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The Cost

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The Programme

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ALL-WEATHER: because of the unusually wet summer here we will have suitable cover for the stage and equipment, so the show WILL GO ON. But bring a broly if it rains.



Gates open at 6.30 pm, early arrivals will have the chance to select their favourite spot, maybe a pic-nic spot under the olives 'Soft Classic Rock' mp3 tracks.

Take a cold draft CORFU BEER, A SNACK, LOCAL WINE. RELAX AMONG YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS.

7.15 pm 'Perfect Strangers'
 8.00pm to 8.15 Interval (surprise guest)
 8.15pm '3 & The Cuckoo'
 9.00pm to 9.15pm Interval (surprise guests)
 9.15pm 'The Mojo Bunch Blues Band'
 10.15pm Raffle Roll-call with great prizes
 10.30pm 'The Fallout' [Manchester's top young Rock band].
 11.30pm /11.40pm 'Juke Box Jive' mp3 party mix [strictly for the die-hards].
 12.15pmGood Night Everyone, taverna still open, coaches depart.

Sound-check Rocking Saturday

Agiotfest14 - Sound Check Schedule

This time is for the bands and singers to check well in advance, to ensure the best possible sound on the night. Anybody is welcome to come along for free, and enjoy this 'bonus' under very relaxed vibes.

9.30am The Fallout
10.30am The Mojo Bunch
11.30am 3 & The Cuckoo
12.30pm Perfect Strangers



Glastonbury was great and Agiotfest 2014 will be too!!



By
The Pink
Promotion
Princess

Hi everyone - well its me again, back from Glastonbury and now at home in Corfu.

Glastonbury was fantastic - yes there had been some changes but I still found the magic that I remember from all those years ago. Next on the festival agenda for me is Agiotfest 2014 and I know I will find the magic there too. I took Agiotfest to Glastonbury with me both in my heart, my search for possible bands for Agiotfest 2015 and of course the posters to stick up in the loos.



WARNING - Dont read this paragraph if you dont want to read about loos - then I wont receive complaints about my choice of material in my article - just skip by to the next paragraph if you are looist - by the way I made that word up for the purposes of this article.

Glastonbury toilets really are an experience of themselves and after the rain started the poster sticking up just had to stop and be put to one side as I had to concentrate fully on the job in hand. I wont go

into details on the toilet front apart from to say Agiotfest loos are like royalty compared to the ones at Glastonbury after the first day. I learnt to use a shee pee - google it if you dont know what they are - I hasten to add that of course my shee pee was pink. I had the compost loo experience, the portaloos and the long drop loo experience too. Be thankful that at Agiotfest you dont have to share your loos with 177,000 others!!! I also tried out the Water Aid toilets which were based on the basic African latrine. My favourites were if you can have a favourite loo - the compost loos by the pyramid stage - the best kept loos at Glastonbury!

In life there are always lessons to be learned and experiences to be enjoyed and I can say that Glastonbury was one of those experiences to enjoy. The lesson I learned was not to pre judge the bands, to go and see bands I had not heard of as well as those that were well known - that is the true festival experience and boy am I glad I did as I found a real gem of a band called Rusty Shackle.

The highlights of Glastonbury from a music point of view for me were in no particular order:

Rusty Shackle, 3 Daft Monkeys, Dolly Parton, The Selecter, Imagine Dragons, Lily Allen, Blondie, The Wailers & The Peatbog Fairies. I saw many other bands as well but these 9 really did it for me.

Rusty Shackle are a folky 'boy band' from Monmouth in Wales and they were just amazing - I danced the night away at The Avalon Cafe with an old school friend, plus some new

friends too.

3 Daft Monkeys are another folk band who I first saw in the circus tent one Sunday morning 14 years ago just by chance - they have got even better and the years of listening to their CD 'Oomin' I purchased all those years ago meant I was able to sing along to many of their old songs and dance to the new ones. I had a wonderful surprise whilst standing in the front row at the Avalon Stage - to my right was a face I recognised - a woman from the village I lived in before I moved to Corfu, so we spent some time catching up, chatting about mutual friends and waltzing together to the fabulous tunes of the 3 Daft Monkeys.

Dolly Parton played the Pyramid on Sunday afternoon - it was packed with people - many dressed up in Dolly garb and singing along to her music. She wrote a song especially for Glastonbury suprisingly called MUD. I joined in the Dolly Mob to Jolene a dance I had learnt from You Tube videos before going to the festival - I really do like to join in where I can - the security guards at the front of the stage did a great job of the Dolly Mob routine as well.

The Selecter played on The Avalon Stage - well that was a true festival experience for me - I went backstage - managed to get in without a pass as the drummer is a friend and has been for many years. I ended up helping to set up behind the stage whilst listening to another band finishing their set, plus spent time catching up.

