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Living in La La Land

Contributed by <u>Petros Papageorgio</u>



Referendum time!

I don't profess to be some know-it-all of economics or politics but rather, just like in other aspects of my life, a bit of a jack-of-alltrades...

When I was in Lykeio, second grade, at the beginning of the year, one day the classroom door opened and in came this young man, who looked distinctly like my kinda guy...



'He didn't look anything like this, but I'm trying to protect his identity...' Dressed in jeans and a plain black tee-shirt with a peace symbol on a thin leather cord round his neck, he walked in that peculiar kind of lope that seemed to be the standard with persons of the revolutionary persuasion... he walked not only with his legs but with his whole body... lurching forwards with every step...

I decided immediately we would become friends. He was in Corfu, because his father worked for OTE, the telephone company, as a "problem solver" and was sent all over Greece to sort out technical telecommunications stuff. We quickly became very close. Our musical tastes for one were the same. He also opened my eyes up to a lot of other things, mostly political...

He was an anarchist. Now unfortunately this is a word with a lot of negative connotations especially in England but also in most of the world... most people would have you believe an anarchist is someone who firebombs policemen, breaks windows and stuff and generally runs riot...

However that is not true. There are quite a few varieties of anarchism, mostly radical Left, and many of them are anarchypacifists. Essentially anarchists reject the state as evil, but I digress..

This was 1984, 3 years after PASOK had won a landslide electoral victory and "toppled" the right wing government that had been going since the colonels left in 1974.

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I will close this little "story" by telling about the priceless moment, when my father asked over lunch, what my political "leanings" were, and I answered, in all my newly found fervour, "I'm an anarchist!!". My mother, bless her, almost choked. I'm certain visions of future

generations burning my effigy in town squares, for trying to blow up something, flashed before her eyes...



Back in those "primitive" times, with no internet and two television channels both state controlled, it was impossible to get "all" the news unless you knew someone to call and tell you. Athens was then, as it is today, a large part of Greece, almost half the population was and is there. And, unfortunately, pretty much everything is happening there, and we rarely got to find out about it...

For example the area of Athens known as Exarcheia, has always been a hive of left-wing, anarchist and generally "out there" activity... Often there were occupations of buildings for months or even years and attacks by riot police, tear gas, mass arrests...

And, as I found out from my friend, various forms of torture famous from the colonel's times, still continued to be applied by the police then... in a supposed "socialist" and "for the people" state...

Did anything ever really change in Greece?

I read <u>an interesting article in the Guardian</u> recently about what happened in Greece after the 2nd World War. It put another piece of the puzzle in place... (unfortunately, as I now know, history is always written to justify the existing situation, so there was no mention of all this in our school history books...)

As the war finished, the beginning of the struggle between the US and the Communist bloc began; a struggle for world domination.at another level. Greece already had a strong Communist party, and what was "worse" (for the Western powers) was that the Communists having been in charge of the main resistance against the Germans , had already begun to create a form of loosely run state and were keen to start rebuilding Greece. As far as the Western powers were concerned they needed to be stopped before Greece joined the Eastern bloc... they needed help. Who did they enlist? The Nazi collaborators...

So the Nazi collaborators in Greece were never punished, instead they were given arms and the Civil War begun...

A Civil war which was won by them! Because of course they had America and England on their side... You might wonder what has this to do with today... Well, did you know that a lot of our political persons in Greece are directly linked to families who were Nazi collaborators? And that a major part of the strong animosity between the Left and the Right in Greece has to do with that part of History...?

Nazi collaborators are called dosilogoi ($\delta\omega\sigma$ í λ oyoi) in Greek. Loosely translated it means those who did not do good on their word.

Samaras and the New Democracy Party are closely tied to extreme right wing ideas and many of the party members are direct descendants of Nazi collaborators and pro-King right wingers. The small party called LAOS, had a member running for MP, who was the son of an infamous Nazi collaborator called Yosmas, who was so "successful" in his role as "Captain Parmenion" he followed the Nazi troops when they left... he was tried in absence and convicted to death, but upon his return to Greece in 1947, his sentence was converted to 20 years in prison. Three years later he was let go and 1961 found him as the head of a school board in Thessaloniki. Soon he would be implicated in the murder of Grigoris Lambrakis, a well known left wing MP and pacifist... Xenophon Yosmas, as was his full name was also known as "Von Yosmas" ...

There is a common "cheer" or "slogan" which is shouted at rallies about "the junta not having finished in 1973..." . This is very true.. The powers that be, could see that the colonels were making a mess of it, and were fast losing any small backing they had from the Greek people (to this day there are people who will answer to any disagreement "what you need is a junta..."

So what did they do? They arranged for a so called "liberation"... ha- ha- ha... and called it the Meta-politefsi.

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A political government was quickly put into place, fronted by Kostas Karamanlis (the elder...uncle of the more recent PM of Greece, talk about nepotism...) Kostas Karamanlis who had been PM when Lambrakis was brutally killed...

You could say, in a way, that for many Greeks, the war never finished... The Nazi collaborators were never punished, instead they were given arms and power to fight against the perceived red threat. The Civil war tore apart villages, families...

And continues to do so even today. In a weird parallel to the years of the war, it is the Germans yet again, who appear to have their "sights" set on Greece... it may not be actually like that but it sure seems like it...

George Papandreou junior, his finance minister Mr.Papakonstantinou, Meimarakis from ND, and a number of MPs, all have grandfathers who were Nazi collaborators. These people saw to it that budgets and numbers were fiddled and Greece found itself under IMF-Troika rule...

Playing the German game? who knows...

you don't need to be a financial whiz-kid, to understand that Greece should never have joined the Eurozone. Balance sheets were seriously fiddled to make that happen... in fact many bonds and financial fiddling "ghosts" have come back to haunt Greece in the past years...

Europe's banks poured money into Greece, most of it into shady subsidy deals, and banks and through them to yet more shady businesses and deals.. and.. let's not forget a good many politicians pockets, both greek and European...

Germany's and Europe's heavy industry stood to make a good profit out of all this... Greece filled up with luxury German cars, Siemens got all the best deals to equip Greece with telecommunications equipment and anything else they made.. Pharmaceutical companies made excellent sales, often of completely useless items at exorbitant prices, stuff that would languish in half-built hospitals for years slowly rusting away... (this happened in our hospital here in Corfu.) For many of us this readily available funding was a Godsend.. after years of very high interest rates, suddenly it was cheap and easy to start or expand a business... But they did not stop there. You could get a loan for practically any reason.. Money, and debt, was deified.

There was even a song that said " Oi oreoi echoun chreoi" (The good looking guys have debts)

The bubble burst years ago...

I remember reading the first and second memorandum, the terrible "Mnemonia" that everyone talks about.. To be honest a lot of what they required as far as legislation and rules, was quite correct...the problem was, and is, that it was being applied (or not applied) by the same bunch of corrupt, good for nothing, politicians as before...

