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## TRNC Presidency condemns sanctions of US against Turkey

The TRNC Presidency condemned the United States regarding the sanction decision taken against Turkey.

In the statement of the TRNC Presidency which evaluated the sanction decision of the US against Turkey it is stated "Turkey condemned the US sanction decision taken on the 14th December 2020 due to the purchase of S-400 air defence systems.

The decision against Turkey, which is one of NATO's most important members, is incompatible with the alliance relationship."

The statement, which mentions that the USA decided to impose an embargo on the grounds of the Peace Operation that saved Turkish Cypriots from mass murder in 1974, reminded that the US lifted the arms sales embargo which was imposed on the Greek Cypriot Administration and also continues :

"The Republic of Turkey took a decision as a sovereign country to strengthen its own defence. The United States should respect this decision".

The statement also notes: "We support Motherland Turkey's constructive proposal to resolve

the issues through dialogue and diplomacy and we expect the US to reconsider this wrong decision".

Source: TRNC Public Information Office



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## Saner: 'It is extremely wrong to impose sanctions on Turkey'

The Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) Prime Minister Ersan Saner stated that the decision of the US to impose sanctions on Turkey was extremely wrong.

Prime Minister Saner underlined that Turkey is the "sole guarantor" for the Turkish Cypriot people's existence on the island and the sovereignty of the TRNC.

Moreover, power and accurate policies of Turkey made it the most important component for peace and stability in the Eastern Mediterranean and Cyprus.

whereas the US refused to sell Patriot missiles defence systems as well as failing to fulfil its promises to Turkey under the joint F-35 fighter jet project.

Saner said 'It is extremely wrong to impose sanctions on Turkey just because it purchased S-400 missiles for its own stability and for the stability of the region.' The TRNC Prime Minister also added that the US had made "contradicting moves and wrong choices" by lifting the arms embargo on the Greek Cypriot Administration, which is not a member of NATO, unlike Turkey,

Saner pointed out that the US should revert from its mistake and develop healthy relations with Turkey.

**Source: TRNC Public Information Office**



## Cavusoglu met with Lute

Turkey's Foreign Minister Mevlut Cavusoglu announced via his twitter account that he met with the UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres' Special Envoy to Cyprus, Jane Holl Lute.

sustainable in Cyprus and in line with the realities on the island, the Turkish side promotes a two-state settlement based on equal sovereignty. Common ground should be reached for a new negotiation process."

Minister Cavusoglu said: "We indicated to Jane Holl Lute, UN's Senior Official on Cyprus, that the federation project is no longer

**Source TRNC Public Information Office**

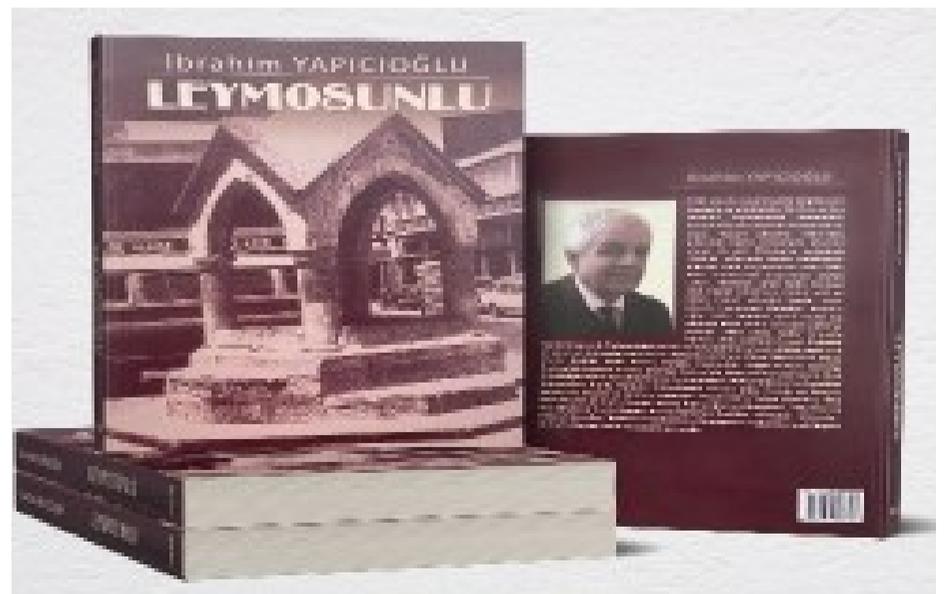
## Girne Municipality book launch

Author İbrahim Yapıcıoğlu's 5th book "LEYMOSUNLU", which tells about Limassol and the cultures of people living in Limassol, will be introduced at the Girne Municipality Art Gallery between 14.30-17.00 on Saturday, December 19, 2020

book "LEYMOSUNLU", of about 500 pages, explains about the people of Limassol so they should not forget each other, their old memories, their past culture and their way of life. Yapıcıoğlu thanked Girne Municipality for its contribution and assistance.

İbrahim Yapıcıoğlu, born in Limassol in 1941, said that the

**Source (Turkish) Girne Municipality**



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## Kalın: 'The realities on the island should not be ignored'

Turkey's Presidential Spokesperson İbrahim Kalın said 'In order to produce a fair and lasting solution to the Cyprus problem, the realities on the island should not be ignored'. Kalın underlined that Turkey would continue being 'constructive' for solving the problems in the region and would keep protecting the legal rights of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC).

İbrahim Kalın made a written statement on the conclusions of the 10-11 December EU Leaders'

Summit. He stated that the EU leaders should comprehend the strategic importance of Turkey-EU and should not allow any initiative that would obstruct ties.

Kalın also stressed that EU should end their unfair attitude against Turkish Cypriots via the guidance of the Greek Cypriot Administration and said "In order to produce a fair and lasting solution to the Cyprus problem, the realities on the island should not be ignored. Turkey would continue being 'constructive' for solving the problems in the region

and would keep protecting the legal rights of the TRNC. Turkey welcomes any constructive initiative for a just sharing of the energy resources in the Eastern Mediterranean. Hence, approval

of Turkey's offer to hold a regional conference serves that purpose."

**Source: TRNC Public Information Office**



## TRNC Ministry of Health announced additional new measures

TRNC Ministry of Health decided to apply new measures in connection with the decisions taken by the Infectious Diseases Supreme Committee which held a meeting yesterday (14/12/2020).

According to the statement made by the Ministry of Health, the additional measures taken are as follows:

The 7-day quarantine period previously applied to enter our country has been increased to 10 days. Those who enter to the TRNC from abroad will be subject to quarantine for 10 (ten) days, provided that they submit a negative PCR test result done in the last 3 days, and PCR tests will also be performed at the end of the quarantine.

It has been decided to extend the decision published in the Official Gazette on the suspension of entry without quarantine to the TRNC by charter flights, private aircraft, scheduled flights and ships for 3 days or less.

It has also been decided to stop passage to the Greek Cypriot side, including those who reside in the TRNC, work in the Greek Cypriot side and trade within the scope of the Green Line Regulation, from 15th December 2020 to 25th December 2020 (including both dates). This does not include those who need to pass for education and health purposes.

It has been decided to stop entry into North Cyprus of taxi drivers who go to South Cyprus without quarantine and carrying passengers from 15th December 2020 to 25th December 2020 (including both dates).

The decision has been made to ban New Year's celebrations/entertainment to be held in restaurants and hotels from 15th December 2020 to 1st January 2021 (including both dates).

It has been decided to close taverns, bars, clubs and similar entertainment venues from 15th December 2020 until 25th December 2020.

Cafes and restaurants, however, can remain open provided that they comply with the social distance and hygiene rules within the scope of the rules stated previously. In this context, it is necessary to provide the seating arrangement with a table layout not exceeding 6 people and a minimum of 1.5 meters between the tables and 60 cm between the chairs. Cafes and restaurants which do not comply with these rules will be subject to criminal action within the scope of the Infectious Diseases Law.

It has been observed that the measures regarding the transportation sector, which came into force on 5th September 2020, are still not being implemented. Therefore as of 15th December 2020 in respect of vehicles such as bus, minibus, taxi etc. unless they separate the driver section from the passenger section with a shield, criminal action will be taken.

Those who enter the country for the purpose of In Vitro

Fertilization treatment will be required to stay in quarantine centres for 10 days. (However to avoid any victimisation of the patients who have already started their treatment, this decision will come into force as of 24th December 2020.)

Any outdoor entertainment activity for New Year celebrations etc. will not be allowed until 1st January 2021.

The Infectious Diseases Supreme Committee will re-evaluate the above-mentioned decisions on 24th December 2020.

