The UK recognises the TRNC vaccinations and well done BRS for your efforts!

Delivering patients medical treatment in the TRNC is not acceptable!

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https://cyprusscene.com/e-newspaper/
By Chris Elliott.....

Another week arrives with a steady flow of news and reviews being received from our contributors who look forward to them being published.

We still have a problem however with Margaret Sheard not being able to help with our website, enewsletter and podcasts publishing at present so we are doing our best to produce the best CyprusScene enewsletter we can under the current difficult conditions.

If we were commercial we could hire people to help us but that is not possible as we are living in the TRNC where the regulations can be a minefield and do not encourage ex-patriots to create and own a business which could inject money into the local economy which is just starved of any form of investments.

Take health care for example which is an issue close to my heart after seeing Margaret and others not able to get their medications because there are delays due to slow state purchasing with talk of lack of funds being available.

Thinking outside the box perhaps patients could pay direct to the state for their medications because there are delays due to slow state purchasing with talk of lack of funds being available.

For example this week with a prescription we visited a number of chemists and was told the equipment we wanted was not currently available in the TRNC but could be found in the so called RoC.
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**ACCEPTANCE OF TRNC VACCINATIONS BY THE UK**

After many months of meetings with the British High Commission and lobbying of UK Ministers, we have received the following from Ben Rawlings, the Deputy British High Commissioner.

‘I wanted to let you know that today Ministers took the decision to add the north of Cyprus’ vaccine certification (along with a number of other territories and countries) to the UK’s inbound vaccine policy.

This means that from 04:00 (UK time) on Monday 10 January, vaccination certificates issued by Turkish Cypriot authorities will be accepted by the UK government as proof of vaccination for entry to the UK.

Certificates will only be valid for entry if the vaccine administered is one that is recognised by the UK. The list of recognised vaccines, and confirmation that certificates issued in the north of Cyprus are accepted, can be found below.

**APPROVED VACCINES**

You must have had a complete course of one of the following vaccines at least 14 days before you arrive in England:

* Oxford/AstraZeneca
* Pfizer BioNTech
* Moderna
* Janssen (single dose vaccine)
* Sinovac-CoronaVac
* Sinopharm Beijing
* Covaxin

The day you have your final dose does not count as one of the 14 days.

Formulations of these vaccines, such as AstraZeneca Covishield, AstraZeneca Vaxzervria and Moderna Takeda, also qualify as approved vaccines.

**TWO DOSE VACCINES**

If you were vaccinated with a 2-dose vaccine, or a combination of them, you must have had both doses to be considered fully vaccinated for travel to the UK.

This applies in all cases, even if you've recently recovered from COVID-19 and have natural immunity.

**PROOF OF VACCINATION**

Cyprus, northern will be added to this list at 4.00 am Monday 10 January. Proof of vaccination will be EU DCC or vaccine certificate.

**POSITIVE LATERAL FLOW ANTIGEN TESTING**

If whilst in the UK you take a Lateral Flow/Antigen test which is POSITIVE you DO NOT need to take a PCR test to confirm the findings but MUST isolate for the recommended period (currently SEVEN days)

This avoids placing you on the Track and Trace system.

I have written to Ben, thanking him, and his team for all of their work in fighting our corner to be allowed to travel to the UK using our ‘local’ vaccination records.

Regards

**BRS News**

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https://brstrnc.com

https://brstrnc.com/regform.asp
We are experiencing the excitement of entering 2022 with new hopes and expectations as we leave behind another year that left deep traces in our lives and struggled against the Covid-19 epidemic, which affected our country and the whole world.

In the year 2021, which we left behind, we have implemented many investments in our city. In this way, which we set out to serve our people in the best way, we have come a long way in our goal of making Girne a more livable and more contemporary city. We are trying to support our people in every field during this difficult process. In order to achieve our goals, we will continue to work with all our strength with the support we receive from our citizens, as we have done so far.

With these feelings and thoughts, I congratulate you on your New Year and wish that 2022 will bring health, happiness, and peace to our country and the world.

