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The Agiot

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'Where heaven meets earth'

End of a chapter



'On a sunnier day'

Saturday was a bitter-sweet day. It was time to say goodbye to the British Corner Shop. Started by Denise and Richard in 1986, at Mandouki, it moved to Perama in 1989, and then to its present location in 2002.

Thirty years it has been somewhat of an institution to many in Corfu, especially for ex-pats.

Now is the time for the owners to move on to fresh fields. We have enjoyed our times here very much.



'A last goodbye'

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How fitting for us that on our last visit, former shop assistant here for many years Di Kontou, should pop in. So the goodbye was sweeter still.



'Di and Denny'

All that remains is to wish Denny, Richard and their sons the very best in their next project and return to this chapter of our book in our memories and fireside conversations.

I will miss my breakfast here.



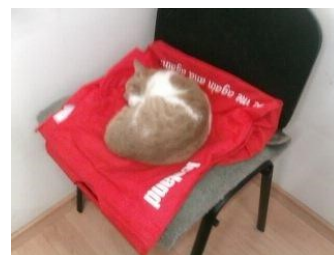
'A last customer'

'A closing office'



'A last notice'

'A sad cat'



Saturday Walks March

Saturday, 5 March. Lakones: Circuit of Mount Arakli (2 hours ***). Meet at the coffee bar/shop beside the traffic lights, south end of the village, 10.00 for 10.30 start. Lunch at Elizabeth's, Doukades. NOTE: We are doing this the opposite way round from normal for a change. If wet underfoot, we have another option.

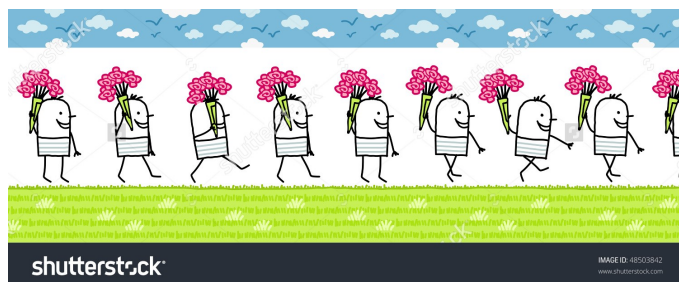
Saturday, 12 March. Kato Garouna: The Parachute Walk (2 hours **). Meet in the main square in Kato Garouna, 10.00 for 10.30 start. Lunch at Pentati. NOTE: Lunch venue depends on weather - Chris Place if sunny; Angela's if not.

Saturday, 19 March. Kanakades: The Olive Hills, plus a stroll on the plain (2 1/2 hours ***). Meet in Kanakades Square, 10.00 for 10.30 start. Lunch at Elizabeth's, Doukades. NOTE: A steep descent, but we have another option if wet underfoot.

Saturday, 26 March. Pelekas: Wild Flower Walk (2 hours **). Meet at Pelekas, last bend before the village,

10.15 for 10.30 start. Lunch at Arhontariki Taverna, Sinarades. NOTE: We hope the flowers will be at their spring peak.

Saturday, 2 April. Kaminaki: NE Coast Hinterland (** 2 1/2 hours). Meet at the bar opposite the petrol station at Kaminaki, on the Kassiopi road, 10.00 for 10.30 start. Lunch at Roumeli, Nissaki. NOTE: A relatively easy exploration of the hills above the NE Coast, plus a taste of the famous coastal path.



'When it's Spring again..'

The Beautiful South



'Petriti has nice bars too'

The beautiful south of the island is often overshadowed by its more famous northern partner. I often wonder why. I live in the central bit, so I am unbiased, but have to admit to having a soft spot for our Cinderella.



'Unspoilt coastline'

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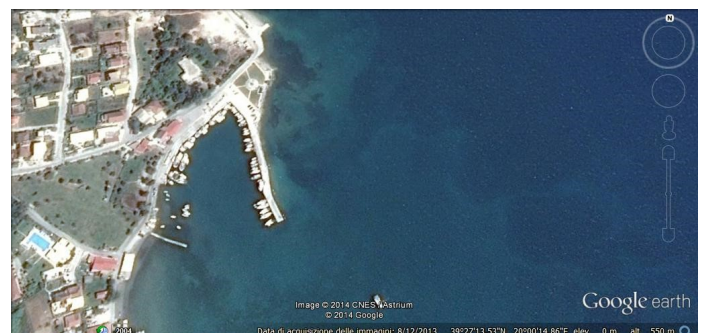


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'Al fresco'



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The Swedish experiment. (Part 4)

Now february is gone, it's been a quiet month, no visitors and some time for reflection. January I was affected by homesickness (missing the family) and some darker days. But not in february. I have really felt good getting in to the Korfu life a bit moore. It's so different from the strikt controled life back gone. And I love to sit in front of the fire in the evening listening to the dogs barking.[ED: YOU must be barking].

The weather has been changing from warmth and sun to torrential rain and strong winds to a hailstorm. Better than at home, there it has been down to -20, so I'm really happy to be here and not there...



'Sinking'

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The Swedish Experiment
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Luckily it has been a lot of good snooker on TV. Ronnie O'Sullivan (who the greek commentator called O'Psullivan all the time) cruised through Wales Open and won the final playing brilliant. And Ding Juhui made a 147 maximum break, always fascinating to see live (writes the snooker freak)



'O'Psullivan'

Papa Kosta has suffered from a bad back, and we have hardly seen him all month. Len misses their daily raki and conversation. But he was out on the plateia a couple of days ago and he seems getting better. We think and hope that as long as he stays away from the olive press he'll be fine.



Restyling



Worrying

What happened more... I finally went to the hairdresser for a long needed haircut... And Len washed the car, very well protected (it was a nice sunny day...). Our daughter Simone draw a fantastic picture of Edward Scissorhand, something she done every fourth ferbruar since 2004.



We do have the best Mini-market ever down at the crossroad near Spider Bar. When I needed to whisk a

batter and had no beater, Len went there to see if they had one. "Just a minute" they said and must have run home to get one from their own kithchen. Even wrapped as a gift.

