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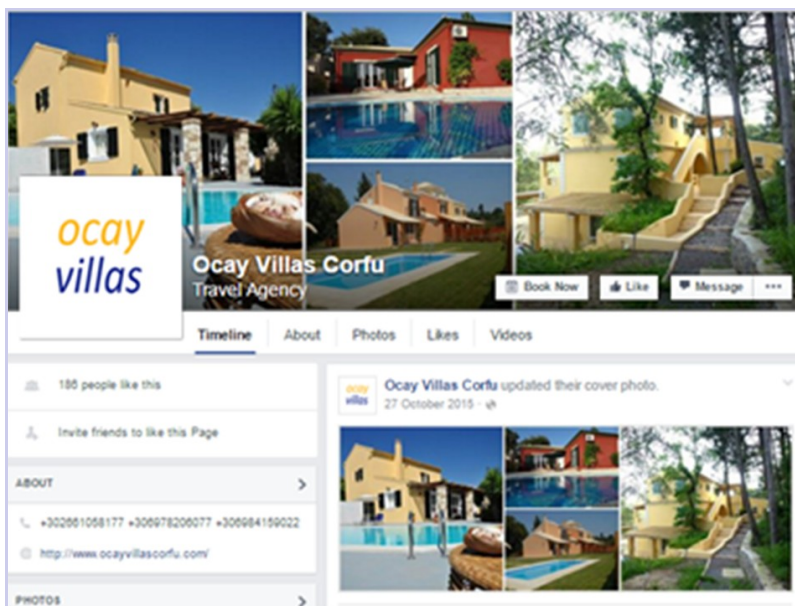
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Happy New Year 2016



Ocay Villas

Because of a positive response to last month's discount offer, we are extending the offer of discount until February 1st for summer bookings at Villa Theodora, at a discount rate of 10%.



Please enquire early to avoid disappointment! And at

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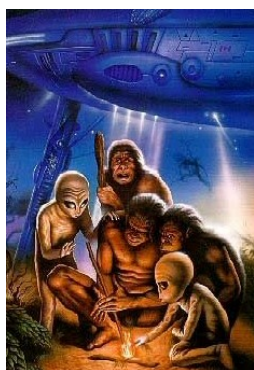
An Alternative

By
Dr. L.F. Mann

These days unable to read and to occupy myself with much useful activity, I lie or sit around just thinking, a dangerous occupation. Way back in New Zealand in 1969 I had a UFO experience so I am convinced that somewhere in this Universe there is at least one planet occupied by beings that have been around for a long time more than have we, to the degree that they have developed machines that are able to travel at fantastic speeds between Galaxies. I do not believe that we have anything to fear from these extra-terrestrials as they are so far along the road to civilisation that they will long ago have forsaken the barbarism of warfare. They may well carry weapons to protect themselves from the primitive war-mongering gun-crazy inhabitants of some parts of our ignorant Earth.

This leads me to consider that for long they have exercised surveillance over the inhabitants of this planet. About two thousand years ago they noticed that a large area had become relatively settled, the Pax Romana, and decided to place on earth an emissary hoping to establish permanently a more beneficial and peaceful ethos. An ET was sent to use his highly-developed medical skills to implant a foetus in a young maiden. In due course the baby was born, celebrated with a bevy of ET.s cavorting around the sky. This child grew and when he reached maturity retired to seclusion in the desert where ET.s came to instruct him in their doctrine and very advanced medical skills that later enabled him to perform amazing miracles. Of course this was bound to bring him into conflict with the establishment of the time and he was eventually sentenced to death. It often took three days for a crucified criminal to die yet after only three hours this victim relapsed into self-induced coma from which he was resuscitated three days later. Thereafter he used his ET ability to appear and reappear at will until eventually he walked into a cloud on a mountain and was taken back home.

I am aware that this suggestion might be met with horror by some but I would propose that it is at least as credible as the official version in the light of our modern knowledge.



Saturday Walks January

Saturday, 9 January. Stavros: In Search for Oberon and Titania (** 2 hours). Meet at To Steki Bar, Coyevinas (on the road to Strongili, about 3 kms after Agii Deka Village), 10.00 for 10.30 start. Lunch at Benitses.

Saturday, 16 January. Kanakades: The Olive Hills and the Ropa Plain (***) 2 hours). Meet at Kanakades Square, 10.00 for 10.30 start. Lunch at Tristrato, Gian-nades. NOTE: One steep descent - sticks recommended.

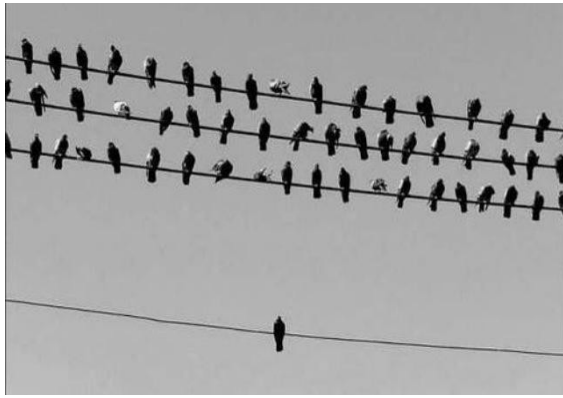
Saturday, 23 January. Lafki: The Deserted Mountain (***) 2-3 hours). Meet in Lafki Square, 10.00 for 10.30 start. Lunch at Stamatis, Strinilas. NOTE: depending on conditions, we may add an extra loop with a great view.

Saturday, 30 January. Paleokastritsa: Paths to Lakones (***) 2 - 2 1/2 hours). Meet at the Alipa road junction JUST before the main Paleo seafront, 10.00 for 10.30 start. Lunch at Elizabeth's, Doukades. NOTE: We'll play this one by ear, depending on conditions underfoot.

Saturday, 6 February. Ano Garouna: Ascent of Mount Agii Deka (**** 2 hours). Meet at the bar at the start of Ano Garouna village, just before the road finishes (park lower down and walk up), 10.00 for 10.30 start. Lunch to be arranged. NOTE: This is the steepest ascent of the mountain, but has the advantage of being short, with level bits in between the uphill.



"Right.....whose shout is it?"



