Commemoration of 9th anniversary of the death of Founding President of the TRNC Rauf Raif Denktaş
2021 TRNC MOT car testing dates

We receive lots of requests to provide information from CyprusScene and a reader asked for the latest 2021 TRNC MOT car testing dates which we are sharing here for other readers or followers.

We are just showing the car section but the full document including commercial vehicles can be read on the link shown below:


Ministry of Health - COVID-19 - Update
No peace in Mediterranean without Turkey and TRNC participation

President of the Turkish Republic Recep Tayyip Erdoğan met with the Ambassadors of European Union member states in Ankara.

In his speech at the meeting President Erdoğan underlined that it was very well understood that there would be no chance for peace in the Mediterranean without the participation of Turkey and the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC). Stating that instead of being stuck on failed models for the Cyprus issue, new and realistic alternatives need to be discussed President Erdoğan said “We’re not demanding anything we are not entitled to in the Eastern Mediterranean. We are trying to protect the legitimate interests of our country and our nation regarding the hydrocarbon resources in the region. The Mediterranean should be the sea to make us closer to each other and it should be a cooperation basin. We are a big family in the Mediterranean as Algeria, Egypt, Libya, Tunisia, Palestine, Israel, Turkey, Greece, Italy and Spain.’

President Erdoğan also noted that establishing an energy cooperation format, which includes all related sides and the Turkish Cypriots, would be a positive motivation. Moreover, the EU should make a sincere self-evaluation for rewarding the Greek side with EU membership, who said ‘no’ to a solution, and punishing the Turkish Cypriots who said ‘yes’ in 2004. He also questioned the EU role in helping to resolve the Cyprus issue, pointing to the EU’s recent lack of contact with the Turkish Cypriot side.

President Erdoğan added that efforts for a federal solution have proved hopeless, and any future talks must focus on two separate, sovereign states in Cyprus and instead of being stuck on failed models for the Cyprus issue, new and realistic alternatives need to be discussed.

Source: TRNC Public Information Office

Saner: We should never compromise on sovereignty and state

The President of the National Unity Party (UBP), Prime Minister Ersan Saner issued a message on the occasion of the anniversary of the death of Founding President of the TRNC Rauf Denktas.

In his message, Prime Minister Saner said, “The late Founding President Rauf Denktas is a leader who left his mark on Turkish Cypriot history. He was a person whose valuable services should be known very well, carrying out important duties in every stage of the national struggle, and bringing the Turkish Cypriots from a society that was pushed to accept the rights of the minority, to a state-owned people.

Noting that the services of Rauf Denktas should not be forgotten, and what he has done should be learned by thorough research, Saner said, "His combative nature, research, value to knowledge and hard work, high historical awareness and determination should be a guide for future generations."

Stating that the Greek Cypriot side has no intention to construct a new partnership state with the Turkish Cypriot side on the basis of political equality, and they never accept the continuation of Turkey’s effective and actual guarantee, Saner noted that the struggle of the Turkish Cypriot people continued and they rely on their brothers in Anatolia, the 1974 Peace Operation and the support of Turkey.

Saner said, “Despite all this, if we comply with some deceptions and ignore the crucial points and make concessions, the next generations will pay a very heavy price for this. As the Founding President Rauf Denktas said we should not compromise from our sovereignty, our government, and we must continue to walk together with motherland Turkey towards the national cause. We will once again commemorate our Founding President Rauf Denktas with longing and mercy with these feelings and thoughts.”

Source: TRNC Public Information Office
Erdoğan received Ertuğruloğlu

Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan received the TRNC Foreign Minister Tahsin Ertuğruloğlu.

The meeting which was held at the Turkish Presidential Complex in Ankara was closed to the press.

Source : TRNC Public Information Office

Minister Ertuğruloğlu met Turkish National Defense Minister Akar

Within the framework of his contacts in Ankara Foreign Minister of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) Tahsin Ertuğruloğlu, met with Turkish National Defense Minister Hulusi Akar.

According to the statement from the Turkish National Defense Ministry regional defense, security and cooperation opportunities were evaluated in the meeting. Minister Akar mentioned that the Greek Cypriot side should back down from their intransigent attitude and should accept the Turkish existence in the island while recognising the political equality of the Turkish Cypriots.

