



# KAMARES VILLAGE MATTERS

Kamares Village Houseowners' Association Newsletter

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## *The President's Piece*

*By*

*Chris Coleman*

Let me first say that I have nothing much to report. The day before the AGM, I had no intention of volunteering for anything, but it became apparent that there was a real possibility of Board posts being unfilled. I am, of course, delighted, honoured and humbled to be chosen as your President in preference to absolutely no alternative candidates whatsoever!

It may not have looked good that a couple of days after election, I was to be found two thousand miles away with the Treasurer, but I have to assure you that Association funds were not used, and anyway we have been married for 41 years. Our absence in Abu Dhabi and Dubai, unlike joining the board, was pre-planned.

An obvious starting point for any new President is to thank the previous President and Board for their hard work. To leave it at that would be greatly to undervalue the work they did. They saw the Association through some of the most difficult times in its history. Along with promotion of the KVHA members' interests, publication of the ever-changing Covid regulations, liaison with Leptos and with the Tala and Koili councils, their tireless efforts over several years saved the KVHA from compulsory disbandment under the new Cyprus law governing associations. We owe them a huge debt.

Of course, there are ongoing situations which need resolving, such as the unsightly and possibly unhygienic rubbish that people dump next to the glass-recycling bins, barking dogs disturbing people's rest at night.....and there will be new challenges. We are here to try and solve problems; please let us know if there is something that needs our input, but also let us know if you have solutions or ideas for improvement.

**Chris Coleman, President**

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## YOUR NEW COMMITTEE

**CHRIS COLEMAN – PRESIDENT** After three years at Oxford, rowing, flying, and studying just about enough engineering, I spent forty-odd years as a helicopter pilot, first in the Royal Air Force and then as a civilian. Most of that time was spent in the Middle East: Oman, Saudi Arabia, Qatar and Abu Dhabi. The fun included being shot down on Christmas Day 1975 with the Brigadier and his wife on board, operating the Saudi King's empty helicopter for three years and once seeing the King in the distance, flying both Georges Bush and Colin Powell on several occasions, and lots of time as a pilot instructor and examiner. Patricia and I bought our Kamares house in 2006 and have lived here permanently since 2015, following my retirement. I stood down as Chairman of Paphos Running Club earlier this year, though I still manage the Paphos Park Run results and timing. I am a very keen ultrarunner, and hereby apologise to everyone I pass in the street without looking up and recognising. You can follow my next race, Sea-to-Sky Cyprus, from Alaminos beach to Mount Olympus, starting at midnight on Friday, November 19th; the link is <https://seatosky.legendstracking.com/> and my Bib Number is 623. I also enjoy playing bridge at not-quite intermediate level.

**MIKE COVINGTON – SECRETARY** I have lived in Cyprus for 18 years. I am married with two grown up daughters who live in the UK. I worked in IT Senior management for the last 30 years. Prior to that, a Sea-going Engineer apprentice with BP, Draftsman, Channel Tunnel manager for builders, with IT jobs interspersed throughout. I enjoy sports - cricket, rugby (County level), tennis, swimming, scuba diving (qualified instructor), golf, badminton (not football!). My hobby is bird photography.

**PATRICIA COLEMAN – TREASURER** I am from Northern Ireland, but spent seven years of my childhood in Australia before returning. I did a two-year commercial course at college and pursued a secretarial career, mainly in London. I met Chris at an RAF function in Farnham, and we married in 1980. After he left the Air Force in 1986 we lived in Aberdeen, followed by 25 years in the Middle East, from there retiring in 2015 to Kamares Village, where we have owned a home since 2006. I did the CELTA (Certificate in English Language Teaching to Adults) course at the British Council in Doha; then taught there – adults, but also summer school for teenage Qatari girls. In Abu Dhabi, I conducted courses in Business English for bank employees. In Saudi Arabia, I served for a while on the Jeddah Concert Committee, highlights of which were the opportunities to host the Edinburgh Quartet and the French gypsy-jazz group Latcho Drom. Because of my interest in plant-based cooking, I did the four-week Cordon-Vert Cookery Course at the Vegetarian Society, following which I gave health-food cooking demonstrations. I keep fit with gym and Pilates, and my interests include finance and politics.