Letters to the Editor

From the Editor: Thank you all for your messages, mails and letters. Our congratulations this month to our friend and Agiot Thursa Sanderson, who was awarded the O.B.E. in the New Year's Honours list, for her contributions toward Music Education and People with disabilities in West Lothian, as Chief Executive of Drake Music, Scotland. <http://www.drakemusic.org/>

A REPLY TO TOM DALTAS FROM LIONEL MANN.

Hello Tom,

Very many thanks for your letter. I derived great amusement from your and Christopher's attempt at disrupting the first Carol rehearsal, but was also pleased to contrast the efforts of the pair of you with the rather pussy-footing attempts of the rest. Yes that first Christmas was great fun.

Unfortunately things at HTC did not work out. I found life there rather uncongenial so organ and organist disappeared. The Catholic Cathedral caught me on the rebound and I played there for some years until I retired at the age of eighty when the old Archbishop also retired. I go back occasionally to the Anglican Church to play the Honky-Tonk which serves as their musical instrument these days, but because I am part-blind I can play only Hymns that I know well, though there are plenty of those that I played for more than sixty years

I was delighted to hear your positive attitude to life and its obvious success. Anybody can be taught tossing tunefully although it is easier the younger they start I had a whizz of a Nursery teacher at my last school; she had been trained in France and was a very good musician She taught the children music from the age of four to six. That made life easy for me when I took over at seven when I found they could all sing in tune and read music; after all Musical Notation is just a graph and we teach children from their early years to read graphs.

Any time you like to write I shall be interested to hear how you are getting on.

Very best wishes, Happy New Year,
Lionel.

Jan & Costas wrote:

We would like to say a big thank you to Nino and Bruno of La Tavola Calda for a wonderful meal and for being so welcoming and attentive. We enjoyed our evening very much and recommend to anyone to try this lovely warm restaurant.

Hilary Paipeti wrote; I thought this month's edition [December] was particularly good, if a little heavy on the cartoons (but that doesn't matter as they are not actually taking up any pages.

ED: As Arsenal is crammed with midfield talent, thus the Agiot is crammed with comics.



Sophia Skoura is a Native Agiot, now living in Sandusky, Ohio.

She sent these photos of her Granddaughter [also named Sophia] for our enjoyment:



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Neil Hendriksen wrote [re Agiotfest Junior Sponsorship]

Hi Paul

I won't tick the attached box. However I am happy to 'sign up' as a Junior Member on the basis of €100 pa (i.e. €50 each for me and Mrs H).

I hope it's OK to do that?

On another note, I've done some initial enquiries re getting an a Capella/barbershop group interested. The major block to date has been that Agiotfest coincides with a nationwide 'college' weekend for all UK barber-shoppers. If you'd like me to approach a couple of decent quartets and see how they'd react let me know. It would be helpful to know what they'd be offered in terms of costs/expenses before I contact them.

Best wishes
Neil

Tracey Stuart wrote;

Hi Paax

I can't open tick box as word has expired on system. Always happy to support you.

All the best
Tracey

ED;

These were just two of the few dozens of responses to date for Junior Sponsorship There is not enough space to include more Thank you kind people, all of whom I have answered privately. More news on Agiotfest on a later page.

Nostalgia



'Ollie, Gert, Ricardo and Pete AF 15'



'Agricultural Policeman with Tzandis'



'Who can name these little Agiots'

Nick The Clock's World (The Comic With A conscience)

My Christmas dinner with my brother and his three wives in his Hampshire cottage was as follows:

Christmas dinner of Russian missile fired roast turkey, consisted headless mashed potatoes Brussels sprouts and bullet proof Yorkshire pudding served with a Cameron and danglebeery gravy.

For desert we had steamed Turkish delight dumplings in a sweet kamikaze sauce.

I washed all this down with a couple of large bloody Mary's.

Any way next year I think I will have a more traditional Christmas dinner in Gaza with my Jewish girlfriend, Bombsie. — >



Until then have a wonderful and a peaceful year.

THE WATCH.

START CHALLENGING EVERY LOAD OF B.... YOUR BANK TELLS YOU
<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/business/news/five-of-worlds-biggest-investment-banks-pay-no-uk-corporation-tax-a6783716.html>



'And meanwhile, in Athens..'

Anyway

A 92 year old man is walking through a park and sees a talking frog. He picks up the frog and the frogs says, "If you kiss me, I will turn into a beautiful princess and be yours for a week." The old man puts the frog in his pocket. The frog screams, "Hey if you kiss me, I will turn into a beautiful princess and make love to you for a whole month." The old man looks at the frog and says, "At my age I'd rather have a talking frog."



This is a coffee shop in Greece which opens their doors every night to these poor dogs so they won't freeze to death outside; congratulations to the owner he/she is a sweetheart

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Nick The Clock's World

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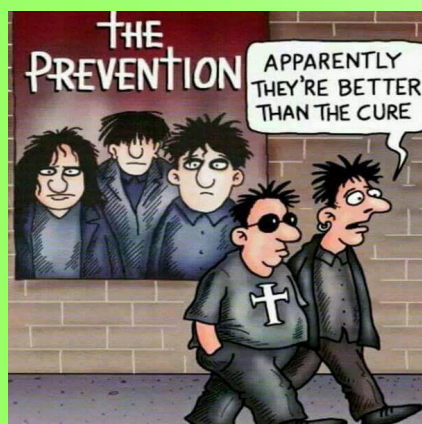
Q: Can a kangaroo jump higher than the Empire State Building?
A: Of course. The Empire State Building can't jump.



Important Facts to Remember as You Grow Older:

- Death is the number 1 killer in the world.
- Life is sexually transmitted.
- Good health is merely the slowest possible rate at which one can die.
- Give a person a fish and you feed them for a day. Teach a person to use the Internet and they won't bother you for weeks, months, maybe years.
- Health nuts are going to feel stupid someday, lying in the hospital, dying of nothing.
- All of us could take a lesson from the weather. It pays no attention to criticism.
- In the 60's, people took acid to make the world weird. Now the world is weird, and people take Prozac to make it normal.
- Don't worry about old age: it doesn't last that long.