Akar also added that Turkey will continue to protect the rights and interests of the TRNC and Turkey stands at the same point as it was in 1974.

Source : TRNC Public Information Office

Founding President Denktaş and Dr. Küçük commemoration

Founding President of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) Rauf Raif Denktaş and the Leader of the Freedom Struggle of the Turkish Cypriot people Dr. Fazıl Küçük have been commemorated with ceremonies.

A ceremony was held on Wednesday 13th January for Founding President Rauf Raif Denktaş on the 9th anniversary of his death, and on Friday 15th January a ceremony will be held for the Leader of the Freedom Struggle Dr. Fazıl Küçük on the 37th anniversary of his death.

Source : TRNC Public Information Office
President Ersin Tatar stated that if there are future official negotiations regarding Cyprus, these will be based on the ground of a solution where two states with equal sovereignty will live side by side and neither will be superior to each other.

Tatar also announced that they are trying to determine the exact date for an informal 5+1 meeting planned with the participation of the parties in Cyprus, guarantor countries and the UN to be held in New York at the end of February or the beginning of March.

Tatar met with UN’s Special Envoy to Cyprus Jane Holl Lute yesterday afternoon (11th January) and the meeting continued for about an hour and a half.

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Foreign Minister of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) Tahsin Ertuğruloğlu who has been in Ankara within the framework of his official contacts, held a joint press conference with Turkish Foreign Minister Mevlüt Çavuşoğlu following their meeting.

Stressing that it is out of question to negotiate the federation on Cyprus, Ertuğruloğlu said, “Inter-communal negotiations process is over. There is no question of negotiating the federation in such a process. There is no sovereignty in federation.”

Ertuğruloğlu said, “If the sovereign peoples are to establish a partnership as the sovereign state owner, this is a confederation. Therefore, there is no possibility of meeting to talk about a federation.”

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Çavuşoğlu: ‘no need to push the limits’

Çavuşoğlu added that sovereign equality must be negotiated and a two-state solution is not only the thesis of Turkey but it had been also voiced by the Greek Cypriot Administration Leader Nikos Anastasiades, first in Crans Montana and on several other occasions.

The Turkish Foreign Minister said that they have proposed an unofficial 5+1 meeting which is important in terms of determining what will be negotiated.

Stating that the Cyprus Issue is going through a critical phase, Minister Çavuşoğlu mentioned that the negotiations in Cyprus had failed because the Greek Cypriot side refused to recognise the political equality of the Turkish Cypriots or share power with them.
The President of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) Ersin Tatar will receive UN’s Special Envoy to Cyprus Jane Holl Lute at 14.30 today (11th January). Lute will meet with both sides.

Lute came to the island in connection with the organizing of an informal 5+1 meeting on Cyprus. Spokesperson of the TRNC Presidency Berna Çelik Doğruyol made a statement a few days ago and stated that President Tatar will explain that the Turkish Cypriot side is ready to start negotiations on the basis of sovereign equality, acceptance of two states of equal international status and cooperation with the Greek Cypriot side.

Lute met with President Tatar and Greek Cypriot Administration Leader Nikos Anastasiades separately in early December 2020 before holding contacts in Athens, Ankara and London to find ground for a 5+1 meeting.

Prime Minister Ersan Saner made a call to the UN to encourage the Greek Cypriot Leader Nikos Anastasiades for a two state solution.

Pointing out the fact that there are two separate sovereign equal people in Cyprus, Saner said that the UN should contribute to a solution and cooperation between the two sovereign equal states in Cyprus.

Minister of Foreign Affairs Tahsin Ertuğruloğlu departed for Ankara last night (10 January 2021) as a guest of the Turkish Foreign Minister Mevlüt Çavuşoğlu.

Ertuğruloğlu will start his contacts today (11 January 2021) in Ankara. Firstly, he will visit Anıtkabir and then he will meet with his counterpart Mevlüt Çavuşoğlu at 12:00. Following their private meeting, they will hold an inter delegations meeting.

A joint press statement will be made at 13:30.

