

KAMARES VILLAGE MATTERS

Kamares Village Houseowners' Association Newsletter

Social



Friday, April 20th

Polis Charalambous guitar concert.
Meal and entertainment €20pp
(€10pp for children 12 years and under).

Guitar concert with the very talented Polis Charalambous with a varied programme of easy listening to dancing music, from Concierto de Aranjuez, to the Bee Gees, Neil Diamond, The Eagles etc.

Bar Opens 6.30p.m. Food at 7:15p.m.

Fully booked and waiting list only.

Diary Dates



Friday, June 22nd June Ball with Christina Simone

Committee News

by Val Potter, KVHA Secretary

This month has been really busy with two Easters to celebrate and most places closing down for four days, however I am happy to inform you that progress has been made. I am feeling 'slightly' more optimistic that some of the outstanding issues are on their way to being resolved...

Updates:-

MEU 3 etc

Since the Presentation by the BHC. on March 7th, we have been in contact with Christina Smith, BHC. We are still waiting for clarification on requiring and obtaining an MEU 3, as there have been discrepancies in the information people are receiving.

In response to members who have asked for names of Agencies who assist with the MEU 1 & MEU 3 applications, they are as follows.

We must stress that, as stated in the constitution, the KVHA are not allowed to give advice or promote any individual company nor are the KVHA affiliated to any of the companies detailed. The choice is completely down to the member as to whether they wish to engage the services of these, or similar, companies when applying for MEU1 and/or MEU3s.

- Gwennys Redtape Services Ltd TEL 26 945 625 or mob. 99 412 925, Paphos
- Red Tape Resolved – Charis Charalambous 24/7 (365D) – Mob 97 903 793 / 99 342 600 Paphos.

Both of the above agencies have offered a discount to KVHA members on production of their membership cards.

We understand that some Lawyers offer this service, it could be worth checking with your own Lawyer.



Emergency Medical Centre

Reception 26 653 328

EMERGENCY NUMBER 99329434

*Medical Centre
GP Surgery Hours*

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

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

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

Members' email ref MEU 1&3

A member has informed me that he and his wife visited the Immigration Dept. to obtain application forms and to arrange an appointment for interview. I quote 'Even though we already have 'permanent residence status' for which we have a full-page Immigration stamp in our passports, we fully expected to have to go through the whole exercise again due to Brexit, however we were pleasantly surprised to be told that our current status would remain valid after Brexit and there was no need to apply again'. Thanks to TJF. It gives one hope!

F.Y.I

Good news is that the Electricity Board will print out free of charge, the five years of Bills/statements which are required. I was only missing one month in 2015 so I sent an email to the 'Customer help line' and received a copy within two days AND it was over Easter.

'Slipping Building'

It is over a month since myself and Cathi Delaney had a meeting with Paphos D.O. Mary Lambrou. I have since sent a reminder of the agreed future onsite meeting, asking for confirmation of the day and date when we will all meet with the D.O.Engineer.

I received an immediate response saying that 'she will arrange the meeting and confirm with myself'. I hope sooner rather than later!

Azalea Street

I have received confirmation from Paris Gabriel, Leptos (email received 30th March 2018) that he is 'working' on the problem of the oil drums in Azalea Street which are acting as a retaining wall and was mentioned at our last AGM in October 2017. It is not the most attractive 'wall' I have ever seen.

Uncared for pools

Thanks go to John Clifton for acting on behalf of his neighbours when a pool was left with stagnant water encouraging the breeding of mosquitoes. John reported this to Koili council and also to Panayiotis Kezoudi who promptly dealt with the problem.

Garden Bonfires

Please be aware that the Police are 'cracking down' on dangerous bonfires. The smoke and flying ash can cause concern to your neighbours and really it is not worth the risk of the fire spreading.

Kamares Club Weekly Activities



Day	Time	Activity
Mon	Morning	Yoga Bridge Club
Tue	Morning	Sine Nomine Choir
Tue	Evening	Quiz
Wed	Morning	Tai Chi Art Group
Wed	Afternoon	Book & DVD Library
Wed	Evening	Monthly Wine Tasting
Thu	Morning	Bridge Club
Fri	Morning	Orpehan Singers Tai Chi
Fri	Afternoon	Quilting Group

Full details of all the activities are on the website and our Notice Board at the Club.

Talking about bonfires, the bunch of young men who last weekend decided to uproot a very large tree stump in Laoni Street, and proceeded to haul it along the road with the use of a pickup, heading up to Koili, leaving a trail of mud, stones and debris and making the road very dangerous. We assume it was for the Easter bonfire celebration.... **Thanks to Panayiotis for clearing the road to make it safe.**

Kyklaminou Street

The 'cul de sac' sign which was 'knocked or blown down' is on the Tala 'To Do' list, together with the Halt line needing re painting onto Mary Leptos Street and the agreed road mirrors. Potholes have also been reported as well as photographic evidence of building rubbish dumped in green areas next to villas, not to mention - but I will, loads of garden rubbish. Please report anyone you see dumping garden waste etc, to myself or Cathi Delaney Tala council. Registration numbers of pickup trucks seen 'dumping' are a great help.