**DINOS KONIOTIS– MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY** I was born in Paphos and attended the Paphos High School from 1988-1991 and then served the Cyprus Army as a Lieutenant. From 1993-2012 I lived in Greece, UK and the USA. I studied Jewelry Business Principles at GIA in San Diego, California. Lengthy involvement in the car business and tourism related customer service. Always happy to chat about cars and music.

**MINNI MacFARLANE – SOCIAL/KOILI REP** I was born in Cyprus in the village of Phiti. My parents immigrated to South Africa when I was 3 years old. After college I worked for IBM where I started as a personal secretary to the Financial Controller. Over years at IBM, I worked my way up to being promoted to Marketing Communications Manager. I moved to California, USA, after I met my husband Graham. I had a total career change and went into real estate, selling mostly high end homes. Nearly 20 years later we decided to retire and I came back to my roots and for the past 4 ½ years lived in Kamares and enjoying living on this beautiful island. As a Board member, I help arrange social events at the Club and I am the liaison person with the Koili Council.

**MAGGIE WRIGHT – EDITOR KVM/SOCIAL** I have lived in Kamares for 18 years. I was born in Southport, then lived in Bournemouth, Raynes Park and worked as a Secretary in Saudi Arabia for the oil company, Saudi Aramco from 1985-2003 when I came to Cyprus. I have played tennis since 8 years old and also played squash, table tennis, badminton, Real (Royal) tennis at Hampton Court Palace, golf and started padel tennis here. I umpired at Wimbledon for many years and was on the line at 3 ladies finals including Evert v Navratilova. I run the Kamares Wine Club and have organized many socials at the Club, in Harmony choir at Stage One Theatre and have also been in a few pantos and help with makeup there, I organize the Polis & Latchi walking group, was a volunteer for Pafos2017 and now volunteer for the Paphos Music Lovers. As a Board member, I am Editor of this newsletter and help arrange social events at the Club along with Minni.

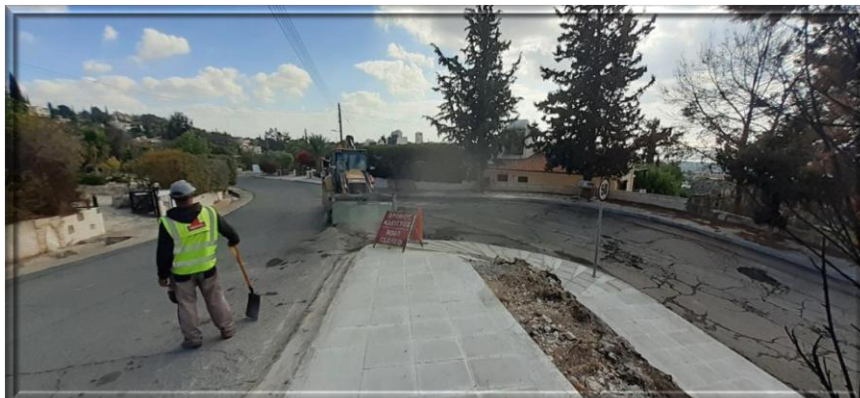
**DR. PAUL FEATHERSTONE – MEMBER** I have lived in Kamares and Tala for the last 10 years after retiring from 35 years with Shell International as a Global geologist (that describes my shape). Lived in Oman, Egypt, Kazakhstan, Australia, Netherlands and visited many other places around the world. I am married to Yvonne, an English solicitor, and we have 16-year old twins, Adam and Anna (currently at boarding school in UK after 7 years at ISOP). Interests include rugby, computers (I ran the Orphean singers website) and, most recently, a member of the Kamares Art Club. I have taught several Oil and Gas related courses at the University of Cyprus and the University of Nicosia and I hope I can help the KVHA on some of the more technical and environmental issues.