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The Selecter played a great set though the sound was not as good as when I last saw them earlier in the year in Brighton. My sister and a friend joined me and were both extremely pleased to be introduced to Winston the drummer after the show - bless him he is such a nice guy.

I wont review all the bands for fear of boring you but needless to say they were all brilliant in their own unique way!

Glastonbury wouldnt be Glastonbury without the mud so here is a picture of that mud for you and some wellies too.



I apologise that my wellies were purple not pink as I am the 'Pink Promtion Princess' but I did have pink in my hair!

The mud and all that slip sliding away didnt spoil the festival but I am glad I wont have to contend with mud at Agiotfest 2014.

Apart from listening to bands and music what else did I get up to at Glastonbury you may well ask:

Eating lots of yummy vegan food - a real treat for me to have so much choice- there are food stalls galore - something for everyone.

Shopping! - yes I went clothes shopping and happily got some real bargains - unusual clothing not readily available here in Corfu - I am sure you will spot me looking weird at some stage when I am out and about but whats new for me! I may even wear one of my Glastonbury bargains at Agiotfest 2014 so look out for that. Did you know that the opportunity is being offered to have a stall of your choice at Agiotfest this year, please contact Paul McGovern for more details.

I of course came home with a festival T shirt, albeit a childs one as the adult ones were too big for me. Did you know that Agiotfest 2014 T shirts are also now available online at <https://fabrily.com/agiotfest2014> . We are not making a profit from them apart from a few pence per shirt to make the pricing easier and this will go in to the charity fund. Do take a look and order yours soon.

I sat in the stone circle on the hill above the festival site and soaked up the atmosphere of this sacred place and the wonderful views you get across the site.

I found old friends and new, I discovered I had an old school friend at Glastonbury and managed to find him amongst the crowds, plus meeting up with my drummer friend and the woman from my previous village. Whilst walking round the site I chatted to many

new people, stall holders in the Green and Healing fields and people queuing for food - so many interesting conversations, all part of the festival experience. I love it at Agiotfest when everyone stands around near the food stall at the back of the site chatting - performers, stars and punters alike. Such a great relaxed atmosphere where you can really be a part of the whole festival.

Glastonbury was made all the more special because I shared the experience with one of my sisters Kathryn. Here we are before it got too muddy:



Heres hoping to see you and your family at Agiotfest 2014 for a great night of music, food, dancing, fun and creating memories together.

*'Music washes
away from the soul
the dust of
everyday life.'*

**Berthold
Auerbach**

Coaches

IT HAS COME TO OUR ATTENTION THAT THERE WAS SOME CONTROVERSY OVER LAST YEAR'S SOUTHERN COACH. WE DID NOT KNOW ABOUT THIS CONTROVERSY UNTIL RECENTLY. WE APOLOGISE FOR THIS ERROR.

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If you cannot be bothered to lug in your picnic, this is the hands-free option you need.

Agiotfest on Facebook

' For those among you who are Facebook members the very best way of keeping up with events during the 30-day countdown to Agiotfest 14, is to go to <https://www.facebook.com/agiotfest?fref=ts>

For example, a QUIZ will appear occasionally, the winner of which will get 2 Free tickets to the event and two free drinks. The next QUIZ question will be posted on Saturday 9th August at 11.00am Greek, 9.00 am UK time. Thus far there have been three riddles, all answered correctly by different people. There will be five questions in all. So there is still a chance for a 'new' winner to emerge from the ether.

Our Facebook page has now got 1633 likes and going, so please 'like' us if you have the urge.

The 100+Club

The 100+m Club continues its March.



The 4th draw of year 2 was held today at The Lake Kafé'neon Agios Ioannis

Sandy White a none member, drew out the number.

The winner was Rose Belcher, winning 100€

Number of people present 18.

Members present 9.

Excellent afternoon thank you to all who attended.

Thank you to The Lake, for hosting the event.

Thank you to Paul McGovern & Chas Clifton for organising the event

A big thank you to the 71 members who support The 100+ Club, also a big thank you to,

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If you are interested in supporting The 100+ Club please contact us on Tel 6946949545

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Interviews with bands

Michael Spiggos conducted these recent short interviews with two bands appearing at Agiotfest 14.

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Perfect Strangers

1. Καλησπέρα, πώς είστε; Δώστε μας λίγες πληροφορίες σχετικά με το συγκρότημα. Το χρονικό του σχηματισμού του συγκροτήματος και τα μέλη από τα οποία αποτελείστε.

