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When Nitsa was Young

By
Lord Biro

Chapter 9: Days of Kostas Taverna



It was the middle of the summer of 1969, and Kostas was back for good from his years of hard work in Germany, once and for all.

For Corfu in general, and certainly for Agios Ioannis, this was the start of modern tourism. The taverna, in one guise or another, had existed since 1908 [Pantopoleio, Café-Bar, Velotirio], but now it was about to enter a new and exciting international chapter.

The hostel was open from 1958, operated by Vasilis' Aunties. Vasilis still runs it now, as the Hotel Marida; quite an innings. For the first back-packers, the typical stay would be a bed at the hostel for 18 [eighteen] Drachmas per night! A short stagger over the plateia Kostas was on hand to dispense beers for two or three drachmas a bottle.

You could get chips [from potatoes grown by Kostas and Nitsa at Barberanni], spaghetti, omelets, cigarettes, two drachmas for a Metaxa. There was a drink called

Spumandere [dubious spelling]. This was a sort of fizzy Retsina.

English, Americans, Dutch and Australians were the first Kostas remembers from these early days. These were the pioneers.

Word quickly spread and by the following year the stage was set for the glory years to follow. An American, the late Scott Smith, moved into Villa Sofia in 1970 and recorded some histories from those precious times. By 1972 the hostel was full to bursting in high-season, so the overspill moved down to the Cactus Hilton, to pitch their tents among the olives.

Dear Crazy Nitsa let out a cheap room near to the taverna [one week here would cost about 100 Drachmas for two or three people], and on one occasion Nick The Watch was chased by Crazy Nitsa with a broom, only he would know why.

Where Anna's apartments now stand was an old spiti for guests, with a single room. Some people slept in the open in sleeping bags.

There were no mobile phones then. The single village phone was in the taverna. From here only could our patrons reach a world beyond.

Each succeeding year got busier during those mid-seventies. Life was free and easy, Kostas kept control of his wayward charges.

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He ran a tab and played the game with the craftier of the clientele. Off to Mirtiotisa went the young revelers, to return for loud and happy balmy nights. They got loud very often. Occasionally, Nitsa would dampen their passions by throwing water over them from her bedroom window, above the taverna tables. Uncle Lolos, dear old Uncle Lolos, had his own unique method. He would start up his chain-saw when the taverna row got too much.

Business became unbalanced. Too many people were deserting the hostel for the Cactus Hilton. Vasilis called the police one day, who came and knocked down the tents. They were erected again within a few days.

The world-famous Kostas Juke Box was inaugurated in about 1972 and many of its songs live on, in cassettes scattered across the globe and in the souls of the 'degenerates'. In 1975 Dino Analiti joined the fun and opened Dino's taverna on the crossroads.

Many a story emanates from this golden time in Agios Ioannis. This is not the place in which to record it just now, but recorded it will be.



Letters to the Editor

The Editor.

Thank you for reading and contributing. The teething problems seem to be over, so I hope you enjoy this small edition.

An apology on last month's 'Lula's Lovebites'. It has been corrected and you can now view the correct version in archives.

Anybody who likes this magazine is welcome to advertise their wares for free. Just write in and we will see what we can do.

Similarly, if you have any interesting stories to tell, especially about our village, why not share them here?

Les and Chris Woods.

Dear Editor,

Loved this month's edition, what a beautiful snapshot of village life over the festive period. The people, their family values and despite all the economic and financial concerns - life goes on, living it as best they can with friends and family.

Thanks for the insight and keep up the good work.

Chris & Les.

Hope to be part of the village life very soon.

ED: Thanks Les and Chris. It is a pleasure to share the lives here with you all. As long as you enjoy the magazine, it will continue to appear.

Lesley Ann Hoy.

Thank You for a lovely read wishing you all a Very Happy & Healthy 2015.....

ED: Thank you Lesley, all the very best for 2015.

Miri Widdicombe

Hi Paul,

when I click on the link I get a dark grey screen and no text. Any idea what I can do to correct this?

Thanks, Miri

ED: Depending on browsers, this seems to be experienced by a few people. I think that if you go to the page and wait for about a minute or so, the page will open and change from a dark grey screen. Try this first please and come back to me to confirm that works. If, after say two minutes you still have the dark grey, let me know and we will try something different.

