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Vox Pop went to the NCCCT Christmas Fayre



By Engin Dervisağa.....

Am I becoming famous? I am not really sure but for certain I am now having more opportunities as a Bayrak Radio and Television producer and presenter to meet more people and organisations so that I can write about them for my forthcoming Vox Pop shows on cyprusscene.com which is a great joy. I would also like to add that I am now able to have these articles published in the new week!:

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I returned with my cameraman Mustafa Sarpten to the Pia Bella Hotel on Saturday 9th December to record interviews and witness the fun at the North Cyprus Cancer Charity Trust (NCCCT) Christmas Fayre for my Vox Pop programme which will be shown on BRT 2 TV very soon.

There were many people to talk to including NCCCT Chairperson, Wendy Anderson and many others including Joanna Walker, Marian Stuart and Cemal Özcömet from ZAYDER - Zeytin Ağacı - Eğitim ve Yardımlaşma Derneği (the Olive Tree - Education and Help Association).

I also found an old friend and BRTK colleague, Can Gazi dressed as a lovable elf and tripping the light fantastic and doing many other crazy things to entertain everybody who was there

Father Christmas (John Rudderford) was very popular and keeping the children both large and small happy whilst Dj Werner Fayers was also on hand to create a party atmosphere with some great music

For a Fun packed Vox Pop programme do watch this space for the BRT2 transmission dates of my show which will be published very soon on cyprusscene.com.



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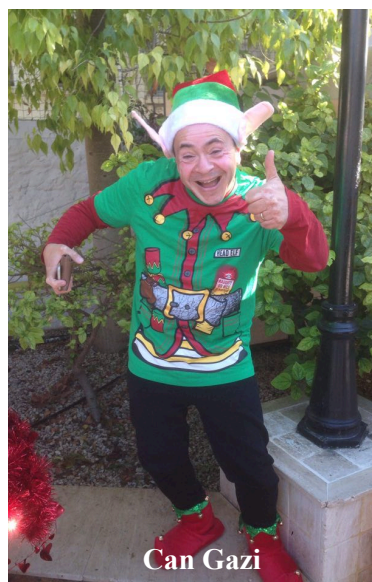
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Father Christmas
(John Rudderford)

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President Akinci: the open-ended negotiation process is now over

President Mustafa Akıncı gave a speech about the final stages of the Cyprus negotiations at the Near East University İrfan Günsel Congress Centre. In his address, the President focused primarily on the last two years of the Cyprus talks and stated unequivocally that the open-ended negotiation process, which has continued over the last 50 years, is now over.

Akıncı noted that the Cyprus negotiations had become a top priority for the Greek Cypriot side in the wake of their forthcoming elections: "It would not be right for us to paint a bleak picture for finding a solution, nor can we say that 2018 will be a year of resolution."

President Akıncı also said that the Turkish Cypriot side had made serious contributions to the negotiation process and highlighted the difference in stance between former UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-Moon and current Secretary General Antonio Guterres. In his remarks, Akıncı emphasised that while Ban Ki-Moon had said that both sides had made "unprecedented progress", current Secretary-General Antonio Guterres

had described the recent failure of the talks as "an historic opportunity which has been lost."

Indicating that the five-party conference had only taken place due to his decision to put the map issue on the agenda, Akıncı also stated that he had done this because of his belief in finding a solution and reiterated that all sides stood to lose from the options that were presented.

Regarding the expression "unprecedented progress", Akıncı said that there had been an historical opportunity during the talks but it remained on paper alone, it was not a part of the Greek Cypriot side's mentality. He also added that the Greek Cypriots had shown that they do not wish to share the benefits of being recognized as a state with Turkish Cypriots.

Reiterating that the Turkish Cypriot side does not wish the security of one side to be a threat to the other, Akıncı said, "Everybody understood this, however our interlocutor did not want to understand this." Akıncı continued, "The regrettable fact is



that the Greek Cypriot leadership has taken an active stance on future elections, but not on future generations."

Akıncı also stated that he had taken the initiative despite heavy criticism, but that he never hears the Greek Cypriot leader say to his own people, "If you want a federation, the President of the Republic of Cyprus will be a Turkish Cypriot", and cited this as an example of how the Greek Cypriot mentality must change.

"We will not live confined in the buffer zone and we will not continue to discuss the same issue for years. The open-ended,

unending negotiation process is now over. Personally, I no longer wish to be a part of such a process any longer," he said.

Akıncı also stated that a bi-zonal, bi-communal federal settlement, based on political equality between two constituent states, with a rotating presidency and a territorial adjustment, must be the first option on the agenda. He also said that both sides must discuss how to live side by side, under two separate roofs, in the event that there is no federation settlement but emphasised that Turkish Cypriots will never be a minority within the Greek Cypriot community.

PM Özgürün issues support for East Jerusalem as Palestine's Capital



Prime Minister Hüseyin Özgürün has issued a statement in support of the final communique released by the OIC after its recent Extraordinary Summit that recognizes East Jerusalem as the capital of Palestine. He warned that Israel's actions in the region threaten to undermine wider peace.

"If you declare Jerusalem as the capital of Israel and move your Embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem, this decision by the

OIC is a just and necessary response" said Prime Minister Özgürün.

Reiterating that these latest developments pose a threat to regional stability, as well as peace in the Middle East and the whole world, the Prime Minister added, "I hope the US will correct its mistake and reverse its decision, and no more blood will be shed in the region."

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FM Ertuğruloğlu represents TRNC at OIC Extraordinary Summit in Istanbul



Foreign Minister Tahsin Ertuğruloğlu represented the TRNC at the Organisation for Islamic Cooperation's (OIC) Extraordinary Summit. The Summit, took place today in Istanbul and was attended by Foreign Ministers and Heads of States and Governments from OIC countries.

The Summit was called to order by Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan to discuss the OIC's stance on US President Trump's recent decision to recognise Jerusalem as the capital of Israel.

During the event, TRNC Foreign Minister Tahsin Ertuğruloğlu gave a speech to the OIC Council of Foreign Ministers and representatives present as well as observer member states. In his address, the Foreign Minister stated that the decision would not benefit either side in this regional conflict and emphasised that the reversal of President Trump's decision would serve to maintain peace within the region as a whole.

The Foreign Minister's full remarks are below:

"I would like to express my gratitude to His Excellency the

President of the Republic of Turkey, Mr. Recep Tayyip Erdoğan, for his decision to hold this important meeting as the incumbent president of the OIC.

"The world is living in a period in which politics is above the law and, unfortunately, this experience is a common experience between Islamic and non-Islamic societies. "When politics comes into play over the holy city of Jerusalem, which is a place of significance for three world religions, the fear is that tensions in the region may evolve into a larger conflict.

"It is therefore surprising that both Muslim and Christian societies remain silent on this matter. The Jerusalem issue cannot be presented solely as a political question – it is both a religious and an existential issue for Muslims. However, on this matter of vital importance, the response of Muslim states has been insufficient – representatives of Muslim countries have not done justice to the gravity of this situation.

"I speak as the Minister of Foreign Affairs for a state which is currently struggling for its own existence and recognition in this region.

The same frustration that Muslim states have caused for us in our own struggle for existence has unfortunately manifested itself in Jerusalem. This disregard does not make anyone stronger. I did not expect this. However, this stance has unfortunately been seen in Jerusalem.

"This land is shared by everyone

in the world who says 'I am a Muslim. This is something that all Muslims should honour.

"I also wish to emphasise the following: Turkey is the only country in the Islamic World and the only leader who is engaging with this struggle fearlessly and sincerely, and I think that Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan's sincere efforts will be recorded in the annals of history.

"Islamic countries must develop a real, sincere and collective solution in practice for our shared problems. Interventions of others in Muslim communities will not solve any problems – on the contrary, they will only exacerbate them. These tensions also create fresh opportunities for the rise of terrorist organizations. We must trust ourselves and act together.

"Furthermore, President Trump's decision on the Jerusalem issue will neither benefit those who took the decision, nor will it benefit those who expect to gain from the

decision. Reversing the decision immediately is what will bring prosperity to the region.

"I want to stress once again that US President Donald Trump's decision to recognize Jerusalem as the capital of Israel and to move the US Embassy in Tel Aviv to Jerusalem is unacceptable, and I reiterate my request for the reversal of this decision."

Following the convening of the OIC Council of Foreign Ministers, the Extraordinary Summit will continue with further meetings between OIC Heads of State and Government.

Foreign Minister Ertuğruloğlu will also attend a luncheon following the summit, which will be hosted by Turkish President Erdoğan in honour of the leaders present. Minister Ertuğruloğlu will be accompanied by Foreign Ministry General Director Kemal Köprülü and is expected to return to the island today.



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FM Ertuğruloğlu meets British expats in TRNC

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the facts. He criticised the UK High Commissioner, who also recently met with British people living in the TRNC, for making negative remarks about the country.

Expressing that there are two states on the island and that this is understood by the international community, Minister Ertuğruloğlu described the history of the Cyprus problem, and the Turkish Cypriot people who were ousted from the Republic of Cyprus.

Ertuğruloğlu also stated that the Greek Cypriots are now illegally occupying the Republic and have imposed embargoes on the Turkish Cypriot people – a reality, he emphasised, which the UK has ignored. He added that it is therefore unacceptable for an authority from the UK to make unfavourable statements to British people living in the TRNC.

Ertuğruloğlu said that during the 50 year-long negotiations, all issues were discussed, and that the Turkish Cypriot people have never backed away from the negotiations at any stage. He also stressed that

the talks have now ended and that a new process is possible on the basis of state-to-state talks and equality – however, the negotiations cannot continue from the stage at which they were left.

Minister Ertuğruloğlu responded to questions from the British expats, particularly regarding Plan B in Cyprus. Meanwhile, bureaucrats from the Ministry of the Interior, Labour and Social Security, and the Ministry of Health gave information on residency, customs, property and transport.

