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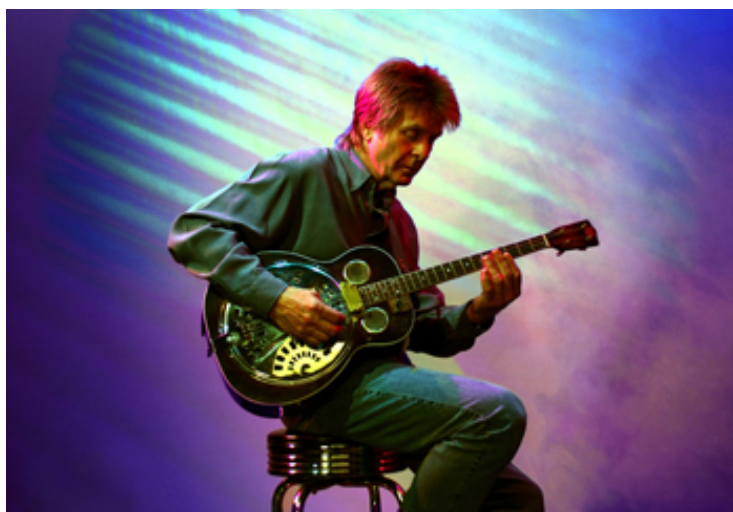
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Agiotfest Countdown



By
The Minstrel

Fifty Eight days to go to the second Agiotfest on the 27th and 28th August. Friday night will see top Reggae band One Drop Forward from Thessaloniki, Serbian 2009 Rock champions Kuriri, Anglo-Greek big hits Omega5 from the north of Corfu, Jemma Bartlett [another 'new find' from 09], The Good Old Boys and maybe one or two more surprises along the way. Although it is great to have established performers, we always want to find room for a new face or two. So look out on the evenings to be pleasantly intrigued.

Saturday night is Joe Brown night. He is greatly anticipated along with his

band, all great exponents in their own right. What a great gift to have this timeless performer amongst us;-

Quotes.....

"I first saw Joe at Crayford Town Hall in 1962 - He was there before any of us - Great player - Much respect".

Keith Richards 2007

"For me, Joe has always been a guitar player first. I must say he appears to me at his happiest as a musician, playing the guitar, mandolin, banjo, harmonica and fiddle and composing songs. It is a pleasure to know him mostly on that level, though I would add that he is also not bad with an old joke or two or three".

George Harrison 1986

"With his latest recordings, Joe Brown makes his love for all roots-based music as apparent today as it was when I saw him opening for

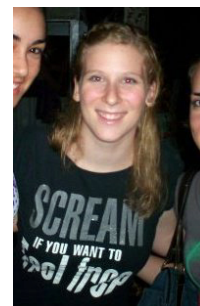
Del Shannon at Newcastle City Hall at the beginning of the 60s. A multi-instrumentalist and always one of the best guitar players around, he is the genuine article - a bona fide British rocker and born entertainer whose roots go back beyond the UK skiffle boom to music hall, early folk music and the Mississippi Delta".

Mark Knopfler 2006

"Despite all the accolades I still believe Joe is vastly underrated - within his chosen field Mr. Brown is simply the best".

David Oxtoby (Artist) 2006

There is not much to add. But as well as Joe we have the splendid 4Square from Manchester, classy Laura Zakian, the Good Old Boys and more. Look out for Sonia Grammatikos e.g., a delightful Corfu lady who is peeping out from an early retirement.



"Laura Doss-One to Watch"

All are welcome, go to www.agiotfest.co.uk for fuller details. Tickets are starting to go. You have been politely warned!

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Joe Brown Facts

Joe played Lead Guitar with Johnny Cash, Gene Vincent & Eddie Cochran all by the time he was 20 and in the same period also played Lead Guitar with Ronnie Hawkins alongside Levon Helm (The Band)

Joe Brown's first number 1 record was in 1962

On The Beatles first Radio broadcast George Harrison sang Joe's No 1 - Picture Of You.

The Beatles, in their early days, opened a couple of shows for Joe Brown promoted by Brian Epstein and unknown to Joe during one of these shows George Harrison sneaked into Joe's dressing room with Paul McCartney's brother Mike McGear who took a picture of him playing Joe's guitar. Many years later George turned up

wearing a T.Shirt with that picture on the front.

