Richard Chamberlain presents Varosha books to Gazimağusa Mayor
By Margaret Sheard ....

I have managed this week to complete 20 pages of the CyprusScene online Enewspaper to try and continue with this publication, although it is smaller than normal.

Thank you to those who have contributed news and reviews and apologies to those contributors who we have included in past issues but have not been able to use in Issue 184. I will do my best to include your news if I am able to continue with the Enewspaper in future weeks.

We have been lucky enough to welcome a new team member who has offered to assist us and he is making steady progress in helping with publications on the CyprusScene website.

I have found it quite difficult to summon up the energy to create this week’s Enewspaper but at least there are some news items and reviews for our readers to enjoy.

With a Petscan due next week this will give me an idea of what I can expect for the future. Hopefully the past chemotherapy will have worked or it will mean more treatment so that will be the decision of whether I can continue producing the Enewspaper. Perhaps I will be able to continue with a smaller version and reduce the frequency of editions. Fingers crossed!
BRS News : UK travellers arriving from Red UK at 7th July

We are sharing for readers who are seeking the latest facts and information news recently provided by the British Residents' Society to their members.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT 7th July 2021

BRITISH RESIDENTS’ SOCIETY UPDATE IN RELATION TO THE REPUBLIC OF CYPRUS RE-CATEGORISATION OF UNITED KINGDOM AS RED WITH EFFECT FROM THURSDAY 8TH JULY 2021

In view of the forthcoming re-categorisation of the United Kingdom with effect from tomorrow, we have been having some discussions with the British High Commission in an attempt to clarify some of the implications. We focused on a small number of quite specific areas.

1) ARE BRITISH PASSPORT HOLDERS WITH A TRNC RESIDENCY VISA BEING GRANTED ENTRY INTO THE REPUBLIC OF CYPRUS UNDER THE NEW CATEGORY OF RED, AS THE ONLY REFERENCE BEING MADE IS TO RESIDENCY PERMIT HOLDERS WITHIN THE REPUBLIC OF CYPRUS

The advice given by the British High Commission is as follows, and is not entirely unexpected, a TRNC Residency visa confers no right of entry into the Republic of Cyprus. Although the United Kingdom has been re-categorised as Red, HOLIDAY MAKERS from the United Kingdom will still be permitted to enter the Republic of Cyprus but will be subject to the entry criteria as defined for all arrivals from a Red category country.

1) CLARIFICATION THAT ANY BRITISH PASSPORT HOLDER IN POSSESSION OF A VACCINATION CERTIFICATE ISSUED BY THE TRNC WILL BE GRANTED ENTRY INTO THE REPUBLIC OF CYPRUS, AS NEITHER THE TRNC OR TURKEY IS SHOWN UNDER THE LIST OF "A valid certificate of vaccination issued by the following states:"

The advice given by the British High Commission is as follows, It is the policy of the ROC so people must decide how they interpret the rules.

May we summarise the situation as we currently understand it, for any member intending to enter Cyprus via the Republic of Cyprus with effect from tomorrow,

1. You must travel with a negative printed PCR test certificate, for a test within the last 72 hours.

2. You should expect to be required to submit to a further PCR test upon arrival in the ROC. The cost of this test will be paid for by the traveller.

It is not known whether you should for the moment plan and expect to remain in self-isolation within the ROC until the test result is issued. It is not known how long a test result will take to arrive, or how it will arrive, presumably by e-mail? But the period of self-isolation required by the ROC is 72 hours. It is not known if the ROC authorities will choose to apply a requirement to complete self-isolation within the ROC, to a traveller intending to immediately travel onto the TRNC.

It is not known how the ROC authorities intends to manage / supervise the period of self-isolation if you were to be required to complete this within the ROC.

It is not known who would pay for the period spent in self-isolation, but it would be prudent to budget some money for a cost involved.

It is unclear at the current time how you will be treated if you choose to highlight your intention to immediately travel onto the TRNC.

The summary above should be read in conjunction with the press release (shown below) issued by the Republic of Cyprus Government.

Editor's Note :
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[https://brstrnc.com](https://brstrnc.com)
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**VACCINATION BOOKING PROCESS REMOVED**

Following increased numbers of vaccines being sent to the TRNC from Turkey the Prime Minister, Ersan Saner has announced that from tomorrow 5th July, the appointment system is to be suspended and stated that if you want to be vaccinated then you need only to attend one of the vaccination centres to receive the vaccine.

**COVID REGULATIONS**

There is NO CHANGE to the regulations and they will be further reviewed on 12th July.