Furthermore, Ertuğruloğlu will also meet with Turkish Minister of National Defence Hulusi Akar.
The Muhammad Ali, Joe Frazier, George Foreman triangle

By Ahmet Abdulaziz ....

I was just surfing the net yesterday, when I came across some interesting information about Muhammad Ali, undoubtedly one of the best heavyweight boxers of all times. Born on 17th January 1942, two of his most important opponents, were also born in the same month. All the three thus were Capricorn, and carried most of the characteristics attached to this zodiac sign.

Though the boxing career of Muhammad Ali is filled with thrilling boxing bouts, his series of fights against Joe Frazier and George Foreman, have still been considered as the most thrilling of all.

Joe Frazier, was born on 12th January 1944, and George Foreman born on 10th January 1949. Both of these boxers shared the period when Muhammad Ali was ruling the boxing world. However, they were never less than him, as a boxer. Both of these boxers had a wonderful boxing career, and tasted the World Heavyweight titles.

Muhammad Ali fought Joe Frazier three times, and each one of these went into the boxing literature as the most thrilling fights ever. The first of the three, also known as “Fight of the Century”, took place on 8th March 1971 at the Madison Square Garden in New York City. Frazier exhibited the best of his abilities and had punched Ali down in the ring. After a highly contested 15 rounds Frazier won the fight with a unanimous decision. It was a big blow for Muhammad Ali, who had very rarely tasted defeat in the ring.

The two boxers again came face to face in 1974 and in 1975. Both of these fights were won by Muhammad Ali. It was a sort of revenge taken by Ali. Frazier however always felt bad about these two defeats, and always boosted himself about his super performance in the first of the three fights. He never came to good terms with Muhammad Ali.

George Foreman, had become the World champion by defeating Joe Frazier in 1973. He was one of the best boxers of his time. Like Muhammad Ali, he too had come to the limelight after winning the gold medal in the 1968 Olympics.

Muhammad Ali fought George Foreman on 30th October 1974, in Kinshasa, Zaire, before more than 60,000 people. The fight is known as “Rumble in the Jungle”, which was watched by over a billion people around the globe, and grossed about 100 million dollars in revenue worldwide. The fight was declared as the greatest sporting event of the 20th century.

Ali had gone in as a 4-1 underdog against the unbeaten Foreman. Seven years younger Foreman was well known for his heavy hitting abilities. Muhammad Ali however for the first time had come up with his rope-a-dope tactic.

The climax of the fight came in the eighth round, when Foreman appeared to be losing his effectiveness. Muhammad Ali took best advantage of the situation, and made Foreman taste the canvas, after a pounding array of powerful shots. Foreman lost the match, as he failed to rise.

In the periods subsequent to these historical fights, on one side we see that Joe Frazier never came to good terms with Ali. Foreman on the other hand became a good friend of Ali and remained so until the death of Muhammad Ali on 3rd June 2016.
THANK YOU SLIMMER'S WORLD, CATALKOY
Thank you very much to all the members of Slimmer's World, Catalkoy for the absolutely fabulous donation received this week. Slimmer's World are long time supporters of KAR and we are very grateful to them. These funds are raised from "fines" for gaining weight, and also from their raffles, among other things. MAYBE............... You could regularly walk our dogs at the rescue centre and join Slimmer's World to kick start your New Year's Resolutions???? Just a suggestion!!

THANK YOU DENISE
We received a donation of a bag of loose change this week from one of our long time supporters and believe it or not there was over 100TL in there. In fact there was 100.15 TL, 20 cents and 5 pence all of which are very gratefully received, thank you. Do you have any loose change hanging around? Please bring it into our office in Karakum. Every little counts!!

Do you --- Do you ---Do you --- remember our Drew ?
Our Drew off to Canada he flew....
Such a very long way for him to go ..... 
Once there he met his first cold cold snow ...
But also a nice soft comfy warm bed........
For when he needed to rest his weary head ....
Watched over by 2 people who loved him so much
Whose hands on him were so soft to touch.......... 
He had finally found a family of his own......
So happy was he that he was no longer alone...
Thank you so much Cassie and George...........
For helping that never ending bond to forge.....
On behalf of your Caleb who was once Our Drew
Our eternal thanks goes out to both of you...
For giving him the well deserved chance to be .......
The loved and very happy dog that we are delighted to see.