**Source TRNC Public Information Office**



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## EU has condemned itself to the imposition of Greek Cypriots

The Turkish Ministry of Foreign Affairs stated that they rejected the biased and unlawful attitude, which is known not to be adopted by the majority of the EU members but had to be put in the 10th December EU Summit Conclusions due to solidarity and veto pressure, especially on Cyprus, Eastern Mediterranean, Aegean and regional issues.

A written statement has been published by the Turkish Ministry of Foreign Affairs on the Results of the European Union (EU) Heads

of State and Government Summit held on 10-11th December 2020.

In the statement it is mentioned: "We reject the biased and illegitimate attitude, especially on Cyprus, the Eastern Mediterranean, the Aegean and the regional issues, which we know the majority of the EU members does not adopt, but had to be put into the 10th December EU Summit Results due to solidarity and veto pressure."

**Source:** TRNC **Public Information Office**



## TRNC Presidency: "EU ignoring Turkish Cypriots is unacceptable"

The TRNC Presidency noted that the European Council's decision regarding the Eastern Mediterranean at the 10-11th December 2020 Summit will not affect their determination to continue to protect their legitimate rights and interests in any way.

The statement which expresses that it is unacceptable that the EU ignores the Turkish Cypriot people and does not refer to them in the decisions taken, also continues: "We always mention that we will never cease to protect our legitimate rights and interests in

the Eastern Mediterranean, together with the Republic of Turkey."

In the statement, which mentions that all negotiation processes carried out on the basis of a federal solution model were inconclusive due to the attitude of the Greek Cypriot side, which created a comfort zone for them in the status quo, it was also pointed out that the European Union's insistence on this solution model which does not comply with Cyprus conditions, confirms that it supports the status quo.

is behind the developments. The Turkish Cypriot side has repeatedly declared that the negotiations cannot be resumed from where they left off and that it is ready for an agreement based on sovereign equality and two states that envisages mutual recognition for a sustainable reconciliation. The proposal of the Turkish Cypriot side of an agreement based on sovereign equality and equal international status of the two sides will help to lay the foundations of cooperation and ensure permanent stability in both the island and the region".

The statement also states: "This insistence also shows that the EU

**Source:** TRNC **Public Information Office**



## Audience Award to Turkish Cypriot film "Teslimat" in Italy

The Turkish Cypriot short film entitled 'The Delivery/Teslimat' directed by Doğuş Özokutan won the Audience Award in Italy's Salerno International Film Festival

daughter's treatment is to risk the lives of a group of refugees.

**Source:** TRNC **Public Information Office**

The film is about a driver who believes his only chance of covering the expenses of his



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## COVID-19 has given a real tough time to all



By Ahmet Abdulaziz ....

The year 2020 is almost gone, and the New Year is just around the corner. Not just for me alone, the year 2020 can rightly be called the "COVID-19" or "Corona" year. That's how it would probably be referred to by historians in the future.

The world has been through such tough periods many a time. There have been epidemics when millions of human lives have perished, but perhaps we find COVID-19 more lethal since we are facing it personally. The past was the past, and the future is yet

to come, but it's the present time that we are currently passing through. At the moment, the whole world is passing through the "COVID-19" period.

Some 11 months ago, when the virus had first surfaced in China, none of us had given it any importance. The world remained indifferent as the news of the loss of human lives in China surged. The world remained quiet when Chinese scientists started fighting against this lethal virus.

The whole world did not take COVID-19 seriously until one day it started showing its face in the whole world. The COVID-19 kept

on moving from area to area, from country to country, from person to person. It kept on taking human lives according to its own criteria and choice. The graph of humanity dying from this lethal virus kept on going up.

The whole world found itself helpless against it. Countries started taking precautionary measures to reduce the effectiveness of the virus, by stopping people from coming close to each other. In different periods of time, in different parts of the world, people found themselves restricted to their own houses. The economic activities reduced to a minimum. The economic losses kept on mounting, as the lethality of the virus could not be brought under control.

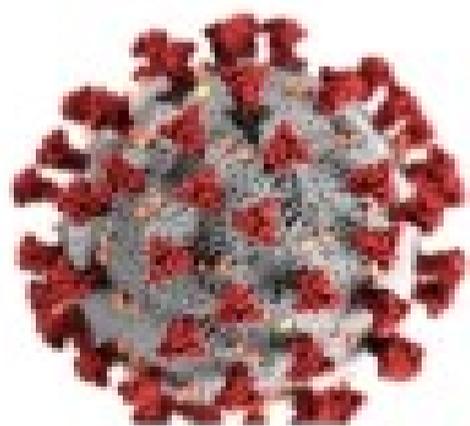
The whole summer of 2020 was a summer lost. The world saw the least number of tourists everywhere. People preferred not to leave their houses and

countries. The figures of economic losses kept on moving up along with the numbers of human lives lost.

Now, by end of the year 2020, we have started getting news of a new vaccine, which is expected to keep COVID-19 away from us. But right now nothing can be said with certainty. The year 2021 should show us the real effectiveness of the vaccine.

However, I have a question in my mind. The COVID-19 virus is a man-made virus, produced in a laboratory. It has upset the whole world, just because it came out of the laboratory by mistake. I do not know how many hundreds or thousands of such lethal viruses are available in laboratories, in different countries.

What will happen if some other virus gets out of a laboratory by mistake, in the future? Is the world prepared for that?



**What next**

**?**



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## John Lennon Died but “Imagine” is still Alive



By Ahmet Abdulaziz....

Forty years ago, on 8th December 1980, John Lennon was shot and killed in front of his apartment in New York. He was forty years old then. If not murdered by Mark David Chapman on that fateful day, he would have turned eighty now.

As the founder member of “The Beatles”, he remained the vital force in giving the music world a new style and showing a totally new way. He wrote by himself, or along with Paul McCartney, most of the popular songs of the Beatles. The simple worded songs, sung with a different style of music made “The Beatles” the most popular musical group of the last century.

Hailing from Liverpool, England, unknown at that time in the music world, John managed to bring Paul McCartney, George Harrison and Ringo Starr in one place, to form

the new group in the early 1960s. The Beatles took Britain by storm in 1963, after releasing “Please Please Me”. Climbing high in world music charts in a short period of time, “Beatlemania” spread to the whole world, and particularly the United States.

The Beatles ruled the music world and kept on making their mark. However, the group members decided to dissolve the group in 1970.

John Lennon was not just a musician. He also made his mark as a peace activist. He was very outspoken and shocked the world by issuing anti-religious statements. However, apart from all this, he was a thinker and an intellectual.

Looking at all the songs that John Lennon wrote and sang, I personally put “IMAGINE” as his number one. The song, released in

1971 is a piece of high intellect. “Imagine” has been the best selling single of his solo career. This song takes the listeners away from the problems of the present world. He imagined a world at peace with no divisions, due to political borders or religion or nationalities. He believed that humanity would flourish if we start considering every other human being just equal and sharing the whole world equally.

“Imagine” has made John Lennon immortal. Though he was murdered 40 years ago, he is still alive in “Imagine”.

**Imagine there's no heaven It's easy if you try  
No hell below us Above us only sky  
Imagine all the people Living for today...**

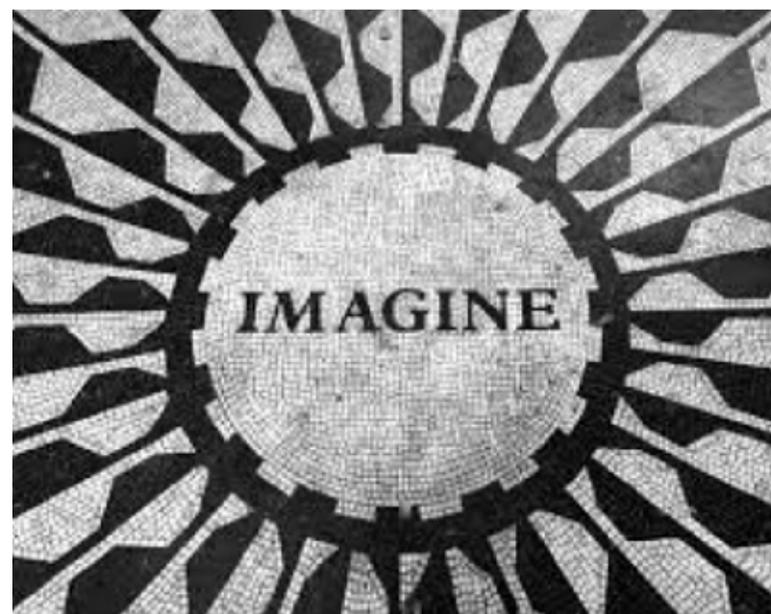
**Imagine there's no countries It isn't hard to do  
Nothing to kill or die for And no religion too  
Imagine all the people Living life in peace...**

**Imagine no possessions I wonder if you can  
No need for greed or hunger In a brotherhood of man  
Imagine all the people Sharing all the world...**

**You may say i'm a dreamer But i'm not the only one  
I hope some day you'll join us And the world will be as one**



**IMAGINE**  
Remembering  
John Lennon



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## KAR - News Update



Let us introduce you to **Sidney & Naomi**. Naomi (the black & tan one) was dumped over a fence at the centre during 2018, she was in really poor condition - very skinny and uncared for. Just look at her now with her beautiful shiny coat! The lively lad is Sidney (black & white) who came to the centre as a puppy towards the end of 2018 along with his sister Sylvie. Both are still young but each would love a forever home. As you can see they are really friendly dogs who would make a great companion for someone. If you are interested in one of them, please come to the centre to meet them - we are open every day between 9am and 1pm.