**ROD MOREMENT – MEMBER** I have an engineering background in electrics and electronics. Worked on marine and military communications, as well as commercial products. Spent a couple of years at a satellite tracking station run by the RAE at Farnborough for the US Navy, working on the Transit navigation system for the early Polaris subs. Moved to a multi-national in 1970, initially in a technical role then later transferred into a commercial role. We supplied OE equipment fitted on the production line of various motor manufacturers and obtained two large contracts in the UK to supply Vauxhall and Rover Group. Later, I became involved with Ford who were looking for a product that they could fit into their radios that were made in Palmela in Portugal. My company had just what they wanted and we were able to negotiate a contract to supply them, which resulted in my moving to Germany to kick this off. This led to other projects and I became European Commercial Manager for the Ford business unit working with my counterpart in the US who was based in Dearborne. I retired in 1999 and moved to Cyprus in 2007.

**CAROL HARVEY – MEMBER** I was born Carol Anne Hill in Wolverhampton. I moved to Hull in 1973 when I married a Yorkshire man. We took early retirement and moved to our bungalow in Kamares in 2003. I was born into a musical family - my Grandfather was a Concert Pianist and Dr. of Music and my brother, Dave Hill is Lead Guitarist for the famous 70's Pop Group 'SLADE'. My natural talent as a dancer took me to a stage school but as I could not pursue my desire to become a ballerina (wrong shape) I decided not to pursue my career any further to become a professional dancer (shame on me) and went into office work, married and became a Mum - a fabulous choice and extremely rewarding. I carried on dancing and acting all through my boys growing up. We had so much fun, raising money for charity and just being a family. I decided to become an RSA Fitness Instructor, so trained and qualified in 1998. I taught Aerobics and Adult Education fitness classes in Hull and worked for Age Concern as a Rural Officer until my move to Cyprus in 2003. I joined Stage One Theatre Group in Emba in 2003 and have been Acting, Directing, Choreographing and Front of House since then. I was involved in Charity Pantos for the UKCA Club for some years which were a blast. I teach Aquarobics here in Paphos.

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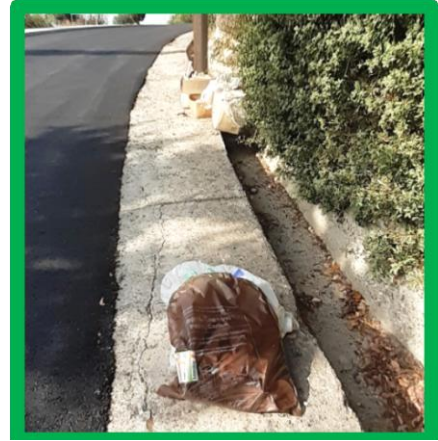
(Other roads have also had new tarmac laid)

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### Road repaired into the Village



**RUBBISH BY RECYCLING BINS**



**Please do not leave any rubbish next to the recycling bins as it is unsightly thank you.**

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**TREE CUTTING**



**If there any trees growing against the telegraph wires please contact the Electricity Authority on 1800 – press 3 then 5 for Paphos and give your Account Number. However, if the tree is in your own garden then it is your responsibility.**

### ***"PLANTING" AN IDEA.....***



Whilst we are just about recovering from the Kamares fires of June this year, this is a gentle reminder that at this time of year we could all make a difference, in replacing some of what we have lost. If everybody planted just one shrub or tree what a difference this could make in a short time.

The winter season is coming and rains will soon arrive, so anything planted now stands a good chance of standing on its own roots next year!! If you cannot get a water supply to any plant it will have this winter to settle. There are plenty of indigenous plants that grow in wild places that need little water. One person one tree probably won't make much impact on our surroundings, but many will.

The areas around us are burnt to a crisp and I cannot see any objection to any of us planting some tree or bush somewhere nearby to where we live. Scrubland will reappear eventually but how nice to see something special mixed in. Yes there may be more fires to come but hopefully not. Meanwhile the birds can nest, in 'our' trees and shrubs and we can all sit back proud we at least tried to make a difference. Most of us were lucky enough to have kept our gardens, but acres of land in Kamares were destroyed. Many trees survive (including fruit) without water in Cyprus and I am sure gardening centres would give advice. Take a chance on a fig or olive tree; I have even seen kumquats in the middle of nowhere (a cold-hardy tree) bearing fruit. Oleander too, and bougainvillea thrive in desert conditions, one could just put a root cutting in at this time of year, costing nothing with fingers crossed!