During the last 5 years, when Greece was supposedly changing for the better, and suffering for it too, nothing has really been done. The same people have still been looking after their own and their cronies interests... in fact, worse than before because they used the pressure of the troika's presence to pass law after law, taking away hard earned workers rights and running the health and education system into the ground, along the way.

On the 25th of January 2015, a Left wing party, SYRIZA won the greek elections for the first time ever. SYRIZA had always been a coalition, and is well known for incorporating many "currents" or "revmata" as they are called in Greek. There are more or less "radical" elements, often disagreeing with each other. Unfortunately, in order to have a shot at winning the elections, they had to broaden their views even more, accepting into their party, a number of ex-Pasok members and a variety of "weirdos"

(I know that my article is supposed to be informative and characterizations like "weirdo" are not really on... but believe me, they are...)

After five months as government and endless negotiations that were very obviously going nowhere, we now have a referendum scheduled for next Sunday... The question that is being posed to us, is: "Do you want us to accept the agreement that is being offered/ imposed by the Europeans?

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Capital controls have been imposed and people are, sort of, panicking... no one really knows how this is going to work out...

I am, a businessman too, and things have certainly become a tad more difficult, to say the least; but for now we are managing...

I don't know enough about global economics and how it all works to be able to have an "absolute" opinion on how things are or how they could be made better.

I confess that my opinions on all that goes on, are often more to do with "feelings" rather than some "absolute knowledge"...

But, to defend my position, is there anyone out there who can profess to be in possession of some "absolute knowledge" as regards how the the "world" cookie crumbles?

We say that Europe is attempting to put its foot down... and frighten Greece's new government into going back on its electoral promises... otherwise they will derail "the program"...get with the program or else, is what they seem to be saying... but is it really the European governments or the big business lobbies behind them?

The idea of a unified Europe s great, hell the idea of unified anything is great.. I am the first to say that we are all brothers and sisters...

But i have to confess that the concept only ever made sense to me when travelling from Luxembourg to Belgium to France, where the only sign that you were crossing the border was the sexy voice emanating from the GPS "You are now in Belgium..."

Still I believe Greece must remain a part of Europe... IS a part of Europe!

But not a Europe where money is God, not a Europe who looks after the interests of speculators and banks at the expense of its citizens.. not a Europe who turns its back on immigrants, not a Europe that does not CARE.

I'm voting NO to all that.

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and good quality prizes.

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I look forward to seeing all our friends, new and old, and I know we can make it a night to remember!

> Lucy STEELE, M.B.E. Raffle Organiser

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Hilary's Ramblings

Contributed by Hilary Paipeti

A Corporate TTIP?

A rather interesting speculation has emerged recently: the possibility that, far from being a 'rival' of the USA, the European Union is its '**construct'**.

Negotiations currently underway over the TTIP agreement (conspicuously under-reported in the Mainstream Media - I wonder why? *) cause one to take the speculation seriously. In an isolated article on the subject, this is how The Guardian covered it in December last year:

'Rarely has a trade agreement invited such hyperbole and paranoia. The Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP) ** - or proposed free trade pact between the US and the European Union - has triggered apocalyptic prophecies: the death of French culture; an invasion of transatlantic toxic chickens into Germany; and Britain's cherished NHS will become a stripped-down Medicare clone.

'From the point of view of free-trade cheerleaders, EU carmakers will more than double their sales, Europe will be seized by a jobs and growth bonanza and city halls from Chicago to Seattle will beg European firms to build their roads and schools. The world's biggest trading nations will have no choice but to play by the west's rules in the new world created by TTIP. 'Such are some of the claims made for TTIP which is now stoking a propaganda war on a scale never seen before in the arcane world of tariffs and non-tariff trade negotiations.'

So the French are worried about their food and film industries; the Brits about the possible sale to USA corporations of the NHS. Assurances have been made that these and other precious institutions will be protected - but one has to ask, for how long? That's for the future. The main concern at present is a rubicon step contained in the Treaty which enables foreign owned companies to sue sovereign nations who act in a protectionist manner. This would destroy the right of any nation to put up trade walls so as to protect indigenous businesses from colonial predation. It means that corporate interest rules, not 'democratically elected' governments. Under these terms, it is possible that a US healthcare corporation could prosecute the UK government for preventing them from bidding for a NHS sector. If the company became able to acquire such a sector, profits inevitably would be paramount, raising the frightening scenario of a corporate refusal to treat expensive and chronic conditions - like old age. Can you see where this may lead? A possible blanket imposition of procedures akin to the Liverpool Care Pathway, by which patients deemed 'close to death' are deprived of medications, food and water, resulting in death within a few days, thus - surprise! - fulfilling the death prophecy. Under these terms, compulsory euthanasia lies but a short step beyond.

And the NHS would surely not be the only European health service in the corporate viewfinder. Education is expected to also be under threat, perhaps ending in your child being fed overt corporate propaganda in the classroom. Consume! Consume! Meanwhile, assurances are also being made that American foodstuffs containing substances currently banned in Europe - like GMO foods, hormone-laden beef and chlorine-sprayed chickens. Lovely! - will not be permitted. How long do you think that would hold out under massive lobbying (aka bribery) by giant corporations such as Monsanto? Do our proven-to-be supine and venal politicians inspire much confidence on this front?

Let's examine the development of the European Union from its inception to this point; it's a process which some call the 'totalitarian tiptoe'. First there was free trade within a block comprising sovereign nations. Now the 'sovereign nations' exist in name only, and Brussels calls the shots. Meanwhile, 'free trade' has all but killed localised production and organisation ***, so that if a nameless bureaucrat in Brussels wills it ('thanks for the nice bung, Monsanto!') unlabelled nonreproducing GMO seeds could be winging their way to a shop near you, and your local clinic could have morphed into a subsidiary of some Medicare-style company. The development process of the EU has gradually, without our notice, removed protections to the giant corporations' takeover of our comfy world ****

And where are we going? Here's a clue: According to some commentators, we are heading down a slippery chute to a new world of Communitarianism, usually referred to as a toxic mix of communism and capitalism.

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Communitarians apparently want to create a postmodern, post-democratic feudal society run by a small number of rich and powerful people with everyone else working as peasants. In order to achieve their objectives they must destroy the middle class and the nation state. Can't you see it happening in front of your eyes? And who gains? Mostly the giant, multinational (for that read mainly American) corporations. That's why it may well be true that this whole European project has been driven by the good old USA.

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* It is telling that negotiations are taking place in secret, with only platitudes emerging for the benefit of our ears.

** Cozy and benign titles like this one are often the sign of a sinister plan. Trade? Investment? Partnership? What's not to like!

*** For example, it used to be that villages produced their own fresh milk. Now there are no cows, and milk comes from Northern Europe, all nicely homogenised. **** This could go a long way to explaining the EU's aggressive and dangerous policies in Ukraine. Another 60 million people? More consumers for the corporations to target!