Source (Turkish): Girne Municipality

**Mayor Nidai Güngördü's New Year breakfast at the Education Center**

Güngördü visited the Girne Special Education Center for the New Year and chatted with the children over breakfast. Güngördü, who also distributed gifts to the children, thanked Özlem Dağlı Gökbulut, Head of the Girne Special Education Center for her kind invitation, and congratulated all the children, teachers, and employees at the center.

Mayor Nidai Güngördü stated that children with special needs need to be involved in every aspect of life, and they need more love and support and that he and Girne Municipality take care to always be there for them.

Mayor Güngördü wished that the new year would bring health, happiness and peace to all people, especially all children.

At the meeting, the students of the Girne Special Education Center also presented Güngördü with their own New Year's gift.

Source (Turkish): Girne Municipality
Güngördü celebrated the New Year at the Girne Open Market

Girne Mayor, Nidai Güngördü, visited the Girne Open Market before the New Year and, was accompanied by Head of the Health Branch, Naile Soyel and they celebrated the forthcoming New Year by chatting with the tradesmen and the citizens who came to the market.

Güngördü wished that the year 2022 will bring health, tolerance, peace, and happiness to the whole world and said I congratulate the New Year with my sincere wishes for all of our staff, tradesmen, and all our people.

Source (Turkish): Girne Municipality

Turkish Peace Forces Veterans Association visit Girne Mayor

Turkish Peace Forces Veterans Association Girne Branch President Tufan Akkaya and his administration paid a courtesy visit to Girne Mayor Nidai Güngördü and wished him success in his duty.

Girne Mayor Nidai Güngördü received information about the work of the Turkish Peace Forces Veterans Association and expressed his satisfaction with their visit and conveyed his thanks to them.

Source (Turkish): Girne Municipality
Levent College Successes in Junior Achievement Innovation Camp

Readers mail......
From Levent College....

Levent College students achieved great success again this year in the "Junior Achievement Innovation Camp". Our student Alara Soysan took first place and won the right to represent our country and school in America. Our student Umut Kürşad took second place in the group.

We congratulate our students for their success and thank our teachers.

Organized for the 8th time this year, the event was held in Southern Cyprus with students aged 15-18 from both Turkish Cypriot and Greek Cypriot communities. Team spirit was strong as the competitors cooperated to master a challenge given to them. The teams in the competition did not slow in generating innovative ideas as they had only a few hours for a solution. At the end of the determined period, the competing teams presented their solutions to a panel of successful entrepreneurs and our student Alara Soysan honoured our school by winning first place with the group she worked with.

ARUCAD Rector's New Year Message

The community at Arkin Creative Arts and Design University (ARUCAD) came together at the reception held in the garden of the University to celebrate the New Year and Rector Prof. Dr. Asım Vehbi shared his New Year’s message at the reception.

Dr. Vehbi said, “We are leaving behind a very difficult year, one of bittersweet memories, good and bad days, in which great changes were experienced in our world. Many things were transformed, and great struggles were waged against the Covid-19 Pandemic.

We once again saw how important it is to act in accordance with the rules in unity and integrity in this epidemic year when we are worn out economically, socially and psychologically. Perhaps that should be the biggest lesson to be learned from this bad year. As in all areas of life, this process has also affected educational activities. In 2021, within the ARUCAD community, we worked hard for the development of our country and especially for its integration with art. Together with our students, we continued our face-to-face training. At all times we follow the pandemic rules with great care.

Our University, which aims to increase its success and quality with studies in academic, cultural, and artistic fields, will continue to work with devotion in 2022. I fully believe that a new year awaits us in which we will work with all our strength and see many successes with the awareness of the responsibility we carry towards our students, the field of education, and our country.

I wish that 2022 will come with new beginnings and happiness; I hope this year will bring health, peace, and abundance to all humanity, the value of which we understand even better this year, and I welcome the new year for everyone in the ARUCAD community and our nation with my most heartfelt feelings.”