Paying Income Tax Online

KVHA Chairman John Merritt is dealing with the Paphos Tax Office in an attempt to register for the 'TAXIS net system' we will let you know how he gets on.

Attempted and Successful Break-ins

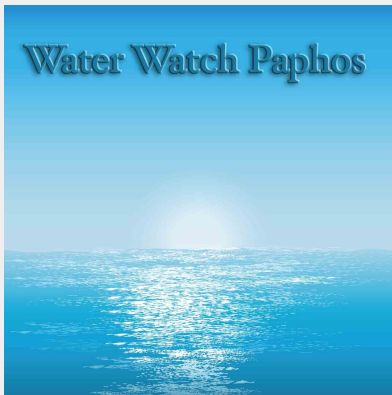
March was not a good month especially in Akamas Street, Zelemenos, Kamares Avenue and recently in the Ampelia/Rododafni area when we had a report of two small people gaining access through one of the very small bathroom windows. The Owners were disturbed, they investigated and the intruders ran off, at 5am!

PLEASE do not leave any windows open at night unless you have shutters closed and locked across. We have experience of children being used to climb in and open the doors to whoever is waiting outside – we CANNOT make it easy for them. Thanks again to John Clifton for keeping an eye on the empty properties and quickly contacting the Police upon noticing a broken window frame.

Our Precious Resource

Please watch out for any leaking or burst water pipes when you are out walking in the village, they should be reported to George Tornaris in the site office, on 99 422 195. Thanks to Patricia Coleman and Carol Harvey for reporting problem pipes, one a small leak the other a 'gusher'.

Thank you for all your inputs, the committee is working hard on your behalf.



For those of you with breath held and fingers crossed there is little if any good news to allow you to relax over the state of our water storage. The maximum amount of water stored last year occurred during April when the total amount in the dams was just short of 89 million cubic metres (mcm) and in the Paphos region 30 mcm. As of now we are woefully short of both these amounts in the respective dams. The total for Cyprus is 68.5 mcm and for Paphos 21.8 mcm. So we are not even level pegging in terms of quantity with last year and, with the likelihood of very little more rain, that will be the position at the start of the summer.

KVM did forecast that this should be, using the past as a guide, a much wetter winter than the last. Alas, we got that wrong! The total inflow of water to all the dams since the start of October is approaching 39 mcm whereas the final total for 2016/17 was a cup full short of 49 mcm. So far, April is the driest month since 2014 and 2008 before that.

So, to complete the story for this winter, the dams of Paphos are not even a third full, stand at just

ORIGIN OF TENNIS

by Maggie Wright

Giraffe, bobble, caterpillar, chase better than the door. These are terms used in the ancient game of royal, court or real tennis once played by Henry VIII at Hampton Court. Tennis was played by the kings of England and France, so it became known as royal or real tennis. The first courts were found in courtyards adjacent to a castle or in cloistered monastery quadrangles. There once were hundreds of courts but due to the revolution in France and social change in Britain many courts were destroyed. There are now approximately 40 real tennis courts in use in the world. I learnt the game at Canford School, Bournemouth and then onto Hampton Court. Some other courts are Lords, Queens Club, Oxford and Cambridge universities; Paris, Bordeaux and Fontainebleau in France; Australia - Melbourne, Ballarat and Hobart; United States - Tuxedo Park in New York; Newport, Rhode Island; Lakewood, New Jersey; Boston and Philadelphia.

In many ways real tennis is similar to lawn tennis – you score like lawn tennis and you lose a point if you hit the ball out of court or into the net. In many other ways it definitely is not! For a start, the two ends of the court are not the same – the service is always made from the same end and the server has a distinct advantage – and the most obvious is an angled section of wall called the tambour which makes it very tricky for a receiver to read the bounce of the ball. The server also has two ways of winning points outright – he can fire the ball into the grille or into the winning gallery where a bell rings to signal success. The receiver can only win a point outright by playing the ball into the dedans, an open space at the service end of the court. The receiver has two aims – he wants to win points, but he always wants to get to the service end where he has a better chance of winning points. He does this by laying chases. The chase is the point where the ball lands on its second bounce so, when the players change sides, the player who missed that particular point has the opportunity to win it by making a better shot than his opponent made. (Confused yet??).