Joe Brown was one of the first UK Stars to play a residency at the original Star Club in Hamburg

Noel Redding is reported as saying that he and Chas Chandler took Jimi Hendrix to see Joe play and as a finale Joe played Hava Nagila with the guitar behind his head - next show Jimi did the same thing on one of his songs.

Eddie Cochran cited Joe Brown as his favourite Guitar player.

Joe Brown was travelling in the same car as Eddie Cochran & Gene Vincent on the tour when Eddie died as a result of a car accident. Joe had been taken off the tour halfway through to headline his own tour because of his own record success.

Joe Played Mandolin on Mystical One and sang backing vocal on the title track of George Harrison's Gone Troppo album in 1982 and twenty years later closed the show at the Royal Albert Hall Concert For George by playing I'll See You In My Dreams on Ukelele.

Bruce Welch remembers that Joe gave Hank Marvin the echo unit which first gave The Shadows their distinctive sound.

Joe once caused a riot in Glasgow by referring to an old firm match and had to be got out of the building through a dressing room window and over the roof by the Police.

John Prine is a big Joe Brown Fan but has yet to see one of his live shows.

4Square to light up the New Cactus Hilton



Since humble beginnings in a freezing farmhouse on the outskirts of Rochdale in the winter of 2006, outspoken alternative-folk quartet **4Square** has accomplished an incredible amount in a relatively short space of time. Not only has **4Square's** music matured into the most unique and exciting sound you shall hear from the British folk music scene today; they have also shared stages with the likes of **Steve Winwood, Fairport Convention, Richard Thompson and Seth Lakeman.**

"4Square...who are they?" very much sums up the words on the lips of festival-goers before **Fairport's 2009 Cro-**

predy Convention took place. Despite this, after an astounding 80 minute set and encore before an audience of

20,000 people, 4Square then went on to sell every last one of their debut album, **20.20 Manchester**, becoming **The Cropredy Convention's 2nd biggest selling band of all time!** 4Square played at a total of 11 festivals during the summer of 2009, and in past years have appeared at festivals such as Shrewsbury Folk Festival, Towersey Village Festival, Warwick Folk Festival, Bromyard Folk Festival, and Spratton Folk Festival.

2010 bookings for the band already seem to be flying in, and promise to include dates in Prague, South Germany and Corfu as well as the regular festival fixtures. Their 2nd

album "chronicLes" was recently launched and will be available at all good music shops in June 2010.

'Annoyingly brilliant. 4Square, a teenage folk phenomenon.' - PJ Wright

"Simply stunning." - John Tams

"Outstanding musicianship, total assurance, abundant energy and exceeding confidence...Dripping with very obvious talent." David Kidman, netrhythms.co.uk

"...dynamic, energetic and exceptionally talented." - Ali o'Brien, Saddleworth Folk Festival

"...incredible musicianship..." - Sam Pirt

"Young but masterly, a name to look out for in the future." - The Talk Magazine

"...Really glad to see 4Square in particular; playing a storming set to a receptive crowd and completely selling out all their CDs. It's good to see a bunch of youngsters occupying the stage too." - from the Properganda Blog after Cropredy '09

Don't miss these on Saturday August 28th.

Village News

By Dr. Lionel Mann
Contributing Editor

Despite Obnoxious Al's rather gloomy report, Corfu is still a very pleasant, attractive place in which to live. There can be very few more delightful ways to spend an evening than at the taverna tables, sipping, nibbling, chatting with friends and visitors. True, the weather of our summer so far has not been up to its usual glorious standard, but a steady improvement seems to have set in recently. Al clearly lives in the wrong place; I cannot remember when I last removed the key from my door. That's how it was in Hampton-on-Thames fifty years ago. Progress?

Unhappily we are not able to report that Valya is making good

progress towards recovery from her accident. Her condition is giving rise for concern. Surgery on an 82-year-old is never a light matter.

Carole Pullen managed to roll her car in Kanalia a few days ago, but fortunately escaped with only superficial injuries, though the vehicle is rather sick.



"The Stuart Clan"

This year's panegyrie was much scaled-down from respect to a former mayor who died recently. The first night, only sparsely attended, saw the usual religious procession followed by the fire-jumping. The second night was a non-event.

Amongst those checking in at the taverna tables last month were Chris and Nikki Dartford, Mark and Jenny Farrow, James and Liz Stuart, Ricky Collier, Lennart and Sanna Bjorknald with Victor and girlfriend, Paul and Sally Grove again, Micky with Ingrid White. Elke Hornig has visited for a few weeks; the warbling of her flute has been heard around the plateia.

