

KAMARES VILLAGE MATTERS

Kamares Village Houseowners' Association Newsletter



Kamares Village Houseowners' Association AGM

The Annual General Meeting of the Kamares Village Houseowners' Association will take place at the Kamares Club on Thursday 27th October 2016 at 4pm. There will be an opportunity to renew your membership both before and after the meeting. Immediately following the AGM, members are invited for a complimentary beer, wine or soft drink, followed by 'Happy Hour'. A Special menu will be provided for those who wish to dine at the Club.

Another Baby!

Zacharo, who worked in Kamares Reception until recently, gave birth to a healthy baby boy, Christos on Thursday 1st September 2016. We are pleased to report Mum and Christos are doing great.

Tala Community Board Opening Hours

Monday-Friday (excluding bank and public holidays)
7:30a.m.-3:00p.m.

Cashiers operate from
8:00a.m.-1:30p.m

Committee News

by Val Potter KVHA Secretary



August was a very busy and *hot* month! A huge rubbish dump off Kamares avenue was cleared. Although hidden from most villas, the people in the immediate vicinity did not expect to have this view from their garden and across the ravine from Zelemenos.



The Police were busy visiting owners of dogs which had been causing problems. Please make sure you have a licence for your dog. See page 4 for more information.

The fire break between the empty plots on Ambelia and Rododafni was eventually cleared, it was of great concern to the owners of villas in the immediate area, all it would have taken was one cigarette end to have had a raging inferno!!



Future Social Events

Friday, September 30th

Droushia Dixie Seven Jazz Band
 Tickets at €22 available at Kamares
 Club Reception

Wednesday, October 19th

Fun Music Quiz
 Compiled and presented by
 Morag and Roger Oliver

€12pp + €3pp entry for quiz

Monday, October 31st

Halloween Night

Wednesday, December 14th

Christmas Party, with Whitemouse
 Duo

Friday, December 16th

Orpheans on the Stairs

HUNTING

For any problems in your area, please contact Panayiotis Kezoudi, Kamares Club Administration Manager, on 99493436 who will contact Mr. Minas, head of the Game and Fauna Service. In the event Mr. Kezoudi is unavailable and the situation is urgent, please contact Mr. Minas direct on 99448291. Should you be unable to contact either, please contact the Game Wardens on 99445679.

The Water changeover is still causing concern, please note that if you have not given in your Bank details to pay by Direct Debit to Tala Council, you will receive an Invoice. It will be interesting to see how the three monthly billing period affects us, as most of us will end up in the higher charge bracket.

Work in Tala Square is progressing, the first phase is expected to be completed by February 2017.

A huge **Thank You** to everyone who registered for the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme, the increase in people supporting the scheme has resulted in the Police patrolling at different times around the Kamares areas. The more people we have registered the stronger we become, so please contact myself, or Cathi Delaney with your name, address and mobile number. More people results in more support from the Police!

We had two complaints regarding Drones hovering over people in their gardens. This is a serious issue and resulted in the Police being contacted. Please see page 7 for information on the rules relating to the flying of drones in Cyprus.

One of our most challenging problems is the 'Dangerous Build' coming into Kamares. Representatives from your Committee, together with a Councillor from Tala Council had been invited to meet with the District Office to discuss this face to face. We were advised that as it is all in the hands of the Court, there is only a certain amount that can be done to make the build safe.

They proposed: making the site secure, putting up warning signs, removing pieces of concrete which appear to be in danger of dropping off and levelling and repairing the road. As none of this has been done, a further meeting has been asked for and we are waiting for a date We were told that the building is regularly monitored by Engineers from the District office.