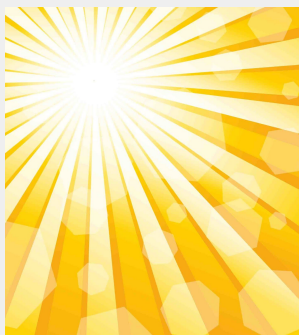
The racket and ball are different from lawn tennis. The game was originally called “je de paume” – game of the hand (which it is still called in France and was played with a bare palm, a gloved hand or short bat). Eventually a racket was made based on the hand shape. It is asymmetrical and looks like a warped wooden tennis racket, mixed with an old snowshoe!

The ball looks similar to the lawn tennis variety but is much heavier and bounces lower. It is made from pieces of cloth bound with string, covered finally with two pieces of cloth and hand-stitched. The core can last up to 50 years with frequent

over 30.5% of capacity, while the country's dams have failed to even reach a quarter of capacity, standing at 23.6%. Last year the comparative numbers were 42% and 31%.

Water Watch is off to enjoy a warm dry summer – you enjoy yours but please use water with care, very great care!

Weather Watch - May



What has May been like for Paphos over the years of this century (2000 onwards). The data being used in this article is for the airport at Paphos so relates to sea level effectively (the airport is 12 metres above the sea).

When you look at the data the first thing to jump out is rain. Most of us would have bet that May is a dry month and until 2012 that was true with no rain reported at all. That changed in 2012 when rain fell, not in great quantities it should be said, but sufficient to be interesting. We are talking millimetres here; 26 in 2012, 31 in 2013 falling then to just 6 in 2017. So KVM is forecasting no rain for May 2018. This probably means storms of biblical proportions!!

The hottest year was 2003 when the mercury nearly popped out

covering. Approximately 50 balls are used in each game. The ball is blocked or sliced with the racket, sharply cut, rather than hit flat as in lawn tennis.

Real tennis was first played by 13th century monks knocking a ball around the cloisters. All the original monastic elements remain – buttresses doorways and ledges have now been incorporated into the game. Many of the courts have flagstone floors and the ball is served along the sloping cloister porch, known as the penthouse, over the deeply drooping net – one meter (3 feet) in the middle and one and a half meters (5 feet) at the side. Two serves are allowed as in lawn tennis.



Many of the terms for tennis come from French words: tennis from “tenir” to hold – French players called out “tenez”(hold or take heed) before each service; deuce from “a deux”- two strokes needed to win; chase from (chasseur) to hunt or chase; and love is said to have come from “l’oeuf” as in medieval France the figure nought was known as an egg (l’oeuf) and the English changed it to love. The serve is thought to have been the ancient practice of having a servant to play the first stroke – Henry VIII employed a man for this purpose. The scoring system is believed to come from the sexagesimal system, i.e. 60 seconds, 60 minutes, split into quadrants – 15, 30, 45 (which was abbreviated to 40). Major credit for popularizing the new game went to Major Walter Wingfield when in December 1873 he launched his new game in his garden at his home in Wales – hence “lawn” tennis.

Real tennis was briefly featured in the popular film “The French Lieutenant’s Woman” where Jeremy Irons was seen playing the game. Charles II apparently was an advocate, and

of the thermometer with a maximum of 34°C but the average maximum temperature tends to hover around the mid-twenties and everyday will be at least 20°C. The forecast for this year then is pretty easy – an average maximum of 25°C.

What of the minimum temperature? The average minimum temperature has run in a tight band between 15 and 17°C since 2000. The maximum minimum temperature occurred in 2016 when the temperature didn't drop below 23°C and the minimum minimum temperature went down to 10°C in 2000 but generally is between 11 and 14°C. So our forecasts for your night times is generally 15 – 17°C.

Wind is also pretty much constant with the average being around 12 km/h or 6.5 knots or 7.5 mph. The maximum wind speeds are a little different being in the upper 30s and lower 40 km/h or 16 – 20 knots or 18 – 25 mph. You will also get the wind gusting on occasions with only two years since 2000 not reporting any gusts – 2010 and 2015. Wind forecast for May is gentle breezes with the occasional gust and no Coptic winds.

Now a little something for the barometer tappers out there and there are some! On two instances the barometric pressure has hit 1023 millibars (in old money now known as hectopascal or hPa where 1 hPa is the same as a millibar) and that was in 2001 and 2015 but generally we live under a pressure of 1012 hPa. Only on three years did the pressure fall

Henry VIII was in the middle of a game at Hampton Court when news came that Anne Boleyn had been beheaded. Legend has it that he refused to interrupt his game for even a second! Also, HRH Prince Edward is an advocate of the game and in fact met his wife, Sophie through real tennis when she stood in for Sue Barker to interview him. He says of the game, "It is one of the few sports left where, at whatever level, playing the game is more important than winning". If only this were true of all sports!



Leptos are sponsoring a tennis tournament to be held at the Kamares tennis courts over the first two weeks in June. Information out soon.

Chapel of St. George

Information from Father Neophytos

Did you know..... there is a church in Stephanie?



below 1000hPa and that was in 2001, 2003 and 2004.

