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Been Green!

By Dr. Lionel Mann Contributing Editor

There is no need for Agios Ioannis to go green; it has been green for at least forty years.

The first tourists of the modern-era to visit the island, young "hippies", came here, found themselves welcomed by the traditionally friendly locals, pitched their tents in the olive groves, still referred to as "The Cactus their annual holidays.

Very soon an old mansion at the plateia, dating from the French occupation, became a Youth Hostel, obviating the need for tents, while some of the cottages and houses along the village street were transformed into noticeably changing their outside appearance.

across the plateia to Kosta's than a hundred bicycles is Taverna to enjoy their good hidden beneath those cotquality traditional Greek and tages and therefore in no way European cuisine. Kosta's detracts from the old-world and Nitsa's younger daugh- charm of the environment. ter, Anna, and her husband, From April to October fam-Nikos, have shared in run- ily groups from the Netherning the taverna and more relands stay for a week or two to cently taken over much of enjoy the novelty of cycling the responsibility from their up and down the hills that ageing parents. The taverna their homeland lacks. is celebrating its centenary this year.

Throughout the summer Hilton", by the plateia in the taverna attracts visitors patronised from all over the island as Kosta's Taverna, and stayed well as catering for the famifor weeks at a time. Some of lies who spend their holidays those original visitors have in the village. Parents sit at returned every year since the taverna tables scattered then and still meet here for around the plateia, chatting, sipping, nibbling or enjoying a full meal while watching their children mingling with others, local and visitors, playing in absolute safety and in a magnificent mixture of languages that they all seem to understand.

A Dutch cycling holiday holiday apartments without firm has chosen the village as its centre. To increase accommodation they have con-More recently the Youth structed an unobtrusive row Hostel has become the Hotel of holiday cottages along a lit-Merida. It provides a Conti-tle side street. Their local ofnental Breakfast, but other- fice and cavernous workshop wise still sends its residents with storage space for more

Fifteen years ago Kosta's older daughter, Lula, returned from working in Britain, bringing her husband, Paul, and their two infant sons. They renovated for their own use Villa Sofia, an ancient family property, at one time the village school, that had become somewhat neglected. Nearby was another old ruin, at one time the residence of Kosta's forebears. It had been sold out of the family, but Lula and Paul recognized its potential, bought it back and set about restoring and enlarging it into a luxury holiday villa. Villa Theodora, its original four rooms now augmented by two bathrooms, spacious kitchen-diner, a very large lounge, all with modern conveniences, extensive patio and pool with attractive secluded

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Been Green! garden, has been eymoon couples to sixor

tember.

Such was the success of Villa small Villa Theodora that Spirithula, without a pool and accommodating four persons, hidden amongst the nearby olive groves, has been built, together with Villa Persephone, with pool, accommodating five, a new holiday-home in the valley below the old village, owned by regular visitors for whom we rent it out when they do not need it. Thus within the small compass of the old village there is now accommodation for visitors ranging widely from simple twin-bed apartments with toilet and shared showers. through more spacious apartments with cooking facilities and hotel rooms, to luxury villas.

However the old village has preserved its essentially rustic character and offers an "away from it all" relaxed holiday. A sound-system has been added to the taverna, but it usually plays Greek folk music. There are a good minimarket, a bakery, a pharmacy, a number of tavernas, a gourmet restaurant, as well as Aqualand, in the newer part of the village, within easy walking distance. For any visitor who wants discos or wild night-life Town or seaside resorts are a few kilometres' drive away, but those have no place in traditional Agios Ioannis.

The villagers are very much in-Continued from attracting visitors volved in tourism; it affords emranging from hon-ployment to many of them.

The village "mayor", Georgos, seven-member family groups for lives near the centre and is totally the past eight years. Care has been committed to the community's actaken that all renovations should tivities. He spends hours of time as blend in with traditional neigh- well as personal expense in festoonbours. For the last four years Villa ing the plateia and its trees with Theodora has been the venue for strings of lights for all festivities, set-Agios Ioannis Music Week in Septing up a crib at Christmas, the fireworks for Easter, and providing the adjuncts of the panegyrie in June. A team of children from the local primary school in traditional dress gives a dancing display on one night of the panegyrie and on the other an older group performs similarly. Celebrations here are really something! We have visitors for all such occasions even though some are out-of-season.

