



# KAMARES VILLAGE MATTERS

## Kamares Village Houseowners' Association Newsletter

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### The Vice President's Piece By Val Potter

*Hello everyone - yet another month has passed by and hopefully we are all well and staying safe. I think the easing of some of the regulations will help those who by necessity are isolating on their own. As one friend told me, just the fact that she knows she can now go out three times a day, has made a big improvement to her circumstances, at least she sees other*

*people.*

*I know most of us are using FaceTime to keep contact with family and friends, as I have a very large family I seem to spend most of my time on the phone, which is great – or eating chocolate and cakes – which isn't so great!*

*A friend contacted me and asked how we were doing with regard to being reimbursed for our cruise which we should have been on this March. I replied that as of now we had not received any cash back at all, he confirmed that he and his partner were in the same position, this was a different cruise to ours but roughly the same time. We had tried to re book for next year; imagine my amazement when we were told that ALL their cruises for next year were fully booked!*

*As you have probably gathered, there is very little KVHA news at the moment. Alan Totten is keeping us all informed of any important issues – thank you Alan. However, our President John Keenan has sent an update, and I am also including a very important message from Councillor Cathi Delaney.*

*Stay safe and well. Valerie Potter, KVHA Vice President*

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### **An Update from KVHA President John Keenan**

Welcome all to this month's edition of the KVM. Your President, (that's me), is presently firmly ensconced in deepest Somerset under lock down. My heart, (some have raised genuine doubts as to its existence in the past!), is still 'banging away', despite my operation being cancelled due to the Covid thing (that's why I am stuck here). Mind you, I am convinced that the daily flushing with Somerset Cider is working wonders!

We are all kept 'up to speed', with regard to the present situation in Cyprus by our extremely erstwhile Secretary. He deserves our fullest appreciation, for his most dedicated application during this period of enormous pandemic induced 'inconvenience'! I believe he drinks a good quality glass of red wine - for when you next see him!!

It would seem that the process of confinement is at long last being relaxed in Cyprus. I am certain that will cause some enormous relief to all, if only simply to walk on the beach or in a bit of country side. Towards the end of the month the restaurants are opening up - perhaps a party in the Club immediately after opening? Just to get the staff back on line, and yourselves of course! Perhaps also our Treasurer would be pleased to give a consideration!!

On a more serious note, I have been looking at the aviation scene - that affects us all. The questions are numerous. Will we require medical certificates to exit or enter countries? Will self-isolation be a requirement? Passenger separation on aircraft? One thing is for sure, things will not be the same again. I am certain that the cost of flying will go up. Are the days of 'speedy boarding' over? Will we revert to the old days of international travel, with a meal with wine provided? Who knows. Personally I cannot wait to climb down the steps at Paphos again - irrespective!

Lots of humour and friendly greetings around here whilst walking. The other day I was sitting on a bench in a small park with trees outside the entrance to our local Tesco's, about a ten minute walk from the cottage. My wife was shopping, and my job was simply that of the duty Mule, (or ass, depending on your opinion!!). Several people occupied the other benches as it was a pleasant sunny day. None wearing masks etc.

Around the corner this chap appeared in shorts and flip flops, we all burst out laughing. He was wearing a Water Polo skull cap, a pair of swimming goggles, face mask and plastic gloves up to his armpits. He walked up to the table at the entrance to the store that held the 'sanitiser' sprays. All, including the staff and those in the queue were watching him. He then proceeded to spray his skull cap, face, swimming goggles, face mask and the gloves up to his armpits. Once completed, he sprayed his shopping bags, and then placed the spray back onto the table. I am afraid I could not resist it, "excuse me Sir", I called in my poshest voice. He looked over, "you forgot your legs, the hairs will hold Covid droplets". He gave a startled jump, and, I kid you not, he gave a little squeal as he grabbed the spray - and frantically sprayed his bare legs and flip flops. Everybody, but everybody was howling with laughter!

We do have one or two odd bods around, who have generated stories of a similar ilk. All for the bar when I return. Perhaps there are a few stories to be shared from Cyprus?

Well look after yourselves and don't forget to help each other. The light at the end of the tunnel is starting to show.

Cheers.  
John K.

Important information as submitted by Councillor Cathi Delaney.