Grexit? Y you should hold on to your XXXXes! Amidst the truculent brinkmanship games being played out on a daily basis by senior government figures in the Greek government, the EU and international finance organisations, it's not a surprise to learn that even Angela Merkel is 'resigned' to the possibility of a Grexit. If it occurs, be warned that it will happen with no prior warning and over a weekend, as did the institutionalised theft a year or two ago of savings from bank accounts in Cyprus. It's quite possible that we shall wake up one Monday morning to find all our lovely banked euros converted into swiftly devaluing drachmas.

Why do you think that they installed double doors at all bank entrances, on this safest of islands? Clue: It's not as a buffer for the aircon.

Many folk all over the country have already emptied their bank accounts, and they are keeping the cash under the metaphorical mattress (preferably made by Imperial Strom of Gouvia). The authorities dread a run on the banks, and those double security doors are easily lockable. And at the same time the ATMs can be shut down from within the bank premises. The government is currently considering limits on cash withdrawal and a block on capital flight. So if you're planning on a runner, you won't be able to take your cash with you. Basically, your money is not your own unless the government and the bank permits you to have it. If you are holding euros notes at home, on Day One after the re-drachma-ing of the economy, be assured that these notes will be worth just as much as they were the day before, while the new drachma could already have plummeted (some estimate by up to 85%) within days), wiping out the value of your drachmaconverted euros sitting in the bank. But, if the drachma devalues, even say by half, your home-held euro notes will have gained twice their local purchasing power. I predict a parallel economy in euros for as long as euros last in circulation.

There is just one small problem.

Euro notes are not issued by a European Central Bank, but by individual countries according to a quota. The Bank of Greece issues some of the notes; and it is possible in a post-Grexit world that these notes may no longer be honoured. So how can you tell which are the timebombs?

On the reverse of the notes you'll find a serial number, preceded by a letter. This letter indicates the issuing country. I'm not going to list them here as you can look up the information on Wikipedia (which is useful for this sort of straightforward fact-finding). Google 'euro banknotes wikipedia'. What you need to know is that Greece is represented by a 'Y'. Go through your banknotes and separate these from the rest, and spend them first, perhaps if you have a lot of them on big expenses like rent.

Ideally, you need to hold on to notes with an 'X' on the serial number, because 'X' represents Germany, and as long as the euro holds up, these will never be out of demand. Ultimately, it would be a good idea to get rid of notes from all the PIIGS countries, plus Cyprus and possibly Malta, then those from the small former Eastern Bloc countries - and save the ones from Northern Europe.

This all may be academic, and I hope it is. But this covert game of pass-the-parcel could keep you some of your savings.

PS A recent article in the Mail assures us that Greekissued notes possess and always will possess the same value as any other note, and that their distribution throughout the Eurozone means they will not suddenly be worthless. However, (pun alert!) I wouldn't bank on it.

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Aunty Lula's Love-bites

Key Lime Pie Ingredients:

For the Crust:

150gr All-purpose flour 100gr Butter 2tbsp Sugar Peel of ½ Lemon finely shredded 1 beaten Egg yolk with 2tsp water (save the white)

For the Filling:

125ml Lime or Lemon juice
3 Egg yolks (save the whites)
1 can sweetened Condensed Milk
For the Meringue:
4 saved Egg whites
4 tbsp- Sugar
½ tsp Vanilla
¼ tsp Cream of Tartar

GO:

1. In a mixing bowl combine the flour, sugar, lemon peel.

2. Cut the butter into pea-size pieces.

3. Using a fork stir in the egg yolk until the dough is smoothly moisturized.

4. Cover the bottom and sides of a medium-size pie dish with the dough.

- 5. Bake at 175C for 7 for 10 minutes.
- 6. Cool on a wire rack.
- 7. In a bowl blend the egg yolks and condensed milk.
- 8. Slowly add the lime or lemon juice.
- 9. Pour the filling into the crust-lined pie dish.
- 10.Beat the egg whites until stiff.
- 11. Add the sugar, vanilla and cream of tartar.
- 12. Spread on top of the filling.
- 13. Bake at 185C until golden brown Serve chilled.

Bon appetit!

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Conversations with Dr McGoo

BY LANCE MAGNUSSON

Dr. Magoo Saves the Planet

Now that I'm a Doctor of Theoretical Particle Physics, having proved beyond all doubt that the Tree in My Garden is Not Solid, thus setting the World of Theoretical Particle Physics on fire, I shall set my extraordinary mind to examine the Theory of Man-Made Global Warming. I know it's definitely happening, because in the five years I've been on Corfu it gets hot every summer.

This is how I see it. When I was a young lad in the West Country, there weren't many cars around. In fact, when one passed through the village, we'd all run outside and cheer, as it spattered us with mud from the unmade road. So, considering the gazillions of cars on the planet nowadays, it's obvious to me as a world renowned Theoretical Particle Physician, with letters before and after my name (which of course qualifies me as an expert on Climate as well as in the field of Particle Physics) that cars are causing Global Warming! It goes like this: When you drive a car the engine gets hot, and when you stop and turn off the engine, the engine gradually cools down, thus heating the air around it, and thereby causing warming to the atmosphere in general. So it's perfectly correct to say that Global Warming is man made - and the cause is car engine blocks cooling.

What did you say? The theory amongst climate change experts is that climate change is driven by an increase in gases such as carbon dioxide, which creates a greenhouse effect in the atmosphere, thus trapping the heat in? You really believe that? Where did you read that load of piffle? Ah, it's all over the Internet, is it now? Well then, that proves it's piffle, because everything on the Internet is LIES. I know this to be the case, because before I became a world-famous Physician in the field of Physics I used to spend hours on an Internet forum, slagging off stupid Americans. You do know that all Americans are ignorant and ill-educated, don't you? Unlike me, with my first class Doctorate from the University whose name I can't recall, somewhere in Wisconsin.

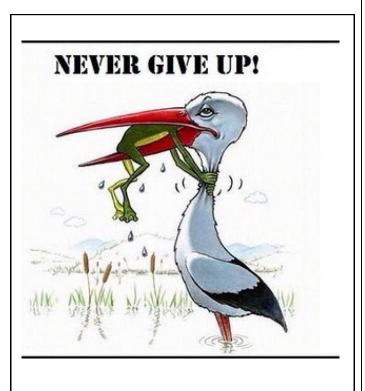
I mean, everyone knows that the atmosphere only contains 21% carbon dioxide, with nitrogen and oxygen making up about 70% each. And then there are those trace gasses, like about 0.034% making up the full complement. I think one's called Acon or something like that.

I mean, seriously? A gas providing only 21% of the total air volume affects the atmosphere? That's just 21 parts in a hundred! You see, my rigorous scientific education enables me to add up the figures and draw valid conclusions, and it's clear that Global Warming is caused by car engine blocks cooling and thus heating the air around them, and not by this stupid carbon theory you got off some bogus website!

Not a bogus website, you say? It was the website of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, was it? Well, that's experts for you, don't even know where their noses are. And the Telegraph newspaper? Well, let me tell you in no uncertain terms that ALL JOUR-NALISTS ARE LIARS. And English ones most of all. Just look at the National Enquirer.