The KVHA AGM is approaching, **Thursday 27th October 2016**, we hope you have put it in your diaries. This is your chance to email me any questions you would like to raise with the representatives from Leptos, Tala, Kili and your Committee, under 'Any Other Business'. If you would like to stand for any of the posts on the Committee, then fill in the nomination form, find a proposer and a seconder and send to me or pop into box 19 before the 29th September 2016



COPTIC STORM BULLETIN



DATE
 27th September
ARABIC NAME
 El saleeb winds
NAME
 Cross winds
DURATION
 3 Days

DIRECTION


KAMARES VILLAGE MATTERS

Thank you for making *Kamares Village Matters* the most popular e-mail we send out. For those of you with an interest in statistics here are a few around KVM:

- We send out about 280 e-mails to our membership with each mailing
- Of those we send out around 200 are opened or about 70%
- The *Kamares Village Matters* mailings have always been opened by over 80% - the most popular being the May edition with 88% opens

Now here is the odd statistic. In order to read *Kamares Village Matters* a link has to be clicked and it appears that the number who open the e-mail and then don't open KVM is about 20%.

It is very gratifying to us that between 60 and 70% of our membership read *Kamares Village Matters* each month - **thank you!**

Kamares Medical Centre – General Information

by *Maureen Pollard*

It is almost 10 years since the opening of the Kamares Emergency Medical Centre. During this time the medical staff have been able to help many patients who have had medical emergencies and lives have been saved.

We are very fortunate to have this unprecedented service in our community and other villages have now followed our initiative and opened similar facilities. Despite the length of time we have been open there still appears to be some confusion as to how our Medical Centre works.

To be part of the Emergency scheme there is an annual fee of €95 which means you can have free emergency treatment in your own home or at the Medical Centre. The emergency service is available 24/7.

When you join the scheme you will be offered a mini medical for the doctor to obtain some background on your general health. The location of your home is noted to enable the medical staff to respond quickly.

Members should be aware that the emergency scheme is not an ambulance service. An ambulance is only called if it is deemed necessary by the medical staff. Charges will be incurred if the private ambulance is used, however, the General hospital ambulance can be used but is only free of charge if the patient is taken to the General Hospital.

Apart from the emergency service we also operate a GP service for general consultations Monday to Friday 9am – 12 noon. We have two Doctors working alternatively Dr Pradeep and Doctor Sylvia. Both doctors combine their work at the Kamares Centre with duties in the A & E department at the Iasis Hospital.

If you are a member of the Emergency Scheme GP consultations are at a reduced fee of €17 and discounts are available at the Iasis Hospital. Non members may use the Medical Centre but full prices will be charged.

Additional services are available at the centre by appointment only I.e Chiropodist, Clinical Nutritionist. Mobility equipment is also available for hire.

Full details are available in the information pamphlet from the Medical Centre or Kamares Club reception.

Plastic Bottle Tops

A thank you from Elena

Please thank everyone for collecting and bringing in the plastic bottle tops. With the help of all we have managed to collect enough to obtain the wheelchair for the young boy.

If anyone wishes to continue to collect them they can still bring them in and I will take them to the collecting points, as for every ton of plastic tops collected a new wheelchair is obtained and given to anyone who is in need of a wheelchair.

Thank you so much, Elena

Dementia and Alzheimer's Disease Meeting

September 29 from 4 pm at the Kamares Club, the Paphos Alzheimer's Association is hosting a gathering which will be designed to address both dementia and Alzheimer's conditions, explaining just what those conditions involve and how best to cope with them, and there will be speakers to answer questions and give advice.

To reserve a seat please email kvhasecretary@gmail.com

CYTA and 4G

For those of you who have smartphones and use CYTA - good news! Parts of Kamares can receive data using the latest generation mobile technology 4G. You may need to set your phone up to receive 4G but it will be worth it.

Dog Ownership and Licensing

by Cathi Delaney



The provisions of the current law regarding dog ownership are as follows:

- 1 Take your dog to a registered veterinarian who will microchip the animal and give you the dog registration document and a health book. You only need to do this once.
- 2 Go to the District Vets office 26 821261 [just above Carrefour in Paphos] to register the dog - again you only need to do this once.
- 3 Go to your local council office with the above documents for issue of a licence [the licence is renewable every year].