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

Following the increased restrictions for the New Year period the requirements for access to Tier1 and Tier2 venues are as follows

TIER 1
FULLY VACCINATED NO OTHER RESTRICTIONS
UNVACCINATED 72 HOUR PCR ANTIGEN TEST REQUIRED

* Supermarkets/Markets
* State Offices
* Retail Stores
* Banks
* Outdoor Sports areas

FULLY VACCINATED NO OTHER RESTRICTIONS
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* Indoor Areas of Restaurants, Taverns, Patisseries or Cafes
* Indoor Areas of Coffee shops Coffee Houses
* Barbers Hairdresser Beauty Parlours Hotels
* Bars/Clubs
* Shopping Centres
* Cinemas
* Places of Worship
* Concerts/Theatres
* Offices
* Indoor Fitness Halls
* General Assembly Meetings
* Indoor Team Areas
* Youth Camps
* Boxing Wrestling Training
* Betting Shops
* Group Dances/Ceremonies
* Swimming Pools
* Internet Cafes
* Night Clubs
* Weddings
* Exhibitions
* Casinos

RESIDENCY ENQUIRIES

Having been involved with numerous questions regarding why Residency applications have 'stalled' we know that the TRNC Immigration services (as well as other Government Departments) have poor communication skills, effectively leaving it to the individual to investigate why applications are not progressing.

If this affects you then probably the only way to find out the reasons are to make an appointment with the Ministry of the Interior using the following link below.

There is a button (EN) to translate the application form into English.

There is a drop down box which gives options for your query, but for Residency click on 'Residency Procedures'.

When trying to identify a date for your appointment you may need to try dates which are up to two weeks in the future. You will see available dates and times as they will show up in RED.

Once the form has been completed confirmation will be confirmed via an SMS message.

Please ensure that you take any relevant information and/or copies of any documentation you may require with your mobile number, and a brief explanation of your circumstances, i.e., arrived at ....... Airport on date……... and have now received a text message from........advising that you have tested positive.

* Then request clarification on exactly which procedure you are to follow.
* If you test POSITIVE you MUST take this action or face being fined for non-compliance.

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Islandbc Online Bridge Club Keeps On Playing

Readers mail....
From Islandbc ..... Islandsbc continues to function with three tournaments a week and doesn’t look like stopping anytime soon. Due to a new job in Georgia in October Colin Pearson handed over the reins of running the club to Phil Conkie supported by 9 Directors and Hussein Centkas who has taken over the administration of the results and League Tables.

The club also changed its approach from pre-determined tournament listings to anyone registered with the club can turn up on the day – provided they register 15 minutes before start time. Anyone wanting to join the club should contact Phil Conkie on islandbridgeclub@gmail.com

The PCR test requirement in October for Hotels effectively removed the scope to be able to reopen the Face to Face clubs despite returning swallows apart from the Wednesday Chicago club run by Tony Armstrong which ran up to December. The situation is unlikely to change until March 2022 when some members may need to be prized away from their computers to return to normal bridge.

We continue our look at people who have contributed or currently play in our club. This quarter we asked one of the online club founders expert player Stephen Williamson based in the Philippines to tell us a bit about himself, followed by two of our tournament Directors Jenny and Tony how she came to North Cyprus and took up the game there.

STEPHEN WILLIAMSON
Hello, My name is Stephen Williamson. I retired to the Philippines after a 9 year stint teaching English in South Korea culminating with 4 years as a Professor of English at Hanse University in Seoul.

I spent most of my prior years in various jobs in the publishing industry. I hold a BA in economics & an MBA.

I started playing bridge in 1970. I am a certified director in the ACBL. I ran/owned the Friday Night bridge club in San Jose for many years in the 1980 (averaged 20+ live tables). I have played all over the US & Canada winning multiple events and accumulating 3500 Masterpoints. Moving to South Korea didn’t stop me, I continued to play while residing there.

Retiring in the Philippines I became acquainted with Colin Pearson. Colin was working on an EU project in Manila. Colin has bragging rights; in 2018 we won the LETTY DE PADUA National Unmixed Pairs. It’s not the Olympics, but is a NATIONAL EVENT. Thank you Colin. After Colin left the Philippines we stayed in touch on Bridge Base Online (BBO).