Ertuğruloğlu expressed his hope that the new process will be

shaped after the elections, and pointed out that the TRNC's participation in the international community is realized via Turkey. Ertuğruloğlu also stressed that from now on the TRNC must focus on its development, in order to continue creating a country where everyone can live in happiness..

Undersecretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Mustafa Lakadamyalı, General Director Kemal Köprülü and some authorities from the Ministry of Economy and Energy, Labour and Social Security and Ministry of Health accompanied Minister Ertuğruloğlu to the meeting.



Uncle Omer and Bareyası meet with lovers of cartoons

The introduction and signing ceremony of the cartoon book "Uncle Ömer and Bareyası" published by Architect and Cartoonist Serhan Gazioğlu took place at the Girne Municipality Art Gallery, Girne.

Mayor Nidai Güngördü, Musa Kayra, President of the Turkish Cypriot Cartoonist Association, together with cartoonists, municipality employees and book lovers participated. Serhan Gazioğlu and the editor of the book, Ömer Tatlısu, signed the book for the participants at the event.

Güngördü: He expresses his patriotism with his drawings.

Speaking at the introduction of the book, Girne Mayor, Nidai Güngördü, said that he was very happy to be at the presentation and signing ceremony of Serhan Gazioğlu's book, who participates in the selection committee at the International Olive Cartoon Contest organized by Girne Municipality.

Nidai Güngördü stated that the artist is a patriotic person and expresses this with his drawings. The Mayor said he hopes the new book will be successful.

Gazioğlu: I express myself by drawing.

Serhan Gazioğlu said that he expressed himself in the best way by drawing a cartoon and said he was proud of bringing a new book to the world of humour.

Serhan Gazioğlu stated that the work compiled from cartoons published in the daily newspaper are included in the book and noted that he wanted to publish a book with the cartoons he had drawn up to now and that he will continue to draw in the future.



Supreme Election Committee announces final candidates

The SEC has also announced that official election campaigning for the 2018 general election will begin from today. On Monday, the Supreme Election Committee (SEC) announced that 388 candidates, drawn from 8 political parties will participate in the TRNC's Early General Election next year.

The SEC list also includes 9 independent candidates, 120 female candidates and 7 candidates with disabilities. The election will be held on 7 January 2018, when 188,688 voters will cast their votes for a new government.

In 2018, the new Election and Referendum (amendment) Law will come into force, effectively categorizing the TRNC as a single general electoral district, with voters selecting 50 candidates from 6 districts according to a preferential voting system where candidates are ranked in order of voters' preference.

This year, voters will choose the following number of candidates in each district to act as their representatives : 16 from Lefkoşa, 13 from Gazimağusa, 10 from Girne, 5 from İskele, 4 from Güzelyurt and 2 candidates from Lefke, a new district.



The SEC has also announced that official election campaigning for the 2018 general election will begin from today (12th December)

Extraordinary Summit of the OIC



TRNC Foreign Minister Tahsin Ertuğruloğlu will attend the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) Extraordinary Summit in Istanbul on Wednesday. The summit has been called by Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan to address US President Donald Trump's decision last week to recognize Jerusalem as the capital of Israel.

The Summit, which will be hosted by Turkish President Erdoğan, will commence with the convening of

OIC Foreign Ministers and continue with further meetings among the Heads of State and Government.

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TRNC represented at SIAL Middle East Food Fair

Ten food companies are representing the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC) this week at the SIAL Middle East International Food Fair.

The 8th SIAL (Salon International de l'Alimentation) Middle East event is being held in Abu Dhabi from 12-14 December this year, with over 900 companies from 30 countries taking part in the event.

2017 marks the third year in which the TRNC has participated in the fair.

Ten companies from the TRNC have been promoting their 'North Cyprus' products at the fair, including halva, ice cream, traditional bakery products and halloumi at their stand, which covers 124 square meters.



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Kumarcılar Han and my passion for North Cyprus Tourism

Reader's letter



I would like to say thank you to CyprusScene and Engin Dervişağa for showing an interest in the Kumarcılar Han (Gamblers Inn) in Lefkosa through the Discovering North Cyprus programmes on BRT2 television. I took a liking to this beautiful structure built by the Ottomans which had deteriorated over the centuries and left in very

poor condition inside the walled city of Lefkoşa.

I returned to my Island from the UK to build the first Cypriot Turkish hotels and also help build the tourism Industry for my beloved and deprived Northern Cyprus because everything up to 1974 was being destroyed by the Greeks.

The Cypriot Turkish people before 1974 were not allowed to participate in tourism but my passion for helping our people to develop Tourism made me look at everything which could help our cause and what better than historical sites which could be restored and used for marketing

North Cyprus to the outside world.

The Kumarcılar Han was owned by several rich people who were living all over the world so I set out and traced them in 8 different countries. I then bought their shares up to 75% and set out to restore it but some of the ground floor shops, despite the dilapidated condition of the building, were still being occupied either as stores or some as shops. Now I had to take the people concerned to court to evict them but needless to say I had to compensate them to leave the building.

It took me 35 years but with the help of the Turkish Embassy, and I thank them, I was able to restore

this building and it is now helping my passion for Tourism by providing 37 families who have invested as tenants in the building and who are now making a living and encouraging tourists to come and visit this beautiful Han from all over the world.

Thank you Chris and Margaret for once again bringing this historical building through your **cyprusscene** website to the attention of our people and especially the governments of the past and those who made it difficult, or easy, for me to bring my dream to fruition.

Thank you and God bless you all

John Aziz Kent

**Honorary President
Turkish Cypriot Hoteliers
Association**



Gamblers Inn, Lefkosa - Pictures by Charles Weare from "Frozen Cypriots"

TRNC at 11th Izmir Tourism Fair

The attractions, history and cuisine of North Cyprus were promoted in the 11th İzmir Tourism Fair. The TRNC took its place with a 71 square meter stand, which also brought together tourism agents from Turkey and various countries around the region, including hotels and sector representatives working directly and indirectly with the tourism sector.

The TRNC Tourism and Environment Ministry, North



Cyprus Hoteliers Association, Cyprus Turkish Tourism and Travel Agencies Union, Mediterranean Eco-Agro Tourism Association, Restaurant Owners Association, Cyprus Turkish Tourism Writers and Journalists Association, and Zoom magazine group represented the TRNC at the fair.

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Turkish Cypriots will never be a minority

Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan rebuffed perceptions of Cyprus as a “Hellenic island” in a statement yesterday, saying, “I would like to clearly express that the dreams of these Greek Cypriots will never come true and that the Turkish Cypriots will never be a minority, as the Greek Cypriots wish, on the island of which they are joint owners.”

Emphasising that Greek Cypriots have serious issues in their approach to the negotiations that have been ongoing for half a century, in terms of power-

sharing in the new partnership state, President Erdoğan added, “They [Greek Cypriots] still perceive Cyprus as a Hellenic island. This was the reason that the 1960 Republic of Cyprus collapsed three years after its establishment.”

The President continued, “The negotiations are doomed to remain inconclusive unless there is a change towards an understanding that Turkish Cypriots are political equals.”

Erdoğan also reiterated that the

majority of Turkish Cypriots approved the Annan Plan in 2004, whereas the Greek Cypriots

rejected a solution, as they also did in Crans Montana earlier this year.



EU bias biggest factor in Cyprus issue failure

Prime Minister Hüseyin Özgürgün issued a statement regarding the visit of the President of the European Parliament Antonio Tajani, who last week held meetings in South Cyprus but did not cross over to the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus to meet with Turkish Cypriot officials. Prime Minister Özgürgün described President Tajani’s one-sided visit as “not a big surprise.”

Prime Minister Özgürgün said that the European Union’s bias in favour of Greece and Greek Cypriot side, both EU member states, is the biggest factor in the continued failure to resolve the Cyprus issue. Özgürgün noted that it was not possible to expect otherwise from an institution that had been willing to accept the Greek Cypriot side, immediately after their rejection of the Annan Plan, unilaterally into the EU.

Özgürgün also highlight the negative attitude towards the Turkish Cypriots, who sincerely want a solution in Cyprus and have repeatedly voted in favour of a settlement. “If they said to the Greek Cypriots: strive for a settlement, then we will make you a member of the EU together with the Turkish Cypriots, a settlement would have been reached in Cyprus by now, but they did not,” said Özgürgün.

Turning to Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan’s recent official visit to Greece, Prime Minister Özgürgün said that it had been a very positive visit, but that some illogical statements were made by the Greek media and on the Greek Cypriot side describing Turkey as an “occupant”. Özgürgün emphasized that Turkey is in Cyprus to protect the equal rights of Turkish Cypriots as a rightful founding partner on the



Trump's decision will increase tension in the Region

Prime Minister Hüseyin Özgürgün has stated that US President Donald Trump’s decision to recognize Jerusalem as the capital of Israel and move the US Embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem would further increase problems in the region. Noting that Cyprus is very close

to the region and could therefore be affected by overspill from the ongoing conflicts, Özgürgün stated that those who want to prolong and enlarge the problem in Cyprus, rather than resolve the issue that has been going on for decades, now seek to do the same in the Middle East.

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Demolition of Guzelyurt Coal Mines

The coal mines operating in the Güzelyurt region, are now being demolished under the control of the Environmental Protection Agency, which is affiliated with the Ministry of Tourism and Environment.

The Council of Ministers arranged for the demolition of coal mines within the framework of the decision of organisations in respect of the damage to the environment and destruction of nature.

The Minister of Tourism and Environment, Fikri Ataoğlu, has been in the process of having talks with the people of the region, as



well as the operators and as a result of the negotiations demolition studies that started in and around the area will continue. Following the demolition work, the Ministry of Tourism and the Ministry of Environment will be working on a new system in which coal mines will be operated in a new location.

The coal mining operators said they wanted to carry out this work in a controlled and conscientious manner and said they were satisfied with reaching a permanent solution to this issue after meeting Minister Ataoglu.



Karaman Church - Christmas Concert

*A Christmas Concert in Karaman Church
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Katie has invited Peri Sualp to join her at the performance.

