KAMARES VILLAGE MATTERS

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The President's Piece
By
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How do you like democracy? Some people like it quite alot. I'm not suggesting you should fight to the death for your right to vote in local elections, but you should be interested in who decides how your council tax is spent.

Of course, if you don't care and you're British, you'll be glad that it's no longer a criminal offence not to go to a Cyprus polling station. Brexit has delivered a freedom unknown to those unlucky EU citizens.

Actually, it's not really anything to do with the EU. The EU doesn't tell Cyprus to stop third-country nationals from voting. In fact, the EU encourages member states to allow non-EU citizens to vote in local elections, and most do. Yes, I have counted.

Now, if you do care, and want representation to go with your taxation, things are not quite so rosy. The Cyprus Government has decided that third-country nationals (that's what you Brits are now) cannot vote in local elections and cannot be local councillors.

Tala councillor, Cathi Delaney, has produced a petition, so that we expatriates can continue to vote, and so that she can continue to serve us. Even if Hitler or Mussolini got up the petition, I'd still sign it because I think it's right. Actually I haven't the foggiest what Cathi's politics are. I do know she works hard for us, without any pay. Now, she's British, and I'm British, and the petition is about British expats, but the cause is worth everyone's support. Logic dictates that, if we get the vote, other third-country nationals are likely to. You don't have to be British to add your name.

So there will be a short intermission while you go online and sign Cathi's petition. Pour yourself a cup of coffee (actually you'd better make that a mug), follow the link, and when you've 'signed' the petition, come back to Kamares Village Matters.

https://www.change.org/p/cyprus-ukexpats-restore-ukexpats-right-to-vote-in-local-elections-and-serve-as-local-council-members-in-c?

Ah! Glad to see you back again. You did click on that link in the confirmation email, didn't you? If not, your signature hasn't been recognized. I hope you didn't click the other link and pay for change.org to publicize the petition: right waste of money if you ask me. You can do a better job by telling everyone you meet.

KVHA MEMBERSHIP



There are a number of uncollected cards at Reception – please check to see if your card is in there.

KVHA membership forms and envelopes are next to Reception; please complete and put in Box 19. You may print out a form by clicking Membership Renewal Form at the bottom of the e mails. €5 per household – cash only, no cheques. Your card(s) will placed in your mailbox or if you do not have a mailbox will be available at Reception. Please note only hard copies accepted.

If you are out of Cyprus please contact the Membership Secretary on kvhamem@googlemail.com and pay your €5 on return.

RESIDENTS' & GUESTS' NIGHT WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23rd 6.30p.m. with NEW RULES DUO

Singing songs from the 60s to the present day including Adele, The Rolling Stones, Fleetwood Mac, The Beatles, Michael Jackson, Queen, Elton John and many more, plus original songs



Payment please prior to the event

WINE TASTING IN KOILI March 26th & 27th



A number of wineries will present their wines for tasting and purchase from 6:00-900p.m. on Saturday, March 26th and Sunday March 27th at the new Cultural Centre on the main road in Koili. There will also be traditional music and dancing. Buy a glass for €2.50 and taste the wines. Snacks will be provided.



TO CHEER YOU UP!









The Library is still awaiting shelves for the room under the pool, opposite the Medical Centre. An e mail will be sent when the Library will re-open.

KAMARES CLUB RECEPTION

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

KAMARES CLUB & RESTAURANT

Please be aware that standard restrictions apply to use the Kamares
Club Restaurant, Palm Room and surrounding area.

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

FRIDAY SOUVLA LUNCHES have recommenced



Your choice will be served from 12:30p.m. until 3:00p.m.

Your choice must be made by the day before and must be advised to the Kamares Club Reception in person or on 26880576

SALLY





Most Kamares residents are familiar with Sally, the little terrier dog who lived at the Medical Centre. Sally first appeared in 2007. She was a stray and a cute puppy and it was decided that she could stay and the nurses would look after her, as it was not possible to find where she had come from. She enjoyed the freedom of the Kamares Club and the Medical Centre and soon she became everyone's pet.

However, during the last six months it was noted that she had a lump on her chest which was growing fast and the vet diagnosed cancer. As she was not in any pain, it was decided to leave it alone as it would be too dangerous for her to have an operation and she would not survive the anaesthetic.

Unfortunately, 2 weeks ago Sally disappeared and despite searching everywhere she has not been found. We can only assume she went off to go to sleep quietly. This is what animals do when they know it is their time.

She had 15 happy years in Kamares and was loved by the residents. It is just unfortunate that we were not able to give her a final resting place.

She will be sadly missed. Maureen Pollard



Emergency Medical Centre

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.

FURTHER SERVICES

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

Emergency Number for Ambulance, Fire or Police	112 or 199
Police and Fire Services - Duty Officer	1499
Police – burglary, attempted burglary, suspicious activity/reporting parking violation	26806060
Medical Assistance - Hospital Information GESY	1400 17000
Paphos Citizens Advice	26822400
Kamares Club Reception Kamares Medical Emergency	26880576 99329434
Larnaca and Paphos International Airports – flight info	77778833
Electricity – Tree pruning ie tree touching wires	1800 – press 3 then 5 for Paphos – give your Account Number
Street Lights – To Report a Fault (EAC)	1800 –press 3 then 5 for Paphos - give pole number and street name required

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