

KAMARES VILLAGE MATTERS

Kamares Village Houseowners' Association Newsletter



British
High Commission
Nicosia

High Commissioner Coming to Kamares

The British High Commissioner, Matthew Kidd and his team, are holding a presentation on 'Brexit', at the Kamares Club, on Wednesday 7th March 2018.

The Presentation will start at 11.30am.

Please register with the KVHA Secretary as soon as possible to ensure a place at the Presentation.

kvhasecretary@gmail.com

More information to follow.

Pick Up Litter Day



Saturday 3rd
February 2018.
Please meet
outside the
Cliff Bar at
09.00hrs.

Bags are provided and afterwards there will be a 'thank you' drink at the Kamares Club.

A New Member Of The Leptos Team In Kamares

Dear Kamares Village Houseowners' Association members,



First of all I would like to introduce myself my name is Ricardo Severini and I am the new Sales and Marketing Manager Kamares under Leptos Estates.

I am originally from Italy and my wife Karla is from Brazil, we are very happy to have moved to Cyprus and to be living here at Kamares.

I have over 22 years' experience working with 5 star Resorts and 2nd Home investments all around the world, and now I will be bringing all my expertise to make Kamares the 5 star residence resort that it should be.

I have been talking to the heads of Leptos Estates and we plan to make new and exciting changes adding new and modern facilities and also renovating older facilities here at Kamares.

We should be announcing all of this in the next couple of months and of course KVHA will be the first to know, but before all of this we would like to say that the Restaurant and Club House will not have any changes in the coming months until we do an official announcement.

So if you plan to do any events or parties in the coming months there will be no problems.

Leptos Estates is very excited as we will be celebrating the 40th anniversary of Kamares Village this year. There will be plenty of events prior to our announcing officially all the new amenities at Kamares and you as a home owners should be just as excited as we are.

I want to thank KVHA for letting me use their newsletter so I can update all of you and if you have any questions or concerns my office at Kamares Club (Sales Office in the Club Reception) is always open to you!

Thank you once more and kind regards,

Ricardo Severini, Sales and Marketing Manager Kamares Village



A few Coptic winds coming soon. The first being on 28th January and lasting a couple of days blowing from the west. Then on the 18th February comes the Small Sun Gale blowing in from the North West, it lasts around 5 days and is forecast to be a strong one. March 10th sees the longest duration wind of the year lasting eight days, called the Equinox Gale which is a South Westerly.

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

Committee News

by Val Potter KVHA Secretary



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I would like to bring you up to date on some of the issues we have been dealing with.

‘Slipping Building’ – The committee have discussed this problem and after sending the District Office an email requesting a meeting in November 2017, with no response, it was agreed to send one more asking for a meeting. If this too goes unanswered then we will go a different more ‘Public’ route – sorry no pun intended.

An email asking for more road name signs in and around Kamares village is being pursued, Leptos, Tala and the Highways department are all involved.

The members who contacted me with regard to the email we sent out on the 18.01.2018 headed ‘Capital Gains Tax and Restrictive Covenants’, will hear from me as soon as I summarise the questions you have raised. These I will send to Leptos and will forward the replies as soon as received.

Koili Council have been busy clearing branches from the pavements in Zelemenos at our request, and Tala repairing broken pavement slabs which we had reported to them. Thanks to both Councils.

I received a report of flooding on the road before the turn off to Zelemenos, this was caused by the storm drain being blocked.

Please ensure that there are no green bags of garden rubbish left in the storm drain for collection, at this time of year the drains cannot cope with the amount of garden debris washed into them.

Thank you for your response to the Brexit Presentation on Wednesday 7th March 2018. This event will be open to everyone so it is imperative to register with me as soon as possible.

The British High Commissioner Mr Matthew Kidd will be attending and for your information this could be his last visit to Kamares as he hands over to Mr Stephen Lillie CMG, in the Spring.

As soon as we are able we will send out an update on the new Government Law concerning the Registration of Clubs, Associations etc.

Please, if you are going to be away for a few days let someone close to you know, it could save a lot of concern and the possibility of having the authorities breaking in!



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 lasis Hospital for the tests. Results are returned to The Kamares Medical Centre.

Road Tax

Don't forget your Road Tax for 2018. It can be renewed now and 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 have until Sunday, 11th March to renew your tax because the following day the police will be reporting those who are driving untaxed vehicles.

Annual Medicals - Now Is A Good Time!

by Maureen Pollard



We all make New Year resolutions and very few of us carry them through. However, there is one which is easy to do and could benefit your health and wellbeing.

Yes, I am talking about a full health check via our Kamares Medical Centre.

Prevention is always better than cure and having an annual medical can give you peace of mind that all is well. The Kamares Medical check covers all main aspects of health and this includes:

- ECG
- Blood Pressure
- Full blood tests
- Chest x-ray
- Mammogram (women)
- PSA test (men)

A full consultation with the Kamares doctor once all the tests are completed.

Only €102

This discounted price is only for members of the Medical Centre.