While visiting a friend in the hospital, a young man notices several pretty nurses, each one of them wearing a pin designed to look like an apple. "What does the pin signify?" he asks one of them. "Oh! Nothing," she says with a chuckle, "we just use it to keep the doctors away."



HOW WOULD YOU MAKE A MARRIAGE WORK?

"Tell your wife that she looks pretty, even if she looks like a dump truck."

-Ricky, age 8



When people rob the Bank they go to jail...
When Banks rob People they get Bonuses.

How to win at life.
 Step 1: Let people do what they need to do to make them happy, mind your own business and do what you need to do to make you happy.
 The end.

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That's All Folks!

Corfu - The Good Life, December

By
Les and Chris

By the time you are reading this article all the Christmas & New Year festivities will be over for another year.

Hope all your celebrations went well and your New Year Resolutions are holding up?

We did not know what to expect from our first Christmas on Corfu, not being with our families at this time of the year but due to the wonders of the internet we have been able to keep in touch and watch the grandchildren open their presents on Christmas morning.

Sad news, the village tavern closed its doors for the last time for the 2015 season in early Dec but will be open in spring for the 2016 season.

Big thank you to Anna & Nikos for all your help and advice since our arrival.



Had the opportunity to attend my first football match at Corfu Town's home ground to watch Corfu play Panathinaikos.

Corfu town went 1-0 up early on in the game but sadly could not hold on for a win as Panathinaikos scored with literally the last kick of the game to salvage a draw.

But was still a nice experience.



The weather has still been absolutely amazing, plenty of frosty mornings but still beautiful sunny days with temp's still hovering in the high 20oC's.

So we have had plenty of opportunities to continue our exploration of the island and its many pretty villages, we have found the little book by Steve Ford - A traveller's guide to fifty Corfu Villages- a great help.

One of the more memorable walks involved following the coastal track on the north side of Ermones bay in an attempt to reach the little old chapel high upon the headland at the end of the bay.

Sections of the coastal track had been completely washed away so it was quite a scramble in places but we eventually reached the end of the track overlooking the most beautiful cove, and after a 30min scramble up the cliff we eventually reached the garden wall of the old chapel.

We traversed the last 15 meters up the face of the cliff (was well impressed with Chris and her climbing abilities)

There was a local family of brother and two sisters who were enjoying a quiet picnic and were most surprised to see our heads popping up over the precipice wall and us entering the chapel gardens after scaling the cliff below.

We had a really nice conversation with them and they shared some of their picnic with us, delicious.

They explained they were from the village of Vatos and this was their village church.

I did not quite understand this as Vatos is 5km away and has a local village church.

But Spiros (the brother of the family) said that this little chapel was the original village place of worship and it had a special place in the hearts of the villagers and many of them still make trips here and still bring the original church's icon's and cross and make the trek here.

Spiros explained the chapel's name equated to the little church that is far away/ hard to get too but is also known as "Zoodochos Pighi" which roughly translates in to "The Source of Life"

They were delighted that we had decided to make Corfu our home, then Spiros produced a guitar and started to serenade us with local love songs in the village dialect but his sister translated the words of the love song he was singing to us.

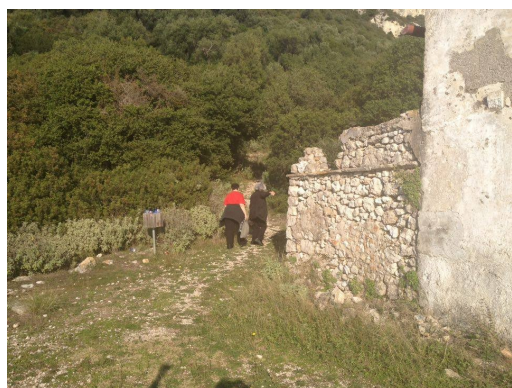
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Absolutely magical, brought tears to our eyes.



We said our goodbyes then the family walked off down the track still singing and waving back to us as they went, what a priceless experience.



We sat there for a while taking in the beautiful views overlooking Ermones bay area, still smiling at what we had just experienced.

Amongst our many trips out we have been to the waterfall and rock pools at Nymphes, mythical bathing place of the water nymphs.

Kanakades village and its pretty church and ruins.

Vatos, where we walked along the mountain ridge up above the village to be greeted by some of the most amazing views over both sides of the island, well worth a trip.

Also we have continued attending days out with a local walking group on Sunday mornings.

We have made friends with a couple on an extended stay in the village, Susanne & Lennart from Sweden and have had some good times with them, long may it continue.

They are two of the original "Cactus Hilton Crew" and have many, many tales to tell of the good old days in Agios Ioannis and trips to Vatos.

So one evening we all went to Vatos to see if Spiro's Taverna was open, sadly it was not but the mini market next door was, so the owner Maria, invited us in to have a beer and sit down and enjoy our drinks there.



Could not imagine being allowed to do that in the middle of Asda!

Lennart & Sanne were also joined for Christmas holidays by their lifelong friend Margarete, their two children and Sanne's Mum who is 91yrs young, an amazing lady.

Spent many hours in their company, especially the Carol Service that was held in their home on 22nd Dec.

Lovely family and friends.

As the local fruit are full of oranges, lemons and other citrus fruits, Chris has turned her hand to making marmalade, absolutely delicious, and even made marmalade cake, even more delicious.

During one of shopping journeys, we just happened to enquire at an animal feed shop in Triklino if they were aware of any chickens for sale.

The daughter of the shop owner could not have been more helpful, she phoned around a few contacts and eventually came up with someone close to town who had some young birds for sale.

Off we went and tracked down the house, the elderly couple there greeted us and took us to their sheds where they had quite a few young birds that were about 8 weeks old.

We bought 4 birds and brought them back and introduced them to their new home.

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Glad to say they have settled in to their new home fine and we should be expecting our own supply of fresh eggs from beginning of Feb?

We had the experience of being invited to join our friends naming day celebrations in Kanoni, special day.

The Charities Christmas Dinner dance in Gouvia was an excellent night, tickets were sold out, good entertainment, food and company.

It was nice to see the Christmas lights and trees going up in houses and in Corfu Town.

We were pleasantly surprised to see just how much Corfiots embraced the Christmas celebrations, it was not what we expected being our first Christmas here.

