TRNC Foreign Ministry Debunks Chrysostomos

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Our Post Office in Girne has not moved with the times

By Heidi Trautmann....

Everything is growing, the population of Girne, traffic is hardly manageable anymore, high-rise buildings all over town, however one most important institution, the Post Office in Girne is still the same as for the last decades,

It has not adapted to the flood of items, parcels, people, coming in every day, it has not enough space nor staff. I talked to two staff I have known for years, they are exhausted, they told me that they have to work overtime until 9.00 pm sometimes and they don’t get paid accordingly, they can’t manage anymore.

Let the photos I took speak for themselves.... and whenever I come here, it is the same, sometimes they also have to use the parking space in front of the building. This is not acceptable....and unfair to the staff....

Editors note..We can sympathise with Heidi’s frustration as we have a friend who sent a birthday cheque to a relative in the UK and it took 7 weeks to get there and another friend has been waiting 6 weeks for a UK credit card to arrive at the local TRNC muhktar’s office.

Regular checks are made for arrived post at this muhktar’s office and two weeks ago a UK bank statement was found there in a pigeon hole which was sent in December with a bundle of others with various Lefkosa arrival dates so this is hardly Pony Express service and more like Stail’s Pace.
Easter Message from President Ersin Tatar

President Ersin Tatar issued a celebratory message on the occasion of Easter saying:

“I congratulate the Easter of the Greek Cypriots and the whole Orthodox Christian world, with whom we share our island as equals. It is our greatest wish that Easter and our Ramadan Feast, which we will celebrate soon, will lead to an increase in tolerance between faiths and that brotherhood, peace and tranquility will prevail all over the world and within our Island. With these feelings and thoughts, I wish this holy day to bring blessings to all humanity and our citizens from different religions and sects living in the TRNC”.

Source: TRNC Public Information Office

23 April National Sovereignty and Children’s Day celebrated

The 23rd of April National Sovereignty and Children’s Day was celebrated with ceremonies and activities across the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus. The Day was created by the founder of the Republic of Turkiye, Mustafa Kemal Ataturk.

President Ersin Tatar received the Swedish Ambassador, Anders Hagelberg, on Saturday, April 23.

President Tatar said that he follows the Ukraine-Russia war in the TRNC with concern. He commented: “Some of us thought that wars were buried in the pages of history, that the world had changed and that the times of war were behind us. This war demonstrated that we should be careful and reinforce the Turkish Cypriot position, on the Cyprus issue, for the continuation of Turkey's full and effective guarantee. We do not want a repeat of the persecution of Turkish Cypriots experienced on the island in the recent past. I hope that all the happenings in Ukraine will change the international community's view of the Cyprus issue, taking into account the equal vested rights of the parties and the realities on the island.”

Source: TRNC Public Information Office
The Cyprus Mail reported that Archbishop Chrysostomos, in his Easter Sunday message, compared the response of Turkey, in 1974, to the invasion of Cyprus by Greece and the implementation of its Iphesto plan, to liquidate the entire Turkish Cypriot population, as being equivalent to the invasion of Ukraine by Russia. He also commented that, despite uninterrupted peace between the two sides since 1974, it was obvious that Turkey intended to occupy the whole of Cyprus.

In relation to the reopening of Maraş, the Archbishop claimed that the bad weather on the day of President Erdoğan's visit was divine providence. In closing his Easter message the Archbishop compared the resurrection of Christ following the crucifixion to the expected reunification of Cyprus as a Cypriot Hellenic state.

As a truly honest expression of the best Orthodox Christian principles, the Archbishop comes second only to Vladimir Putin.

**Statement by the TRNC Ministry of Foreign Affairs regarding the statement of the Greek Cypriot Archbishop . . .**

We condemn the statement by the Greek Archbishop on the occasion of Easter which incites the hatred of the Greek Cypriot Orthodox Church towards the Turkish Cypriot People and Turkey from past to present.

The Greek Archbishop’s attempt to link the situation in Cyprus with Russia’s attack on Ukraine is nothing but concealing the disgrace that the Greek side left its mark on history. The Archbishopric of the Greek Orthodox Church is one of the main responsible parties of the atrocities that the Turkish Cypriot People had suffered for years. It is also in our memories that the Archbishopric, which has wielded its power to influence the Greek political elite in the past and today, forced the Turkish Cypriot People to live under the threat of death and genocide between 1963 and 1974 in the ghettos corresponding to only three percent of the island.