Cassie recently told us "Caleb is our life. We adore and love him and he is our baby."

Happy Happy Days Caleb (Our Drew) x
COSMO, OREO AND GIGI

Let us introduce ourselves. We are Cosmo, Oreo and Gigi. Aren't we all just gorgeous! Straight from the lid of a chocolate box (ooops showing my age, lol)

We are now fully vaccinated, neutered and ready for adoption. Truth of the matter is that if we don't find our furever home soon we are destined to live our lives in the KAR rescue centre which is so sad. We would love to play outside and make new friends and would make someone a lovely furry companion. Sitting on someone's knee being stroked and cuddled sounds purrfect to us. We promise to return all the love we are given ten times over.

Please come along to our rescue centre in the Besparmark Mountains and pay us a visit. The centre is open 7 days a week from 9am to 1pm. We look forward to seeing you very soon.

Here's lucky Winter (now Jessie) who went to her forever home last week. Sue, her new owner sent us some lovely photos of Jessie in her new home and this is what she had to say:

"Hello, thought I would send you some photos of Winter, now Jessie and update. She is adorable and has settled in so well. She loves her walks yesterday she had her first experience of the beach. When we brought her home she made us laugh she did not know how to get up two steps outside bungalow."

We now understand that Jessie has mastered the steps and can now jump in and out of the car - clever girl!

Jessie was one of a litter of 7 who came into the centre with their Mum when they were just one day old. Mum Daisy now lives in the UK, however 3 of Jessie's siblings are still at the centre and waiting for their forever home. We are open to visitors every day between 9am and 1pm - please come and see Jessie's siblings - Wyllie, Wren & Wally - if you think you might like to give them a home.
The late founding President of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus, Rauf Raif Denktaş, was commemorated on the 9th anniversary of his passing with a ceremony held at the Rauf Raif Denktaş Mausoleum in Lefkoşa.

President Ersin Tatar, the Speaker of Parliament Teberrüken Uluçay, Prime Minister Ersan Saner, the head of the Supreme Court Narin Ferdi Şefik, 2nd President Mehmet Ali Talat, the Turkish Ambassador to Lefkoşa Ali Murat Başçeri, Commander of Cyprus Turkish Peace Forces Major General Sezai Oztürk, Commander of Cyprus Turkish Security Forces Major General Zorlu Toplaoğlu, Ministers, MPs, military, state and government officials attended the ceremony in addition to Denktaş family.

The ceremony began with placing wreaths followed by a minute’s silence and the hoisting of the flags with the national anthem. The ceremony ended with President Ersin Tatar signing the special memorial book and speeches delivered by Democrat Party MP Serdar Denktaş and President Ersin Tatar.

UCLG-MEWA Culture & Tourism Committee meeting online

The Culture and Tourism Committee, one of the six working committees of the United Cities and Local Governments Middle East and West Asia Regional Organization (UCLG-MEWA) and chaired by Girne Municipality Mayor Nidai Güngördü, had a meeting online on Wednesday, 13th January 2021.

According to the information received from the Girne Municipality, the delegates were informed that the meeting aims to bring all members and stakeholders together and to have a lively exchange of ideas among the actors of the cultural ecosystem in the axis of the MEWA Region.

UCLG-MEWA Culture and Tourism Committee, which has completed a successful working year in line with cultural heritage, cultural rights, and sustainable tourism priorities under the chairmanship of Güngördü, will evaluate the last year during the online meeting and will plan the next year with an holistic approach.

The agenda items of the meeting, where important issues will be discussed, will take place within the following framework:

** Evaluation of 2020 Activities

** Parallel Partnerships and Planning for 2021

In his statement on the subject, Girne Mayor Nidai Güngördü said that the meeting will add value to our country in the field of Culture and Tourism, pointing out the importance of the meeting in terms of the TRNC and the city of Girne.

Source (Turkish) : Girne Municipality
International Association recognition of TRNC related event

Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus Consul-General in Mersin Zalihe Mendeli stated that it is the first time that an international association has recognised an organisation related to the TRNC and the swimming performance between Mersin and TRNC has been included in the ‘Performance of the Year’ voting.

