

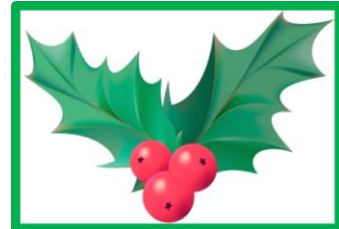


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A VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS FROM THE KVHA BOARD



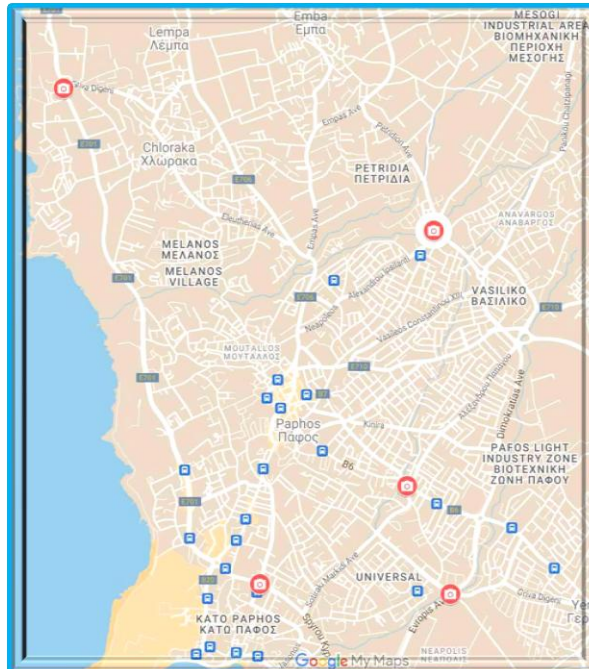
The President's Piece
By
Chris Coleman

Interesting headline in Philenews: OVER 500 TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS IN 36 HOURS. I thought I'd try it. So I took a convenient Ferrari, which I couldn't have insured, even if I'd had a licence, managed twice the speed limit on the right-hand side of the road, phone to ear and sandwich in mouth, no need to report hitting a stationary

pram. Traffic lights provided the opportunity to cut the corner on red, just before making someone jump back at the next zebra crossing. I could never do this sober, and chuckled as I deliberately blocked an ambulance with its siren going. Had to continue, though: U-turn at the next lights, left into the 'NO ENTRY', straight across a dual carriageway (central reservation a bit bumpy), through a pedestrian zone, revving up to create a huge roar with lots of smoke before finding a parking space in front of the fire station. Just a dream, of course. Not enough time for 500 violations. How many can you count?

That was just a silly indulgent dream, but actually I was flagged down for speeding earlier this year. I got fined €28 for doing 79 where I negligently thought the limit was 80. Served me right, but inspired a little Christmas present for you. Five junctions in Paphos and Chlorakas are being fitted with traffic-light cameras (see map below). They don't just record jumping the lights, but also white-line infractions and speeding, and if you get caught you deserve everything you get. I have marked the junctions with red cameras. If you want a closer look, you can follow this link:

<https://www.google.com/maps/d/viewer?mid=1F8YOHA6-yKu8oORloCt6crvodaJOMik&usp=sharing>



The last KVHA event of the year was a great success. Everyone seemed to enjoy our Christmas Ball and dancing to Whitemouse Duo. Thanks and congratulations to Minni MacFarlane and Maggie Wright for organizing.

We expect the Kamares Club to close for renovations around the beginning of January – Reception will remain open for mail etc. I have asked to be put in touch with the Project Manager, so that I can keep you better informed, and maybe proffer a few suggestions.

Crime continues to be a constant preoccupation, with good reason. The police have been able to confirm that organized gangs are about. Groups of two or three, with a manned getaway car nearby, are not put off by being observed; they are doing reconnaissance for subsequent burglaries. Reports of ‘suspicious activity’ are often followed by thefts from houses, and the police want your help: as soon as you see suspicious activity, please call them immediately, **26806060**, before posting a warning on the WhatsApp group. Patrols have been increased, and a car could be well on its way in the time it takes to type a message.