Let alone not feel embarrassed from what the Enosis obsession of the Greek Cypriot side has caused, the Greek Archbishop also does not hide the fact that he perceives the island as an “Hellenic island”. It is not surprising for an institution, as the flag-bearer of Enosis, considering the Turkish Cypriot People as a minority, to openly declare that the island is a “Hellenic island”.

If Turkey had not intervened in the island in 1974 following the coup carried out by Greece and declaration of Enosis, the genocide would have continued in pursuance of the dream of uniting the island to Greece until there was not a single Turkish Cypriot left on the island. The 1974 Cyprus Peace Operation, which took place from the rights deriving from the 1960 Treaty of Guarantee and upon the calls of the Turkish Cypriot People, has no link whatsoever with the situation in Ukraine, either legally or morally.

Today, there are two Peoples living side by side in two separate States on the island. The Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus is the only State that has the right to have a say regarding the future of the territory under its sovereignty, including the fenced-off area of Maraş. The only way to move the two sides forward on the island is through the cooperation of the two States on the island on the basis of good neighbourly relations.

Source: TRNC Public Information Office.

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**New TRNC Coalition Government**

Prime Minister and leader of the National Unity Party (UBP) Faiz Sucuoğlu presented to President Ersin Tatar the Council of Ministers representing UBP, DP and YDP. The list was approved by the President. Only the Minister of Finance has changed in the cabinet.

The new cabinet is as follows:

- Prime Minister Faiz Sucuoğlu
- Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Tourism and Environment Fikri Ataoğlu
- Minister of Public Works and Transport Erhan Arıklı
- Minister of Economy and Energy Kutlu Evren
- Minister of Finance Olgu Amcaoğlu
- Minister of Interior Ünal Üstel
- Minister of Foreign Affairs Tahsin Ertuğruloğlu
- Minister of National Education and Culture Nazım Çavuşoğlu
- Minister of Agriculture and Natural Resources Dursun Öğuz
- Minister of Health Ali Pilli
- Minister of Labour and Social Security Hasan Taçoy
Girne Municipality services are ready for Ramadan

Emphasizing that a much more sensitive period has been entered due to the opening of all workplaces in the normalization process we are in, the authorities are reminded of the obligation to comply with the rules set by the Council of Ministers, the Municipality, and other relevant public institutions, and wished everyone a healthy holiday.

Citizens can call Girne Municipality during the Batram holiday in Emergencies, on the phone numbers below.

- Zoning 0548 881 21 14
- Public Works 0542 852 21 18
- Cleaning Works 0533 871 29 29 / 0533 825 01 04
- Water Works 0542 882 11 18 / 0548 838 88 10
- Sewage Works 0533 870 20 17

Girne Municipality congratulates all our people and Girne residents on Eid al-Fitr and wishes them health and well-being.

Source (Turkish): Girne Municipality

Girne are Full Speed ahead to protect the environment

Girne Municipality Health Units pursue their duties in public health issues

Mosquitos affect our daily lives in the city and it is important for the health of the public that we continue the fight against them the entire year round.

Throughout all Municipality regions we have been surveying, monitoring and larvicide spraying stagnant wet spots, stream beds, ponds, puddles, unused swimming pools and similar areas as part of our ongoing plan to combat the larvae.

Health Branch Chief, Naile Soylu, issued a statement on the subject saying: “During all the 12 months of the year, we continue the struggle against mosquitoes, which carry one of the most contagious and dangerous diseases to humans, namely the riskiest ‘vector-borne’

She pointed out the importance of keeping a robust nature, a sustainable ecosystem and environmental aspects in their applications. Studies had shown that a bacterium impregnated corn cobs yielded ecological products which did not contain any chemicals. These products were harmless to the environment and all other living things but effective against mosquito larvae.

Girne Mayor, Nidai Güngördü said: “The health of our citizens is more important than anything else. It is our duty to protect nature and the environment in which we live. This is why we are using environmentally friendly sprays. As in fighting a wild fire it is very important that the country as a whole and the municipalities, adopt effective and appropriate methods in their own regions”.

“The environment is our common area and it is our duty to protect and develop it. Considering that the main theme of 22nd April, World Day, is to provide sustainability by making friendly investments in our environment, doing so, means investing in life and the future. We should be more conscious of and sensitive to environmental issues”.

