

# The Agiot

80th Edition

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## Agiotfest Countdown

6<sup>TH</sup> GREAT YEAR

AUGUST 30<sup>TH</sup> SATURDAY

NEW CACTUS HILTON, AGIOS IOANNIS [TRIKLINO]  
CORFU

GATES OPEN AT 6.30 P.M.

## THE FALLOUT

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=youtube\\_gdata&v=chrXTSNGoAc&app=desktop](https://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=youtube_gdata&v=chrXTSNGoAc&app=desktop)



<== THE MOJO BUNCH BLUES BAND

3 AND THE CUCKOO ==>



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CORFU  
BEER



RAFFLE ON THE NIGHT GREAT PRIZES  
AS EVER

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We are very excited about the programme this year and the chance to introduce to Corfu one of the U.K.'s outstanding young Rock bands, The FALLOUT, from Manchester. They are the resident band at the Hard Rock Café, Manchester, testimony to their growing status.

Kay Southwood is the Mum of Fallout guitarist Nic. I had to reprint this super Mum's message I got from her on Facebook:

*'Hi Paul. Yes Nic is my son. I update the bands web site and have been building up their profiles on a site for a local charity festival Glaston-Bury and also on Reverbnation (music site.) I visited your site to get details of the festival so that I can promote it in their gig lists. The lads are really looking forward to playing for you*

*and as someone who watches them perform regularly, I can assure you that you won't be disappointed with their performance. Not only are they talented musicians but their enthusiasm enthuses any audience and they never fail to entertain. Wish I could be there because you are in for a real treat'.*

The line-up will also include two strong local bands: 3 and The Cuckoo from Sidari and Perfect Strangers from Giannades, and a brand new blues band, who are going to do great things in Corfu; the Mojo Bunch Blues Band.

Next month will be published more bios of the bands and more information about the night. In the meantime please put this date in your diary and ensure we keep the great event rolling.

AUGUST 30TH

We will be increasing our Charity profile this year so please follow us here and at [www.facebook.com/agiotfest](http://www.facebook.com/agiotfest) for unfolding details.

I have a strange feeling we are in for a real treat this year. Enquire for discounts from our ticket distributors.

Many have asked us about the great Jimmy James [last here in 2011] making a return. The simple answer is we want him and he wants us, so with Fate's help he will be in Agios Ioannis to head Agiotfest 15.

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# Agiotfest vs. Glastonbury

## Comparisons & Similarities

written by  
Sue Gentry Done

What I hear you cry how can you compare these 2 festivals?

Well I have attended both a few times so in my own humorous off the wall way I intend to do a comparison.

Who am I? and Why I am writing this?

Let me introduce myself.

My name is Sue Gentry Done and I have been a Corfu/ Kerkyra resident for the past 7 years and look upon this beautiful island as my home. I love everything about it apart from the stray animal problem and all that is associated with that. I am not naïve though and understand that Greece and indeed Corfu is not the only place on this planet with this problem.

Anyhow I digress for the purpose of this article.

I am an Agiotfest lover and have attended all the festivals - each one has been unique and enjoyable in its own way. The last 2 years I have been directly involved and been a member of the Core Team which assists Paul McGovern and his family in organising the festival. I mainly help with Social Media promotion but also meet with Paul for brainstorming sessions where I contribute my ideas, thoughts and helpful suggestions. I was asked to give myself a title for what I do - so please excuse me but I didn't want anything boring or pretentious! So I chose the Pink Promotion Princess, PPP's for short - check that out - any other suggestions are of course always welcome!

I am also a Glastonbury festival

lover but have not been since the year 2000 - however I have my ticket for this year 2014 and intend to relax and drink in the atmosphere of this other unique festival.

Both festivals are unique to me - on a totally different scale of course but both equally appealing and worth attending.

So let the comparison begin.

Let's list those things that are different first.

Glastonbury Festival costs £210 and lasts for 5 days with 3 main event days.

Agiotfest costs 20 euros, the main event this year is for one evening but with many add on events happening throughout the year. Keep your eye on the Agiot newsletter and the Facebook page for more information on these events.

You can camp at Glastonbury or pay to stay in more 'luxurious' accommodation. Agiotfest does not offer camping onsite yet! but camping is available at Dassia for anyone interested. However you can choose to pay to stay in many different types of accommodation including a luxury villa.