> Following a few years of association with a tour operator we now operate independently. Most of our advertising is by word of mouth and many of our visitors return annually. Our office with its website handles villa reservations. Anna, who owns many of the apartments, deals with most of bookings for those, but all owners cooperate in finding suitable accommodation for prospective visitors. This system is working well without any detriment to the environment.

Village News

By Dr.Lionel Mann Contributing Editor

Visitors this month have included Phil and Julia Tilley, Robin Winder and Christine Rogers. They enjoyed a spell of fine weather with plenty of warm sunshine, but the bottom temporarily dropped out of the thermometer later. The tranquillity of Agios Ioannis was shattered by the screech of chain-saws hacking firewood.

All around the village the locals have been taking advantage of the good weather to prune trees and shrubs and generally to tidy gardens in preparation for the prolific spring flowering. Already some flowers are out and mimosas are cloaked in gold.

Life has been somewhat disrupted by a succession of strikes, mainly by government employees protesting at changes to retirement, pension and procedures. What's new? It merely shows that even remote Corfu follows current trends. However a strike by petrol stations introduced some novelty into proceedings! It could be a move to reduce levels of pollution, although we have not yet any representatives seen Greenpeace in Agios Ioannis.

Somewhat unusually Christmas decorations have disappeared. In past years they have remained to serve also for Easter. Perhaps it is because Pascha is late this year, 27th April; Clean Monday is well into March so the first of the carnivals will not take place until the 24th of this month.

Where not to build in Corfu

By Paul McGovern Editor

ing have yet to be introduced, the political shenanigans are still holdour office here we are following the political situation daily, well Lula is barren hills with stumps. actually, so those amongst you who own land, or are about to do so, will be informed in good time of any permit applications you need to make.

As developers ourselves we definitely welcome building restrictions. People come here to enjoy and live in a green and pleasant land. If the current orgy of land clearance in certain areas is not restricted then it will ultimately no longer be so. A recent example is not untypical. I asked a local developer, who is building eight bungalows on a sixteen stremma plot not far from our village, why he had lev-

eled much of the area of trees, including a line of stately cypresses. The new laws affecting land build- He pointed to the opposite valley and said "to have a view". I almost laughed. I could imagine a develing up any implementations. At oper on the opposite side saying the same thing. Two glorious views of

> Underlying these trends is the need for prospective buyers to consider very carefully the location of any land they have fallen for. A few dos and don'ts may be useful:

- Do ask previous British buyers in the area what their experiences were.
- Do take the time to send e-mails to such people for any information they can provide.
- Do look at alternatives to virgin land - an old house to renovate for example. A village cottage.
- Do look around you to ascertain what other development may oc-

cur after your purchase. Customers have bought their idyllic plot with fantastic views only to find themselves five years on hemmed in by new builds, with no view and difficulty in selling their dream.

- DO NOT believe what agents and developers tell you about surrounding land. A true example was a buyer being told by a developer that his lovely view would never alter as permission to build in front of him would never be approved. It was. And guess what? It was built upon by the very same developer.
- DO assess road access. Today's country lane will ill-support the traffic attracted to tomorrow's Suburban Estate.

BEWARE!

Featured Property

By Paul McGovern Editor

where you build in Corfu', today's south of the plots. property is property ment in Agios Ioannis.

On the edge of the village is a plot geous and unspoilable. of two stremmas upon which are to be built two 100 plus square metre villa is merely a minute's walk from villas linked each with its own swimthe old plateia and taverna and a litming pool.

The eastern property has already shops, schools etc. been sold but at the time of writing clusive.

The property overlooks a deep valley and it is physically impossible Keeping the theme of 'beware for any future development to the

Access is by a quiet lane with amknown as the Panorama Develop- ple parking space on the property. The views from here are truly gor-

> The added advantage is that the tle further away are restaurants,

We welcome enquiries for this the western property is still for sale property which is featured on the at a price of 326,000 euros, all in- main page of our property website.