'Gifting'



'Enjoying'

And of course, we also met with our friends for a epic saturday lunch at the Plastic Fantastic. Fun was had, as Les puts it and we rounded up at the Spider Bar with some really "intresting" cocktails created by the editor of this publication.



Mars, I think will not be so quiet.

'Spider Bar. The mist horrible drinks ever.
Thank you Paul McGovern'

[ED: I read that it is quieter than Earth] The taverna opens the 1st and Ricki (Piki Collier) comes to see us for a week, arriving the 4th. And Paul and Sally Grove will come and be our neighbors before our swedish experiment will end for this time.

To conclude this month, in the very last breath of it, we found ourselves with a dead car. Some evil gnome must have been out at night, put the light on and finished the battery. What to do? Disturb our very busy neighbor (your editor) and ask for cables and help. Well, we got the car started and any delay in the release of this amazing publication is entirely our fault. [ED: OCAY-OLD CARS AND YOU].

And at last, the most common lines in the villa in february:

1. Good morning, have you seen my glasses?
2. Have you seen the car keys?
3. Have you seen my sunglasses?

Love to all our friends out in the world.
At the keyboard
Sanna

Agiotfest



'Agiotfest leg end Micky Clark.'

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Young local band Bitter Almond from 2015

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Hilary's Ramblings

Contributed by
Hilary Paipeti

Another MailFail Lesson

While the Mail's columnists, regular journalists and excellent investigative team continue their good work, the company's website - now the biggest news hub in the world - apparently employs semi-literate interns to keep costs down, as well as a few writers who appear to have just graduated from infant school. Here is a selection of their latest bloopers for your enjoyment.

'Holyrood Palace, the Queen's Scottish home, will show gowns from historic ceremonies and state visits including a jewelled ballgown from when Her Majesty visited America as a guest of President Eisenhower to celebrate her 90th birthday.'

According to this report, the Queen was turning 90 when she visited President Eisenhower. Since he left the Presidency in 1961 (having held office since 1953), this makes the Queen at least 145 years old! David Icke is right! She is a deathless shape-shifting lizard!!!



'Ssss'

Should be: In celebration of the Queen's 90th birthday, her Scottish home Holyrood Palace will show gowns from historic ceremonies and state visits, including a jewelled ballgown which Her Majesty wore on a visit

to America as a guest of President Eisenhower.

'Originally built in 1888 as a country home for coal owner Charles Perkins, the couple have transformed the 19th century wing.'

So the couple was originally built in 1888 as a country home for coal owner Charles Perkins?
Should be: Originally built in 1888 as a country home for coal owner Charles Perkins, the building's 19th century wing has been transformed by the couple.

Measuring almost 100ft, architects in Hungary have transformed the former lookout tower into an inexpensive place to stay.

Is this statement descriptive of some VERY tall architects, or is it an action taken by them? We just don't know.



'101 ft 5 ins'

Should be: Architects in Hungary have transformed the former lookout tower, which measures almost 100 ft., into an inexpensive place to stay. (Note the insertion of a full stop after ft. since it is an abbreviation.)

'Now in ruins, former residents and visitors are barred from entering the eerie resort, which is surrounded by a fence that extends into the sea to keep people out. Poor former residents

and visitors, all of them in ruins!

Should be: Former residents and visitors are barred from entering the eerie resort, now in ruins and surrounded by a fence that extends into the sea to keep people out.

'It was reported two years ago that 1m items of cashmere clothing seized from Chinese-run firms in Rome were found to be a mixture of acrylic, viscose and fur from rats and other animals.'

I wasn't aware that rat and other animal fur was a source of acrylic and vinyl, having imagined all these years that those fabrics were man-made! This is resolved with a simple comma. And why 1m? Txtspk, or Twitter, to blame?

Should be: It was reported two years ago that one million items of cashmere clothing seized from Chinese-run firms in Rome were found to be a mixture of acrylic, viscose, and fur from rats and other animals.

The 47-year-old, who is currently in jail for life for a number of murders including the 13-year-old's in 2002, told police officers he had killed the schoolgirl last year.



'Buried Alive'

Hilary's Ramblings
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Her body was found in 2002, but she was only actually killed in 2015? How does that work?
Should be: The 47-year-old, who is currently in jail for life for a number of murders including the 13-year-old's in 2002, told police officers last year he had killed the schoolgirl.

'Despite four months in hospital, the pupil of the injured eye remained permanently dilated.'
It appears that this patient left his eye in hospital for four months.
Should be: Although the patient spent four months in hospital, the pupil of the injured eye remained permanently dilated.

'The 92-year-old great-grandmother from Fishponds in Bristol killed herself in May last year after enduring repeated requests from charities asking her for money, failing health and sleepless nights.'
According to this report, the poor dear was receiving demands to hand over her failing health and sleepless nights, as well as her money.
Should be: The 92-year-old great-grandmother from Fishponds in Bristol killed herself in May last year after enduring repeated requests from charities asking her for money, and because of failing health and sleepless nights.

'... home to one of high society's most colourful families, of which the Duchess was at the heart of.'
This is just careless.
Should be: ... home to one of high society's most colourful families, which the Duchess was at the heart of. OR ... home to one of high society's most colourful families, of which the Duchess was at the heart. Though strictly the second is correct usage, I prefer the first, which nevertheless is not wrong.

'The boys are trained as dancers, made to perform to groups of men dressed as girls, bells on their flowing skirts and make up on the faces.'
Strangely, the audience and not the performers are in costume.
Should be: The boys are trained as dancers, dressed as girls, bells pinned to their flowing skirts and make up put on the faces, and made to perform to groups of men.

'Laura Jacques and Richard Remde have flown to South Korea to a laboratory which offers the service over Christmas.'
This laboratory appears only to operate during the Christmas period, a time when most facilities tend to be closed.
Should be: Over Christmas, Laura Jacques and Richard Remde flew to South Korea to a laboratory which offers the service.

