



# KAMARES VILLAGE MATTERS

## Kamares Village Houseowners' Association Newsletter

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

*At last there is light at the end of the tunnel and how rewarding to have our first face to face KVHA meeting since March 3<sup>rd</sup> 2020.*

*Six of the Board were able to attend and apologies were sent by our President, John Keenan. Social distancing was adhered to and the odd face mask was used. There were three months of catching up on issues which by necessity had been carried over,*

*and discussions on more current matters. The meeting lasted for two and a half hours and I would like to thank the members of the Board for a lively and productive meeting.*

The following is an update:

1. **Grate on Kampou Mesomerenas Street** This has now been repaired.
2. **Glass Re-cycling bin on Mary Leptos Street** I have been reporting to Cathi Delaney when this bin is full and she liaises with Green Dot. As soon as they are able they have emptied it and cleared the surrounding area. This is a very popular dropping off point!
3. **Griva Digenis - large pothole** This is the road from Marios which joins the main road into Stephanie (this prior to the diversion), there was a very bad pothole near to the green re-cycling bin and bus stop, which had been the cause of many vehicles 'bottoming out'. I am very happy to confirm that this has been repaired.
4. **Kyklaminou Street** Tala c.c. are aware of the problem with the road sign – it is only propped up at the entrance to the street. The council had cleared the drain on this street, unfortunately more rubbish has been dumped causing a potential blockage. It is on the Tala agenda.
5. **Boules Club** We were asked to contact Tala c.c. to gain information on the re-opening of the popular Boules club, unfortunately 'Tala has no control over planning or licensing and cannot influence decisions made in Paphos'.
6. **Dumping garden waste** – see below
7. **Dog owners** – see below
8. **Keeping chickens** At the request of a member we have been seeking information on the legalities of keeping chickens in gardens in Kamares. Unfortunately the chickens tend to wander into other gardens and can attract vermin. Now Government offices are re-opening, we will be able to pursue this issue.
9. **Current issues** We had received information from Paris Gabriel regarding the re-opening of the Kamares Medical centre. This information was sent out to the members, we have now had it confirmed by Maureen Pollard that the Centre will re-open on **Monday June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2020**. Our KVHA members have been notified.

*Our Lawyer has been in contact regarding our application to become an Association under the new law - there is some progress!*

*The Police were informed when six youths were seen breaking into the Khans, they did not respond in person, however all the information given was logged.*

*It was brought to the attention of the Board, that the doors of refuse cupboards which are left closed, are not checked for rubbish. An assumption is made that the villas are empty, resulting in bags of refuse being left for weeks - we will contact Tala c.c.*

*Thanks go to Councillor Cathi Delaney and Tala c.c. for working closely with the KVHA, and to those of our members who are so proactive in informing us of any problems in our community.*

*Last but not least, we must say farewell to Clive and Diane Turner, who after seventeen years in Cyprus are returning to England. We send them our very best wishes and heartfelt thanks for their commitment to the KVHA and to Clive for his weekly column and his battle to get approval from the Government for the building of a crematorium here in Cyprus. You will both be missed.*

*Stay safe and well. Val Potter*

## **BOARD MEMBERS REQUIRED**



**We are seeking more people as Board Members. If you would like to join the Board, please contact Alan Totten, [kvhasecretary@gmail.com](mailto:kvhasecretary@gmail.com)**

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## **KAMARES CLUB**

**The club is open for breakfast, lunch and refreshments from 8:30a.m. until 4.30p.m. Monday to Saturday. Friday lunch specials have re-commenced - to reserve a table, call Reception 26880576, and give your menu choice.**

**The club is still closed on Sundays. Come along and support your Club.**

## INFORMATION ON FIRES



You should avoid:

- any activities that may cause a fire, ie discarding a cigarette end
- using tools or machinery that generates heat, sparks or flames
- burning of scrub, garden waste or other waste materials

At picnic spots, fires can only be lit in designated areas

*No garden fire for cooking should be lit unless it is 'contained within a unit', such as a BBQ to ensure that fire cannot spread.*

You should have the ability to put out a fire which is becoming out of control.

**Fires kill people and destroy property. Don't start something you can't stop.**

Residents who see a fire in Kamares should, in the first instance, call the Kamares Club Reception on 26880576 to report the fire. Then the fire must be reported to the emergency number of **199 or 112**. Obviously, on Sundays (currently) and after 5:00p.m. when the Reception isn't operational, the first call should be to the emergency services on **199 or 112**.

The Leptos team have access to a small bowser which enables them to tackle small outbreaks of fire ahead of the arrival of the Paphos Fire Service.

Fires are likely to be a serious problem this summer and so please be very careful and if you spot smoke please report it because, as we know, the sooner a fire is tackled the less damage it will do.