Glastonbury has a capacity of 177,000 - loving those 7's whereas Agiotfest has a capacity of 507 - thought I would get a 7 in so makes the comparison more interesting.

Glastonbury is in the UK and often suffers from rain and lots of mud - this does not dampen the festival goers spirits though - it has become part and parcel of the event. However Agiotfest takes place on the beautiful island of Corfu and so far we have been blessed with

gorgeous weather for the event - it is a delight to see groups of friends gathered under the trees, on the bank and in the chairs provided enjoying food, drink and good music under the stars and moonlight.

Agiotfest is on such a small scale compared to Glastonbury that you have the chance to mingle with the stars of the show both at the festival and preceding the event in the local village of Agios Ioannis, where you can often find performers eating in the local taverna or enjoying a drink or two or even three. Glastonbury however has grown so much that you are unlikely to be able to mix with the main acts - unless you know someone of course. I am excited to be meeting up with a friend who is playing at Glastonbury this year - making the event all the more special on a personal level.

The similarities and yes there are many.

Glastonbury does not announce its line up before tickets go on sale and likewise neither does Agiotfest. Yes there are often rumours for both events of who will play, the difference being tickets can be bought for Agiotfest after all the announcements have been made - whereas Glastonbury is sold out very quickly with a few re-sales - now sold out too. The day will come I am sure when Agiotfest will sell out earlier too - the more it gathers momentum and the core supporters grow. Agiotfest is already becoming a regular event on people's calendars, both those resident in Corfu and those abroad.

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It is rumoured that a certain punk band would like to attend every year to 'drink' in the atmosphere and hospitality this unique and special festival offers.

Both festivals have food stalls - albeit Agiotfest on a much smaller scale, but this last year saw Agiotfest offering a vegan option, great for me and any other vegans and vegetarians out there.

Both festivals provide a variety of music, something to suit all tastes. Ok not everyone likes everything on offer but if you don't like a band why not take the opportunity to catch up with friends old and new or wander to the back of the festival, treat yourself to some food and drink and also be in with the opportunity to meet some of the stars of the show.

The main person behind the creation of both events is a man - enough said on this - let's not get into a gender war! Apart from behind every good man you will find a good, strong, supportive woman who does not have the need for the limelight -mmmmmmmm - let the sparks fly!

Anyway in fear of boring you with my idiosyncrasies I will stop the comparison there and get on with the promotion.

Basically get yourself to Agiotfest 2014 - be there or be square!

Does it really matter who is playing - rest assured that there will be something for everyone, locals, tourists and ex pats alike? The price of a ticket is peanuts compared to seeing one band - know that you will pay between 15 and 20 euros to see a known band here on the island of Corfu and much much more if you attend a concert in the UK. You may be one of those who will say that it does matter who plays but for me and many, many, others it is about the atmosphere, the hospitality, the uniqueness of this wonderful festival and it is a night not to be missed.

To conclude - Memories of festivals gone by - chilling with my friends, eating good food, enjoying a drink or two (having the choice to bring your own refreshments is a big bonus too.) Dancing the night away to some great tunes played by some great musicians - looking up to see the stars as the darkness arrives making the festival more intriguing and changing the atmosphere from

the earlier brightness of the sun. Laughing with friends, smiling, relaxing, being happy.

Tips - bring a jumper or jacket to keep you warm as the night draws in. Bring something to sit on like a picnic rug if you want to go Al Fresco, bring a torch for those visits to the infamous porta-loos which yes you can choose to sponsor if you so desire.

We welcome you all to Agiotfest 2014- A festival for the people, by the people, with the people.

Plato said 'Music is a moral law. It gives soul to the universe, wings to the mind, flight to the imagination, and charm and gaiety to life and to everything'

If that quote doesn't float your boat try this one by Bono 'Music can change the world because music can change people'



"Sue Done - Pink promotion Princess"

## The 100+ Club



This month's lucky winner, Stephen Malcolm, being congratulated by Sandra Klouda at Mediterranean Corner Market.

The very successful 100+ Club, run by Ken and Jan Harrop, enters its second year this month.

What a great way to support Corfu Charities, the Agiotfest - AND a chance each month for one lucky winner [like Stephen above] to waltz home with 100 Euros for the winning ticket drawn!

Go to <https://www.facebook.com/groups/the100plusclub/?fref=ts> to ensure you keep abreast of happenings regarding this great venture, and to keep up-to-date with its charity work.