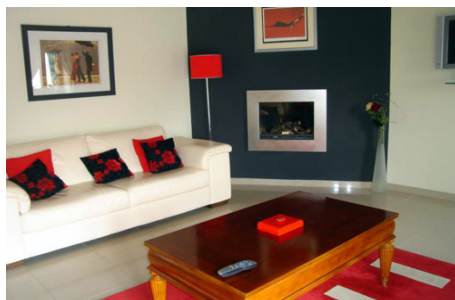
Special Property Feature - Villa For Sale in Agios Martinos



Nestling in the hills above Akharavi, in the north of Corfu, is this beautifully restored and thoroughly modernized villa. The building is 136 square metres set on a plot of land measuring 1200 square metres.

Beautiful views of sea and mountains fringe this property with beaches not far off at the gentle-shelving safe beaches of Akharavi and Almiros.

Despite the old stone property being over fifty years old, you can barely discern this fact owing to the superb modernisation throughout and the fine quality of all aspects, including special features such as granite tiles.



The property comprises:
Ground Floor- Living/Dining room, kitchen, 2 double bedrooms, bathroom and hallway.
Lower Ground floor- Double bed-



room, Living Kitchen, bathroom and large storage.

This property is well worth the viewing for the mature buyer.

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News From the North

By Uncle Bulgaria
Contributing Editor

What a crap week, last month I was so busy due to setting up the new web site for my cooking book. (**C h e c k o u t www.lillylongman.com**) this is a very extensive site with sample recipes from the book and fascinating history of Lilly Longman from 100 years ago. Anyway it has generated huge interest and sales, thank goodness. Then this month of course wife and I laying in bed four o'clock in the morning, I hear the cat meowing in the lounge, this is weird as I threw him out for the night!!

I get out of bed wondering how he got in and find the front door wide open, what the hell one thinks then look on my computer work station and spot my 2 lap tops are missing , bugger!!!! I woke the wife and said we have been burgled as we slept and she looks for her handbag which of course is missing, I throw on some clothes run down to the street and jump in my car driving fast to Episkepsis (Where the the Albanians and Bulgarians nest) no sign, then down to Acharavi to check any one around the cash dispenser as cash and credit cards were in the purse of the bag, no sign,so back to the house.

Phoned Alpha Bank security and Bank of Scotland and cancel all the cards. Nice to know they are on duty 24 hours a day. Must have missed these buggers in my house by minutes. Then look around outside, the bag is placed not thrown just off the front door, and down where I park my trusty car is the purse laid open in my car port with

the house keys on top and the credit cards still intact. Just small amount of cash gone.

The pratts took 2 very nice laptops after unplugging the peripherals including the charges for both which they left behind. What good are 2 laptops with flat batteries and no chargers?

Every one said did you report it to the police? No. Up here they were probably the lookouts. Reportedly. One English woman up here reported a burglary and was charged 35 Euros to report it. No Point is there?.

The main problem is replacing the equipment and then the time spent reloading software and finding where one obtained some of the software. So that is this month.

Needless to say tourists are few and far between in the North, the all inclusive hotels are full, but these type of skinflints do not spend money in the local bars and restaurants, therefor the locals are suffering a bit so far this year. There is little building work in progress and of course house sales are way down almost non existent. But then who wants to live on an island riddled with thieving illegals and where you have to look sideways at every one you know thinking , was it you?.

My house is now a fortress with sensors and bells and lights all over the place, metal doors will soon block all access points and buckets of piddle are poised over strategic spots ready for tipping !!!

Let us not get to depressed however, it is still a beautiful Island to live on, albeit the most expensive, The way of life is brilliant, up this end we will soon (In the next

10 Years) be able to go for a number two and let the paper drop down the loo instead of put it in a box. Because it is expensive here most of the dickheads and scroungers have left to go back to England for the social, making our quality of life a little better. I am learning to play the Banjo badly in what little spare time I have, and this lowers the quality of life for my neighbours if they can hear me practice ,which pleases me because its a good chance one of them is the git who turned my house over.

I am and always will be Obnoxious Al

Corfu Weather Statistics

JUNE WEATHER STATISTICS

Month's Rainfall: 21.6 mm with 11.9 mm falling on 20th.

Year's Rainfall to 30th June.: 461.5mm.

Maximum Rain per Minute: 2.1mm at 06.25 on 20th

Maximum Temperature: 34.0C at 06.25 on 16th.