Nor was it the least bit commercial, so nice to see.

We went in to town on Christmas Eve for a meal, listened to local band playing traditional carols accompanied by school children all playing triangles,

Then they marched off through the narrow streets playing and singing followed by friends and parents of the children.

They marched to the town hall where they joined up with other bands and a full choir and a full traditional carol service was held on the steps outside the town hall, wonderful experience.



Sitting in a local wine bar with friends after the carol service, we met a lovely lady named Edel, who was here on Corfu from Ireland on her own.

She was invited in to our company and also invited to spend Christmas day with us and have her Christmas dinner with us at Paul & Lula's house.

18 people in total for Christmas dinner, the ladies shared the cooking and a most amazing dinner was produced and a lovely time was had by all. Well done ladies.

After dinner Edel had a nice surprise for us, she had brought her Clarinet with her and proceeded to serenade us with a variety of tunes from "Danny Boy" to "Stranger on the Shore".



Early on New Year's Eve we were joined by friends for a meal at the Tristratos Taverna, food and wine were enjoyable.



Then it was all back to our house to continue the celebrations and to see in our first New Year on Corfu.

Wishing everyone good health and a prosperous 2016 from Chris and Les.

Hilary's Ramblings

Contributed by
Hilary Paipeti

Quick! It's the Snowman!



Every Christmas I set aside half an hour for a wallow in nostalgia with Raymond Briggs' wonderful animated film *The Snowman*. This year it struck me that this 1982 movie could not be made today. It is far too politically incorrect.

First, the protagonist is a BOY! Imagine: a young male has all the fun! Can't have that! Today's filmmakers would certainly have placed a girl in the starring role. As indeed they did in the next Briggs-inspired movie, *The Bear*, and she was a particularly bolshie and brattish one at that - a good role-model, see?

Then there are the parents. Two, a man and a woman, and evidently comfortably married. The matronly mother undertakes chores such as cooking, whilst the slippered dad sits in his armchair. The 2015 version would no doubt feature a single mother (executive type, no pinny), or some other combination from the vast menu of parental pairings now available to any child that applies (see below).

And everyone is white (even the snowmen!). Though there is a hint of multi-culti in the snowmen's party towards the end, when the figures are dressed in various national costumes. No doubt an outcry would ensue today, with various groups queuing up to complain that the figures portraying their ethnicity are the Wrong Colour.

The home setting - an isolated farmhouse surrounded by fields - would surely be deemed 'not relevant' in the life of a modern child, more used to an urban or suburban environment than

raw nature. PETA would certainly stick their oar in, accusing the filmmakers of encouraging cruelty to animals in the scene where the motorbike chases beasts across snowy fields and through woodland.

Indoors, no sign is in evidence of mobile phones or electronic devices of any sort, and the TV is of the old-fashioned box kind, not a flat-screen. Horror! I can envisage parents threatening to sue the production company, due to their spoilt dahlings' trauma at being forced to imagine a life without an iPhone and computer games! Not to mention more litigation in light of the bad example set by the child in the film, who plays outside in the snow without full cold-weather protective gear. No doubt the snowman himself would fail a health and safety check: 'Can't show that, mate. It might encourage minors to pursue dangerous activities (sucks teeth). Might get frostbite in the fingers, or the constructed edifice might collapse.'

And of course, the relationship between the boy and the snowman would set off alarm bells. I mean, it's so obvious that grooming is going on. Embraces. Affection. Entering bedrooms. Dressing up in women's clothes. Then the flight to meet a large bunch of male snowmen, who all appear to be indulging in shifty below-the-waist activities, until they step back to reveal the ultimate paedophile *, Father Christmas.

I wonder when the BBC will commission a fully politically correct version for the 21st century **.

* Greek translation: 'Friend of children'.

** It's not just me. Consider this from 2011: Children's literature is inherently sexist because the majority of heroes are male, a study claims. An analysis of 6,000 best-selling children's books published during the past century concludes that male lead characters vastly outnumber female ones. And in a conclusion that will baffle fans of Alice's Adventures in Wonderland, Anne of Green Gables and The Wonderful Wizard of Oz, researchers said their findings indicated a 'symbolic annihilation of women'. Read more: <http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-1383533/The-sexist-tales-Peter-Rabbit-Fantastic-Mr-Fox.html#ixzz3vPQMoY7W>

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Hello Mum! Er... Dad...

A story emerged just before Christmas about a transgender couple from Ecuador who are expecting a child. Lovely for them, and I expect that everyone will wish them happiness. However, the story here is that it's dad who's pregnant, and mum supplied the sperm. Try to keep up: Fernando was born a girl (or rather, was 'assigned female gender at birth'; it's someone else's fault what you are born as nowadays) and is in the process of transitioning into a man. But as (s)he still has the full set of girly bits, (s)he is pregnant with the couple's child. His partner Diane was born male but is now (sort of) a woman. Under a pretty figure, (s)he still possesses all the masculine equipment, as like Fernando (s)he has not yet undergone below-the-waist surgery. So which IS mum and which IS dad?

Try explaining that a few years down the line...

Were you aware that copying your CDs onto an electronic device (computer, tablet, iPhone etc) has recently been made illegal? That's right, you can't download your own CDs, the ones you bought with your own money, into your own device. This rule makes it somewhat awkward for those of us whose computer automatically downloads discs the second they are inserted. You are, you see, supposed to buy the music a second time for use in the computer, from iTunes or whatever. I just wonder how on earth the idiots who thought this up are going to enforce it; they'll need more than an army to chase up the trail.

It hardly needs saying that transferring your own music by way of USB stick or similar to a computer owned by a second party is also illegal (as if anyone pays attention).

