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Ocay Villas Corfu bargains in 2013

By
Kostas McGovern



Villa Theodora

With the western world apparently lurching from one fiscal crisis to the next, at least for us masses, it is always good to look on the bright side of life.

Despite its current troubles we here believe more than ever that Corfu is one of the best places on the planet for rest, relaxation and fun in a beautiful climate.

Going against the current of economic affairs, here at Ocay we have increased the number of summer villa lettings we have available for 2013.



Villa Aphrodite

This is the time of year we review our price structure. For

several years now our tariffs have been pegged to fair and reasonable prices across the board. We have now made significant reductions for most of our villas for certain months of the year, notably April through to July and September onwards.

Villa Persephone



Many of you return regularly to Theodora or Aphrodite or Persephone, and that stands testament to their endearing attraction. Now we have other exciting treasures such as MouseHouse in the south, close to one of the most beautiful stretches of coastline on the island, Ioanna's Apartments, a beautiful little retreat nestling in a quiet lane and within reach of Roda and the sea. Villa Noy in the north with the small resort of Acharavi a spit away. Long gentle uncluttered beaches are the reward here.

We have secluded Villa Oasis, nestling in the Agios Markos hills above the lively Ipsos resort, or Anna's bunga



MouseHouse

low just off the Dassia road, in unspoilt yet close-to-the tavernas surroundings.

Agios Ioannis, our home, is the centre of our villa world. As well as the villas mentioned above we have lovely spotless villas in gorgeous settings, at very good prices. Simply mail us for full details.



Villa Noy

Check us out at <http://www.ocayvillascorfu.com/> and send in your enquiry. It will be dealt with immediately.

Don't forget we offer further discounts for all of our returning friends and for longer stays or off-peak periods. We look forward to seeing you in 2013!

Agiotfest 13: New Horizons

By
The Minstrel

AUGUST 31ST 2013 PLEASE PUT
IN YOUR DIARY AS A MUST



At www.facebook.com/agiotfest we have had a fun poll lately, asking people to vote for Sakis Rouvas or Chas and Dave to headline next year's festival. There was a good response from various links and the voting was very close, maybe Sakis just shaded it. BUT, that might be owing to the fact that many voters were female and, arguably, Sakis is better looking and slightly younger. Sorry C and D.

Either of these two great acts might or might not appear, discussions and negotiations are ongoing, and just maybe a dark horse might creep up on the rails as the year turns. This has oft happened in previous years.

The next couple of months will see a big Sponsorship drive from all of us here at The Agiotfest Nervous Centre and an introduction of an associated 100+ club, brainchild of Ken and Jan Harrop. Anybody interested in Sponsorship on any level or on joining the 100 Club should enquire through this office or by going to:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/421068094624153/>

Next year the venue is likely to be somewhere else in the village. Listening to our patrons and Agiotesters, one criticism has been ease of access to the site. We hope to put that right now and have an upgraded infrastructure in place for



AUGUST 31ST which will include better dining and toilet facilities, ample car parking and yet will retain the freedom of choice for the picnic fans and beer appreciators.

Over the next two months we will be in touch with our friends and supporters with more specific details of upcoming events and specifics on Sponsorship and associated matters.

Thank you all for your help and ongoing support.



Village News and all that

by
Paul McMann

Try this great link sent in by Sandra White:

<http://www.pusher.com.au/clients/pusher-christmas-2011>

We have enjoyed generally very pleasant weather with blue skies and warm sunshine throughout November. Only right at the end were we hit by the remnants of the storms that ravaged southern Italy, a howling gale that ripped the last leaves from the plane trees in the plateia. It looks rather bleak these days with the bare trees and absence

of taverna chairs and tables, but at night the lights still sparkle cheerfully in their trees.

Our only visitors these days are travelling salesmen with their vans and lorries offering for sale anything from onions to 'Persian' rugs. They try their best, but business is anything but brisk.

On the Greek media there is speculation that the Greek population at large is being sprayed by the Authorities. How else, the pundits argue, can be explained the relative passivity of a passionate population under the ever-increasing financial hardships being imposed by its mas-

ters? Lots of air time [no pun intended] is given to tales of [UAVS] dowsing us all with some insidious chemicals. Could this explain the recent outbreak of diarrhoea in Agios Ioannis?

The Great Fence War of Agios has rumbled through October, and can best be followed by interested parties by 'tuning in to the News section of the Agiot.

And leaving that unseasonal note may we all here in slumbering Agios wish all our friends a cheery Christmas and A happy new year.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Plagiarist

Why as esteemed editor are you allowing some bloke to quote my dad i.e " good food, good wine (he actually said beer), good company " in the latest AGIOT ?. Ehhh?
Indignant of Colchester

ED: We humbly Crave forgiveness for this messy and unpardonable oversight. The article you refer to was probably written by a member of staff whilst under the incohol of effluence [Hic!]