**COUNTRY CLASSIFICATION**

There is NO CHANGE to the current Country classifications. Any changes will be notified.

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**The Greek Cypriots have always been unwilling to share Varosha**

_Reader's mail…_  
**John Aziz Kent…**  
**TRNC Hoteliers Association…**

Hello…

Chris Elliott and our mutual friend Richard Chamberlain visited The Mayor of Magusa near Maraş (Varosha) and presented him with books of old Cyprus pictures which could be the starting point of a lot more people taking an interest of this forgotten area left to become derelict for so many years all because the Greek Cypriot politicians refused to share part of it with the other legitimate shareholders, the Turkish Cypriots.

I know this from when we were looking for confidence building measures when Boutros Boutros-Ghali was the UN Secretary General and I was asked by TRNC President Rauf Denktaş for my opinion, as the head of the TRNC Hoteliers Association, what could be done and no matter how much we tried to be generous by offering to open and share the old Nicosia Airport, Famagusta Port and the Varosha area, the Greek Cypriot side refused us flatly, as they have been doing ever since unless they gained full control.

It is NO, NO whenever they sit to negotiate and they will not consider a basis on Reality and Truth of the CYPROB issue for the past 70 years when they have created the Cyprus Problem and they still say No to the innocent Turkish Cypriots who are continually squeezed and will only get an agreement when they agree to be ruled by Greek Cypriot apartheid laws and unfortunately the EU, the UN, and other powerful countries have all been brainwashed by the so called RoC, blame games which have been accepted as the Truth of the Cyprus issue and that the TRNC and Turkey through their intransigence are responsible for the CYPROB House of Cards which is the opposite of the TRUTH.

John Aziz Kent  
Honorary President of the TRNC Hoteliers Association.

**Editor's Note:**

To read the Richard Chamberlain article John Aziz Kent refers to, the link is shown below.

https://cyprusscene.com/2021/07/05/richard-chamberlain-presents-his-varosha-books-to-gazimagusa-mayor/
President Ersin Tatar called Anastasiades to offer help

President Ersin Tatar called the Greek Cypriot Administration Leader Nikos Anastasiades and conveyed that he was ready to help with the extinguishing of the fire in the Limassol area.

Anastasiades said that they would evaluate the Turkish Cypriot side's offer of assistance.

Expressing his sorrow to Anastasiades regarding the fire, Tatar said that he gave instructions to his Special Representative Ergün Ölgun to follow the developments.

Source: TRNC Public Information Office

Teslimat film competes in Italy and Spain

The Turkish-Cypriot short film "Teslimat" continues to enter the official selections of international film festivals. The film "Teslimat", directed by Doğuş Özokutan, will compete in three more festivals in July, one in Italy and two in Spain.

"Teslimat" was shot with the financial support of Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU) and post-production was done with the financial support of the Culture Department and the number of festivals in which it has been selected since November 2020, will increase to 16.

The film in which İzel Seylani played the leading role, had previously won the "Audience Award" from Italy, and "Best Film" and "Best Actor" awards from Puerto Rico.

Source: TRNC Public Information Office

TRNC to be strong, self-standing and productive

Oktay: “We are working hard to build the TRNC to be strong, self-standing and productive”

Turkish Vice President Fuat Oktay pointed out the importance of 20th July and emphasised that this was the day when his TRNC brothers and Turkish Cypriots gained their freedom.

Stating that the working visit has two purposes, Oktay said the first of them is to make preparations before the visit of the President of the Republic of Turkey, Recep Tayyip Erdoğan, who will come to the TRNC on the occasion of the 20th July Peace and Freedom Day, and the second purpose is to closely examine and consult the ongoing projects and to determine the stage reached in the studies and what to do next.

In his speech at the Prime Ministry, Oktay thanked Prime Minister Saner for his hospitality on behalf of himself and his delegation and pointed out that they came to the TRNC for a 2-day working visit.

TRNC Prime Minister Ersan Saner and Turkish Vice President Fuat Oktay met at the Prime Ministry.

Celebrating the upcoming 20th July Peace and Freedom Day, Oktay
TRNC Ministry of Foreign Affairs condemn Greek Cypriot activities

The statement by the Minister of Energy of the Greek Cypriot Administration of Southern Cyprus, Natasa Pilides, to the effect that American energy company Exxon Mobile will resume its natural gas exploration activities in the Eastern Mediterranean, indicates the fact that the Greek Cypriot side is continuing its unabated unilateral activities in the region.

The Greek Cypriot side is escalating tension in the Eastern Mediterranean. So long as the Greek Cypriot side continues its provocative activities which are far from cooperation and equal sharing over hydrocarbon resources, the Turkish Cypriot side will continue to take equivalent and simultaneous steps in order to protect its rights and interests.