Panorama Development

Growing up in wartime (part 1)

By Dr. Lionel Mann Contributing Editor

luded politicians were waving useless him as "sir". scraps of paper and proclaiming "peace in our time". Grandfather's shoe fac- goddess wearing academic hood and tory had been rescued from Great Degown showed me where I should sit, alpression "cut-back" by a massive order ways in strict alphabetical order of surtake charge of a team of builders con- but with a foreign accent, explained a structing accommodation, workshops few minutes later when all had arrived. and hangars upon new airfields that "I am your form teacher. My name is were springing up rapidly all around the Mademoiselle Dupont and I shall allow country.

sturdy robust grandfather, although he wanted as his first mentor. had been by all accounts an absolute ty-

admired its scarlet and gold uniform, usurping Nazi hordes. envied its pupils. My "best friend" had necessary clothing and equipment.

where I, together with a couple of older tivity. boys from the village, changed to another bus full of scarlet and gold splendour that took us out to the school.

Arrived completely awestruck, I was directed to a form-room by a young god War-clouds were gathering in the sum- wearing a prefect badge who seemed to mer of 1938, although stupid self-de- be somewhat amused when I addressed

In the form-room a surprisingly young "called-up" by the Ministry of Works to my possessions. She spoke good English

rant to his own children, was a big softy foreigner in our midst. He spoke perfect ing lunch break and gave me half-hour However I was not in the slightest in- Niklaus Goldschmidt was certainly not violinist unwillingly playing viola in the terested in the international situation; an English name. We soon learnt that school orchestra until a replacement something far more important had my "Klaus" was a refugee, son of Jewish fa- could be trained. Accordingly he was attention. I was starting at the city ther, Catholic mother, driven from his not over-patient, but I enjoyed the les-Grammar School. For a long time I had beloved Vienna by the barbarism of the sons and was equally anxious to become

It was all very exciting! Spinster Aunt son, a typical ex-Army drill-sergeant school. Louise, also a member of our house bully. That I was the smallest boy in the tive ignorance of little boys' affairs to concealed contempt. "Don't help him. ter-hour

"Does anybody here read music?"

Our first lesson in the Music Room. With three or four others I raised my

"What do you play?"

"Piano, sir."

"We have an orchestra here and we for Army boots and my father had been name in every room, and the locker for need string players, is anybody interested? All tuition is free. The leader of the City Symphony Orchestra comes in to teach and conduct."

Together with the other volunteers I you all a week to learn how to pro- professed interest, but with my "greater Because mother had left us nearly nounce the 'du' correctly." Her impish musical experience", nearly six years of three years earlier, father's departure smile belied the ultimatum. Teaching piano playing, it was deemed that I had meant that I had gone to live with French, she was one of only two women should play viola. I was too small to hanmy paternal grandparents, a move that on the large teaching staff. I think that dle the larger instrument, causing some met with my full approval. Tiny demure everyone in the place worshipped her amusement, so a violin was fitted with grandmother was a wonderful cook and and she was exactly what any new boy viola strings and dubbed a "violetta". Twice a week a sixth-former took me to But what was this? There was another an attic room in the "Old School" dur-English, better than most of us, but viola lessons. He was in fact a very good proficient in order to replace him. I thoroughly enjoyed my new school Within a few weeks I was scraping away become one of that exalted band the with the exception of the gym periods. in the Second Orchestra of tyros that previous year and now I was to join him. Our instructor was a Sergeant Thomp- met for an hour one afternoon after

Our school hours were 8.45 a.m. to hold, was entrusted with seeing to my school and unable to reach some of the 4.45 p.m. with a twenty-minute mornoutfitting and I exploited her compara- apparatus immediately aroused his un- ing break, an hour for lunch and a quarafternoon add a few non-essentials to the list of He has to do it himself," was his oft re- first-formers we were given only one peated cry when a form-mate made to hour of homework daily, but with the The great day arrived. Weighed down lift me. If heavy rain precluded football, need for piano and viola practice every with satchel containing packed lunch which I enjoyed, we were sent on a day too, I was quite busy! I still sang in a and writing materials together with a cross-country run. I hated that; getting suburban church choir with a practice sports-bag holding gym and football thoroughly soaked and covered with every Friday evening and services on gear, I boarded a bus into the city centre mud was not my idea of a congenial ac- Sunday morning and evening. I also went with grandfather to 8 a.m. Holy Communion at our parish church next door.