Mendeli pointed out that the application to the World Open Water Swimming Association for the recognition of the ‘Peace Route Swim Crossing’ between Turkey’s Mersin City and the TRNC has been accepted. Mendeli underlined that the request was made by the Hacettepe University Youth and Sports Club Association in consequence of the initiatives of the TRNC Mersin Consulate General and Yenişehir Municipality.

Mendeli also added that the swimming performance between Mersin and TRNC has been included in the ‘Performance of the Year’ voting, which can be voted by visiting the web page shown below.

Source: TRNC Public Information Office

https://openwaterswimming.com/performance-of-the-year/

St Andrew's Church, Kyrenia : January Epiphany 2021 magazine

For those followers of St Andrew’s Church, Kyrenia, we are pleased to share with you their January Epiphany 2021 magazine which is so full of information.

In the light of the recent rise in local Covid cases and the uncertainty caused by the weekly re-evaluation of the Covid restrictions by the TRNC government, the wardens have decided that there will be no services at St Andrews for the next three weeks.

The next planned service will be the 10am Communion service, led by Rev’d Andrew, on Sunday 31st January 2021. For those that wish to access an online Sunday service from St Helena’s Church, Larnaca, Cyprus, the link is shown below:

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

Poets Corner

Poem by Nick Vye - Sanctuary

SPIRIT - HIGHWAY

Let your spirit soar free,
Whatever will be, will be,
Don't ever stop to look back,
Take that ride up the hidden tract,

Feel your soul flying so high,
All those thoughts passing by,
Deep down inside your heart,
You and your spirit, never apart,

Close your eyes and go within,
You'll never know where you've been,
Fly through that ever open door,
So much more there to explore,

The spirit highway has no end,
Oh what is awaiting around the bend,
And when you realise you're not lost,
There's no need now to count the cost,

Your spirit has led you to your goal,
Now you realise, you're just soul...
Exclusive to you...
Stephanie Harrison-Croft - 12th January

Been a bit of a busy one and only half way there.

Lesley Brabben Esther Bill Harrison-Croft and myself tried to catch one of many dogs we are hoping to spay and neuter but were unsuccessful on this occasion but we will try again!

There are however 4 beautiful puppies that we now need to find homes for in the TRNC.

Absolutely stunning as you can see! They are all very vulnerable and trying to survive on the street.

Please contact me or Lesley directly if you would like to home any of the puppies.

Thank you.

Stephanie Harrison-Croft - 13th January

Effy & Bailey, the two puppies rescued by H4P from the bypass along with their 5 siblings and Mama Chanda, started their long journey to the UK late last night to their lovely home with Tara Drewery and Jason Drewery who are eagerly awaiting their little treasures xx

Thank you once again to Melek Hoca who so kindly fostered them all these months, to Sylvia Austin and Gaston Kisheri who helped in all their rescue, to everyone who helped with donations to help with Bailey when the original owner backed out. To Joanna Bartholomew and Niyazi Çelebi for being obliging yet again. Man with the van Jeremy Muncer, Dave Harriman for Bailey's crate, to Hasan Aligullu of ALG Logistics for doing a grand job of getting them away for us and last but not least to my long suffering husband Bill Harrison-Croft. Of course none of this would have been possible without our lovely Elizabeth Stowell working tirelessly in the UK making things happen there xx
It is a month since we collected these two bundles of energy from Heathrow animal reception centre, delivered safely to us from north Cyprus thanks to the wonderful Stephanie Harrison-Croft and Elizabeth Stowell from Hope 4 Pets.

It was a leap of faith to take on two 11-month-old siblings based on a few video clips and photos, but we couldn't have chosen two more good natured dogs who just love life. We are getting much more fresh air and discovering new walks. We haven't cracked everything yet... they can still confuse carpet for grass with horrible consequences and we had a hairy moment with a field of sheep on the High Peak trail, but it is early days! They are brilliant companions for each other and totally reliable with other dogs.

Just watch out you English squirrels and forgive us for renaming them (after realising they had forgotten their old names). **Meet Marmite (Popo) and Treacle (Raini).**
Should we trust the vaccine?