It should not be forgotten that it is the Greek Cypriot side which laid the foundation of tension in the Eastern Mediterranean region. The Greek Cypriot side unilaterally concluded bilateral agreements on delimitation of maritime boundaries and has continued seismic and drilling activities through the international companies that it has licenced.

The Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus has been raising the need for diplomacy and cooperation and insisting that the actions should be in line with the fact that the Turkish Cypriot people are the co-owners of the natural resources in and around the island. As all its calls have remained unreciprocated, the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus decided to take action in order to protect its rights and legitimate interests in the region, together with Motherland Turkey, and started its activities in the region in 2011.

We will continue to underline that restoring stability in the Eastern Mediterranean can only be possible if the Greek Cypriot side agrees to establish cooperation with the Turkish Cypriot side, as the co-owner of the natural gas resources in the region. We remind that the only counterpart of the Greek Cypriot side on the issue of energy, as in the case of the Cyprus issue, is the Turkish Cypriot side, regarding the management, exploration, sale and equal share of the energy resources that lie within the maritime jurisdiction areas which belong to Greek Cypriot and Turkish Cypriot peoples.

It should also be noted that the Republic of Turkey has made a call on organising a conference with the participation of relevant countries in the region and relevant international energy companies. Moreover, the constructive proposal made by the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus in 2019 is still on the table. However, the Greek Cypriot side, has not responded to these proposals up to now.

The international community should realise that the source of tension is the Greek Cypriot side before it suggests any idea for the cessation of the tension. We are of the view that it is possible and necessary that through cooperation, diplomacy and dialogue the deep confidence crisis between the two sides can be overcome, waiting the settlement of the Cyprus issue.

Source : TRNC Public Information Office

Turkish Vice President Oktay reply to Von der Leyen

Stating that the EU stood side by side with those who expressed what a solution should not be in Cyprus, Turkish Vice President Fuat Oktay reacted to the statements of European Commission President Ursula Von der Leyen, who visited South Cyprus.

In response to the words of the President of the European Commission regarding Cyprus “I want to repeat that we will never, ever accept a two-state solution.

We are firm on that and very united," Oktay said "There is a state on the Turkish side of Cyprus. This state is independent, equal, strong, standing upright on its own feet. It doesn't need anyone else's approval either”.

Source : TRNC Public Information Office
Some memories stay with you all your life through shock

By Ahmet Abdulaziz...

The problem with human memory is that there are certain events which we do not forget, throughout our whole lives. We remember that particular event, but at times forget the names of the main character of the event.

Way back in the memory line, I remember a newspaper photo of a Vietnamese Buddhist monk, burning himself to death in Saigon. That was 11th June 1963, and Vietnam was passing through a very tough period of her history. A period when Vietnam was literally, politically and physically divided as North and South Vietnam, and human lives were being lost every day due to armed conflict, involving physical and/or proxy presence of the Chinese, Russians, French, Americans and the Communists and non-communist Vietnamese.

America backed South Vietnamese President, who was Catholic, and had taken an anti-Buddhist stance in his policies. The Buddhists were at the receiving end constantly, and were mostly carrying out peaceful anti-government rallies. In one of these anti-government rallies due to tough measures of the South Vietnamese Government, some Buddhists were killed.

Following this event, Thich Quang Duc, a 65 years old Vietnamese Buddhist monk, decided to register his peaceful opposition against the unjust policies of the South Vietnamese government. He decided to burn himself to death, as a form of peaceful protest.

The date was 11th June 1963. A day earlier the foreign journalists in Saigon were secretly informed by the monks that something serious was going to happen the next day. Most of the journalists did not pay much attention to this message, and did not go to the place mentioned, except David Halberstam of the New York Times and Malcolm Browne of the Associated Press.

The event occurred in the centre of Saigon city, just opposite the Cambodian Embassy. Lots of Buddhist monks had already encircled the place. Thich Quang Duc, had arrived in a car, with two young monks, who placed a cushion for him in the middle of the crossroads. There he sat on the cushion, and his fellow monks poured gasoline on him. He said his prayers and then torched himself. As reported everywhere, that was an unforgettable scene. The people gathered there were stunned as they watched a human being burning himself. It took about ten long minutes until most parts of his body became ash, but he remained seated, unmoved, without saying a word.

That was one particular incident of its own type. Though some more monks also burnt themselves to death in the following periods, however the self immolation incident of Thich Quang Duc, made its own mark everywhere.