## **UK EXPAT LIVING IN CYPRUS PERMANENTLY? YOU NEED TO FORMALISE YOUR RESIDENCY**

At the current time, from 1 January 2021, UK expats will cease to be European citizens and will become third country nationals. From 1 January 2021, it is expected that the residency process in Cyprus will become more stringent. **Further, the Cyprus Government will now only recognise MEU1 and MEU3 for residency purposes - any older forms or stamps of 'permanent residency' are no longer valid.**

Due to the loss of European citizenship, without the necessary paperwork, you will only be able to stay in Cyprus for up to 90 days and will not then be able to return for another 90 days. Without the official paperwork, you are also leaving yourself open to a large fine, and are unlikely to be able to join GESY, the Cyprus National Health Scheme. You will already have seen that when the airports in Cyprus closed, the Government made it clear that they would repatriate Cypriots and those with permanent residency - this has meant that many expats are stranded in the UK and cannot return until flights resume as they do not have any paperwork confirming their residency and thus do not qualify for repatriation.

It is therefore essential that you formalise your stay in Cyprus without further delay and obtain your MEU1 [if you have not lived in Cyprus for 5 years] or your MEU3 [if you have lived here for more than 5 years]. If you have been here for more than 5 years and have supporting documentation, please tell Immigration that you wish to go straight for your MEU3.

Government departments started returning to 'normal' the week commencing 4 May. Once lockdown is lifted [estimated to be 21 May], as a first step you should go down to the Immigration Department with your passport[s] to make an appointment. Immigration will give you a slip of paper confirming the documentation you will need to take with you to that appointment. Expect to have to wait 3 or 4 months for the appointment - although you may be lucky and a cancellation slot could be available.

If you are elderly or disabled, daunted by the process, help is available via CRPG, a free service. They will discuss your application with you, talk you through the documentation you need to be assembling and are currently compiling a list of those to help so that they can be ready to start the process with you once lockdown is lifted.

For more information please visit [cyprus-crpg.org](http://cyprus-crpg.org) and you can also please follow them on Twitter and Facebook – and if there is anyone out there who is willing to help them locate people who are deemed at risk, please contact CRPG so that they can contact them. The service is free. Alternatively you can phone CRPG on 800 09009, or 99826087, Monday to Friday 10am to 1pm, or email:- [contactus@cyprus-crpg.org](mailto:contactus@cyprus-crpg.org)

## Necessary documentation

MEU1- Registration Certificate: (after 90 days) will need a completed application form, passport, proof of residence, letter from employer or self employed certificate of registration, three months social insurance certificate, for retired or unemployed, a P60, pension, or bank statements showing sufficient resources, and S1 or personal health insurance, current bank statement, two passport photographs, and €20 cash.

MEU3 – Permanent Residence - (after five years) will need an MEU1, passport, Cyprus IDs, if any, marriage or death certificate, title deed of house or rental contacts, electricity bills for five years, five years of bank statements, social insurance payments for five years (if applicable), and two photographs and €20 cash.

If you are not married and living with a partner and have no utility bills with your name, you are required to have a letter signed by you and your partner stating that you live at that address and date you lived there from e.g.

**TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN  
CIVIL REGISTRY AND MIGRATION DEPARTMENT  
CHILONOS STREET  
NICOSIA 1457**

**NAME (of partner):** \_\_\_\_\_

**I, (your name), holder of Passport No. .... hereby state that I provide accommodation at (your address) for my partner, (partner's name), holder of Passport No. .... and have done so since (month and year).**

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## BURGLARIES

**BURGLARIES - For immediate attention from the police, the number is 112.**

**To report a burglary, attempted burglary or any suspicious activity, the number is 26806060.**

**Please do not keep any valuables or any documentation in your car, as with people now staying at home more, the car could be a target.**

**May we also request that if you are burgled or an attempt is made to access your property, and after reporting it to the police, please let the KVHA know on the usual email [kvhasecretary@gmail.com](mailto:kvhasecretary@gmail.com) and also to Panayotis Kazoudi at the Club on 99493436.**

## A PLEA FOR HELP FROM PAWS DOG SHELTER



PAWS dog shelter (CAPCA) has never asked for help, we have always raised funds to support our dogs at the shelter by holding fundraising events and through our Charity Shop, both of which have been extremely successful over the many years of operating.

Unfortunately as we are all aware, these last few weeks have been unprecedented times, never seen before by the majority of us in our lifetimes. We continue to function with a reduction of volunteers caring for over 140 dogs and puppies, but with no funds coming in we are in need of some basic items. Puppy food, biscuits, pasta, bleach and strong dustbin liners are all running low at the Shelter. If anybody would like to donate some of these items we would be so grateful.

We can arrange a place of pickup or drop off (social distancing considered!) - we have two volunteers in the area Cathi 99298522 for the Tala area, or Sue on 99320631 for the Kamares area that you may contact to arrange a pickup.

George at "My Pets" Chloraka is also a drop off point for PAWS donations and is happy to take items on behalf of PAWS.