'Researchers from the University of Sydney, leading

the Greater Angkor Project in Cambodia, dug up the artefacts using laser airborne laser scanning (LiDAR) technology, along with ground penetrating radar.'
I didn't realise that LiDAR and radar can also be utilised for excavation purposes!
Should be: Researchers from the University of Sydney, leading the Greater Angkor Project in Cambodia, dug up the artefacts after identifying the site using laser airborne laser scanning (LiDAR) technology, along with ground penetrating radar.

'There will also be increased scanning of inbound freight vehicles and uniformed guards and dogs at ports.'
Interesting that they intend to scan uniformed guards and dogs. I wonder if they know something we don't...
Should be: There will also be increased scanning of inbound freight vehicles, and more uniformed guards and dogs at ports.

'He described how pupils at his new school had threatened to fight him on Facebook.'
Not much of a threat, then. Just don't look at the bleeding site.
Should be: He described on Facebook how pupils at his new school had threatened to fight him.

'Little did they know, because we were forewarned there were enemy espionage agents around, we were checking everybody's luggage who checked their luggage into our luggage check.'
This is just plain funny.

'Elizabeth McGovern who plays Lady Grantham in Downton Abbey is based on a real woman - Mary Leiter.'
I am sure that the actress Elizabeth McGovern (any relation?) is pleased to know she is based on a real woman! [ED: Oi, leave my Aunty alone].
Should be: Lady Grantham, who is played in Downton Abbey by Elizabeth McGovern, is based on a real woman - Mary Leiter.

In theory, alcohol is banned. At worst, a person caught with alcohol can be put to death. Most of the time, however, they are sentenced to lashes and time behind bar.



'Hic!'

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Hilary's Ramblings
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Putting a person with a penchant for alcohol behind the bar seems sure to defeat the object of stopping them from drinking!
Should be: 'bars'.

'However, that doesn't stop people from brewing, buying and consuming alcohol in vast consequences - especially within the walled compounds where westerners live.'

This is from the same story. What a mess! Obviously a Freudian slip by the spellcheck...

Should be: 'vast quantities', presumably. Though of course there are consequences too...

'During the Second World War, Osborne Bay was used to train soldiers ahead of the D-Day landings and so a Royal Navy College was set up at Osborne House to train young cadets in 1903.'

Are we time-travelling here? Or did WW2 take place BEFORE 1903? The sentence implies that the college was set up as a result of D-Day training, which is impossible.

Should be: During the Second World War, Osborne Bay was used to train soldiers ahead of the D-Day landings, a Royal Navy College having been set up in 1903 at Osborne House to train young cadets.

'Vester Flanagan, the Roanoke shooter who killed a cameraman and newscaster at the television station where he had been employed after getting fired.'

This statement gives the impression that the perp was fired from somewhere and was subsequently employed at the TV station, which rather destroys his revenge motive.

Should be: Vester Flanagan, the Roanoke shooter who killed a cameraman and newscaster after getting fired from the television station where he had been employed.

'Kale, the world's trendiest vegetable thanks to the PR firm it hired a few years ago.'

Kale - trendy, good for you AND a vegetable capable of autonomous intelligent action! What's not to like!

Should be: 'Kale, the world's trendiest vegetable thanks to the PR firm hired a few years ago to promote it.'

'Made of 100 per cent virgin Russian hair, Tatiana tailored and personalised the £100-a-pop wigs.'
Evidently, Tatiana is not human but some sort of artefact made of hair. AND we have expensive, personalised whinges now. Can I collect if I complain? Can my moan be personalised so I can get a hundred quid?

Should be: Tatiana tailored and personalised the £100-a-pop wigs, which are made of 100 per cent virgin Russian hair.

The interns (or infants) produced a bonanza of un-

forced errors during the winter floods, experiencing special difficulty when rivers burst their banks...

'In Aberdeenshire, the fire service evacuated 38 properties - many of them elderly - in Port Elphinstone, near Inverurie, after the Don burst its banks.'

Properties are usually described as 'old', and people as 'elderly'. Hang on - you don't think that they meant they evacuated the residents, do you?

Should be: In Aberdeenshire, the fire service evacuated 38 properties - many of them housing elderly residents - in Port Elphinstone, near Inverurie, after the Don burst its banks.

'The village of Ribchester on the River Ribble, Lancashire has burst its banks in the early hours of this morning.'

How on earth does a village burst its banks? (And the 'has' is redundant since the time is specified.)

Should be: The River Ribble at the village of Ribchester, Lancashire burst its banks in the early hours of this morning.'

And most bizarre of all the flooding stories was this photo caption:

'A floating sofa down the street in Appleby in Cumbria has burst its banks.'

No comment.

Should be: A sofa floating down the street in Appleby in Cumbria, where the river has burst its banks.

And finally, why you should NEVER use a computer translation application without filtering the text through a person (especially when translating from a Teutonic language):

'Though Caesar did not explicitly intend pronounce him this Wanted to destroy Germanic tribes, he must have realized that his actions de facto resulted in at least the partial destruction of this ethnic groups. On the basis of the combination of the various types of data it can be concluded that we create in Kessel have with the archaeological remains of the Caesar described mass slaughter of the Tencteri and Usipetes of 55 BC, It seems that after expiration of the massacre the bodies of the dead and weaponry have been collected and deposited in an old Maas Bedding. On the basis of the values of the strontium can be determined that in all three cases concerns persons who were not native in Dutch river area but came from elsewhere.'

'Ooooh'



Letters to the Editor

From the Editor:

Thank you muchly for all your mail! Keep 'em rolling.

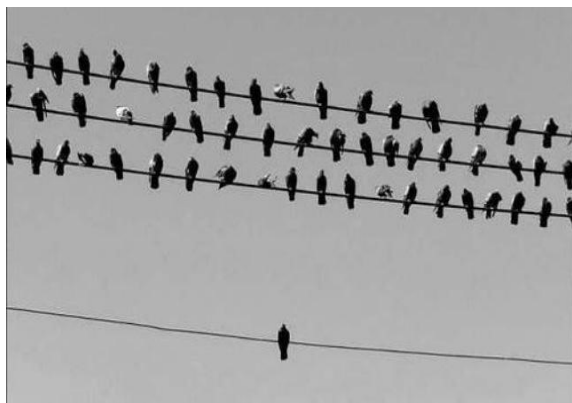
Monique Vincent from Corfu sent this in response to the quiz last month in the 100th Edition; 'got the question been searching everything all i can see is august 2007, then i saw founded in 2009, this is the 8th year can't find nothing with the exact date going to say august 2007. don,t worry if its wrong i had a go ha!