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Katie Economidou



Peri Sualp

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Christmas Markets in Cyprus 2017



By Heidi TRAUTMANN...

This year I went to two Christmas markets, one in Girne organised by Kyrenia Animal Rescue at the Pia Bella Hotel and the other in Nicosia at the Goethe Institute in the buffer zone. I really don't want to compare them but there are some things I would like to remark on. Rumtata music is really not the thing on a Christmas market where parents with their kids come to see Santa Claus; I heard many voices say that they would like to stay longer but

the music put them off. Also, what I personally think should be shown on a Christmas market is art and craft, hand-made things and not to try to empty the house with flea market ware.

I bought my usual advent wreath made by a friend of mine, she has been at the event for many years, and I bought German gingerbread and cinnamon stars which are delightful. I bought a silk-wool shawl for my eldest granddaughter

died with natural plants by Gabi, another friend.

Schoolchildren sold their hand-made paper stars, I bought eight of them last year, they are beautiful.

People queued for curry sausages, potato salad and sauerkraut, for pork legs and later waffles, and from another corner came the smell of chestnuts fresh from the fire.

The first advent, the last one will be on 24 December. My wreath is on our table with a big red candle, it looks really festive and inviting to sit down and enjoy the stollen with marzipan.



Near East Bank Christmas Party

By Margaret SHEARD....

As customers of Near East Bank, we normally receive an invitation to join the staff and other customers of the bank for a Christmas get-together and so on Monday 11th December we made our way to the Park Palace Hotel in Girne where the Bank also held its Christmas event last year. We still find it so refreshing that banks in this part of the world have such a nice rapport with their customers.

It was nice to see Naci Karanlik and some of the other members of

the bank we have met on previous occasions. When we arrived Naci was just about to give a speech of welcome to the guests.

As previously, the Park Palace laid on a superb buffet, together with wine and soft drinks and soon most people were tucking into the wonderful spread and we were then entertained by a talented duo who provided some very nice background music. This was Emre Yazgin on keyboard and

singer Ezgi Akgurgen. They are both members of a group and also perform as a duo as well as solo for various events. Emre lived in London and Ezgi studied in Canterbury and they actually met in 2011 after they had both returned to North Cyprus.

We usually see some familiar faces at this type of event, and the NEB

gathering was no different so we were able to say hello to DJ Mike and Pam Schofield, Nick Vye, and others.

After a couple of hours people were starting to drift away and so we also said our goodbyes and made our way home, following a very nice Near East Bank Christmas get-together.



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Vox Pop at the NCCCT Christmas Party

By Engin Dervişağa.....

On Thursday 23rd November I went with my camera crew for my Vox Pop programme on BRT 2 TV to The Fez, in Çatalköy to be with the North Cyprus Cancer Charity Trust (NCCCT) where they were holding their first Christmas Party.

There were many people to talk to and I had the opportunity to talk to the NCCCT Chairperson, Wendy Anderson. I was also able to talk to Sadie, Dj Mancini, Dominic Holmes, Teresa Cefa and our very own Radio Angel, Denise Philips from Bayrak International Radio.

It was a great party night with entertainment from Dj Mancini who was born in Italy and then Sadie who sang her heart out and to complete the evening Dominic Holmes kept us all in the Christmas spirit.



Wendy Anderson

My interview with NCCCT and friends will be screened on Sunday 17th December at 15.00pm and it will be repeated on Tuesday 19th December at 18.30pm and on Friday 22nd December at 20.00pm so do tune in to join me on my show, Vox Pop on BRT2 Television.

To go direct to BRT2 TV to watch these shows by live streaming on your PC, Tablet or Smart Phone at Cyprus local time go to www.brtk.net and select the BRT2 channel in the viewing screen. This programme was edited by Kut Adali.



For Radio Lovers do also tune in and join me on Bayrak International on Saturday at 19.00pm for my programme Top Twenty which is compiled by DJ Bora and this show is repeated on Sunday at 15.00pm.

We are transmitting this on 87.8 and 105.0 FM stereo.

You can also tune in to live streaming of this radio show by going to www.brtk.net and selecting FM105 Bayrak International.



Sadie



DJ Mancini



Dominic Holmes

Remembering the first Whirling Dervish

By Engin Dervişağa

In memory of the death in 1273 of Mevlana Celaleddin Rumi the founder of the Whirling Dervish order I am delighted together with my colleague Qossay Eleyan to bring you our show "Discovering North Cyprus" about the Mevlana or Whirling Dervishes who perform regularly at the Bedesten, Lefkosa.

This TV show for Bayrak Radio and Television Corporation will be screened with a 7 minute introduction in English followed by Arabic.

The original Whirling Dervishes and their origins date back to the 1200's and Mevlana Celaleddin Rumi who was born in the province of Balkh, Afghanistan in 1207. He left with his entire family in 1228 and eventually settled in Konya in Anatolia where he developed a profound tolerance for religion.

He was considered to be a



philosopher, poet and scientist. He died on 17th December 1273 and was laid to rest beside his father in Konya, which is in present day Turkey.

This show will be transmitted on BRT2 on Monday 18th December at 19.00pm and repeated on Thursday 21st December at 19.50pm.

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For those local readers who have interesting hobbies or interests who think it could make an interesting subject for my Vox Pop TV show, do please send me a message through www.cyprusscene.com

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KAR Educational Team at school again!

Readers Mail

KAR Education Team

On Tuesday 12th and Thursday 14th December we, the Kyrenia Animal Rescue Education Team, consisting of Maggie Smith, Carole Widdison and Carol Easton, and of course Maggie's dog Annie, visited 19 Mayis Secondary School, Girne.

We were very pleased to be able to have two 40 minute lessons with each of the four Year 6 classes. The children are 10 to 11 years old. We were very grateful to the school and teachers to give up their lessons and rooms so that we could work with their classes.

Maggie started the lesson telling the students Annie's story, talking about what she needed to be happy, safe and healthy. After that Carol focused on The Five Freedoms for animals which are on the banner. These were discussed in detail.

The first few pages of the workbook were completed to reinforce what had been discussed.



Carole talked about the importance of neutering and the owner's responsibility to have this done and the difference it makes to the animal's life. Some calculations were done to show how numbers of cats or dogs increase dramatically and the appropriate pages in the workbook were used as well.

The True and False activity at the end of the workbook was done as a fun activity with students standing if the statement was False and staying seated if it was True. Some were discussed in detail, particularly about greeting dogs correctly and how to behave around stray dogs.

At the end of the lesson students were shown the photos and information about KAR at the back of the workbook and told that they were theirs to take home, complete and look at with their families.

It was a privilege to be able to work there and we were made very welcome by the Head teacher Raif Ozdelik Asvasoğlu, the teachers and the students, who were delightful.

A big thank you goes to the teacher Kezibhan who organized everything on the days we were with them.



A Cup Of Conversation 16/12/17 with Wendy Anderson and Marion Stuart

By Can GAZI

After a successful year raising funds and awareness for the North Cyprus Cancer Charity Trust, I am honoured to have current chairman Wendy Anderson joining me in the Bayrak TV studio.

It is also a festive Cup Of Conversation this week as Marion Stuart (Mother Christmas) also joins us to talk about her involvement with the charity.

To learn more about the Trust and to get into a festive mood watch BRT2

TV this Saturday the 16th of December at 12 noon. Do follow us online at "A Cup of Conversation" your favourite TV show by going to www.brtk.net and selecting BRT2

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Do tune into Bayrak International Live where you can join me on a number of great radio shows that bring you great music and thoughts and comments of the day,

We are transmitting these shows on 87.8 and 105.0 FM stereo



15 December - 21 December

Carols by Candlelight at St Andrews Church, Kyrenia



Christmas has always been associated with the singing of Christmas Carols, and one of the favourite services in many churches is the traditional "Nine Lessons and Carols". The service is so traditional that many people think it must have been part of the Church's worship for hundreds of years. But the reality is a little different.

While it is true that the sacred songs which we call Christmas Carols have been sung for centuries, the service of Nine Lessons and Carols has a relatively recent history.

In 1878 the Royal Cornwall Gazette reported that the choir of Truro Cathedral would sing a service of carols at 10:00 p.m. on Christmas Eve.

"The Choir of the Cathedral will sing a number of carols in the Cathedral on Christmas Eve, the service commencing at 10pm. We understand that this is at the wish of many of the leading parishioners and others. A like service has been instituted in other cathedral and large towns, and has been much appreciated. It is the intention of the choir to no longer continue the custom of singing carols at the residences of members of the congregation."

Two years later, Edward White Benson, at that time Bishop of Truro in Cornwall but later Archbishop of Canterbury, formalised the service with Nine Lessons for use at 10:00 p.m. on Christmas Eve (24 December) 1880. Over 400 people attended this first service.

The original form of the service has since been adapted and used by other churches all over the world. Lessons and Carols most often occur in Anglican churches. However, many Christian denominations have adopted this service, or a variation on this service, as part of their Christmas celebrations.

The best-known version is broadcast annually from King's College, Cambridge, on Christmas Eve. It features carols sung by the famous Choir of King's College.

Less well-known perhaps, but just as traditional, is the service held in St. Andrew's Church, Kyrenia. This year's Nine Lessons and Carols in St. Andrew's will be held on Sunday 17th December at 6.00 p.m. All are very welcome to attend.

Doğanköy Association 2017 Xmas Luncheon



Approximately 70 revellers from the extended Doğanköy family spent a very social few hours at Al Shaheen Restaurant in Karakum on Wednesday 13th December for their annual Christmas Luncheon. As well as excellent food, served up by Imtiaz and his team, the raffle raised slightly in excess of 1,000 TL for Association funds, directed at both upkeep of the Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary and other needs relating to the villagers in Doğanköy.

With the last guests exiting the restaurant well after 6.00pm, they all had a very enjoyable afternoon partaking of a couple of drinks and discussing the various topics of the day.

The next Association event is the regular fortnightly Saturday morning sale at Doğanköy Muhtalik, which will be at 10am this coming Saturday 16th December.