The photo of the incident, taken by Malcolm Browne, remained one of the most important photos in the journalistic history, and brought a Pulitzer Prize to him. John F. Kennedy, the then President of USA, was quoted saying in reference to this photo, "No news picture in history has generated so much emotion around the world as that one".

David Halberstam, of The New York Times who carried out this story, wrote, "I was to see that sight again, but once was enough. Flames were coming from a human being; his body was slowly withering and shriveling up, his head blackening and charring. In the air was the smell of burning human flesh; human beings burn surprisingly quickly. Behind me I could hear the sobbing of the Vietnamese who were now gathering. I was too shocked to cry, too confused to take notes or ask questions, too bewildered to even think ... As he burned he never moved a muscle, never uttered a sound, his outward composure in sharp contrast to the wailing people around him".

Though there are many more photographs which generated immense sensation round the world, I think this particular photo of Thich Quang Duc, burning himself to death on 11th June 1963, is the one and only of its kind.
Girne business hygiene inspections for 8th to 30th June 2021

During the official controls carried out by the Municipality of Girne, between 08 June - 30 June 2021, 204 businesses in total were inspected for food hygiene, general hygiene and Covid-19 Pandemic Measures, while 2 business activities, which were found to be deficient in terms of general food safety, were stopped and sealed.

Girne Municipality stopped the activities of 2 workplaces and sealed them on the grounds that they did not work in accordance with the health conditions during the hygiene controls they routinely carried out in public eating and drinking places.

The activities of the Mami Malti Market, which had technical deficiencies regarding the building in its operating conditions, and the Zeytin Village Tavern, which was found to be inconsistent in the kitchen design conditions, were stopped and sealed. It has been reported that the Mami Malti market, which has eliminated its technical deficiencies, is now allowed to operate, while the renovation works of Zeytin Village Tavern are continuing.

In the information received from Girne Municipality, it was stated that a total of 204 workplaces were inspected during the inspections carried out by the Girne Municipality Health Branch and the Police City Safety Unit teams between 08 June - 30 June 2021.

While it was stated that the night inspections of food, beverage and entertainment venues were given importance, 44 workplaces were notified for their shortcomings within the scope of general workplace controls, 6 businesses were warned to close if they did not rectify their deficiencies, 1 workplace was found to be inadequate due to food hygiene measures, 4 workplaces were fined for not taking the necessary Covid precautions, and various food products that were not in suitable conditions were confiscated in 2 markets.

In addition, it was stated that the controls for the sales in the Girne Municipality Open Market, which is held every Wednesday, continue within the framework of the Covid-19 Pandemic measures.

Since the hygiene conditions of the food are of great importance in the management of the Covid epidemic process, the Municipality has given weight to official controls since the beginning of the process. The purpose of legal audits on taking Pandemic measures of businesses is to increase the awareness and responsibility awareness of the food and beverage and entertainment sector operators and their employees and to protect the health of our people. In the pandemic process, since the hygienic conditions, the importance of which is better understood, are an essential legal responsibility by all food-related businesses, whether it is an epidemic or not, the sanctions in the opposite applications will continue. Responsibility should not be overlooked by remembering that protecting food and hygiene means protecting human life.

“In these days when social mobility has increased with the effect of very hot weather, let's not give up our measures to protect from the pandemic, which still continues to affect the whole world. The increase in human mobility due to the density of eating, drinking and entertainment venues requires strict implementation of hygiene-related measures in this sector.

It is our duty to protect the health of not only our valuable citizens, but also our foreign students and tourists in our country. For a safe summer and a safe tourism season, we, as the Municipality, will continue the controls without interruption.

However, our people should also pay attention to mask, personal social distance and hygiene issues. The whole society, our people, our shopkeepers and local administrators, must manage this critical process with good cooperation.”

Source (Turkish): Girne Municipality
By Chris Elliott…. 

I had the pleasure this past week to go with Richard Chamberlain (the man behind the camera) when he visited the Gazimağusa Municipality to meet the Mayor, İsmail Arter who was delighted to receive a presentation of Richard’s books of photographs of Varosha/Maras.

The Municipality made photographs of the occasion and placed them on their Facebook page which we are showing and offer a translation of what they said.

"Richard Chamberlain, who served in the British Army between 1954-1955, visited Famagusta/Gazimağusa Mayor İsmail Arter and presented his two books of old Cyprus photographs. In his speech, Gazimaşusa Mayor İsmail Arter stated that he opened Richard Chamberlain 1954-1955 Life Landscapes in Cyprus Exhibition organised by the Municipality in 2014, when they met there and that he was happy to host them in Famagusta/Gazimağusa again today.