Tala Council have a special agreement for Tala residents, whereby for a limited period if you contact the Secretary at Tala Council you can obtain the chipping, health book and dog licence for a total sum of €26 per dog. You will need to leave your name and phone number with the secretary and she will let you know when you need to bring your dog into the office. Alternatively, email Cathi on toffee@primehome.com.

Dog licence fee otherwise is €20.50 for a male or female, whether neutered or not.

Dangerous dog breeds [Pit Bull Terrier or American Pit Bull, Japanese Tossa, Dogo Argentino, or Fila Brasileiro] neutered - the fee is €171

An owner ceases to be an owner when:

- the dog is sold or given to another person. A mutual transfer application is necessary



Membership Renewals

You can renew your membership of the KVHA for 2017 simply by completing the form on the KVHA Notice Board and leaving it and €5 in Kamares Box 19 or by coming along early to the AGM on 27th October.

New British High Commissioner to Cyprus

Matthew Kidd has been named as the new British High Commissioner to the Republic of



Cyprus. Matthew Kidd is no stranger to Cyprus being posted here in 1980 and again, for a four year stint, in 2010 before this current posting.

Kamares Club Weekly Programme

No room this month - see last month for details of all weekly Club activities.

- a dog's death certificate from a registered veterinarian is produced
- an affirmation for dog loss is presented

Obligations of Dog Owners:

- To keep the dog in good condition [plenty of space, protection from bad weather, enough food and water, exercise, etc] and look after the dog's health with vaccinations and other measures
- Do not let the dogs wander freely in public or other open areas
- Take them for a walk on a leash and clean up after them
- Make sure that the dog does not cause a nuisance to neighbours due to barking or leaving mess
- Have a sign Caution Dog on the gate or entrance to your property.

Pick Up Litter

by Maggie Wright



A small number of residents helped with the first Pick Up Litter event since the Summer break - thank you to those who helped. As usual many plastic water bottles, cigarette packets, tin cans and much more were collected. The next one will be 9 a.m. on Saturday, October 15th - meet outside the Cliff Bar.

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Death Penalty Removed From Constitution

The last execution in Cyprus was in 1962 and the death penalty, as a punishment, was abolished 1983 for murder and for all other crimes in 2002. Until the 9th September the capital punishment remained a legal option under the Constitution. The House formally approved the 10th Amendment which abolishes the death penalty.

Useful Telephone Numbers

USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS	
Emergency Number for Ambulance, Fire or Police	199 / 112
Police and Fire Services - Duty Officer	1499
Medical Assistance - Hospital Information	1400
Larnaca and Paphos International Airports	77 778833

Coptic Storms

Coptic storms have been known in the Middle East region and the Eastern Mediterranean since before Christ. Arab fishermen plying their trade in the waters of the Eastern Mediterranean built up significant knowledge of the weather patterns. Using their knowledge they were able to predict a series of annual winds known as Coptic Storms. The cause of these storms is said to be due to the heating of the deserts of North Africa and Saudi Arabia resulting in strong convection currents which, in turn, cause strong winds. The chart below shows the forecast winds and is generally accurate to a few days either side. The winds shown in red show the more intense winds - put away the patio furniture!

COPTIC STORMS - CYPRUS

Date	Arabic Name	Direction	Name	Duration - Days
11th January	El-kahira (*)	S	Gale (xxx)	3
19th January	El-fedara - El kebira	W	Large feeder gale	5
28th January	Un-named gale	W	Gale	2
18th February	El-Shams (*) - El Seghria	NW	Small sun gale (xxx)	5
10th March	El husson or El hasson (lasts double the usual time)	SW	Equinox Gale	8
20th March	El- Shams (*) El kebina	E	Big Sun gale (xxx)	2
25th March	Hawa	E	Wind Gale	2
29th April	Khamseen winds (hot and sandy)	E	Sand laden W. winds	2
27th September	El saleeb winds	W	Cross winds	3
21st October	El Saleebish	W	Crusade	3
28th November	El Mikness (*)	W	Broom gale (xxx) - very strong	3
6th December	Kassim	SW	Gale	7
20th December	El fedra el Saggira (light gale)	SW	El small feeder gale	2

INFORMATION PROVIDED BY MR. ANDRES PISTENTIS, CHIEF FISHERIES OFFICER.



