



# KAMARES VILLAGE MATTERS

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The President's Piece  
By  
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People that keep banging on about the same thing are boring – so apologies in advance.

I was going to show you a picture of some water, but it's in short supply, so the next page shows a pile of rubbish, which is much more plentiful.

The water-supply situation in Kamares Village has reached emergency level, at least for those who have to suffer more and more, longer and longer outages. Our houses were built in a well chosen location, with lovely views and lots of water available from a nearby aquifer. So what happened? As I understand it, the EU insisted that privately owned water supply services should not be allowed, and the Cyprus government had to legislate accordingly. Through a logical process that escapes me, this meant that instead of having a nice plentiful local supply, Kamares water would have to be pumped up from Paphos via Tala. Those of us who know about gravity might see a problem with this arrangement: it's likely to be unreliable. So we are not surprised that it is indeed unreliable. We might even be puzzled by the decision to change to an energy-intensive system and then tell everyone to conserve energy.

I can't help coming back to the subject of rubbish. During a whole three winter months, just three bags were dumped beside the glass-recycling bins. We thought things were under control. Then last month rubbish appeared again. After a phone call, it was cleared. Below is a picture of what we have now. This was not someone innocently disposing of household rubbish, mistakenly thinking he or she was using the right place. From the outside it looks like garden waste, which of course is collected from the front of our houses on an opportunity basis. Some of it is indeed garden waste, but on closer examination, it turns out mostly to be builders' or decorators' debris - empty paint cans and the like. It doesn't seem likely that either a Kamares resident or major builder would do this. Someone must be having work done on a house. It may be too late this time, but it is really important to make sure that anyone working on your property uses the proper disposal facilities. It could be even worse: a few years ago I recognized debris from my own house, dumped in a ditch; since I knew who did it, I was able by threats to get it removed.

Coming back to the subject of water: it will be much easier to make our case for a more reliable service if we can present evidence in the form of data about WHEN and WHERE outages occur. To this end, we have set up a reporting page on the website. Whenever you find that the supply has failed, please go to <http://kvha.cy/utilities> and let us know BOTH the date+time AND the location (plot number or street address). Don't wait until the supply is back on; you can report that later. Please note, though, that this web page is only for collecting statistics to help us persuade the supplier to take appropriate action; it will not be continuously monitored. You can use the same form for electricity power cuts or Cyta (not other) internet/telephone failures.

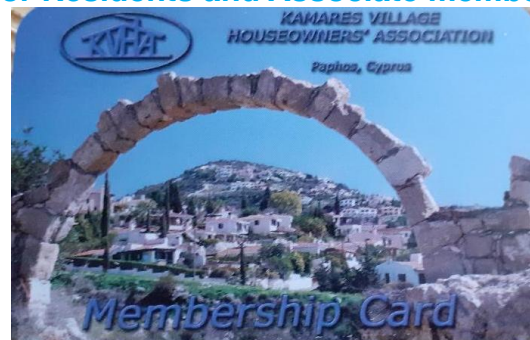
At this stage, I thought I would tell you a joke, for a bit of light relief. Then I got another glance of the following picture and lost the mood. We hope to get those bins removed to a safer, less conspicuous location, but only vigilance will stop the dumping of rubbish around them



More rubbish by the glass recycling bins

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### KVHA MEMBERSHIP For Residents and Associate members



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 be placed in your mailbox or if you do not have a mailbox will be available at Reception. Please note only hard copies accepted.

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

**Please note that non-Kamares residents can become Associate Members but cannot vote and meetings. Ask your neighbours and friends whether they would like to join.**

If you are out of Cyprus please contact the Membership Secretary on [kvhamem@googlemail.com](mailto:kvhamem@googlemail.com) and pay your €5 on return.

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## **PRETTY BUT NOT WELCOME**

### **COMMON MYNAS HAVE BEEN REPORTED IN CYPRUS**

The Common Myna is an invasive species proven to be very destructive to native bird species in other countries (e.g. Israel, Australia, and New Zealand). They compete with local species for food and nesting sites and can eat eggs and nestlings of native birds as well as spread diseases.