Call 26653328 and the Staff Nurse Tracey Young will arrange everything for you.

So, start this new year with the resolution to

BE THE BEST YOU CAN BE.



Socials

February 14th

Kamares Club event

St Valentine's

March 16th

KVHA event

with Whitemouse Duo

May 18th

May Ball cancelled

June 22nd

KVHA event

June Ball with Christina Simone

May 25th

Harmony Choir

Travelling To The North?

The UK Government has just sent out the following advisory.

If you're travelling to the north of Cyprus, their administration advises that your passport should be valid for at least 6 months from your date of entry to the north; otherwise, your passport should be valid for the proposed duration of your stay in Cyprus.

Pafos2017

by Maggie Wright



Pafos2017 has now come to an end. The official handover ceremony was 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 programme commenced with a short film screening of A Year full of Experiences followed by speeches by Christos Patsalides, the Chairman of the Organisation, Fedonas Fedonos, the Mayor of Pafos, and representatives from Valletta and Leeuwarden. Yiannis Hadjiloizou conducted the Cyprus Philharmonic Orchestra with Beethoven's Symphony No. 9 in D Minor Opus 125 followed by Ode To Joy with the Orchestra and Philharmonia Voices from London including four soloists from Cyprus.



A closing ceremony was held outside the Town Hall the following night, on Saturday, December 30th celebrating everything the city has accomplished with music, singing, dancing, images, projections, mapping and lighting creating a spectacle. Thousands of people attended an amazing show and a fitting end to a wonderful year.

Have a look at all the photographs on [photos](#).

Water Watch Paphos

The news so far this month is not good! Water levels in the dams continues to drop and rainfall continues to disappoint. The rain contribution so far this month is 3¼ million cubic metres (MCM) across the south of the island and is the lowest it has been since January 2014. In the Paphos area the dams are 19% of capacity - this time last year they were nearly 40% full and, since October just over 1 MCM of water has flowed in. This all suggests that unless we get a significant amount of rain we are going to be in a difficult position this summer.

In the south of the island, as a whole, the situation is little better with the dams standing at 14% of capacity or just over 40 MCM. Unlike Paphos desalination plants are available to supplement the rainfall but at a high cost. The desalination process uses electricity to produce the 'freshwater' from sea water and 1 cubic metre of freshwater is likely to cost around €6 we are told.

January and February are the wettest months of the year so, as unpleasant as it may be, we need the rain. In the meantime conservation of water is really important.

Funnel Cloud From Kamares



It was the 3rd January that the funnel cloud shown in the picture was spotted off the coast. These sorts of cloud formations can be seen around this area from time to time. Funnel clouds are usually associated with cumulonimbus or towering cumulus cloud and are caused by a rotating column of wind from the base of the cloud. The funnel, being cloud, is made up of condensed droplets of water. The

metreological term for this type of cloud formation is described as an accessory feature called *tuba*.

In the picture a slight disturbance at sea level can be seen.

Should this funnel cloud touch ground then it is a tornado. Whilst most tornados start as funnel clouds not all funnel cloud become tornados. Obviously, if the funnel cloud touches the water then a waterspout is formed but these are, generally, weak affairs compared to their land equivalents.

Keep an eye out for these formations as they are yet another demonstration of power of Mother Nature!



Mavrokolympos Reservoir, not far from Kamares Village, contains 600 thousand cubic metres of water or just over 27% of capacity.

Membership Mutterings



Unless you have renewed your membership for 2018 then you are probably not a member! We have sent an email to all those members asking them to renew or let us know they will renew if currently out of the country. If we don't hear from you before the end of January we will remove you from the email distribution list. Not sure if you have renewed? Send an email to the [membership secretary](#) who will let you know. We really like keeping you informed so don't miss out!

Gale Force



We recently sent out an email advising the imminent arrival of some bad weather. The information from the Meteorological Office forecast that some winds could reach Gale Force 8. What does Gale Force 8 mean? It is a measure on the Beaufort scale and means the wind speeds will be between 39 to 46 mph or 62 to 74 km/h or 34 to 40 knots. Put another way twigs break off trees and it generally impedes progress.

Cyprus Public Holidays

2018		Holiday	2019	
Date	Day		Date	Day
01 Jan	Mon	New Year's Day	01 Jan	Tue
06 Jan	Sat	Epiphany	06 Jan	Sun
19 Feb	Mon	Orthodox Ash Monday	11 Mar	Mon
25 Mar	Sun	Greek Independence Day	25 Mar	Mon
01 Apr	Sun	National Day	01 Apr	Mon
06 Apr	Fri	Orthodox Good Friday	26 Apr	Fri
09 Apr	Mon	Orthodox Easter Monday	29 Apr	Mon
10 Apr	Tue	<i>Orthodox Easter Tuesday</i>	30 Apr	Tue
01 May	Tue	May Day	01 May	Wed
28 May	Mon	Orthodox Whit Monday	17 Jun	Mon
15 Aug	Wed	Assumption Day	15 Aug	Thu
01 Oct	Mon	Independence Day	01 Oct	Tue
28 Oct	Sun	Ochi Day	28 Oct	Mon
24 Dec	Mon	Christmas Eve	24 Dec	Tue
25 Dec	Tue	Christmas Day	25 Dec	Wed
26 Dec	Wed	Boxing Day	26 Dec	Thu

Note: Orthodox Easter Tuesday is not a public holiday.