Nick The Clock

Ella o rey,

Thank you for my article. But.....! Can I have pretty green in the Title instead of your see-through version. Nice one!
Nick

ED: Acracadabra!

Village News

The Editor

“If this is but a dream, let me dream, never to wake...”



The month of January, in some ways was typical of many such in Agios Ioannis. It was a month for walking with the dogs, roaring stoves in cold evenings, planning for the year ahead.

It started, as every year, with the celebration of Kosta Halikia's birthday, and the New Year's Day lunch, in the warmth of our family kitchen, with a fine spread of ham and other tasties. Kostas, now 87, comes down with his own stock of home-made wine, lubricating the tonsils of all who sat. There were fourteen of us at the table. Our old friends-comfortable as old slippers, were visiting from England, and further afield.

Sophie, young daughter of our friends, had been brandishing a polaroid during her holiday here; I didn't think you could get such things nowadays which actually work. A costly way to take photos but a nice change from our modern world of things digital.

A day later poor old Alfie, Nikos' dog, died. He had not been well for a long time. In the end he gave in quietly. Kostas was upset by this, having spoilt him since he was a puppy.

No sooner were our friends away to their own worlds, than it was time for yet another excuse to have a day off; this time was the 6th, therefore Epiphany. More plates of food and litres of wine disappeared and more kilos were gained, at least by some of us.

Early one morning just as the sun was rising [I feel a song coming on] there was a definite nip in the air, there was a skein of ice on the puddles of the lane. Young Mandy had never seen ice before. It was funny to watch her cross one, hear it crack under her feet, then cock her head and gaze at it warily. However, after the first few puddles she lost her caution and was soon burrowing furiously under the thin ice with frantic paws. At the far field, the limit of our dawn patrols, we one day espied four white geese, a little further off four black turkeys. Is this an omen, I thought?

The buzzard still flies, gliding effortlessly above our treetops, unphased by our proximity and thus far surviving the occasional human hunter.

Kostas our son was off on his adventure to the far-east in the middle of the month. His Mum cried as he left. He was headed for Thailand and maybe further. We wish him safe and well.



'Far Away Places'

A mixture of still days and breezy days, rain and thunder. Then, the magical Corfu sun comes out to play. It was brave enough in a blue sky to shine through the bedroom window with the glow of a real fire,

offering a splendid opportunity to slip into a sweet doze for an hour or so after a fine lunch, before it was swallowed by the wall of the house.

Excitement mounted as the month passed, for the prospects of the General Election, an event which transcended the village, the island, the country, the world. Syriza were generally expected to get in, which they did. Now February awaits the planting of their proposed programme and the response from European masters.



Lionel has secured a cleaner, after years of making do. Her name is Lana Turner. I'm not making this up.

Boots the dog has moved into Natasa's spiti. He is a very small curly black dog with four splendid brown paws. He tries daily to engage Twelve-Legs, but he is too childish for their serious attention.

It seems barely to have been mentioned, but a serious plight is affecting the palms [phoenikas] of Corfu. They are wilting from the top, with drooping fronds. All the trees in various locations seem to be affected. They look like so many ugly closed umbrellas. Kostas says these trees are afflicted by a worm that originates in Africa and he thinks there is no current remedy.

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Last month was the ferry disaster off the Corfu coast. Here is a message from an English lady living in Corfu, directly affected by this tragedy:-

'I would like to say a HUGE thank you to everyone who phoned, messaged, left messages via friends and otherwise offered moral support during the last two days - probably the worst of our lives. We met Mia and Phaedra off the rescue ship Cruise Europa in Igoumenitsa last night and managed to return to Corfu the same day so that they could sleep in their own beds, and we are just about to set off for Corfu airport to pick up Marcus and Seraphina. When we heard the description of how it actually was for those on board I realized that I should have been far more worried than I actually was (and that was quite a lot). They were all soaking wet, both from