Richard Chamberlain, who served in the British Army between 1954-1955, stated that they spent their free time in Varosha and the beautiful beaches of Cyprus, and that he wrote a book about the photographs he took in Famagusta, where he spent most of his time. Chamberlain said that his first book, Cyprus Scenes and Way of Life in 1954, reflects the state of the city and its people at that time. Chamberlain stated that his second book, Cyprus Scenes and Way of Life in 1954 and sixty years later in 2014, published in 2014, is a study in which old and current photographs are compared. He presented the book to Famagusta/Gazimağusa Mayor İsmail Arter. Richard Chamberlain thanked Mayor İsmail Arter, who previously hosted the exhibition and provided all kinds of support and information in this context."

Following our visit to meet the Mayor at Gazimağusa, Richard took me down to Varosha and we went for a short visit by minibus through this famous area and to realise what tremendous tourist potential this presents for the TRNC and I hope to be able to go back and spend more time there soon and in the meanwhile shown below are links to articles Richard Chamberlain has written about his books and Varosha on CyprusScene..
ATA Recycling Scheme expanding with help from Creditwest Bank

The Anglo Turkish Association of Northern Cyprus is proud to help and contribute to the benefit of the environment by collecting and recycling plastic bottle tops.

Instigated by past association chairman Pearl Mitchell and continued on by successive chairmen since, the association collects plastic bottle tops which it then converts into much needed items for the less fortunate amongst those in Northern Cyprus through the TRNC bottle top recycling initiative.

PLEASE help the association recycling scheme by donating your used plastic bottle tops to help the association provide items such as wheelchairs to those in need.

Your PLASTIC BOTTLE TOPS can be donated via Eziç Premier Restaurant in Girne, and at all the Girne region branches of Creditwest Bank in Alsancak, Çatalköy & Girne and in the very near future via another well respected local business (details to be announced soon).

Whilst Blue plastic bottle tops are preferred, clear plastic bottle tops are also acceptable.

Don’t throw your plastic bottle tops into the rubbish, do something constructive with them, by donating them to our association and thereby do your little bit for the environment.

Why Recycle; Recycling plastic means reduced quantum of plastic waste. This in turn reduces pollution and saves a lot of animal species crucial to the food chain. Manufacturing of plastic from scratch requires much more energy compared to producing products from recycled plastic. Plastic Recycling helps to reduce energy usage, it reduces the consumption of fresh raw materials, it reduces the water pollution and air pollution (from landfiling) by reducing the need for conventional waste disposal and it reduces greenhouse gases emissions.

As a direct result of the association’s Recycling Scheme for plastic bottle tops, the association recently presented the Orthopaedic Disabled Association in Lefkosa with a wheelchair.

Between us ALL lets each and every one of us try and do something positive for the future not only of our planet but for those that follow on after us. Do your little bit today – save your plastic bottle tops and donate them to our association!

Current Association Chairman, Philip Lloyd, said “If we all do the little act of saving the blue plastic bottle tops from all the bottled water we buy, and then by donating them to our association everybody can rightly claim to be not only doing something positive in helping our environment improve but also know that the little act they have done will help the disabled amongst us as well”.

As of 1st July 2021. Further cementing the co-operation that exists between the Anglo Turkish Association of Northern Cyprus and Creditwest Bank, the ATA’s successful Blue Bottle Top Recycling Scheme has been revamped. With members of the public now able to donate their own blue plastic bottle tops to the ATA’s recycling scheme at Creditwest bank branches in Alsancak, Çatalköy and Girne, plus in the future at other branches as this initiative evolves.

Association Chairman Philip Lloyd, thanked Creditwest bank for allowing collection containers to be placed in their branches and thereby making it easier for everyone to have access to a local donation place for their blue plastic bottle tops.

Philip said “In particular the association would like to thank Figen Kaymak of Creditwest bank for helping further strengthen the cooperation between our two very environmentally aware TRNC institutions in which we are both committed to helping look after Northern Cyprus’s environment for our future generations. Both my association and Creditwest have in 2020 planted forests in our country and both see Creditwest joining our recycling scheme as a positive and progressive action and another step towards a greener landscape for all of us”. 

Figen Kaymak and Philip Lloyd

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continued ...  ATA Recycling Scheme

Fig Kaymak Creditwest bank’s National Expat Manager, said “Creditwest bank for a long time just like the ATA have been focused and aware of the needs for everybody to do their bit to help the environment. We are pleased to be able to join forces with the ATA in their recycling scheme which has been in existence for a number of years, and hope to help their blue plastic bottle tops recycling scheme grow and becoming even more successful”.