If you have a good permanent WiFi connection, you have all the world of music at your fingertips; just chose a song and YouTube will select an ongoing song list for your enjoyment. But if your WiFi is non-existent or inadequate, and spends more time rendering than playing - or indeed if you just prefer to possess a permanent playlist of your own - here

is a good trick:

How to download songs from YouTube onto your computer

- 1) Select the song you want via Google or whatever.
- 2) Check the recording quality to see whether it stops in the middle or has been recorded on a mobile phone from the back of a concert crowd. Try to find the authentic album recordings, often recognisable from a display of the album artwork rather than a video.
- 3) Copy the URL i.e. the 'address' in the strip at the top of the page.
- 4) Google 'YouTube MP3 download' and open the page of more or less that name, the one which tends to come up first.
- 5) Click on the box which contains an URL (not the one you want so delete it first). Paste the URL you copied into this box.
- 6) Wait a few seconds until the box tells you the name of your chosen song, then click on 'download'. The programme will download the track into your computer, and if you have my system, direct into your iTunes playlist.
- 7) Play the song and break this silly law.



Gooners Gags

Communications:

After having dug to a depth of 10 feet last year, Canadian scientists found
 Traces of copper wire dating back 200 years and came to the conclusion that
 Their ancestors already had a telephone network more than 150 years ago.
 Not to be outdone by their neighbours, in the weeks that followed, an American
 Archaeologist dug to a depth of 20 feet, and shortly after, a story published in the New York Times:
 "American archaeologists, finding traces of 250-year-old copper wire, have concluded that their
 Ancestors already had an advanced high-tech communications network 50 years earlier than the Canadians".
 One week later, the British authorities reported the following:
 "After digging as deep as 30 feet in North Yorkshire, Jack Arkwright, a self-taught archaeologist, reported that he found absolutely f*** all.
 Jack has therefore concluded that 250 years ago, Britain had already gone wireless."
 Just makes you bloody proud to be British, don't it!

An older gentleman (retired doctor) became very bored in his retirement and decided to open a medical clinic. He put a sign up outside that said:
 "Dr.Retiree's clinic. Get your treatment for \$500, if not cured, get back \$1,000."
 Doctor "Young," who was positive that this old guy didn't know beans about medicine, thought this would be a great opportunity to get \$1,000. So he went to Dr.Retiree's clinic.
 Dr. Young: "Dr.Retiree, I have lost all taste in my mouth. Can you please help me ??" Dr. Retiree: "Nurse, please bring medicine from box 22 and put 3 drops in Dr. Young's mouth."
 Dr. Young: Aaagh !! ~ "This is Gasoline!" Dr. Retiree: "Congratulations! You've got your taste back.That will be \$500."
 Dr. Young gets annoyed and goes back after a couple of days figuring to recover his money. Dr. Young: "I have lost my memory, I cannot remember anything." Dr. Retiree: "Nurse, please bring medicine from box 22 and put 3 drops in the patient's mouth." Dr. Young: "Oh, no you don't, ~ that is Gasoline!" Dr. Retiree: "Congratulations! You've got your memory back .
 That will be \$500."
 Dr. Young (after having lost \$1000) leaves angrily and comes back after several more days.
 Dr.Young: "My eyesight has become weak ~ I can hardly see anything!!!!
 Dr. Retiree: "Well, I don't have any medicine for that so, " Here's your \$1000 back." (giving him a \$10 bill)
 Dr. Young: "But this is only \$10!
 Dr. Retiree: "Congratulations! You got your vision back! ; That will be \$500." Moral of story ~ Just because you're "Young" doesn't mean that you can outsmart an "old Guy"*
 Remember: Don't make old people mad. We don't like being old in the first place, so it doesn't take much to piss us off.



It takes your food seven seconds to get from your mouth to your stomach.

One human hair can support 6.6 pounds.

The average man's penis is two times the length of his thumb.

Human thighbones are stronger than concrete.

A woman's heart beats faster than a man's.

There are about one trillion bacteria on each of your feet.

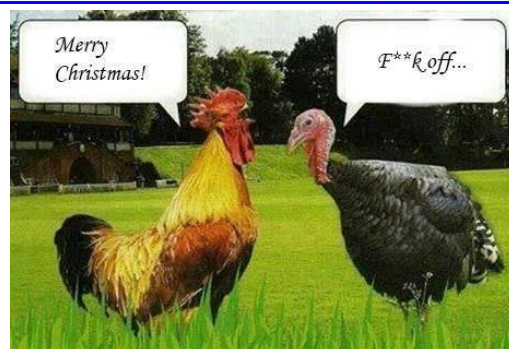
Women blink twice as often as men.

The average person's skin weighs twice as much as the brain.

Your body uses 300 muscles to balance itself when you are standing still.

If saliva cannot dissolve something, you cannot taste it.

Women will be finished reading this by now.



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Traditional Olive Soap

Throughout modern history soap has been a necessity in developed societies, as the primary means of hygiene and cleanliness. It also found application in medicine and pharmacology for its healing and antiseptic properties. Though things have changed, traditional soap still has the benefit of having passed the test of time: It has offered its services for many successive generations, improving the quality of life while being environmentally friendly throughout production and use. Furthermore pure soap is considered the most thorough skin cleanser since it unblocks the skin's pores by effectively removing dirt, oily substances and dead cells.

The "PATOUNIS Soap Works" with a history of over 150 years, still make handcrafted soap by traditional methods from locally produced olive products. The Corfu plant built in 1891, preserved with its functioning tools and equipment, constitutes a living memory of a splendid old local tradition.

The following soaps are made here:

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The Swedish experiment. (Part 2)

Now december has passed and it was a busy month. Our friend Margareta arrived 12/12 to add to the viking group. She's staying with us till mid januari, and we have a good life in Theodora. And 21/12 my mother and our children Simone and Viktor arrived and made the villa buzz with life. And already the next day we had the christmas carols here, a really lovely evening. Special thanks to Lionel who played the organ while we all sang (more or less in tune).

In Sweden the big christmas celebration is the 24/12 and we had a lovely alternative christmas, very different from the cold and dark at home. Simone and Viktor dressed the tree by the pool and my mum enjoyed the sun.



'Playing'



'Leaving'

&

'Rejoicing'

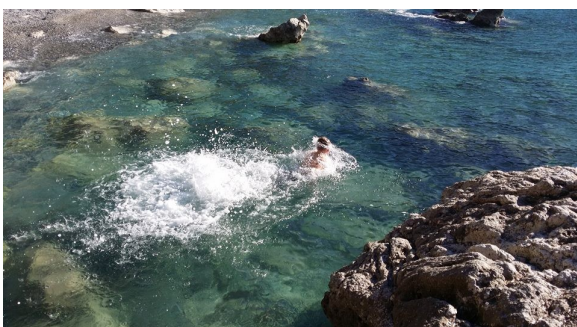


Lennart took the family for some sightseeing on this beautiful island. The weather was absolutely lovely and Viktor proved that he's a real viking and had a swim in the sea a couple of times. He also went to a football training with Peter, so he was happy.