There’s every scientific reason to believe that it is only the vaccine that would stop the pandemic. Yep, I don’t know how it is in the US or the UK, but in Russia there’s some people, sure, a minority, who don’t believe in any vaccine, even those highly recommended for babies by medical authorities. These folks sincerely believe that vaccination is harmful because of its potential side-effects, because some lethal diseases, like tuberculosis, are not around anymore (in their opinion), etc.

Those mentally very gifted folks, of course, belong to one big but very diverse sect. It also includes Earth-flatters or those who’ve got plenty of arguments that Moon landings have been produced by Hollywood. I personally know one woman, a vegan herself, who tried to make her little daughter, under age of 2, to become a vegan, too. She then quitted her efforts when doctors told her that her baby is behind schedule in her weight growth and potentially it might be dangerous for her. Yes, I think vegans belong to the same sect. You just can’t deny Mother-nature’s laws.

But what about the COVID-19 vaccination?

In Russia I know personally lots of people who want to be vaccinated a.s.a.p. One person that I know has done it already. She feels good, so far. Others don’t trust it because ‘Sputnik-V’, a Russian-developed vaccine, available here, is… Russian-developed. Some don’t trust it because any COVID-19 vaccine hasn’t had enough testing before being publicly available.

I understand both groups. The first one thinks (and this is true) that Russian medicine is not as developed as the Western ones so they’re highly suspicious about it when come to its hi-tech products. They also think it was released so quick because of political reasons to show that Russia is on par with the West in this sensitive field. The second group just doesn’t believe that joint and quick efforts of the scientific community with massive resources injected still can’t produce a safe product.

I haven’t been vaccinated yet but when it becomes widely available and fast to do, I think I would do it.

Why? For two reasons: I know that our, let’s call it, ‘high circles’, are busy vaccinating themselves with the ‘Sputnik-V’ starting from summer when it was not even officially released yet. Those guys love themselves too much to try some non-reliable stuff.

My second reason is that nobody, including President Putin, would put his reputation at stake, saying that this thing is effective and they are going to try it and then… whoops, it is going to have lots of side-effects or something like this.

It is just common sense. I think any vaccine available now worldwide is basically safe and working. So I trust it.

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Oh God! Don’t Take My Chocolate.

Let’s not waste your time: hell yeah I’ll take the shot. For many of us there will be little choice in the matter. Depending on the job you have, you may be ordered to take the vaccine to continue your employment.

Consider someone like a waitress in a restaurant: over the six days or so before she knows she is sick, she will handle food for a couple of hundred people. The simple act of putting a plate on your table will make is almost impossible for you not to eat Covid-19.

I just assume you will have to show vaccination papers to fly. The virus has smashed economies around the world, there is no way any rational Government will allow someone to just walk in and start spreading Covid around — again.

In the past, we all worried the person we were seated next to for six hours had a common cold and that was bad enough. The airlines may require proof of vaccination for even domestic flights. The public must believe it’s safe before they fly again.

Now, a bad case of goofy has already set-in and many are consumed with the opportunity to prove they are stupid. Example: some believe that the Government has put little chips into the shots so they can track you.

Look, to fit a computer chip, transmitter, and battery inside a syringe needle will require serious nano technology. This tech will come someday but it’s not here yet.

The best scientists on the planet have been working on this for years and it simply isn’t available. Turn off the damn TV!

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By the way, Stupid, if the Government wants to track you they already can: It’s called a smartphone. And why go to all the expense of making a miniature transmitter when you are required by law to carry your driver’s license with you when you leave the house? Why not put a full-sized chip there?

The same exact Americans who hate immigration want a National ID card with a chip built in. Hello? Is this thing on? <taps> The exact same, well heeled, Rupert Murdoch employees who are trying to get the planet angry are happy to hop a jet to the Alps, using a Passport that already has a chip. They never get on TV and lie about that. Why? Because they are well paid and want their holidays in the French Riviera to continue.

Sorry, I’m getting off-topic but all these things are related. Yes, there are people who have had allergic reactions to the vaccine. But there are also people allergic to chocolate and milk. Do we remove all cakes from the store because someone gets a rash from chocolate?