Growing up in

manently permeated the entire house, dered our village and included a large so throwing myself whom we met. Grandfather's builders form team. had erected most of the houses in the should inherit his businesses.

were exhilarating experiences as they in-thick layer of earth. cluded singing at sight any part-songs that visitors might bring.

gars, the pleasant aroma of which per- aunts and cousins by telephone.

and then to "snooze" for an hour or so. the entire summer in those days? That mask with me next time I came. I no-That was a time for my music practice in particular season remains in my mem-ticed that some of the fishing-boats had the adequately distant drawing-room ory as about the most glorious of all. At been housing the piano. "Are you coming school I was introduced to formal minesweeping gear. While playing on with me today, Lionel?" Grandfather cricket (as opposed to earlier very infor- the beach during the day we saw aircraft, would break into my playing. I always mal games in the street} and from that including Sunderland flying-boats, as went with him on his "Sunday constitu-time I was completely captivated. I have well as an occasional warship, patrolling tional", whatever the weather, around never been afraid of falling, except from offshore. the "four-mile square" of roads that bor- a height. Being small I have not far to go, around tract of woodland that he owned. I felt wicketkeeper meant that I participated September, the town was blacked out, rather honoured to be with him when very fully. Though never reaching a all the kaleidoscope of lights extinhe was greeted respectfully by everyone School XI, I was regularly chosen for my guished. The Nazis had attacked Po-

father's brisk pace he would tell me of team of men proclaiming themselves the darkness, "Put out that light!" his early days in a Lincolnshire village, Air Raid Wardens. They fitted each of of his struggles in building his twin busi- us with a gasmask stinking of rubber walk to the docks I passed groups of solnesses, a large shoe factory and a con- and tested its efficacy by placing a sheet diers and sailors erecting artillery along struction company, and of his business of cardboard over the front of the filter. the seawall. They greeted me with boyhood experiences If breathing then resulted in the con-cheery banter, especially when I reshowed as he would often break off to traption collapsing claustrophobically turned with a big bag of herring! Passing show me the tracks of a wild animal, to against ones face it worked! Also grand- through the park near our boarding comment upon a wild plant, even a bro- father needed to complete a form giving house I saw the electric boats in which I ken twig or crushed foliage, explaining details of every member of the house- had so often sped along the waterways what they indicated. Those walks were hold and in due course we were each is-lying forlornly at their moorings. It revery instructive. I was grandfather's el- sued with an identity card to be carried flected my sadness. We had decided to dest grandchild in Britain and I think at all times. During both Easter and cut our holiday short and were returnthat, although he encouraged my musi- summer holidays I went cycling around ing home that day. cal ambitions, he hoped that one day I the countryside with my desk-mate from

member of the family living in the U.K., usual venue in Lowestoft for our sum- home. The

After Sunday dinner sat down to dinner. None of us then mer holiday. We took our gasmasks with wartime - Contingual grandfather always residence that it was the last time that we us and I was amazed at being stopped by ued from page 4 tired to the living-room should all meet. For the first time I a policeman at the entrance to the docks to smoke one of his ci- spoke briefly to some Canadian uncles, when on my early-morning fish purchase. He made me show my identity Did the sun always shine throughout card and instructed me to carry my gasfitted

Our holiday was supposed to be for a as fortnight but on the night of Friday, 1st land. That evening we went to the However there were ominous signs cinema and when we came out afternewer part of the village and he had that our tranquil existence was threat- wards father struck a match to light his named the streets. As we strode at grand- ened. One evening we were visited by a pipe. Immediately a voice yelled from

Early the following morning on my

Later that morning the railway station school, "Monty" Montague. (Surnames was controlled chaos! Long lines of At least once a month my grandpar- or nicknames were de rigueur amongst school-children escorted by teachers, ents invited as many as a dozen friends school friends, never Christian names.} each child with a suitcase or bag, some to a Musical Evening. Well before the Increasingly we found roads blocked by chattering excitedly, others weeping, great day grandmother would be busy barbed wire perimeters of airfields or were waiting to be put on to a train to preparing delicacies. Everyone attend- other military establishments. Aircraft, evacuation destinations. At every one of ing was expected to perform at least including the new monoplane fighters, the six platforms no sooner was a train once, either singing or playing an instru- Hurricanes and Spitfires, were seen loaded and dispatched than another ment. As well as singing and playing pi-more often. A deep pit was dug in the took its place, disgorging uniformed ano pieces I was soon playing viola solos garden for a brick and wood air-raid sailors and soldiers before engorging a accompanied by Uncle Lionel. Those shelter to be sunk in and covered with a load of children. It was a trainspotter's dream, with locomotives and roll-Father came home "on leave" at the ing-stock from every corner of Britain. end of August and four of us, father, We needed to wait three hours before a That Christmas twelve of us, every Aunt Louise, sister and I, went to our "civilian" train was available to take us

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Growing up in wartime - Contin- three times its usual du- ject would give a lesson and set plenty of ter the holiday. That was a very severe ued from page 5 stood in the corridor all the way.