Source (Turkish): Girne Municipality
Mayor Güngördü exchanges Bairam greetings with market traders

Girne Mayor, Nidai Güngördü visited the Wednesday Market ahead of the Ramadan Bairam festivities, exchanged greetings with and offered holiday sweets to shopkeepers. Keeping traditions alive was important he said and that Bayram celebrations were the symbol of unity and solidarity.

He said such days of celebrations brought people closer to each other and bolstered communal peace and harmony. Intensified feelings of love, respect and solidarity experienced during the holidays were amongst our mutual most valued qualities that symbolise unity and togetherness. Continuing in the same vein he offered his most sincere congratulations, first to all his personnel, then the shopkeepers and all the citizens.

Source (Turkish): Girne Municipality

ARUCAD Professor receives literary award

Dean Hasan Erkek of the Faculty of Music and Performing Arts, at Arkin University of Creative Arts and Design (ARUCAD) was deemed worthy of the 2022 Honour Award by the Writers’ International Association “Pjetër Bogdani”. The Faculty plans to launch education classes in the 2022-23 academic year.

The Writers’ Association aims to bring international and Albanian literatures closer together and has its headquarters in Brussels and Pristina. It’s “Distinguished Writer” Honorary Award is given to the best writers translated into the Albanian language.

Professor Hasan Erkek has more than 20 national and international awards in many categories and is a very important name in Turkish theatre history. He joined the academic staff of ARUCAD as the Dean of the Faculty of Music and Performing Arts.

Introducing Prof. Dr. Hasan Erkek

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The professor was still a 3rd year university student when he wrote his play, ‘Bedel’ (the Price) which was broadcast on TRT Radio Theatre and received their award. To date he has written a total of 43 dramatic works comprising 8 adult, 4 youth, 8 children's stage plays, 7 film scripts and 16 radio plays. He is also the author of 26 art and science books published in 14 countries. When director Kartal Tibet filmed ‘Bedel’ in 1991, Prof. Erkek penned the scenario for it.

As well as being Head of Play Writers’ Association and Chairman of the Board of Playwrights Translators Association (OYÇED) he has had significant assignments in other boards and festivals: International Association of Children's and Youth Theatre (ASSITEJ), International Young Playwrights Festival (INTERPLAY), the Litterateur’s Association, Child and Youth Publishing Association and International Puppet and Shadow Play Association (UNIMA).

Prof. Erkek has presented at least 20 papers at more than 30 festivals and symposiums held in France, Germany, Australia, Netherlands, Brazil, Serbia, Croatia, Greece, Liechtenstein and Tunisia. He has also fulfilled jury duties at national and international festivals.

During the academic years 2014/15 and 2016/17, he was a guest lecturer at the Theatre Department of Paris 8 University, in France.

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

I am making an appeal for my friend Margaret Sheard who has cancer and living in Northern Cyprus (TRNC) as a temporary resident after she came to Northern Cyprus 19 years ago having sold her park home in the UK and bought a bungalow in the TRNC to live in her retirement.

She invested a large part of her financial assets in her Turkish Lira savings accounts but now her savings have plunged in value due to devaluation of the Turkish Lira and may sink lower due to the effect of the Ukraine crisis affecting the world economy.

After 9 months of chemotherapy treatment which has been unsuccessful and this may be in part due to an 8-week delay between treatments as a result of no drugs being available until the Turkish Government provided money to the TRNC so drugs could be purchased from Turkey.

She is now paying for her new expensive immunotherapy treatment from her UK savings and pension as she can no longer pay from her Turkish Lira account if she is going to be successful when applying for future temporary residency status which requires a minimum capital investment held in Turkish Cypriot banks.

As a temporary resident, she is required to make an annual local national health payment which basically pays for admittance to a state hospital and after the test, she is required to pay for any further test or treatment for illnesses identified.

So her current situation is she, will have to stop future expensive cancer treatment or consider selling her property and find other accommodation as she has no property in the UK and after 19 years she can expect no help from her homeland after contributing to the UK national health scheme throughout her working life.

Following a recent fall in her home Margaret was hospitalized and had a hip operation for which she now has had additional medical expenses taken from her limited savings and she is about to recommence her immunotherapy treatment which will cost in the region of 26,000 TL plus every two weeks, so in short, she can no longer afford to live in her adopted homeland without some financial support and is unable to return to the UK.