Ed.;

Yours is the closest to the answer of the ones we received Monique! 2007 is correct! Though you did not get the exact date, who cares? You will be able to claim your prize [a selection of wine] on-stage at this year's Agiofest. Bravo.

On things Agiofest **Paul Taylor**, also from Corfu said; 'That's just what the event needs lots of dance music 60's 70's 80's'

Ed; I'll second that one Paul.



Piki Collier [Private investment client] mailed from London; 'What do we call that view place up in Pelakas? Is it the Kaisers Throne?? or a typical Pelakas copy and are we still barred from the Zanzibar??? cant remember or even why it was just a painting'



Ed.;
Yes, correct Piki. We are no longer barred from the Zanzibar; we are born again Rolling Stones. However, you are still barred.

'In Zanzibar'

Hilary Paipeti- our Contributor mailed in about the February issue;

Dear Paul

Good one! I really appreciated the David Cameron/ceiling fan joke.

It's gone into my repertoire already!

Just to clarify one of your photo captions in case anyone is puzzled:

the picture on page 6, captioned 'Pantokratras south from the dunes', does not refer to Mount Pantokrator in the north of the island, but shows the cone of the mountain behind Agios Mattheos (which incidentally is ALSO named Pantokratoras after the monastery on its summit - the Church gets all the best spots!). You can't see Mount Pantokrator (North) from the dunes, but you can from the top of Agios Mattheos' mountain, where you also get a view of both Paxos in the south and Othoni island in the far north-west. I think this might be the only place on Corfu where you can see all of these at the same time!

Good that you promote the lovely south of the island,

otherwise tainted by the infamous name of Kavos (though in reality it is a tiny ghetto). You have debunked the usual parroted presumption that the South is 'flat' and 'boring'.

A further comment: Just WHO is Lance Magnusson, and WHY have we not met him? He seems to know the village as he has NAILED one of the local characters!

Hilary the Rambler

Ed.;

Thank you Hilary for that, I am glad you enjoyed. And thank you too for the clarification regarding the name of the mountain. My wording was clumsy there. I am afraid I am forbidden to tell more details of the elusive Lance, as he has asked me to guard his privacy.

Village and Island News

By
The Editor

In this month Beba started to take a distinct interest in Cartoons, as she perched upon my knee at the kitchen table, watching on the laptop. Getting excited she regularly bangs on the pause button, bringing our enjoyment to many a halt.

All this energy induced her onto semi-solid food by the month end. She had no doubt been encouraged by helping me to peel and dice vegetables for Lula's soufflé.[last month's Lovebites]



'Little one'

Our beautiful Phoenicia tree [about six metres tall] is dying. Along with hundreds, probably thousands of its cousins across Corfu, brown fronds have appeared as the first symptom of a sad ending. Local knowledge largely has it that there is no remedy, yet the restaurant Nereids at Paleokastritsa seem to have fought the intruder and won. They gave very good advice, which we took. The fronds were all removed and we gave an initial spray. The 'enemy' is the larvae of the red palm beetle [Melolonthinae]; these larvae eat the trunk, killing the tree. A little later we called in Mr Nihitis, and with an assistant he thoroughly soaked the plant from top to bottom with an appropriate insecticide. This dosage will be repeated a month on. While at it they sprayed the rest of the garden too with an ecologically-based liquid. I'll report next month on the progress.



'Agios' first space shuttle'

TOD-DLER noun

Emotionally unstable
pint-sized dictator
with the uncanny ability to
know exactly how far to
push you towards utter
insanity before
reverting to a
lovable cuddle-monster.

the Stir

'Beba'



'Cartoons!'



'Felled fronds'

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'Nereids palm tree under treatment'



'Nereids palm tree now'



'Red palm beetle' ->

There has been a little bit of socialising with friends, but not too much, which makes it all the sweeter. And we have been out to the suppliers and shops quite a bit. One of my favourites is Corfexpo, where you can wander freely in the aisles without being mown down by a push-chair and where assistant Tasos offers me a beer. How civilised!



'Corfexpo'

'Plato rolls in grave' ->



That should fix it

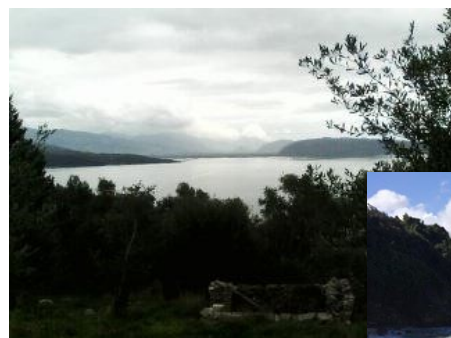
Ioannis the butcher, formerly of our local mini-market, nearly died from Avian flu. He was air-lifted to intensive care in Athens, where initially it was touch and go whether he would survive. Slowly, he is improving. On other medical concerns, we now await the return from Chas and Brenda Chandler from their medical sortie to the U.K.



'For European inspection units'

Rain is now throwing its weight about a little more, having been seen off by the sun for the most of winter. This is great though it does get in the way of some jobs. One such is to go to land at Kerasia and cut trees. Several false appointments and starts have occurred as, so far, we have been snookered by the weather.

'The only cabbage in the village'



'Corfu, not Scotland'



'Hanging Priest of Agios'



'Sea horses Corfu'

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Further afield in Greece, the farmers have been blocking the main Highways in protest and the police have been helping them rather than controlling them. Farmers have also been cutting out the Corporates and selling direct to the public in many parts.

Bravo Ellada!