At the start of the pandemic in March 2020 Colin wanted to start an online game for the players in North Cyprus. BBO was not very cooperative about starting a new club. I connected Colin with Ellen McCumsey from Oregon USA. Ellen was already running games as a Tournament Director on BBO. Ellen gave Colin the boost he needed to get it started. They deserve the credit. The continued success was provided by people who came on board since including the nine Directors they have now.

How about now? You can find me on BBO under the screen name MONKEYBIZ. I am currently teaching a class for beginners/intermediates on conventions. Lessons will continue and they are free. They are 20:30 US time on Mondays (New York/EST).

JENNY AND TONY ARMSTRONG
How We Got Involved With Bridge
Both Jenny and I are from families that played cards. We are now in the “elderly” age bracket and when we were very young; TV was in its infancy and didn’t begin its daily broadcasts until 4 p.m., therefore if there was a family get-together we would invariably play cards.

Years later, after we were married and visiting Jenny’s parents in Liverpool, her mother began to explain the basics of playing bridge. Jenny’s mother was a “top notch” player and her father was also good.

At this time, 1997, we were both working and there was little time to take this introduction further. Then Jenny’s parents moved to Wales to live with their other daughter and unfortunately her mother passed away in December 1998.

Then in 1999 Jenny saw an advertisement in our local newspaper informing us about beginner’s bridge night-school lessons. So began our formal and addictive introduction. Our teacher was a former national and county player who was so patient and taught us very well. We still meet friends we made during these lessons and some of us play at the same bridge club. The two UK clubs are in

Continued.....

Jenny and Tony at Toñes and at the Christmas 2020 Party
Hampden, Hertfordshire.

The following year we enrolled for beginners plus lessons and continued our love for the game, learning more and more about tactics and playing tips. We were completely hooked, but when we were invited to play at a club in a nearby town; that showed us that we were nowhere near the experience or skill of the members playing at this club. This could easily have been disheartening but we persevered and gradually we were “rising up” the results ladder, which encouraged us even further.

Then some of our friends began a new bridge club at the local golf club and we were asked to play too. So now we belonged to two clubs; and do so to this day. In addition, we play socially with new and old friends, helped along with a nice glass of red wine!!

At about this time we visited Northern Cyprus on the recommendation of a non-bridge playing friend and decided to buy a villa, becoming “swallows”. A new neighbour also played bridge and the three of us went along to play at a long established club playing Chicago bridge, and this is still operating now, but we’re now playing at Ozzi’s Bar and Restaurant in Karsiyaka.

Meeting new people with a common interest led to joining the Polar Restaurant Bridge Club in Ozankoy where duplicate bridge was played and this club now plays at Sammy’s Hotel on a Monday. I don’t think it had been formed very long in those days and I vividly remember one man saying to us that “it wasn’t for beginners to play there because the standard of play was good”. He changed his mind when we were playing at his table!!

At some point people in Karsiyaka wanted to learn to play and one person agreed to give them lessons. They were taught the Schenkne system which is quite complicated. Eventually enough people felt confident enough to start a new club; this continues today but not with the Schenkne system.

As the years went by we gradually helped organise the various clubs, both UK and Cyprus. There is always something to learn and we always remember that.

JANET SLACK
I was 25 years old when I started learning to play bridge and I will be 75 in December. I played golf every Tuesday and, in the Winter, when the weather was poor, we played cards. A gentleman who we knew at the Golf Club asked us if we were interested in learning to play bridge and he would teach us. My father taught me to play solo when I was younger which is a bit like half of the game. About 40 people said they would like to learn so he started the class every Wednesday evening and it was very successful. We practiced at every opportunity. Monday night at our house, Tuesday after golf and Wednesday at the class.

In 2003 we had several holidays in Northern Cyprus and liked it very much. We saw some stone houses at Karamaglanoglou for sale but they were all taken. The builder said he was building 6 more at Alsancak so we said we would have one. We moved in 2005 and Tony and Jen Armstrong were our neighbours and they played bridge.