All donations received will be transferred by me to Margaret Sheard.

To make a donation please click on the link below.

https://gofund.me/da997ac5

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Please help Margaret Sheard in Northern Cyprus

Kyrenia Animal Rescue still have a Job Vacancy to fill

Readers mail...
From Kyrenia Animal Rescue....

IS THIS YOU?

* Are YOU looking for a FULL TIME or PART TIME position working with dogs and cats?
* Are YOU hard working and prepared to work 6 days a week?
* Are YOU in good health and willing to clean, treat, care for the animals, transport members of staff and animals, do a spot of DIY, in fact, happy to lend your hand to anything for the benefit of our animals?
* Do YOU have a clean local driving licence and ideally live west of Girne?
* Are YOU a Kimlik Card holder? (Not essential as a work permit could be applied for the right person)

If YOU can answer YES to all these, we need YOU!

Please email either your CV or details of your experience to our office on

kartrnc@gmail.com
Mustafa Çağatay primary school visited KAR Rescue Centre

They had a look around the dogs and the cattery found out about the centre and took it in turns to walk some of the dogs if they wanted to, which they really enjoyed.

The Education team gave the teachers a pack of their workbooks called ‘The Happy Pets workbook’ and the team members were delighted to see photos of them enjoying the workbooks in a lesson. When the workbooks are completed they go home to the families to see and are in both Turkish and English.

A big thank you to the Head Teacher, staff and children for coming to visit the animals at KAR and their wonderful donations. We hope to see you again.
Readers mail …
From Susie L Ford …

Hello readers,

It was another fun packed night at Seabreeze Restaurant, Kucuk Erenkoy with Sumarts Karaoke, on the 27th April 2022.

We had yummy Fish and Chips and great service in a brilliant atmosphere with some excellent singing from the guests.

It’s so nice to see friendly faces wandering in after being away for so long and it’s certainly getting very busy at events now.

Please book your seats for next week and be sure to order the best fish and chips on the island.

Thank you to Claire and Mehmet as always for hosting us and making us feel so welcome and thank you to everyone who joined us and help make it a great evenings entertainment.

Keep singing and stay happy.

Susie Q Xxxx

To see more pictures of happy people at this and other event go to CyprusScene.com articles

Susie’s Quiz results for 28th April at the Diiva Restaurant

Readers mail …
From Susie L Ford …
Quiz master …

Hello Readers,

It was a banging night for Susie’s Quiz at Diiva Restaurant, Esentepe on 28th April.

Again the event was fully booked with quizzers enjoying great food in an excellent atmosphere and we had lots of fun and laughter.

The rounds consisted of a Tabletop, Easy 5, Multiple Choice, The Letter Round which was Gardening this week, Danger Zone, Music Round, Bump and Nominate.

The results were:

1st Tyke That
2nd Dunne and Dusted
3rd Shebells
4th Socialites
5th Alternatives
6th Foundations
7th Joint Girls Aloud and Who Let The Dogs Out
8th Lemon Hopefuls
And the Famous Lemon went to the Fork Handles.

Thank you to Ali Raza and his team for hosting us and to Clarisse for her continual help......Please book your seats for next week as we are again near fully booked and we are looking forward to going outside very soon.

Keep Safe and Keep Loving Lemons or Shut Ya Gob.......Susie Q Xxxx

1st Tyke That
2nd Dunne and Dusted
3rd The Shebells
By Trevor Hughes...

Bayram Holidays

Bank Holidays for the month of May are as follows: Monday 2nd of May 2022 through to Wednesday 4th May and Thursday 19th May 2022, Banks, Government/local Government offices will be closed for each of these days.

Curtains

If you are in the market for new curtains, look no further than Imaj Perde. I had the need to replace some of my curtains recently, so decided to give this shop a chance to supply and fit. On the day in question, he arrived at my house ‘bang on time’, measured up and gave me a quote there and then!

Within 6 working days he came back to my house, again on time and the curtains were fitted in a matter of minutes.

The shop is located almost next to Capital Bank in Alsancak, his English is excellent, so no problem there!

The quality of his work and the quality of fabric is ‘second to none’. His telephone number is 0542 884 9900.

Power Cuts

We have all suffered from the effects of power cuts recently, and it seems too likely to keep happening for the foreseeable future, despite the massive increases in cost to the customer.