Are you looking for a good book to read during these dull winter days? Karin and her dedicated team have a book stall at Lambousa market every Saturday between 8am and 2pm. There are all sorts of different books to choose from so please go along and take a look. All proceeds from the book stall help provide care for the dogs and cats at the centre. We also need donations of books and these can be dropped off at our Karakum office (Mon-Fri 9am-1pm) or the shops in town (Mon-Sat 10am-1pm)



We thought we would show you what a fine young man **Winnie** is growing up to be! He's now 7 months old so won't get much bigger. He loves going for walks, especially now that the cooler weather has arrived! We're amazed that no-one has offered this sweet boy a forever home, please don't let him spend the rest of his life at the centre. If you would like to meet Winnie, then come along to the centre - we're open 7 days a week, 9am to 1pm.



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### TIME FOR A CLEAR OUT?

Do you have any odd or broken earrings, bits of old jewelry put away in drawers never to see the light of day again? Don't know what to do with them? Well we do! You can give them to us to help provide the care that all our lovely cats and dogs need. You can bring them into the office in Karakum or any of our 3 shops to help us. Please will you do this? Thank you



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## KAR - News Update



### KAR CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Last Saturday was the day we drew our raffle and what a fabulous day it was too. Even the sun shone for us! A BIG thank you to everyone who bought a ticket. We raised a phenomenal amount of **7,230TL** just on the raffle!!

Our winners included:

1st Prize - 500TL voucher for Ozankoy Best Butcher - won by Judy ?

2nd Prize - Luxury Christmas Hamper - won by Steve Collard

3rd Prize - Case of Wine from Tropicana Restaurant - won by Helen ?

4th Prize - 500TL voucher for Erdener Supermarket - won by Connie ?

Another HUGE thank you goes to our raffle prize donors who include:

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The Stone Cavern, Ozankoy

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Funky Divas



In Sept 2016 a very emaciated dog was found, in a gutter, on the lower part on the Karmi Road. He was in a very bad state and we did not know if he was going to survive. He had quite a lot of muscle wastage, bald patches on his front legs and was suffering with Tick fever. He was a poor dejected abandoned pointer - staff were not sure if he would pull through.

The first few weeks he spent mainly sleeping - not eating much at first. Staff were very worried about him and he was tested for other "nasties" - he was positive for Leish and began immediate treatment.

Throughout the remainder of 2016 and 2017 **Kilroy** improved. He became a firm favourite up at the Center - a gentle dog who loved people. He had stolen the heart of John and Sarah (volunteers up at the center) and they decided to offer Kilroy a home. In November 2017 Kilroy flew to the UK to be with John and Sarah - what a different dog arrived at Heathrow compared to the one who arrived at KAR.

This is a selection of the most recent update that we have received from Kilroy.....

"Kilroy has enjoyed some lovely walks in the Devon countryside over the last few months. As winter approaches he has made friends with a lovely lady who is a gundog trainer and judge. He has been having some intensive training off the lead and is responding to the whistle and comes each time it is blown, even when across the other side of the field! He is also sitting and remaining steady when his mum and dad walk a long way from him. Next week he will watch a couple of "professional" hunting dogs in action. Kilroy is really enjoying himself and loves learning new things! "

"This weekend my mum and dad took me to Wales! Today we went to Pendine Sands; just over 7 miles of sandy beach for me to run along. There were lots and lots of new smells! I also said hello to the seabirds but as I ran to them they just flew away. My ears were flapping so hard as I chased them along the beach but I just couldn't get airborne. Then it was to the beach cafe where mum and dad had a cup of tea, bacon and sausage bap. I enjoyed some doggie biscuits whilst sunbathing.

Then we headed off again to Tenby. Lovely place with lots of more interesting food smells. A wander around town and then it was back to the car. I am now snoozing."



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## Girne Municipality give Peer Bullying training

Girne Municipality Counselling and Support Center assisted by giving training at an event organised by the 19 May Turkish Maarif College Counselling Service in respect of Peer Bullying Awareness Week

In the statement made by Girne Municipality, the training on "Peer Bullying" was held on Friday, 11th December 2020 at 19 May Turkish Maarif College. The training was attended by 7th grade students, the definition of peer

bullying, identification of its types, transfer of measures that can be taken and anger control were discussed. A presentation was given by Behiye Kaşif.

Girne Mayor Nidai Güngördü stated that "Peer Bullying" negatively affects the psychology of children and noted that education and awareness activities are extremely important for young people to grow up as healthy individuals who will be beneficial to society, free from violence and intimidation,



Source (Turkish) : Girne Municipality

## Girne Municipality : Vehicles for new Waste Transfer Station

Girne Municipality purchased 5 vehicles to be used in the "Waste Transfer Station and Enhanced Waste Management Services" project financed under the European Union Community Development 4 Grant Program.

According to the information received from Girne Municipality, the construction of the solid waste

transfer station, which is a part of the project, will start soon. 5 vehicles were purchased within the scope of the project to support the transfer station activities. It was announced that the vehicles purchased were 2 grasshoppers, 2 dump trucks and 1 dump van.

Vehicle signwriting studies were carried out for the purchased

vehicles by using communication and visibility strategy templates developed within the scope of the community development 4 grant program.

Girne Municipality announced that the project aims to improve solid waste management in the northern part of Cyprus and also to establish a transfer station. It was stated that the scheduled project activities for this purpose are continuing despite the difficulties of the pandemic period we are experiencing, and that the studies for education and public awareness, promised to be given within the scope of the project, will be revised and transferred to a future date.

Girne Mayor Nidai Güngördü made a statement on the subject and said that the Transfer Station is not a waste storage area, but a processing area that is temporarily emptied and transported to the end point for recycling, treatment and disposal by loading the waste into larger local waste storage vehicles. Emphasising that the efficiency of waste collection services will increase, he expressed that there

will be an improvement in solid waste management on the Northern coastline.

Mayor Güngördü drew attention to the importance of the program in terms of creating environmental awareness. Speaking of the necessity of recycling and reuse in terms of environmentalist approach, Güngördü emphasised that the project, which also affects the development of the society and the country, will contribute to the creation of a healthy future. He stressed that such grant projects increase the service capacity of local governments and, accordingly, the welfare of the society. He stated that such programs were evaluated positively by local governments and that the continuous follow-up of the applications was essential. Güngördü thanked the European Union Program managers, the EU Grant Support team and the Girne Municipality project team for their cooperation and support in their work.

Source (Turkish) : Girne Municipality



**Transfer Station and Enhanced Waste Services Project.** It is financed under the Community Development by the European Union 4 Grant Program and run by Girne Municipality, Alsancak Municipality and Lapta Municipality. The content of the news is entirely the responsibility of Girne Municipality and does not necessarily reflect the views of the European Union.



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## Christmas and End-of-the-Year-Letter 2020



**Heidi Trautmann ....**  
[www.heiditrautmann.com](http://www.heiditrautmann.com) .....

Dear Family, dear Friends,

One day, this year of 2020 will become known as the Corona Year, I am sure. It actually started so promising and exciting but then the news of the virus hit us worldwide like a bomb. The world became a mathematical formula with the Covid-19 virus as common denominator and immediately became our common enemy.

A common enemy unites, unites in a positive and a negative way. Strange, isn't it?

Does this not also apply for politics? Consider it for a moment. If a politician wants to enforce something, he will - to collect votes - first of all create a common enemy and he will no doubt succeed, we have seen it happen. What do people need a common enemy for? Because they need someone to blame for their own misery, their own incompetence.