the sea and from the water pumped in by the fire boats, cold because they had to leave their cabin so quickly that they had no time to dress properly, and buffeted by the wind and the helicopters' blades. The pick ups were random and men were pushing past women and children to get on the first helicopters. There were no railings and it was hard to stay standing. Could go on and on, but I won't! Enough that they are safe and back on dry land. We had the most amazing help from a friendly lawyer here in Corfu who mustered the Mayor of Brindisi to search the hospitals, and found an interpreter who could speak English to 5 year old Seraphina who was alone for 24 hours in an Italian hospital so that she could know that her Mummy, Daddy and sister were safe. The British Consular offices both in Corfu and Rome could not have offered better advice and support, even to sending a car to meet our son Alexander and his girlfriend from London who flew to Brindisi to be with Seraphina. How stupid that it is easier to get there

from the UK than from neighbouring Corfu. Our other two boys - on holiday from London - were veritable towers of strength when we most needed them. Thank you again for the prayers, positive vibes and good wishes.'

To end on a positive note is a photo of Scottish Agiot Jim Clegg at the Anchor Line, Glasgow with a



caption from his wife Puf.

Great start to a special weekend. 30 years ago Jim Clegg and I met. What a weekend x x x

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Villa Aphrodite



Villa Aphrodite
Amidst the groves

MousHouse



MouseHouse
Before

Villa Theodora



Villa Theodora
Front

Infinity pool



MouseHouse after

Villa Theodora
With over-flow pool



Villa Aphrodite
Construction

MouseHouse
Penthouse



Panorama East



Panorama East construction



Panorama East early dawn

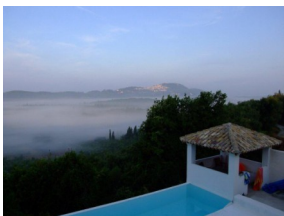


The Gem pool with owner

Construction ideas



Sofia's Villa - Agios Ioannis



Terrain not a problem



Precipice pool construction



Concrete and Steel



Beautiful Brook Meadow



Forming of a spiral oak staircase



The next development?



Villa Persephone

Agiotfest 2015

A MUSICAL EXPLOSION

Live rock music was few and far between pre-2009. Now, on Corfu, it seems destined to stay.

There has always been a vast array of clubs and discos and DJs here. But now we have something different, something called 'live performance'

May we continue with this tradition in August of this year.

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The 100+Club

The 10th draw of year 2 was held today Friday 30th January, at Blue Bar Gouvia Marina.

Elina, a none member, drew out the number.

The winner was Suzie Clark, winning 100€.

Number of people present 20+. Members present 18.

Excellent lunch time, thank you to all who attended.

A Big Thank you to Paul & Jan Scotter, for organising the event. A big thank you to the 88 members who support The 100+ Club, also a big thank you to:

Paul & Jan Scotter central area coordinators, North area Co-ordinators, Louise Taylor & Sandra Klouda. Agiotfest, Paul & Lula McGovern. Business supporters Hovoli Acharavi, Mediterranean Corner Mkt Roda, Chippy Chippy Sidari, Darryl Bill Butchers shop Perithia, Sally's Bar Ipsos, UK IMPORTS, Sidari, Corfu Barber, Sofias 41, 49100 Corfu, Scoobys

Bar Sidari, Oscars Roda, AK Travel agents Sidari, The British Corner Shop, Perama, The Agiot, JJ Sports Bar Roda & Corfu Gazette. The 100+ Club, representatives, Ken & Jan Harrop, (Project Leaders) and Paul & Jan Scotter, (co-ordinators)

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

The 100+ Club has now got 88 members, only 13 away from our aim of reaching 100+ members, if you would like to help support local charities sparing only 1€ per week, for full information, please contact us Tel;6946949545 or attend the next draw on 27th February 2015 at Mediterranean Corner Market, Roda, time 4pm.

The 100+ Club supports Charities of Corfu.