One of the many downsides of these infuriating cuts, is the affect they can have on your electrical items, especially air conditioning units.

Apart from the annoyance, you need to be aware of the power cuts have on your electrical items when the power is eventually restored. Fluctuations can vary, putting the elements inside the a/c unit, at risk which may need to be replaced. These units may not be covered by your insurance company and could cost over 600 US dollars to replace. If your insurance company does cover these units, in all probability, they must be under 5 years old for a claim to be considered. Check with your insurance provider if your units are covered?

How to remove black mould?

Mould can be harmful to your health, causing allergic reactions and cold-like symptoms when inhaled, or even touched. Getting rid of unpleasant fungus spores from your bedroom is crucial to avoid an adverse reaction while you sleep.

This mould is more prevalent in homes owned by people (swallows) who leave the country for long periods who ensure all windows are tightly shut which causes a reduction in air circulation, the main cause of black mould!

Black mould can have serious implications for your health, which is why it is so important to tackle the problem when it occurs in your home - especially in the bedroom. Removing mould from bedroom walls can be done easily

How to remove mould from bedroom walls?

It is estimated that between five and 50 percent of all homes have black mould,

This unpleasant growth produces harmful spores that disagree with the human body, including irritants and in some cases, toxic substances.

While this pungent fungus may seem hard to remove with anything other than harsh chemicals, there are plenty more natural alternatives which can target the root of the problem.

White vinegar

Distilled white vinegar is one of the best alternatives to bleach and commercial mould removers because of its powerful acidity and antibacterial properties.

This basic ingredient can be used undiluted to treat mould on walls and ceilings, just be sure to wipe the excess liquid away to avoid a lingering scent.

Decant the vinegar into a spray bottle and apply generously to the affected area.

Use a disposable kitchen towel to wipe the surface mould away, using a toothbrush to clear stubborn stains.

Leave the wall to dry and use a damp towel to wipe the surface once.

Lemon Juice

While it may not be the strongest weapon to use against black mould, lemon juice is one of the best ingredients to use either as a secondary mould treatment, or on smaller clusters of spores.

Juice three to five lemons and pour the undiluted liquid onto the mould.

Leave the acidic juice to set for around 10 minutes before wiping away with a damp towel.

To treat smaller patches of black mould, soak a toothbrush in some lemon juice and scrub away the spores instead.

Lemon juice is most effective against mould when paired with a hand or dish soap and a few drops of white vinegar.

This gentle combination will leave your bedroom walls clear while releasing a refreshing scent to counteract any musty smells caused by the spores.

As an insurance agent I come across many claims from customers hoping their mould problem can be

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claimed on their insurance, which is not covered. Most people who use the lemon method have reported considerable success.

**Cash Machines**

West of Girne is currently experiencing problems when trying to withdraw sterling from these blessed cash machines, quite why is a complete mystery?

However, machines in other areas are dispensing currency in sterling as well as Turkish Lira.

Now here’s the rub, Koop Bank do not process cards gained from Banks outside of the TRNC and Garanti Bank have a service charge of 6.99% on every transaction, when most other Banks charge 5% on every single transaction.

**Speed Cameras**

There are rumors going around, due to the current situation with the on/off electricity supply we are all experiencing, many of the speed cameras are switched off in order to save electricity.

This is completely untrue and drivers should obey the speed limits as if the cameras are fully functional.

**Annual Forest Fire Alert**

The lighting of fires is forbidden for the next six months with effect from 1st of May 2022, through to 31st October 2022, the Fire Department has announced.

If you come across a fire, ring one of the following numbers 199,155, 177 or 101 as soon as you notice a fire or smoke.

You will need to apply for permission before lighting a fire from your local mukhtar, who will indicate what precautions must be taken. If you decide to have a picnic in a forest area where a picnic with a fire is permitted, make sure the charcoal is completely extinguished before discarding it.

**Passports**

Current passport processing times in the UK are estimated to take up to 10 weeks, this is according to the UK HM Passport Office.

Applicants who are applying from outside the UK should expect even longer waiting times.

If you wish to ask me a question, please do so by email at: trevorhughes329@gmail.com

Best wishes

Trevor Hughes

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**ATA had Money, Money and More Money plus Afternoon Tea**

Members and guests of the Anglo Turkish Association of Northern Cyprus (ATA) were given an informative talk on Banking in Northern Cyprus by Joanne Hickey at their recent Traditional English Afternoon Tea, held at a packed Black Olive in Alsancak.

