

KAMARES VILLAGE MATTERS

Kamares Village Houseowners' Association Newsletter

Road Tax for 2018



Your Road Tax for 2018 can be renewed from Monday, 8th January. The tax may be paid at any bank, citizens' service centre, district post office, district office of the road transport department, or online by [clicking here](#). You will have until Sunday, 11th March to renew your tax because from the following day the police will be reporting those who are driving untaxed vehicles. If you pay after March 11 there will be charge of €10 plus 10 per cent of the amount due for the year.

Christmas Cards

The custom of sending Christmas cards was started in the UK in 1843 by Sir Henry Cole. Sir Henry had the idea of Christmas Cards with his friend John Horsley, who was an artist. They designed the first card and sold them for 1 shilling each.



Committee News

by Val Potter KVHA Secretary



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On the 23rd June 2017 a new law was passed by the Government, regulating the operation of Clubs and NGO's in Cyprus, we received our official notification and paperwork early in November 2017, this was all in Greek! Thanks go to Panayiotis who allowed Zacharo from reception time to translate these official forms for us. Thank you Zacharo.

The committee then sought advice from the Hellenic Bank and came to the conclusion that an English speaking Lawyer who was fully qualified in this particular field was required, to explain fully the options open to us, especially as all paperwork was to be first translated into English then back into Greek. We had our first hour long meeting with the Lawyer on Wednesday 13th December 2017 and as a result of the information received, the committee made the decision to register under the new Law.

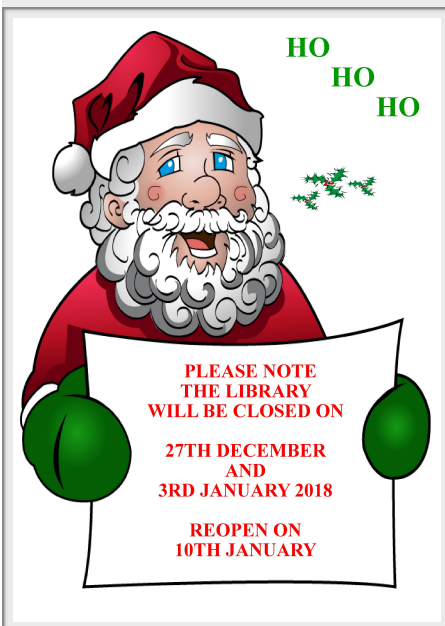
The committee will convene early in January 2018 and this matter will be our highest priority. Further information in the New Year.



Litter Pick Up

Only 4 of us picked up on Saturday, December 16th but we noticed less rubbish so hopefully people are not throwing their rubbish out of the window. If there were no smokers, no drinks in tins or plastic we wouldn't need to pick up anything! Next pick up Saturday, January 20th - meet outside the Cliff Bar at 9 am.

Library Closed For Christmas and New Year



Committee News

Continued

Summary of issues arising and completed.

We have been told that we should have the road mirrors fitted shortly at the ovoid roundabout at the entrance to Kamares – at least we will be able to see the cars approaching the roundabout from the Monastery road at speed! Also at the junction on Mary Leptos Street, coming from the Club. Although there is a Stop sign most people think they have the right of way, WRONG. The mirror should show cars approaching from the right, who DO have right of way and hopefully will make us STOP!

Some large potholes have been filled in. *Thanks to Tala Council*

The burst pipe on Mary Leptos street which resulted in the storm drain being blocked by earth and caused a very unpleasant deep pool of evil looking water has been repaired and drained. *Thanks to Leptos.*

Any serious water problems experienced should be referred to the Club, on 26 880 576, they will contact either George Tornaris Leptos, or Vesta depending on the emergency.

Although the Electricity Board have recently been replacing street light bulbs, there are still those which have not been reported. Please, if there are lights out near to you make a note of the number on the pole, phone 1800 and give your name and address and contact number (in case of difficulties in finding the address). We need to be well lit up (*not personally, but it is Xmas*) to deter intruders.