The first shock lockdown actually was caused by German tourists arriving on the island and one of them died during their quarantine of 14 days. Insecurity and fear set in, streets were deserted, no bus or taxi service, no pedestrians, only dogs and cats taking over the roadway; no planes roaring over our roofs and I was able to hear the roosters crow from the nearby village. After two to three weeks the air became clean, the sky more brilliant, so I could see the entire mountain range from one end to the other in all details. I started to take pictures of the sunsets from my

Eagle's Nest recording the exact time, and I shared them with my friends. Awesome to see how the road of the sun setting remarkably moved to the South each day. The sun, but also the moon, kept me good and daily company, and friends were waiting for the newest sun stories every evening.

I started to bake bread, all the ingredients for rye bread I had at home and I sent the photo and the recipe to my moaning, deeply bored and unhappy friends. My elder friends, however, reported with an audible smile, that their children, daughters and sons alike, were getting interested in doing some handicraft, also sewing, embroidering, knitting and bread baking.

Cypriots, actually most people of Mediterranean countries, spend their free time outside the house, they love to sit in street cafés, love to go out for dinner, for reasons of communication. They also love walking in the nearby hills, we have plenty of opportunities for hiking, and now with the complete lockdown social life came to a standstill. We were forced to create from ourselves and it was astonishing to see how well we all succeeded. However, an unusual early heat wave made things very difficult and happy were those who had a pool, myself, as soon as we were allowed out, went to swim in the sea, at 6.30 in the morning.

We were only allowed to do shopping, and any other trips, such as visiting old family members, had to be applied for in writing. Those who did not abide to these rules were arrested. My friends offered to do shopping for me and my neighbours brought freshly made pastry to my door. Public communication was via radio, internet, facebook and so it happened that entire neighbourhoods, agreed to show up on their balconies or at their windows to make music, sing, light candles or flashlights, to give each other hope and courage following the example of the Italians. Also, to thank doctors and medical

staff for their work in these weird times.

My various balconies became my extended living room, the daily work and care in my balcony garden gave me the feeling of not being totally alone, there was life all around me.

I gave myself a project, sorted out old life drawings and started to change them into stories, give them a new face, it was exciting. The pandemic influenced me strongly in my choice of colours and theme, a conceptual approach. The obvious changes in social life...I used them, combat zones in the Near East, I used the impact on me in my works; the dramatic explosion in Beirut, I gave it an image...but also the street scenes, when lockdown became easier, with people coming out, young and old people, sitting by the seaside, fishermen with their back to us, pigeons flying.

In the cultural and art scene nothing budgeted, shock set in, a desperate situation for artists from the theatre, orchestras and independently working visual artists. Finally, born out of an urgent necessity, I would say, online activities started to be organized worldwide, be it opera, theatre, exhibitions. The big opera houses sold tickets for their online events; museums offered virtual tours through their holy halls free of charge. Tele-education at schools and universities, also education in disciplines like dancing and gymnastics was booming. Conferences and symposia, political meetings, family gatherings, all happened online; amazing to see what could be made possible. Technology, but also the individual dependence on it, made a big leap. The need for communication was enormous and where there are symptoms of deficiency, the development is running at full speed.

Seeing all this, I shook my head in wonder and remembered the very first mobile telephone we had on board of our boat Early Bird for many years: it was as big as a suitcase and the range

was not more than 20 sea miles from the coast because of the Earth's curvature and we had to rely on short wave ham radio.

Let me finish this year with these thoughts, and whatever may come up for the rest of the month, I will ignore.

Have peace and health in your house,

I found these so very true quotes and I want to share them with you...

The Paradoxes of our times

Big houses, small families.

Growing education, but less common sense.

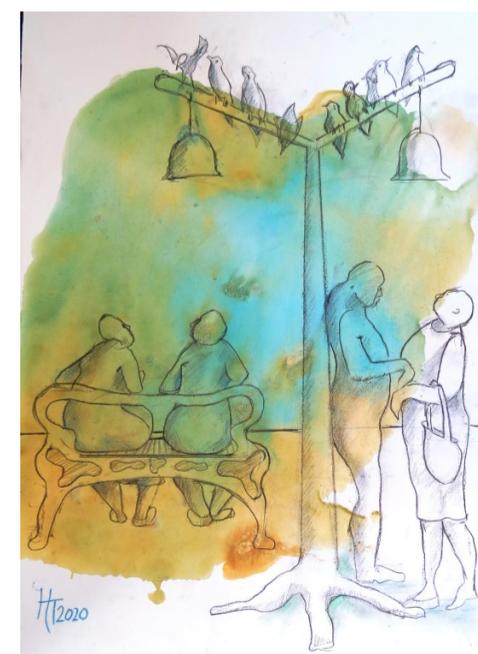
Advanced medicine, but bad state of health.

Landed on the moon and else, but not knowing the neighbours.

High income, but little peace of mind.  
 High IQ, but repressed emotions.

Full of knowledge but without any wisdom. Lots of people but no humanity.

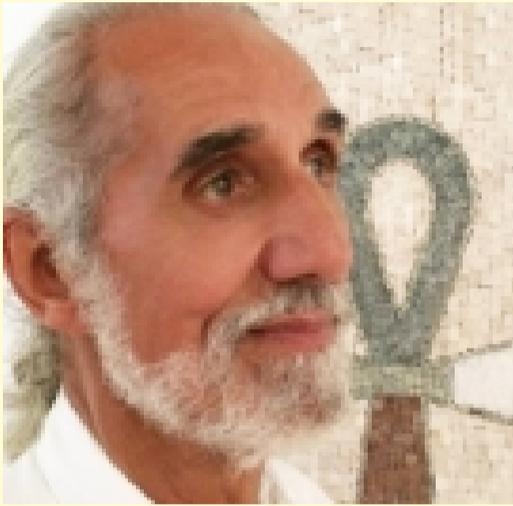
**A thoughtful Christmas Time  
 and a positive Year 2021**



**Down by the sea in Girne**

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## Poets Corner



Poem by Nick Vye - Sanctuary

## THE MAGICAL CASTLE

It stood defiant on top of the hill,  
A fortified castle, with its own will,  
A splendid ancient old artefact,  
That's only recently been added to maps,

How many had tried to take it, all foes,  
It had passed the test a long time ago,  
Proudly it stood out in the distance,  
It had withheld all sieges with resistance,

Its huge high stone mighty walls,  
Had stood the test of even cannon balls,  
Some say it had the Lord's protection,  
Others said there was magic in its erection,

Stories told said it had a curse,  
Who ever tried would come off worse,  
It still stands there to this very day,  
Many have travelled along its way,

A wizard once cast around it a spell,  
Whoever conquered it, would go to hell,  
So it has stood the test of time,  
Nowhere else can you still find,

A castle with so much power,  
A central block with a 50 foot tower,  
At night it has an eerie glow,  
With a strange energy felt to flow,

On nights of the full moon,  
In the darkness and the gloom,  
The wizard may be seen with his staff,  
Chanting mantra's and releasing his craft,

In the stillness of the dark night,  
Lo and behold what a mystical sight,  
He walks the ramparts till the dawn,  
His head is bowed as though he mourns,

And as light of day begins to break,  
He is gone now, for his own sake,  
The local village parish rector,  
Says the wizard is the castle protector,

So let the legend continue to be heard,  
There's many a truth in these written words....





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## Hope 4 Pets - News Update



We would just like to make a very very special thanks to both **Barbara Ball and Catherine Hayes**. Ladies you are shining stars xx Well over a year ago I found **Jake** in the Lefkosa Animal Shelter where he had given up all hope of love or life as you can see in the first picture. He was chained and was on his way out of this world. It quite literally broke my heart seeing this beautiful soul giving up. We immediately sprang into action and from there on Barbara and Cath have sponsored him for well over a year with kennels, operations and travel cost support.

Jake is now after all this time in the UK and his story is a completely different one in the most positive of ways as you can see. Miracles actually do happen and Jake is proof of this.



### Stephanie Harrison-Croft - 10th December

36 tins of wet food, 1 large bag of puppy food to be soaked and 1 large bag of adult food for the Mum and puppies Ray is feeding bought and delivered. Thank you Anne Marie for your kind donation to help us help xxx



### Stephanie Harrison-Croft - 17th December

What a lovely way to spend the whole afternoon with these "box of tricks" named as the Alsancak 8 by Ray Toffee Wallace who has been helping feed the family.

Thanks to Hope4Pets members all puppies and Mum Mitzi had a full veterinary check up today been wormed, flea and tick treated and bloods taken for Mitzi who has gone onto antibiotics for a while for anaemia. She is back in 2 weeks for more bloods and all her puppies in a week's time to commence their vaccinations again supported by Hope4Pets North Cyprus.

Now this is going to be a huge task to try and find homes for the whole family of 9 but we have to at least try.