As we pass in years to come, what a thrill to see our thoughts and efforts rewarded. Of course some will fail, but not all.

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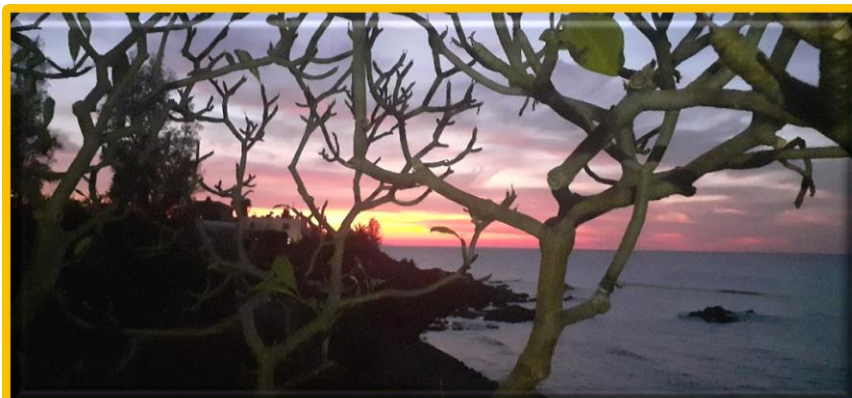
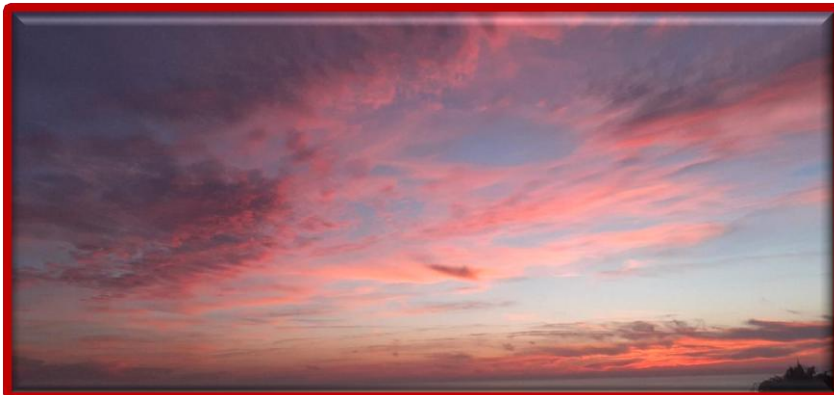
### ***BARKING DOGS***



**It has been reported that some owners' dogs are left outside barking constantly. Please be courteous to neighbours. To report this, please call the Police on 26806060 and take the name of the person you contact with the date and time of the call.**



## STUNNING SUNSETS



**CABBAGES ANYONE?**



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**NEW ADDITIONS TO THE PALM ROOM**

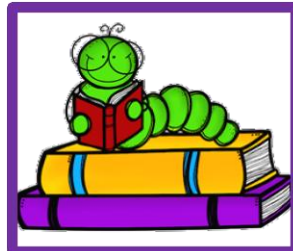






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## LIBRARY



*The Library is being moved from the Palm Room to the room under the pool, opposite the Medical Centre. It is still being renovated. An e mail will be sent when the Library will re-open.*

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## KAMARES CLUB RECEPTION

**The Reception is open  
from 8:00a.m. until 5:00p.m. Monday-Saturday; Sunday closed**

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## KAMARES CLUB & RESTAURANT

**Please be aware that to use the Kamares Club Restaurant you will need to have with you a SafePass or CovPass**

The Kamares Club restaurant and bar are now open from 8:30a.m.-3:30p.m.  
Mondays to Sundays inclusive

### SUNDAY LUNCHES NOW AVAILABLE

€19pp with a 10% discount for Residents  
The buffet will be from 1:00-3:00p.m.

**Booking is a requirement** at Kamares Reception or by telephone 26880576

Social distancing regulations will be enforced and, therefore, space will be restricted.