A very pleasant evening at the Kamares Club was held by the Stephanie Village Association, to celebrate thirty years of being. The High Commissioner Matthew Kidd and Mr Michael Leptos attended. Three committee members represented the KVHA. We would like to offer our congratulations to the Stephanie Village Association.

Happy Christmas.

Christmas Lights

Outdoor Christmas light displays on houses evolved from decorating the traditional Christmas tree and house with candles during the Christmas season. The tradition of lighting the tree with small candles dates back to the 17th century and originated in Germany before spreading to Eastern Europe.

Christmas Recycling



Due to Christmas the recycling collection will be collected as follows:

Monday 25th December 2017 collection will be done from 8am on Wednesday 27th December 2017

Monday 1st January 2018 collection - will be done from 8am on Wednesday 3rd January 2018.

Cyprus and Computers

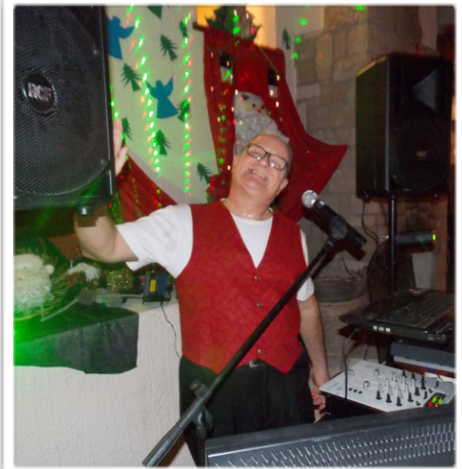
Nearly half the households in Cyprus have access to a tablet computer while households that own a laptop is nearly 70%. In households with dependant children nearly 95% own a computer whereas households, without such children, ownership is at 75%. 80% of households now have access to the internet.

The most popular Internet activities are the following:

- reading online news
- participating in social networks
- finding information about goods and services
- seeking health related information
- telephoning over the internet/ video calls over the internet

The KVHA Christmas Party

The KVHA Christmas Party on December 13th was a resounding success with 91 attending. DJ Marcos again played non stop music for 5 hours with people asking for requests. His disco lighting



made a real difference. Marinos and his staff, along with the chef, worked hard to make a great night.



Kamares Club Weekly Activities

Full details on the website and our Notice Board at the Club

	Morning	Afternoon	Evening
Monday	Yoga Bridge Club		
Tuesday	Paphos Voices Choir		Quiz
Wednesday	Tai Chi Art Group	Book and DVD Library	Monthly Wine Tasting
Thursday	Bridge Club		
Friday	Orphean Singers Tai Chi	Quilting Group	

Useful Telephone Numbers

USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS	
Emergency Number for Ambulance, Fire or Police	112 / 199
Police and Fire Services - Duty Officer	1499
Medical Assistance - Hospital Information	1400
Kamares Club Reception	26 88 05 76
Larnaca and Paphos International Airports	77 778833
Street Light Fault Reporting (EAC)	1800 with pole number

Christmas Crackers

Tradition tells of how London confectioner, Tom Smith invented crackers in 1847. He created the crackers as a development of his bon-bon sweets, which he sold in a twist of paper (the origins of the traditional sweet-wrapper). He started adding a motto to his sugared almond bon-bons which he sold wrapped in a twisted paper package. The story goes that he was inspired to add 'bang' when he heard the crackle of a log he had just put on the fire. He decided to make a log shaped package that would produce a surprise bang and inside would be an almond and a motto and soon the sugared almond was replaced with a small gift.

Pafos2017 by Maggie Wright



PAFOS2017
EUROPEAN CAPITAL OF CULTURE

The end of 2017 marks not only the end of a significant and festive journey for Pafos, but also the beginning of a new one. The official handover ceremony (by invitation only) will be held at the Markideio Theatre on Friday, December 29th with representatives of the European Capitals of Culture for 2018, Valetta (Malta) and Leeuwarden (Netherlands).