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<https://www.facebook.com/events/1427706954166861/?context=create&source=49>

<http://www.pinterest.com/agiotfest/>

www.agiotfest.com

<https://fabrily.com/agiotfest14>

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/the100plusclub/?fref=ts>

<https://twitter.com/>

<https://www.facebook.com/corfubeerfestival?fref=ts>

<http://corfuwall.gr/festivals/agiotfest-2013.html>

[http://www.robgroove.com/photography/agiotfest-2013/#prettyPhoto\[gallery-5959\]/22/](http://www.robgroove.com/photography/agiotfest-2013/#prettyPhoto[gallery-5959]/22/)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=61beYf24Ux0>

<http://realcorfu.com/?s=Agiotfest>

<http://www.the-green-island.co.uk/>

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Nikos Pouliasis

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And:

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Vassilis Pandis

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Sephora Shop

Compass Café, Kontokoli

Big Bite Restaurant, Benitses

Pat & Gina Brett

Ocay Villas

Musicians House

Musicians Round House in Corfu consists of two charming stone-built houses in the village of Valtos, surrounded by an olive grove and overlooking the Ropas Valley. The houses are completely separate, each with its own private gardens and terrace. The houses are less than 1 km away from the famous golf course of Corfu, and 2 km from the lovely beach of Myrtilotissa.

The decoration of Musicians Round Towers in Corfu reflects the eclectic taste of the owner, with a one-of-a-kind furniture and decorations. Both units consist two floors with multiple bathrooms, bedrooms, and fully equipped kitchens. The first house of Musicians Round Towers, has a kitchen, bathroom with marble bathtub, a spacious living area with a grand piano on the ground floor, a WC and a comfortable bedroom with a double and single bed on the first floor. The second house has a bathroom with a unique mosaic shower, kitchen, a comfortable living room with a fireplace on the ground floor and two bedrooms with a large veranda on the first floor.

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Hilary's Ramblings

Contributed by
Hilary Paipeti

Ramblings in Cyperspace

This month we're rambling in the virtual world rather than the real one: I'd like to introduce you to some clips and films I've found on the Internet, which are either amusing or thought-provoking, or both.

The Power of Nightmares

The Power of Nightmares, a documentary by Adam Curtis, will change the way you perceive the world as you have been led to see it through the mainstream media. So much so that I am totally amazed that the series was shown on BBC2 (in 2004), since much of it contradicts BBC News' establishment narrative. It has been described as an 'eye-opening and often absurdly funny deconstruction of the myths and realities of global terrorism' by a film critic, while American conservatives have called it a 'conspiracy theory', which only adds an extra inducement to watch it (unsurprisingly, it has never been broadcast in the USA).

The film charts the parallel rise of Islamism in the Middle East and neo-Conservatism in the USA, and shows us that both are top-down systems put in place to control the populace. Among the revelations (if you have not been keeping up with alternative news) are the following:

- Al-Qaeda was a USA construct not a global terrorist network
- Osama bin Laden was not its leader

- The threat to the West of terrorism is massively exaggerated
- Politicians created the War on Terror to acquire more power

The film is in three hour-long parts; the first part can be viewed here: <http://vimeo.com/33338786> and the two subsequent episodes will then show up on your YouTube browser.

Curtis's latest film 'Bitter Lake', about the relationship between the USA and Saudi Arabia, which seriously affects our world, can also be viewed on YouTube, or on the BBC's iplayer until the end of February.

Spooky Stone Tape

The Stone Tape was the BBC's Ghost Story for Christmas in 1972 and is generally regarded as one of the most scary dramas ever. It certainly frightened the teenage pants off me, keeping me awake for many nights imagining floating red lights and whispers in the walls!

One columnist wrote of it recently: 'I can still make myself shudder by recalling the scientist hero of 'The Stone Tape', finding, stuffed into a crack in the wall of a haunted room, a small boy's plea in childish writing on yellowed paper from decades before: 'All I want for Christmas is - please go away'.' The story follows a group of scientists who are operating a secret laboratory in an ancient mansion with the aim of discovering a new recording medium to replace fragile magnetic tape; something, as the head scientist states, the size of a ball bearing which will hold Wagner's entire Ring Cycle (this is extraordinarily prescient, because of

course our devices now achieve this and much more). I'm not going to reveal any more of the story, except to say that it stars the still-lovely Jane Asher.