### Barbara Ball - 17th December

Latest dog dumped in our street just taken to be neutered wormed and flead.

She is a very gentle girl just needs a home x



### Stephanie Harrison-Croft

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

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



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# Hope 4 Pets - News Update



## Stephanie Harrison-Croft - 14th December

Hope4Pets North Cyprus celebrated another successful joint event with our friends Altin Patiler Deniz Osman Cin Yeliz Osman Cin Ülku at our Christmas Market yesterday 13th December. We had such a lovely friendly and happy day with one aim in mind ~ the animals.

We would like to thank our sponsors Creditwest Bank and Efes and our hosts Cafe Grumpy who made the day extra special.

To Begüm Tekakpınar and Hüseyin Gündüz who sang beautifully and also to Ömer Alaçam on Acoustics, you were fab.

To everyone supporting us with raffle prizes Meyhaneye, Çiğdem Ozbilenler Professional Makeup and Beauty, Avanti, Limos, Nulten Oral, Petline veterinary clinic, Niyazi Çelebi, Vetpoint veterinary clinic, Altay Şakar, Vet Globe, Animates veterinary clinic, Firdez Backlacı, Sibel Guzen Many, Vetpetite, Basak Eminaga Ozkay, Belgi Nasiboğlu, Lidia Purcaru Asilkanli, Christine Joy Harriman, David Harriman Maria Turner and one or two more prizes turned up from persons unknown. Amazing thank you.

To everyone who baked cakes and donated bric a brac, cacti etc. THANK YOU. Finally to Barbara Ball, Catherine Hayes, Kerry Evans, Jean and friend Joanna Walker who gave their valuable time running the stalls and making a lovely cheery atmosphere we quite simply couldn't have done it without you all.

With everyone's help, dedication and support H4P raised **5,867TL** to help with all the animals in need!!

Merry Christmas to you all xx



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# The Abnormals & Friends do the Musicals at Diiva Restaurant

**Readers Mail ....  
From Susie Ford ....**

What a fantastic night!! On Saturday 12th December Diiva Restaurant was packed to the rafters with over 70 people, all singing along, clapping and laughing!

Songs from the musicals, Les Mis, Annie Get your Gun, King Creole, The Greatest Showman, Phantom of the Opera, Mamma Mia, The King & I, Joseph & The Technicolour Dreamcoat, Singing in the Rain, Sister Act, Rocky Horror Picture Show, The Lion King, Chess, Cabaret, Willy Wonker and Mary Poppins.

**We made over 3,315TL for our chosen charity Tulips Help Those with Cancer Association.**

**THE ABNORMALS :**

SUSIE FORD,  
MARTIN FORD,  
KATE BELL,  
DUTCH LAVENDER,  
JOHN AND PAT MOLLOY.

Thank you ALL for coming to watch The Abnormals & Friends perform the musicals, we all had a fantastic time too!

A big THANK YOU to Clarisse Cooper & Charlie Bell for collecting monies and doing the raffle.

Thank you to our guest singers, Al Burns, Andy Cloughly, Kath Gardner & 8 Ball Paul.

Working with you all has been great and so much fun.

Thank you to Ali Raza and his team at Diiva.

Thank you for the raffle donations, body pumpers, the Balti House and everyone else who donated prizes!

Thank you to Stephen and Avril Meacher who donated 500TL!

Thank you to Carolyn Bell who did all our music xxxx



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# continued .... The Abnormals & Friends do the Musicals

THE FEEDBACK HAS BEEN ABSOLUTELY WONDERFUL! A SUCCESS AS ALWAYS!!

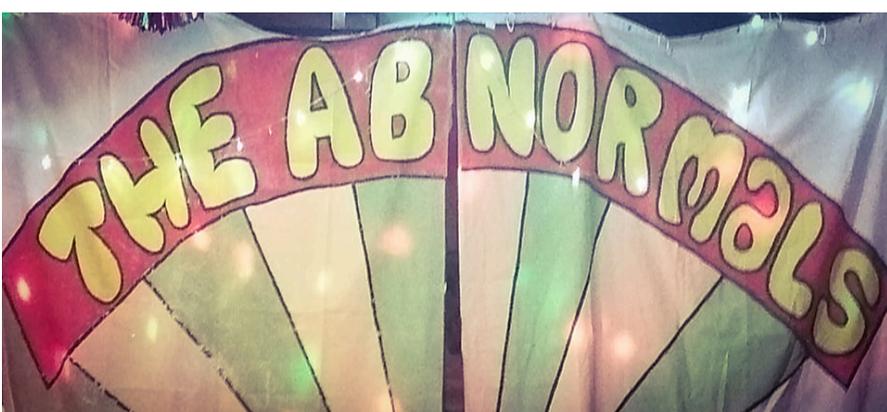
Here are comments from our guest artists :

“ DEUCE guitar duo were very proud to be invited to be part of the Abnormals Christmas show this year and to help raise money for the Tulips cancer charity. Ok, we admit, when we originally agreed, we had no idea it would involve us wearing ladies clothes, or we probably would have run a mile. It was a huge commitment for everyone involved in the show

which was a massive success last night with a packed house at DIIVA restaurant. Two months of rehearsals came to fruition with a great show of fun and games and tremendous reactions from the crowd. **Al Burns.**”

“ It was an honour to be part of the show. Well done everybody and special thanks to Susie and Martin for all the work put into the show which was put together in a very professional way. **Andy Cloughly.**“

**HAPPY XMAS EVERYONE!!  
Susie xxx**



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## 6 premises sealed in Girne for Food Safety & Hygiene violation

Girne Municipality continues its inspections as part of Food Safety and Hygiene controls.

In the statement made by Girne Municipality Health Branch; In the city of Girne, where the people of our country show great interest, routine inspections of the general hygiene and health conditions of the food and beverage sector, which continues to serve even in the shadow of the COVID-19 Pandemic, continue uninterruptedly.

In addition to the general Municipality Police (Zabita) inspections carried out within the scope of the obligation to implement COVID-19 Pandemic measures in all commercial enterprises, Health Branch Teams carry out the control of general hygiene and food safety aspects in

businesses that have activities related to eating and drinking, which is one of the basic needs of daily life.

According to the information provided by the Girne Municipality, visits were made to a total of 96 different businesses during the inspections, including night raids, between 1-15 December 2020. Within the scope of these audits action was taken as follows :

\*\* Tazecik Gıda and Heybe Restaurant were fined 1680 TL in total for various deficiencies.

\*\* Establishments such as Ateş Kebap, Çağdaş Pastry Shop, Zeytinlik Butcher, Beer Point, Cyprus Hair Aesthetics, whose legal permissions were lacking or whose hygiene measures were

insufficient, have been sealed; After their deficiencies were eliminated and all hygiene-related measures were provided, their activities were allowed again.

\*\* During the shelf controls, 10 products from the Mami Malti Market business, which were forbidden to be sold outdoors, were seized for destruction.

Mayor Nidai Güngördü stated the work for the protection of general health, which is one of the most fundamental duties of our municipality, continues without slowing down, because human life and health take precedence over many other issues. Within the framework of the vision we have created in order to touch life, support life and contribute to the whole of life, we carry out hygiene controls of food-related businesses

with an independent unit within the framework of scientific principles. Preserving food means protecting human life. At this point we have not compromised on the criteria that are essential for all businesses to implement. Contrarily, we guide our work in order to contribute to the development of general standards. It is important for us to cooperate with the same sensitivity of all businesses that provide food and beverage services.

I would like to remind once again to all our businesses and our citizens the importance of implementing the necessary measures in respect of the COVID-19 Pandemic.

**Source (Turkish) : Girne Municipality**





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# Tulips Big Walk for Children with Cancer

### Readers Mail ....

From Sue Tilt – Tulips ....

Thank you for your patience in receiving the results for this event, it always takes time to get all the sponsor money in and even now we are still awaiting some funds to come in so this figure may go up!

The sun shone brightly upon us on the 6th and 7th December 2020, we could not have asked for better weather and this helped bring you all out to join us in our 24 hour Tulips Big Walk for Children with Cancer. It was lovely to see so many different communities taking part in this one aim, to raise money for Childhood Cancer Month.

The total amount of laps walked was approximately 560 laps which equates to approx. 1042kms and some of you must have got dizzy!!

We would like to thank the Big Walk Team; Vicki Karaca, Jonathan Hall-Smith and Rob Goodger for all the hard work they put in; the Mayor of Alsancak, Firat Ataser and the Alsancak Belediye for their immense support and permission in using the Milli Park for this event; all the volunteers who helped man the desk 24 hours and sell Big Walk products and last but not least everyone who participated either by walking, donating or sponsoring.