My husband only played social bridge and he didn't want to play competitively, I went to Sele Restaurant in Girne with Tony and Jen and played Chicago bridge, then we found out about a Duplicate bridge at Polar Restaurant at Ozankoy so we went there also. Barbara and Barry Illingworth moved to Karsiyaka and we were friends in Filey where we all lived. I persuaded Barbara to play bridge so I taught her the basics and Barbara partnered me at social bridge. When Brian Ramsey started Bridge at Tolgas Restaurant, Barbara partnered me and we voted for her to be treasurer. She collected the subs every week and when we had enough money in the funds we had a meal and drinks at Tolgas. We met Sue and David Walker and Mary and David Smith and we all played social bridge with Tony and Jen on a regular basis at each other’s houses and we are still friends with them.

Playing bridge during lockdown was a Godsend, so pleased I took up the offer to learn all those years ago.

Janet playing with friends and with Barbara Illingworth in Cyprus

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What Was Cleopatra's Intention?

An exhibition entitled "What Was Cleopatra's Intention?" consists of artists' interpretations of postcards representing the 12 months of the year. The exhibition is on show at the ARUCAD Art Space in Nicosia until Saturday 5th February. While some of the works in the exhibition are made of clay, some of them are presented to the audience in the form of photographs and sound. Some of the artists also share their postcard collections.

The exhibition theme is 'A Brief History of Mail Art, from Cleopatra to Miranda July', based on an article by Alexxa Gotthardt which tells about the first postal art in history portraying the last pharaoh of Egypt, Cleopatra, secretly going to Julius Caesar's room.

The exhibition presents important "art of mail" from the artists of the "Fluxus Movement"; There are works by Andaç Arslan, Dize Kükrer, Elçin Şener, Emin Çizenel, Eser Keçeci, Hayati Evren, Hee (Ju) Im, Heeyun Im, Hüseyin Özinal, Sofia Iva, Vedia Okutan and Yağmur Bayhanlı.

The exhibits will also be designed in real postcard size and will be offered for sale along with the original works during the exhibition.

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

Sumarts 5th January Karaoke at the Seabreeze Restaurant

Readers mail ….
From Susie L Ford ….

Hello readers,

We had an excellent full house at Seabreeze Restaurant, Kucuk Erenkoy on Wednesday 5th January 2022 for Sumarts Karaoke night.

There was a great atmosphere with excellent singing from those who joined us and the fish and chips were perfect and so enjoyable.

This Wednesday was the last Fish and Chip and Karaoke night before they close for a month to do spruce up for the new season and we can't wait to be with them again.

It’s already being booked up so if you're planning to come down, please book to avoid disappointment on 0533 876 2621 or 0533 822 8296

Thank you to Seabreeze Restaurant for hosting us and thank you all who joining us, it was a brilliant night. Thank you also to, Helen Cox and Eadie for some lovely photos to remember this night by.

Thank you again and do Stay Safe and Healthy

Sumarts Xxxx
Readers mail…
From Susie L Ford…..

We had a great night at Seabreeze Restaurant, Kucuk Erenkoy for the Masquerade New Year’s Eve party and everybody came with wonderful masks that made an evening to be long remembered.

There was huge spread of lots of delicious food plus we had karaoke singing and lots of folk dancing and to cap it all we had bubbly at midnight and we all celebrated doing the Auld Langs Syne.

It really was a lovely warm atmosphere with lots of laughter and a bottle of bubbly was won by Niki for wearing the best mask.

We would like to say a huge Thank You to Claire and Mehmet and their family and staff at Seabreeze for their hard work and for also choosing Sumarts to provide the entertainment and thank you all again for sharing your New Year’s Eve celebrations with us. Watch out for more new news of events at Seabreeze Restaurant coming soon.

As always stay Safe and Stay Happy

Happy New Year

Sumarts Xxxxx

Seabreeze Masquerade New Year's Eve party
Girne Municipality continues with Book Publishing

Four Books in One Year!