Οι Perfect Strangers αποτελούνται από τούς Μιλτιάδης Παπαδάτος (Keyborads, Vocals) Γιώργος Μπούκης (Guitar, Vocals) Στάθης Παπαδάτος (Drums, Vocals) Μιχάλης Αγάθος (Bass) Φραντζέσκος Αγάθος (Guitar)

Με το σημερινό σχήμα υπάρχουν απο το 2010

2. Ποιό είδος εκπροσωπείτε;

κλασσικό rock και Hard rock

3. Πως προέκυψε η πρόσκληση για την εμφάνιση σας στο Agiotfest και τί να περιμένουμε από την εμφάνισή σας σε αυτό;

μετα απο την πρόσκληση που δεχτήκαμε απο τον φίλο paul mcgovern με ευχαρίστηση αποφασίσαμε να συμμετέχουμε στο Agiotfest και να παίξουμε μερικά κομμάτια που όλοι αγαπήσαμε

4. Κάτι που θα θέλατε να πείτε σε όσους παρευρεθούν στο Festival;

οτι είμαστε σίγουροι οτι θα περάσουν μια πολύ όμορφη βραδιά

Για το Rockoverdose.gr,
Michael Spiggos

Rockoverdose.gr Interview: The Mojo Blues Band

Καλησπέρα, πώς είστε; Δώστε μας λίγες πληροφορίες σχετικά με το συγκρότημα. Το χρονικό του σχηματισμού του συγκροτήματος και τα μέλη από τα οποία αποτελείστε.

Καλησπέρα! Είμαστε οι Mojo Bunch Blues band! Δημιουργηθήκαμε το χειμώνα του 2013-14 όταν επιτέλους καταφέραμε να βρούμε ντραμιστα, τον Γιώργο Αλεξόπουλο. Συζητούσαμε τη δημιουργία μιας μπάντας κάποιους μήνες ήδη. Οι υπόλοιποι είμαστε, ο Massimo Sappuro, lead guitar, ο Λουκιανός Βρανάς, rhythm guitar, Αντώνιος Τέμενοςμπάσσο και Πέτρος Παπαγεωργίου φωνή. Την άνοιξη προστέθηκε και ο Παγής στο σαξόφωνο. Μουσικά έχουμε σχετικά κοινά γούστα, και μας δίνει μια κοινή αγάπη για το blues αλλά και τη funk, soul και τη rock μουσική.

Αν λάβουμε υπόψη το όνομα του ίδιου του συγκροτήματος, τα Blues είναι η βάση σας. Τι περιλαμβάνει ένα τυπικό setlist σας;

Ναι είναι γεγονός το blues είναι ένας ισχυρός συνδετικός κρίκος! Ένα τυπικό set list μας αποτελείται από κάποια blues standards, όπως το Everyday I have the blues, αλλά και πιο "άγνωστα" κομμάτια των Cream πχ και του Roy Buchanan. Οι κιθαρίστες μας είναι λάτρεις του Hendrix τον οποίο και τιμούμε δεόντως. .επίσηςπαιζουμε και κάποια ροκ κομμάτια που μας γουστάρουν, δεν μας δεσμευει απόλυτα το blues στο όνομα δηλαδή...

3. Πως προέκυψε η πρόσκληση για την εμφάνιση σας στο Agiotfest και τί να περιμένουμε από την εμφάνισή σας σε αυτό;

Ο Πέτρος που τραγουδάει είναι υποστηρικτής του Agiotfest από τη στιγμή που ξεκίνησε! Δεν έχει χάσει Agiotfest!! Ήταν και καημός του να συμμετέχει με μια μπάντα και το κουβέντιαζε συχνά με τον Paul, τον διοργανωτή. Τον περασμένο Μάιο μας άκουσε σε μια συναυλία και μας έκλεισε επί τόπου!! Προφανώς κάτι του άρεσε! Ελπίζω να συμφωνήσετε όταν μας ακούσετε κι εσείς!

Κάτι που θα θέλατε να πείτε σε όσους παρευρεθούν στο Festival;

Θα ήθελα να πω σε όλους να υποστηρίξουν την προσπάθεια του Agiotfest με την παρουσία τους. Το νησί μας έχει πολλή μουσική να «δώσει» και προσπάθειες σαν το Agiotfest μπορούν να φέρουν πολύ και καλή μουσική στο μέλλον. Be there!!

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www.theagiot.net

www.agiotfest.com

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[https://www.facebook.com/events/1427706954166861/?
context=create&source=49](https://www.facebook.com/events/1427706954166861/?context=create&source=49)

I want to remind all our regular friends and supporters that I will again be
holding a **RAFFLE** which, as in previous years, will be full of surprises
and good quality prizes.

Ticket prices will be reasonable and we will be supporting some local
charities. The success of the Raffle, and the amount of the donations, will
depend on your support.

I look forward to seeing all our old friends, and new friends, too and I
know we can make it a night to remember!

Lucy STEELE, M.B.E.
Raffle Organiser

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Greece: a country of riches led by impoverished minds

By
Pavlos Zafiroopoulos
(@Suavlos)

And now for something completely different and a great insight by Mr Zafiroopoulos, who kindly gave permission for this piece to be republished here.

Go to <http://www.thepressproject.net/article/66188> for intelligent reading on topics concerning Grecophiles.