Speaking after the sumptuous afternoon tea supplied by Vicki Karaca, which comprised of one treat after another, ATA members and guests had the intercedes of banking not just in the TRNC but in other countries as well plus not forgetting all forms of modern banking on the go via the internet or smart phone fully explained to them.

ATA members Edna Calpo and Simon Harrison said “we came along for the afternoon tea, but leave having learned so much useful information, thank you ATA. It is good that an organisation puts on activities like today's talk as well as the fun activities you associate with the ATA and we can’t wait for the next activity or even another ATA talk”.

ATA Treasurer Tim Morgan said he was pleased so many members wanted to come to a talk on such an informative and important subject for expats, and that the amount of questions asked by those attending were far beyond any expectations.

Adding that because banking is an important subject for its members the ATA subsidised the afternoon tea to ensure Joanne could speak to a full house.

Information about the ATA’s banking talk including photographs taken can be viewed on the 2022 Events Page of the ATA website on link below.

www.angloturkishassociation.com
By Heidi Trautmann......
www.heiditrautmann.com

“Gülsün Onay, A Virtuoso and Two Talented Pianists Ilyun Bürkev and Tuna Bilgin performed on 25 April 2022.

After the three performances, the audience gave a standing ovation and bravos rang out through the music hall of the Bellapais Abbey, and Fikri Toros who was standing next to me said proudly: ‘This is our true treasure’. Yes, I can only confirm it. Turkish Cyprus has a very special love for music and an enormous high rate of young talents on their musical stages. I have been following the musical events, especially with and around the young students of music, very closely for the last 20 years. I think, it has to do with their positive attitude towards life, strong family ties, open minds for music, theatre and dance, for beauty and nature.

In the first part, both young pianists delivered a most outstanding performance, Ilyun Bürkev, the youngest first, she is 13 years old, and as second, Tuna Bilgin, 19 years old. After a short break, we listened to the virtuoso Gülsün Onay, a legend, and both their teacher. (see the programme attached)

The youth first, curious, daring, with full physical implication and highest enthusiasm and then followed by the sovereignty playing virtuoso, their teacher, showing her experience and wisdom with a smile on her lips

Please refer to the programme which I have attached here as a photo. This is what makes our lives rich, it is the best medicine.

Thank you again, Halil Kalgay, for another beautiful concert.

I include here the original biographies of the three pianists…. They are very interesting to read and one gets an idea of what is involved to get this far.

In 2019, Ilyun Bürkev has continued the “Young Excellence - Intensive Class for highly talented young students” course in Mozarteum University of Salzburg with a certificate of achievement and is currently continuing her education at the Mimar Sinan Fine Arts University State Conservatory with Prof. Burcu Aktaş Urgun.

Bürkev also had the opportunity to work with artists around the world in many masterclasses such as Turkish state artist pianist Gülsün Onay in Istanbul, Prof. Gereon Kleiner and Prof. Andreas Weber at Mozarteum University Salzburg of Austria, Prof. Vincenzo Barzani in Italy, Ms. Perim Hamidoğlu in

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continued..... International Bellapais Spring Music Festival

Istanbul, Mr. Shaun Choo at Mozarteum University Salzburg of Austria, Yunus Kaya at the Vorarlberg State Conservatory in Feldkirch of Austria, pianist and conductor Ibrahim Yazici, pianist Emre Şen, pianist Gökhan Aybulus, pianist Anna Gamal in Dubai and pianist Jean Marc Luisada.

Pianist İlyun Bürkev regularly works with Prof. Gereon Kleiner and Prof. Andreas Weber of Mozarteum University of Salzburg in where most of her education takes place. Bürkev met with Turkish state artist, pianist Gülsin Onay in March 2019 and from then on became a student of her and works with Ms. Onay on a regular basis.

Tuna Bilgin

At the age of 4, Tuna Bilgin gave the first signals of his composition and performance skills in the field of "Turkish Classical Music". After he developed himself in this genre of music, he decided to continue in this direction with his discovery of classical music and started his piano studies with Assoc. Prof. Cemile Cabarrova. At the age of 10, he passed the exams of Bilkent University Music Preparatory Secondary School and started his music school adventure with his teacher, Prof. Gülnara Aziz, which will have lasted 8 years until his high school graduation.