Back home father and I helped grand- ers for the next week's work. father and Uncle Lionel to construct hard!

tal stupidity of the human race.

rens bleated and we hurried into the gar- song to Sunday afternoon. den shelter. We sat in expectant silence pronouncement. Nothing happened.

term each age-group attended only one been turned over to vegetable plots. day weekly. As a second-former my day

journey lasted about was Tuesday. The teacher of every subration and the train homework from our textbooks. We had winter; I recall vividly walking the short was so full that we two sets of exercise books, leaving one distance from home to bus-stop along a set to be marked and collecting the oth- footpath cleared of snow that was piled

wooden frames covered with thick black per cent sheer terror, two per cent excite-every break was a glorious snowball felt to fit the windows. The adults made ment and ninety-seven per cent utter free-for-all. Three hearty cheers! My torthe frames and tacked the felt in place boredom. He was not far wrong, except mentor, Sergeant Thompson had been for me to complete nailing it on. It was that I found myself far too busy to be summoned to make hell of Army redeemed impossible to blackout the win-bored. As well as the great amount of cruits' lives. His successor was cheerful, dows that comprised most of the walls homework I had all my music activities. helpful Mr. Scurfield, who also taught of my bedroom over the front porch; the Of course school orchestral activities us Biology. I came to enjoy gymnastics. light was rendered permanently inoper- were temporarily suspended, but I ative and throughout the war I often started having weekly individual viola missing for a term; later we found that dressed or undressed in the dark. Even lessons with our conductor; fortunately he and his parents had been interned as today I always fold and place my clothes he lived less than a mile from my home. "enemy in exactly the same order; old habits die Too I had changed church choirs when knocked sense into some bureaucratic our talented young organist had been heads. Klaus was a very bright musician; At church that Sunday morning only called up into the R.A.F. and our old a cellist trained by a member of the Vithe vicar was in his stall at the beginning vicar had died, replaced by a very earnest enna Philharmonic Orchestra, and had of the service. We were singing the young tooth-and-Brylcreem cleric. From been welcomed into the school's First psalms when the assistant curate came being a sixpence-a-week choirboy I be- Orchestra as principal cellist, though in and whispered in the vicar's ear. The came the ten-shilling-a-week "baby" in only a first-former, as soon as they had singing finished and the vicar turned to the semi-professional choir of a city heard him play. the crowded congregation. "The Prime church. Now I warbled alto along with often though that He must have a the next week's music and woe betide of the route to be followed.

seven-hundred boys so for that autumn court and ornamental gardens had all lowing more time for gardening.

Full-time schooling recommenced afhigher than my head on either side! No Somebody once said that war was one formal games were played at school, but

> Klaus was back with us. He had been aliens"

It was the time of the "phoney war". Minister has announced that we are at three young ladies, with six lady sopra- The expected air-onslaught did not mawar with Germany. Let us pray." No nos, four tenors, four basses, in the west terialize, but at school we regularly pracdoubt that the congregations of many end organ gallery. After Evensong every tised going out to the shelters located at German churches were also bombard- Sunday our organist-choirmaster, my the perimeter of the playing-field. In eving God with prayers for victory. I have original piano teacher, would hand out ery classroom there was displayed a plan well-developed sense of humour that He anyone who had not mastered it by the don't run." It soon became standard should bear with the endless monumen- following Friday evening rehearsal; Mr. that staff and all 700 boys could be Rush was not over-patient! The lancet down their allocated shelters, even from After the service we choirboys were windows of our ancient church were eas- the science laboratories on the second enjoined to hurry home; it was expected ily blacked-out, enabling us still to sing floor, in little more than one minute! that the full might of the Luftwaffe Evensong on Sunday evenings, whereas Every shelter accommodated two forms, would descend upon us. Only a few most churches, unable to cover their thirty boys either side, seated in strict alminutes after I arrived the ululating si- large windows, had to transfer Even- phabetical order for ease of checking. We carried our gasmasks everywhere al-Christmas crackers were very difficult though there were gas-curtains at either for about twenty minutes before the to obtain, but otherwise food rationing end of the shelters. Summer Time, one all-clear rang out. False alarm! That af-did not seem to have greatly affected the hour ahead of Greenwich, was retained ternoon grandfather and I went on our meals to which we sat down. Already throughout the winter in order to put usual "constitutional". "We might see our relations in Canada were sending us back the hour of evening black-out, something," was grandfather's cheerful food parcels and there were always farm-though that meant arising and breakers and butchers who were only too will- fasting while it was still dark outside. There were not yet enough shelters at ing to supply produce in return for a Double Summer Time, two hours school for more than a fraction of the customised pair of shoes. Our tennis "fast", was introduced in the summer al-