The following day, on Saturday, December 30th commencing at 7:00p.m., the European Capital of Culture celebrates everything the city has accomplished, transforming it and making its people proud. In the same area, outside the Town Hall, where the Opening Ceremony took place in January 2017, music, images, projections, mapping and lights will create a spectacle, which will bring back memories, excitement and move the audience. Check out <http://www.pafos2017.eu/en/event/all-about-this-city-closing-ceremony/>. Free entrance.

Tala Square - Phase 2

The second phase of an upgrading project to revamp the centre of Tala village in Paphos is earmarked to get underway in the first few months of 2018, according to officials. Earlier this year, an overhaul of the popular village centre was completed before Easter, ahead of schedule, due to a mild winter. The square was pedestrianised and modernised to create an attractive centre for the entire village. This phase will include upgrading the network of roads around the square, levelling some and creating a one-way system. The road network around the square will be widened where possible, roads will be resurfaced, some roads will be designated as one-way, and additional car parking will be created.

Christmas Cake

Christmas cake is an English tradition that began as plum porridge. People ate the porridge on Christmas Eve, using it to line their stomachs after a day of fasting. Soon dried fruit, spices and honey were added to the porridge mixture, and eventually it turned into Christmas cake. Singing them at Christmas has really survived.



EMERGENCY MEDICAL CENTRE

Reception 26 653 328

**EMERGENCY
NUMBER 99329434**

Medical Centre GP Surgery Hours

The Doctor is available Monday to Friday from 9 am - 12 noon only.

Please be aware if you wish to consult with the Doctor you should be there before 12 noon.

Wednesday Blood Clinic

For patients needing blood tests

These can now be collected from the patient at The Kamares Medical Centre thus avoiding the need to visit the Iasis Hospital for the tests. Results are returned to The Kamares Medical Centre.

Christmas Presents

One of the main reasons we have the custom of giving and receiving presents at Christmas, is to remind us of the presents given to Jesus by the Wise Men: Frankincense, Gold and Myrrh. Gold was associated with Kings, and Christians believe that Jesus is the King of Kings.

Tala Square - at Christmas



A packed Tala Square enjoyed Viktor the fire dancer, Zingers and Breeze band on Friday, December 15th.

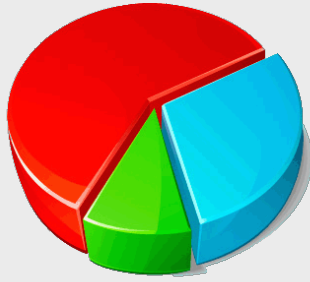


Ho! Ho! Ho!

What do you get if you eat Christmas decorations? Tinsilitis!

Who is Santa's favorite singer? *Elf-is Presley!*

Demographic Developments



In 2016 the number of people living in government controlled Cyprus was just over 848 thousand up 0.8% over 2015. Nearly 9,500 children were born, an increase of 285 since 2015. In order to replace the population you need 2.1 children per woman and in Cyprus it is only 1.37 and has remained below 2.1 since 1995.

We lost just over 5,400 people in 2016. Life expectancy for men is slightly over 80 and for women it is just under 85. Marriage remains popular with 6,375, involving Cyprus residents, in 2016 up 283 from 2015. Nearly 62% of weddings were ecclesiastical. On the downside, divorce increased from 1,807 in 2015 to 1,948 in 2016.

Net migration in 2016 was one short of 2,500 and was positive for the first time since 2012.

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Monorail or Walkway?

Many people think the structure being built either side of the archaeological parks opposite the Mall is a monorail but it will be, in fact, a pedestrian bridge to link the archaeological site on Fabrica Hill with the main archaeological park.



A Very Merry Christmas and Happy
New Year to All Our Readers.

From the Kamares Village Matters
Editorial Team