Both association Chairman Philip and Figen make the plea; Don’t throw plastic blue bottle tops into the rubbish, do something constructive with them, by donating them to the ATA and Creditwest Bank recycling cooperation and thereby do your little bit for the environment!

Deniz Oralman and Philip Lloyd

Buket Edel and Natalia Yıldırım

Deniz Oralman, Creditwest Alsancak branch Manager, said “My branch has a lot of expat customers who I am sure will donate their blue plastic bottle tops to the scheme once they see the container – I certainly will be!”.

At the Girne branch of Creditwest Buket Edel, said “Joining the ATA in this scheme is great and to have a collection container at our branch is wonderful for both our fellow employees and customers alike”. Whilst Natalia Yıldırım said, “This is a great way to help our environment and feel as though you are doing something. It’ll certainly put our branch on the map as my colleagues alone drink lots of water a day so our plastic bottle tops will be going straight into the container”.

Creditwest Girne branch Manager Caner Demirciğil said, ” I am pleased my branch has been chosen to have an ATA blue plastic bottle top recycling container, we are an inner city branch so are well aware of the effects pollution has on the environment. I am sure our customers will see our joining forces with the ATA as a progressive step and will donate their blue plastic bottle tops at every opportunity!.

Source: https://angloturkishassociation.com/charity-projects/ata-recycling-scheme/

First team evaluation of "Turn walls into Love" competition held

In cooperation with Girne Municipality and Girne Evkaf Kindness Volunteers, the teams participating in the Empty Walls Graffiti and Painting Contest with the slogan "Turn walls into Love" appeared before the evaluation committee for the first evaluations.

The meeting was held on Thursday 1st July 2021, at the Girne Municipality New Service Building, attended by Girne Mayor Nidai Gungördü, General Art Director Derman Atık, Cyprus Turkish Cartoonists Association President Musa Kayra, Artist Şenol Özdervrim, and Educator-Poet Fatoş Avcısoy Ruso.

The teams in the competition, which was held with the participation of teams of 4-7 people, consisting of young people between the ages of 15-25, had an enjoyable time. The young people, who inform the board about their work, will practice in various parts of the city in the coming days.

Bringing unused areas to urban aesthetics, contributing to environmental and landscape studies in the competition, which aims to meet young people by shaping the future with the continuity of learning, teamwork and sharing of ideas, and to support the realisation of the projects they produce, the winners will be rewarded in August as a result of the evaluation of the works to be applied to the designated places by a jury including the artists.

In the statement made by the Municipality of Girne, it was noted that the first team will receive 3000 TL, the second team will receive 2000 TL, and the third place will receive 1000 TL.

Source (Turkish): Girne Municipality
Readers mail....
From Direct Flights to North Cyprus (DFNC)....

Dear CyprusScene,

DFNC (Direct Flights to North Cyprus) is a newly formed campaign group created to lobby the British Parliamentarians toward the ultimate aim of direct flights between the United Kingdom and North Cyprus. The group was inspired by Kadir Kanizi’s UK Parliament petition calling for the same goal.

We have just launched a new push to reach 100,000 for Kadir’s campaign. At 100,000 signatures the U.K. Government are obliged to debate the issue in parliament. With this in mind we ask everyone to act now by signing on and sharing the petition link shown below before 30 October 2021.

While the long term ambition is to achieve direct flights we are calling on community support for an interim goal which we believe will make a huge difference to the Turkish Cypriot community, British expats living in North Cyprus, their visiting family, indeed any travellers to the TRNC. Our live campaign asks British MP’s support the removal of the British Government imposed requirement for disembarkation and security screening at mainland Turkish airports for flights between the UK and TRNC. In 2017, the UK were the only country in the world to introduce the requirement for disembarkation and security screening. This has caused enormous inconvenience and difficulties for the elderly, the disabled and those travelling with young children. Every country, other than the UK, permit ‘touchdown’ only in Turkey, travellers remain aboard the aircraft for short period of time before continuing to Ercan Airport. However, passengers from the UK are forced to leave the aircraft with all their personal belongings, pass through additional security, and reboard another aircraft which is often a great distance away from the point of disembarkation. These measures will be even more restrictive once the international airport at Istanbul is fully constructed – the new Istanbul airport will be the largest in the world. This won’t be news to any CyprusScene readers. The inconvenience is felt by British residents and their visiting family. We would very much appreciate CyprusScene readers’ support for our campaign! This will take less than 30 seconds of your time. We have created a link to an autofill letter for British Citizens to send to their MP.