'Potato-Revolt'

Obituary

We are sad to report the passing of George Papas, well-known to the English community here, who passed away on Thursday, peacefully, and with his son by him. It was in truth a release as he was and had been struggling for some time; our friends are in contact with Jean his wife, and she is being strong and supported by many. Our commiserations go to his Jean and her family.

The 100+ Club

The 11th draw of year 3 was held yesterday Friday 23rd March at Old Barrel Kontokali.

A Big Thank You to Paul & Jan Scotter for organising the event and running the draw in our absence .

The winner of the 100€ was Number 70. Russ Perry, drawn by none member, Apostoli .

The winner of the 50€ was Number 69. Duncan Schofield drawn by none member, Jackie.

Number of people present 19.

Members present 19, including 5 members joining on the day.

Thank you to all who attended

A big thank you to the 118 members who support The 100+ Club, also a big thank you to,

Paul & Jan Scotter central area co-ordinators,
North area Co-ordinators, Louise Taylor & Sandra Klouda.

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The 100+ Club, representatives present, (Paul & Jan Scotter Central area Co-ordinators)

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[The 100+ Club](#)

82 Members



Bespoke Constructions From Ocay Property

Here are a few snaps of the improvement currently happening at Lydia's villa and apartment; the other villa in the right place for visitors to Agios Ioannis, right in the centre of the old village, and a stumble away from the plateia with al fresco eating and drinking in the evening-and delicious omelettes for breakfast.

Lydia's will be up and running for this summer and the whole building sleeps ten, or it can be rented separately. Just enquire at www.ocayvillascorfu.com where this beautiful place will appear shortly.



Building a chimney



Cosy cool walking



Creating space



Extending patio area



Formwork from the villa



From afar



Generous steps



Getting ready for surfacing



Guard dogs



Leaving space for planting



Not the beach



Pipes for central heating



poolwork



Rear aspect from end of pool



Scaffold in place for chimney work



Should be big enough



← wood-effect tiles being laid

Works around the 50 sq m. pool →



Corfu Magic - Thanks to The Corfiots and Mother Nature

By
Kevin from the North

Corfu never ceases to impress me. It's an overused cliché but Corfu really is "a different world".

Here is one example of why life here is so great for me. I went to my local kafenio yesterday. On the road from my home up to the kafenio I passed four Corfiots whom I kind of know by sight but not by name. Every one of them exchanged "Kalimera - Kala?" or other such friendly greetings.

I got to the kafenio and shouted "Kalimera" as I entered and received a round of "Kalimera Kevin - Kala?" from just about everyone in there (try getting that response in a UK pub!) A taverna owner popped in whilst I was there. He owns a lovely taverna on the beach which I frequent in the summer after I finish work and fancy a read of my book by the sea. Greetings and hand-shakes with him and (unbeknown to me) he set me up a drink. I will return the compliment next time I see him. Social life then is wonderful.

Now to the seasons and the climate. Well we all know that summer is summer here and we are spoiled with lovely sunshine leading to many of us here having impressive sun-tans! Even when we get storms they can be spectacular to watch and, afterwards, the air is so refreshed. Sometimes very welcome after a hot few days/weeks. Nature seems to have its way of "sorting things out for us" on Corfu.

In summer I absolutely LOVE seeing visitors to the island enjoying themselves here. It's a real "feel-good" factor for me. Over the years I have chatted to lots of visitors and I just cannot remember any of them uttering a bad word about the island. Let's be honest - how could they?

Staying on the subject of tourism, service in kafenios, tavernas, bars and restaurants must, surely, be second to none. Many Corfiots make it a pledge to remember their customer's names to make them feel welcome. I have never heard a visitor complain - in fact - to the contrary. Being slightly negative here I have to say that some supermarkets lack a small degree of customer

service but then we don't know how many long hours these folk have had to work and how little they are paid so we must cut them some slack!

Weather and season-wise. This is an unbelievable place to live to experience nature working it's magic. Let's start with the summer. Hot lazy days, people enjoying themselves, a feel-good factor enveloping us all and a general feeling of well-being. Summer then ends and Corfu slowly, slowly glides into cooler weather and rainfall albeit gently, gently so as not to shock us. The rains come and, if we are honest, we think "well we cannot have such a beautiful emerald isle without the rain". Winter brings a bit of cold weather (and I have to say that this winter has been the mildest I have known).

Then, all of a sudden, the emergence of spring arrives. At the time of writing it is the end of February and I swear we are a few weeks early for the start of spring. However, the skops owls are sending me to sleep every night with their haunting, beautiful calls, the blossom on the trees on the road from my house is blooming and I am seeing flowers bursting up from the earth with a look of "I am ready". The trees with no leaves will be full again soon and so spring turns into summer and we cycle through again. Very soon we will experience another magic-trick of nature with fire-flies dancing around the olive groves, which is a wonderful sight to behold and has to be experienced to be believed.

What an amazing place to have the privilege to live in. I hope everyone that lives on this island enjoys it as much as I do.[Ed: Yes Kev, we certainly do.]



Kevin

Sally's
Ipsos, Corfu

Bands, Burgers, Breakfasts & Beer
Live Music Throughout The Winter

Facebook.com/SallysBarCorfu
www.SallysBarCorfu.com

Steve Hertel

Steve is a craftsman, working on Corfu and producing lovely pieces as shown on this link:

https://www.facebook.com/steve.hertel2/media_set?set=a.10207906191873890.1073741940.1269265107&type=3



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The spick and span, yet cosy La Tavola Calda in town.



Corfu Beer

Advertise your business in here for free, to all Agiots and supporters. We know from feedback that business does ensue from this page.

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

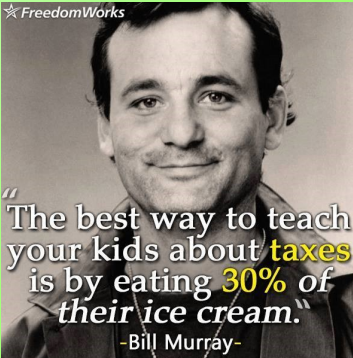


Do not be racist; be like Mario. He's an Italian plumber, who was made by the Japanese, speaks English, looks like a Mexican, jumps like a black man, and grabs coins like a Jew!