From the insane drive to allow large corporations to extract oil and minerals from under Greece as quickly as possible, to the bone-headed move to open the country's forests and coastline to Spanish-style large scale developments, to tourism policies firmly rooted in the 20th century, Greek government ministers are demonstrating that they are small-minded, frightened technocrats unfit to call themselves leaders. This country is rich but their short-sightedness, if allowed to continue, will lead to its true impoverishment.

I am relatively young, university educated and fully bilingual (indeed English is my first language). I could live in any number of developed countries with intact social safety nets, decent salaries, unemployment in the single digits and a functioning civil service.

Yet I choose to live in Greece because I believe it is a rich country. And I refuse to abandon it to morons.

That Greece is wealthy may sound ridiculous given the country's soaring debt and the crushing economic misery of the past few years. Yet modern-day economics is only one measure of wealth and one that is increasingly being exposed as fundamentally flawed. A pyramid scheme backed by unrepayable debt where the rich reap ever greater benefits just by the virtue of having money, while the poor are told that it is all in their best interests.

Mountains, forests, healthy seas and rivers, and fertile lands are much more important to me than the numbers in computers that we count as money (note that only about 8% of money worldwide actually exists as physical cash, the rest is stored on hard drives).

And when I look at Greece I see one of the richest places in the world with untold potential for a booming sustainable economy, one with more than enough human and natural resources for everyone to live very, very well.

First of all we have lots of fresh, clean water creating machines. These are colloquially known as 'mountains'. The idea that Greece is a dry land is a fallacy, cultivated to a large degree by tourists whose images of Greece stem primarily from visiting the islands of the Aegean (which are dry) in the summer. But go anywhere else in mainland Greece or the Peloponnese

(or check it out on Google Earth) and you will see that it is green.

Each of our many, many mountains pokes into the clouds triggering rainfall which turns into fresh, clean streams and rivers. When was the last time you drank water that was not out of the tap or a bottle with no worry about its cleanliness? In Greece the number of springs where you can do that are countless.

Aside from the downside of having relatively frequent earthquakes, Greece lucked out geologically. The collision of the African continental plate with its northern neighbour has created a topography that is among the most complex on Earth.

This great wrinkled landmass in such close proximity to the seas creates a diversity microclimates that is unique on a worldwide level.

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So it follows that we (still) have one of the richest diversities of plants and animals in Europe, both in terms of natural and cultivated species and subtypes. Our topsoil (an incredibly undervalued asset) is rich, spared (by luck rather than design) in many places by the chemical abuse described as 'agricultural development' in the west. And because peoples and societies tend to adapt to their natural surroundings (despite the common belief that somehow the opposite happens) Greek culture is also similarly diverse in its agricultural traditions and practices.

And this is not to mention that productive powerhouse that is the Mediterranean sea. Dotted as it is with the islands of the Greek archipelago, the areas where fish can reproduce and grow are innumerable. It is a wealth that (still) keeps on giving despite our best efforts to overfish it and kill the goose laying the golden eggs.

As any student of biology knows it is diversity that is the source of resilience, not homogeneity which is a source of weakness.

Give me the diversity of small farms of Greece any day over the vast chemically dependent monocultures of Iowa.

Give me the varied topography of Greece any day over the flatlands of Holland.

Give me these resources that have existed for countless millennia and the debt be damned, that recent phenomenon created by a bunch of greedy idiots and the small-minded politicians they purchase.

Small-minded politicians and their small minded policies.

This brings me to the current batch of short-sighted fools currently determining policy in Greece.

They, unfortunately, see the mirror image of what I have described. They see the numbers in computers as more important than the eternal productivity of the land they so unfortunately govern.

And so, the so-called Minister for the Environment, Energy and Climate Change, Yiannis Maniatis, has been busy doing all he can to bring oil companies in to drill for oil and gas off the coast of Crete and the Ionian, and in Western Greece, recently inviting offers for the exploration rights from all the usual suspects (such as BP of Deepwater Horizon fame, Shell which has been busy destroying the Niger Delta, etc). Mr Maniatis sees the 10-20 or so billion euros that Greece will get (under optimistic scenarios) over the course of a decade or two out of oil exploration as a decent price for putting its tourism and fishing industries at risk which bring in tens of billions of euros per year. Displaying an impressive level of cognitive dissonance he thinks vague assurances regarding 'the most modern technologies' and 'respect to the environment' solves all problem and means that tourists and fisherman and whales and dolphins will happily frolic around the oil rigs he is so disastrously intending to bring to Greek waters.

Mr Maniatis also sees no problem with mining once again deploying that trusted term: all, he says, will be conducted with utmost 'respect to the environment' as he blithely waives away all concerns regarding the toxic stew of heavy metals that will inevitably be produced and will almost inevitably contaminate groundwater supplies.