He gave concerts in halls such as İzmir AASSM, Zorlu PSM, Bilkent Concert Hall, The Embassy of Austria, Erimtan Art and Archeology Museum, İzmir Art Center etc. in Turkey. Tuna also has awards in national and international competitions such as the 1st prize in the 1st National Mozart Academy Piano Competition 2013 in the 10-13 age category, 1st prize and the special prize in 1st National Adnan Saygun Piano Competition İzmir in the under-18 category, 1st prize and the special prize in 14th Gümusşilık Music Festival 4th International Ahmet Adnan Saygun Piano Competition, 1st prize in 1st International Rhapsody Piano Competition Adana in the 16-20 age category and the 3rd prize in International Orbetello Junior Piano Competition in Italy.

At the same time, Tuna became the first Turkish musician who gave a concert within the scope of the project "Young Stars on the Stage" at the world-famous Mariinsky Theater with the special invitation of world-famous conductor Valeri Gergiev and pianist Mira Jevtich. Tuna continued his studies with Prof. Gülnara Aziz and the State Artist Gülsin Onay in Turkey and had the chance to work with famous pianists such as Grigory Gruzman, Cyprien Katsaris, Stanislav Ioudenitch, Yulianna Avdeeva, Mauricio Vallina, Hüseyin Sermet. He became one of the 2 pianists selected among nearly 50 young pianists who passed the UdK Berlin (Berlin Art University) exams in February. Tuna will officially continue his studies with UdK Berlin, piano department head and vice dean Prof. Björn Lehmann in the period that started in October!

Gülsin Onay can be read on the Wikipedia link below.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/G%C3%BClsin_Onay
Forthcoming Events

1-8 MAYIS 2022
İskele Belediyesi Halk Plaji
Bu organizasyon İskele Belediyesi ile Festivalcililer Derneği işbirliğinde yapılmaktadır

Tropicana club ozankoy
We are back every first tuesdays of the month
lots of cash prizes
HEY BINGO FANS, LET’S PLAY

Tuesday 03/05/2022
START AT 5 PM
TICKET 70tl including the irish game
more info call 05338319188

THE BIG QUIZ DAY
with quizmaster
Mackern Mal

DOUBLE GEMINI
KUCUK ERENKÖY 0533 821 5455
THUR 5TH MAY
FROM 2.00PM

Wosstock3
peace, love, & paws
Saturday May 7th
5pm ’til late

LIVE MUSIC ALL EVENING
FROM 5PM
VARIOUS ARTISTS
TO BE ANNOUNCED

Entrance
20TL

Friends of Deanpaw
in aid of shelter and abandoned dogs
Forthcoming Events

**Paws for a Cause & Barking Mad**

2nd Annual Fun Dog Show

- Categories:
  - Owner and dog looks alike
  - Agility
  - Most beautiful senior over 7 years
  - Most rescue dog

- Food and drink available at the bar
- Covered area in case of bad weather

SUNDAY 8TH MAY
2PM TO 5PM

TAWNY’S BAR CRYSTAL BAY VIEW
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Supports the Official Grand Opening of Up the Hill

MON 23RD MAY FROM 5PM

Serving at 5pm open buffet (mezes, salad, rice, chips & doner kebabs) only 20TL

Entertainment from Mackem Mal’s Quiz and Revolver

Proceeds to be donated to Tatlisu Primary School

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Platinum Jubilee Celebrations

- Buffet food
- Live music

SUNDAY 5TH JUNE 2PM

Andy Franks

**Meryem’s Hotel**

5 JUNE 2022 2-4PM

- Live music!
- 17TL per person
- Sandwiches
- Guiche
- Sausage rolls
- Victoria sponge cake
- Scones with jam & cream
- Art and craft stalls

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Ladies Bubbles "n" Bowls

16th June 2022
5pm

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### Forthcoming Events

- **Naim Korudag and Ed Sezener**
  - Every Saturday at 3 pm

- **FORTHCOMING EVENTS**
  - 1. THE FIREBALLS
  - 2. ALPER CENCİZ & FRIENDS
  - 6. HADİR EVRE PROJECT FEAT. ÖSMAN CAM KOY
  - 8. THE HEALERS
  - 9. ALL NIGHT LIVE
  - 21.00 - THE GREAT FLOOD
  - 23.00 - ALPER CENCİZ & FRIENDS
  - 13. STANDARD JAZZ TRIO FEAT. MELESA HAMALIĞI
  - 15. ALPER CENCİZ & FRIENDS
  - 16. BLUES ATTACK from Istanbul/ Turkey

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- **LATIN NIGHT**
  - ARDA BAYBURT LATIN PROJECT

- **ALPER CENCİZ & FRIENDS**
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The main two football leagues of the TRNC are now into the last 2 weeks, however, we are at the "nitty gritty" time of the season with promotion and relegation places still to be played for. When the League matches have concluded of course we go into the promotion and relegation "play off" matches.