The letter asks that their MP convene a meeting with both the Department for Transport (DfT) and the Foreign Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO) to review the inhumane security measures when travelling to Ercan Airport. So far over 689 letters have been sent from across the UK, reaching more than 30.5% of the UK MPs. We ask for all readers to ask their friends and family members to also send this pre-prepared letter to their MP and help us end this injustice.

This is the link: dfncyprus.co.uk/flights.html.

We have just launched similar style response letter templates for anyone dissatisfied with their MP’s response. With 4 different templates, one which can be customised.

You can contact the DFNC team at campaigns@DFNC.co.uk

Thank you : DFNC Team

https://petition.parliament.uk/petitions/584228?fbclid=IwAR304M6LA1FwIoPmIgFj8ah8VVYfS528SitOqL1SKVBQQ6apjRqD5PhpNW4U/

Covid grants to be paid to hotels and businesses

Grants for businesses and individuals operating in the tourism sector, from the “Tourism Epidemic Support Program” item in the 2021 Fiscal Year Budget of the Ministry of Tourism and Environment and financed with the aid of the Republic of Turkey, will start to be paid from Friday, July 9, 2021.

In this context, 96 small hotels and 42 restaurants and 42 guides who could not operate due to the pandemic, 42 restaurants and 42 guides who could not operate due to the pandemic will start to be paid from Friday 9th July 2021.

Source (Turkish): Ministry of Tourism and Environment
CyprusScene Podcast:

CyprusScene reporting the news from the British Residents' Society concerning restrictions that may affect people arriving from the UK now it has been declared COVID infection code RED

https://open.spotify.com/episode/4GzZR5Yci6Z8mImuskDBfEX

CyprusScene Podcast:

CyprusScene review of the visit with Richard Chamberlain who presented books of his photographs to the Gazimagusa Mayor and then our brief visit to Varosha,

https://open.spotify.com/episode/1xKMdszJIUHwzkaXN74O4W

CyprusScene Podcast:

CyprusScene review of the "North Cyprus Direct Flights" appeal for UK citizens to sign a petition and also send an email to their UK MP.

https://open.spotify.com/episode/5iw4l4eghtBanqi6NWsI1y

CyprusScene Podcast:

CyprusScene review of the thoughts of John Aziz Kent when he wrote about the Varosha issue.

https://open.spotify.com/episode/4HjKUAWnLbLtthZNAmckjp

To see list of all published CyprusScene Podcasts the link is: https://open.spotify.com/show/6BWjqOeKieDhw0O3BxzMsj
Boğaz Picnic Area clean-up by volunteers

On Monday 5th July at the Boğaz Picnic Area, the Youth Platform, formed by the Municipality of Girne for young people aged 15-21, organised an environmental cleaning awareness event with the slogan "Whose Responsibility is the Garbage?" The event was attended by young people from ÇADER (Çatalköy Development and Culture Association) and the environmental group Take Action. Rubbish was collected, classified and separated. The young people were divided into groups of four and also collected data in this study.

Girne Youth Platform brought food for street animals and donated to the Golden Paws Association. The young people who showed their concern called on everyone to be sensitive to the environment and take personal responsibility.

The youth groups also brought their second-hand books which with other books, to be collected at later events, will be donated to people and institutions in need at the end of the summer.

Talking about the event, Take Action member Erna Yurttaş said, “We should not lose hope for a cleaner Cyprus, we should all act together.”

Youth Platform Representative Hazay Say Ötun spoke on behalf of the Youth Platform and emphasised that the responsibility for environmental pollution belongs to all of us.

Supporting the event, Çatalköy Development and Culture Association (ÇADER) Member Irene Raab Marancos said, “It gives us hope to organise these events with young people. We did not only collect garbage here, but also learned about the separation of garbage”.

Girne Mayor Nidai Güngördü reminded that the environmental problem created in the Boğaz Picnic Area has been going on for years, and said, "This event is the first step of the work to be done on the recovery of waste materials for recycling. The garbage removed from the Boğaz picnic area will allow us to collect data for research. From the data obtained we will know what we will encounter and how to plan for the future accordingly. We have always said that the Boğaz Picnic area, which is connected to the Forestry Department, should be given to the control of Girne Municipality as we requested previously. We want to welcome the people who come here for a picnic with a nice, clean environment. I would like to thank the Social Affairs Branch of the Municipality Youth Platform and everyone who contributed.”