So the omens are looking set fair for a rather pleasant May 2018 – enjoy!

This Month In History

The Belfast Agreement, more commonly known as The Good Friday agreement, was signed by the British and Irish governments on 10th April 1998.

The agreement led to a devolved government for Northern Ireland ending direct rule from London.

The agreement acknowledged that the majority of people of Northern Ireland wanted to remain a part of the UK and that a substantial number of the people of Northern Ireland and the Irish republic want a united Ireland. The agreement stated that Northern Ireland would remain within the UK until such a time as the majority of the people of Northern Ireland wished to create a united Ireland, at which point the UK and Irish governments would implement that desire.

To allow Northern Ireland to recognise the validity of both views of their people a devolved government was introduced with parties from both sides represented in government.

The chapel of St. George in Stephanie village was ruined for centuries but nothing is documented.



The council of the brotherhood restored the chapel in 1991 with the guidance of the Department of Antiquities and now needs new restoration of the roof which is cracking.



St. George is linked to the Agios Neophytos monastery. The small cave in Stephanie is believed to be where St. Neophytos stayed after leaving his birthplace, Kato Drys.

Birthdays



Some notable birthdays occurred in April in years past, these include:-

Two writers, William Shakespeare (April 23rd - 1564) and Hans Christian Andersen (April 2nd - 1805)

Two Russian leaders Vladimir Lenin (April 22nd - 1870) and Nikita Khrushchev (April 15th - 1894)

Two dictators Adolf Hitler (20th April - 1889) and Saddam Hussein (April 28 - 1937)

Four American presidents Ulysses S. Grant (April 28th - 1791), James Monroe (28th April 1785), Thomas Jefferson (April 13th - 1743) and James Buchanan (April 23rd - 1791)

Two Renaissance painters Raphael (April 6th - 1483) and Leonardo Da Vinci (15th April - 1452)

Two Oscar winning stars of the Oscar winning film "Terms of Endearment", Shirley MacLaine (April 24th - 1934) and Jack Nicholson (April 22nd - 1973)

SINE NOMINE - Chamber Choir

Sine Nomine chamber choir was formed in 2015 by a group of experienced and enthusiastic singers, who wanted to stretch themselves in both their music choices and by singing in a small group.

At the heart of the group is a love of singing. We meet to sing and to enjoy singing.

The musical style of the group has its roots in classical music but we sing many different styles, composers from the 16th to 21st centuries, and like to keep our music quite varied. Much of what we sing is 'a cappella' –unaccompanied.

All our members can read music and sight-sing to an extent and these are our criteria for anyone wishing to join the group. We also strive to keep a balance between the different voice parts, including the male/female voice-strengths balance, and look for singers whose voices will blend.

We sing in four parts: Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass but at times each of these parts also divide into 2 to give a total of 8 parts. Since our inception we have had 2 musical directors: firstly, Jane Roberts led the group and then she handed over to Anthony Stidolph when she left the island.

We currently have a vacancy for a musical director and until we find one, the rehearsals are directed by various choir members. Recently we invited a young music student, training as a conductor, to take a rehearsal, which proved to be a valuable experience for all.

We have given several concerts in the last few years. The first, led by Jane Roberts, in June 2016 in the Palia Ilektri was a varied programme presented to an audience of approximately 120 people.

The second, now directed by Anthony Stidolph, was part of the Choirs Festival that took place at Stage One in May 2017. The third was given as part of the Winter Music Festival at Technopolis in November 2017, raising money for the Paphos Kidney Association. This festival was organised by Andrew Oliver and we sang a programme entitled 'Madrigals and More', sharing the concert with 'Tete a Tete'.

One infamous law breaker Butch Cassidy (April 13th - 1866) and one infamous law enforcer Elliot Ness (April 19th - 1903)

Two inventors in the field of radio and communications Samuel Morse (April 27th - 1791) and Guglielmo Marconi (April 24th - 1874).

Two newspaper publishers Joseph Pulitzer (April 10th - 1847) and William Randolph Hearst (April 29th - 1863)

Of the above, Shakespeare and Raphael had the distinction of dying on the same day of the year as they were born.



Due	29th April
Arabic Name	Khamseen
English Name	Sand Wind
Direction	East
Duration	2 Days

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Sine Nomine at Technopolis, November 2017

As ever in Cyprus, people come and go and, due to the relocation of several members, we are now looking for 1st (top) Sopranos and Tenors to join the group.

For further information about Sine Nomine, please contact: Joy Parsons on 99121928 or email sinenomine@primehome.com

We are grateful to the Kamares Club and to the Leptos Group for allowing us use of their activities room and to the Orphean Singers for allowing us to use their piano in rehearsals. Sine Nomine rehearse on Tuesday mornings 1000 -1230 at the Kamares Club.