When it comes to energy the way Greece has ignored sustainable technologies is utterly criminal. Instead of investing in 100 year old technologies why not invest in Greece's talented young engineers and trust them to come up with future solutions? This country has more than enough energy in solar and biomass alone (the

latter of which is shockingly wasted) to power and heat the country 1000 times over in perpetuity. I cannot believe that it is technically not possible. And if it is economically not feasible then the problem lies with the economic system that deems it so, not with the underlying principle.

Dear Mr Maniatis, a word to the wise if I may: please change your title at least to 'Minister of Oil Exploration and Resource Extraction' and then at least, while you'll still be a fool, you will no longer be a hypocrite.

Meanwhile, Tourism Minister Ms Olga Kefalogianni talks about respect to culture and alternative tourism while doing all she can to undermine both, sponsoring legislation that paves the way for glorified cookie cutter retirement villages, and all-inclusive mass tourism resorts (which are disastrous economically for all except those who visit and own them) all while letting traditional Greek villages and innovative small tourist enterprises wither and die.

Ms Kefalogianni, there are alternatives. First of all, summer tourism needs no boost. Already this year there will be two tourists for every Greek. As anyone in tourist areas will tell you it is the other 9 months of the year that are the problem. So here are just a few ideas:

- Trekking / Biking - There is a world of Greece undiscovered by millions of tourists who would love nothing more than in the spring / autumn discover new trails in Greece's beautiful forests.
- Bird-watching - the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds in the UK alone has over one million members. Greece has a wealth of wetlands that are important areas for hundreds of different types of migratory birds in the winter and spring including flamingos. Yet in Greece wetlands have routinely been treated as pesky areas that should be drained to make way for hotel construction, and the bill for the coastline proposed by the government would make that even easier (among other crimes).

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- Cultural tourism (including under-exploited Byzantine and Venetian monuments) / company retreats / wellness / agro-tourism / eco-tourism / educational tourism are a few more areas where the growth for SMEs could be exponential.

While on the website of the Ministry of Tourism many of these areas are highlighted as 'priorities', in the recently passed Tourism bill, there was little evidence of it. That legislation instead focussed on fast-tracking 'composite tourist villages' as if Greece did not have enough normal ones. Meanwhile what infrastructure will actually support these monstrosities (waste management / water / electricity / medical facilities) and who will pay for it is anyone's guess.

Of course, dear Ms Kefalogianni, what would be best is if you would actually listen to and help the young people moving heaven and earth to try and set up innovative tourist enterprises throughout the country in the face of a government that seems hell-bent on frustrating their every move. Get out of your office and away from the large developers that are no doubt bending your ear and have apparently convinced you that their millions in profits are what is best for the country.

Innovate like an ancient Greek

The above are just a few key examples but are indicative of this government's inability to come up with a single innovative thought aside from new ways to tax its citizens and businesses to oblivion. A government that is only capable of looking to the past for the policies of the future, moving boldly forward into the 20th century (the same, incidentally, applies to SYRIZA to a large degree).

It is perhaps to be expected from a sclerotic system which rewards small minded political horse-trading over

talented, creative people who promote policies that actually help people. But it is no less forgivable.

Modern Greek politicians are often found wanting when compared to the ancient Greeks. And I would agree. But the main problem is not that today the country is less democratic, less educated, or less philosophical than in the past.

Our problem is exactly our fixation with looking backwards, our constant 'European' search for 'evidence based policies'. While that may sound like a sensible thing to search for, it is also completely counter to the idea of innovation. Innovative ideas, by definition, have little evidence to support them because they have not been tried. 'Evidence based policies' in the fifties and sixties would have argued against going to the moon, developing computer technology and the internet.

And incidentally this looking backwards is exactly what the ancient Greeks did not do. They did not look to the past for ideas. They looked forward into the unknown. They were venturing into untested waters when

they developed the bases of scientific thought, democracy and the rule of law.

Take the Parthenon itself. We see it as 'old' and 'classical' but when it was created it was new and daring. It is one of the most innovative structures ever built, something that pushed into the unknown, extending the boundaries of what was possible.

So let us indeed think like the ancient Greeks, and look forward into the unknown with vision and courage. Otherwise we shouldn't even call ourselves Greeks, as we will not deserve the wealth of this land. It is ours to safeguard, not squander through petty-mindedness.

But If we are bold and wise, then we can truly, be rich.



A flower on the Greek island of Lesbos. photo by Tobias Brixen via Flickr

Village News

By
Dr. Lionel Mann

In July we have had visitors from Moldova, Norway, Germany, Denmark, a number of Dutch cyclists, Danny & Inky with their family from Belgium, but not many from Britain.

Is the recession still biting?

The weather has been mainly quite hot, but there have been a few unseasonal patches of heavy rain. The other day chatting outside the taverna with Paul and Sally, I felt a spot or two of rain. "It won't be much. It's July." Two minutes later we dashed into the taverna as a torrent fell on us.