I was glad to see that defacing road signs is being taken seriously and offenders may face up to six months in prison. I wonder how that compares with the sentence a burglar can expect.

Tala post office is not very big and it’s getting full. If you have a parcel to collect, please do so ASAP. Those of us who pay our local taxes to Tala are used to putting out recycling on Monday mornings. There won’t be any collections on Christmas Day or New Year’s Day, but on December 26th and January 2nd instead. That means the collection teams will be very busy and will have to start early. Better put your stuff out the night before.

Those Tala taxes, by the way, are due by December 27th. Until then, you can pay either at the council office or by using JCC Smart. You can pay later, of course, if you don't mind having a fine added on, as well as incurring the wrath of the poor clerk that has to recalculate. If bills remain unpaid at this date, you will not be able to pay on JCC Smart until the late-payment penalty has been applied and the revised sums due are posted on JCC Smart.

I've been asked to let you know when the Tala Council office will be open over the Christmas and New Year period. Below, you'll find what I saw on Tala Community News (with acknowledgement and thanks to Cathi Delaney).

I was amused to read that the UK and EU have had their first cyber dialogue. Human beings (politicians and diplomats) didn't negotiate too well, so it's rather nice to see these least 'vulnerable members of society' being the first to lose their jobs. Or have I got the wrong end of the stick?

For the rest of us, I wish a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Chris Coleman

KAMARES CLUB

The Club, including Reception, will be closed on the following dates:

**December 26th, January 1st and January 6th.
Reception will be closed on December 25th.**

TALA COUNCIL OFFICE AND POST OFFICE

**December 22nd - Council office closes at 12noon (Post office will be open for collections from 1.30-2.45pm)
December 25th, December 26th & January 1st closed**

TALA POST OFFICE

If you have been notified that you have a parcel awaiting collection, or are awaiting a parcel, please could you visit Tala Post Office to collect. There is very limited storage at Tala Post Office and due to the time of year, prompt collection of packages would be very much appreciated.

Opening hours: Monday to Friday - 7.30- 9a.m. and 1.30- 2.45p.m.

Rubbish and recycling collections will be on December 26th and January 2nd

Banks

December 25th, 26th and January 1st Closed

SHOPS - ie GENERAL STORES INCLUDING SUPERMARKETS

December 24th & 31st - close at 6:00p.m.
December 25th, 26th, January 1st, 2nd & 6th – Closed

KVHA MEMBERSHIP **For Residents and Associate members**

KVHA membership forms and envelopes are next to Reception; please complete and put in Box 19. €5 per household. Please note only hard copies accepted.

NO CHEQUES - CASH ONLY PLEASE, AS IT COSTS €5 TO DEPOSIT THE CHEQUE !!

Your card(s) will be placed in your mailbox or if you do not have a mailbox, will be available at Reception.

*******Each member of the household needs to sign a form please*******

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

If you are out of Cyprus, please contact the Membership Secretary on membership@kvha.cy and pay your €5 on return.

[KVHA website – kvha.cy](http://kvha.cy)

KAMARES WHATSAPP GROUPS



Many more residents have joined “Security and vital issues in Kamares”. If you would like to join, please send your name and address via WhatsApp to Anna on 97846439. If you are not on WhatsApp and you have a friend/neighbour who is and you see something suspicious, then let them know to pass to the group.

Another useful group is “Your life in Kamares” and can be joined via this link:

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/DPt05gjV5ZrCdprhLTmTHI>

This group is for any chats, discussions, advice, complaints, dog and cat issues, for sharing useful contact numbers of plumbers/electricians/lawyers etc. For posting any photos or anything relating and helping in life in Cyprus generally and in Kamares particularly. Members of the KVHA Board are also in this useful group so they know all the issues we have and can help immediately in solving the problems. To date there are 89 members in this group.