HOW I LEARNED TO MIND MY OWN BUSINESS:
I was walking past the mental hospital the other day, and all the patients were shouting, "13...13...13."
The fence was too high to see over, but I saw a little gap in the planks, so I looked through to see what was going on.
Some idiot poked me in the eye with a stick, then they all started shouting, "14...14...14."
Mind your own business
:funny.co

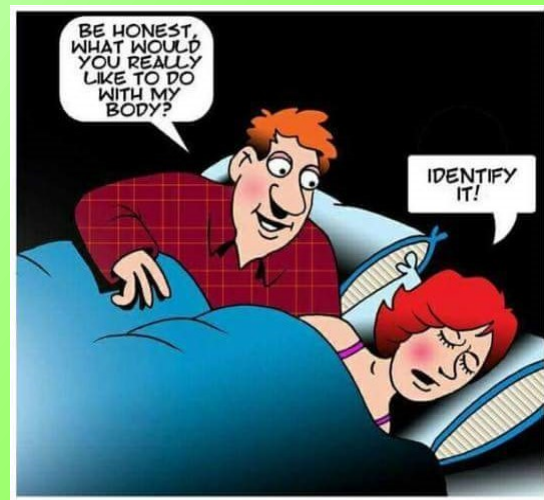
ALL YOU NEED IS LESS


Paddy's struggling down the road with a wardrobe. A friend says "hey paddy why don't ya get mick to help" paddy says " hes inside carrying the clothes"
facebook.com/UltimateGiggles

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"The best way to teach your kids about taxes is by eating 30% of their ice cream."
-Bill Murray-

The needs of the many outweigh the needs of the few, or one.
Spock, you sound like a democratic socialist!
Jim, . . . misunderstood, emotionally-charged labels are not constructive. I am simply stating a logical fact that intelligent species survive and thrive through cooperation, NOT competition and corporate greed.

My friend thinks he is smart. He told me an onion is the only food that makes you cry, so I threw a coconut at his face.



What's the difference between a tire and 365 used condoms?
One's a Goodyear. The other's a great year.

Welcome to 2016 - here is the summary of our civilization at the end of 2015 - this is priceless!!!

- Our Phones – Wireless
- Cooking – Fireless
- Cars – Keyless
- Food – Fatless
- Tires – Tubeless
- Youth – Jobless
- Leaders – Shameless
- Relationships – Meaningless
- Attitudes – Careless
- Babies – Fatherless
- Feelings – Heartless
- Children – Mannerless

We are SPEECHLESS,
Government is CLUELESS,
And our Politicians are WORTHLESS!
I'm scared –Shitless!

That's All Folks!

The Way We Were



'Andy in his prime'



'The Man'



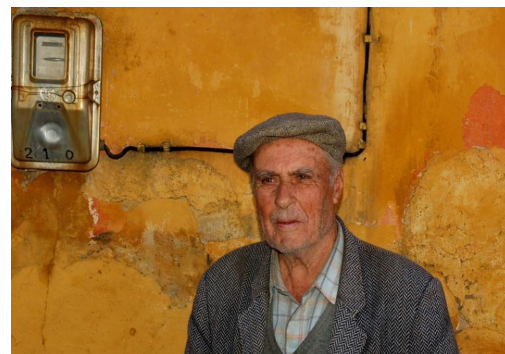
'Body Builder with Vikings'



'A Postcard to Italy early 20th C'



'George and Katrina wedding'



'Old Sandros'

the sun has left the sky, old man
the birds have flown away
and no one came to cry, old man
goodbye old man, goodbye
rest in peace file mou
by Dick Mulder

Video Corner

A hailstorm in Corfu by Thomas Haas

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sKqwB3h5V64&feature=share>

Lady Gaga shares her thoughts

<http://simplecapacity.com/2015/11/video-lady-gaga-reveals-the-truth-about-the-industry-has-she-awoken-up-since-stepping-back/>

Worse than we thought?

http://wakeup-world.com/2015/11/11/inexplicable-moon-anomalies-show-there-is-much-deception-about-outer-space/?utm_campaign=Wake+Up+World+e-Newsletter&utm_content=Latest+Headlines+inc.+Secret+TPP+Text+Unveiled%3A+It%E2%80%99s+Worse+Than+We+Thought&utm_medium=email&utm_source=getresponse

Trews

<http://consciouslifeneews.com/russell-brand-terrifying-youve-heard/1186311/>

The World of Simon

My grandson is in an animistic phase that delights me - since my ancient education in anthropology taught me to understand what a sensible way it could be of understanding the world in the long journey towards the disenchantment - and re-enchantment - of science. In the tropical house of Birmingham Botanical Gardens are mighty Koi all of whom we named after family, friends and the dogs in our lives - Nanny, Amy, Guy, Hannah, Oscar and Cookie for a start... They seemed to come when called by their given names.. -

See more at: <http://democracystreet.blogspot.gr/#sthash.1PxZsxE.dpuf>



Some are more Koi than others

Aunty Lula's Love-bites

MACAROONS



'Cook and Cookette'

Ingredients:

4 Egg whites
4 cups sifted icing sugar
200g walnuts or toasted almonds [chopped].
Grease and line a baking sheet with greased baking paper

Go:

1. Beat egg whites with an electric mixer on high speed, until stiff, but not dry, peaks form. Gradually, add powdered sugar, about 2 tablespoons at a time, beating at medium speed until barely combined. Beat for 1 to 2 minutes more until fully combined. Using a wooden spoon, fold in the nuts. Drop mixture by rounded teaspoons 5cm apart on the prepared biscuit sheet.
2. Bake in a 150 degree oven for about 20-25 minutes or until edges are very lightly browned Transfer macaroons to a wire rack and let cool.

Καλη Ορεξη



'Walnut macaroons'

Conversations with Dr McGoo

BY LANCE MAGNUSSON

Dr Magoo Remembers his Childhood

I want to tell you about when I was a child. Of course, that was before I received my Doctorate in Theoretical Particle Physics from that splendid institution, the University of Thingummyjig in Wisconsin. That's in the United States, you know.