I am sure that many of you on your restricted outings have noticed "Hattie" the female hound near the Vrasidas Tavern and some of you may have stopped to give food or water. Hattie, as named by one of our volunteers has eluded capture for many, many months (years) by our very patient volunteers, she is a very clever girl, but sadly needs to be caught before she falls pregnant again. We will continue to try and achieve this so she can join her male friend and I'm sure you remember the male hound that used to accompany her around the village, this dog is now at PAWS and is doing extremely well and has adjusted to life in the Shelter, enjoying his fuss and attention. You may not have been aware but this dog is totally blind and relied on Hattie to keep him safe....what an incredible little lady she is! We will keep you updated if we are successful in her capture.

We thank you for taking the time to read this and trust you all remain safe and well.

For further information on the work of PAWS, please check out our Facebook page - PAWS Dog Shelter, Paphos, Cyprus. We are currently in the process of updated our Webpage.

### **DOG WALKERS PLEASE READ**

**When walking your dog(s) along the road, please keep on a lead as it is unfair to other walkers and people driving their cars.**

*Poem by Pam Ayres*

I'm normally a social girl  
I love to meet my mates  
But lately with the virus here  
We can't go out the gates

You see, we are the 'oldies' now  
We need to stay inside  
If they haven't seen us for a while  
They'll think we've upped and died

They'll never know the things we did  
Before we got this old  
There wasn't any Facebook  
So not everything was told

We may seem sweet old ladies  
Who would never be uncouth  
But we grew up in the 60s -  
If you only knew the truth!

There was sex and drugs and rock 'n roll  
The pill and miniskirts  
We smoked, we drank, we partied  
And were quite outrageous flirts

Then we settled down, got married  
And turned into someone's mum,  
Somebody's wife, then nana,  
Who on earth did we become?

We didn't mind the change of pace  
Because our lives were full  
But to bury us before we're dead  
Is like a red rag to a bull!

So here you find me stuck inside  
For 4 weeks, maybe more  
I finally found myself again  
Then I had to close the door!

It didn't really bother me  
I'd while away the hour  
I'd bake for all the family  
But I've got no flaming flour!

Now Netflix is just wonderful  
I like a gutsy thriller  
I'm swooning over Idris  
Or some random sexy killer

At least I've got a stash of booze  
For when I'm being idle  
There's wine and whiskey, even gin  
If I'm feeling suicidal!

So let's all drink to lockdown  
To recovery and health  
And hope this awful virus  
Doesn't decimate our wealth

We'll all get through the crisis  
And be back to join our mates  
Just hoping I'm not far too wide  
To fit through the flaming gates!!!

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### BEE EATERS

*The bee eaters have been flying and wheeling above our heads recently with their distinctive high pitched melodious calls in search of any flying insects. They are a medium sized, strikingly brightly coloured bird with a blue breast, yellow throat and rich red/brown upperparts; they sit on telephone wires or bare branches. Their flight is similar to a swallow with long and pointed wings.*





Photos courtesy of Dave Walker, VP Birdlife Cyprus



Photo courtesy of Maggie Wright

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*KAMARES CLUB TENNIS COURTS*

*Tennis courts will remain closed until further notice*



## ***WATERMILL IN KILI***

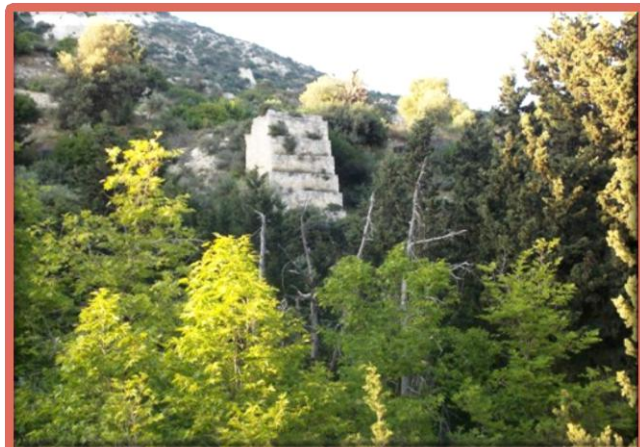
**If you have driven to the Adonis Baths, have you spotted the watermill in the distance? Photos taken during our “lockdown” walk !**



**Ruins of watermill from the road – road behind is up to Adonis Baths**



**Top of the watermill**



**Looking up**

***DEMOLITION OF THE SLIPPING BUILDING HAS RECOMMENCED***



In case you forgot what it used to look like !!!