After the International Cartoon Competition Album, International Stone Sculpture Symposium, Professions and Faces, which were published in 2021, Girne Municipality continues to be a pioneer with a recently published theater playbook and also with its book publications.

In this context, the Girne Municipality included the first five theater plays, which won awards in the Musical and Musical Playwriting Competition held in 2021, in 1 book.


Mayor Nidai Güngördü, who spoke at the book promotion event held at the Girne Municipality New Service Building, said: "Theater is the most effective and strongest art branch that includes many art disciplines."

"Culture - Art is the most important building block of a country. Art, which comes to life with production, develops and universalizes people's sense of belonging to the geography and country they live in."

As Girne Municipality, we have achieved many firsts in terms of art for about 7 years. We are continuing our work without interruption in order to add value to the cultural and artistic life of our city and our country.

In this context, we have provided the opportunity for very important theater plays to be staged in Girne and met with the audiences, especially under the title of 'Theater Days'.

The Girne Municipality Theater Studio (Gibetsu), which continues its activities within the Municipality of Girne, makes important contributions to the development of theater with the plays it puts on the stage both in the country and abroad. adds great value to social life.

In 2019, we launched the "Children's Theater Festival", a first in the country, with the aim of instilling the love of theater in children and young people at a young age.

With the Stone Sculpture Symposium and Caricature Competition, which we organized at an international level, we brought cultures together with art, with the unifying and unhindered effect of art.

In addition to all this, I am proud that we can represent Girne as a city of tourism, education, and the city of art," he said.

Güngördü continued his words as follows; "At a time when theaters are closed due to the Covid-19 pandemic, which has affected the whole world, and our municipality; What can we do in this difficult time for art and artists? How can we ensure the continuity of production? We thought, and in this sense, ‘1. We decided to organize the Musical and Musical Playwriting Contest.

To contribute to the development of the Turkish Cypriot Theater at the same time with the 1st Musical and Musical Playwriting Competition, to allow original theater works and new plays to be played on the stages of our country and other countries, based on the stories, epics, mythology, texts and narratives about Cyprus. We wanted to enable.

Many authors from our country and Turkey submitted works to the competition. Our jury members evaluated the works meticulously and found the five theater plays in this book worthy of awards.

As I always say, the theater is a very important art. Because theater is the most effective and strongest art branch that includes many art disciplines.

I wish to be a light for our country's theater, libraries, directors, actors and audience, I would like to thank our jury members for their great contributions to the realization of the competition, and congratulate all the winners of the competition once again.

Concluding my words with the dictum of the Great Leader Mustafa Kemal Atatürk, "The Ladder of Civilization is Art", I say YES to Art and embrace everyone with love in days of peace and hope."

Source (Turkish): Girne Municipality
Forthcoming Events

**Karaoke Night**
Friday 7th January
Special Menu Available...
Bookings are essential
Book with SUSIE or call HATI on 0533 863 3862

**SUSIES FORTUNES**
You have to be in it to win it...
Winning Team take all, maximum 4 to a Team, 10tl per person entry fee...

**Diiva**
Monday
10th Jan
From 7.00pm

**FISH ‘N’ CHIPS NIGHT**
SEABREEZE
KUCUK ERNKÖY 0533 876 2621
KARAOKE
(with Karaoke master MARTIN ‘n’ SUSIE)
Every WEDNESDAY
Starts from 8.00pm

**BINGO**
Every THURSDAY
HAPPY GARDEN
Restaurant & Bar
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**Forthcoming Events**

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**Diiva Restaurant - Cafe - Bar**

**Quiz of the Week**

- **Every Thursday**
- **Win the Famous Lemon**
- **With quizmistress Susie**
- **Susie says shut ya gob... From 7pm**

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**Moonshine Restaurant & Bar**

**Friday 14th Jan**

- **Special Music Night**
- **Menu with Gavin**
- **From 7pm**
- **Book now 0533 825 62 90**