Now, it is incumbent upon we highly educated and trained international scientists to provide rational and workable solutions to the problems faced by a less instructed populace. So my entirely rational and workable solution to the problem of Global Warming being caused by heating of the air around cooling car engine blocks (and may I stress that my solution has the additional advantage of being a very simple one which will affect our way of life only marginally, always a help in the disagreeable circumstances that we find ourselves in at the present day: namely, that the sea is going to boil in about three weeks due to the massive heating effect of the said engine blocks) is to ban cars.

You see, it takes a brilliant brain such as mine to save the world!



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Village and Island News

By

The Editor

June has been another tumultuous month in our small corner of Planet Earth. But this particular month has been beset by dark and troubling clouds rumbling in from Mordor. Or is it Berlin?

As this piece is typed it is uncertain what fate awaits this enchanted island in an enchanted realm.

What is pretty clear is that it is going to get worse for the indigenous population here before it gets better.



'On the telly the say there is going to be a run on banks' 'Oh can't we just catch the bus as usual?'

Enough said on the topic here because there have been much happier goings and comings. Graeme and Helen Tickle brought their three-year-old daughter Emily [E.T.] for her first visit and holiday. They live far away in the Northern branch of Villa Theodora, where Emily has her own pool constructed.

They stayed for a very sweet but too-brief week and it was sad to see them depart. That is always the way for these short



'Emily with her pool'

stays. Emily eventually became very fond of Andy and Mandy, though their boisterousness had her quite terrified and tearful at first.

Alekos is back from Ioannina hospital and staying for chemo-treatment in Corfu hospital. His son Dimitris is over from the U.K.to keep a look-out for his Dad. We hope Alekos will recover from this illness.

One night we were off to the Chapel of St. George's to see and listen to a superb string quartet with saxophone brought to us by Vivienne Pittendrigh's Divertimenti in Corfu.

Early in the month our friends and new neighbours the Woods, who moved to Corfu in June, took delivery of their huge container of worldly belongings. This

massive container arrived in Agios on a Thursday morning and duly broke down opposite Vasilakis' offlicence. This tale is covered far better in the continuing story 'On the trail to Corfu' published here.



'Bono saying "Hey,I thought this was my house!"

'The Movers'



Lionel lost his favourite cat Captain, we think to natural causes. He was found in Anna's apartments. His world cheered later in the month with the arrival of his Canadian cousins Vickie and Mary Ann from Canada, and the usual onset and past-time of summer barbecues in the back garden of Villa Sofia among other places. There were other pleasant visits, going down to the raw but lovely Brook Meadow, and munching away on pittas and chips on the bare patio. Simplest food is always the best.



'3 and the Cuckoo in training for the Agiotfest at the Summer Palace, Corfu '

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The State Broadcast ERT was back on air after exactly two years on June 11th.This was a symbolic act by the Government, as it was austerity cuts by the E.U. [Europeans Unelected] which closed it down. I thought the anchor lady was so emotional here, but she held it together-just!

<u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ojaoC1_8a9A</u> [Watch Vasiliki at 3minute mark on clip]

Our home has been garlanded with ladders and paint-pots and painters for long spells this month, as the old house definitely needed some make-over. Kostas my son walks by the bomb-site; 'how is the Sistine Chapel going?' he enquires.

Festival [Panygeri] time is here again. Despite the Economic cliff-hanger, Agios Ioannis still manages two days of celebration compared with one in most Corfu villages. Our little family made the 'mini' Panygeri on the 23rd, but had definitely run out of steam for the main event on the 24th.We prefer the small one. It is always well attended without becoming a crush and has the happy addition of the fire-jumping, which looks more dangerous than it really is; only two fatalities in all the years I have attended.



We sat at a table with our old friends the La Bombardas, who flew in from Milan. Lionel, Vickie and Mary Ann, Les and Chris completed

'Always a good Panygeri in Agios"

this merry table. We had to keep shuttling over to a far table to celebrate with Elina's family, who were perched under the kitchen table. And next door was Spyros, Andeas Analiti and Giorgos; more reasons to wander off[the English call it mingling].

Our Italian friends had a great week here and bought Italian fun along with them. We had yet another barbecue-on their first night and our 29th anniversary. I'm not quite sure what they made of our Gringlish cuisine! Angelo, his wife Vittoria and eldest daughter Valeria were supplemented by the latter's partner Nico- a very jolly individual. Valeria's son Andrea [17] we had never before met. During his holiday he was off playing football with Peter and Kostas. The other couple was Nicos' sister Elizabeth, with her husband George.

'Mostly Italian, some Greek, a pinch of English '



Indoors we have this marble bust of a horse, which I bought 40 years ago in Marina Di Carrara. I have always liked this, and was very surprised when Elizabeth told me she had worked in the very quarry I had got it from. Showing her my treasure she shocked me by perfunctorily announcing 'it is not marble! It is onichi!' My crest was fallen for a few seconds by this expert judgment. My advice to myself is 'don't give up the day job.'

The 100+ Club goes from strength to strength, the exact reverse of the Greek economy really. This month's draw was held at the British Corner Shop, in front of a small yet enthusiastic crowd.I sat next to a very pleasant Spyros-what else?- who spilt his coke over me. I'm getting used to this [N.B.M.Clark Esq.] It bothered me not a jot apart from the facy he was drinking coke, so really had no excuse. This event was followed by yet another barbecue, this time at Leen and Heleen's villa at Karoubatika. Much jollity assured here with great hospitality and the fun presence of Jane, Mark Fonda and others.

Sorry to end on a slightly more sombre note, but the month expired with the melt-down to the upcoming Greek YES/NO referendum, which will take place July 5th.

Greece may well stand at the cross-roads of history, could this be the first spark of a global Economic Revolution, or do we continue to descend into chaos?



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Nick the Clock's World

A tough looking group of hairy bikers are riding when they see a girl about to jump off a bridge, so they stop. The leader, a big burly man, gets off his bike and says, "What are you doing?" "I'm going to commit suicide," she says. While he doesn't want to appear insensitive, he also doesn't want to miss an opportunity, so he asks, "Well, before you jump, why don't you give me a kiss?" She does, and it is a long, deep, lingering kiss. After she's finished, the tough, hairy biker says, "Wow! That was the best kiss I've ever had! That's a real talent you're wasting. You could be famous. Why are you committing suicide?" "My parents don't like me dressing up like a girl..."

A boy asks his father, "Dad, are bugs good to eat?" "That's disgusting. Don't talk about things like that over dinner," the dad replies. After dinner the father asks, "Now, son, what did you want to ask me?" "Oh, nothing," the boy says. "There was a bug in your soup, but now it's gone."

man is telling his neighbour, "I just bought a new hearing aid. It cost me 4000, but it's state of the art. It's perfect." "Really?" answers the neighbour. "What kind is it?" "12:30."

Scientists have discovered a food that diminishes a woman's sex drive by 90%. It's called a wedding cake.

