves and glasses should be worn as preventive measures in case of close contact, defined as 1 meter, from the infected patient.

Drawing attention that the best way to prevent infection is to avoid being exposed to this virus as there is currently no vaccine to prevent 2019-nCoV infection, Prof. Dr. Süer underlined that hygiene is one of the most important measures to prevent and control spread of the disease. “Although there is no reported case in Turkey and TRNC, special focus should be attached on hand hygiene. In order to prevent from other viruses in circulation, hands should be washed frequently and thoroughly. Touching the eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands should be avoided as well” he noted.
"Philosophy of Cittaslow in North Cyprus" research by EMU student

By Ahmet Abdulaziz ....

The Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) recently organised an event in which the university appreciated the works of Ecem Ince, a student of the EMU Tourism Faculty, Tourism Management Doctorate Program, who had presented her thesis with the applications, results and suggestions on the “Slow City Philosophy in Northern Cyprus”, to the Mayors of the TRNC.

Ince, in her thesis, emphasised that the TRNC failed in terms of meeting the criteria “Partnerships with different stakeholders, infrastructure policies, Environment and Energy policies”. She stated that local people should be informed about this issue and should be included in the process. Ince also underlined that the slow cities in TRNC do not have a sustainable structure, and on this point, local governments have great duties and responsibilities. After the event the Mayor of Tatlısu, Hayri Orçan, presented student Ecem Ince with a Cyprus-specific Lefkara work panel, and EMU Tourism Faculty Dean Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç presented a certificate of appreciation to the participating Mayors.

In his opening speech at the press conference, EMU Tourism Faculty Dean Prof. Dr. Hasan Kılıç underlined that this kind of research is among the responsibilities of universities in providing more services to their societies, at the same time; such events are hosted in order to display the value of the Cittaslow movement that it deserves. EMU Faculty of Business and Economics, Head of Business Administration Prof. Dr. Şule Aker stated that such projects are of great importance for universities and municipalities as well as the future of the country, and noted that Cittaslow is a value for Northern Cyprus.

NEU Students donate to Tulips

By Ahmet Abdulaziz ....

“Neu Genetics Society” affiliated to Near East University, Faculty of Arts and Sciences, Department of Molecular Biology and Genetics made a donation to Tulips (Help Those with Cancer Association).

According to the information given by the Press and Public Relations Directorate of Near East University, the donations collected throughout the donation campaign held at the Near East University Campus for the benefit of cancer patients were delivered to Raziye Kocaismail, the President of Tulips (Help Those with Cancer Association).

Donations were collected at the “Lucky Dip” event held by NEU Genetics Society Club head Ayşe Nur Uçar, club members Nigal Hişmioğulları and Nihal Güldüren.

Turkey Chess Championship

By Ahmet Abdulaziz ...

36 chess players from TRNC participated in the Chess Championship organised by the Chess Federation of Turkey.

The championship was held during 18 - 25 January 2020 at Antalya.

In the Children's section 1874, in the Youngsters section 600, and in the Adult players section 83 players participated.

From the TRNC there were 19 children, 15 youngsters and 2 adult players participating.

Halil Tozaki, a well known chess player of the TRNC attained 2nd position in the Adult group.
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North Cyprus Trevor’s Tips for February 2020

By Trevor Hughes

Liquid Petroleum Gas Tank Permits WEF 01/01/2020

Liquid Petroleum Gas Tank Permits are now available from the Girne Offices. There are small fines for late applications.

All 10kg gas tanks have risen in price to 73TL per bottle, this is the second increase in less than a month.

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M.O.T

The price of an MOT has risen to 265TL.

Child Safety Seats

If you wish to hire High-Quality Child Safety Seats, we are already accepting bookings for the summer period.

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Electronic Hand Brakes

These days, most modern cars have electronic hand brakes.

The downside of these devices is, if your battery goes completely flat and you have applied your hand brake, it can be impossible to get it released. This can cause problems if your car is being put on the flat-bed of a breakdown vehicle because with the wheels locked it may damage your car whilst loading it onto the truck bed. This damage is not the responsibility of the tow-truck company.

As I have one of these devices fitted to my car, only occasionally do I apply the handbrake which keeps the mechanism well lubricated at all times.