What amuses when watching today is how old-fashioned everything appears. Did we really drive such awful cars in the early 70s? And look! - the cumbersome screenless computer gives paper readouts! Funnily enough though, the retro clothes and hairdos don't look as terrible as they would appear to us in the eighties, perhaps because the worst excesses of 70s style had not yet kicked in (tight tan flares, anyone?). But for me, the biggest culture-shock was the natural - as against gym-honed - thinness of everyone. You forget that hardly anyone was - ahem - burly in those days. But if you can set these points aside, the plot still rocks. I found it at: <http://www.veoh.com/watch/v19922854eqX3X8Ar?h1=The+Stone+Tape>

RIP Demis Roussos

Sunday, 25 January may be remembered for the election of Greece's first radical left government, but for those of us who grew up on a diet of 70s pop, we may recall it because it was the day of the death of crooner Demis Roussos. What had gone over my teenage head was the fact that his start in music came as a member of Aphrodite's Child, an influential progressive rock group which was hugely successful in Europe in the late 60s.

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Incidentally, another of its members was Evangelos Papathanasiou, later and better known as Vangelis, composer of the music to Chariots of Fire. You can find lots of recordings of Aphrodite's Child's music on YouTube, including the whole of their third and best album 666 (unfortunately also their last). The burning question, though, is: What turned a ProgRock demigod (for Roussos was just that) into a falsetto, kaftan-clad fatty belting out cheesy pop? Answers on a postcard,

please.

One of Roussos' first appearances on British TV was on... The Basil Brush Show, and it had me howling with laughter, especially watching their Zorbas duet. See it here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=65scBdC3SDA>

Finger-clicking good
Roussos also makes a (sort of) appearance in the play Abigail's Party, broadcast by the BBC in 1977 and still regarded as one of the best television events ever. It is described as 'a suburban situation comedy of manners, and a satire on the aspirations and tastes of the

new middle class that emerged in Britain in the 1970s', but the comedy becomes darker and the situation ever more excruciating as it develops. And 1977 being about the year the decade's style reached its apogee, the fashion and decor are also truly excruciating (cf The Stone Tape).

Please note that some of these links may have disappeared since I accessed them. If so, try google.

Corfu Weather Statistics - January

	Max	Avg	Min
Max Temperature	19°C	14 °C	9 °C
Mean Temperature	14 °C	10 °C	6°C
Min Temperature	13 °C	6 °C	-2°C
Heating Degree Days (base 65)	24	15	8
Cooling Degree Days (base 65)	0	0	0
Growing Degree Days (base 50)	8	2	0
Dew Point	14 °C	5°C	-12 °C
Precipitation	35.0 mm	3.5 mm	0.0 mm
Wind	39 km/h	8 km/h	0 km/h
Gust Wind	80 km/h	48 km/h	34 km/h
Sea Level Pressure	1035 hPa	1016 hPa	988 hPa

Read more at:

http://www.wunderground.com/history/airport/LGKR/2013/9/1/MonthlyHistory.html?req_city=NA&req_state=NA&req_statename=NA#PFq1VRYHlbugcTGf.99

Video Corner

Angelina Jordan from Norway
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nBGMQ9Kx9iI>

Spike Milligan I Told You I was Ill.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Fr0ESGO-0B0>

Be kind
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ovj5dzMxzmc&list=PLTUuSk75GWHXa94nhtHXw8towYOB09yTGn&src_vid=1DUYIHZsZfc&feature=iv&annotation_id

Big Al and Little Al in How not to bake a cake.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=75M5OxG6Qyk>

Epiphany in Kasiopi
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7kHyUb7YSDk>

Nick the Clock's World

Need a friend?
Text me.

Need a laugh?
Call me.

Need money?
This number is no longer in service.




John and Jessica were on their way home from the bar one night and John got pulled over by the police. The officer told John that he was stopped because his tail light was burned out. John said, "I'm very sorry officer, I didn't realize it was out, I'll get it fixed right away."

Just then Jessica said, "I knew this would happen when I told you two days ago to get that light fixed."

So the officer asked for John's license and after looking at it said, "Sir your license has expired."

And again John apologized and mentioned that he didn't realize that it had expired and would take care of it first thing in the morning.

Jessica said, "I told you a week ago that the state sent you a letter telling you that your license had expired."

Well by this time, John is a bit upset with his wife contradicting him in front of the officer, and he said in a rather loud voice, "Jessica, shut your mouth!"

The officer then leaned over toward Jessica and asked. "Does your husband always talk to you like that?"

Jessica replied, "only when he's drunk."

Two old ladies were outside their nursing home having a smoke, when it started to rain. One of the ladies pulled out a condom, cut off the end, put it over her cigarette, and continued smoking.