If money doesn't grow on trees, why do banks have branches? A typical macho man married a typical good looking lady, and after the wedding, he laid down the following rules. "I'll be home when I want, if I want, what time I want, and I don't expect any hassle from you. I expect a great dinner to be on the table, unless I tell you that I won't be home for dinner. I'll go hunting, fishing, boozing, and card playing when I want with my old buddies, and don't you give me a hard time about it. Those are my rules. Any comments?" His new bride said, "No, that's fine with me. Just understand that there will be sex here at seven o'clock every night, whether you're here or not."

YES OR NO?

http://rt.com/news/270046-greece-debt-deal-referendum/

http://www.naturalnews.com/050179_Greece_deficit_debt_crisis_state_of_emergency.html

That's all folks!

Letters to the Editor

Apologies for the lateness of this month's Agiot. Events conspired to delay its publication until July 4th. Must do better!!

As always, a heartfelt thank you to our contributors, without whom there would be no magazine. They always manage to come up with something new, informative or amusing.

So thank you to Peter P, his first article for us, Hilary [really vital info for Euros-Holders in this piece], Simon [why we all love Greece], Lula [she apologises that this month's is a rare repeat], Lance, Nick [for his sense of mischief and his keen observations], Graeme Tickle [his first piece], Lionel [many stories from yesteryear], and last but not least Les and Chris [for their personal Iliad.

Please let us know what you think of the 'Greek crisis?'

Les and Chris Woods: Dear Editor,	Crazy Canadians Hi folks I spoke with Lionel and he asked me to send our itin- erary. I believe he is going to speak to Paul about pick- ing us up at the airport. Arrival 15 June from Athens to Corfu. Olympic 6402 Aegean 402 Departure 29 June from Corfu 6:45am to Athens Ae- gean 401 Vivienne Pittendrigh Hi Paul, So good to see you all last evening, wonderful music and a great place for a concert. Hope you all enjoyed it. Anyone coming to Ambelonas tomorrow? Vivienne		
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 eco- nomic 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. Hope to be part of the village life very soon.			
Chris and Les ED: Thank you Chris and Les and welcome to Greece. Trust you to come here as the banks close down. Don't worry they will soon be open again!			
Rest in peace old faithful servant of the people Christopher Lee <u>http://www.theguardian.com/film/2015/</u> <u>jun/11/christopher-lee</u>	ED: Thank you Vivienne. This was a splendid production. Such a shame that not more turned out. But the times are not helping at present.		



Thanks John [Christie] for the smashing photo he took and sent in from Peterborough.

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I Want To Break Free [Corfu Arrival]

"Early Morning"

We arrived in Corfu at approx. 09:45hrs on Thurs 28th May, happy landings after our 1800 mile trek across Europe!

We drove straight to Agios Ioannis via Potamos.

We were met by Lula & Paul who laid on coffee and cake for breakfast!

After breakfast we went on a tour of our new home, still few issues to sort out so we did not move in to our completely unfurnished home until the Sat morningnot a problem.

All our furniture was still in transit somewhere unknown?

We had packed the good old trusty Honda CRV with a mini fridge freezer and a few other essential items to get us through till the container arrived with all our worldly belongings!

We had an inflatable mattress to use for a few days – which is ok for a night or 2 but after 10 nights sleeping on it was becoming unbearable.

Thankfully we got a phone call to inform us that the container had arrived in Pireaus, yippee we thought! NO!

Kick in the Greek bureaucratic system!

We were asked to provide a list of the contents of the container, statements that we were not importing firearms, explosives, drugs or tobacco etc!

Also every page of our passport - even the empty pages had to be witnessed and signed by the police.

Then all the documents scanned and emailed to the transport company but the original countersigned documents had to be sent by courier the next day!

You don't need to go to the police, we were advised, as everything can be completed and signed at the Kep

office in town!

So off we toddled in to Corfu town, had every page of the passport photocopied, then off to the KEP to have statements witnessed, which was completed, no problems until we came to the signing of the photocopies of the passport!

By Les and Chris

No! we were told, it can only be countersigned by a lawyer! Argg!

Off we went to our lawyer's office only to be told that no one was available until the following day! Argg!

Right, let's find the police station and ask some nice police man to countersign the passport photocopies for us.

After many stops asking for directions, we eventually found the main Corfu town police station, we explained to the sentry why we were there and if there was anyone who could help us?

Wait! We were sternly told- just like being back in school!

After 5 mins wait, we were told to go to the main police building and wait outside an office for the desk officer to see us.

After a 10 min wait he tuned up and sternly called us in to his office! Gulp!

"Why are you bothering me" he demanded?

So I started from the very beginning – which seemed a very fine place to start (there's a song there somewhere?)

I handed him the documents for his perusal!

"Why should I sign this, don't you know how busy I am, I have 33 prisoners locked up to look after and you come here bothering me with this, I should charge you with wasting police time and the company that are asking for these documents to be signed" – Gulp!

Mmm, I thought bit of soft soap won't go amiss here, so again I explained the reason for needing the documents signed to allow all our belongings to be released for delivery to this beautiful island that we want to make our home, and started to excel the reasons we wanted to make Corfu our home, how nice the people are and their family values that we hold so dearly- bad call!

"He went in to a Jimmy Saville rant about how could you English allow your children to be so available to a monster like that" – no argument there!

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Thankfully through a tirade of everything that is wrong with English culture he was stamping and signing pages so I was in total agreement with all he was saying! Phew, all stamped and signed for – quick exit stage left!

We skipped out of the police station and back to the village where we took photos of all the documents and emailed them off to the transport company, successful operation so far!

We then received an Email to inform us that delivery of the container was now scheduled for Thur 6th June, yippee!

Wrong!

The 40ft container would not fit through the little winding road through the olive grove, down the valley to the house!

Panic!

Friends to the rescue, one of their relatives had an old flat-back truck which was available to be used to help transport all out belongings from the village square down to our house and with the help of friends and some villagers we were sorted!

So we were all set for the big day, the evening before we had friends visit and had a lovely evening sitting on camping chairs, eating Gyros from the local takeaway and consuming 5 litres of wine between the 4 of us, we toddled off to bed well after midnight only to be awoken just after 7:30 the next morning to inform us that the container will be at the village square in the next hour – exploded off the inflatable bed the we had been using for the last 10 night, heads still spinning from the excess of the previous night.

Our army of helpers were rounded up and off to the village square to await the arrival of our belongings.

Sitting in the village square under the Plane tree sobering up we then received a phone call to inform us that the wagon hauling the container had broken down about 100 metres from the square – mixed feelings, what the hell are we going to do about getting an articulated wagon attached to a 40ft container repaired but also thankful for more time to sober up prior to the chaos that was about to ensue.

Several of us made our way along the main road towards town until we came across the wagon, cabin tipped up and the driver attempting repairs.

After several min's we were greeted to the roar of the engine kicking in to life, yippee!



"Oh Dear"

All back to the village square to await the arrival of the container – I felt like an expectant dad waiting the birth of his child!