By the time I get my shot, several million people will have had their injections. We will all know how safe it is by then. We have all had flu shots and it’s well known technology. I for one, trust the scientists who have worked so hard to save millions. Thank you.

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Roger

Should we trust the vaccine?

I have never understood why so many people prefer to believe the bullshit they read on social media over science.

Why wouldn’t I take the vaccine? It was designed to keep me alive and eventually to stop spreading the damn virus.

Yes, of course there may be the odd flaw, despite vigorous testing. So what? I may be in a car crash tomorrow, so maybe I shouldn’t get in a car ever again, just in case. Look at it this way, from my point of view. Mrs B has several health problems, and Covid-19 would simply take her out. I am her principal carer, and if I got taken out, where would that leave her? Why wouldn’t we take the vaccine?

We are both 68 years old, and have been lucky enough to have enjoyed a great life. In the hugely unlikely event we die because the vaccine got us, then at least there’s two people who will not, cannot, pass the virus on. I look at it as our final parting gift to mankind……

OK, so you believe that the vaccine contains some 5G tracing apparatus, because you read it somewhere. You probably think the world is flat and Trump was a fine president. You simply don’t trust science. It’s all a conspiracy, init. Fine, your choice. But the quid pro quo has to be that you remain in isolation until such time as you get immunised. Deal?

Anything else would be extraordinarily selfish.

I shall treat the vaccine, when it eventually becomes available to me, as a fine wine.

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To read more of RUSUK the link is:

http://rusuknow.com/
Girne Municipality cleaned the sea in the Old Harbour

Cleaning teams affiliated to Girne Municipality removed various wastes that caused pollution in the sea in the Girne Old Harbour area on Tuesday 12th January.

In the statement made by the Municipality, the cleaning teams went into the sea and removed many items of waste (nylon, plastic and glass bottles, wood, etc.).

Emphasising that people visiting the area should be more careful in order to prevent these problems, the authorities asked the citizens and boat owners to be more sensitive about pollution in the environment.

Source (Turkish): Girne Municipality

Levent students Ece Çakmak and Mert Yakup Baykan score high

Our Levent College students made us proud with their success this year again in the International Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT).

One of our students, Ece Çakmak, achieved the highest score in the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus, scoring 1,510 points, and Mert Yakup Baykan scored 1,500 points in the exam, in which all our students who attended achieved high scores.

The SAT (Scholastic Aptitude Testing) is the examination that foreign students who want to study at universities in the United States and Turkey in undergraduate education can use the results when applying to the universities.

Participants' mathematic and English proficiency is measured and evaluated over 1,600 points. Among the TRNC schools, only Levent College provides the training and preparation for the SAT exam.

Source (Turkish) Levent Group of Companies
Walking the Dogs - 13th January 2021

Readers Mail ....
from Carole King ....

Fabulous day dog walking. Weather was kind and all humans and doggies had wonderful walks in really warm weather. Such a joy to give them the extra exercise and cuddles, not to mention the treats lol.

Thank you to Lyn Hall, Valerie Maskell, Stanley John Cudd, Joanna Leigh, Cheryl Lucas, Adela Warrington and Mike Bezzant, together we walked a total of 28 dogs! Wonderful people.

Thanks and sloppy kisses from Roxy, Blue, Tucker, Karmi, Dylan, Stuart, Elsa, Cooper, Jessica, Archie, Beverley, Kate, Ross, Mary, Juliet, Samba, George, Leah, Timothy, Theo, Santi, another, and 6 very energetic puppies lol.

If you would like to join the dog walking team, contact Carole on the Facebook link shown below.

https://www.facebook.com/carolewking
The Royal British Legion, Kyrenia Branch are organising 11 Challenges in 11 months to be undertaken by the Committee.

The challenge given to them was to raise 1100TL in any way they saw fit within their own given month. Chairman, Dave Horsfall started it off this month (January) with his sponsored wax. This was live-streamed on Facebook.

The Committee’s challenge months are as follows and we are giving information of the challenge being undertaken in October by Treasurer Jean Bradley.