Christmas day we were honoured to be invited to Paul and Lula for a christmas meal with their family and friends, thank you so much for a lovely evening. Good friends, good wine, some clarinet play, a happy Kosta and Nitza with their little princess. And Kosta jr, Simone and Viktor really found each other.



'Drinking & Swimming'



'Enjoying'

The Swedish Experiment—part 2
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Well, the days passed quickly and soon the family had to leave and life became much more quiet. Until New Year...



'Sleeping'

Then we went to a lovely little taverna with Les, Christine, Paul and Lula. Again good food (lots of it) good drinks (lots of that as well) and good company. After Les and Chris had invited us to their beautiful house to celebrate the new year. A lovely evening but it took its toll on New Years day...

Love and Happy New Year to all our friends in the world.

At the keyboard
Sanna

Crawfish Etouffee

4 cups finely chopped onion	4 tablespoons flour
2 cups finely chopped bell pepper	1 cup water
½ cup finely chopped celery	2 teaspoons salt
2 cloves of garlic, minced	2 teaspoons Creole seasoning salt
2 sticks of butter †	1 cup green onion tops, finely chopped
2 pounds of crawfish tails with fat	

In a large pan, melt butter and then add the onion, bell pepper, celery and garlic. Cook on medium heat for 10-15 minutes until vegetables are soft and tender. In a separate bowl or cup add flour to water and stir until smooth. Add flour mixture to vegetables and cook for 1-2 minutes until well blended. Add crawfish tails and continue to cook on low heat for 15 minutes. Add seasonings and onion tops and cook for 5 minutes. Serve over rice. Makes 8 servings.

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Aunty Lula's Love-bites

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I am keen to try this out myself.

Καλη ορεξη

&

Happy New Year,

Lula

Village and Island News

By
The Editor

December

Liver gone.

Kidneys gone.

Weighing scales broken.

Eyesight failing.

Memory fading.

Voice hoarse.

Broke.

On the positive side was it not fun? Beba was the star throughout her third month on the planet and revealed different bits of her emerging character each day. I'm definitely in love.

The weather hereabouts has been glorious. Our visitors relish this, but I think us equally, as it is certainly the finest last quarter to a year I can remember.

A period of much socialising, starting with a raid on the minimarket in Vatos, sitting drinking beers with friends amidst the grocery shelves, kept company by owner Maria.

My son Kostas had a scare, a bad pain in his side. It was quickly diagnosed, however, as muscle strain. In his little gym he is bench-pressing 90 kg [ouch, and ouch! No wonder].

Greek lessons in Ipsos were a feature, but I'm much too clever for this class. Maybe I'll learn Swedish instead.



'The Christmas Hamper'

From the middle of the month the car seemed to become a second home, as we did the eternal errands mixed up with Christmas shopping [which seemed to go on and on]. Then socialising again; now we are at the big Charity event and meal in Gouvia, organised

by Martin Brindley. Splendid night and Lula found out later she'd won first prize in the raffle; a seriously lush Christmas Hamper! As the belt-size required gets more demanding we are at a joint name-day at Kanoni, in celebration of Lula's together with our two Annas; not to be confused with Ioanna [Anna] of Taverna fame, who sensibly escaped the carnage for the relative quiet of Athens.



'It is a Corfu Christmas'

Car mechanics got all mixed up with these goings-on. Then Margareta arrived, to stay with Lennart and Sanna in Villa Theodora. On 16th of the month- St.Lucia's day in Sweden- she cooked us a splendid 'formal' meal, at which the Swedish ladies wore garlands in their hair.

Football matches came and went and Christmas piles in on top of us. Work kept getting in the way too; It definitely is the curse of the Lotus Eaters.



'Drummer boy at AO Kerkyra'

Then it is Lionel's traditional round on the Carols at Theodora, kind permission of our Swedish tenants. The old boy pulled out the stops [pun intended] and the thirty-plus congregation gave good voice; food was great and it certainly kick-started the Yule.

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'In Agios Ioannis'

On the 24th the tree and decorations went up in our house- we keep the twelve days of Christmas almost faithfully. I say almost because we celebrate Epiphany on the 6th of January, so we do not de-robe until the 7th. Putting up the tree etc on Christmas eve is much more exciting! You know it really IS Christmas!

Christmas Day in Villa Theodora kitchen set the record for the most numbers of sitters; 18. Once the tables were arranged the front door of the kitchen could neither be opened nor closed. What a cosy atmosphere with family, friends, some with their own family, and a stranger [not on the shore] who played a clarinet. To have this diversity of ages and types and Nations [Greek, English, Swedish and Irish], was what Christmas spirit is all about.

A couple of days of nothing were in order, and duly taken. Then back on the Festivities, and a round of meetings with other friends right through until New Year's Eve, which was another splendid evening, but better reported elsewhere in these pages.

In the midst of life there is death Lakis, Lula's cousin from Kefalo Mandouki died on the last day of the year and his funeral in Garitsa was the same day, casting a shadow over the light of New Year.

Leaving.....

The dying embers of 2015 are sparked into life by the new spirit in Agios Ioannis.



'Some of the eighteen'



'Beba'

Corfu Weather Statistics December 2015

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	Max	Avg	Min
Temperature			
Max Temperature	22°C	17 °C	10 °C
Mean Temperature	13 °C	11 °C	8°C
Min Temperature	10 °C	5 °C	3°C
Degree Days			
Heating Degree Days (base 65)	20	13	8
Cooling Degree Days (base 65)	0	0	0
Growing Degree Days (base 50)	6	3	0
Dew Point	16°C	8°C	-2 °C
Precipitation	3.0 mm	0.2 mm	0.0 mm
Wind			
Wind	26 km/h	3 km/h	0 km/h
Gust Wind	34 km/h	32 km/h	32 km/h
Sea Level Pressure	1035 hPa	1027 hPa	1019 hPa

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The villa will sleep six when complete, and will be ready and available for rent from Greek Big Easter week, starting on Monday, 25th April. It will feature a 50 square metre pool. Enquire please at the above link.