We then heard the roar of a large truck climbing the last few meters up the road and then there it was, the eagle had landed, the container had arrived in the village square with the time approaching 11:00hrs and heads a bit less fuzzy now, we were set to go.



"Arrival"

The driver cut the seal on the rear doors and opened them up wide and there were all our worldly goods safe and sound, last seen 4 weeks ago.

We had spent many a long hour wrapping and packing all our belongings carefully in to boxes, all clearly marked, kitchen, living room, bedroom etc!

Prokopis backed his aging flat-back truck up to the rear of the container and the big operation was underway!

It was at this point that the whole unloading operation was taken completely out of my hands, my organised way of unloading and safely stacking items from the container on to the flat-back truck was obviously not what the local help had in mind!

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"Pandora's Box"

"Move Mr Move" or "You Over here" and "You Over There" "but but no, I tried to protest" forget it, I was now reduced to a helping hand as I watched the items being whisked out of the container with Greek efficiency, on to the back of the little truck to be transported from the village square down the winding lane through the olive grove to our house.

We packed our car to the gunnels with smaller items and followed the truck to the house only to be met with the sight of the living room windows wide open and the flat-back truck backed up against the wall of the house and boxes being moved by many hands through the living room window and being stacked up in the living room, no matter which room the boxes were destined for, "No" again I tried to protest – forget it, the Greek machine was in motion and there was no

stopping it! Chuckle Brothers Removal Service was underway!

Thankfully the larger items that would not fit through the window we had more time to try to direct as to where they were going.

After 6 trips with truck and car, 3 hours later all our belongings were in their new home, phew!

We now had a huge pyramid of boxes in the living room, that were meant to be deposited in various rooms but hey, there all arrived safe and sound.

So all off to the village Taverna where we had previously arranged for food and drink to be prepared for the army of thirsty hungry helpers, and a good time was had listening to the many tales and stories.

We offered our thanks to everybody for their help and off we went to the house to start the process of opening boxes and starting to turn the house in to a home but firstly put the bed up so we can resign the blow up bed (or Lusty Linda, as I had christened it) to the pages of history!

More to follow next month!

Video Corner Plus

Old Forgotten Far-Off Things: Peter Hitchens

http://hitchensblog.mailonsunday.co.uk/2015/06/old-forgotten-far-offthings.html#comments

Jonny: Hero of France

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mjMho7lsb2s

Christopher Lee

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5PWuvHPGsjI

Visit Greece

http://www.independent.co.uk/news/business/news/greece-2-beers-3-off-suncream-dinner-for-half-parisian-prices--fourcharts-that-show-now-is-the-perfect-time-to-visit-the-country-in-crisis-10326654.html

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Shall We Yes or Shall We No



'Keynesianism'

OPINION: Selfishism Party

If you vote YES you are voting for the fear of losing what is in your pocket. If you vote NO you are voting for your children and grandchildren.

Well, they could have said the following piece five months ago, couldn't they? That would have been too simple I suppose.

Big brother is watching

There are suggestions that the US pushed for the IMF report to be published this week, overcoming opposition from Europe. Here's the Reuters exclusive:

Eurozone countries tried in vain to stop the IMF publishing a gloomy analysis of Greece's debt burden which the leftist government says vindicates its call to voters to reject bailout terms, sources familiar with the situation said on Friday.

The document released in Washington on Thursday said Greece's public finances will not be sustainable without substantial debt relief, possibly including write-offs by European partners of loans guaranteed by taxpayers. It also said Greece will need at least €50bn in additional aid over the next three years to keep itself afloat.

Publication of the draft Debt Sustainability Analysis laid bare a dispute between Brussels and the Washington-based global lender that has been simmering behind closed doors for months.

Greek Prime Minister Alexis Tsipras cited the report in a televised appeal to voters on Friday to say 'No' to the proposed austerity terms, which have anyway expired since talks broke down and Athens defaulted on an IMF loan this week.

It was not clear whether an arcane IMF document would influence a cliffhanger poll in which Greece's future in the euro zone is at stake with banks closed, cash withdrawals rationed and commerce seizing up.

"Yesterday an event of major political importance happened." Tsipras said. "The IMF published a report on



Greece's economy which is a great vindication for the Greek government as it confirms the obvious - that Greek debt is not sustainable."

At a meeting on the International Monetary Fund's board on Wednesday, European members questioned the timing of the report which IMF management proposed at short notice releasing three days before Sunday's crucial referendum that may determine the country's future in the euro zone, the sources said.

There was no vote but the Europeans were heavily outnumbered and the United States, the strongest voice in the IMF, was in favor of publication, the sources said.

The Europeans were also concerned that the report could distract attention from a view they share with the IMF that the Tsipras government, in the five months since it was elected, has wrecked a fragile economy that was just starting to recover.

"It wasn't an easy decision," an IMF source involved in the debate over publication said. "We are not living in an ivory tower here. But the EU has to understand that not everything can be decided based on their own imperatives."

The board had considered all arguments, including the risk that the document would be politicized, but the prevailing view was that all the evidence and figures should be laid out transparently before the referendum.

"Facts are stubborn. You can't hide the facts because they may be exploited," the IMF source said.

IMF spokeswoman Angela Gaviria declined to comment on this report.



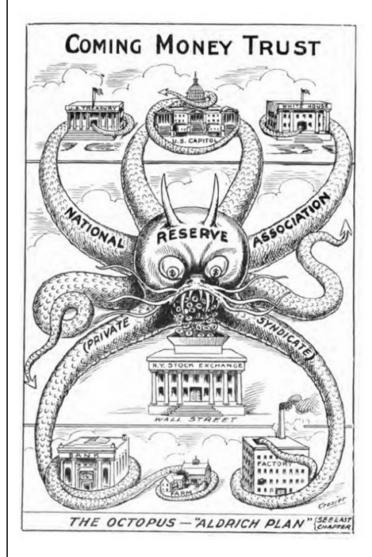
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Central Banking

Submitted by Michael Snyder via The Economic Collapse blog,



Central banking has truly taken over the entire planet. At this point, the only major nation on the globe that does not have a central bank is North Korea. Yes, there are some small island countries such as <u>the Federated States of Micronesia</u> that do not have a central bank, but even if you count them, more than 99.9% of the population of the world still lives in a country that has a central bank.

So how has this happened? How have we gotten the entire planet to agree that central banking is the best system? Did the people of the world willingly choose this? Of course not. To my knowledge, there has never been a single vote where the people of a nation have willingly chosen to establish a central bank. Instead, what has happened is that central banks have been **imposed** on all of us.

All over the world, people have been told that monetary issues are "too important" to be subject to politics, and that the only solution is to have a group of unelected, unaccountable bankers control those things for us.

So precisely what does a central bank do? You would be surprised at how few people can actually answer that question accurately. The following is how <u>Wikipedia</u> describes what a central bank does...

A central bank, reserve bank, or monetary authority **is an institution that manages a state's currency, money supply, and interest rates**. Central banks also

usually oversee the commercial banking system of their respective countries. In contrast to a commercial bank, a central bank possesses a monopoly on increasing the monetary base in the state, and usually also prints the national currency, which usually serves as the state's legal tender. Examples include the European Central Bank (ECB), the Bank of England, the Federal Reserve of the United States and the People's Bank of China.