In the spirit of friendship and Christmas we offer you the next ten Agiots delivered to your Personal Computer free of charge.

Corfu Weather Statistics

November 2012

Avg. Temp: 15°C (58°F)

Max. Temp: 19°C (66°F)

Min. Temp: 10°C (50°F)

Sunshine Hours: 3 hrs

Rainfall: 210mm

Rainfall Days: 15 days

Sea Temp: 0°C (58°F)

Aunty Lula's Love-bites

Christmas Stollen

Ingredients:

500g plain flour (keep it warm)
1 tsp salt
25g fresh yeast
125ml lukewarm milk
100g sugar
150g butter
2 eggs, beaten
1 tbsp grated lemon rind
150g blanched slivered almonds,
slightly toasted
125g sultans
75g glace cherries, chopped
Flour for dusting
50g butter
Icing sugar for dusting

Go:

Sift the flower, sugar and salt into a large bowl.

Heat the butter, lemon rind and

milk until tepid and blend in the yeast until smooth.

Add the yeast liquid and the eggs to the dry ingredients all at once and mix thoroughly and make a soft dough.

Knead the dough well on to a floured surface until smooth, elastic and no longer sticky (about 10 minutes).

Cover with cling film. Leave in a warm place until the dough has doubled (about 2 hours).

Meanwhile mix the dried fruit with the nuts. Turn the dough on to a floured surface and knead in the dried fruit and nuts mixture until evenly distributed in the dough.

Cut the dough into two equal pieces.

Roll the dough into an oval shape and place them on a baking sheet.

Bake the loaves at 50oC until they start to rise. Once they start rising turn the oven to 180oC and bake them for 30-40 minutes or until well risen and golden brown.

Melt 50g of the butter and brush it over the stollen, then sprinkle with sifted icing sugar. Keep for a day before cutting.

Bon appetit!

A Tale of Two Islands

By
Martyn Clark

The TV show that is currently being screened on ITV in the UK, "A Tale of Two Islands" portrays two lifestyles on Corfu, the haves and the have-nots and to be fair it does it quite well. The "Kensington Set" who live in their multi million pound villas are certainly people who the average Corfiot or holiday maker cannot really relate too and probably never will unless they win the lottery. At the other end of the scale are the youngsters who holiday in Kavos and again only a minority can understand their behaviour. The fourteen weeks we spent in Corfu this past summer I think gives us a pretty good idea of the struggles that both people and businesses are currently experiencing and that does not really come across in the programme which is quite strange as the introduction to the show sees British people who have businesses saying how worried they are about the present economic climate. The programme was stating that numbers of holiday makers in Kavos was way down this year and then the next clips shows the

main street in Kavos full of people and a club full of people. We then go to the other extreme where the "Kensington Set" are sitting on their terraces beside their infinity pools and out on their boats. The programme has certainly succeeded in



showing the two extremes which I suppose is their remit in the first place. They say any publicity is good publicity and the programme has not "slagged off" Corfu but has it done enough to attract more tourists next year, possibly not. Where I think the first episodes of the programme have failed is that it has failed to show the real beauty of Corfu and the friendliness of the Greek people. Scenic places like

Cape Drastis (pictured) have not appeared on the show to date and it is scenery like this that may just encourage an increase in holiday makers for next year. Mind with the advent of all inclusive holidays the British tourist in the main has little or no interest in what is happening outside of their hotel complex. And a good proportion of those people who do not go for the all-inclusive holiday only have three concerns about their holiday and they are: will it be plenty of sunshine, where can I get good English Food and will the imported British beer be cold enough. So it probably doesn't matter. Whatever is shown on the TV it is unlikely to attract any significant increase in tourism in the present economic climate. What really surprised us this past summer was the lack of holiday makers in some resorts during the high season. It was the first time we had ever been in Corfu in July and August and even with the lack of confidence people have in spending money we really had expected to see more people. Hopefully 2013 will see a marked improvement in tourism on the island. In closing I would just like to wish all readers of "The Agiot" a Very Merry Xmas and A Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Joke of the Month

To Be 8 again!

Supplied by Mad Mike Collett

A man was sitting on the edge of the bed, watching his wife, who was looking at herself in the mirror. Since her birthday was not far off he asked what she'd like to have for her birthday.

'I'd like to be eight again', she replied, still looking in the mirror ..

On the morning of her Birthday, he arose early, made her a nice big bowl of Coco Pops, and then took her to Adventure World theme park. What a day! He put her on every ride in the park; the Death Slide, the Wall of Fear, the Screaming Roller Coaster, everything there was. Five hours later they staggered out of the theme park. Her head was reeling and her stomach felt upside down. He then took her to a McDonald's where he ordered her a Happy Meal with extra fries and a chocolate shake.