15 December to 21 December

Cyprus Remembered

by a Wiltshire Regiment veteran

Introduction by Margaret SHEARD

Since writing the memories of Cyprus of an ex-serviceman of the Wiltshire Regiment, I received an interesting comment from another Wiltshire Regiment veteran, who appears to have served at some of the same camps, and I asked if he would also like to write something himself.

Maybe they knew each other. I hope we will find out from the memories now being shared by David Scott.

Cyprus Remembered 1957/58 Wiltshire Regiment By David Scott

After a delay in Woolwich Barracks London, I was left off the flight that day because of overcrowding, and was told I had to fly out on the next flight, (hence I was the only one on that flight from the Wiltshire Regiment. I eventually arrived at Cyprus International Airport. We flew out on a rather old prop engine Dakota aircraft. I arrived about the end of April 1957 and my time in Cyprus started at Agirda Camp (Ağırdağ).

I remember it was very hot out there at that time of year, and it was the first time I had been outside of the UK, and had never experienced such hot

uniform was most inappropriate.

After 24 hours at this airbase, a truck was found to take me to Agirda camp (Ağırdağ) which was the H/Q of the Wiltshire Regiment. There I was detailed to join the 3" Mortar Platoon, and the rest of my National Service was spent with them.

On one occasion there was an event of a live shoot for the Brigade and all the Infantry Regiments on the island, who had to take part. Wilts Mortar Platoon won against all the other Infantry Regiments. We were National Servicemen and as such we were completely indifferent, we only did what we had to, and surprise surprise, we actually Won.

During my time in Agirda we did a lot of patrols and guard duty, as there was an ongoing emergency in force. One of our many tasks was to escort the dynamite truck to somewhere in Nicosia to collect the dynamite for the quarry in Dhikomo (Dikmen). The explosives were packed on the floor of the 3 ton truck and we had to sit on them all the way back to Agirda where they were stored in a very large hole with a flat sandbagged roof (situated near the main entrance to the camp). We were told not to touch any

of the liquid that sometimes came out of the boxes of dynamite, as it may explode (our safety was not considered, and if 2 tons of explosives went off, that would have been the end of all of us. It's frightening to think about it now).

Another of our tasks was to guard the dynamite, when it was taken and used in the stone quarry in Dhikomo (Dikmen), which was situated a couple of miles from the camp and we had to stay at the quarry until all the dynamite had been used up for all the blasting work. We also had to search all the quarry rubble, looking for any unexploded dynamite sticks, accompanied by some Turkish policeman.

Whilst I was at Agirda camp at one time we were sent up the mountain to fight a forest fire, we had to dig a fire break in front of the fire so the fire had nothing to burn, and should then burn out. The fire was above the castle of St. Hilarion.

There were Asian tea wallers who sold us cheese and tomato (cleese and surmatta) rolls who also lived in the Agirda camp. I remember that our RSM, named Venn, gave these guys a very hard time, making them clean

their working tables over and over again whenever he saw them. They, like us, always kept out of his way when he was about. They also had the job of cleaning the urinals and the wash rooms as part of their duties (hence the RSM's interest in them) which did not mix too well with them preparing food as well, but we did not care.



On another occasion whilst we were driving down through the Kyrenia pass, a shot rang out across the road in front of us, we all jumped out of the truck, and were told to fire across the pass to the goat track on the other side. (I did not fire as I saw nothing, and I did not want to dirty my rifle!).

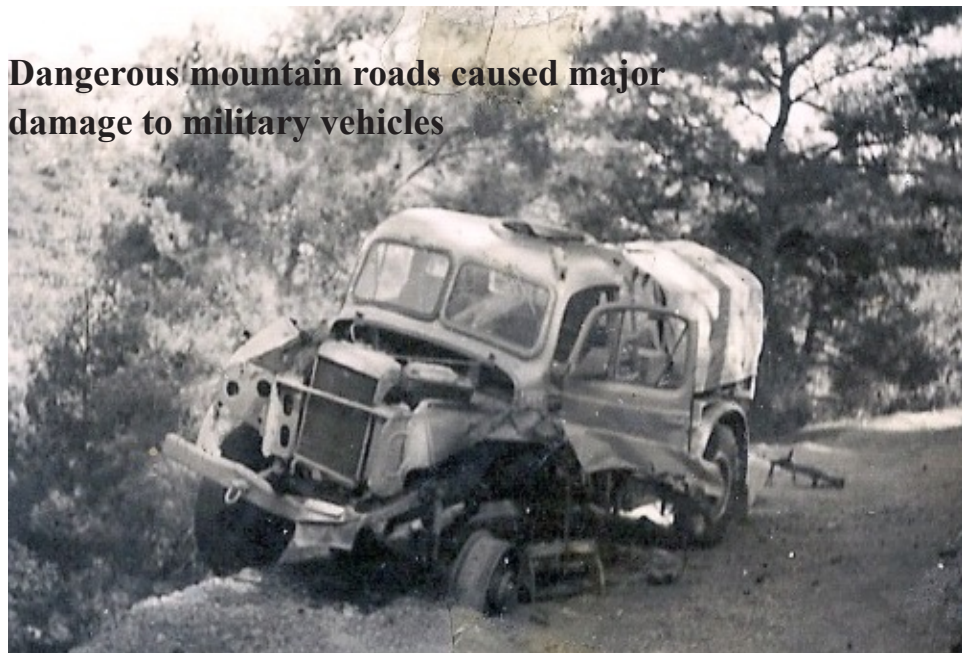


Cyprus Remembered - Continued

Whilst at Agirda my Platoon was posted for a short time to a camp (I think was the Royal Horse Guards) situated somewhere on the road to Nicosia. Whilst we were there, we were called out early one morning, and sent to a village called Geunyeli (Gönyeli),

On a later holiday visit to North Cyprus, I looked at the archives of old newspapers in a records office just outside of Kyrenia near the Pia Bella Hotel but I could not find anything about this incident (it occurred about the end of 1957),

Dangerous mountain roads caused major damage to military vehicles



Evidently a group of Greeks had decided to attack the neighbouring Turkish village, but the Turks had got wind of it, and were waiting for the Greeks, with all sorts of improvised weapons, like sticks with long nails sticking out, and clubs with nails, glass, and razor blades stuck in the end of them and carnage was done to the Greeks. The corn fields were set on fire, and were still smouldering when we got there, which was about 5 am.

Our job was to search the fields for bodies, and injured people, plus any weapons. We found plenty of bloodstained weapons, I found a pocket knife thick with dried in blood, others in our section found many bloodstained weapons, but no bodies or casualties.

My mother later in her letters, said that there was a write up in the British Newspapers called the Blazing Wheat Fields of Geunyeli (Gönyeli), and asked me if I knew of it, I wrote back that I not only knew of it, I was there.

(Post in those days took nearly 2 weeks to reach us).

Perhaps cyprusscene.com might be able to find something!!

Whilst we were at this camp one of our tasks, was to protect the Turkish school buses that went through the Greek villages, by lining the route of the buses, because the Greeks would throw stones and things at the bus as it went through.

We were told to open fire on anyone throwing anything at the buses, the elders in the Greek villages were told what would happen if things were thrown.

After over a year in Agirda, we were moved to a camp further up towards the Panhandle called Ayios Amvosios (Esentepe). When I say moved, half of our Company had to walk there, including myself, carrying our small pack and rifle plus enough rations to last a few days. It took me 3 days and 2 nights to walk there, but some were still coming in after 4 days, it was a long march along the mountain paths. But really it was nice to get away from the discipline of the central camp..

It was a much smaller camp than Agirda, only enough room for a single Infantry Company like the company I was in (S.Com - Support Company).



Area of Agirda Camp

Ayios Amvosios camp had longer tents, with concrete bases, that would give about 12 of us a bed space, and a bit of room for a locker. There were also a few long huts for the showers, plus an armoury, stores and cook house in the camp.

Our duties there were of course guarding the camp and patrols to do, which always seemed to be at night, or when it got dark, except when we were out patrolling the hills for a few days, sleeping rough on the ground.

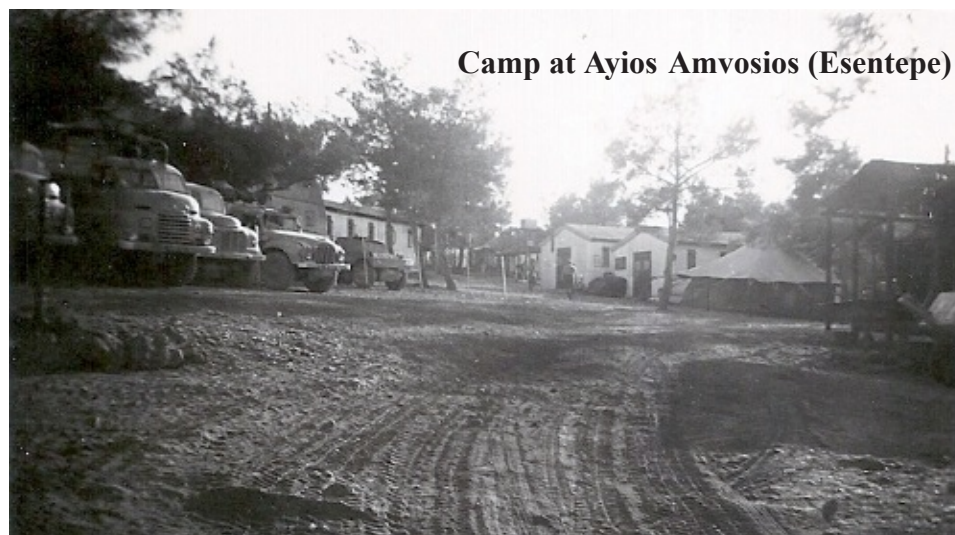
During my time at, Ayios Amvosios, each Platoon had to do a month or so up in Yaila camp, which was situated at the top of a mountain, and was a listening post for the Royal Navy Intelligence, monitoring radio signals from passing ships.