February - Ann Griffiths - Poppy Appeal officer.
March - Les Evans - Vice Chair.
April will be an East vs West challenge.
May – Jill Bell - Events coordinator.
June - Gordon Hayes - Community support officer.
July - Sharon Garfurd - Membership Secretary
August will be a Mens vs Ladies challenge
September - Pamela Padden - Branch Secretary
October – Jean Bradley - Treasurer
November - All committee challenge

All of the Challenges are subject to Covid and restrictions!

Readers Mail ....
Royal British Legion,
Kyrenia Branch ....

October 2021 may seem a long way off but Jean Bradley, our Treasurer, has chosen this as her 11/11 Challenge month.

Jean's Challenge is to walk 5 Castles in 6 days. YES you read that correctly ... we do have a crazy committee!!

She will be setting off from Girne Town centre on the 16th, to walk to Kyrenia Castle. From there to St Hilarion Castle, on to Buffavento Castle and Othello Castle in Famagusta, then to Kantara Castle before returning to Kyrenia Castle on the 21st ready for the Official 2021 Poppy launch. Totaling over 200km.

She will be asking for sponsorship, however if anyone is brave enough and wishes to join her either all or part of the way she would be happy to have the company.

There will be support vehicles with a designated First Aid trained person, however walkers will be expected to carry their own food and water for the day. Accommodation on route will be provided. Jean will hold a meeting in February (Covid permitting) with anyone who is interested.

Please contact her on treasurerblikyrenia@gmail.com to register an interest or to pledge sponsorship.
Forthcoming Events

**Susies Fortunes**

**And the survey said XXX**

Winning Team takes all, maximum 4 to a Team, 5tl per person entry fee.....

From 7.30pm
Mon 18th Jan

Need to book...

Book with Ali: 0533 885 2908 or see Susie.

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**Karaoke & Fish 'n' Chips Night**

Starting from 7.30pm
Karaoke starts 8.30pm

Wed 20th Jan

Seabreeze Bar & Restaurant Kucuk Erenkoy
0533 876 2621 / 0533 822 8296

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**Mr & Mrs Competition**

ALL COUPLES WELCOME

10th PER COUPLE ENTRY FEE

From 7.30pm

Monday 25th January

1st Prize 1 night in holiday bungalow (including evening meal & breakfast)

Bookings see SUSIE or call ALI 0533 885 2908

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**Quiz Night**

Khan’s Restaurant Catalkoy

Special Quiz menu.

5 Categories
5tl PP

From 5.30pm
Quiz to start prompt 6pm due to new Corona restrictions

Every Thursday

Bookings call: 0533 851 7224
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- Lapta: 821 3512

**FIRE**
- Emergencies: 199
- Forest Fire: 177
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- Lefkosa: 227 1259
- Gazi Mağusa: 366 5389
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**AMBULANCE**
- Emergencies: 112

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### Kyrenia Weather : 8-day Forecast

(from 15th January to 22nd January 2021)

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### Forthcoming Events in aid of Tulips

**ONE LUMP OR TWO, IT’S UP TO YOU!**

**Afternoon Tea** *(in aid of Tulips)*

Meryem Hotel
Catalkoy

Every Thursday Afternoon
70TL each (20TL to Tulips)
1:30pm to 5pm

Reservation essential: 0533 840 1985

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**Wild Goose Chase**

18th April 2021
11am

An exciting opportunity to discover the hidden gems of Alsancak Village on our Wild Goose Chase.

In teams of up to 4 people you will walk to and around the village for a max of 2 hours. Not only will you have a great time but you will complete easy challenges. Starting and finishing at The Black Olive where lunch will be served.

- Approx 5-6kms (max 4 miles)
- 100TL per person (incl lunch and a donation to Tulips)

For further info: 0542 854 8714
WARM UP YOUR WINTER AT ROYAL SPA

Winter Membership Offers

- **3 MONTHS**: 2.500 TL
- **6 MONTHS**: 3.500 TL
- **1 YEAR**: 5.000 TL

**Offer includes:**
- Free entrance to the Spa, indoor & outdoor swimming pool, gym and beach.
- 20% discount on all Spa treatments, massages, foods & beverages in the hotel.
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For inquiries and bookings (0392) 650 40 00 | (0533) 826 66 39

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