Then it was off to a movie, popcorn, a soda pop, and her favourite candy, M&M's.

What a fabulous adventure!

Finally she wobbled home with her husband and collapsed into bed exhausted.

He leaned over his wife with a big smile and lovingly asked, 'Well Dear, what was it like being eight again?'

Her eyes slowly opened and her expression suddenly changed.

'I meant my dress size, you f@#! retard!!!!'*

A Heart-Warming Encounter

By
Dr. Lionel Mann

The Greek police have been receiving a bad Press recently, alleging 'brutality', though how anyone can expect them to remain passive, nor retaliate, if they are continually attacked by howling hordes of savages hurling rocks and petrol bombs? Anyway it is their duty to break up a rioting mob in order to protect the persons and property of law-abiding citizens and their democratically-elected government. Any who are injured while participating in a riot have only themselves to blame.

In a democracy persons who do not agree with a government's decision must wait until the next election and use the ballot to express their dissent; anything else is anarchy, the

enemy of democracy. 'Freedom of expression' does not license breaking the law of the land and assaulting police officers.

A couple of weeks ago I was in Town on the day of a 'General Strike'. All businesses were functioning normally and the pavements were crowded with tourists, from visiting cruise ships. There was a 'demonstration', no more than two hundred marchers. Their numbers have been steadily dwindling. I think that 'activists' are coming to realise the futility of their actions and that they have been further damaging a badly ailing economy.

Two police officers were sorting out traffic that had been held up by the march. I needed to cross the main street, but with failing eyesight could not see the officers' signals.

'I cannot see well' I called out to them in my best Greek.

At once they halted the traffic and one came to me, placed his arm gently around my shoulders and walked me unhurriedly across to the opposite pavement in a half-Nelson. Then they restarted the traffic.

My impaired vision makes it almost impossible for me to access the internet; my friends help me, but they are very busy trying to bring much-needed business to this island. Accordingly I hope that all persons reading this will make known that officer's kindly action and my gratitude for it, especially to his colleagues and superiors as well as to the media who seem generally to support and encourage lawlessness.

In my eighteen years on Corfu on the few occasions that I have needed to contact the police I have found them pleasantly helpful. If one shows respect one gains respect.

Northern Noggin

In the UK the 1945 General Election swept from office Winston Churchill and his wartime 'National Government' and enabled Clement Atlee to form the first majority Labour government. It was of Atlee of whom Churchill allegedly said 'He is a modest man with much to be modest about'.

The Labour party came to power with a sense of moral superiority and the 'decency' of socialism. There was earnestness, even a priggishness attached to the ethic of the incoming government. However the party was soon to learn an unforgiving rule of politics: the higher the moral pretensions, the more precipitous the fall.

One scandal that caused some of the guilt to come off the gingerbread was that involving Sidney Stanley leading to 'The Lynskey Tribunal'. Details of the issues need not concern us here save to say that it cen-

tered around Sidney or Sydney Stanley (ne Solomon Wulkan or Solomon Koszyski/Kohsyzcky, alias Stanley Rechtand, later Schlomo ben Chaim) about whom little more is known, and allegations of bribery and corruption that caused the down fall of an MP and President of the Board of Trade together with a former director of the Bank of England and Chairman of the NW Electricity Board.

At the tribunal the Attorney-General, Sir Hartley Shawcross, led for the Crown having been recalled from his role as principal delegate to the United Nations for the purpose. Sir Hartley was an aesthetic not to say a desiccated lawyer who found, in government, the red-blooded socialism espoused by some of colleagues not especially to his taste. He subsequently resigned from Parliament saying he was tired of politics, though it had been anticipated that he would resign the whip and join the Con-

servative Party thus enabling him to be immortalized in the press as 'Sir Shortly Floorcross'.

During the course of a lengthy examination of Sidney Stanley by Sir Hartley before the tribunal when pressed about a claim by that the witness that he had met Hugh Dalton, then Chancellor of the Exchequer, at a dinner party before Christmas 1947 Stanley looked at Sir Hartley with momentary anger and replied, 'Do not try to trap me with the truth'.

Pleased be assured that as your correspondent in the 'Frozen North' that I will neither try to trap anyone with the truth, nor will I allow the truth to stand in the way of a good story. Unlike the 'News of the World' reporters of old I certainly won't 'make my excuses and leave' rather I'll drain the cup of experience to the bitter dregs in search of an entertaining tail, so watch this space.

Mark Thompson in the fleshspots of the north.