*The pool is still closed due to Covid restrictions.*

**KVHA CHRISTMAS PARTY - FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17<sup>TH</sup>**

**FULLY BOOKED THANK YOU!**

**THERE IS A WAITING LIST – WE WOULD APPRECIATE IF YOU LET US KNOW IF YOU HAVE A CANCELLATION – PAYMENT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO CONFIRM YOUR BOOKING.**

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**CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCH**

**Only a few spaces left**



**With live music and singer  
1:00-3:00p.m.  
Glass of Prosecco on arrival  
€30pp - €15(children 4-12 years old)  
Bookings essential at Reception 26880576**

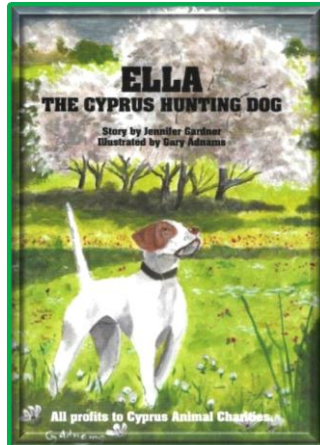
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**NEW YEAR'S EVE  
Live music and dancing show**



**€70pp - €35 (children 4-12 years old)  
Bookings essential at Reception 26880576**

**\*\*\*\*\*SAFE PASS REQUIRED FOR ALL EVENTS\*\*\*\*\***



*One of our residents, Jennifer Gardner, has written this in aid of animal welfare shelters for €5, with €4 going to the charity. If you would like one please contact her [jenniferg44@icloud.com](mailto:jenniferg44@icloud.com)*

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## Emergency Medical Centre



*Winter influenza vaccines are now available. If you wish to have the vaccine, please call or visit the Centre to add your name and telephone number to the list. You will be notified once they are available.*

Dr. Pradeep will be available on **Tuesday and Thursday mornings only, from 10:00a.m.-1:00p.m. for consultations.**

As you know Dr. Pradeep is a GESY registered doctor. If you wish to register with him, or need a medical consultation, you must make an appointment with the reception on 26653328.

Due to the Coronavirus restrictions the following information remains current:

The Medical Centre is open from 7:00a.m.–7:00p.m. Monday - Friday.

Closed Saturday afternoon from 1:00p.m. and all day Sunday.

Doctor Sylvia is available Monday, Wednesday and Friday Mornings from 9:00a.m. - 12noon.

When visiting the Medical Centre it is mandatory to wear face masks and only one person is allowed into the reception at any one time to avoid infection.

Appointments should be made for a consultation with the Doctor with exemptions for emergencies.

**EMERGENCY NUMBER 99329434**



## **BLOOD TESTS**

For patients who need to have blood tests, these can now be taken at the medical centre each week on Thursdays. Please call to make an appointment. This can be done under the GESY system.

## **Covid Tests**

Rapid Covid tests are available at the Medical Centre

**Appointments must be made for this service.** The results will be immediate – a charge of €20 for this service.

## **FURTHER SERVICES**

A Dietician will be introduced one day a week.

Home visits by a nurse for injections, change of dressings etc will be introduced if there is a demand for this service.

Mobility aids are available for a small fee ie crutches, toilet seat etc.

You will be informed of any updates on the above.

Maureen Pollard, a trustee of the Emergency Medical Centre, has requested that if any members of the Medical Centre have changed their email addresses to please inform the Medical Centre or Maureen so that the database can be updated. A number of emails are being returned and this is thought to be because the email address is no longer valid.

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## **USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS**



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| <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<br/>GESY</b>                                     | <b>1400<br/>17000</b>  |
| <b>Paphos Citizens Advice</b>   | <b>26822400</b>  |
| <b>Kamares Club Reception<br/>Kamares Medical Emergency</b>                                   | <b>26880576<br/>99329434</b>   |
| <b>Larnaca and Paphos International Airports – flight info</b>                                | <b>77778833</b>  |
| <b>Electricity – Tree pruning ie tree touching wires</b>                                      | <b>1800 – press 3 then 5 for Paphos –<br/>give your Account Number</b>                     |
| <b>Street Lights – To Report a Fault (EAC)</b>  | <b>1800 –press 3 then 5 for Paphos -<br/>give pole number and street name<br/>required</b> |

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