UK School Holidays

School Holiday	Start	End
Christmas holiday 2017	18 Dec	05 Jan
February half term 2018	12 Feb	23 Feb
Easter holidays 2018	26 Mar	13 Apr
Summer break 2018 (May half term)	28 May	01 Jun
Summer holiday 2018	16 Jul	05 Sep
Autumn break 2018 (October half term)	22 Oct	02 Nov
Christmas holiday 2018	24 Dec	04 Jan

Note: These are a general guide for England and can vary by councils. There may be variations in other parts of the UK.

Tourists



The number of tourists visiting Cyprus in December increased from 87,927 in 2016 to 98,924 last year. For the whole of last year the number of tourists totalled 3,652,073 an increase of nearly half a million on 2016.

The increase in tourist from the UK was 8.3% over the previous year at 1,253,839. Russia had the second highest number of tourist for 3017 at 824,494 an increase for them of 5.5% over 2016.

The third highest number came from Israel with 261,966 arriving in 2017 up from 148,739 an increase of 76.1%.

The country that saw a reduction in tourist numbers from 2016 was Ukraine which went from 62,292 to 48,190 in 2017.

Just over half of the visitors were here for a holiday, about a third were here to visit friends and relatives and the rest were on business.

What about sex you ask. Well women made up 50.1% while men, obviously were the other 49.9%. 50% of our visitors were aged between 20 and 44 and only 10% were over 65 or over.

CGR

Did you know that Cyprus had a railway? Well it did; the Cyprus Government Railway or GCR. The line was opened for public transport on 21st October 1905 when the High Commissioner, Sir Charles Antony King-Harman, arrived from Lefkosia (Nicosia) at Ammochostos (Famagusta) where crowds of people were awaiting his arrival.

The High Commissioner's journey was 57 kilometres and two years later a further 38 kilometres had been added to the line taking it on from Lefkosia to Morfou. The line was further extended by 23 kilometres from Morfou to Evrychou in June 1915. The link to Evrychou completed the line.

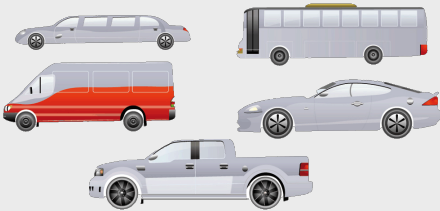


Evrychou Station and Cyprus Railway Museum

One of the the key uses of the line was for the mail. Ships arriving at Ammochostos harbour would bring mail for the population and then take the outgoing mail to it intended destination and the railway would be used to carry the mail throughout the island with Post Offices being set up at some of the stations along the route.

Of course the trains carried passengers as well as letters and on Sunday's the "Bathing Specials" ran taking those who lived inland to the beaches of Famagusta. The railway was also used for state occasions such as the arrival of a new High Commissioner or other dignitaries. It was the coming of the Second World War that the CGR became of strategic importance to the war effort ferrying troops, stores and ammunition from Ammochostos to the Royal Air Force airfield at Lefkosia.

Registration of Motor Vehicles



There was nearly a 30% increase in the number of motor vehicles registered in Cyprus last year compared to 2016. In 2016 33,805 vehicles were registered and 43,640 in 2017.

The number of cars registered last year was just over 36 thousand of which 13.1 thousand were new. The number of motor coaches registered was 200.

Nearly 60% of imports of vehicles were from the European Union while Japan provided nearly 30%.

There are around half a million cars in Cyprus.

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Mail Car with sorting facility

Over the years the line carried nearly 7.5 million passengers but tragedy struck on 17th September 1950 when two race day specials collided resulting in the death of two passengers. The line was a single track and movements were coordinated by telephone. The accident was the result of a misunderstanding which put two trains on a collision course and, having no way of contacting the drivers, nothing could be done to stop the inevitable collision. The fatalities in this accident were the only ones in the history of the Cyprus Government Railway.

As is often the case, progress saw the importance of the railway wain. Road transport was taking over for the transportation of goods, mail and people. It was on the 10th November 1951 that, having looked for ways of keeping the railway operational, it was announced that the service would cease at the end of the year. And so it was that at 2:55 pm on Monday, 31st December 1951 the last train departed Lefkosia. The same locomotive that operated the first service was also the one to operate the last, locomotive No. 12.

The Cyprus Department of Antiquities has refurbished the station at Evrychou and established The Cyprus Railways Museum. The museum is housed in the old station building and contains original documents, drawings, photographs and other objects from the Cyprus Railway.

Details of the museum are on their website:

[Cyprus Railways Museum](#)