Summer Song

By
Simon Baddeley

In Ipsos Summer Song has been craned from her mooring and sits on the shore ready for her new engine transplant. Dave emailed me a photo this morning:



Hi Simon all went well summer song out of the water...The bottom of your boat was very bad with weed, and there seems to be about ten coats of old anti-foul still on the boat from years past, and is very rough. This means it will take lots of power from the engine to drag along...two ways to sort...scrape off which will take a long time by hand. It is about 4mm thick, or you can shot blast it which takes it back to as new and smooth, the cost is about the same both ways but shot blast gives a better finish the cost is about €xxx. regards Dave

Dear Dave. I've had another coffee and more thought about work on Summer Song. Let's be sure to get the new/recon engine into her first before spending any more money, just in case anything goes wrong and the dear boat ends up as scrap. That's critical. Can you ask M to have a look at the bottom? The reason is that I recall Summer Song's bottom being sanded at Vangeli in 2007 and it looked pretty good after a power wash. I expect a heap of weed and barnacles but not so clear about those 'layers of paint'. I'm thinking about applying my own energies (labour of love) with help from you to scraping the hull when we arrive, assisted no doubt by copious rain. If

sand blasting is still the best option then, so be it. I can watch the process. As you say there's no massive hurry, even for the strake and hatch-es...leave them until I'm back. We have a good while before the season starts...Best Simon

Hi Simon. Have been down to see the boat and you are quite right to hold off on the removal of the antifoul by shot blasting...one of the things I want to discuss with you later...we had several power cuts through yesterday evening with huge storms through the night, speak to you later. Mark

...and this was the weather on the opposite side of the Straits of Taranto, 80 miles across the Adriatic from Albania and Corfu...

Taranto, Italy Wed Nov 28, 2012 1:58pm EST(Reuters) A violent storm hit the troubled ILVA steel plant in southern Italy, injuring dozens and adding to disruption at the huge site, which is already caught in a widening pollution scandal that could cost billions. The tornado rolled off the sea and hit the port city of Taranto on Wednesday, bringing down a chimney stack and damaging a warehouse and lighthouse at the factory's docks...Around 20 workers were injured out of a total of 38 people hurt in Taranto and divers searched for a worker who was unaccounted for after a dockside crane collapsed. Three others on the crane were rescued. The sudden storm, which television pictures showed filling the sky with a dark grey swirl of cloud that ripped across the harbor, was the latest blow to ILVA, which has become one of the most pressing issues confronting the government of Prime Minister Mario Monti. Europe's largest steel plant had already stopped production and faces the threat of permanent closure after magistrates this week seized semi-finished material and steel in a corruption investigation linked to the environmental scandal....

Song for Cousin Cheryl

By
Dai the Nant

If you live near Carrying Place,
Along the road to Wellers Bay
Just drop by the 10th of August,
That's my cousin's Wedding day.
Shake the Bridegroom's hand a few
times.

He's a lucky man you see,
And then, because I just can't be
there,
Give the Bride a kiss from me.

August is the month to Marry,
August sets the day apart,
Cousin Cheryl is marrying Harry,
Head to Head and Heart to Heart.
And when they give their true love
vows,
Underneath their Maple tree,
Don't forget that I can't be there,
Give the Bride a kiss from me.

Oh Carrying Place, you're in my Heart
Oh Carrying Place, You're in my Ears
You're in my Eyes: why are we so far
apart?

Once upon another August,
My true love and I got Wed,
Now 37 summers join us,
Heart to Heart & Head to Head.
At Evening in our English Garden,
Waiting for the day to end,
I pray my cousin's found her True
Love,
And like me weds her best friend.

So if you're travelling through The
County,
On that special August Day
Just stop by, and watch my Uncle Fred
Giving Cousin Cheryl away.
Its OK if they don't know you,
You'll be welcome just you see,
But don't forget that I can't be there:
Give the Bride a kiss from me.

Oh Carrying Place, you're in my
Heart....

Corfu Donkey Rescue

Dear Friends

I am writing on behalf of the local Donkey Sanctuary (**Corfu Donkey Rescue**) run by Judy Quin

As we all know, these gentle creatures have mostly lead a life of heavy burden and are now ending their days in Judy's care.

During these very cold, and sometimes frosty days and nights it is essential that the donkeys have sufficient covering to keep them warm. On their behalf I am asking you all to search through your cupboards and if you have any old, but use-able, blankets to spare, please consider donating them to the donkeys.

For further information on the Donkey Sanctuary you can visit:

Web-site: www.corfu-donkeys.com

E-mail: judyquin@otenet.gr

Mobile: 4947 375992 **Sanctuary:** 26610 91943

The Corfu ex-pat community have proved their generosity to me many times over the past 29years (The annual British Legion Poppy Appeal; The tragic Tsunami in 2005 followed almost immediately by the earthquake in Pakistan during the same year; The ARK Animal Welfare Charity ...) and I am sure you will not disappoint me this time!

I look forward to hearing from you all in due course.

Yours sincerely

Lucy Steele, M.B.E.
Former British Vice Consul
Corfu



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