Join us at anytime during this 24 hour challenge  
 To participate: 50TL per person (children free)- start at Doğa Cafe  
 Walk as many laps as you can - Walk for sponsorship?  
 Walk as a team - Walk in memory of someone  
 For further information: 05428548714/To book your place: 05338720132



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## continued .... Tulips Big Walk for Children with Cancer

The only walker we are going to mention individually is Pete Colledge. Pete was due to run the London Marathon and the Nicosia Marathon, both of which were postponed, so he decided he would attempt to walk the full 24 hours or at least for as long as he could.

Amazingly, he managed to walk for 15 hours before the pain from cramps took over. This was an incredible feat and we congratulate you on your effort.

We had no idea how many of you would turn up and it showed as we thought we would raise somewhere in the region of 20,000TL! However we can now share that monies collected to date (14.12.2020) is:

**43,555TL plus £20 GBP ... In addition to this we had a 'justgiving' page which has received £730GBP.**

We are still waiting for some sponsorship monies to come in so this figure may go up a little more.

We are stunned, we cannot thank you enough, you are all amazing!

Regards  
Sue Tilt  
0542 854 8714  
Tulips/ Help Those With Cancer Association  
(Kanser Hastalarına Yardım Derneği)

Pictures courtesy of Facebook pages of Sue Tilt and Vicki Karaca



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## Great fundraising at Azra Claire's Restaurant for the Philippines

### Readers mail....

#### Richard Chamberlain....

Hello Chris,

Here is an article about a dinner Weng and I attended a couple of nights ago to help raise funds to help the people of the Northern Philippines who suffered because of a severe typhoon that hit in November.

About 3 weeks ago, a terrible typhoon hit the Northern part of the Philippines causing flooding and destroying many homes, leaving thousands of people homeless and without food and water.

A gentleman named Ali Dolek and his Filipino wife, Cathy, whose family comes from that area, and who own and run Azra Claire's Restaurant in the centre of Kyrenia, decided to try and help the people of the Philippines by organising a fundraising dinner in their restaurant.

So on the 14th December about 60 people, mainly British expats, attended a delicious dinner of chicken and sweetcorn soup and Asian sweet and sour fish. The cost was 100TL each, but 60TL of it was donated to the Philippines fund.

Sue Tilt ran a raffle for prizes donated by generous companies and people, and also an auction was held raising a lot more much needed cash. In all, about **10,300TL** plus a donation of **£500** by one of the guests was raised for this cause to help the poor people who suffered so badly through the Typhoon.

Enormous thanks must go to Ali Dolek and his wife Cathy and the hard working staff and all those who made a donation for this wonderful gesture of help to the Filipino people. . .



Above : Delicious meal from Cathy's kitchen. Below : Ali Dolek thanks those attending.



Above : Ali Dolek.

Below : Sue Tilt happy to help with raffle.



Above : My wife Weng with Ali's wife Cathy.

Below : A new photographer on the block, 4 year old Aren is clicking away



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## Christmas charity swim at Lords Palace Hotel on 25th December

Readers mail....

From Barbara Fursman.....

Hi Chris,

It's that time of year again and I would ask you if you will publish news of this year's Christmas Swim that we are arranging.

It is taking place at Lords Palace Hotel beach on 25th December at 10.00 am sharp.

We have about 17 swimmers and Creditwest Bank, Catalkoy have doubled their sponsor money this

year, any reader's donations can be paid into the swim account number 31-300-3903 at Creditwest Bank, and the money raised will be split and donated between Tulips Help Those With Cancer Association and Kemal Saracoglu Foundation charities.

For anyone wishing to join the Christmas Day swimmers please contact Graham Fursman on 0533 8363972.

Thank you and with best wishes,

Barbara



## Big Christmas Music Quiz at The Balti House, Esentepe

Readers Mail ....

from Susie Ford ....

On Monday 14th December 6 teams all competed for the last big music quiz of the year. The rounds consisted of a tabletop - all celebrities in Xmas costume, the big 20, Xmas films, December hits of 1990, Pantos, Rock & Roll and Motown.

The results were :

**TYKE THAT 97**

**SHEBELLS 93½**

**BETCHA BY GOLLY WOW 86½**

**CHICKS N DICKS 81½**

**DUNNE & DUSTED 75½**

**And the FAMOUS LEMON went to ROCKIN REINDEERS 62½**

Thank you all for joining us xx

Thank you to Mahmood and his team xx

Hopefully we will return with the Big Music Quiz in January 2021

HAPPY XMAS ALL

Susie n Martin xxxx



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## Levent College student win at Junior Achievement Innovation Camp

### Readers mail....

#### Levent School, Lefkosa....

Levent College students who participated in 'Junior Achievement Innovation Camp' have achieved a great success. Our student, ECE ÇAKMAK who participated in the winning group, was entitled to represent our country and our school abroad. We congratulate our students and teachers who contributed to this accomplishment.

Organized for the 7th time this year, the event was held with both Turkish Cypriot and Greek Cypriot students aged 15-18. The

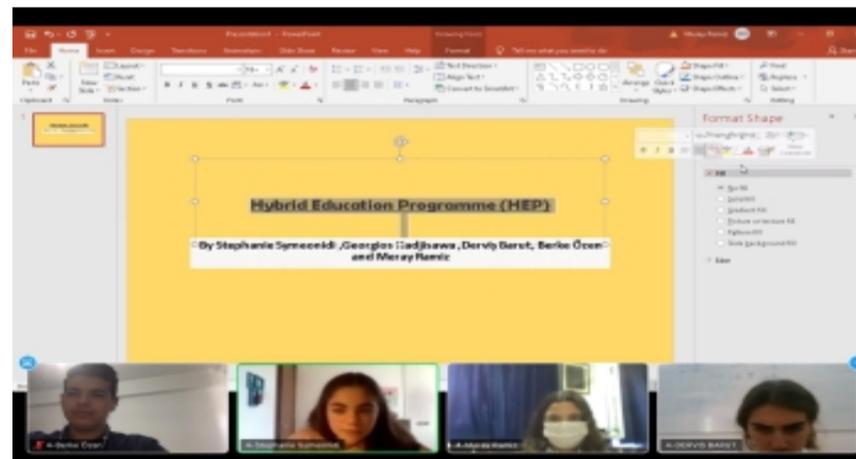
competition, which was held online due to the Covid-19 pandemic, enabled participant students to demonstrate their digital adaptation skills.

The camp is a competition through which young people develop and present innovative ideas, offering them the opportunity to test and cultivate their entrepreneurial skills as well as network and bond with each other. The challenge given to the students is an intense educational and practical experience since they have to work together to propose a solution within a very limited time. It also helps develop their creativity,

confidence and team-building skills, and provides a link between the classroom and real-life business application. The camp has been awarded the EEAP award 2018 for promoting entrepreneurship in Cyprus. Our student Ece Çakmak honored our

school by winning the first place with the group she worked with in the competition where all our students who participated achieved success.

Source (Turkish): Levent Schools Ltd



## St Andrew's Church, Kyrenia, December 2020 magazine

For those followers of St Andrew's Church, Kyrenia, we are pleased to share with you their December 2020 magazine which is full of information. Link shown below.

Throughout Advent, there will be a service of Morning Praise for Christmas each Thursday at 10am, followed by fellowship over coffee at Limos café (at the entrance to the main car park). Please join us if you can.

There will be a 10am service on Christmas Day: Communion if a cleric from the South is available, otherwise it will be Morning Prayer. Pre-Booking not required.

Regular Sunday services restart from 3rd January 2021. This will be either a Communion service if clergy available or Morning Prayer.

For those that wish here is a link to an online Sunday service from St Helena's Church, Larnaca, Cyprus. Link shown below.

In her letter, Pat Etherington's talks about the resumption of live church services plus her favourite gardening topic and is happy her crocus are just showing in their pots and her

geraniums are looking very good and been flowering for months. She planted lettuce, basil and radish seed and they all came up well and then she had a garden visitor which took all the leaves

and left a trayful of one inch high stems. In this latest magazine the are many other interesting articles.



<https://sainthelenaschurch.com/online-services/>

<https://cyprusscene.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/Magazine-Advent-2020.pdf>

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## Best Artistic Achievement Award in Canada for 'CORONUS' Film

The first production of Arkin University of Creative Arts and Design (ARUCAD), the short animated film named 'CORONUS' written and directed by Arvin Medghalchi, a lecturer at the Department of Visual Communication Design, became the winner of the Artistic Achievement category at the Horror Film Awards Film Festival held in Canada.