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Agiotfest Update

By
The Minstrel

We are awaiting outstanding negotiations with a UK band before finally committing to 2016.

I'd like to thank again all of you once more, who have stepped forward to pledge, especially those who have vouched to become Junior Sponsors.

Thank you to Lyn Cahill, Neil Hendriksen, Les and Chris Woods, Lennart Bjorklund and Sanna Ternald, Eleana Vlachou and Ray Bachan for adding your support to that initiative during December. Muchly appreciated.

All our major sponsors are supporting us again, plus Roadhouse Music is a very welcome addition.



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No action is required on anybody's part right now, but rest assured I will be in touch before the month passes, as the desire to carry on this fabulous event is still there.

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THE GREAT BEAR/DOG CONTROVERSY:

There will be more on this in next month's Edition. Suffice it to say the Famous Bear/Dog, originally and kindly donated by Mary Walker to Agiotfest, returned by its winners, then donated by Agiotfest to the 100+ Club, has been won again. By the same winners! You

can't make this up. This poor unwanted and traumatised animal has at least the consolation of knowing in its woolly heart that it is probably the biggest money-spinner for Charities on Corfu.

The 100+ Club.

Emergency fund aid.

The Raffle was drawn at Argo Bar Benitses, there were a total of 7 prizes tickets were drawn by 7 people that had not purchased a ticket.

1st prize Large dog green ticket number 06 green, Paul & Jan Scotter

2nd prize 5 bottles of wine ticket number 20 yellow, Danny.

3rd prize 1 bottle of Vodca ticket number 07 pink, Peter & Geri.

4th prize 1 bottle of Champagne number 96 green, Su - Litsa

5th prize 1 bottle of Ouzo 21 yellow, Danny.

6th prize 1 bottle of Metaxa 18 green, Les & Chris Woods.

7th prize 1 bottle of Brandy 06 yellow Elaine Yung. The 100+Club.

The 9th draw of year 3 was held today Tuesday 22nd December 2015 at Villa Theodora Carol singing evening , Ag Ioannis Triklino.

The winner of the 100€ was Number 46 Gill Burton, drawn by non member Derek.

The winner of the 50€ was Number 41, Derek & Carole Pullen. Drawn by non member Jean.

Number of people present 31.

Members present 14.

A big thank you to Hosts of the evening Paul & Lula, also to Dr. Lionel Mann on the organ

Thank you to all who attended

A big thank you to the 109 members who support The 100+ Club, also a big thank you to, Paul & Jan Scotter central area co-ordinators, North area Co-ordinators, Louise Taylor & Sandra Klouda.

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ED:- The Dog/Bear did not put in an appearance this time round.



Spear Travels win again

THE ARK ANIMAL WELFARE CHARITY**CHRISTMAS RAFFLE**

On Saturday, 19 December 2015, a Raffle was held in The ARK Animal Welfare Shop at Ag. Dimitriou 11, in Corfu town.

There were a total of **forty-seven (47) prizes**, many of which were donated by local stores and tradesmen, and of very good quality.

Tickets prices were kept at a reasonable price of €1 each and a very satisfactory amount of much-needed cash was collected; all of which will go towards the ever increasing cost of treating and caring for the many stray and abandoned animals in Corfu.

As a few of the prizes have not been collected to date I will prepare, for your information, a full and complete list for inclusion in the February 2016 issue of the Agiot Magazine.

On behalf of The ARK Animal Welfare Charity I would like to thank all who participated in the raffle. Your support is very much appreciated.

Lucy STEELE, M.B.E.
Raffle Organiser

**THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION POPPY APPEAL
CORFU & LEFKADA 2015**

Dear Friends of The Royal British Legion

Once again I am delighted to report that the total gross amount collected for the 2015 Poppy Appeal amounted to **€3,289.68!**

Yes, the amount is correct and is an overall increase of approximately **31.5%** over 2014!

Again a very fitting honour for our serving troops at home and abroad. We have, once more, proved ourselves to be more than generous in remembering those who gave so much for so few in order to safeguard us all.

We will remember them

Like our supporters in Corfu, Lefkada supporters are equally as dedicated to the welfare of our troops and in the very capable hands of Jackie Dallos, they gave a gross amount of **€482.82** an overall increase of approximately **13.5%** over 2014!

We thank you and your supporters, Jackie!

On behalf of The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal, I thank you all (both here in Corfu and our friends in Lefkada) for your continuing kindness and support. I can assure you that your efforts are very much appreciated and the cash will be put to the best possible use.

Yours very sincerely

Lucy STEELE, M.B.E.
Poppy Appeal Honorary Organiser

The World of Simon

The Bakery in Ano Korakiana;

a short film by Simon Baddeley, who uses his loaf when it comes to slicing film. Crumbs!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DtGacM9AA5Y&feature=youtu.be>

Simon says;

Praise to Kinopiastes in Corfu and to David Shaw Smith, his family and Greek colleagues. This is the finest documentary I've ever seen of a pastoral economy still at work 45 years ago. At 36.21 I see a threshing-floor (aloni, τ' αλώνι) horses used to loosen the grain from the chaff. My friend Jim Potts wrote a few years back "an objective, physical structure and

space, but also as a potent literary, cultural and folkloric symbol throughout Greek history, literature and folk-song, from ancient times, until the present day. It's sad to see many threshing floors abandoned nowadays, their surrounding walls crumbling, their beauty and function almost forgotten. As people start to go back to the land, maybe some, at least, will be restored. Will the circle be unbroken?" I enjoy the way the Greek commentary mingles with the children's English. Watching it, for all my realism about the back breaking labour of working the land, I ache for what's been lost by modernisation and its effect on the life of villages everywhere.

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Christmas Greetings 2015 from Clifford and Avis Owen

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Taken from Christmas Newsletter - 2015 3

Dear Family and Friends,

Where did 2015 go to! I have just written a four minute 'Thought for the Day' script for Huntingdon Community Radio to be read out on December 18th, my seventy third birthday.