**CYPRUS EMERGENCY NUMBER 199 OR 112**

**POLICE AND FIRE SERVICES – DUTY OFFICER 1499**

**KAMARES CLUB RECEPTION 26880576**

## DOG OWNERS



**Please be responsible for clearing up after your dogs and please do not leave “unwelcome” bags in the rubbish cupboards of the villas you are walking past!**

**In addition, please keep your dog inside the vicinity of your house – a few walkers have seen dogs out on the road – they have a collar and obviously belong to someone, but need to be kept off the road.**



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## DUMPING OF GARDEN WASTE



It would be very helpful if villa owners would check what their gardeners do with their garden waste, and to ask for a receipt if it is taken to the official dumps, as too much gets dumped into ravines, creating an inaccessible fire hazard and an ideal breeding ground for rats and snakes.

Please send photos of any incidents, plus the vehicle, details and dates to Cathi Delaney [toffee@cytanet.com.cy](mailto:toffee@cytanet.com.cy) or Val Potter [valpotterkvhapp@gmail.com](mailto:valpotterkvhapp@gmail.com)

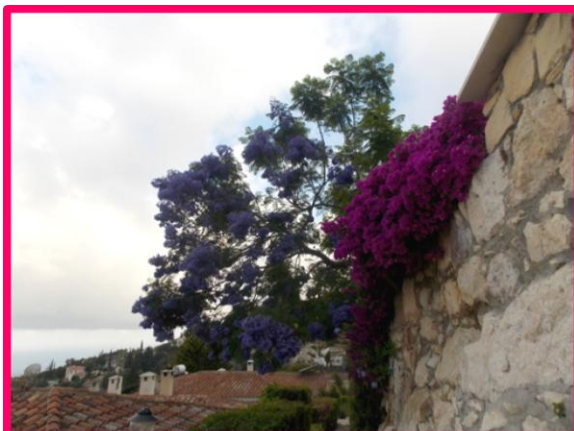
## *GLASS RECYCLING BINS*



Please note that, apart from the glass recycling bin on Mary Leptos Street there is also one behind the tennis courts, which could be used when the other is full – please utilise this one also whenever possible. Please do not leave boxes of bottles or loose bottles next to the bottle bank.

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## **JACARANDA** Beautiful jacaranda trees all around Kamares

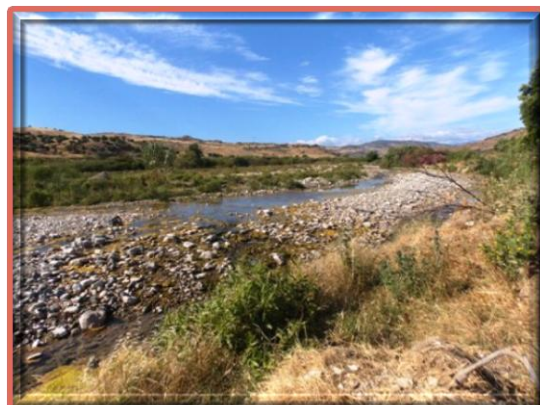


## OFF THE BEATEN TRACK - ABANDONED VILLAGE OF SOUSKIOU

You have probably driven past here a number of times on the F616 road after the airport driving up to the Troodos. It is an abandoned village with a mosque and church and located 4 kms north of Kouklia. The origin of the name is obscure. Since the Ottoman period, the Turkish Cypriots of the village used the name Susuz which means without water. The village is now empty apart from one building full of hay, and in ruins. Check out more information, photos and video <https://cypriot-villages.uk/abandoned-village-souskiou/>



*Souskiou in the distance under the windfarm*



*Crossing the Dhiarizos river to reach the village*



*Abandoned village*



*Souskiou mosque*



*Inside the mosque*



*Mosque in the distance*



*Church*

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**NEW LED LIGHTS IN KAMARES**



*I don't fancy his job!!!*



## **REGISTRATION OF MOTOR VEHICLES**

*The Statistical Service announces the publication of the report entitled “Registration of Motor Vehicles” for the period January – May 2020.*

*In May 2020, the month during which the COVID-19 containment measures started to be gradually lifted in Cyprus, the total registrations of motor vehicles numbered 3.105, recording a decrease of 28.5% compared to May 2019. Passenger saloon cars registered a fall of 33.5% to 2.293.*

*The main developments in the first five months of 2020 compared to the corresponding period of 2019 are summarised as follows:*

*(a) The total registrations of motor vehicles decreased by 29.0% to 13.978 in January – May 2020, from 19.682 in January – May 2019.*

*(b) Passenger saloon cars decreased to 11.012, from 16.078 in January – May 2019, recording a fall of 31.5%. Of the total passenger saloon cars, 4.043 or 36.7% were new and 6.969 or 63.3% were used cars.*

*(c) Goods conveyance vehicles decreased by 17.6% to 1.840 in January – May 2020, compared to 2.234 in January – May 2019. In particular, light goods vehicles decreased by 17.6% to 1.586, heavy goods vehicles by 16.0% to 189 and road tractors (units of trailers) by 23.5% to 65.*