The movie 'CORONUS' tells the story of a man who is chased by the virus itself during a virus epidemic and quarantine. Throughout the film, viewers question whether what, in this situation, the main character is experiencing is a mind-set.

The short animated film 'CORONUS', shot during the quarantine caused by the Covid-19 epidemic, deals with fear and accepting the ugly reality of the current situation. The movie "CORONUS", which is named after the words "Corona - Us" associated with the Covid-19 epidemic that affects us all at the

same level, shows how we deal with the reality that we have to accept.

Arvin Medghalchi, an ARUCAD Visual Communication Design Department lecturer, is the scriptwriter and director of the ARUCAD Production 'CORONUS' Film, and the music design was undertaken by Gianmarco Bozoğlu.

Selected among 3,000 short films at the 12th Lobo International Film Festival of Brazil, "CORONUS" was the Official Selection of the 4th Chaniartoon - International Comic Book and Animation Festival and the "Horror Movie Awards" in America. The film continues to tour international festivals.

### Who is Arvin Medghalchi?

He is an Iranian director and illustrator. He is a graduate of Visual Arts and Visual Communication Design and has over 15 years of experience in

directing independent animated films.

He is known for stop-motion type animations that have been shown and received awards in many international film festivals. His area of interest is to use different techniques in visual storytelling to achieve the best results.

He has been working as an academic at ARUCAD Faculty of Communication since 2017.

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



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## "KETUM" Exhibition at ARUCAD Art Space

**Breaking News:** In line with the decisions taken by the Ministry of Health in accordance with the COVID-19 regulations, the plans for President Ersin Tatar to inaugurate ARUCAD Plastic Arts Department faculty member Prof. Dr. Turan Aksoy's exhibition KETUM have been postponed to a later date.

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ARUCAD Plastic Arts Department faculty member artist and academician Professor Dr. Turan Aksoy, together with President Ersin Tatar, will open an exhibition entitled "KETUM" on Wednesday, 16th December at 18:00 at ARUCAD Art Space.

In his new exhibition KETUM, Turan Aksoy presents us with a visuality that is not very talkative, as a result of his personal attitude.

It can be said that the house and city images, which appear as abstract arrangements in the artist's works, are anonymized images that are not related to a

place. The source of this is the presentation of the space not as a place to be watched and observed, but as a place that can be wandered through, imagined and thought with the help of light.

In the KETUM exhibition, where it is possible to talk about a tension provided by these works, which have been presented as a form, which we feel have a meaning and explanation but do not reveal themselves; Silence, stillness and serenity emerge as a common feature of the artist's work.

The exhibition can be viewed at Art Space, ARUCAD's event venue in the Lefkosa Walled City until 21 January 2020.

### WHO IS TURAN AKSOY?

Born in 1964, Prof. Dr. Turan Aksoy completed his undergraduate degree at Gazi University (1986), his master's degree at Hacettepe University (1989), and his doctorate at the

University of Central England (Birmingham). The artist, who is a lecturer at Hacettepe University, Yıldız Technical University and Yeditepe University, Arkin University of Creative Arts and Design (ARUCAD), also served as a visiting lecturer at the Stuttgart Art Academy in Germany. Having worked at various universities in administrative and academic positions for many years, Prof. Dr. Turan Aksoy was the Rector of ARUCAD. Selected Recent Personal Exhibitions: 2010 Shining Thing, Pi Art Gallery, Istanbul. 2011 Dust and Bustle, Pi Art Gallery, Istanbul. 2013 A Portrait; Restless, Pi Art Gallery,

Istanbul. 2015 A Portrait; Restless, Pi Art Gallery, Istanbul. 2015 Manageable Heaven, Milli Reasürans Art Gallery, Istanbul. "Imaginary" 2017 Art Rooms Art Gallery, Kyrenia. "Not as you think" 2018 O Sanat Odeabank, Istanbul. "Unsymmetrical" 2019 Pi Art Gallery, Istanbul.



## Smart Phone film production workshop at ARUCAD

Arkin University of Creative Arts and Design (ARUCAD) is organising a smart phone film production workshop called "Cinema in Your Pocket" for university students studying in

Northern Cyprus on Friday, 18th December.

In the workshop organised by ARUCAD for university students living in Northern Cyprus, the

subtleties of making movies with smart phones will be explained to the students. Participants will be entitled to receive a participation certificate at the end of the workshop.

WhatsApp line at (0533) 833 07 07, where participation is free of charge.

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

With the information provided on pocket cinema, the participants will be able to shoot their dream movies with their phones, regardless of any technical difficulties.

The workshop will be held in two languages, Turkish and English. Students can obtain detailed information by applying to the



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# Gonyeli Dog Shelter : first Xmas Fayre a great success

By Kate Cornwell .....

The first Xmas Fayre for the Gonyeli Dog Shelter charity was held on Sunday 13th December at the Lord's Palace Hotel in Girne.

Weather was dubious but turned out to be fine and the sun came out late morning. I arrived before opening, as I had offered to help with the Raffle, most of the 20 stallholders had set up ready for what we hoped to be an exceptionally good turnout. And YES, they started to come in at 10am when we opened the doors and queues were beginning to form at the entrance soon after, which put smiles on all our faces especially the organisers, who had put so much effort into making it a successful day. Over 359 adults and children came through the door in 5 hours!

Everyone who attended the Fayre were so supportive in buying Raffle tickets, guessing the weight of a wonderful Christmas cake, wish I knew the weight as it looked scrummy!

There was Father Christmas there as well, seeing the children and giving presents to them and Oh their little faces just lit up! Well done Ralph O'Neil. Also there was a singer, (Jennie Mitchell – a Gonyeli volunteer) who sang many Xmas carols, famous tunes which entertained the children and adults whilst they were walking around or having a coffee. I might add the Lord's Palace staff were charming and they also put on some delicious cakes for people to buy, they ALL looked mouthwatering.

I am so delighted to say that

Gonyeli Dog Shelter Xmas Fayre raised a wonderful amount for this worthy charity of **15,648.50TL.**

Thanks to all who participated – Stallholders and all the people who came to support this charity. Thanks to Meryem's Hotel, Lord's Palace, North Cyprus Scuba Centre, Wagtrails and Blackbird Designs for their raffle prizes.

Thank you also to all those people that donated goods, food and money for our stalls.

A big thank you for all the hard work and facilities that the Lord's Palace offered to this little charity, to make such a successful day. Special thanks to Melissa, Yolsun and Fatih from Lord's Palace.

Well done all and Merry Xmas.



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09 DEC LADY M. JAZZ TRIO  
JAZZ | 21:00 PM

11 DEC HILMI ÖZAKIN BAND  
REGGAE / POP | 21:30 PM

12 DEC ALPER CENGIZ & FRIENDS  
ROCK & SOUL | 21:30 PM

16 DEC LO-FI JAZZ PROJECT  
JAZZ | 21:00 PM

18 DEC THE BLUE TEARS  
BLUES & ROCK | 21:30 PM

19 DEC CHRISTMAS MARKET WITH MUSIC  
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DAY & NIGHT SPECIAL PERFORMANCES | 14:00 PM

23 DEC LADY M. JAZZ TRIO  
JAZZ | 21:00 PM

25 DEC ROCK BALANCE  
ROCK | 21:30 PM

26 DEC ALPER CENGIZ & FRIENDS  
ROCK & SOUL | 21:30 PM

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Soup  
Will be available



To take part call  
Jackie: 0533 872 3237 or Sue: 0542 854 8714



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Bistro Ilgaz Kyrenia 0533 840 0576 / 0533 848 5152

**2021**



NEW YEAR PARTY

Delicious Buffet & Prosecco at midnight  
Live music from **ANDY REAY**  
200tl per person early bookings  
advised as limited spaces available!!!