In the United States, we are told that we have a free market system. But in a true free market system, market forces would determine what interest rates are. We wouldn't need anyone to "set interest rates" for us. And why have we given a private banking cartel (the Federal Reserve) the authority to create and manage our money supply? The U.S. Constitution specifically delegates that authority to Congress.

It is not as if we actually need the Federal Reserve. In fact, the greatest period of economic growth in U.S. history happened <u>during the decades before the Federal Reserve was created</u>.

Unfortunately, a little over 100 years ago our leaders decided that it would be best to turn over our financial future to a newly created private banking cartel that was designed by very powerful Wall Street interests. Since that time, the value of our currency has diminished <u>by more than 96 percent</u> and our national debt has gotten <u>more than 5000 times larger</u>.

But despite all of the problems, the vast majority of Democrats and the vast majority of Republicans are not even willing to consider slightly curtailing the immense power of the Federal Reserve. And the idea of getting rid of the Fed altogether is tantamount to blasphemy to most of our politicians.

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Of course the same thing is true all over the planet. Central banks are truly "the untouchables" of the modern world. Even though everybody can see what they are doing, there has not been a single successful political movement anywhere on the globe (that I know about) to shut a central bank down.

Instead, in recent years we have just seen the reach of central banking just continue to expand.

For example, just look at what has happened to some of the countries that were not considered to be "integrated" into the "global community"...

-In 2001, the United States invaded Afghanistan. In 2003, Da Afghanistan Bank (who picked that name?) was established <u>by presidential decree</u>. You can find the official website of the bank <u>right here</u>. Now Afghanistan has a modern central bank just like the rest of us.

-In 2003, the United States invaded Iraq. In early 2004, the Central Bank of Iraq was established to manage the Iraqi currency and integrate Iraq into the global financial system. The following comes <u>from the official</u> website of the Central Bank of Iraq...

Following the deposition of Saddam Hussein in the 2003 invasion of Iraq, the Iraqi Governing Council and the Office for Reconstruction and Humanitarian Assistance began printing more Saddam dinar notes as a stopgap measure to maintain the money supply until new currency could be introduced.

The Banking Law was issued September 19, 2003. The law brings Iraq's legal framework for banking in line with international standards, and seeks to promote confidence in the banking system by establishing a safe, sound, competitive and accessible banking system.

Between October 15, 2003 and January 15, 2004, the Coalition Provisional Authority issued new Iraqi dinar coins and notes, with the notes printed using modern anti-forgery techniques, to "create a single unified currency that is used throughout all of Iraq and will also make money more convenient to use in people's every-day lives. Old banknotes were exchanged for new at a one-to-one rate, except for the Swiss dinars, which were exchanged at a rate of 150 new dinars for one Swiss dinar.

The Central Bank of Iraq (Arabic: ?????????????????) was established as Iraq's independent central bank by the Central Bank of Iraq Law of March 6, 2004

-In 2011, the United States bombed the living daylights out of Libya. Before Muammar Gaddafi was even overthrown, the U.S. helped the rebels establish <u>a new Central Bank of Libya and form a new national oil company</u>.

Central banks are specifically designed to trap nations in debt spirals <u>from which they can never possibly escape</u>. Today, the debt to GDP ratio for the entire planet is up to an all-time high record of <u>286 percent</u>. Humanity is being enslaved by a perpetual debt machine, but most people are not even aware that it is happening.

It is time for an awakening. We need to educate as many people as possible about why we need to get rid of the central banks. For those living in the United States, my previous article entitled "<u>On The 100th Anniversary Of The Federal Reserve Here Are 100 Reasons To Shut It Down Forever</u>" is a good place to start. In other countries, we need people to write similar articles about their own central banks in their own languages. **The global elite dominate us because we allow them to dominate us.** Their debt-based system greatly enriches them while it enslaves the remainder of the planet. We need to expose their evil system and the dark agenda behind it while we still have time.

Bitcoin is freedom. Check it out.

Scilly

By Dr. Lionel Mann

Way back in the Sixties I booked a holiday in the Scilly Isles. Part of the attraction was that British European Airways had recently introduced a helicopter service between Lands End and St. Marys.

A few days after booking I was visiting some friends and mentioned my holiday. Their eleven-year-old son declared himself an avid helicopter fan so I added to my booking.

Only a couple of days later while I was coaching cricket at the school near Heathrow where I was deputy headmaster I halted a bowler on his run-up so that I might watch a B.E.A. helicopter passing low overhead. "I'm going on holiday in August in one if those to the Scilly Isles," I explained.

"That figures sir" the cheeky brat replied.

I delivered a smart slap to his rear that merely increased the general hilarity, but later in the pavilion I had an idea, company for the other boy of the same age. "Would you like to come too?"

His face was covered with incredulous delight and that evening everything was arranged with his parents. Once more I added to my booking.

One typical murky Saturday in August the three of us travelled by train from Paddington to Penzance. Upon arrival we were told that Lands End Airport was fogged in and that B.E.A. would put us into a hotel in Penzance overnight. For a few hours we explored that quaint little town.

The following morning we were offered a choice between taking a ferry to the islands or taking a chance upon flight being possible. Unanimously we opted to go to the airport where we spent some time strolling around admiring the parked aircraft before we were called to board the helicopter.

I found travelling by helicopter entirely different from any other mode of transport that I had previously experienced. There was no sensation of movement, but all else appeared to move. The airport buildings shrank to the size of toys, slanted, revolved and vanished behind us their place taken by rocks and then by sea. Presently the ferry came towards us, apparently steaming fast astern along its white wake. In due course St. Marys approached, tilted, rotated and came up to meet us. We removed the ear-muffs worn against the clatter of the engine and the rotors and

disembarked.

Tourism was strictly controlled on the islands' only those with booked accommodation allowed to stay overnight. Day-trippers were carefully ushered back on to evening ferries. The hippy pollution infecting many of Britain's holiday resorts had no place here. Our bookings was scrutinised in the airport office.

A car took us the short distance to the hotel on the outskirts of town. The hotel had formerly been an American army hospital a conglomeration of adjoining large Nissan huts that did not look much on the outside but was very elegant and comfortable with excellent service and delicious food.

Nicholas and Martin had never met until we boarded the train but they quickly became friend, both being bright having an impish sense of humour and taking a keen interest in everything around. They afforded me much amusement.

The next we went to Tresco, famous for its tropical gardens. Fishing boats during the day ran a bus service between the islands. When one left St. Marys one told the harbor office to which island one was going, checking in upon return so that no one was left stranded overnight. When we arrived on the island the boys wanted to go swimming so I left them to their own devices while I went to island shop to replace the cigarette lighter that I had left at the hotel. I was away less than half an hour but in that time the pair managed to become sunburnt. We had been warned at the hotel that there was non of the atmospheric pollution that shrouded the British Isles even in those days and is much worse today. On the island there were few motor vehicles an no factories, the air was perfectly clean and the sun's rays were not filtered. The island shop had run out of suntan lotion and when in the evening we returned to St. Marys we had to hunt around until we came to a chemist who prepared hi own lotion. Back at the hotel I applied that and it afforded instant relief, seemingly a miracle.