*(d) Mopeds <50cc recorded a decrease of 59.9% to 55 in the first five months of 2020, compared to 137 in the corresponding period of the previous year.*

*(e) Mechanised cycles >50cc decreased to 907 in January – May 2020, compared to 960 in January – May 2019, recording a fall of 5.5%.*

## **-----0----- DEMOLITION OF THE SLIPPING BUILDING**



What it used to look like III



Photo taken on May 11th



Photo taken on June 19

## CHRISTOS DEMETRIOU



Christos Demetriou is a Kamares resident and related to one of our board members. He was born in Paphos and is a songwriter, musician, record producer and pastor. A cover of a song he co-wrote with John Kongos another Greek, *He's Gonna Step On You Again* (which later became *Step On* by the alternative dance band Happy Mondays), appears in Q Magazine's top hundred singles of all time and is in the **Guinness Book of Records** for being the first song to use a 'sample' on a track. It was also included in the opening ceremony of the London 2012 Olympic Games for the contribution it made to British pop culture.

During his notable career in the entertainment industry, Christos has worked in various capacities with music legends, including Cat Stevens, David Bowie and Stevie Wonder (to name but a few). His name is associated with 156 music tracks, either as a songwriter, record producer or artist. He created his own record labels in multiple countries and published many chart hits.

Presently, Christos hosts a popular television series called "It's All Greek To Me" which is aired three times a day on GOD TV (<https://www.god.tv/greektome/>)  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1XSoJLYvvDc>

In each daily transmission he takes a Greek word and shares fascinating insights into New Testament scripture as he translates from the original Greek. Over the past 12 months, the series was filmed on location in and around Paphos, with 184 episodes completed. This unique television program has a current audience of around 85,000 viewers a day across all devices, and encouraging comments are being received regularly from all around the globe. The local sponsor for the current year is Leptos Estates. Also, out of this series has come a Daily Devotional Book of the same name, which provides an encouraging word for 365 days of the year. It can be found exclusively on the Amazon Bookstore globally.

**Christos believes that there is currently a viable and sustainable opportunity to promote Religious Tourism for Cyprus but has not got the support of the Cyprus Tourism Minister.**

**In his opinion, it is the most neglected area in the present tourist sector. Most of today's holidaymakers have little or no idea of the island's rich Christian heritage. In contrast, Religious Tourism is one of Israel's major sources of income, with a record 3.6 million tourist arrivals in 2017, a 25 percent growth since 2016, and it contributed NIS 20 billion to the Israeli economy, making it an all-time record. Note, the large majority of these tourists are pilgrims to the Holy Land.**

**Although Cyprus is unlikely to attain the same emotional connection with Christianity as Israel, having not had the personal ministry of Jesus extend across the East Mediterranean Sea, yet it has an incredible wealth of 1<sup>st</sup> Century (post crucifixion) religious history. Most of these "early church" events are very unique, and when discovered many are quite surprising. One of the most prominent and respected church leaders in the UK stated recently that Cyprus is probably the most important Christian country, and second only to the Holy Land in terms of Christian heritage. "It's All Greek To Me" serves as a window to rare Byzantine churches, other unparalleled places of worship and archaeological sites.**

**Recently, during Lockdown, Christos started his own radio station. He was wondering what Christians were listening to while being confined to their homes and decided to provide 18 hours a day of exceptional Contemporary Christian Music interspersed with encouraging short messages from prominent Christian Leaders. CTC Radio has gained much momentum, with a fast growing audience in five countries. It can be accessed by going to this link <https://ctc.airtime.pro/>**



**Christos on location**



## **Emergency Medical Centre will re-open on Monday, June 22nd**

**A Doctor will be at the centre 3 days a week - Monday/Wednesday/Friday.**

**A nurse will be on duty 7:00a.m. to 7:00p.m. Monday to Friday, and Saturday 7:00a.m. to 1:00p.m.**

**This schedule will be reviewed by July 15th and you will be notified of any potential additional opening hours.**

**Apart from emergencies, the members need to book an appointment in advance, for their convenience and safety.**

**All patients should carry a mask with them and they need to have it on for the duration of their visit to the centre.**

**There will be basic screening of everyone before entering the Centre. Patients with a temperature over 37 degrees Celsius, which is related to Covid-19 (cough, sore throat and dyspnea) cannot be allowed to enter.**

**We suggest that anyone experiencing such symptoms go directly to the Covid-19 centre at the General Hospital.**

**Alternatively, the Kamares staff can arrange for them to be examined and take a Covid-19 test at the IASIS Hospital.**

**Only the patient can enter the Medical Centre. Companions will have to wait in the outdoor area.**

**Deepest apologies for any inconvenience caused to members and patients, but I am sure you can understand the gravity of the situation which the medical staff have been dealing with for the past three months.**

**Maureen Pollard  
Member of the Board of Trustees**

## 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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