Food served at 6.30pm  
Karaoke starts 8.30pm



**Karaoke**  
**& Fish 'n' Chips NIGHT**  
Starting from with KARAOKE MASTER MARTIN & DJ SUSIE  
**Wed 6th Jan**  
**SEABREEZE**  
Bar & Restaurant Kucuk Erenkoy  
0533 876 2621 / 0533 822 8296



**SUSIE'S** Cash Prize & Loser Prize  
**QUIZ**  
*of the week*  
Fun Onezee & PJ Night !!!  
+ 2020 Quiz presentation  
**Thursday**  
**7th January 2021**



From  
**7.30pm**  
Bookings essential: 0548 847 1221




18th to 24th December 2020

## Emergency Telephone Numbers

mobile numbers are prefixed 0533 or 0542 or 0548  
landline numbers are prefixed 0392

### POLICE

Emergencies	<b>155</b>
General	228 3411
Girne	815 2125
Lefkosa	228 3311
Gazi Mağusa	366 5310
Guzelyurt	714 2140
Lapta	821 8512

### FIRE

Emergencies	<b>199</b>
Forest Fire	<b>177</b>
Girne	815 2111
Lefkosa	227 1259
Gazi Mağusa	366 5389
Guzelyurt	714 2200

### AMBULANCE

Emergencies	<b>112</b>
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### HOSPITAL

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

### ELECTRICITY

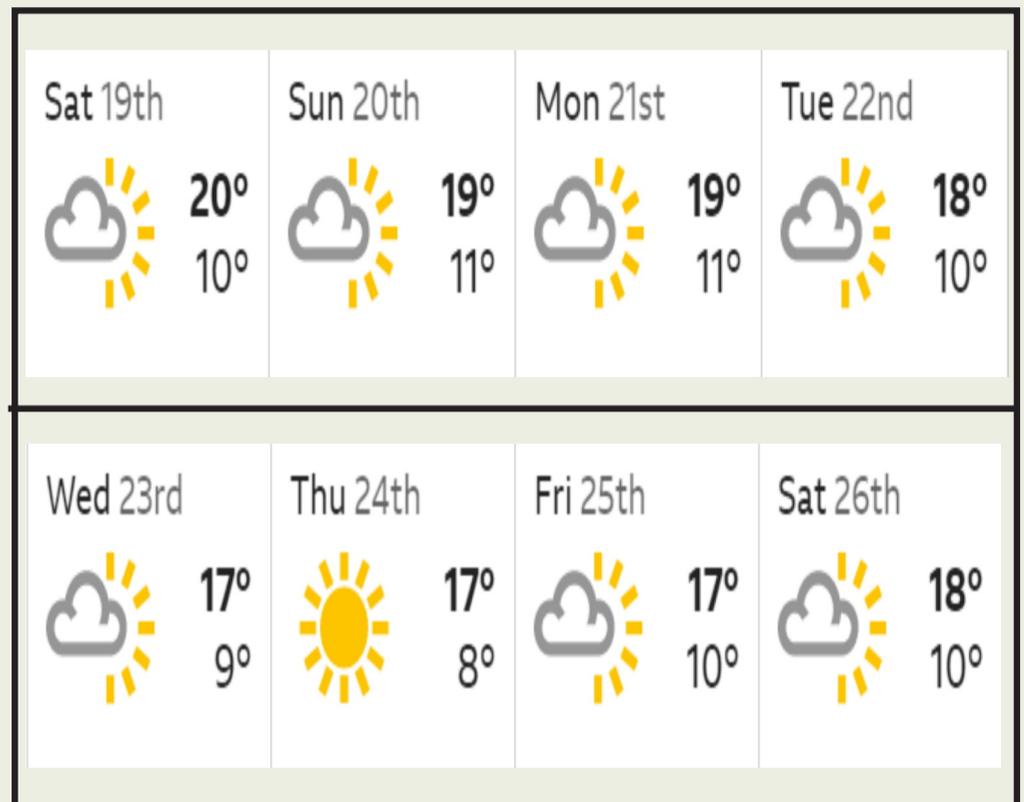
Electrical faults	<b>188</b>
Lefkoşa	225 3436
Girne	815 2223
Gazi Mağusa	366 5514
Güzelyurt	714 2122

### WATER

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

## Kyrenia Weather : 8-day Forecast

(from 19th to 26th December 2020)



## Plot of land for sale in Esentepe Village, North Cyprus

**Total Area is 460 square meters  
(1 evlek 1350 ayak kare).**

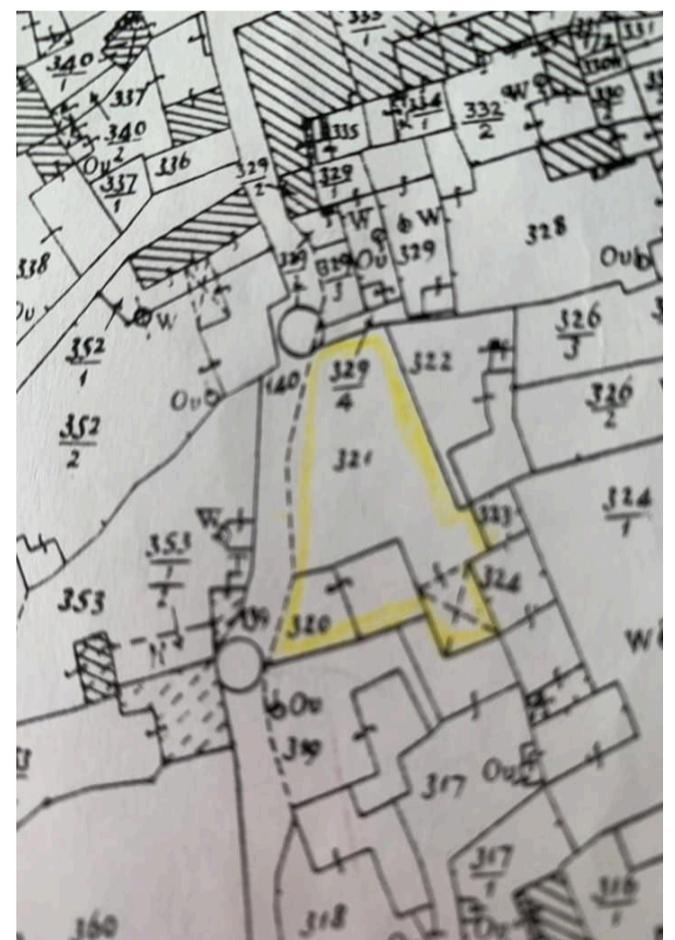
Permission exists for 2 storeys (total 214 square meters indoor area) which can be constructed at the site.

The plot is situated at the edge of the village with beautiful sea and mountain views (close to Tumba Restaurant).

**Price : only 28,000 GBP**

For further information please call :

**Tel No : 0548 868 5888**



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SPORT

## N. K. Chavush, Book Signing in Karakum

By Richard Beale .....

Last Friday (11th December) at the Bestseller Bookshop, Karakum I had the pleasure of meeting author N. K. Chavush who was there to sign copies of his successful book "PLAYING IN PARADISE".

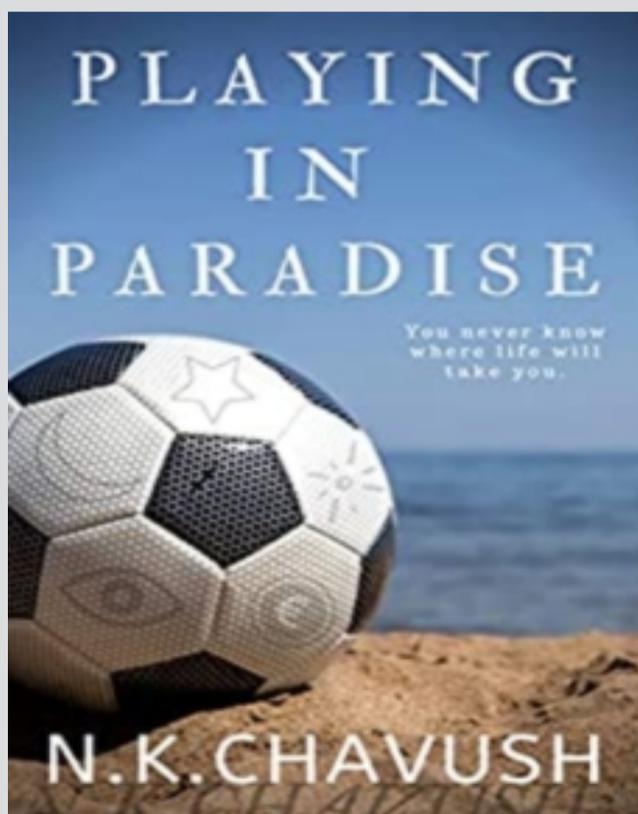
Like myself we have a mutual interest in local TRNC football and through his worldwide sales this has promoted North Cyprus football to a larger audience. N K kindly signed my copy of the book "TRNC football matters" and while I was there quite a few people were present wanting signed copies.

I believe, if it has not already been done, the book will be serialised on BRT radio.

Earlier in the year I reviewed "PLAYING IN PARADISE" if you have not read it I highly recommend it as it is a cracking read.

It is like opening a "can of worms", it races you through English football, TRNC football, it's a TRNC tourist guide with places of interest and local restaurants and bars that you have probably visited. It has romance, a murder plot, mystery and intrigue, it's not all about football.

The book is available from Bestseller, Karakum and all leading North Cyprus bookstores and also in Kindle from from Amazon.





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