On one occasion the water truck which was on its way up to Yaila, hit a road mine just outside the village of Kharcha (Karaağaç) and an old farmer was shot through the neck, I think by the Turkish policemen who were following us in a Land Rover. The poor old Greek farmer who was shot was only ploughing a bit of land below the road above. Our orders were if we got attacked we were to open fire on any person nearby who should have told us of the mine in the road (some hope).

Whilst we were up there we used to get a visit from a Church of Scotland Man, who brought us newspapers and magazines, he drove an estate car, full of goodies he thought we might like. One day we heard an explosion which came from the road north of Kalogrea (Bahçeli) so we went down the rubble road from Yaila, towards Kalogrea, near what we called "5 Ways", to investigate what had happened, and found that the Church of Scotland man had hit a mine, and his body and parts were scattered over the mountainside, along with his car, papers and magazines. We of course had to clear this up.

I left Cyprus at the end of January 1959 and came home by a 10 day boat trip, arriving at Southampton, then on to the camp at Devizes, where I had 3 days leave, before going back to the camp, and eventually demobbed.

My 2 year stint was over.



Camp at Ayios Amvosios (Esentepe)

15 December - 21 December

CHOLESTEROL

1) What Is Cholesterol?

Cholesterol is a waxy, fat-like substance that occurs naturally in all parts of the body and is made by the liver. Cholesterol also is present in foods we eat. People need cholesterol for the body to function normally. Cholesterol is present in the cell walls or membranes everywhere in the body, including the brain, nerves, muscles, skin, liver, intestines, and heart.

2) Why Should I Be Concerned About Cholesterol?

Too much cholesterol in your body means that you have an increased risk of getting cardiovascular diseases such as heart disease. If you have too much cholesterol in your body, the cholesterol can build up on the walls of the arteries that carry blood to your heart. This buildup, which occurs over time, causes less blood and oxygen to get to your heart. This can cause chest pain and heart attacks.

What's the Difference between "Good" and "Bad" Cholesterol?

HDL (high density lipoprotein) cholesterol is known as good cholesterol. HDL takes the bad cholesterol out of your blood and keeps it from building up in your arteries. LDL (low density lipoprotein) cholesterol is known as bad cholesterol because it can build up on the walls of your arteries and increase your chances of getting cardiovascular disease. When being tested for high cholesterol, you want a high HDL number and a low LDL number.

A high level of LDL, the bad cholesterol, is the biggest threat to your heart -- although the other numbers are important, too. Bad cholesterol can clog your arteries and lead to a heart attack or stroke.

Lower tends to be better for LDL, though your personal goal depends on your heart risk. Diabetes, middle age, or family heart troubles can all raise your risk. Aim for these LDL levels:

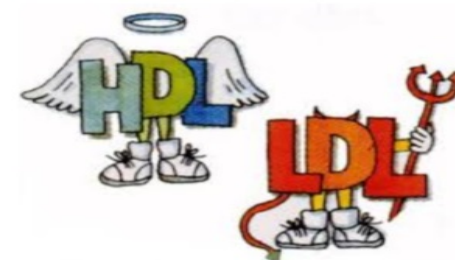
- Below 130 mg/dL for most people
- Below 100 if you're at risk of heart disease
- Below 70 if you're at very high risk

What Makes My Cholesterol Levels Go Up?

Eating foods such as meats, whole milk dairy products, egg yolks, and some kinds of fish can make your cholesterol levels go up. Being overweight can make your bad cholesterol go up and your good cholesterol go down. Also, after women go through the menopause their bad cholesterol levels tend to go up.

HDL (good) cholesterol protects against heart disease, so for HDL, higher numbers are better. A level less than 40 is low and is considered a major risk factor because it increases your risk for developing heart disease. HDL levels of 60 or more help to lower your risk for heart disease.

Triglyceride levels that are borderline high (150-199) or high (200 or more) may require treatment in some people.



Total Cholesterol	Category
Less than 200	Desirable
200-239	Borderline High
240 and above	High

LDL Cholesterol	LDL - Cholesterol Category
Less than 100	Optimal
100-129	Near optimal/above optimal
130-159	Borderline high
160-189	High
190 and above	Very high



NORTH CYPRUS CHEMIST ROTA

15th December – Friday

Aşar Eczanesi, Mustafa Çağatay Cad, Girne Tel: 815 7075
Emin Eczanesi. No 136C Girne, Alsancak. Tel: 0533 870 1946

16th December – Saturday

Aşar Eczanesi, Mustafa Çağatay Cad, Girne Tel: 815 7075
Emin Eczanesi. No 136C Girne, Alsancak. Tel: 0533 870 1946

17th December – Sunday

Selvin Çağay Eczanesi, Ecevit Cad No 68 /b Girne. Tel: 815 2025
Kandil Eczanesi, Karaoğlanoğlu Cad E 48. Tel: 822 3842

18th December – Monday

Başak Eczanesi, Ziya Rizki Cad No 31 Ocak Klubü karşısı.
Tel: 815 3620
Karpuzolu Eczanesi, Uğur Miroğlu Cad. Karakum. Tel: 816 1230

19th December – Tuesday

Güven Eczanesi, Salih Miroğlu Cad. Ersoy 6 Apt. Yukarı Girne.
Tel: 815 2409
Barış Eczanesi, İbrahim Nıdal Cad No 55 Lapta. Tel: 821 8410

20th December – Wednesday

Sertaç Eczanesi, Kurtuluş Cad Yılmaz Samı Apt 1/B, Girne.
Tel: 815 9067
Aşar Karaoğlanoğlu, Karaoğlanoğlu. Ziraat Bankası. Tel: 822 3885

21st December – Thursday

Rizki Eczanesi. Nacı Talat Cad No 3. Tel: 815 3496
Yusuf Tandoğan Eczanesi, Beşparmaklar Cad Ufukran 2 apt Dük no 4, Girne. Tel: 0548 865 3434

December Duty Chemists
Girne - Alsancak - Lapta areas



15 December - 21 December

10th December was Human Rights Day but has it been achieved?



By Ahmet ABDULAZIZ

I must have been aware, but honestly speaking I did not know that 10th December was Human Rights Day. It came and went away, just like all other days pass by. I am sure if you go out and ask people if they knew that 10th December was Human Rights Day, almost 99% of the people would come up with the answer No.

So, why is it so. How come human beings do not remember Human Rights Day. What I understand that each one of us accept is having as Right is the basic human right for him, and whatever he does not have is most probably either not his right, or is not supposed to be so.

Sometimes I wonder why such days have been observed at all? For this question of course most of the people can come up with the same most common and often heard explanation, that it reminds us of "bla bla bla". I agree, observation of a particular day provides us with a chance to remember something forgotten. Some of the readers may object to my usage of the word "forgotten" here. Yes, they are

free to object to that, but unfortunately that is perhaps the most suitable word that I could use, particularly when we discuss human rights.

Now let's carry out a simple test ourselves. First of all we must read the list of human rights. Yes there is a list, long enough not to be read, and short enough to be understood. However, in all the seminars, meetings, etc etc that have been organised in relation to this occasion, they all end up falling on deaf ears and dead brains. Once again I will say sorry by using the objectionable words here. I do not mean to blame anyone. I mean to blame all of us in general. Then after reading everyone of these rights, we should just Google it and see how far these have been implemented. Then look around and see how far you see these implemented in the society in which you live.

This is what we must do every day, the whole year, not just once a year on a day which we in fact do not remember at all.

Are we free people? Yes there is one

human right which mentions that every human being has got a right of freedom from slavery. Now look around, you will see slavery continuing everywhere in different forms and shapes. At the most what we can say is that we have now got a white collar slavery.

There is a right to social security. Do we have social security rights everywhere in the world? The reply to this question is a big NO. Why? Just because there are people who do not believe in social security as something that the poor deserve.

Right to Equality. Yes there can be hundreds of different explanations to this. But nobody questions why millions of people world over, do not have a right of equality, most common of which is gender

Freedom from Discrimination, is what everyone pursues. But have you been successful in creating a world which is free of discrimination? Unfortunately - No.

There is no sense in listing down here

the Human Rights one by one. Because the world on an overall basis has failed to provide human beings with their basic rights. There are violations everywhere, somewhere openly, somewhere disguised.

I accept that in America and most of the European countries, most human beings do enjoy most of the human rights as listed in the charter of human rights. But America and Europe is not the whole world. So what about the rest of the world? The rest of the world is still struggling to understand what is a human right. Why is it so? As far as I can understand, this is so, because there are people and countries in the world, who are not interested in letting people know what their rights are. Knowledge of a right is the first step towards achieving it.

Letting one section of humans enjoy most of their rights and others not even knowing what their rights are, is the state of the world where we live today.

Unfortunately this is the situation, which we are passing through today, where the future is a big question mark!



15 December - 21 December

SCHOOLS BRING FOOD FOR THE DOGS

Ozankoy Osman Türkay Kindergarten and Anafartalar High School students and teachers and Şht. Hasan Cafer Primary school students, together with their teachers and school administrators, visited Girne Municipality Animal Shelter and Rehabilitation Centre.



Güngördü: You can buy dogs from the shelter.

Girne Mayor Nidai Güngördü noted that children can spend time with their parents while at the shelter and enjoy the cafeteria and children's playground where they can have an active interest in the animals and spend time and love them.

The pupils brought food for the dogs and received information from the Girne Mayor, Nidai Güngördü, about the shelter which recently opened in the Karaman area. Teachers and students thanked Mayor Nidai Güngördü and the Municipality staff for bringing the shelter to the city, which is an important place for street animals.



Pointing out the importance of animal love and the responsibilities of animal nutrition, Güngördü said that they could give a dog a new home by buying from the shelter, and talked about the awareness campaign the Municipality is launching with the slogan "Purchasing, ownership".



Working hours of the shelter are from 10:00 to 13:00 on weekdays and from 11:00 to 14:00 at weekends.