Below are "selected " local football fixtures, for the next two weekends, which may be in Expats locations. Matches marked *** are what I think are the "pick of the weekend" games.

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Esentepe Horror Show - Jinx Stadium Strikes Again

Result: ÇETINKAYA TŞK 4 ESENTEPE KKS 1

By Richard Beale....

Esentepe were dead and buried in this match after only 30 minutes as they were overrun by a rampant Çetinkaya team that only had one thing on their mind 3 points and promotion back into the Super League.

Saturday April 23, 2022: AKSA League 1: Lefkoşa Atatürk Stadium.

The TRNC oldest football club Çetinkaya returned to the Super League at the first attempt as they blew away a shell shocked Esentepe team to gain the necessary 3 points to give them promotion.

Before the match started I was quite confident that Esentepe young team containing 5 teenagers would come of age, and have the legs and energy on a warm afternoon to cause an upset. Of course, I was wrong and once again Esentepe came away from the Atatürk Stadium winless when we play there again I will be writing the same old drivel about how this is Esentepe's jinx and hoodoo stadium where we always come away with nothing. Çetinkaya are a big experienced physical team with tall, strong men in attack and defence maybe Esentepe youngsters were intimidated by this and could not come to terms.

The only good thing about this day is that 6th place Dürryol lost 4-0 to L. Gençler Birliği (Coached by ex Esentepe KILIÇ ALI KAHRAMAN) so that last "playoff" place is as you were before both teams competing for that final place with 2 games remaining.

Esentepe were without their veteran defender Okan Kibar after picking up 4 yellow cards, he has been one of their most consistent performers this season and his experience and physical presence was solely missed. Likewise Çetinkaya were also without their 22 leading goalscorer Ibrahim Köse again through suspension as the score suggests he was not missed!!

A disappointing crowd of around 150-175 were lost in the vast soulless Atatürk Stadium.

Çetinkaya were in no mood to let the "country bumskins" Esentepe rain on their parade, they meant business right from the kickoff, dominating the early stages and it was no surprise when they took the lead after only 8 minutes following poor defending by Esentepe. Emre Nazik on the left outpaced Mahmut, got to the byline before sending over a low cross that Esentepe goalkeeper Onur failed to grab and ARDA EREN METIN had the easy task to prod home. 1-0

The big Esentepe goalkeeper made up for his error making a couple of good saves as his team was completely at sea with their defence constantly breached.

Their defence was missing again after 13 minutes, a simple ball by Emre into the path of CEMAL KURT to squeeze a shot past Onur. 2-0.

Esentepe were given an unexpected lifeline in the 25th minute when Hüseyin Deynekli on the right managed to get across in that was going away from goal and with no threat, until Yusuf tangled with Semih bringing the Esentepe man down. The Stadium jinx saw Eser Kan's penalty pushed away by the diving Çetinkaya goalkeeper Ozan to his left whereSalih fired in the rebound across the face of the goal with no Esentepe player managing to get a touch to the ball.

Çetinkaya, where Arda Eren was desperate to complete his hat trick missing a couple of golden opportunities.

Esentepe in the 64th minute played their final hand bringing on Emek, Ismet and Hüseyin Ermiş in place of Salih, Eser and the injured Devran.

The jinx hit Esentepe again as soon as they made their substitutions when defender Gürkan Demir fell heavily on his knee after a hefty challenge with Abbas. Gürkan who has only recently regained fitness after being troubled by a knee injury clearly was in pain and had to be stretchered off, Esentepe had to play the remainder of the game with 10 men. At long last in the 83rd minute ARDA EREN METIN completed his hat trick after a pass from Recip. 4-1.

Çetinkaya made a number of changes themselves giving squad players playing time as all Esentepe players and supporters wanted was to hear the final whistle and leave this bi**** stadium !. FULL TIME SCORE: 4-1.
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