ED: And a thunderstorm combining monsoon hit us last night. This has been the wettest Corfu summer for decades. The good news is that as soon as the clouds roll away, out streams the sun in all its glory, bathing a wonderfully verdant island. The usually browned-off summer grass is lush and green.

And out at sea on the good ship Anna-Elina there is fun-fun-fun.



Video Corner

All the madest people come to Corfu:
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CATHERINE TATE:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5vWT-5DGb8A>

Dragon's Den:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gIgZ66DlkKI>

Mermaids:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dMallFyVKWM>

Save Greek beaches:
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Swans feed fish:
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Hilary's Ramblings

By
Hilary Paipeti

Hilari-ous Ramblings

FAIL!!!

I've been collecting journalistic howlers for a while now. Here are some of the best, accompanied by a comment and rewritten with corrected syntax.

'Robert Ettinger, 92, has been frozen in the Cryonics Institute he founded after his death.'

My comment: Soooo, Cryonics works then... (Cryonics means you're frozen after death for resuscitation when the science catches up.) Should be: After his death, Robert Ettinger, 92, was

frozen in the Cryonics Institute he founded.

'Police have arrested a grandfather of 83.'

My comment: Heavens! His kids must have been busy!

Should be: Police have arrested a grandfather of 83 years old OR Police have arrested a grandfather (83).

He learned of the tragic news that his girlfriend of 13 years committed suicide while having dinner Monday at Coco's.

My comment: Scary for the other diners!

Should be: While having dinner at Coco's, he learned of the tragic news that his girlfriend of 13 years had committed suicide.

..nothing to pass the time except a single television shared between the unit's 50 patients and cups of instant coffee.

My comment: Hope the cups of coffee enjoyed the telly!

Should be: ...nothing to pass the time but cups of instant coffee and a single television shared between the unit's 50 patients.

A New York City woman who decided a guy she met on a flight was the man of her dreams managed to reconnect with him despite forgetting his name thanks to Twitter.

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My comment: 'Thanks, Twitter, for making me forget his name,' she said.

Should be: A New York City woman who decided a guy she met on a flight was the man of her dreams managed to reconnect with him thanks to Twitter despite forgetting his name.

...an operation to replace the ear that doctors were forced to remove using rib cartilage.

My comment: What on earth were the doctors DOING! I thought they used scalpels to remove things!

Should be: ...an operation using rib cartilage to replace the ear that doctors were forced to remove.

Son reconnects with naked tribeswoman mother after she abandoned him when he saw her picture in the Natural History Museum as part of a tribal exhibit.

My comment: What an odd reason to abandon a child! Just because he saw her picture?

Should be: Abandoned son reconnects with naked tribeswoman mother when he saw her picture in the Natural History Museum as part of a tribal exhibit.

Freestyle skier Maria Komissarova, 23, posted on her Instagram page that she has no feeling from the waist down after a visit from Russian president Vladimir Putin.

My comment: A hard man and a stallion too... Should be: After a visit from Russian president Vladimir Putin, freestyle skier Maria Komissarova, 23, posted on her Instagram page that she has no feeling from the waist down. (This is only slightly better.)

The actor, who turns 60 later this month, was dressed casually in a T-shirt from his upcoming film Sushi Girl and a scruffy grey shirt.

My comment: Funny name for a film...

Should be: The actor, who turns 60 later this month, was dressed casually in a scruffy grey shirt and a T-shirt from his upcoming film Sushi Girl.

[Catherine] watched on protectively, occasionally wiping some dribble from his chin, as William chatted to some of the other parents.

My comment: Poor William! Dribbling at his age!

Should be: She watched on protectively, occasionally wiping some dribble from George's chin, as William chatted to some of the other parents.

He said: 'I feel really lucky that I got to go inside the [Chernobyl] buildings that by law you are not supposed to enter, after a German tourist fell through a floor there.' The accident occurred during a systems test on April 26, 1986 and created a huge explosion and fire which released large quantities of radioactive particles into the atmosphere.

My comment: So according to this report, the Chernobyl disaster was caused when a German tourist fell through the floor during a systems test.

Should be: Paragraph the two sentences to clarify that they describe different incidents and place 'nuclear' before the word 'accident'.

...Richard III who remained under the same car park for five hundred years.

My comment: So the spot was a car park 500 years ago???

Should be: ...Richard III, whose body remained in the same spot, now a car park, for five hundred years.

A Home Office pathologist is still trying to establish exactly how she died more than six days after she was found.

My comment: I'll bet he is.

Should be: More than six days after she was found, a Home Office pathologist is still trying to establish exactly how she died.

Puppy owner neglected pet so badly it went bald and pretended it was a stray to avoid £600 vet's bill.

My comment: Clever puppy, pretending to be a stray to avoid the bill!