We visited a different island everyday some of them entirely deserted and so small we could walk round in ten minutes but swimming in the beautifully clear waters occupied much of our time.

One morning we took the supply boat to Bishops Rock lighthouse on the western extremity of the islands. Although it was allegedly calm there was too much of a lop for us to go alongside the jetty and to disembark to be shown over the lighthouse.

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We stayed about four metres off and supplies were delivered by means of tackle of ropes and pulleys attached to shackles on the boat and beside the door of the lighthouse. In the meantime loud conversation was exchanged between the crew of the boat and crew of the lighthouse in a dialect of which we understood one word in five.

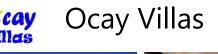
Another evening we went out fishing. The manager of the hotel took us down to the harbour and when we jumped down into the boat he passed down a very large galvanized metal bath for our catch. We thought he was being facetious until we noticed that the too young husband and wife pairs who were coming with us also had large containers. We went out for about a mile and stopped while the fisherman threw in a line, pulling it in almost immediately with three fish on it. He shrugged. Every line had eight hooks bated with strips of red plastic. We went a further half mile and the fisherman tried again. This time there were eight fish on the line and he told us to start.

Soon I stopped fishing being fat too busy removing fish from the boys' lines. The bath was full to overflowing and there were fish in the bilges and gratings when the fisherman called a halt and we went back to port were it took three men to lift the bath on to hotel Landrover. Next morning everybody had Sea Bream for breakfast; we had two each.

One morning at breakfast the boys caught my attention to something outside the window, but I looked

back quicker than they expected to find them stuffing their pockets with lumps from the sugar bowl. When asked for an explanation they merely chuckled and said they would show me that evening. In the evenings I had been watching the news in the television lounge while I thought the boys occupied in the well equipped games room. That evening they led me out of the front door of the hotel and immediately a head appeared over a gate in a neighbouring field whinnying loudly. The pair had made friends with a pony and I watched amused while they stroked it and fed it sugar lumps.

On our last day Lands End airport was again fogged in and no helicopter came. Although we had experienced unbroken sunshine the rest of the British Isles had been plagued with bad weather. Since we had arrived a day late the manager said that we might leave a day late as the new people were not arriving. The following afternoon we were down on the beach below the airport, the boys in swimming when we heard the clatter of the approaching helicopter. Quickly the boys dried and dressed and we hastened up the cliff path just as the helicopter landed. The flight back was just as fascinating as that out. At Penzance I booked a sleeper in the train back to London. We had all telephoned our homes to let them know our revised plans so our families met us at Paddington fresh from the new experience of having slept and breakfasted on the train. Memory of that very enjoyable holiday is still fresh in my mind.







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This Will Tickle You

The following is answers given in a Catholic Elementary School, on questions about The Old and New Testaments, spelling/grammar have not been altered. 1.

IN THE FIRST BOOK OF THE BIBLE, GUINESSIS. GOD GOT TIRED OF CREAT-ING THE WORLD SO HE TOOK THE SAB-BATH OFF. 2. ADAM AND EVE WERE CRE-ATED FROM AN APPLE TREE. NOAH'S WIFE WAS JOAN OF ARK. NOAH BUILT AND ARK AND THE ANIMALS CAME ON IN PEARS. 3. LOTS WIFE WAS A PILLAR OF SALT DUR-ING THE DAY, BUT A BALL OF FIRE DUR-ING THE NIGHT. 4. THE JEWS WERE A PROUD PEOPLE AND THROUGHOUT HIS-TORY THEY HAD TROUBLE WITH UNSYM-PATHETIC GENITALS. 5. SAMPSON WAS A STRONGMAN WHO LET HIMSELF BE LED ASTRAY BY A JEZEBEL LIKE DELILAH. 6. SAMSON SLAYED THE PHILISTINES WITH THE AXE OF THE APOSTLES. 7. MOSES LED THE JEWS TO THE RED SEA WHERE THEY MADE UNLEAVENED BREAD, WHICH IS BREAD WITHOUT ANY INGREDIENTS . 8. THE EGYPTIANS WERE ALL DROWNED IN THE DESSERT. AFTERWARDS, MOSES WENT UP TO MOUNTCYANIDE TO GET THE TEN COMMANDMENTS . 9. THE FIRST COMMANDMENTS WAS WHEN EVE TOLD ADAM TO EAT THE APPLE. 10. THE SEV-ENTH COMMANDMENT IS THOU SHALT NOT ADMIT ADULTERY. 11. MOSES DIED BEFORE HE EVER REACHED CANADA THEN JOSHUA LED THE HEBREWS IN THE BATTLE OF GERITOL. 12. THE GREATEST MIRICLE IN THE BIBLE IS WHEN JOSHUA TOLD HIS SON TO STAND STILL AND HE OBEYED HIM. 13. DAVID WAS A HEBREW KING WHO WAS SKILLED AT PLAYING THE LIAR. HE FOUGHT THE FINKELSTEINS, A RACE OF PEOPLE WHO LIVED IN BIBLICAL TIMES. 14. SOLOMON, ONE OF DAVIDS SONS, HAD 300 WIVES AND 700 PORCU-PINES. 15. WHEN MARY HEARD SHE WAS

THE MOTHER OF JESUS, SHE SANG THE MAGNA CARTA. 16. WHEN THE THREE WISE GUYS FROM THE EAST SIDE AR-RIVED THEY FOUND JESUS IN THE MAN-AGER. 17. JESUS WAS BORN BECAUSE MARY HAD AN IMMACULATE CONTRAP-TION. 18. ST. JOHN THE BLACKSMITH DUMPED WATER ON HIS HEAD. 19. JESUS ENUNCIATED THE GOLDEN RULE, WHICH SAYS TO DO UNTO OTHERS BEFORE THEY DO ONE TO YOU. HE ALSO EXPLAINED A MAN DOTH NOT LIVE BY SWEAT ALONE. 20. IT WAS A MIRICLE WHEN IESUS ROSE FROM THE DEAD AND MANAGED TO GET THE TOMBSTONE OFF THE ENTRANCE. 21. THE PEOPLE WHO FOLLOWED THE LORD WERE CALLED THE 12 DECIBELS. 22. THE EPISTELS WERE THE WIVES OF THE APOS-TLES. 23. ONE OF THE OPPOSSUMS WAS ST. MATTHEW WHO WAS ALSO A TAXI-MAN. 24. ST. PAUL CAVORTED TO CHRISTI-ANITY, HE PREACHED HOLY ACRIMONY, WHICH IS ANOTHER NAME FOR MAR-RAIGE. 25. CHRISTIANS HAVE ONLY ONE SPOUSE. THIS IS CALLED MONOTONY.



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