Lady 1: What's that?

Lady 2: A condom.

Lady 1: Where'd you get it?

Lady 2: You can get them at any drugstore.

The next day, the first lady hobbled into the local drugstore and announced to the pharmacist that she wanted to buy a package of condoms.

The guy looked at her kind of strangely (she was, after all, in her 80s), but politely asked what brand she preferred.

"Doesn't matter," she replied, "as long as it fits a Camel."

A businessman enters a tavern, sits down at the bar, and orders a double Martini on the rocks. After he finishes the drink, he peeks inside his shirt pocket, then he asks the bartender to prepare another double Martini.

After he finishes that one, he again peeks inside his shirt pocket and asks the bartender to bring another double martini. The bartender says, "Look, buddy, I'll bring ya' Martinis all night long. But you gotta tell me why you look inside your shirt pocket before you order a refill."

The man replies, "I'm peeking at a photo of my wife. When she starts to look good, then I know it's time to go home."

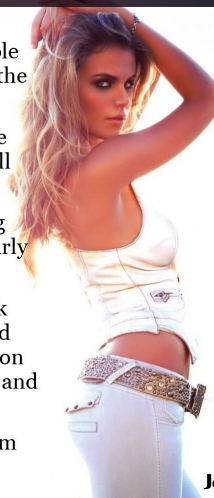
Two different groups of women are travelling on double decker buses on hen nights in the same town.

One bus is full of only blonde females, while the other is full of brunettes.

As they pass each other going in different directions they nearly collide.

The brunettes on the top deck are sitting quietly reading and lookout to the ruckus blondes on the other bus going wild, drunk and flashing them.

A brunette shouts back at them "Atleast we have a driver!"



Launch of The Corfu Gazette - March 1st 2015

By
Sue Gentry Done

I am very excited to announce the launch of a new English speaking Corfu newsletter called the Corfu Gazette. The first issue will be published on March 1st 2015 and will be available via email and also in hard copy in various locations on the island. It will be a monthly publication running throughout the year.

The Corfu Gazette is the brain child of Victoria Robertson who has a great love of the Ionian Islands and has spent the last 4 years in the area.

Victoria lives aboard her boat and spends time moored at various locations in the Ionians including Corfu. She successfully started a newspaper last year on Lefkada called The Lefkas Post which was very well received by the community and now has a queue of people waiting for each publication. It has proved very popular and people pointed out to Victoria that Corfu

could do with its own publication. Victoria did her research and found there was a gap in the market and decided to launch the Corfu Gazette.

Through the use of Social Media mainly Facebook the word was out - the Facebook page had over 200 likes on the first day and has now grown to over 550 in a month.

I asked Victoria what was the aim of the Corfu Gazette and her reply was: To create a community communication resource that is accessible to anyone. The newsletter will be free, anyone can submit an article, it aims to support charities and community events on the island by giving them a place to pass on information. The plan is to have a cross section of articles and information providing something for everyone including a crossword and a monthly photo competition. The Gazette will also give businesses a good advertising platform enabling them to reach their target market in the English speaking

community. The newsletter is for people who live in Corfu, people who holiday in Corfu and anyone else that has an interest in or love of the beautiful island of Corfu.

The Corfu Gazette team is slowly growing and it is an exciting time in the run up to the launch of this new publication.

Thank you to everyone so far for your positive remarks, words of encouragement and submissions.

The Corfu Gazette will be a feel good newsletter and we want to help with the positive promotion of this beautiful island.

If you would like to be added to our mailing list to receive the newsletter on a monthly basis electronically please contact us or if you are a business that would like to advertise and/or have the hard copy of the Gazette in your establishment please let us know.

You can contact the Corfu Gazette by email at corfugazette@gmail.com or through the Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/corfugazette>

Aunty Lula's Love-bites

LEEK AND POTATO SOUP

INGREDIENTS:

4 LEEKS WASHED AND SLICED
1 TABLESPOON OLIVE OIL
300G POTATOES, DICED
800 ML VEGETABLE STOCK OR
CHICKEN STOCK
1 TEASPOON OF FRESH DILL
1 BAYLEAF
SALT AND PEPPER TO TASTE
CREAM TO TASTE
PLAIN CROUTONS FOR GARNISH

GO!