Should be: Puppy owner neglected pet so badly it went bald, and then he pretended it was a stray to avoid £600 vet's bill.

[The murderer] was the most recent person to be given a whole life tariff. He was told he would die behind bars on Wednesday.

My comment: Pretty accurate prediction.

Should be: [The murderer] was the most recent person to be given a whole life tariff. On Wednesday he was told he would die behind bars.

And my favourite silly statement: Homes, shops and businesses in the Berkshire village, which is near Windsor Castle, have all been flooded with water which has escaped from the swollen River Thames. The spokesman said: 'It is too early to say what the precise cause of the flood is, clearly we can't rule the water out at this time.'

My comment: And these people get paid good money to work in government???

Aunty Lula's Love-bites

Mini Pizzas

Ingredients:

250g Plain Flour
1 tsp. Cream of Tartar
½ tsp. Baking Soda
½ tsp. Salt
50g Margarine
120ml Milk
Milk to glaze

Topping:

350g Passata
1-2 Tbsp. Sugar
Salt & Pepper
150 - 200g Edam Cheese
grated

GO:

Sift the flour, cream of tartar, soda and salt into a mixing bowl and rub in the margarine until the mixture resembles breadcrumbs. Add the milk and mix to a soft dough.

Turn on to a floured surface, knead lightly and roll out to a 1cm thickness. Cut into 6cm rounds with a plain cutter.

Place on a floured baking sheet and brush with milk.

Bake in a pre-heated hot oven, 230°C, for 10-12 minutes until golden.

Cool on a wire rack.

To make the topping, mix passata with the sugar and the salt and pepper.

Cut the scones in half and place a spoonful of the passata mixture on

each half. Sprinkle with cheese and bake in a pre-heated moderately hot oven, 190°C, for 12-15 minutes, until golden and bubbling.

Serve immediately.

Bon appetit!

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Corfu Weather Statistics

	Max	Avg	Min
Max Temperature	33°C	30 °C	26 °C
Mean Temperature	28 °C	26 °C	22°C
Min Temperature	24 °C	20 °C	18 °C
Heating Degree Days (base 65)	0	0	0
Cooling Degree Days (base 65)	17	13	0
Growing Degree Days (base 50)	32	28	14
Dew Point	23 °C	19°C	12°C
Precipitation	8.9 mm	0.4 mm	0.0 mm
Wind	37 km/h	7 km/h	0 km/h
Gust Wind	58 km/h	38 km/h	27 km/h
Sea Level Pressure	1020 hPa	1011 hPa	1005 hPa

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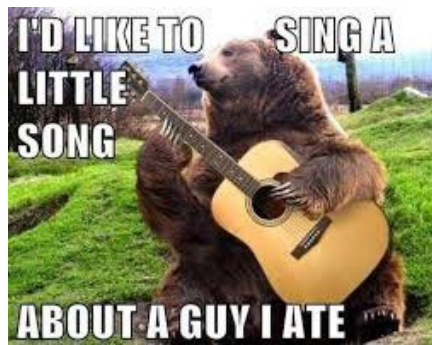
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Nick the Clock's World

A little boy goes to his dad and asks, "What is politics?"

Dad says, "Well son, let me try to explain it this way: I'm the breadwinner of the family, so let's call me capitalism. Your Mom, she's the administrator of the money, so we'll call her the Government. We're here to take care of your needs, so we'll call you the people. The nanny, we'll consider her the Working Class. And your baby brother, we'll call him the Future. Now, think about that and see if that makes sense,"

So the little boy goes off to bed thinking about what dad had said. Later that night, he hears his baby brother crying, so he gets up to check on him. He finds that the baby has severely soiled his diaper. So the little boy goes to his parents' room and finds his mother sound asleep. Not wanting to wake her, he goes to the nanny's room. Finding the door locked, he peeks in the keyhole and sees his father in bed with the nanny. He gives up and goes back to bed. The next morning, the little boy says to his father, "Dad, I think I Understand the concept of politics now." The father says, "Good son, tell me in your own words what you think politics is all about." The little boy replies, "Well, while Capitalism is screwing the Working Class, the Government is sound asleep, the People are being ignored and the Future is in deep shit."



Hanwell

By
Dr. Lionel Mann

Many years ago, as an organist at a church in Wembley, I built up a choir of thirty boys, trebles and altos, and sixteen men, tenors and basses that drew overflow congregations. Additionally I took the boys to stay for a fortnight every August to stay at Hanwell Castle near Banbury. At that time the castle was a 'crammer', a boarding school preparing boys for the entrance examinations of further education institutions and the priest-headmaster was pleased to welcome groups to keep his domestic staff occupied during school holidays.