RECYCLING BINS



No rubbish in front since the signs have been in place, however some "hiding" behind

ENTRANCE TO KAMARES



Some work is being done

LIBRARY

NEW OPENING HOURS

Opening hours for the Library every Wednesday from 10:00a.m.-1:00p.m. The Library is under the pool, opposite the Medical Centre. Come along and pick up/exchange books. Many popular authors – all alphabetical order, therefore easy to find your favourites.

*******Please note - the Library will be closed on December 27th*******

EXHIBITION OF UKRANIAN ARTISTS

6 artists presented some of their artwork over the weekend of November 25th & 26th. A number of paintings were sold and enjoyed by visitors.



RESIDENTS' NIGHT - CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING

On TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28th at 4:00p.m. which was very well attended by over 100 members and friends, with mulled wine, mince pies and chestnuts being served. Orpheans and Harmony choirs sang carols and the audience joined in with some favourites including the Twelve Days of Christmas.



Orpheans and Harmony choirs



Chris Coleman and Tina Leptos thanking people for coming



CHRISTMAS BALL with WHITEMOUSE DUO
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15TH

Over 80 enjoyed a fantastic evening with an excellent Christmas buffet and Whitemouse Duo again entertaining with a packed dance floor.





***UPCOMING KAMARES CLUB EVENTS
CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCH (fully booked) & NEW YEAR'S EVE
Bookings on 26880576***

*****Open to all, not just for residents*****

KAMARES CLUB

*****Please note, when there is a Public Holiday the Club will be closed*****

KAMARES CLUB RECEPTION

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

KAMARES CLUB BAR & RESTAURANT

The restaurant and bar are open for breakfast and lunch from 8:30a.m. with last orders for the kitchen at 3:00p.m. and bar 3:30p.m. every day. Open to everyone, dining in the restaurant or on the terrace.

SUNDAY LUNCHES

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

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

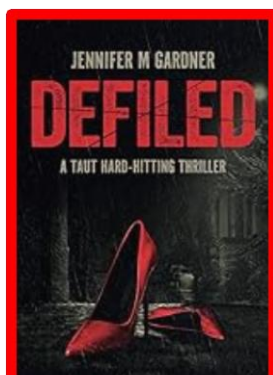
Please note when an event is taking place, the bar and restaurant will be closed

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PAMBOS & ALICAT BOOK

Books are now available for €5 at Reception written by Kamares resident, Jennifer Gardner and illustrated by children from Paphos schools.

Jennifer has now had a book published and can be purchased, either paperback or Kindle E book on Amazon – a great Christmas present.





Emergency Medical Centre

The Medical Centre will be closed on December 25th, 26th, January 1st and January 6th

The Emergency Number will be operational during these times for any medical emergency 99329434.

Winter Flu vaccines are now available at the Centre, please contact the medical centre to make an appointment.

WITH THE EXCEPTION OF MEDICAL EMERGENCES, APPOINTMENTS SHOULD BE MADE TO CONSULT WITH THE DOCTORS

Reception number 26653328

Dr. Theodora is on duty Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings 10am - 1pm (Non Gesy)

Dr. Fotis Vasilliou is on duty Tuesday and Thursday afternoons 2.30pm - 5.30pm (Gesys registered)

Dr. Pradeep is available on Tuesday and Thursday mornings 10am - 1pm

If you would like to keep a check on your blood sugar levels the medical centre can monitor this for you. Each Saturday morning Nellie one of our nurses will be holding a clinic to monitor this for you. If you wish to partake of this service, please call the medical centre to arrange a time. The medical Centre closes at 1:00p.m. on Saturdays.

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.

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

EMERGENCY NUMBER 99329434

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.



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 1 then 5 for Paphos - give pole number and street name required
Water problems Office hours Out of hours Daniel Nikiforos	26652412 kstala@cytanet.com.cy 99327262 99630613
Whatsapp Security group (Anna)	97846439

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