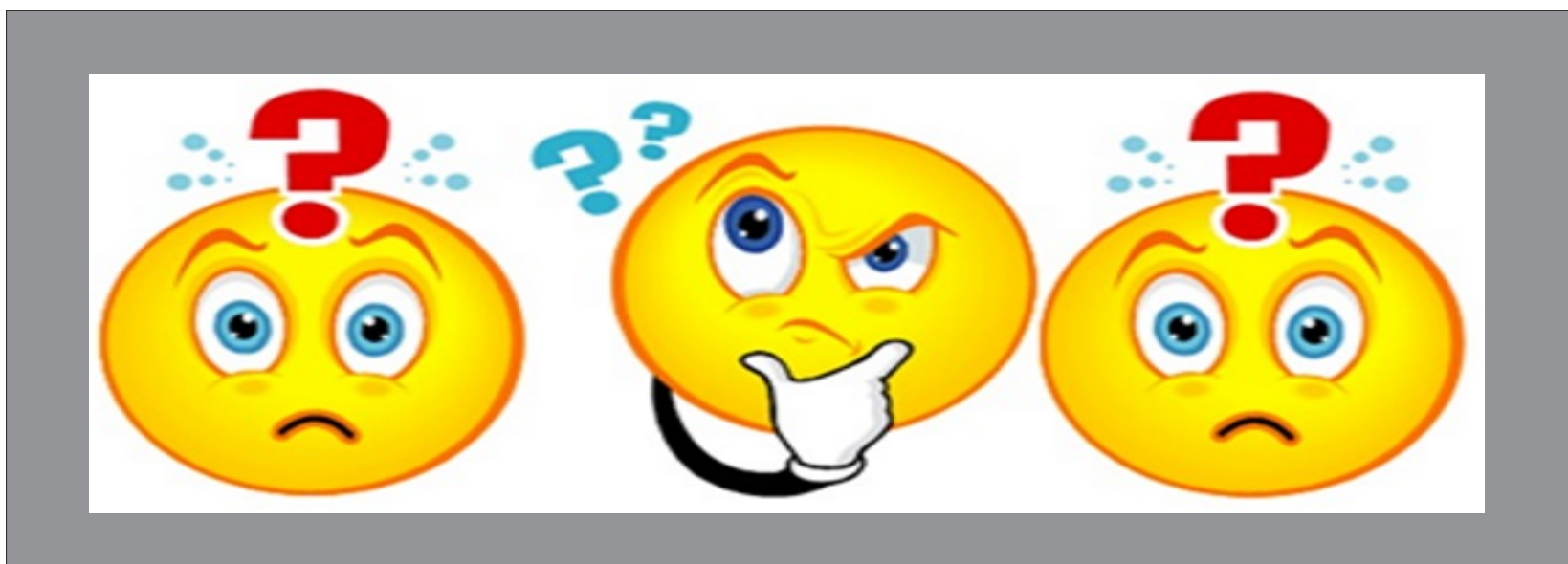
The cafeteria at the shelter will be open from 08:00 to 16:00.

Those who want to contact the staff at the shelter will be able to call 0533 839 3838.

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CyprusScene - Trivia Quiz No. 4

Test your knowledge with this Trivia puzzle



TRIVIA QUIZ No. 4 – 15th December 2017

Islands

1. Which is the largest of the Balearic Islands?
2. Which group of islands are approx.300 miles south west of India?

The Night Sky

1. On which planet are the Herschel and Newton craters?
2. Why is Pluto not in Gustav Holst's "The Planets" suite?

Musicals

1. Which musical features "Edelweiss"?
2. Which musical won the best picture Oscar in 1968?

Rugby

1. In which part of London did The Broncos start out?
2. Who played the opening match at the Millennium Stadium in Wales?

Mythology

1. Who is the Egyptian god of the moon?
2. What is the name of the Hall for the glorious dead in Norse mythology?

Silent Films

1. In which film did Rudolph Valentino play a bullfighter?
2. What was "Fatty" Arbuckle's Christian name?

Disney Films

1. What was the first full length cartoon which was released in 1937?
2. Whose voice is the genie in the 1992 film "Aladdin"?

Ireland

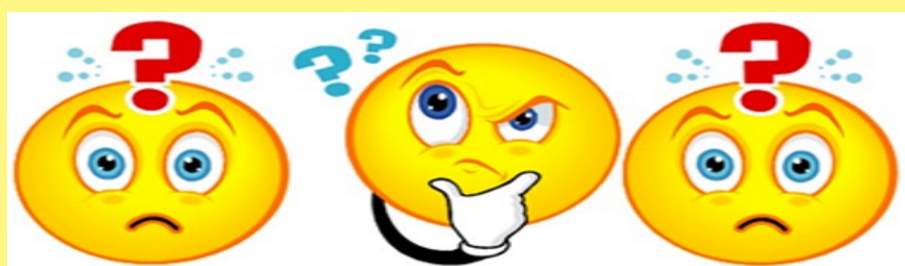
1. When is St Patrick's Day?
2. When did Cromwell invade Ireland?

Holiday Destinations

1. Which tourist attraction is the only living structure visible from outer space?
2. Which small state is ruled by the Grimaldi family?

Tennis

1. In which country was Martina Hingis born?
2. What was the prize money when Billie-Jean King won at Wimbledon in 1968?



Answers on page 22

No cheating !

CyprusScene - Sudoku Quiz No. 7 and 8

Test your skill at Sudoku with Grids 7 and 8 The grids are in PDF format so you can print them off and complete at your leisure. Perhaps a bit of relaxation during the weekend. The answers can be found on Page 22.

GRID No. 7

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Cyprusscene Puzzle Corner



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every week
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North Cyprus Events Calendar 15th to 25th December 2017



A list of events you can look forward to in North Cyprus. For those charity fund-raisers, venues etc. who would like to include an event in the Weekly Events Calendar, contact Chris or Margaret at cyprusscene.com.

The Events Calendar is published every week on Thursday so please try to submit information you would like to be included by Wednesday each week.



15th December – Friday - The Soulist Coffee and Music House, Alsancak – The Hot Club of Cyprus (Gypsy Jazz), starting at 9.30pm.

15th December – Friday - Blakes Lounge Bar and Bistro, Alsancak will be celebrating Sureya's birthday with 70s and 80s music by DJ DJ Dave Mancini. From 7.30 till late. Everyone welcome. If you want to book a table call 0548 839 4007.

16th December – Saturday – The British Residents' Society invite you to their Christmas Cheer at St Andrew's Church, Girne from 11am to 2pm. Mulled wine and mince pies.

16th December – Saturday - Wines of the World, Alsancak will be hosting a wine tasting event in aid of Tulips. 12noon to 4pm. 20TL entrance will be donated to Tulips. There will be mince pies and cheese and biscuits. For more information call 0548 870 2281.

16th December – Saturday – Dogankoy Coffee Shop. 10am to 1pm – BIG Tulips sale. Everything from a roasting dish to a wine glass. Maybe something there for last minute Christmas shopping. All in aid of Tulips.

16th December – Saturday – Football:

Merit Alsancak Yeşilova v GAÜ Çetinkaya (Super League) at Alsancak Mustafa Hidayet Çağlar Stadium – kick off 2pm.
Esentepe v Bostancı Bağcıl (League 1) at

Çanakkale v Hamitköy (League 1) at Çanakkale Muharrem Doveç Stadium, Famagusta - kick off 2pm.

Ozanköy v L. Gençler Birliği (Super League) at Ozanköy Mustafa Özkayım Stadium - kick off 2pm.

17th December – Sunday Football :

Doğan Türk Birliği v Baf Ülkü Yurdu (Super League) at Girne 20 Temmuz Mete Adanır Stadium – kick off 2pm

Lapta v Girne Halk Evi (League 1) at Lapta Şht Şevək Kadir Stadium – kick off 2pm

Yeni Boğaziçi v Mağusa Türk Gücü – Super League at Yeni Boğaziçi Osman E. Mehmet Stadium kick off 2pm.

17th December – Sunday – Carols by Candlelight at St Andrew's Church, Girne at 6pm. Nine Lessons and Carols. Everyone welcome.

20th December – Wednesday - The Soulist Coffee and Music House, Alsancak – Alper Cengiz and Friends (Blues) starting at 9.30pm.

22nd December – Friday - Blakes Lounge Bar and Bistro, Alsancak will be having a Funk House and Disco evening with DJ Danny Mekanik – from 8pm till late.

22nd December – Friday - The Soulist Coffee and Music House, Alsancak – Soul Stuff (Soul, Oldies, Rock'n'Roll), starting at 9.30pm.

22nd December – Friday – Football:

GAÜ Çetinkaya v Küçük Kaymaklı – Super League at Lefkoşa Atatürk Stadium – kick off 6pm (floodlight match).

23rd December – Saturday - Black Olive Cafe, Alsancak. Christmas spectacular quiz starting at 7pm. For more information contact Vicki on 0533 835 5133

25th December – Monday - Those brave ladies and gents will be braving the cold Med on Christmas morning for the traditional swim. This will take place at the Acapulco Resort, starting at 10am. Please go along and give them your support and sponsorship. The swim will be in aid of the Kemal Saracoglu Foundation for children with cancer.

25th December – Monday – The Soulist Coffee and Music House, Alsancak will be having a special Classical Concert for Christmas with Ahmet Zeyin (baritone) and Atakan Sarı (piano). Admission 6.30pm, concert at 7pm. Entrance 20TL. Pre-sale tickets from the Soulist or for reservations call 0533 832 6323.

25th December – Monday - Cafe Deniz in Karakum will be having a Christmas evening sing-along with Rachel Saunby. 30TL –warm mulled wine, mince pies and nibbles through the 2 hour festive cheer evening. To book call 0533 881 4334.