UK Passports

We, Capital Insurance Alsancak, now have the facility to apply for UK Passport Renewals requesting Digital Photographs. This also applies to lost passports as well.

This system helps you avoid the postal tariff, saving you money and a more rapid application procedure.

Yet another service to our customers.

Continued.....
Permanent Residence (White Card)

This is an alternative to the Temporary Residency, for Ex-pats who reside here in excess of 90 days in 180, each is eligible to apply.

Firstly, my contact in the Ministry informs me that there are several changes in the “pipeline” and people who qualify should hold back until April 2020.

Apparently the changes being made will make it easier for the applicant to fit into the parameters necessary, increasing the chances for a successful application.

According to Government figures, there is an excess of 12,000 people who could qualify so this could be for you.

1/. Your property must hold a value of at least 125,000 Euros.

2/. You must have a valid koçan for the property.

3/. An application can be made by visiting the Ministry of Interior and by-passing the need to go to the main Police Station.

4/. The documents you need to support your application are the same as those needed when applying for Temporary 5/. Residence, however, you must hold a recent report showing your “In’s and Out’s”.

6/. An application can be made for an initial 2 year period with renewals every 2 years.

The initial cost is 2000TL + 250TL per year for renewals.

These are some of the requirements, so it may be a little early to contemplate your application.

As I see it, there is little advantage in applying over and above the Temporary Residence application. But maybe, the Government changes currently under review will reveal all.

On-Line M.O.T. and Road Tax License Application


1/. Click on Araç Kayıt Harç Ödemeleri (Vehicle Registration Fee Payments)

2/. Enter the details required which are:-

A/. Plate No.

B/. Passport No. (Ensure you put the letter P before your passport number. This will ensure successful completion.

C/. Log Book Date of Reg. (which is on the front part of your blue log book)

3/. Fill in the security checkbox on the bottom left of the page. There are a number of letters which you must enter in the box provided. (confirming that you are not a robot and continue)

4/. The next page will read Road Tax Evaluation at the top of the page.

5/. You will see 5 tabs at the top of the page. Click on the Seyrusefer Borcu Ödeme tab in order to see if you have any outstanding payments. If you see the following text “Ödeme yapılabilecek borç bulunamadı” you have no outstanding payments due.

If you owe money then the amount due will show up on the page. Click “Ödeme Yap” to be taken to the payment page.

Enter your Credit Card Details and click “Ödeme Tamamla”.

GB Driving Licence Renewal

Capital Bank in Alsancak are now offering to renew GB Driving Licences for those people who are 70 years of age or older. This service is completely free of charge.

It will be done via the e-mail and when a successful application has been made you will be informed in only a few minutes.

I renewed mine for a 3 year period and within 48 hours it was in the post to my UK address. The cost of my renewal is zero (no charge).

It is a requirement from the DVLA office that when you are in possession of your new licence you should cut the old license in half and return it to them.

At the moment, holders of British Passports are having difficulty making their applications, probably due to the holder not informing the Authorities about their latest passport renewal so the system cannot process the application.

Green Line Border Crossing

There is general confusion on whether people holding a UK passport will be allowed to drive a TRNC registered car over the border on the 1st of February, 2020. There is still no definitive answer and we wait with bated breath until February 1st this year. There is a way forward, by having a person's name entered onto your log-book, whose passport is from an EU country (Spain, France etc.) a cross border application can be made successfully. For more information contact Trevor Hughes on +90 533 825 67 53.

Temporary Residence/Private Health Requirement

One of our readers, who has successfully applied for a Temporary Residence Permit and decided to have the Government Health Insurance requirement needed to put and test the system. He needed to go to the State Hospital and Girne was his choice for treatment. He submitted his State Health receipt and after 20 minutes he was leaving the hospital fully satisfied AND NOTHING TO PAY! This beats the alternative, surely?

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Bayram Holidays

There are no Bayram holidays in the month of February.
Facebook post by Sandra Brennan

We can’t believe it’s a year since we lost our wonderful Dean!! With Kate’s approval we are holding a memorial quiz in his honour! on Monday, 3rd February from 7pm.

We will also have a raffle and our regular 'Find the Black Ball'.

