

# KAMARES VILLAGE MATTERS

## Kamares Village Houseowners' Association Newsletter

### KVHA Social Events



### Diary Dates



Saturday, September 29th with Easy Duo, featuring a Freddie Mercury Tribute

Wednesday, December 12th Christmas Party with DJ Magical Marcos

## Committee News

by Val Potter, KVHA Secretary

### Stop Crime

I will start by giving you a brief summary of the 'Stop Crime' meeting held on Saturday 30th June 2018, 6pm at the amphitheatre by the castle in Paphos. Myself, Alan Reid from the committee (NWS Rep.) and some of the KVHA Members attended, also representatives from Pegia along with about forty people of different nationalities, holding banners declaring against crime and drugs. There was a small police presence at the start and allegedly the Press. I did notice at the end a supporter giving a taped interview. The meeting lasted for 40 minutes or so with most people signing the petition.

There were some problems with the electronic signing and thank you for informing me, I passed on this information to the organiser Irina Yakimovich, and I am happy to say it was duly rectified. Please let me know if you have any more problems – we need as many signatures as possible and you will be updated as soon as Irina has some more information.

### Break-ins

Again there have been break-ins and burglaries, windows are still being left open, patio doors are being forced, it appears that sadly, 'where there is a will, there is a way'. The committee have put on their 'thinking caps' and have agreed to correlate the information passed on to them over the years, to see if there are patterns emerging with common denominators. Alan Reid our Neighbourhood Watch Scheme representative has volunteered to put this together with the help of other committee members. We will be sending out more information on this as we progress.

Should you be one of those who are targeted please let Cathi Delaney and myself know, with as much information as



### 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

possible of the actual break-in, obviously there will be some information which the Police will prefer to keep to themselves.

### Unfinished Building

Despite many emails sent to the District office asking for a date and time for the proposed on site meeting with Paphos District Officer Mary Lambrou, Paphos Chief Engineer, representatives from Tala Council, KVHA and Leptos Management, there is still no firm date.

Unfortunately this is the responsibility of the District office who promised it would be repaired – still waiting.

### Dogs On Leads

There has been an incident of a dog running away from its 'dog walker' and entering a garden where the owner had just fed her cats. She saw the dog drop her kitten and run off - the kitten subsequently died. Please keep your dogs on their leads if you are unable to control them, this was very upsetting, however it could have been much more serious.

### Response to the Memorandum of Association notice

Thank you all for sending me your emails of thanks and appreciation of the work done by the committee to enable our application to be submitted to the Government departments.

I personally, on behalf of the committee would like to thank the twenty Founder members for their time and patience in meeting me on numerous occasions to sign just one more form from the Lawyer!

We now have to wait for the approval and return of our Memorandum.

### Unsung Heroes

On the evening of the 'Round the Pool Party' which unfortunately had to be held inside, whilst we were getting our food, a Russian lady appeared at the top of the steps, obviously in distress, bleeding profusely and asking for help. Maggie Wright was quick to respond and shouting for Marinós they both rushed to her assistance. Upon taking her to the Kamares Clinic and phoning the nurse on duty they were advised to call an ambulance. She was then taken to the Iasis hospital for

*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	Orphean Singers Tai Chi
Fri	Afternoon	Quilting Group

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

treatment of a badly cut arm. Hopefully she is now fully recovered.

There was blood in the reception area, on the pavement and the road, apparently she had slipped in her villa and fallen onto a glass table.

Well done Maggie and Marinos, I know Maggie was ready for a drink when she returned!

*Drones*

Thank you to all those people who have been reporting the annoying buzzing Drones which have been flying over Kamares and Zelemenos. I have promptly contacted Panayiotis Kezoudi for his attention. It appears that visitors are bringing their toys with them, not appreciating they are not allowed to fly them over private property and in some cases using cameras!

On a personal note I will be handing over as Secretary to committee members Beryl Mack and Alan Totten for the next few weeks whilst I undergo further treatment. I have been getting increasingly more and more tired and have been diagnosed as being very anaemic. Hopefully a couple of weeks of intensive treatment will sort me out.

Enjoy the weather and thank you all for your support.

## Fly me to the moon pool party

Unfortunately, the party around the pool on Friday, June 22nd had to be moved inside due to the inclement weather during the previous week; however, it was a great evening with over 90 attending.

*Kamares Cat*



*Bereavement In Cyprus*

The British High Commission has recently updated its information and advice on the steps to be taken after a British person dies in Cyprus. Click on the link to be taken to the document.

[Cyprus Bereavement Information](#)

Christina Simone, who lives in Durham and been voted North East Female Vocalist of the Year entertained with relaxing and dancing music including a brilliant duet with Andrea Bocelli.

## Unintended Consequences

We are all encouraged to recycle our tins and we even have a kerbside collection service to assist in this endeavour. Most people used to rinse out a tin before putting it in the trash but now we are required to wash each tin.

Not too much trouble but have you noticed that cleaning as opposed to rinsing increases the water that you use by two to three times just as we are being encouraged not to waste precious water.

Unintended consequences?

We have to put all our recyclables that we want collected outside our house in a plastic bag. Now some people, being environmentally sympathetic, use the supermarket bags in which they brought home their weekly shop.