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**M & M's Bingo**

**In aid of Tulips**

**Three Crowns Restaurant & Bar**

- **Ozankoy Village opposite the mosque**
- **Saturday, 15th January 2022**
- **2pm**
- **60TL per book**
- **Food & Drink Available**
- **Book your table: 0533 884 9540 or 0533 882 4313**

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**Royal British Legion**

**Bob Howard's 97th Birthday Celebration**

- **16 January 2022 at 13:00hrs to 16:00hrs**
- **Afternoon Tea**
- **A selection of savouries and cakes**
  (Gluten Free and Vegetarian options available)
- **Tea and coffee**
- **195tl per person**
- **Excludes alcoholic drink**
- **Please contact Jean Bradley 0532 884 8999 or jbradley1114events@gmail.com**
- **Tickets will be available for collection at Larnaca market on 8th or 15th January. Alternative collection points can be arranged by telephone.**

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Forthcoming Events

**Mr Smile**

- **Sat 15th Jan**
- **Music starts around 5pm**
- **Following the Bingo @ 2pm**
- **Mr Smile Live @ THE THREE CROWNS**
  - **Ozankoy**
  - **0533 884 9540**

**Moonshine Bar & Restaurant Esentepe**

- **Friday 21st Jan**
- **From 8pm**
- **Mr Smile Live**

**M & M's Bingo**

- **In aid of Tulips**
- **The Lodge**
  - **Catalkoys**
- **Saturday, 22nd January 2022**
  - **2pm**
  - **60TL per book**
  - **Raffle**
  - **Food & Drink Available**
- **Book your table: 0533 882 4313**

**33 @ Tim's (Tim's Cafe & Bar Ozankoy)**

- **BELIEVE IT OR NOT?**
  - **SANDRA'S QUIZ NIGHT**
  - **Every Monday**
  - **From 6.00pm**
  - **Info call: 0548 844 9256**
Readers mail....
From Laurence Floyd....

Hi everyone

Let me and Delia first wish you all a super Christmas, and a happy, healthy 2022. It continues to be difficult for many of us wishing to travel from the TRNC to see loved ones, and fingers crossed restrictions and their associated costs will ease in the new year.

Wednesday, June 15th

The Beatlemania show at the Colony Garden. A first for us, as this is a 2 hour full live band show to be put on the stage at the garden, combined with a Supper Club food & beverage package, and normal seating and dining arrangements

Saturday, September 17th

The twice postponed and long awaited Abba Platinum show at the Girne Amphitheatre is now scheduled for September 2022. With Abba releasing their new album, and a film scheduled for next year, this is going to be one exciting night!

More details will follow in due course

Best regards

Laurence and Delia
Emergency Telephone Numbers

**POLICE**
- Emergencies: 155
- General: 228 3411
- Girne: 815 2125
- Lefkosa: 228 3311
- Gazi Mağusa: 366 5310
- Guzelyurt: 714 2140
- Lapta: 821 8512

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- Emergencies: 199
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- Lefkosa: 227 1259
- Gazi Mağusa: 366 5389
- Guzelyurt: 714 2200

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- Emergencies: 112

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  - Lefkoşa: 228 3315
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**8-day Weather Forecast**

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The Famagusta Clinic will be held at the Creditwest bank on the 1st Wednesday of each month (9.30 to 11.30)

The BRS would like to wish Everyone a Happy New Year
V For Victory for Valdili over Geçitkale

Result: GEÇİTKALE GSK 1 VALDİLİ TÇBSDK 4.

By Richard Beale

A beautiful mild January sunny afternoon, with the mainstream Super League and League 1 divisions temporarily finished for the winter break, I thought I would take a short journey to watch Geçitkale play Valdili in the BTM 1 Red Group. A crowd of well over 100 seemed to have the same ideal as they were rewarded with a very entertaining game.

Sunday January 2; Iktisatbank BTM League Red Group: Geçitkale Stadium.

The BTM League is the TRNC equivalent of League 3, the reward for Geçitkale or Valdili to getting promotion is a place in the AKSA League 1 the same division that my team Esentepe is in. Both teams have sampled League 1 before Geçitkale last season was in 2014-15 and Valdili in season 2012-13. On the showing of Sunday's match then it will be Valdili who will be likely to be tasting promotion Champagne, under Coach Kurşat Özer they seemed to have the makings of a Champions team, they have a good team spirit, togetherness and they play there football as a team.