Too he arranged engagements for us to sing services or concerts at a number of churches within a fifty mile radius, often two a day, afternoon and evening. We used the school bus, an elderly thirty-seater Leyland coach, for travel. I relished driving that vehicle as everything else on the road seemed to allow us priority along narrow country lanes. The trip was enlivened by the boys bellowing their alternative repertoire, schoolboy songs, of which the most innocuous was, "The cow kicked Nelly in the belly in the barn." It was rather difficult to envisage that they would soon be demurely chanting Tudor polyphony as though butter would not melt in their mouths.

Every morning after breakfast and choir practice we would enjoy the various sporting facilities offered by our accommodation but the castle also gave us a perfect opportunity to exercise what had become something of a craze, flying

model gliders that we had constructed. One always imagined castles as being built high on mounds, but this one, a genuine Simon de Montfort product and only slightly modernised, was mainly sheltered by a high steep hill. Only on one side was it approached by a drive bordered by a strip of lawn and a wide lake with an island in its centre. On its far side the hill descended in a gentle gradient of cultivated fields as far as the eye could see, excellent ground for flying our models,

Due east from the hilltop a track ran beside with stiles allowing passage from field to field for well over a mile, allowing parties of retrievers to run along to collect models when they came to rest. Even the smallest glider would cross two or three hedges.

I sanded down a wing from a thirty-inch block of inch by three balsa wood using a power-sander, shaped a fuselage from pine to which I slotted in a tailpiece and fin of sheet balsa and separated all with metallic paint. To launch that glider I used a four-foot length of quarter-inch elastic attached to a tent peg driven very firmly into the ground with a ring at the other end into which fitted loosely a heavy hook on the model. When pulled back about ten feet and then released the glider rocketed into a wide loop, came whistling low over the ground, shot skyward again and settled into steady flight generally crossing at least six fields.

One beautiful fine morning when glider and retriever, three senior boys and a seventeen-year-old tenor who had become my assistant, had almost vanished in

the distance, I saw the entire eastern horizon disappear in a glittering screen. Once before, in Germany, had I seen such a phenomena and I knew what it portended. I blew urgently on my whistle which I always carried, to call the boys. The retrievers of my glider were ambling unconcernedly, unaware of what was approaching behind them. They started to run up the slope almost hurdling the stiles. I sent the rest of the boys hurrying back to the castle with instructions to close all the doors and windows which were open in the warm weather and waited until the last minute before dashing down the hill and into the little door that was our usual entrance.

Two twelve-year-old boys were waiting inside and the look of worry on their faces was almost comical' they had seen what was following me. Hardly had I entered than a solid wall of water burst in the doorway. Quickly I part-closed the door, leaving just enough space to see out. It was less than a half-minute before the four missing came along, clawing on the wall, hardly able to see and gasping for air. They burst in and I slammed the door closed before turning to look them. The four were absolutely drenched, dripping all over the stone floor but we all burst out laughing, as much in relief as for anything else. While they went up to shower and change I went round to check on all the others.

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Our quick action had saved a flood - except in the kitchen. There the cooks had disregarded the boys' warning, seeing only blue sky through their restricted view from their windows. When the cloudburst struck the courtyard it was immediately flooded inches deep and the water rushed through the open door down the two steps into the kitchen. There was a single step up out of the opposite doorway out to the drive so the three doubters were at once wading in about ten inches of water. Fortunately there were three steps

up to the neighbouring great hall.

"If you want your lunch bail out the kitchen," was the cry. The older boys joined the staff to form a bucket chain passing full buckets hand to hand to be emptied into the lake, swollen to reach nearly up to the driveway, while the younger boys formed a chain to return the empty buckets. There was a great deal of laughter.

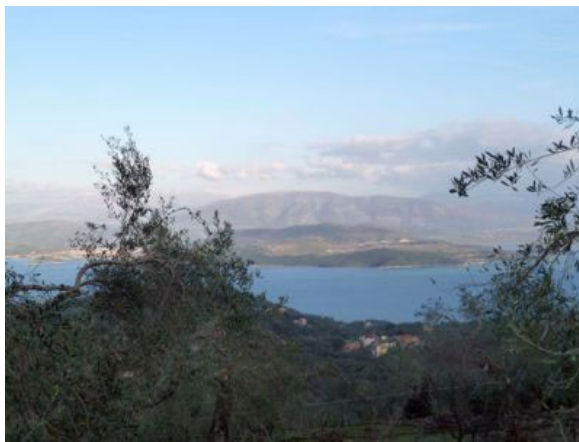
The lake generally fed by streams emptied over a dam into a stream running through the rhubarb forest. Now a torrent was roaring into a river

Rhubarb forest? Before WW2 Hanwell Castle had gloried in very

fine gardens, but they had since been neglected and the rhubarb patch had grown to a startling extent and the stalks were nearly a foot thick and grown as much as eight feet high, crowned with leaves as large as umbrellas. Had I not seen it I would never have believed it. It would have needed sacks of custard.

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