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# Village News

By  
Dr. Lionel Mann

Summer is late this year. Many days in May have been cold wet and windy, though there have been some delightfully warm sunny ones.

Visitors have included Walter, Martin, Les & Chris from Warrington, Vickie and Mary-Ann from Canada.



“Mandy being less fowl than usual”

Mandy, the fowl despatcher, has been placed under restraint, on a long metal chain.

ED.

Yes, a very wintry May in parts, most unusual.

A trip to the Palace of St. Michael’s and St. George occurred one evening, to be entertained by a very competent Baroque trio in the Grand Hall. The Curator [a nice Greek lady] was honoured with the Order Of St Michael and St George, presented to her by the British Ambassador from Athens. The Reception was full of waiters with trays and canapés and caviar and stuff. I immediately seduced the waiters-all male unfortunately-so a constant convoy replenished my corner.

Thank you to Charlie Gail Picoula for the invitation!



An excellent day in Arillas at the promotion for the October Corfu Beer festival. Live music and free beer, cheap souvlakis from the Micro-brewery and some great rock and blues live music. A small group of thirteen of us plus two babies [Micro People for a Micro Brewery] went up for the day. Thank you to Maxine and Simon Wyett for the invite.



“Ricky he bored - he no speaky no Greek”

Kostas and Kostas and Elina all celebrated their name-days. Yet another Greek Public Holiday! Do they ever end? No, thank goodness!



“Elina in her new Flat”

## STOP PRESS

### Losers’ Cup

The 11<sup>th</sup> annual and Famous Corfu Losers’ takes place this Sunday June 1<sup>st</sup>.

There is no admittance fee this year. Everybody is welcome.

Participants and groupies are responsible for their own food/refreshments and any event costs.

If you wish to enter you must fill the following criteria, preferably.

- 1] You are moderate to hopeless at sport. People who practice any of the disciplines on a regular basis will be considered professional and therefore un-British, even if they are British.
- 2] Turn up at the Old Plateia Agios Ioannis at 10.30.a.m on Sunday or ring us on 6974932408 for further details.
- 3] Maximum contestant age;90.

At the time of going to Press there are five events; Mini-golf,10-pin, pool, table-tennis and darts. Refreshments will be about during the day and in the early evening the Ceremony for the handing over of the Cup will take place at either Giannades or Vatos, where scrummy mezzes and more refreshments will be on sale. Veggie stuff for the veggie people and meat for the carnivores.

The event does not, unfortunately, attract Personal Accident Cover.



## Letters to the Editor

Morning from sunny Thailand

Do you by any chance have any contact details for Ricky?

Just been checking out the website and brought back some memories of the 70's. We had a couple of visits with the degenerate crew, I've got some photos to dig out and will send. Also would be good to get in touch with Antonio Candido again he made a trip with me to Thailand in early 80s.

Just been speaking to Ged in Notts and he fancies a trip.

Maybe soon.

John/Ged/Steve (Pritch)/Yanny/Wrink & Phil.

ED:  
Hello John,

Great to hear from you and the fact that Agiot reaches so far to our scattered tribes. Ricky is here in the Willage as I type this. The taverna number is 0030 26610 52304 [where he can normally be found of course] though he goes back to the UK shortly. Or try is mobile which is also good on 00447752....If you need any assistance in booking-any of you- just drop me a line here..

We are sorry there is not an entry this month from our friend Mark in the 'Fleishpots of the North' He has family health concerns in the U.K. and we all wish him the very best from Agios!

## When Nitsa was Young

Due to pressure of work, as yet I have not been able to interview Kostas.

So unfortunately this means that once again "When Nitsa was Young" is to be continued hopefully Next Month

## Honeymoon in Corfu

Honeymoon in Corfu? Where else? We can arrange everything. I do mean everything. Brides excluded. Be married by a Greek priest. Eat traditional Greek food in a real Greek taverna with ethnic musicians. Travel to the church by boat from Corfu town. Catering catered for. Photography Accommodation Have this experience arranged by Greeks in Greece for you. Enquire here. Thank you.