This is great because the single use bag given free by the supermarket now becomes a dual use bag containing the recyclables which we put out for collection.

With the supermarkets now charging for these bags and the government encouraging us to use bags over and over we have a problem. To comply with the recycling collections, we have to purchase a single use plastic bag because we can't recycle the supermarket free bags as we haven't got any. The result –

## 11th July 2011

It was 04:30 in Cyprus and a fire started at the Evanglos Florakis Navy Base near Zygi. One hour and 20 minutes later an explosion rocked the area and six naval and six firefighting personnel were dead. A seventh member of the navy subsequently died of his injuries. In the area several houses were destroyed and over 200 damaged. In addition to the dead, 62 people were injured and about 150 people displaced from their houses. The largest power station on the island, Vasilikos Power Station, was 150 yards from the explosion and was badly damaged causing a complete failure of the Cyprus electricity grid. It has been estimated that the explosion was between two and three kilotons ranking it as one of the largest non-nuclear, non-natural explosion in history.



Photograph by Eli Shany of the crater formed by the explosion

In 2009 a Russian owned ship, the *Monchegorsk* travelling between Iran and Syria, was intercepted by the United States Navy who found it to be carrying munitions and, as it was a Cypriot registered vessel, it was escorted to Cyprus. The Cyprus Navy became responsible for the now confiscated explosives, contained in 98 containers, which were taken to the Evanglos Florakis Navy Base where they were, according to reports, stored in the open for two and a half years. The contents of the containers were subjected to the full effects of the Cyprus climate causing their contents to become unstable and this led to the initial fire on the morning of the 11<sup>th</sup> July 2011. The Cyprus fire service were at the site fighting the initial fire when the explosion occurred. The commander of the naval base and the head of the Cyprus navy were among those killed.

bigger single use bags in circulation and extra income to the government in VAT.

Unintended consequences? Yes and no!

### Recycling

You may have noticed over recent weeks that the recycling area at The Kamares Club is being used to dispose of general refuse and, as a consequence, the area is looking most unsightly.



We have been advised that if this situation continues the recycling bins will be removed in an effort to eliminate the dumping of non recycling rubbish.

The overwhelming number of our members respect the environment and only use the recycling containers for their intended purpose but if the bins are full please do not leave your recycling beside the bins, take it home and try again on another occasion. Please use the recycling containers for the purpose for which they were intended and, under no circumstances, leave anything in the area that is general rubbish.

If you have rubbish which is in

Offers were made by Germany, the United Kingdom and the United States to assist Cyprus in the removal and disposal of the containers but these offers were declined by the Cypriot government. It was said that the Cypriot President was trying to avoid upsetting Damascus and Tehran by not destroying the munitions. Following the explosion, the Defence Minister and the National Guard Commander-in-Chief both resigned, as did the Foreign Minister a week later, an official independent inquiry was launched and a criminal investigation by the police was commenced. The inquiry said that the President had a "serious, and very heavy personal responsibility" for the blast. The President denied any personal responsibility.



Photograph by employees of IDE Technologies Ltd. showing Vasilikos Power Station

Vasilikos Power Station was responsible for generating almost 50% of the power consumed in Cyprus and its loss was significant as was the cost of repair, estimated to be €2 million. The Electricity Authority conserved electricity by cutting power on a scheduled basis, usually two or three hours at a time, to various parts of the island. The cuts were designed not to affect hospitals, airports and tourist and industrial areas. Generators were brought in from Greece and Israel to replace some of the lost generating capacity and a private deal was made to import electricity from Northern Cyprus.

Among the dead were two 18 year old sailors, twin brothers. Their parents were awarded €600,000 for their loss and the court was reported to have said, "It is a big price for a family to lose two children in one day. Such a thing should not be allowed to happen. The plaintiffs have suffered the greatest loss out of all the families affected by the tragedy."

need of disposal please contact Kioli or Tala Councils.

There is a weekly collection of recycling materials one bag separated into plastics and cans in a clear plastic bag, and another with paper and cardboard in a brown plastic bag or cardboard box, from the doors of those who pay their rates to Tala Council. Please leave the bags outside alongside the road but not in the binhouse.

The collection is every Monday morning after 7.30am.

Please note that Zelemenos can use the bins at the Kamares Club - please squash the cardboard boxes flat and do not leave any other material by the bins.

For any glass please use the bell shaped bins at the Club.

Normal bin collection is every Wednesday and Saturday for Tala and Tuesdays and Fridays for Zelemenos.

If you have friends staying or rent out your villa, please give them this information.

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## You've Got To See The Funny Side

Governments the world over are concerned about so called Global Warming. The blame for the phenomenon, we are told, is down to the increase in carbon dioxide or CO2 in the atmosphere. So, what do we learn over the recent weeks? There are factories in Europe who manufacture CO2 and, as they are closing for maintenance there has become a shortage of CO2. This particular gas is used in fizzy drinks but also in the food processing industry. Most things you open these days have been packed in a CO2 atmosphere which helps to slow the food from aging too quickly.

Now while the politicians give us all a hard time about the number of car journeys we make or the flights we take there is a whole industry dedicated to making the gas we are all being told to avoid generating. Every time you open a packet of crisps or order a pint of beer, remember, you are responsible for letting CO2 escape into the atmosphere. You've got to see the funny side!