1. Fry the leeks in the oil for 5

minutes. Add the potatoes, stock and seasoning, bring to the boil and

4. Pour in the cream.

5. Reheat and pour into warm soup bowls. Garnish with croutons.

Bon appetit!

The World Of Simon

An interesting Political
interview by the BBC

[http://
yanisvaroufakis.eu/2015/01/
31/on-bbc-tv-newsnight/](http://yanisvaroufakis.eu/2015/01/31/on-bbc-tv-newsnight/)

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There will be a Table-top Sale on Sunday, 15 February 2015, commencing at 10.30am.

There will also be a Raffle with various good quality prizes.

Some of the proceeds will go to a local family man, with children, to help towards his financial expenses in his battle against cancer and we wish him lots of good luck!

It's a good reason to meet up with friends and enjoy a few hours of lightheartedness and fun. Food and refreshments will be available and everyone will be very welcome

For more information please contact Vera on the above telephone number

Magna Carta

By
Dr. Lionel Mann

This year marks the eight hundredth anniversary of the signing of Magna Carta. However what is not generally understood is that its provisions did not apply to the whole populace but that the charter was merely an agreement between the king and his barons, most of them descendants of those who had come to England with William of Normandy in 1066.

John had been Regent on the absence of his older brother on a Crusade, imprisonment for ransom in Austria and campaigning in France. He succeeded to the monarchy when Richard was mortally wounded whilst besieging a castle in France. John's rule was one of despotic tyranny but in 1214 he returned from a disastrous campaign in France greatly weakened by the loss of French possessions. The barons who had suffered from his deprivations seized the chance to seek redress. Neither side really wanted a civil war, when a memory of the horrific conflict between Stephen and Matilda when rival armies stalked the land, slaughtering, raping and pillaging "whilst God and his saints slept" was yet fresh.

The king and barons met on a large open space by the Thames that prevented attempt at ambush or other skulduggery and it took some days for them to hammer out an agreement.

The charter contains sixty three clauses and those relating to false imprisonment and trial by jury of equals are not especially prominent. Four copies exist written in ink upon parchment in Norman French, still in those days the language of the aristocracy, and Latin, until quite recently the language of learning.

Quite some time was to pass before any of the provisions of Magna Carta were to filter through to the general populace. It was yet five decades until the establishment of a primitive parliament and four centuries more of evolution and two civil wars before it became the chief governing power in the land. Just over seven centuries elapsed before every adult in Britain was enfranchised. Such matters take time!

Today the Judiciary, charged with enforcing the laws decreed by Parliament, including those relating to imprisonment and jury trial, is supposed to operate without fear or favour regardless of any pressure from any person or organisation. There are many who would contest that it sometimes fails in that regard. Also there are many who see that Parliament is failing to govern in the manner that reflects care for citizens. Certainly there has been a great dilution of talent amongst politicians over the last seventy years. Today we are plagued by those who brought a load of political hogwash hype or are simply devoid of business acumen, social conscience, general intelligence and leadership qualities. Nobody with

any knowledge of the history of the Arab world would have embroiled Britain in the farcical interferences in Iraq, Afghanistan, Libya and Syria. Such abysmal ignorance has resulted not only in Britain becoming the subject of terrorist threats but also that our wildcat military activities have cost billions of pounds and starved our social infrastructure, causing hardship to many deprived citizens. Do we need a new Magna Carta forced upon politicians of all sides by an enraged populace?

However, I remember my own childhood, when sitting the eleven-plus examination was not compulsory and only a girl and I of a class of more than thirty at the college primary school took the exam. We both passed very well but the rest were content to wallow in idleness. Later, as a teacher for two short periods in state schools, I found that much of my time was taken in protecting the few who wanted to learn from the savagery of the many who despised learning.

Any social, economic, artistic, academic progress is made only in an organised, disciplined, ordered environment. Democracy works efficiently and prosperously only when there is an intelligent and well-educated populace. There are few such nations in the world, none in America and Asia, possibly Japan in Asia and about ten in Central Europe and Scandinavia. If anyone wishes to argue let them just consider the moronic morass of politics in the U.K. and U.S.A.