Minimum Temperature: 0.0C at 00.03 on 27th.

Maximum Windspeed: 35.2kmh at 17.09 on 29th.

Maximum Gust Speed: 68.5kmh at 17.33 on 28th.

The New Cactus Hilton

By Paul McGovern
Editor



There is a stirring in the Groves. For many a year, since the departure of Freddy ThreeTents in fact, this tranquil country niche, yet deep in the heart of the Old village, has remained largely unmolested, apart from the building of the small Villa Lula in the early part of this decade. Vallya and her flock have been the lone sentinels of this golden spot, nestling west of the plateia and north of Villa Theodora. David Smith lived in the small villa until 2006. Latterly Paul and Sally Grove have been tenants and they too have enjoyed the attentions of Vallya's charges.

Freddy Threetents inhabited the area in the 90's, he was renowned for painting the surrounding boulders blue, and hiding his cache of photo-

graphs underground. He also hung strange objects from his clothes line. Of course, Freddy was very upwardly mobile. His original surname was Fuhrer [you can't make this sort of stuff up] and, naturally, he came from Germany. His first home here was in the back of a Volkswagen on the plateia. He was very poor but was in luck with the generosity of Kostas and the locals. He soon showed his worth as a handyman though, and could dig the best of ditches. As his economic star rose in the Agios sky he was given permission to pitch his tent at the New Cactus Hilton. For a while this was his home but as things steadily improved for him he acquired and erected a second tent. He swiftly became known as Freddy TwoTents, and then later still his Empire reached its zenith and came to resemble a small redskin village. ThreeTents was born. Alas, Freddy's days were numbered here. Beset by bad luck and bad company on occasion, he was finally ejected from Corfu, certainly not by the villagers but certainly by the Authorities. One can still detect a blur of blue on his garden rocks.

The Cactus Hilton, as it was then called, had its heyday in the 80's. What

tales could be told of those halcyon days of Kostas taverna and Dinos taverna and Georgie Loves Good People? And the passion and fun which inhabited those bygone groves. This writer was not here to experience those days of glory, but the times are kept in the memories of those who were, many of whom still return in these more sedate times.



"Is Georgie turning in his grave!!"

However, as I said, there are stirrings. A brave little tent was captured on film in June. Ella and her friend Lizzie braved the mosquitoes and turned back the history pages.

And soon there will be the surge of crowds for one flicker in time, as the New Cactus plays host to musicians from around Europe. The groves are about to be given a new peak in popular appeal as the Agiotfest firefly dances across them.

Aunty Lula's Love-bites

Ice Cream

- 200gr Sugar
- 4 Fresh Eggs
- 300ml Whipping Cream
- 1 tbsp Vanilla Essence

Go:

1. Separate the eggs in a small bowl and beat the yolks well. Whisk the egg whites until stiff and then whisk in the sugar, 1 teaspoon at a time.
2. Whip the cream until it forms soft peaks, then fold in the egg

white with the egg yolks and vanilla essence.

3. Turn into a 1½ litre container, cover and freeze until solid.
4. Remove from the freezer and leave at room temperature for 5-10 minutes before serving.

Variation:

Purée raw 200gr fresh strawberries or raspberries and fold in at the end of step 2.



"Aunty Lula - Shopping"

Bon appetit!

Liberty, Equality, Fraternity

By Dr. Lionel Mann
Contributing Editor

In 1789 the French set about slaughtering their leaders, including intellectuals. For over two hundred years they have suffered from the resultant lack of skilled direction; even Napoleon eventually led them to disaster, the first of a long series. Only now, under the guidance of an immigrant, is a serious attempt being made to recover from the vacuum that was created more than two centuries ago. Go to it, Sarkozy!

“Liberty, equality, fraternity” is a recipe for failure. Unrestricted liberty breeds anarchy; everyone’s liberty is curtailed by responsibility to society. The pursuit of equality breeds mediocrity; a major lesson of history is that it is only the elite who have made any lasting positive contribution to civilisation. Fraternity is bred solely in an ordered, intelligent community; see how disruption and crime flourish widely these days.