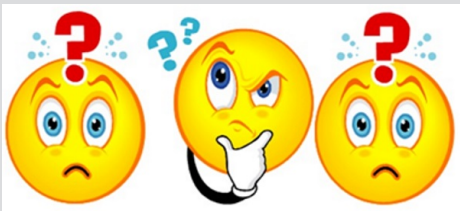
Here are the answers for the two Sudoku grids on page 20

GRID No. 7

2	1	7	9	4	5	8	6	3
8	9	6	2	3	7	4	5	1
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1	8	4	7	6	2	5	3	9
6	5	3	8	9	1	2	7	4
9	3	2	1	8	6	7	4	5
4	6	1	5	7	9	3	8	2
5	7	8	4	2	3	1	9	6

GRID No. 8

3	5	7	2	8	4	9	6	1
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8	4	1	6	9	7	5	3	2
2	6	5	4	7	8	3	1	9
9	3	8	1	5	2	6	4	7
1	7	4	3	6	9	2	8	5
4	1	2	8	3	5	7	9	6
5	9	3	7	4	6	1	2	8
7	8	6	9	2	1	4	5	3



Here are the answers to Trivia Quiz No. 4 on page 19

- Islands

1. Majorca

2. The Maldives
- The Night Sky

1. Mars

2. Written before Pluto’s discovery
- Musicals

1. The Sound of Music

2. Oliver
- Rugby

1. Fulham

2. Wales and Argentina
- Mythology

1. Thoth

2. Valhalla
- Silent Films

1. Blood and Sand

2. Roscoe
- Disney Films

1. Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs

2. Robin Williams

- Ireland

1. 17th March

2. August 1649
- Holiday Destinations

1. The Great Barrier Reef

2. Monaco
- Tennis

1. Czechoslovakia

2. £750

How did you do?



15 December - 21 December

Trip to German Christmas Markets with TFR

By Chris Elliott....

As members of The Foreign Residents in the TRNC (TFR) we were delighted to read a great travel report of their recent Christmas trip to Germany and also the great pictures many members posted on their TFR Facebook page so as it's the season of good cheer we are sharing this with the cyprusscene worldwide readers.

TFR mail

Pamela Tschersich

"The idea for a Christmas market holiday stemmed from a visit to the Bavarian Restaurant early this year. A table of members called me over to say how great it would be to visit a Xmas market with the TFR So the seed was sown, the idea was run past our two German committee members Ralph Kratzer and Horst, who with

their background and knowledge of Germany were the ones to consult and ask where the best market was....Nuremberg was the answer without a doubt, so the plans were then started to formulate a trip to include the shopping, the Grögg, various cuisines plus a little culture.

Thank you Horst for making so many phone calls on our behalf, arranging and changing bookings when emergencies arose !!

We started our adventure from Munich airport, travelling by luxury coach, eating Stollen and drinking wine, it was Lothar's birthday and how better to start the adventure than to wish him good health!!! We travelled in a snow blizzard but was driven by a diligent driver who deposited us at our first hotel safely, waited for us

to put our cases in our rooms and then transport us to the magical city of Nuremberg for a browse around The biggest Christmas market without a doubt, it was breathtaking, with the many restaurant and bars all in Christmas theme and typical German dress to pour our drinks and get us in the mood for a great few days. The next day we arrived back in the city and enjoyed a guided tour, only losing one person.....our one and only Fuehrer!!!!

Luckily I had my phone in my hand taking photos when Horst phoned, he was lost, the group were in hysterics as usually we have had to look for a couple of others with Lothar coming in 2nd and Lynda a close 3rd, but under our guide's instructions, our Fuehrer made his way back to us with a great cheer on his arrival!!!

We returned back to our hotel, picked up our cases and we were driven South to the medieval city of Dinkelbühl.

What a super hotel, a group of us explored the town before dinner, it was like walking into a winter wonderland, we located the Christmas market, tried out the grögg then made our way back to enjoy a very good dinner with our companions who were in very good spirits, with our very own Lynda Harris entertaining us with her impersonation of Marlene Dietrich singing one of her famous songs, we laughed 'til our sides ached, thank you Lynda for the great memory, best of all it was you the next morning who was aghast on account that you remembered nothing..... but we had the photos to prove it!!!!



This beautiful medieval town was shown to us through the eyes of a very proud lady who related the history around the inner wall of the town with knowledge and humour, enjoyed immensely by all. Coffee, shops plus market time saw the rest of the day away and we finished again with a beautiful meal of goose, red cabbage plus dessert, afterwards we were entertained by a group of local small children who sang to us, so lovely, the ladies had a good blub, ahhhhh..



Our coach took us safely back to Munich where we waved Auf Wiedersehen to Horst and Monika, plus Dawn, John and Lynda, they went on from there to start their Christmas vacations.

Thank you ladies and gentlemen for being such great travelling companions, all helping and looking out for each otherthis is what makes the TFR such a great organisation to belong to. Roll on the next adventure!!!!

Pictures courtesy of Pamela Tschersich and Robert Beavis

15 December - 21 December

Exam time at my North Cyprus school!



By Peri Sualp.....

When Christmas and New Year “the most wonderful time of the year” is around the corner and we were all super excited about this, guess what happened?! “The most stressful time of the year” came by!! Exams, tests, evaluations etc.... are a few of the most stressful things in this world for students that are not avoidable and unfortunately there’s no place to run or hide!

The funny thing is, it doesn’t really matter how good you are; you are still under this pressure. The top set students are in panic because they want to keep their grades up in the sky! The lower sets are in panic because they need to raise their grades to acceptable levels (parent factor!). But whichever group you are in, there’s no point in making extra

stress because the stress and panic can only make things worse! When you are in panic your heart beat quickens, your blood pressure changes, your breath shortens, even your vision can be blurred, you can sweat and your body might tremble as well. This can go way up to panic attacks! And if you really feel over anxious about the exams you may feel those changes in your body and then you start not thinking clearly and logically, you may even forget all you know. and then, what’s the point of putting extra time and effort for studying all those hours for the exams?

Well, if you are in that panic group, here are some hints that you might find useful!

Before the exam:

First of all devote enough time for

your studies, this will make you feel more confident. Take enough sleep one night before the exam so that your brain can function better. Make sure you have a proper breakfast because you need energy. Give your mind some space, you may listen to your favourite music or even play a game on your mobile, this may reduce pre-exam stress. Have a chocolate (preferably dark) right before entering the exam, chocolate will trigger cortisol and endorphins in your body which act as a natural stress fighter and make you feel more relaxed and happy. If you’ll feel more stressful talking to your friends then try to isolate yourself in a quiet corner but usually it’s better to talk with people who are experiencing the same circumstances.

During the exam:

When you sit for the exam, take a deep breath and keep doing this until you feel alright. After you get your exam paper, first focus and then just read the questions and instructions that are given to you very carefully. If you don't really understand the question, read it carefully word by

word again and just try to understand. But if still that doesn’t work, just resume your paper and come back to it later. After you finish your exam paper, think positive and check through your answers over and over again until you really think all the questions are answered correctly.

Basically, that’s all you have to do! You don’t have to panic if you already studied and if you’re on track. After all, you did the best you could and there’s no need to worry about the rest of it.

Always remember to think positive and be energetic! I hope you all achieve the best grades in your exams this year.

Good luck!



Sports Quiz and a “Stinker” for 15th December



By Richard Beale

Here are 5 Sports questions and the answer can be found in the next page of the CyprusScene.com Enewspaper.

The answer to this weeks “Stinker” you will find in next weeks Sports quiz.
- No cheating please !.

- Q 1** – Who ran the first 4 minute mile in 1954 ? - easy!, but who finished second ?.
- Q 2** - What is the maximum number of clubs that can be used in a Golf tournament ?.
- Q 3** Former footballer Eric Cantona famously Kung fu kick was aimed at a fan of which football club in 1985 ?.
- Q 4** – Who is England’s Rugby Union leading try scorer ?.
- Q 5** - In the 1981 film Escape to Victory which actor played in goal for the Allied prisoners of war team against the German guards. ?

This weeks “STINKER”.

There are 11 ways that a batsman can be dismissed at cricket, name them ?.

Local Football Fixtures For This Weekend : December 16/17/22



By Richard Beale

The following are “selected” fixtures for this coming weekend. Venues I have chosen are near possible Ex Pat locations.

Pick of the matches this weekend are this Saturday when Alsancak are at home to high flying GAÜ Çetinkaya in the Super League. GAÜ Çetinkaya are also involved in a “derby” match on Dec 22 nd against neighbours Küçük Kaymaklı in a floodlight match at the Atatürk Stadium.

In League 1 on Sunday another potential good match is Lapta v Girne Halk Evi.

PLACE	DATE	TEAMS
ALSANCAK	Sat Dec 16	Merit Alsancak Yeşilova v GAÜ Çetinkaya –Super League Alsancak Mustafa Hidayet Çağlar Stadı – ko 2-00pm
ESENTEPE	Sat Dec 16	Esentepe v Bostancı Bağcil – League 1 Esentepe Erdal Barut Stadium – ko 2-00pm
FAMAGUSTA	No match	Gazımağusa Canbulat Stadı
	No match	Gazımağusa Dr Fazıl Küçük Stadı
ÇANAKKALE	Sat Dec 16	Çanakkale v Hamitköy – League 1 Çanakkale Muharrem Doveç Stadı - 2-00pm
	No match	Maraş Stadı
GIRNE	Sun Dec 17	Doğan Türk Birliği v Baf Ülkü Yurdu – Super League Girne 20 Temmuz Mete Adanır Stadium - 2-00pm
ISKELE	No match	Iskele Cumhuriyet Stadı
LAPTA	Sun Dec 17	Lapta v Girne Halk Evi – League 1 Lapta Şht Şevək Kadir Stadı - 2-00pm
LEFKOŞA	Fri Dec 22	GAÜ Çetinkaya v Küçük Kaymaklı – Super League Lefkoşa Atatürk Stadium – 6-00pm floodlight match
OZANKÖY	Sat Dec 16	Ozanköy v L. Gençler Birliği – Super League Ozanköy Mustafa Özkayım Stad - 2-00pm
BOĞAZIÇI	Sun Dec 17	Yeni Boğaziçi v Mağusa Türk Gücü – Super League Yeni Boğaziçi Osman E. Mehmet Stadı - 2-00pm



SUPPORT LOCAL FOOTBALL



Quiz
answers
from previous
page

Q1 (a) Roger Bannister with

(b) Chis Chataway finishing in second place..

