

Kamares Village Matters

Kamares Village Houseowners' Association Newsletter

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Committee News by Val Potter, KVHA Secretary

On Saturday 6th April the main road in and out of Kamares was closed. This was the culmination of many years of emails, phone calls and meetings regarding the 'Slipping Building'. The deterioration of the building had reached the point where large lumps of concrete were coming down onto the road and the Paphos District Engineer made the decision that it was too dangerous to remain open.

Saturday morning saw chaos, as the Kamares diversion signs had not been able to be put in place in time and the alternative routes, which we all knew would not be ideal, took the brunt of the influx of vehicles trying to get in and out of Kamares.

There were visitors, who had of course no way of knowing of the alternative routes which had been sent to the KVHA members, and they were getting hopelessly lost. It did not help that one of the 'escape' roads into Tala was blocked by a huge crane, causing a long traffic jam, as there was nowhere to try to turn to go a different way. Since then may I thank all of you who sent in maps for the alternative routes?

There have been reports of a lorry side swiping a parked car in Tala, where the cars double park... and on the very steep bank heading up to Kamares - Kampou Mesomerenas Street – a lorry had shed its load of steel, wire etc – all down to gravity and maybe inexperience.

Things are improving thanks to the work of Tala council who are cutting back the overgrown hedgerows, there are now signs to Kamares and the road has been repaired near to the small parking area in Tala and in the square.

There have been other things happening which have caused an influx of emails.

The removal of the recycling from the club which has caused a big problem for the residents of Zelemenos, was on the Agenda for our meeting with the Mukhtar and Secretary of Koili, also attended by Panayiotis Kezoudi, Leptos and from the committee John Merritt Chairman. Minni Macfarlane Social Sec. and Val Potter Secretary.

We asked if the council would consider hiring a recycling company e.g. 'Green Dot', the reply was 'that they are very expensive and make a great deal of money from the recycling which people collect. The answer was No.'

The good news from Koili council is that once the weather improves, they are proposing to trim back any trees/bushes which are protruding into the road, also any which have grown into the telegraph pole lines. They are hoping to have this done for Easter.

Panayiotis asked for the large potholes in Kamares Avenue to be filled in. This was a priority.

Koili council are going to clear the road of rubbish, from the cemetery down into Koili.

It has been reported that a green glass recycle bin, which is now in Korallion Street, is being surrounded by dumped rubbish bags. Please do not be tempted to do the same. We sent out information on where to take your rubbish, or who you should contact if you were willing to pay for larger amounts to be removed. We do not want to lose yet another recycling bin.

The committee are dealing with many ongoing issues and in most are making progress. There are others which we are looking into, which we will be sending out ASAP.

Thank you. Val Potter. KVHA Secretary



PAWS Dog Shelter

124 people attended an evening of nostalgia at the Kamares Club on Saturday, March 30th to raise funds for Paws shelter at Acheleia.

The evening had a 1960/1970 disco feel and although dress 'optional' many people had gone to a lot of trouble and arrived dressed in the era, and one lucky couple won the prize of 'tea for two' at a top Hotel in Paphos.

There was also a Silent Auction with quality items to bid for. Meals at hotel restaurants, paintings, jewelry plus a holiday in France, were among the many items that were bid for. Many lovely raffle prizes were won too, having been donated by so many of our supporters.

The Paws shelter manager gave a brief update on the number of dogs at the shelter, plus the annual running costs etc. A big thank you was given to all those that had donated items and supported the evening.

The total amount raised was 2,216 euro, which made the evening a fantastic success with all proceeds going directly to the shelter.

Interesting newspaper cuttings from the 1960/70's were placed on the tables which created a good atmosphere, and started up some interesting conversations which took one back in time.

The Kamares Club provided an excellent three course buffet, and the disco music had everyone on the dance floor.

The evening was a great opportunity not only to have a really good time, but to raise awareness of all the hard work that goes on behind the scenes to keep the Paws shelter up and running.



Cyprus Income & Defence Contribution Taxes

Following the introduction of the exclusively online submission of Cyprus Tax Returns in 2018, your Committee published the Advisory Note 'Cyprus Income & Defence Contribution Taxes' on 27th September 2018.

With a view to producing a second edition of the Advisory Note which would incorporate any new information and correct any errors and omissions, we would welcome members feedback via a very brief survey as follows.

Question 1. What changes in format or content would you like to see in a second edition?

Question 2. On what date did you submit your 2017 Tax Return?

Question 3. At which of the following stages listed under 'Status' on the Taxisnet 'View Submitted Income Tax Returns' page has your Return reached?

- a. Temporarily Stored
- b. Submitted
- c. Under process
- d. Accepted
- e. Rejected
- f. Assessment applied
- g. Refused

Thank you to John Clifton for providing this Questionnaire. Please email your replies to kvhasecretary@gmail.com and c.c. jwclifton@cytanet.com.cy

Shoemaker's Museum

The museum of shoemaker Christos Chrysanthou is located in the mountainous village of Spilia and was founded in 2007 by his son, Andreas in honour of his father Christos, who lived to the ripe old age of 101, and was a shoemaker by trade, among other talents.

Exhibits include the shoemaker's bench, built in 1920, with all his tools for shoemaking, along with a Singer sewing machine and a ledger which dates back to 1933. Hanging on the wall are various children's, men's and women's shoe moulds, leather and footwear; also shoe trees for men's boots.

The museum is built in the basement of the family home, Antigone's House (which can be rented) and which is the first listed residence in Spilia and has been declared a national treasure.



Displayed on a traditional wooden shelf called 'souvantza', are some of the tools of the farmer Christos. What is of particular interest is his pruning hook which has his name engraved on.

Apparently Christos was still dancing at the age of 95!

Emergency Medical Centre

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.

Emergency Number 99329434

Reception Number 26653328



Kamares Club Weekly Activities

| Day | Morning | Afternoon | Evening |
|-----------|---------------------------|----------------|----------------------|
| Monday | Yoga & Bridge Club | | |
| Tuesday | Sine Nomine Choir | | Quiz |
| Wednesday | Tai Chi & Art Group | Book Exchange | Monthly Wine Tasting |
| Thursday | Bridge Club | | |
| Friday | Orphean Singers & Tai Chi | Quilting Group | |

Useful Telephone Numbers

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| 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 |



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