## Aunty Lula's Love-bites

### Lazy Woman's Pastitsio

**Ingredients:**

- 250g Penne
- 80g Melted butter
- 500 ml Milk
- 250 ml Water
- 250g Feta cheese, crumbled
- 250g Kefalograviera or Regato cheese, grated
- 3 Eggs, slightly beaten
- A little salt
- Freshly ground black pepper

Go:

1. In a baking dish, brush the melted butter so to cover the entire surface.
2. Spread the uncooked penne into the baking dish.

3. Mix the milk with the water and carefully pour over the pasta.
4. Next sprinkle, over the penne, the crumbled feta cheese and then the grated Kefalograviera cheese .
5. Pour the beaten eggs on top of the cheeses.
6. Bake at 180° C until the pasta has absorbed the liquid and the top is brown.

*Bon appetit!*

## The home in the valley progress



Build is looking really good , it's now becoming a reality despite all the involvement right

from the off, it does not sink in just how real it all is!  
It's almost like you are living it so much you do not get a chance to really stop and think just how the whole project has developed from a few scratching's by the pool at Theodora Then to actually see the results in the last set of pictures - Wow!  
I love the open hallway and the gallery landing, wait till it is painted and the woodwork is completed! You will have to use it as your show house!  
It's all starting to sink in now - can't wait but will have too!



## Obnoxious AI

Well here I am again, moved to put pen to paper ( or finger to keyboard) about the appalling service offered by the local service technicians of AAAARGH , OTE. Regular readers of this illustrious rag will recall a couple of months ago I lost my phone and internet for nearly two months whilst waiting for the OTE Acharavi technicians to effect a line repair. In this period I was informed by OTE that my ISDN line was crap and I should upgrade to PSTN. so at a cost of 30 euros I did. Well, they then came and got the line working after two months. Beginning of this month, the line keeps dropping off, so no internet, am I dismayed? of course not !! look at the wonderful service I received last time. So I make a complaint and request technicians, now three weeks later, still nothing. I find that I can phone the internet service centre and they reset my line and it will work for between 1 and 2 hours before requiring another phone call.

Interestingly, the technicians tell the call centre (Who are brilliant and helpful, call centre that is) that my PSTN line is too fast and unable to sustain the overload of usage in this area!!!! So again I have changed my package at their request to a much slower PSTN line. What can I say, was that a stroke of genius or not? NOT NOT NOT, I now have a SLOW PSTN line that does not work. On the good side I am now on first name basis with all 300 staff at the OTE call centre!!!!

Let me move my sight to the wonderful ΔEH. The electric board. I happen to have a small

cottage for sale, and in a moment of weakness rented it to a Brit who was on hard times, needles to say the place got trashed and the guy moved out without notice or paying the bills. (Now paid the water) Anyway, that's not my gripe, on 16th of Feb the day after he moved I read the meter and asked for an electric bill up to that date with that reading, as the previous bills were only estimates. we are now the end of May and still no bill for that reading, but two more estimates!! Many visits to the new electric board offices near the bus station, and each time no action, but each time I was told by the same woman that as I live in Greece I should be able to speak fluent Greek instead of Gringlish . I am sure that at the age of 72 I am going to remember another language, especially as I cannot remember yesterday. In fact my wife gives me the same newspaper everyday and tells me it is that days paper!!!!

I can accept the incompetence of the Electric Board Help staff, but I do not think they have the right to criticize a customer's language skills in their professional capacity. What they say and think privately is their business, but should not be aired whilst they are employed by a company.

I am and always will be, Obnoxious AI

## The world of Simon



“Simon Baddeley”

Another aspect of our multi-faceted island, brought to you from our Dear friend Simon Baddeley.

Go To :

<http://democracystreet.blogspot.gr/2014/05/i-drove-over-mountains-behind-ano.html?spref=bl>

## Video Corner

Popes

[http://](http://www.wakingtimes.com/2014/05/23/pop-es-mitre-shaped-like-fish/)

[www.wakingtimes.com/2014/05/23/pop-es-mitre-shaped-like-fish/](http://www.wakingtimes.com/2014/05/23/pop-es-mitre-shaped-like-fish/)

Very droll airport announcements

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=44zQRs-taOo)

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[https://www.youtube.com/watch?](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T76ZkcB3wyl&feature=youtu.be)

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Mermaids

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# Nick the Clock's World

The Clock has been busy this month, bending his philosophy to surprise and entertain you. We don't pay him a cent for the trillions of hours he spends on his research.