Q2 No more than 14 clubs may be used in
tournament play

Q3 Crystal Palace.

Q4 Rory Underwood 49 tries in 85
appearances between 1984 -96.

Q5 Sylvester Stallone.

Creditwest Trophy goes to the Doğanköy Dollies

When last Saturday's 9th December final of the Creditwest Ladies Cricket League match at the Pia Bella Stadium started, all the teams were still in the hunt for the title. 90 minutes later, the cream had risen to the top, as the pre-match favourites Doğanköy Dollies dominated proceedings.

Batting first, Steph Routledge and Rannveig Ystaas opened for the Dollies and despite Ystaas edging behind to Lynn Holman off the bowling of Gina Mapp in the first over, they never looked in further difficulty, completing their 6 overs with 60 runs. Next in were Captain Sarah Sandford and Ann McLoughlin who maintained the rapid scoring adding another 49 to bring the final innings total to 109 runs.

During the interval, umpires Tom Shirley and Phil Sandford along with Coach Nigel Holman told us they felt the score was beyond the Girne Girlies. Scorer Kevin Mapp added that once the Dollies had gone passed 80 runs, the batting bonus points they had got meant whatever happened the Lapta Lasses were mathematically out of the running to be champions, but they were guaranteed the runners up spot. It was only then a simple question of whoever won the current match, would hold up the cup.



Sarah Sandford wicket keeping and Gina Mapp batting

110 runs was a big ask in anyone's language. Captain Holman decided attack was the only way to go, so she opened with herself and forceful batsman Gina Mapp. Risk was the name of the game as they set about their first pair target of 70 runs, thereby leaving a more manageable 40 runs for the second pairing of Gloria Garcia and Julie Birch. The best laid plans sometimes do go awry, 2nd ball Mapp looking for a quick single ran Holman out. However they weren't about

to surrender, they fought back scoring 48 runs, even with Holman going for a mighty swing off Sandford's bowling and hitting her own stumps.

With 62 runs still need, the last pair never looked likely to reach the target. Birch played some attractive shots and took every opportunity to keep the scoring going, but Garcia was pinned down against some very accurate bowling leaving the Lasses 25 runs short.

Typical of all good scorers, Kevin Mapp was delighted with the symmetry of all the teams having won the same number of league games, but Doğanköy's superior batting throughout landed them the the Creditwest Ladies Cricket League title.

TRNC Ladies cricket will re-start in mid-March, when it's hoped lots of new players will want to join in the fun.



Left to right: Nigel Holman, Tom Shirley, Rannveig Ystaas, Lynn Holman, Ann McLoughlin, Kevin Mapp, Sarah Sandford, Julie Birch, Gina Mapp, Steph Routledge

TRNC LADIES CRICKET LEAGUE				
Team	Played	Win Points	Batting Points	Total Points
Doğanköy Dollies	4	10	32	42
Lapta Lasses	4	10	28	38
Girne Girlies	4	10	24	34

Universities Revive Rugby in the TRNC

Rugby is alive and well in North Cyprus, at least amongst the University fraternity, with a few expats getting stuck in as well. With the recent snow in the UK causing some upset to fixtures there, that has not been the case in the TRNC, just the usual and more pressing issue of finding suitable space to play matches on.

Over the past month there have been two rounds of matches played at the Cyprus International University (CIU) on the outskirts of Lefkosa. Four teams in total have been involved in a tens tournament (limited to this size due to pitch size available), representing CIU, Near East University (NEU), Lefke Barbarians and Girne American University (GAU - basically The Pumas).

With probably 90% of the players involved coming from the African students attending the universities mentioned – and of those the vast majority coming from Zimbabwe – all the games were played at breakneck speeds with not too many rucks or mauls to slow play down. The first event, held on the 25th November resulted in a narrow win for the CIU team, with NEU coming to the fore last Saturday to win the second round of matches. With a probable break now over the holiday period, all teams are hoping that more events can be staged in the New Year.

As alluded to above the biggest problem for organising rugby is finding suitable playing surfaces which the host football teams are willing to allow rugby to be played on. With groundsmen wary of having their prize pitches potentially cut up by scrummaging etc, it is always a



problem to find suitable venues. The organisation of these mini tournaments is also an issue and if anyone reading this would like to become involved, please do not hesitate to make contact through this article.

The results from Saturday's matches are shown below:-

The results reflected some close matches with no game seeing a win by more than two tries. With a bonus point for scoring four tries and a further bonus point available for losing within one score, the overall table was as follows.

If any players are interested in becoming involved in the New Year, again please contact those involved through this article via this link:

<https://cyprusscene.com/write-to-cyprusscene/>



Pumas GAU	5	vs	10	Cyprus International University
Lefke Barbarians	0	vs	10	Near East University
Pumas GAU	0	vs	10	Near East University
Lefke Barbarians	10	vs	20	Cyprus International University
Pumas GAU	15	vs	10	Lefke Barbarians
Near East University	15	vs	10	Cyprus International University

Team	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Points For	Points Against	League Points
Near East University	3	3	0	0	35	10	16
Cyprus International University	3	2	0	1	40	25	10
Pumas GAU	3	1	0	2	20	30	5
Lefke Barbarians	3	0	0	3	20	45	1

Nap Hand For Esentepe

DEĞİRMENLİKS 2 ESENTEPE KKSK 5

By Richard Beale

Esentepe continued with their impressive run of form, scoring 5 goals against a poor Değirmenlik side. The home team had no answer to a rampant Esentepe side who are now unbeaten in 6 matches.

The impressive Sadık Cemil Stadi is proving to be a lucky ground for Esentepe as they have now played Değirmenlik 3 times at this new Stadium. They have won here 4-2, now 5-2 and in between a 0-1 defeat, they have also won 4-2 in a play off match against Dumlupınar so it is proving to be a lucky Stadium. I still find it amazing that for a new Stadium the toilets still have the ‘footprints in the sand’ type!.

Disappointingly on a beautiful warm sunny afternoon, the home support was very poor maybe 25 spectators turning up as opposed to around 30 Esentepe fans plus 3 Expats.

To think Değirmenlik were playing Super League football last season it is very depressing for them, with no support and a general feeling of apathy.

Esentepe with their limited squad welcomed back on the bench Ahmet Karal, and İsmail Uçar both not fully fit to play 90 minutes, but at least it gives the Coach more options.

A nice touch for Esentepe was that Hüseyin Ermiş was made “Captain” for the day, as he has been called up for his National Service next week and will be missing for a while.

Değirmenlik had a golden opportunity to open the scoring in the 10th minute when Celal miss-skewed shot went to Osman Sah with the goal at his mercy but he shot wide. Greek Cypriot Philippos then shot over after Esentepe

defender Onur misjudged the high bounce off the synthetic surface.

Esentepe took a little time to settle but gradually gained the initiative and it wasn’t long before they took the lead in the 36th minute through top scorer HASAN ÖZÇELİK. There seemed to be no danger when the striker fastened onto a Eser pass, he rode a challenge and then with 3 opponents closing in he unleashed a fierce shot from 25 yards that flew into the net past a startled Mustafa. **0-1**

Değirmenlik quickly equalised in the 42nd minute when they won a free kick just outside the Esentepe box. Celal took the kick, Esentepe goalkeeper Kemal came for it, but was muscled off the ball by the burly Değirmenlik defender SÜLEYMAN TÜRKER who headed the ball home. Despite Esentepe appeals that goalkeeper Kemal had been impeded the goal stood. **1-1**

The goalkeeper made amends for his earlier error, when he parried a powerful Yusuf shot, and then getting up quickly to parry the rebound from Philippos.

Right on the stroke of haltime Esentepe regained the lead with a scrappy goal. A Mahmut free kick produced a scramble in the Değirmenlik goalmouth as the ball popped out to Eser whose overhead flick was diverted via the bar and into his own net by defender Gençali. **HALF TIME SCORE : 1-2.**

Esentepe at half time brought on Ahmet Karal for teenager Yakup.

Esentepe stunned Değirmenlik in the 51st minute when they increased their lead again with the help of an own goal. In a quick break, Hüseyin passed to Ahmet and then onto Hasan Özçelik who outstripped the defence that had stopped appealing for offside, before



Mahmut is Esentepe Man of the Match

sending a cross that was deflected into his own net at the far post by Özner. **1-3.**

Esentepe were now dominating the game with Değirmenlik having no answer to the visitors' lightning raids. Time and time again they sprung the offside trap and it was like a knife cutting into butter,

Esentepe further increased their lead in the 63rd minute following a long throw in by Ahmet that found Başak, who crossed to the far post for the unmarked ESER to head in. **1-4.**

By now most of the home supporters had departed and there was an eerie silence in the big Stadium as Esentepe continued to tear apart a dispirited Değirmenlik team.

Değirmenlik were caught wide open again in the 78th minute, when Başak timed and delivered his pass to perfection for AHMET KARAL to run onto it and slot it past Mustafa. **1-5**

With Esentepe now easing back on the

throttle Değirmenlik scored a late consolation goal in the 81st minute when their best player PHILIPPOS went on a mazy run past three players in the area before finishing with equal aplomb. **FULL TIME SCORE : 2-5.**

SUMMING UP : Not a lot you can say when your team scored 5 goals away from home. A great team performance with the tactics spot on as Değirmenlik had no answer to Esentepe incisive and rapier like breaks.

Every player played his part, but there has to be a “star man”: and this week it was MAHMUT who dominated the midfield especially in the first half and was behind a lot of his team's moves.

NEXT ESENTEPE MATCH

Saturday December 16 : KO 2-000pm

Esentepe Erdal Barut Stadium.

ESENTEPE v BOSTANCI BAĞCIL