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Reception 26 653 328

EMERGENCY NUMBER 99329434

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Every Wednesday 2pm-5pm

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From

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Use It Don't Lose It!

Storm Drains

Always a hot topic at the dinner table.

At some point in the not too distant future we should get rain! (Let's hope!!).

Please will you make sure that all your garden rubbish is taken away and not put in bags in the storm drains and gullies, where they are left to rot and will block the drains and gullies which could lead to flooding..

Drones

By Alan Totten

Wouldn't it be great to own a drone? You could produce some great videos of the villa and then climb a bit higher and have a view of the whole of Kamares Village. Or could you? What are the rules about flying drones? So for those of you who have one or are thinking of buying one - here are the current rules.



The first thing to say is that a drone is classed as an aircraft. So the rules are determined by the Cyprus Department of Civil Aviation. The rules for the UK, and I suspect most European countries, are pretty much the same. The following information comes from Ministerial Decree dated November of last year. So before I start; here is the disclaimer. These are my interpretation of the rules and you should ensure yourself, before flying a drone, that you are compliant with the current regulations - in other words - *don't blame me!*

Here is the link to the decree - [Ministerial Decree relating to Drones](#)

The first thing you need to do is register your drone or unmanned aerial vehicle or unmanned aircraft with the Department of Civil Aviation using the form that will download with this link - [Unmanned Aircraft Registration Declaration](#). Complete the form, which is in Greek and English and can be filled in electronically, and e-mail to uav@dca.mcw.gov.cy.

I will focus on recreation use of your drone which will weigh less than three kilograms and be constructed by a reputable

Did you know?

Ants do not like strong smells. They use their antennae to determine the direction and intensity of scents.

If you sprinkle some flour or put some vinegar or lemon in the cracks in your kitchen, or better still in the cracks where they have a nest they will disappear.

You can also use bay leaves, sage, cinnamon or cloves which smell nice but also discourage the ants.

Use chalk to draw a line across your door to stop the ants entering, they don't like the smell of the chalk.

It's worth a try!

Information from an article written by Annette Chrysostomou, which was published in the Sunday mail - August 21, 2016

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manufacturer (and not have been modified), as it will then fit into the open category. So what are the restrictions?

The drone must be visible to the operator at all times and never be more than 500 meters away or more than 50 metres or 150 feet above the ground or water. It is the operator's responsibility to avoid collisions. The operator is responsible for maintaining a safe distance from all other airspace users, giving them priority and ensuring that no other aircraft is put into danger.

No commercial activity is permitted - you cannot be paid for anything you do with your drone.

You must have undergone training to operate your drone - the type of training isn't specified but there are organisation in Cyprus that can provide training. I have details of a local training organisation if required.

Only daytime flying is permitted and you must be satisfied that you can fly the drone safely and flying must stop if conditions become unsuitable. Flying a drone whilst under the influence of alcohol or drugs is definitely not allowed as is flying more than one drone at a time.

Dropping of anything from your drone is definitely out of the question.

Now here is the big one - taking pictures of my villa is out! Your drone must be a safe distance of, at least, one kilometre from residential areas. Also a 500 metres restriction applies to isolated buildings, people, vehicles, animals, structures etcetera unless the owner's permission has been granted or they are associated with you or your flight.

For airports and heliports the safe distance is extended to eight and three kilometres respectively. You will also need to know where prohibited, restricted, dangerous and reserved areas are in Cyprus as flying over them is definitely out. As are flights above, within, or in proximity to military installations, public utility installations, archaeological sites and public or private facilities except with the permission of the owner or the relevant Competent Authority.

So there you have it - get training, register your aircraft, go somewhere isolated to fly it and don't bang into anything. Chocks away!