We will be raising money on the night for Greenhill Cemetery and, therefore, there will be a charge of 5TL per person doing the quiz.

Food choices will be (2 of Dean’s favourites):

Chilli con carne with rice
Bangers, mash and onion gravy

Price per meal is 45TL with 5TL from each meal sold going into the charity pot!

Food will be served from 5pm until 6.45pm or after the quiz has finished at approximately 8.30pm.

As always food MUST BE PRE-ORDERED so to reserve your table please call me on 0548 888 3371 or message me.

Sandra x
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This is only a guide of our exciting trip, for a full breakdown please contact:

Sue Tilt
Email: sue.tilt@gmail.com
Phone: 0542 854 8714

Limited spaces so please book early to avoid disappointment!
Readers Mail ....
from Carole King ....

Fabulous day with lovely people and gorgeous dogs.

Thank you to Val Maskell and Matt, Cheryl Lucas, Adela Warrington and Heather Gordon, Mike Bezzant and Carole Lloyd.

We walked the lovely Juliet and Lora, Roxy, Samba, Dylan, Karmi, Blue, Sasha, Ellie and Derek, George, Mummy, Lea and Ziggy and the wonderful Beatrice and two puppies.

Long walks today as the weather was lovely and we had a few walkers, so good exercise for doggies and walkers.

17 happy doggies and 8 happy people.

Heaven lol xxx
Disabled Associations visit the new Ercan Airport terminal

An information tour was held yesterday (29th January 2020) at the new Ercan Airport terminal for the Cyprus Turkish Orthopedic Disability Association, the TRNC Disability Solidarity Association, the Cyprus Hearing Impaired Foundation, and the TRNC Sports Disability Federation.

Cyprus Turkish Orthopedic Disability Association President Günay Kibrit, TRNC Disabled Solidarity Association President Ömer Suay, Cyprus Hearing Impaired Disability Foundation Chairman of the Board of Trustees Bahire Doğru and KKTC Disabled Sports Federation President Ruhsar Vudalı, were informed about the terminal building by Architect Tunc Adanır. The Chairmen of the Disabled Associations also had the opportunity to convey their requests to Serhat Özcêlik, the General Manager of T&T Ercan Airport Management Construction and Industry Co. Ltd.

The new Ercan Airport, which is designed as a disability friendly building, will provide services for disabled passengers with different needs.

Speaking at the end of the information trip, Kemal Bağzıbağlı, the Undersecretary of the Ministry of Public Works and Transportation, said that the Ministry and the related parties were making great efforts to open the new Ercan Airport as soon as possible and that they will provide information about passenger services upon the opening of the new terminal. Undersecretary Bağzıbağlı stated that they are working on an audio application that will guide all passengers, especially visually impaired passengers in the new terminal building, and thanks to this application, passengers can reach the car parking lot from the aircraft without assistance.

Kemal Bağzıbağlı also noted that, in cooperation with the Cyprus Hearing Impaired Foundation of the Ministry of Public Works and Transport, he will launch a sign language course for staff at Ercan Airport, starting with the consultation staff.

Stating that the General Directorate of Infrastructure Investments of the Ministry of Transport and Infrastructure, together with the Directorate of Highways and the Civil Aviation Department, at the point of inspection of the new airport, Bağzıbağlı said, “It is very important for you and non-governmental organisations to overcome all obstacles. We will welcome your written suggestions and requests.”

Source: Ministry of Public Works and Transportation

Girne Municipality employees planted saplings in Ozanköy

Girne Mayor, Nidai Güngördü, together with municipality employees, planted “False Black Pepper”, “Orchid”, “Harrup” and “Poplar” saplings in Ozanköy Nasreddin Hoca Park.

Nidai Güngördü said in a statement on the subject after the work was completed, that about 30 parks had been maintained and new playgrounds and wooded areas had been created in the city by Girne Municipality.