Liberty, freedom and rights, widely bandied around, result in the civil turmoil that plagues today’s world. The exercise of democracy demands the compliance of an ordered, intelligent populace. The brainless rabble, claiming to exercise their “freedom”, who indulge in “civil disobedience”, spreading disruption, destruction, arson, injury and general mayhem, are promoting anarchy, destroying democracy. For democracy to work effectively an established government should be supported by all law-abiding citizens, whatever may be their political agenda. A chance to effect change comes at regular intervals when the wishes of the majority of the populace are declared in the result of a general election. The

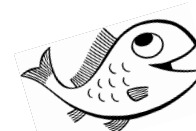
minority may not like it, but, living in a democracy, they must intelligently accept and uphold the decision of the majority. However, democracy may not be an appropriate form of government in some lands; it has certainly proved to be very inefficient in many countries where a benevolent autocracy could be more appropriate.

Equality has come to undermine order and progress. Unfortunately the attempt to impose “equality”, “fairness”, “justice” has seriously impaired some education systems, particularly throughout the English-speaking nations. To enforce a “levelling” upon society results in widespread mediocrity, a massive dilution of skill and intelligence. The true wealth of a nation is its brains. Even Soviet Russia, amongst other nations, recognised that, segregating the most promising amongst its citizens, whatever their background, from a very early age into special educational facilities and later ensuring that the most successful were promoted to positions of power throughout the administration. The result is that Putin, Medvedev, also Merkel, along with other leaders around the world in nations encouraging achievement, have more intelligence in their little fingers than has been demonstrated by most U.S. presidents and British premiers for the past fifty years and more. True J.F.K. and Heath were exceptions, but they did not last long, though the latter was luckier than the very effectively-eradicated former. To be good at anything in the English-speaking world today is to arouse envy, opposition, hatred, malice, enmity. Moreover the dearth of talent is also displayed by those responsible for their countries’ stum-

bling commerce, industries, arts and sciences. It is only the cultured, enlightened elite of the world who contribute to genuine, lasting progress. Sarkozy, probably through his ancestry, seems to have burst through the web of inept equality in France.

Fraternity, brotherhood, springs only from intelligent peoples recognising that different nations have widely differing beliefs, cultures, customs, and accepting those differences. To attempt to impose foreign mores upon another nation by military, diplomatic or economic force is not only monumentally arrogant but also abysmally stupid, arousing at least resentment and more often implacable enmity, as we have seen vividly demonstrated by the current spread of “terrorism” in opposition to Western, allegedly “Christian”, attempts at world domination. Too, racial tensions within nations stem from ignorant disregard of others’ ethos. Again a good education system is essential to remedy the problem. To surrender one’s own principles is not the solution, but it is vital to recognise that others may hold varying beliefs and willingly to accept those differences, however great they may be. Mischievous propaganda, in support of predatory agenda, seeks maliciously to ridicule and denigrate differences to the stultified masses, thereby encouraging conflict. One may not like what one sees elsewhere, but don’t forget that elsewhere may not like what elsewhere sees of one. When one beholds the disintegration plaguing English-speaking nations, and their clumsy, brutal attempts to foist their bigoted, provenly fallacious ideas upon others, one may well comprehend, respect and sympathise with the views and resistance of those others! “Live and let live.”

SCHERZANDO SAYS



After a little blip weather-wise things seem to be picking up! Holidays are up and running!



Further Zen Thoughts?!

Give a man a fish and he will eat for a day. *Teach him how to fish and he will sit in a boat and drink beer all day!*

If you lend someone £20 and never see that person again, it was probably worth it. *A good point perhaps?!*

Good judgement comes from bad experience and most of that comes from bad judgement. ?!

A closed mouth gathers no foot. *So true!*

Never, under any circumstances, take a sleeping pill and a laxative on the same night. *You have been warned!*

Quizzical Questions



Holiday Howlers

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Sudoku Session - July

Once again, there will be a small prize for the correct answers emailed/ phoned/ delivered to the Ocaj office.

(Lucky dip of all correct ones)

Remember you need to put the numbers 1-9 in each little 3 x 3 square as well as each row and column.

List answers from the 6 shaded squares left to right starting from the top with a comma between each to avoid confusion please.

A friend sent me these results from a Thomas Cook holiday questionnaire:-

"It's lazy of the local shopkeepers to close in the afternoons. I often needed to buy things during "siesta time" - this should be banned."

"I think it should be explained in the brochure that the local store does not sell proper biscuits like custard creams or ginger nuts."

"We booked an excursion to a water park but no one told us we had to bring our swimming costumes and towels."

"The beach was too sandy."

"We found the sand was not like the sand in the brochure. Your brochure shows the sand as yellow but it was white."

"Topless sunbathing on the beach should be banned. The holiday was ruined as my husband spent all day looking at other women."