## Life Explained



**A boat docked in a tiny Mexican fishing village. A tourist complimented the local fishermen on the quality of their fish and asked how long it took them to catch them.**

**"Not very long." they answered in unison.**

**"Why didn't you stay out longer and catch more?"**

**The fishermen explained that their small catches were sufficient to meet their needs and those of their families.**

**"But what do you do with the rest of your time?"**



**"We sleep late, fish a little, play with our children, and take siestas with our wives. In the evenings, we go into the village to see our friends, have a few drinks, play the guitar, and sing a few songs.**



**We have a full life."**



**The tourist interrupted, "I have an MBA from Harvard and I can help you! You should start by fishing longer every day. You can then sell the extra fish you catch. With the extra revenue, you can buy a bigger boat."**

**"And after that?"**

**"With the extra money the larger boat will bring, you can buy a second one and a third one and so on until you have an entire fleet of trawlers. Instead of selling your fish to a middle man, you can then negotiate directly with the processing plants and maybe even open your own plant.**

**You can then leave this little village and move to Mexico City, Los Angeles, or even New York City!**

**From there you can direct your huge new enterprise."**

**"How long would that take?"**

**"Twenty, perhaps twenty-five years." replied the tourist.**

**"And after that?"**

**"Afterwards? Well my friend, that's when it gets really interesting," answered the tourist, laughing. "When your business gets really big, you can start buying and selling stocks and make millions!"**

**"Millions? Really? And after that?" asked the fishermen.**

**"After that you'll be able to retire, live in a tiny village near the coast, sleep late, play with your children, catch a few fish, take a siesta with your wife and spend your evenings drinking and enjoying your friends."**

**And the moral of this story is:**

**Know where you're going in life...you may already be there!!**

*Enjoy!*



# Aspros

By  
Dr. Lionel Mann

At Christmas four years ago some friend left their pet cat with me as they were going to spend the festive season with family in Britain. Aspros, a neutered male just over a year old, immediately settled in with my five, and started to organize things to his satisfaction. As was to be expected of someone with a white coat (his name means white in Greek) he spent hours preening himself. Of course he was unable to see the small black markings on his head, but he always tried hard although without success to remove the circular black patch from his back, yet he obviously prized his large black tail for he lavished plenty of attention upon it. Too he would seize any other cat within reach to lick it thoroughly while pinning it down with a front paw. Amazingly his victims seldom resisted or complained.

He was a hearty eater and made sure that he received at least his fair share of food at mealtimes, but he did not beg between meals as did some of my cats whom I suspected of visiting the local gypsies at least weekly to be instructed in the technique of importuning.

A few weeks later his owners returned one evening and took Aspros home. The following morning he was on my doorstep waiting for breakfast with my cats. Three more attempts to repatriate him also failed. He clearly knew well the three hundred metres from the villa to my apartment and obviously preferred living at the plateia where he could keep an eye on local events.

In those days my cats slept at

night in a cat basket or on chairs on my verandah, but Aspros soon took to sleeping at the foot of my bed, occupying the bottom left corner seen from the head or the right corner seen from the foot so I was never sure of his political leanings. He snuggled up against me when I lay on the bed for siesta.

When I played the organ he would often settle to listen critically on top of the console. When that was closed he would leap up there by way of the stool, but when it was open and live he would climb by way of the three manuals; with two paws on the bottom one, one on the middle and one on the top he produced some very interesting avant-garde harmonies.

As the number of dogs in the village grew so the life of a cat became more precarious and many would run to hide; Aspros once needed to be rescued from the roof of some cottages where he had taken refuge but after that he would merely leap to lie on a chair and show to any dog that dared to approach a pair of paws with very sharp claws exposed; the dog would wisely withdraw. The exception was Andy, a friendly Springer Spaniel, who shared with Aspros a nuzzling friendship.

My eyesight began to fail and I could not read any of the four hundred books in my library nor could I read music. Much of my time was passed in idleness, listening to but not watching T.V. Aspros became my constant companion, curling upon my lap to be petted. Then I needed to remove to a nearby apartment with no verandah for cats and in the midst of moving I was rushed to

hospital where I stayed for a week. When I returned Aspros was among the first to greet me. In my absence neighbours had cared for the cats. Now lacking outdoor shelter the cats came indoors in wet and cold weather, some also sleeping upon my bed at night, but none trespassed on Aspros's corner.