Güngördü, thanked the participants of the sapling planting event, reminding that preservation has been established in past years in respect of Girne Anafartalar High School and 8th March International Women's Day.
EVENTS
31st January to 6th February 2020

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Events Programme 2020

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11/02/20  Visit to National Archives
25/02/20  Visit to Lokum (Turkish Delight) factory in Lefkosa
24/03/20  Walking Tour of Ikaki
13/04/20  Visit to Cyprus Mines Corporation in Lefke
05/05/20  Bird Watching
19/05/20  Talk about the Cyprus Railways
03/06/20  Visit to Enon Horias Organic Farm in Yesilirnak
06/06/20  Visit to Suleyman Pasha Hunting Mansion Palace
23/08/20  Walk to Traditional Chair makers in Lefkosa
22/09/20  Talk about the Lapta Bronze Age Cemetery
06/10/20  Walking Tour of Girne
20/10/20  Hala Sultan Mosque in Haspolat
10/11/20  Walking Tour of Gazimausa
24/11/20  Talk about Quilt Making
02/12/20  Talk about Wills & Probate

For information about any of these Events (or our Foreign Tours) please visit our website:
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If you would like to join our members on any of these events please contact our Events Organisers (Pearl Mitchell & Debbie Bird) at:
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1st February – Saturday - Island Studio Art class – Charcoal drawing – Eros and Pschye. Ozankoy area. 10am to 12noon - 100TL. Call 0548 857 3244 or message Island Studio on Facebook.

1st February – Saturday - The Abnormals – Beatles Tribute - 8pm at Charlie’s Sports Bar, Kucuk Erenkoy. Adults 12TL, under 16s 6TL. To book call 0533 870 5977 or 0533 825 4172.

5th February - Wednesday - The Black Olive Cafe, Alsancak will be hosting the 112 Afternoon Tea at 3pm. 30TL for talk, tea/coffee, sandwiches and cake. This month the speakers will be Dr Bahadir Barbin and Berin Tertemiz from the BML Clinic (British Medical Laboratory). To book call 0533 840 7834.

6th February - Thursday - Quiz of the Week with Susie, followed by Karaoke at Balti House, Esentepe at 8pm. 5TL per person. 2-course quiz menu 46TL. To book call 0542 889 3034.

7th February – Friday - Island Studio Painting Party. 6.30pm to 8.30pm. Ozankoy area. Painting Parties must be reserved, for 4 people or more. Call 0548 857 3244 or message Island Studio on Facebook.

7th February – Friday - Bingo with Martin at Charlie’s Sports Bar, Kucuk Erenkoy at 8pm. 30TL. To book 0533 874 6056.

8th February – Saturday - Island Studio Kids Art class – “Kadinsky’s Hearts” Acrylics. Ozankoy area. 10am to 12.30pm - 150TL. Call 0548 857 3244 or message Island Studio on Facebook.

8th February – Saturday - Just Nice Restaurant, Ozankoy, present Billy J Redif from 3.30pm. To book call 0533 888 7430.

11th February – Tuesday - Anglo-Turkish Association (ATA) visit to National Archives. Contact atamail13@gmail.com.

13th February – Thursday - Quiz of the Week with Susie, followed by Karaoke at the Baltic House, Esentepe at 8pm. 5TL per person. 2-course quiz menu 46TL. To book call 0542 889 3034.

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15th February – Saturday - Island Studio Art class – Oil painting – “The Kiss” by Rodin. Ozankoy area. 10am to 1pm - 200TL. Call 0548 857 3244 or message Island Studio on Facebook.

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24th February – Monday - Susie’s Massive Music Quiz at Charlie’s Bar, Kucuk Erenkoy at 8pm. To book call 0533 825 4172 or 0533 870 5977.

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K-PET Super League & League 1 Results - 24/25/26 Jan

K-PET SUPER LEAGUE

| 24/01 Türk Ocagi Limasol | 0 - 3 | Mağusa Türk Ocucu |
| 24/01 Göçmenköy IYSK | 0 - 2 | Doğan Türk Birliği |
| 25/01 Cihanır GSK | 0 - 0 | Çetinkaya TSK |
| 25/01 Gençlik Gucu TSK | 1 - 3 | Koçuk Kaymakli TSK |
| 25/01 Lefte TSK | 2 - 0 | Hamitköy ŞSK |
| 20/01 Yenicami AK | 7 - 3 | Gonyeli SK |
| 26/01 Düzce KOSK | 3 - 1 | Bağlama Yurdusu |
| 26/01 Binatif YSK | 3 - 3 | Merit Alsanayık Yeşilova |

K-PET LEAGUE 1

| 25/01 Özanköy SK | 1 - 0 | Maraş GSK |
| 25/01 Mornenekse GBSK | 0 - 0 | Mesarya GSK |
| 25/01 L. Gençler Birliği SK | 3 - 1 | Bostancı Bağçılı SK |
| 25/01 Canakkale TSK | 1 - 4 | Esentepe KSŞ |
| 26/01 Gömeç KSK | 2 - 3 | Dörtleye SK |
| 26/01 Karsiyaka SK | 2 - 0 | Lapta TBŞ |
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Çanakkale canned by Esentepe

By Richard Beale ...