The Common Myna is very distinctive and main characteristics include:

**Around the size of a Starling (*Sturnus vulgaris*). Approx. 25cm long**

**Brown with black head. Yellow Beak, Legs, and patch behind the eye.  
White on the wings**

**Feeds on insects, berries, and rubbish**

**Very loud call. Can be easily approached**

**Usually found near to humans i.e. cities, gardens, buildings, crop fields close to habitation**

If you see a Common Myna, please report as early as possible, with location details to BirdLife Cyprus at:

**Email: [markos.charalambides@birdlifecyprus.org.cy](mailto:markos.charalambides@birdlifecyprus.org.cy),  
[info@birdlifecyprus.org.cy](mailto:info@birdlifecyprus.org.cy)**

**Telephone number: 22455072, 99100589**

**BirdLife Cyprus will follow up with the Game and Fauna Service for necessary action.**



**KVHA SOCIAL EVENT**  
at the Kamares Club, Tala

**PLATINUM JUBILEE**  
Wednesday, June 1<sup>st</sup>  
6.30p.m.

**to celebrate**

**Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth's Platinum Jubilee**  
Entertainment by The Dots, Louise & Indigo, courtesy of KVHA  
With a themed show and dance set

**\*\*\*\*\*RED, WHITE AND BLUE THEME\*\*\*\*\***

**Tickets from Marinos 26880576**



The KVHA invites you to join us  
at the Kamares Club



*To celebrate the Platinum Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II*

*Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> June at 6.30pm*

*With a themed buffet dinner and a costumed and choreographed fun show by the female vocal duo, The Dots – Louise & Indigo, with compliments of the KVHA*



*Book now with Marinos*  
*Tel. 26880576 cost €20*

*Dress theme*  
**RED, WHITE & BLUE**

**KAMARES CLUB  
REGULAR EVENTS**

<i>Contact Name</i>	<i>Telephone</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Room</i>	<i>Time</i>
<b>MONDAY</b>				
Grace Cullen	26652795 99516265	BRIDGE	Palm Room	9:00a.m.-noon
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>				
Barry Smith	26652819 99322843	ART GROUP	Room opposite Medical Centre	9:00a.m.-noon
Maureen Pollard	26812093 99352686	DVD/BOOK CLUB ****	Room opposite Medical Centre	2:00-5:00p.m.
Maggie Wright	99318477	WINE CLUB TASTING	Palm Room	On a chosen date 6.30- 8:00p.m.
<b>THURSDAY</b>				
Grace Cullen	26652795 99516265	BRIDGE	Palm Room	9:00a.m.-noon
<b>FRIDAY</b>				
		SINE NOMINE CHOIR	Room opposite Medical Centre	10:00a.m.-12.30p.m.
Beryl Mack	99323087	QUILTING GROUP	Room opposite Medical Centre	2:00-4:30p.m.

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**Orchid Italica next to the recycling bin**



*The Library shelves are expected to be fitted this week, in the room under the pool, opposite the Medical Centre. An email will be sent to confirm the reopening.*

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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 BAR & 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 open from 8:30a.m.-3:30p.m.  
Mondays to Sundays inclusive and open to everyone - dining in the restaurant or on  
the terrace.

#### SUNDAY LUNCHES

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

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***Booking is a requirement*** at Kamares Reception or by telephone 26880576 at  
least two days prior.

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## FRIDAY SOUVLA LUNCHES



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**

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EASTER SUNDAY LUNCH  
Was well attended with traditional dancing







**Aristotelis Valaoritis, Guinness World Record holder balancing glasses and a bottle, then a chair!**



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## 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**

<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 GESY</b>	<b>1400 17000</b>
<b>Paphos Citizens Advice</b>	<b>26822400</b>
<b>Kamares Club Reception Kamares Medical Emergency</b>	<b>26880576 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 – give your Account Number</b>
<b>Street Lights – To Report a Fault (EAC)</b>	<b>1800 –press 3 then 5 for Paphos - give pole number and street name required</b>

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