Source (Turkish) Girne Municipality
The Summer Holiday Children’s Workshops organised by Girne Municipality continued with a Painting Workshop at Karaoğlanoğlu Public Beach. The children who came spent an artistic day drawing pictures. This colourful event was supported by the Girne Municipality Youth Platform. Girne Mayor Nidai Güngördü chatted with the children participating in the event and wished them a good time. Addressing the children, Güngördü said, "Children who are interested in art also love nature and animals too, as you do. Be sensitive to your environment. Do not forget the animals on the street during these hot days. Put out a bowl of water and a bowl of food for them." Güngördü urged all the children to make good use of their summer holidays to improve themselves and become successful individuals in their lives.

Thursday, 8th July 2021
Children's Picnic at Boğaz Picnic area.

The activities arranged by the Social Affairs Branch continuing this year's environmental theme will continue with a picnic to be held in the Bogaz picnic area on Thursday. Stating that there is a high demand for the events where a limited number of children are accepted, Social Affairs Branch Supervisor Misli Kadıoğlu said that the workshops are already full. She reminded the families and children who will attend the events to pay attention to the mask, social distance and hygiene rules.

Girne Youth platform organises outdoor events and fund raising
The summer program, organised by the Girne Municipality Youth Platform with the slogan "Join Us, Live the Life" continues. The activities of the program, which is open for the participation of all young people between the ages of 15-21, will continue with the Orienteering game on Friday, 9th July between 10:00 and 12:00 in Girne Old Harbour. Those participating in the game should gather in front of the Social Life Centre at 9.30am. On Saturday, July 10, at 06.15, a nature walk will be held in Alevkayası with minibuses that will depart from the Baldöken car park. A collection will be made to help baby Karel.

Participants in the Nature Walk will be asked to donate 10TL each towards the cost of medical treatment for baby Karel. The activities will continue with a Bicycle Ride event, which will start in front of the Atatürk statue at 17.30 on Sunday, July 11th. The youngsters will hit the road with the slogan "Pedal towards a Healthy Life". They invite everyone to come to their events.

A picnic was enjoyed at the Boğaz Picnic area which had been organised by the Girne Municipality Summer Holiday Children’s Workshops, Social Affairs Branch together with the Youth Platform.

Source (Turkish): Girne Municipality
Girne Municipality increase city-wide cleaning to reduce fire risk

Continuing their work uninterruptedly, the Girne Municipality teams are expanding the scope of the cleaning works throughout the city day by day.

With the arrival of the summer season, Girne Municipality teams stated that they intensified their cleaning efforts throughout the city. The teams, which started to work on all streets and roads with the different teams formed, continue their cleaning works in the whole city uninterruptedly within the determined plans.

In addition to the periodic cleaning services, Girne Municipality cleaning teams, which try to provide a clean environment on the streets, roads and sidewalks, stated that they continue their cleaning works throughout the city in addition to their routine cleaning works.

The teams of Girne Municipality, cleared dried grass in parks and gardens and in empty areas which is routinely cut with machines to reduce the risk of fire, and precautions are taken against fires in a controlled manner. Emphasising that small fires can bring great disasters, the authorities called for clearing the weeds on empty lands.

Girne Mayor Nidai Güngördü stated that the cleaning works continue in the city every day and that cleaning works are carried out on the roadsides and empty land, especially with the approach of the summer months.

Güngördü said that these works are continuing to prevent possible fires and said, “Weeds do not create a good image for our city. That's why our cleaning teams meticulously clear the weeds on the roadsides. We are working to keep all our streets clean,” he said.

Source (Turkish) Girne Municipality
Forthcoming Events

**Temmuz July**
- 2. Alper Cengiz & Friends
- 3. Rock Balance
- 7. Lady M. Jazz Quartet
- 9. The Kiwi Band
- 10. Alper Cengiz & Friends
- 16. Süleyman Todds & Friends
- 17. Alper Cengiz & Friends
- 21. The Hot Club of Cyprus
- 22. Serdar Tuşal Band
- 23. Cyprus Chill Band
- 24. Alper Cengiz & Friends
- 28. ORGANIC PIXEL
- 30. Latin Night Feat. Arda Baykurt Band
- 31. Alper Cengiz & Friends

**Balti House Susies Big Fat Music Quiz**
- Mon 12th July
- 7.00pm
- Esentepe Kyrenia
- 0548 847 11221

**Friday 16th July**
- Live Music with The Chosen

**Sat 17th July**
- Andy Ray
- The Taj Indian Restaurant
- Alanya Holiday Village
- 0533 885 2908 Esentepe
- Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner
- Bookings call: 0533 831 4201
- From 7pm
- Only 90 lira
- Pop
- Rock
- Ballads
- Swing
- Jazz
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