"We bought Ray-Ban sunglasses for 5€ from a street trader, only to find out they were fake."



"I was bitten by a mosquito - no one said they could bite."

"No one told us there would be fish in the sea. The children were startled."



Answers for June

Sudoku - 4,1,2,3,7,2 were the shaded squares.

More than One

- a) teaspoonfuls b) potatoes
- c) crises d) oxen
- e) phenomena f) mesdames

Linkwords

Each answer is 5 letters and each answer differs from the previous one by one letter.

1. Unadorned
2. Killed
3. Disclour
4. Sedate
5. Be upright
6. Smelled badly



Are we really so daft? I will give you all some more next month if I can cope with more such ridiculous statements?!!!

A good holiday is one spent among people whose notions of time are vaguer than yours.

J.B.Priestley

Come to Corfu ... Solved!!!

VILLA THEODORA

CONCERT

RIA GEORGIADIS

(Flute)

Dr. LIONEL MANN

(Organ)

Saturday 23rd October
8 p.m.

Admission 20 Euros

including Indian food

and a

complimentary drink.

Only sixty tickets issued.

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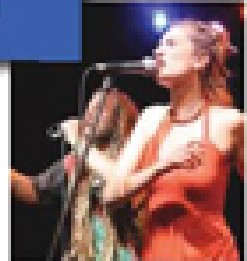
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AGIOTFEST 2010

Friday

One Drop Forward
Kuriri Omega 5
and more



AUGUST 27TH & 28TH.

6 pm till late



Saturday

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4 Square The Good Old Boys
and more

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An Exhibition with a Difference opens at!!!!

Art Café, Corfu Town
(In the gardens of the Palace of St Michael & St. George)

on
Friday 16th July at 7 pm

And will continue from :-

Saturday 17th - Saturday 31st July
10am - 7pm daily



Cotton, wire and foil seem an unlikely start for an Exhibition but combine this with 7 inventive artists and remarkable product called 'PAVERPOL' this Exhibition is a must see event.

'PAVERPOL' is a fabric hardener and so much more, when combined with any natural product it can produce amazing sculptures suitable for indoor or outdoor use, the only limit is your imagination and the imagination demonstrated by these 7 artists is truly amazing.

The exhibition will include a life size family, an imposing dragon, mermaids, birds, lamps and a 2 meter Olive tree. Over 40 pieces will be on display to delight and fire the imagination.

'PAVERPOL' was invented in Holland over 10 years ago and has since spread world wide, it has a Global Safety Hallmark, is harmless to people, plants and animals making it ideal for adults and children alike to enjoy. The well know Cofiot artist Carla Bellou was so enchanted by the potential of the product 18 months ago, that she obtained the distribution rights for Greece and is setting up a network of suppliers and workshops here in Corfu and on the Greek mainland.

In addition to the sculptures a complete range of the "PAVERPOL" products will be on display and enquiries about forthcoming workshops are welcome



The Exhibition will have a truly International flavour with the following artists exhibiting:-
Sylvie Ballenweg:- Born in Germany, but has lived abroad for many years. She studied art in Holland. Two years ago, she moved to Corfu, and prefers experimenting with mixed media in natural and industrial materials.

Carla Bellou:- Well know local Corfiot artist and specialist bespoke framer originally from the Netherlands has lived in Corfu for over 30 years.

Lon Korpershoek-Kroos:- Lived in The Hague where from the early 90's has specialized in Doll making and has as exhibited in Holland, Germany and Belgium, Denmark and Curacao. She settled in Corfu in 2007.

Anna Jones :- Originally from the UK. She sailed into Corfu 5 years ago with her husband and immediately fell in love with the island. She normally works with stained glass and fabrics and has enjoyed combining all three of these mediums in this Exhibition.

Mirjam Mulder:- Trained in Fine Arts in her native Netherlands She moved to Corfu two years ago and now practices the art of painting and making statues with 'PAVERPOL' She also holds workshops in the studio of her house in Agios Ioannis.

Eirini Penna:- Born and raised on Corfu, after completing school she went on to study Fine Art. A well-known Artist she has been widely exhibited both here on Corfu and Internationally.

Caroline Philp:- The well known Muralist and Artist trained in Theatre Design in UK before moving to Corfu in the 70's . Introduced to 'PAVERPOL' last year has re awakened her love for the three dimensional form.

All the artists will attend on the opening night and be available during the following two weeks to help with any enquiries.