When I was a boy I lived with my little sister, who was not very much younger than me, but sufficiently younger to be aware that I was her superior in every way. I mean, when I was fluently reading those books of wonderful intellect and scholarship, the Ladybird series, she was struggling through that stupid fairy tale, Lord of the Rings. She was about nine at the time, so it's only to be expected.

To change the subject for a second, I am certain that it is perfectly true that the characters in the Ladybird series did not have mobile phones and computers and things like that, because it's HISTORY - a long time ago, you know; and in those days there were not so many retail outlets selling such electronic devices. But why on earth didn't that Frodo character call up a helicopter from his cellphone to fly him to Murder (or wherever it was) to get rid of the stupid ring? He wouldn't have had to make that horrid journey. And what was so special about what is at the end of the day just a piece of jewellery? You see, my little sister explained the plot, and of course being the brilliant intellect that I am, I grasped it right away!

I tried to explain to her the intricate plots of my Ladybird history books, but she dismissed them as being inaccurate and pandering only to children! What does she know? At the time, she was only reading from some silly thick books (they must have VERY large print to have so many pages!) by someone with a name that sounds like some sort of monkey. Gibberish? It was something about some backward empire based in Italy, I think.

And do you know, she STILL reads this unrealistic rubbish. People don't even have CARS in the books she likes! Can you imagine? Her favourites are a load of stories by someone I think is called Dickhead (have you heard of him? I haven't!), and some soppy romances by three

birds who lived somewhere in the primitive North of England. Still, I suppose that explains the lack of cars. And mobile phones.

Well, the important bit here is how my sister completely ruined my childhood. It was OK when we were very small (apart from her idiotic reading material), but when she got a little bit older, she refused to play with me. I mean, all she wanted to do was groom her stupid pony and clean the stables and ride it around. Honestly! Who would want to do that, when instead she could have joined me in my favourite game - sitting on the stairs and randomly knocking down my lead toy soldiers, set up in regiments on the hall floor, with a miniature cannon and a set of nails! (I believe that these days people play similar games on computers. Where's the fun in that? There's nothing nearly so satisfying as shooting real three dimensional troops with genuine metal projectiles!) Her intransigence really drove us apart, and we've never really hit it off since, unlike the times when we were in the pushchair together and I had such a great time pinching and poking her.

And she never understood that those games with the toy soldiers really taught me the basics (and more!) of military strategy! I am quite sure that had I chosen a different career path and I had joined the army instead of spending my life Thinking Deeply (that's what we Doctors of Philosophy do!), I would have been at least a general by now. But my life took a different direction, and here I am in Corfu - a world renowned Theoretical Particle Physicist! And don't let anyone tell you otherwise, especially my ignorant little sister. After all, what's she achieved? A Masters Degree in English Literature, a place on the Olympic dressage team (more stupid horses!), and another career as a bestselling novelist. I haven't read a single one of them. I bet they are totally unrealistic.



'Don't Boo Miss Magoo'

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Panic

By
Dr. Lionel Mann



'The Author'

"Every child should know the twelve times table at the age eleven." A typical, puerile panic response from a British Prime Minister.

For the past seventy years I have watched the gradual decline in the British education system until now the British populace is largely, illiterate, innumerate, inarticulate and abysmally ignorant. No intelligent populace would have swallowed the flimsy pretexts that were used to support the disastrous campaigns in Afghanistan, Iraq, Libya, and Syria. Consider also the millions who have run up unsustainable debt through their inability to manage even the simple mathematics needed to organise their financial affairs and the horde of workers who have been priced out of their jobs through listening to the unscrupulous politicians who have urged them to seek wage rises that have placed their jobs beyond the market, with British Steel as the latest victims.

24 x 16 = 384

'Everyone needs to know'

What is needed is a total overhaul of the entire education system; at present it is not producing the skilled workers needed to support our businesses. The closing of the Technical colleges in favour of the introduction of 'open' Comprehensive education dealt us a severe blow to British education. Recently an airy-fairy 'educationalist' stated that the aim of Comprehensive schools was to teach children to reason, but logical reasoning needs to be based upon a sound foundation of knowledge and skill which is not supplied by the current system. Back in the fifties when I was being trained as a teacher I knew that most of the codswallop that was being propounded was in direct conflict with the teaching that I had received throughout my schooling from totally-committed erudite teachers at the schools at which I had been taught. As soon as I started teaching, supported by the headmasters under whom I served, I reverted to methods that I knew were effective. When I became a headmaster I introduced them into my school. All pupils up to the age of nine knew their sixteen times table and some voluntarily went up to twenty times 'for fun'. "Make numbers your friends, recognise them, lay with

them". Similar thorough were applied to the teaching of English, Science, History, Geography, Music, and Art. As a result all my pupils went away to their eleven-plus examinations confident of passing. We had 100% success rates with the exception of a boy who came to us from an allegedly Preparatory school with only six months to the examination. At the age of eleven he could hardly cope with the work of our eight-year-olds.

Today there are not even enough skilled bricklayers, joiners, plumbers and electricians to build the new housing that is needed.

Engineers, technicians and mechanics are also in short supply. Immigrants from Europe and further afield are partly remedying the shortage, but if plans to reduce the number of immigrants go ahead the problem will be exacerbated. All these panic short-term 'remedies' provide no real solution to the problem. See British politicians prancing around the world pretending that they have answers to International problems when in fact they cannot even sort out their National difficulties. Their stupidities, especially wild-cat military activities, have cost billions of Pounds while the nation's infrastructure crumbles through lack of funding. Way back when I started work in 1952 I believed the lies about 'welfare from the cradle to the grave' working for forty-two years and paying National Insurance contributions. Now I am reduced to surviving the pittance of a pension which is all that the misgoverned country can afford. I am not happy!