For Sale



Vernoukos

The two-storey three-bedroomed centrally heated home stands high above the sea, an infinity pool lies between it and the forested terraces which tumble away to the shore.

The often overused accolade 'Location. Location, Location' is richly deserved here.

Price: € 1,200,000

For Sale



Coastal near Giannades

This is a quite magnificent development overlooking the sea from a raised position, a short distance from the old village of Giannades. The property is secluded. Set on a piece of land approximately four stremmas [1 acre] in area, there are two detached villas with landscaped terraces dropping down to an infinity pool.

Price € 1,300,000

For Sale



Agios Ioannis

Set in the village of Agios Ioannis, 5 miles from town, is this new development of 4 linked-detached houses, set in a quiet corner of the village. Plans are drawn and approved and available. Building is due to commence shortly. Each house is of two storeys, comprising 100 square metres altogether, and each has its own small garden.

Price € 175,000

For Sale



Akharavi

Not far up into the hills above the lively and attractive resort of Akharavi, nestles these two detached villas, set in 1/4 acre of secluded garden. The villas are 80 and 90 square metres respectively. The smaller is two - bedroomed, the larger, three - bedroomed. In the garden also stand a small wooden house and a shed, and a barbecue.

Price € 350,000

For Sale



Kokkini Village

This well-preserved bungalow was built in 1991/2 and stands on a crest in the village of Kokkini, overlooking the valley below and the mountains fringing the sea in the west. It is 96 sq. metres with 2 bedrooms, lounge, mahogany kitchen. Outside it is surrounded by a verandah [60/70 square metres], giving splendid views.

Price: € 270,000

For Sale



Giannades

This detached house of 144 square metres lies in gardens which include a 25 square metre garage.

There is plenty of room for a swimming pool.

Price: € 280,000

For Sale



Coastal Village

This charming traditional cottage nestles in the hillside village, overlooking the sea on the east side of the island, not far from the village of Ipsos. This property has a very large garden either for relaxation or cultivation, or possibly for future development.

Price € Negotiable

For Sale



Ano Korakiana

In an idyllic old world location, amongst the cottages of Ano Korakiana, not far from the National Paleokastritsa highway leading swiftly to town, is this splendid detached house, nestling on the mountain slopes with lovely views below. The spacious three storey house requires renovation but is very sound structurally.

Price € 85,000

For Sale



Faery Cottage

This is definitely the time that land forgot and this one small picture is to entice the romantic amongst you to seek out this idyllic spot amongst the northern, olive-clad mountains. Come and live in this stunning terrain, and yet only ten minutes by car to the northern beaches and shops.

Price € 120,000

For Sale



Pikoulatika Development

In the hamlet of Pikoulatika this new development is scheduled for completion in the Autumn of 2007. Set in 13,000 square metres of countryside, with extensive views overlooking Corfu and the sea, the properties consist of three detached villas, each with its own swimming pool.

Price € 430,000

For Sale



Panorama Development

Stunning, innovative, moulded to the terraces villas, enjoying unspoilable views across the valley. Both three-bedroom villas are one hundred square metres basic with extra covered area in the linkeage. The villas are centrally heated and feature spiral oak stairwells.

(See <u>WWW</u> site for details)

Price: € P.O.A.

For Sale



Hoeck / Ropa Valley

Are you adventurous? Would you like something slightly out of the ordinary? Set in a paddock of 4000 square metres, surrounded by beautiful countryside and yet only seven miles from Corfu Town, is a timber-built house dating from only 2004 together with a separate holiday cottage. The owners have further enhanced this fascinating property by adding a balcony.

Price: € 200,000