The first half of the season reopened after the winter break with a resounding win for Esentepe recording their biggest win of the season and completing the double over a poor Çanakkale side.

A glorious warm and sunny January afternoon welcomed Esentepe to this run down, dilapidated Stadium on the outskirts of Famagusta. There was no sunshine for Çanakkale and on this evidence they will be relegated, but they are survivors, in this League they have been in this situation many times before. Unlike the other rich teams in Famagusta, Çanakkale have little or no money, they are a team of journeymen and for their sakes I hope they avoid the drop. Çanakkale have not splashed out in the transfer market, they have done well to retain the services of Uvanc Recaioğlu, a very talented footballer who scored their only goal and showed some nice touches, it will not be long before he is snapped up by one of the bigger clubs.

The Çanakkale pitch was in poor condition, hard, uneven with lots of patches of bare dried mud, many players took tumbles, needing lengthy treatment.

A poor crowd of around 80 saw a disappointing 25 minutes which was even with the ball remaining mostly in midfield.

The deadlock was broken in the 28th minute by Esentepe Captain VURKAN GÖRNEÇLİ who scored with a low shot from just outside the area after good work by Eray setting him up. 0-1

35 minutes Esentepe overlapping full Uğurcan beat his man, cut inside and sent a drive just past the Çanakkale left hand post.

HALF TIME SCORE : 0-1

Before you could say "Bob's your Uncle" Esentepe increased their lead within a minute of the restart. KAGAN GÖRNEÇLİ, younger brother of Vurkan, being the goal scorer was found in space with a bouncing ball, he lobbed the advancing Çanakkale goalkeeper Ibrahim but shot wide of goal only to see striker Ali Kafadar somehow retrieve the ball and hook it back across goal where a grateful Kağan slotted home. 0-2

The home side pulled a goal back in the 68th minute with a good goal from UVANÇ RECAIOĞLU who showed off his talents, in receiving a ball from just outside the box, turn and fire a fierce shot past the diving Onur. 1-2.

Esentepe restored their two goal advantage in the 75th minute with a first goal by their recent new signing from Turkey ALI KAFADAR. Mahmut did well to break up a Çanakkale attack on the right, found Eray on the touchline, who produced a good run into the box and squaring the ball across to the unmarked Ali to fire home. 1-3

77 minutes Esentepe should have added a fourth goal, Ali found himself through on goal, with an unmarked Kaan supporting him. Ali had a go himself but his shot was saved by the advancing Ibrahim, perhaps a square ball across the box to Kaan would have been a better option.

79 minutes Çanakkale came close with midfielder Okan having a shot outside the box, which beat the diving Onur but also the left hand post.

85 minutes Esentepe were awarded a penalty when Eray was brought down by goalkeeper Ibrahim as he tried to round him. NERSIN OSMAN who scored from the penalty spot against Çanakkale earlier in the season, repeated this again to seal the match for the visitors. 1-4.

In injury time Ali found himself clear again with only the keeper to beat, but sent his shot wide of the left hand post.

FULL TIME SCORE : 1-4.

SUMMING UP:

A good start for "Caretaker" young team Coach ALI SUAT KANLI, a comfortable win over a poor Çanakkale team. Esentepe goalkeeper Onur had very little to do and was well protected by his defence. Vurkan and Yakup dominated the midfield. Eray and Ali upfront look like they form a good partnership together.
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- Spend 1 hour in your private room
- Jacuzzi / Shower inside the room
- Couple’s Massage included (40 min)

**Gift Voucher for Your Loved Ones**
350 ₺
- **Change the way you gift**
- SPA Day for your loved ones
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