What deep pit do English-speaking countries drag up their leading politicians? In my entire lifetime I can think of only one U.S. President and two British P.M.'S who have shown any sign of intelligence; none of the three served a full term in office. Kennedy was far too clever and independent to be allowed to continue by the cretinous tycoons who really govern the U.S.A. Harvey Lee Oswald was murdered before he could prove his innocence. The assassination was really carried out by a marksman of the C.I.A., F.B.I. or Marines. Eden was stabbed in the back by the U.S.A.; you do not need enemies when you have U.S.A as 'friend'. Heath was stabbed in the back by his own party; British politics are a filthy tortuous business.

It will be interesting to see what, if any, steps are taken to sort out the desperate lack of skill that the British education requires.



'Lionel's Pride'

Gooners Gags

A teenage boy had just passed his driving test and inquired of his father as to when they could discuss his use of the car.

His father said he'd make a deal with his son, "You bring your grades up from a C to a B average, study your Bible a little, and get your bloody haircut. Then we'll talk about the car."

The boy thought about that for a moment, decided, he'd settle for the offer, and they agreed on it.

After about six weeks his father said, "Son, you've brought your grades up and I've observed that you have been studying your Bible, but I'm pissed off that you haven't had your hair cut."

The boy said, "You know, Dad, I've been thinking about that, and I've noticed in my studies of the Bible that Samson had long hair, John the Baptist had long hair, Moses had long hair, and there's even strong evidence that Jesus had long hair."

"Did you also notice they all bloody walked everywhere they went!!!"

Chinese Tour Guide in Shanghai...

There was this Chinese girl at a travel agency when I was in Shanghai, I asked her if she could escort me for a city tour and asked for her mobile number, so I could call her to make arrangements.

She got excited and said:

"sex sex sex, wan free sex for tonight"

Wow, I'm guessing this is how Chinese women express their hospitality!

But then, my friend interpreted it for me and told me what she really said : 666136429

Mother of all Jihadist Jokes...

Two Middle East mothers are sitting in a cafe chatting over a plate of tabouli and a pint of goat's milk.

The older of the two pulls a small folder out of her handbag and starts flipping through photos.

They start reminiscing.

"This is my oldest son, Mujibar. He would have been 24 years old now."

"Yes, I remember him as a baby." says the other mother cheerfully.

"He's a martyr now though." the mother confides.

"Oh, so sad dear..." says the other.

"And this is my second son, Khalid. He would have been 21."

"Oh, I remember him," says the other happily, "he had

such curly hair when he was born."

"He's a martyr too..." says the mother quietly.
"Oh, gracious me..." says the other.

"And this is my third son. My baby. My beautiful Ahmed. He would have been 18", she whispers.

"Yes," says the friend enthusiastically, "I remember when he first started school..."

"He's a martyr also," says the mother, with tears in her eyes.

After a pause and a deep sigh, the second Muslim mother looks wistfully at the photographs and, searching for the right words, says . . .

"They blow up so fast, don't they?"

THE ARK CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

**Held on Saturday, 19 December 2015, at 12noon
in The ARK Shop, Ag. Dimitriou, Corfu town**

Prize	Winning ticket No	Claimed or not
BOSCH 'Sensixx B10L' Steam Iron and Station (Valued at €79)	White 78B	Claimed
Large Fluffy Dog	White 55B	Claimed
Decorative tulip candle	Pink 49	Claimed
Beauty aids	Peach 39	Claimed
Italian writing set	White 94A	Claimed
Chinese calligraphy set	White 79B	Claimed
Silver serving spoons	White 44	*N/claimed
Snack for two persons	White 84B	Claimed
Decorative 10row necklace	Green 63	Claimed
Hardback: 'Healthy Lifestyle' by the editors of Prevention	Peach 90B	Claimed
Antique Italian leather cigarette case	Pink 90A	Claimed
One bottle red wine	Green 90	Claimed
Stone/pebble snowman	Yellow01B	Claimed
Sunday lunch for two persons	Peach 89B	Claimed
Hand-designed wooden box	Green 21B	*N/claimed
Presentation pack of soap	White 86B	Claimed
Hardback: 'Modern drama' by Monica Ali	Pink 91B	Claimed
Canvas/straw bag and caftan	Green 65B	Claimed
Avon beauty aids	Peach 58	*N/claimed
Print	White 86A	Claimed
Man's woolen sweater, medium	Green 37	Claimed
Decorative belt	Pink 68B	Claimed
Decorative satin table cover	White 16	Claimed

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The Ark Christmas Raffle
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Soft pink doll	Green 08A	Claimed
Hoodie head scarf	Green 05A	Claimed
Cookie dish and vase	Pink 92B	Claimed
Soy candle	Pink 19A	Claimed
3 Bottles white wine	Peach 87B	Claimed
Beauty aids	Green 43A	Claimed
Baby-girl set of clothing	Green 81	Claimed
Meal for two persons	White 77A	Claimed
Beauty aids	Pink 23A	Claimed
6 Bottles red/white wine	Pink 70A	Claimed
Indian Head massage	White 03B	*N/claimed
Panasonic digital cordless phone	Pink 17A	Claimed
Cafetiera coffee maker	Pink 72A	Claimed
Ladies sheepskin boots 37/38	Yellow 6A	Claimed
Multi-decorative necklace	White 62A	Claimed
Triple (3) coral necklaces	Yellow89A	Claimed
Watercolour on pure w/colour paper	Peach 72B	Claimed
Croquet lesson for four persons, followed by drink at Poolside Bar	Peach 37	Claimed
Dish filled with Xmas cookies	Pink 45	Claimed
Electric kettle	Green 4A	Claimed
Food mixer	Peach 22	Claimed
Meal, wine for two persons	Pink 29	Claimed
Print	Green 02A	Claimed
Framed print	Pink 11	Claimed
Rohnson coffee maker	Yellow36	Claimed
Water colour on pure w/colour paper	Green 23A	Claimed

NOTE: Four (4) prizes have not been claimed to date. Anyone wishing to claim their prize can contact Ileana Trivoli, the ARK Treasurer, on the following email: Ilena.trivoli@gmail.com

The ARK Animal Welfare Charity would like to thank everyone who supported this Raffle. Your contribution is very much appreciated.