Photo taken on May 11th

## Off the Beaten Track – ASPROGIA

Asprogia is a village in the Paphos district situated in the southwest Troodos mountain range; it is only 30 kms away from the centre of Paphos and 17kms away from Kykkos Monastery. On the main road, before turning up into the village, there is also a mosque.

<https://www.google.com/maps/place/Asprogia/@34.9223756,32.6118848,16z/data=!3m1!4b1!4m5!3m4!1s0x14e76cb2659d5181:0xf08f8fc3099f9d71!8m2!3d34.9227386!4d32.6171475>

It is a small village and manages to retain its traditional character. The dam of Asprogia-Kannaviou is maybe the prettiest in Cyprus and looks like a natural lake.

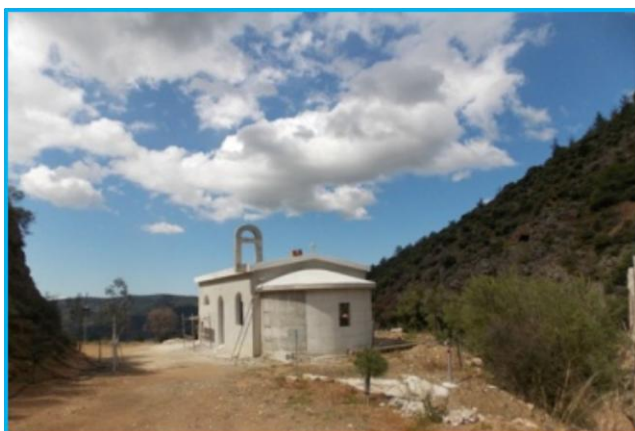
The main church of the village is dedicated to Saint Epiphanius and dates back to the 18th century. In Asprogia you can also find the cave of Saint Agios Sozontos, a local saint, who according to the legend did many miracles and was killed in this cave during the time that Christians were persecuted for their religious beliefs. To find this, walk down behind the mosque. A new church is also being built there.



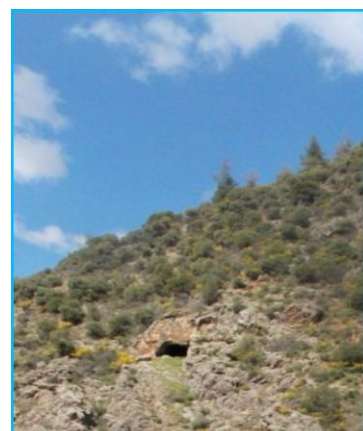
**Mosque**



**Saint Epiphanius church**



**Saint Agios Sozontos new church**



**Cave**



**Beautiful views from the edge of the village**

For more photos/information and short video on Asprogia and other villages, click on Kamares resident, Graham Clark's website:- <https://cypriot-villages.uk/asprogia-village/>

## ***STRAWBERRIES***

**Did you know.....** Strawberries are the only fruit that wear their seeds on the outside - no wonder it only takes one bite to get seeds stuck in your teeth. Strawberries aren't true berries, like blueberries or even grapes. Technically, a berry has its seeds on the inside.

The rose family is arguably one of the six most economically important crop plant families, and includes apples, pears, quinces, medlars, loquats, almonds, peaches, apricots, plums, cherries, strawberries, blackberries, raspberries, sloes, and roses among the crop plants belonging to the family.

Why are strawberries part of the rose family?

Because both strawberries and apples have the same flower structure. Flowers of plants in the rose family are actinomorphic (symmetrical) and almost always hermaphroditic. The bases of the sepals, petals, and stamens are fused together and form a characteristic cup-like structure called a hypanthium.





## Emergency Medical Centre

Due to the corona virus and all the restrictions in place, the clinic is temporarily closed until further notice. However, any patients in the Gesy system who are registered with Dr. Pradeep can still contact him for advice or to renew prescriptions on:-

Mobile: 97818287 email: pmrcy12@gmail.com

**In an emergency, the Emergency Number is still available 99329434**

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## Useful Telephone Numbers



<b>Emergency Number for Ambulance, Fire or Police</b>	<b>112 or 199</b>
<b>Police and Fire Services - Duty Officer</b>	<b>1499</b>
<b>Police – burglary, attempted burglary, suspicious activity/reporting parking violation</b>	<b>26806060</b>
<b>Medical Assistance - Hospital Information</b>	<b>1400</b>
<b>Kamares Club Reception</b>	<b>26880576</b>
<b>Larnaca and Paphos International Airports – flight info</b>	<b>77778833</b>
<b>Street Light Fault Reporting (EAC)</b>	<b>1800 –press 3 the 5 for Paphos - give pole number and street name required press 3</b>

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