For nearly three years cats came and went but Aspros was always there, coming to welcome me home when I returned from Town or shopping, jumping on a chair to be stroked when I went out to prepare cats' breakfast, sharing my siesta.

A friend had provided and rigged an aerial to give better television coverage and another had given me a radio that received five B.B.C. programmes. Aspros seemed to enjoy the new amenities, especially the music, as much as did I.

One Wednesday recently I noticed that the cat was not eating as heartily as usual, but I thought little of it until two days later a visitor remarked that his eyes were misty and that he had a fever. Because of my poor eyesight I cannot see to make phone calls so my visitor called the vet. One must never under-estimate the perception of animals. Before he came to me Aspros had had rough treatment from a clumsy vet and therefore had developed an allergy to those gentry. He must have understood what we were saying for as soon as I opened the door to go to feed the other cats he slipped out and ran off. Although I called and searched all afternoon he did not come back until late evening and I had to ask the friend to ring the vet to cancel her visit.

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The next day Aspros seems to be better, eating something of a breakfast, but then he disappeared for the day, reappearing only late in the evening and missing his midday meal. He climbed on to the bed and went to sleep after having eaten only a token supper. I suspected him of staying away because I was entertaining visitors who rather disrupted our quiet routine. Sunday was a repeat of the previous day, but on Monday, when my visitors had left Aspros did not leave the bed all day. Upon rising from siesta I went into the next room to turn on the radio when I was stopped by a wild screech of pain.

I hurried back to find Aspros on the floor trying to walk. He was clearly in agony and I lifted him on to the bed trying to find a position in which he was comfortable, only lying on his left side. I handed my phone to a passing neighbour who called the vet for me. She was away on the mainland and said that she would come on Tuesday evening.

A part-blind eighty-seven-year-old is a nuisance and I try to give as little trouble as possible. I knew of no other vet and had no way of finding one. I went back to

comfort Aspros as best I could for twenty-four hours. He refused my offers of water, milk, cream and crushed sardine, his favourite food. That night I did not go to bed but merely lay fully dressed beside Aspros, our heads on a pillow that I placed to raise his, while I continually gently stroked him. Almost the only sign of life that he gave was a flick of his tail when I spoke to him using his name.

Awake Aspros was a very quiet cat; never had I heard him even mew but only purr loudly when happy. However he was a noisy sleeper, snoring, whistling, grunting, snarling, even singing. Now there was no sound except for laboured breathing and about every hour a wild yowl of pain.

I felt completely helpless and could only hope that he understood my urging to fight. Three times in the early hours Aspros choked. I raised his head and he recovered.

The long night was ending; daylight was filtering in through the glass panels of the door. We were winning.

Then Aspros choked again. Quickly I lifted him. But this time it was no use, for no more than five seconds Aspros struggled wildly and then fell limp in my hands. I set him down and felt for pulse and breathing. There was nothing. My dear little Aspros had died.

I went to look at the clock; it was exactly six o'clock.

I was shattered and for some time could only sit and look at the lifeless form, hoping against hope for some sign of life before I stood to lift Aspros from the bed and to place him on the settee.

There was no way that I was going to consign Aspros to the rubbish bin, the final resting place of so many pets around here. I have no garden, but I know that some friend living nearby buried their dead pets in the large garden of their villa. I waited until they were up and my request was at once accepted. That afternoon we buried Aspros in the shade of a beautiful little tree.

As I approached to lower Aspros into the grave that had been dug by the young son of the family I tripped on the uneven surface and fell, but I yet managed to put Aspros down lightly. My friend helped me to my feet.

“Goodbye, dear little Aspros. You have brought so much pleasure. Rest in peace.”

I miss him greatly, but I had been worried about what would happen to him when I die. That concern has gone. Too he is now away from pain and will never know the curse of old age. Happy little Aspros - he always was.

### Corfu Weather Statistics

	Max	Avg	Min
Max Temperature	29°C	22 °C	17 °C
Mean Temperature	23 °C	18 °C	14°C
Min Temperature	18 °C	14 °C	11 °C
Heating Degree Days (base 65)	8	2	0
Cooling Degree Days (base 65)	9	2	0
Growing Degree Days (base 50)	24	15	7
Dew Point	20 °C	14 °C	8 °C
Precipitation	9.9 mm	0.8 mm	0.0 mm
Wind	39 km/h	7 km/h	0 km/h
Gust Wind	58 km/h	38 km/h	26 km/h

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