Geçitkale, on the other hand, seemed to be a team of individuals, you can't fault them for their effort, they never threw in the towel and after only 3 games played this season it's still early days - there are still 15 matches and 45 points to play for.

An unusual happening today the match referee was a woman which considering the culture is a very rare event. Sabriye Atikoglu has been running the lines for quite a few seasons this is the first time I have seen her officiate. I thought she did well getting most of the decisions correct, in the second half there were some fist cuffs as players clashed and shoved. Simply Sabriye stood to one side let the players let off some heat and anger and then punished the offenders with yellow cards - simple and cool headed.

Valdili stormed into a 2 goal lead in the first 10 minutes stunning Geçitkale. Their leading goalscorer EKREM ATAŞ, scored from the penalty spot after 7 minutes when Ferdi brought down Furkan. 0-1

A simple second goal came in the 10th minute when UGUR OKELİ swept home a low cross from the right. 0-2

Geçitkale pulled a goal back in the 18th minute following a free kick from the right by Ekrem where Geçitkale big and powerful defender TANJU KAYA used his muscle to pressurise the Valdili defence to bundle the ball home. 1-2.

Valdili scored their third goal in the 30 minutes with an almost carbon copy of their second goal again UGUR OKELİ converted a cross from the right. 1-3

Geçitkale had to be thankful for their goalkeeper Gürkan Güngor making a couple of good saves and some wasteful Valdili finishing to keep the score down to 3-1 at the break.

Geçitkale Coach Ali Yurdal must had read the riot act during the interval as Geçitkale bravely took the fight to the visitors. Geçitkale pushed forward defending high that left Valdili forward Ekrem very isolated. The home side enjoyed plenty of possession and fight which would have pleased the Coach but unfortunately, they could not turn that into goals during the best spell of the match for them.

Geçitkale comeback was snuffed out in the 64th minute when they were caught with men upfield leaving them exposed at the back, susceptible to the quick break Ekrem finding FURKAN ÇIRAKOĞLU on the right who beat Gürcan at his near post. 1-4.

Again Geçitkale in the second half had to thank their experienced goalkeeper Gürcan in keeping the score down again making some crucial saves.

For Valdili their Captain Umut Menteş and his fellow defender Hasan Ataş gave their side a good defensive barrier. Ali Gürtaç and Barış Şişman had control in midfield with strikers Uğur and Ekrem keeping the Geçitkale defence on their toes.

Geçitkale players had their moments their Captain Efe Efeoğlu worked hard in midfield trying to get his team going, with Bulut Kaçar trying hard on his own against a good Valdili defence.

Valdili fully deserved their win for Geçitkale they need to keep going their day will come.

FULL TIME SCORE ; 1-4
First woman referee in charge in TRNC Football

By Richard Beale........

Unbeknown to me when I was watching the Gecitkale/ Valdili football match last Sunday history for the TRNC Football Federation was being made.

It's the first time ever that a woman has refereed a football match - SABRIYE ATİKOĞLU (26), has been running the lines of the AKSA Super League and AKSA League 1 for a number of seasons. She is not alone in that role as several women are Linespersons but this was the first time a woman was allowed to take charge in the middle.

I thought she had a pretty good game as well, making, on the whole, the correct decisions and what I liked playing the advantage rule to good effect. When there was a scuffle during the match she handled the situation coolly, handing out the equivalent punishment as she thought fit.

I am sure in the future we shall see Sabriye in charge of many more matches and hopefully see some of her fellow compatriots as well.

BTM league match fixture for 8/9 January

By Richard Beale........

With the AKSA Super League and AKSA League 1 taking a short winter break, the BTM League (equivalent TRNC 3rd ivision) carries on. Below are some selected matches in probable ex-pat locations.

ALL MATCHES KICK OFF AT 2-00PM

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