I have called it *tempus fugit* - time flies. I said that the older we get the years seem to tick by as though we were reading the electricity meter!

2015 has included three short locum visits to the Diocese in Europe. We went to the Church of the Holy Ghost Genova Italy for five weeks in January/Feb. we then paid a return visit to St. Luke's Fontainebleau in May. Then out of the blue I was asked to plug a gap at St. Michael's Paris for three weeks in October. Isobel joined me for a weekend and then returned to Paris for a Conference four weeks later. She left on the Thursday before the Paris tragedy on the Friday. The assistant minister's flat in Paris was on the thirteenth floor of a block in Billancourt and looked directly north over the city. At night the Eiffel Tower did its own light display on the hour and on the far hill above Montmartre one could see L'Eglise du Sacre-Cour. It was hard to believe what was to happen just three weeks after we left. But Avis and I both had to admit that we found the Metro a bit scary.

Back in Huntingdon I have been kept busy with services in the Deanery. During the summer I found myself taking services in twelve different churches in ten weeks, including a lovely wedding for a young couple at the village of Hilton near Fenstanton. In August I was even let loose in a Baptist Church! They wanted a 25 minute talk..a bit beyond my normal Anglican length. I managed

it and as it turned out it was good practice for St. Michael's Paris who expected twenty minute sermons as a norm!

The thing I have really enjoyed in the last four months has been restarting the Healing Communion services at All Saints Hartford. So with the joy of a day a month as welcome Chaplain at Ely Cathedral, one can hardly say that vicars retire!

I have managed two archaeological digs during the year: the first at the village of Covington near Kimbolton. It was three lovely summer days trowelling and finds washing, and when Izzy joined me she was involved with surveying and recording. Later in August I had a Saturday by the river Ouse with the St. Ives Group STAG; putting a trench across some crop marks which had shown up on aerial photographs. There were almost no finds but much wheelbarrowing!

AVIS writes:

I am still enjoying my two days a week as a volunteer in the Huntingdonshire record office. I am now working on improving my skills at palaeography, especially transcribing secretary handwriting (early 17 & 18th century).

I have joined a quilting/patchwork group and have made 2 king sized quilts. 6 table mats, 3 bags, 2 cushions and a table runner. Still lots of material and many skills to learn but the teachers are very patient and it is a lot of fun.

The garden is getting established and I am pleased with the result. Having a tightly packed herbaceous border means there is little room for weeds to grow.

So all that remains is to wish you all a Blessed Christmas, wherever you are, and do drop in if you are coming nearby Huntingdon in 2016.

Conversations with Dr McGoo

BY LANCE MAGNUSSON

Dr Magoo Praises the European Union

What a marvellous institution the European Union (EU) is! It has enabled me to come and live on this island, to thoroughly integrate with the locals, and to meld with their culture and customs! Of course, someone of my vast wisdom and experience would be able to assimilate into any EU country I picked, whether it be Latvia or any of those other member states whose names finish in 'ia', like Syria and Lybia. Always fancied the idea of those last two, just so long as the place is not too hot, the people speak English and they don't eat any foreign muck.

Of course, the EU is run - as is perfectly correct - by Germany. In my experience (a long weekend in the Ardennes), the Germans are definitely the most diligent people in the EU. Certainly they put the stupid, idle Greeks who live all around me to shame. And, unlike this local lot, they are competent and clever at engineering. Just look at that Morgan sports car they designed and continue to build! Folk in this village couldn't change a lightbulb if it slapped them in the face! And I don't care what you say, the Germans are the most benevolent and peace-loving nation on the planet. They didn't start the war, you know. It claims they did on that Internet thingy, so it must be a lie.

What? You're telling me that the EU is a corrupt organisation, which hasn't had its audit signed off for nearly 20 years? You're saying that BECAUSE YOU HATE THE EU!!! You say your facts can be verified; can they indeed! I bet you verified your supposed facts on the Internet, where absolutely everything is a malicious lie! ... You say the story's been featured in mainstream newspapers like the Times and the Telegraph and the Financial Times? Well, that only goes to prove what I've said time and time again - ALL JOURNALISTS ARE LIARS!!! ... You're seriously suggesting that mainstream newspapers wouldn't be able to publish lies about the EU because they'd be sued? Well, the EU didn't sue, so it can't be true about it being corrupt. You really must employ better powers of reasoning, and become more like me in your thought processes. I recommend the Ladybird book series as a starting point.

It's a pity those Ladybirds aren't translated into Greek, so the locals could learn a thing or two. Then they might develop second thoughts about getting up so early in the morning, and other peculiar customs. I'm often awakened even before ten o'clock by their noisy conversations. And that stupid, lazy siesta means I can't play loud music on my radio in the afternoon, which I like to do when I'm not fast asleep.

I must admit that life in a rural village can be a trial from time to time, and I'm not just talking about noisy conversations. Donkeys braying, birds making a frightful din, roaring winds, washing dripping on your head, and the reek of all that foreign muck coming out of their kitchens. Why can't they close their doors and windows so sensitive folk like me don't choke on the stink? Winter can be difficult, and sometimes whole days go past without my

saying more than 'yas' to anyone. What? You think my conversational abilities might be at fault? Well, I'll have you know that I speak over five words of fluent Greek fluently, so I am perfectly capable of holding my own in a rational debate! No, it's that lot's own fault - their English is limited to no more than fifty words. Imagine! They're just not prepared to integrate into the local lifestyle like I do.

By the way, in case your own Greek is not up to scratch, 'yas' means 'hello'. I figure that's why their word for 'yes' is 'oki', derived from 'OK', you see. This lot weren't able to use our 'yes' as a root, as they should have done, because it sounded too like 'yas'; and they'd get confused, since they are all stupid. You have to be an expert entomologist like me to comprehend these matters.

To conclude our penetrating debate for today, it is my firm belief that many other nations should apply to join our wonderful EU, and then people of all those diverse countries could go elsewhere in the bloc and assimilate, just as I have done. Turks and Somalis, for example. Then we could start the vital process, necessary in this divided world, of making everywhere exactly like everywhere else. With Germany as the template, of course!

