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Village and Island News

By
The Editor

September continued the tradition of blue skies and warm sunshine. Apart from the odd storm we have enjoyed four months of solid summer, which is defying the weather forecasts and proceeding into October.

The Mexican troubadours left for Germany at the beginning of the month, on the next leg of their European tour. They shopped for souvenirs in the old lanes of town, before boarding their jet.

They had particularly befriended my friend Bruce [Bruno to them] who was staying on for another week . As others of the Agiotfest crowd slowly drifted away from the village, Bruce ended up owning the entire first floor of Anna's apartments.

Being all by himself he needed some company, so we had some very pleasant outings in town and to Ipsos, and managed the Afra Panygeri for good measure.



'Bruce in 'Green Pool'

Our best times were spent much closer to home, in the 'Green Pool', where there was much mirth and strumming and

making up songs of our adventures. Dimitri Martini joined us on one occasion. He'd had an accident and had to pull out of his Agiotfest spot at the last minute, but we got him jamming at the edge of 'Green Pool' instead.

I thought life might quiet down a bit post-festival. But no! We were out in town with friends and on the first Saturday of the month there was the wedding of Lula's cousin Ellie to Ioannis at the small church huddled next to the Old Fort, with a reception at Luna D'Argenta.

Bruce had gone by the 11th, and old friends the Gaskells turned up for their family holiday, while Villa Theodora welcomed the arrival of Irish family Cahill, who were to stay for almost a month.

Up the road from our home in the kernel of the old village, happenings are super-charged at Nonna's former residence and Kostas' old wine-shed. Les our friend- we call him the 'busy bee'- has been helping by making and fitting cabinets and shelves, Prokopis and Peter and helpers have been working daily in a race to have the new family home ready for the baby expected. 'Too much noise', insists Lionel.



'Lula cannot believe it was once her dad's wine shed'

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And the baby won the race. In Corfu Hospital Elina gave birth to a baby girl on the 21st September at 5.25.am., weighing in at 3.28 kilograms. We were in the little incubation ward as the sun was rising to see her first hours on the planet. Her Mum was recovering in a ward close by. Kostas my son and I watched the little treasure in her regulated incubator, naked except for a plug and dressing on her navel. Beautiful, simply, quite astonishingly beautiful. Never mind the single eyebrow, dent in her forehead, no neck, boxer's nose, double-chin, bow legs and big feet; obviously a true McGovern! She is perfection.



'The youngest Agiot of all'

All the family, except Kostas who visited later, was overjoyed as we all shuttled in turns between mother and Beba. Every chance I got I was either singing or talking to this lovely little personality in her tank. I was dying but unable to touch her through the Perspex, but I'm quite sure this brand new calm little princess could feel my love.

In the midst of life there is always death, so it was very sad to hear of the passing of Helgy Heine in Athens on the 24th. He lived at Karoubatika, was 'Corfu Town's' window cleaner for many years, and was well known at Kostas' tables. He was buried in the huge cemetery at Garitsa on the following Monday, and a good crowd of friends, including Agiots Walter, Kurty, Lakis, Wolfgang and Yiota, Tellis, Udo and Regina, Nikos and Alexandra and me, were there to say goodbye. We sat after the burial in the dappled sunlight outside the café there, drinking coffees and eating cakes and talking of our old friend, always recalling the humour and fun. Sandros, his son, who I used to drive to school in town with our own kids, a duty I shared with Helgy, led the mourners with great dignity.

Beba was out of hospital on the 25th and over to our in-laws in Kanoni, to stay a few days until her new

home in Agios can receive her. We have lost a few of our old village friends in our lane in recent times and their cottages stand sad and empty, so the hive of industry in the old centre, with Yiorgos and Antigoni too sprucing up their family house, is a reconfirmation of the beauty of the cycle of life.



'Giorgos and Antigoni's Spiti'

Forgive my selfishness in saying the rest of the month was largely taken up with visiting Beba, getting to hold and cuddle her and sing her many a song. She is always impeccably turned out-as is her Mum- and might be the best-dressed baby I know. Peter is besotted and doting. I feel as if our extended family is a crown and Beba is the jewel in its centre. So many well-wishes have come in from so many of you, please forgive me for not having replied to them all individually, at least not yet. But thank you all for your kindness and your love.

Ron and Lesley appear for their late-summer visit, Paul and Sally [with friend Caroline] pop for a few days of Indian summer. Paul and I have a glass of tea at Ermones beach. Gina and Pat are over, and we get to introduce Gina to some fine Italian nosh at Tavola Calda.

Swimming in the 'Egg' continued for me right to the end of September, with Mandy and Bono often joining me. Any lingering hopes of a Koi pool here are now firmly consigned to the trash bin.

Alekos has had his final chemotherapy, and is now back home in Agios. We all wish him well in his recovery at home!

The Tax Office in the Prefecture at Corfu Town was broken into by Roberto Hoodylakis and his Merry men, who gained entry by boring a large hole and removing items of jewellery, gold and silver, which had been confiscated by the authorities. Banksters Love, People 15.

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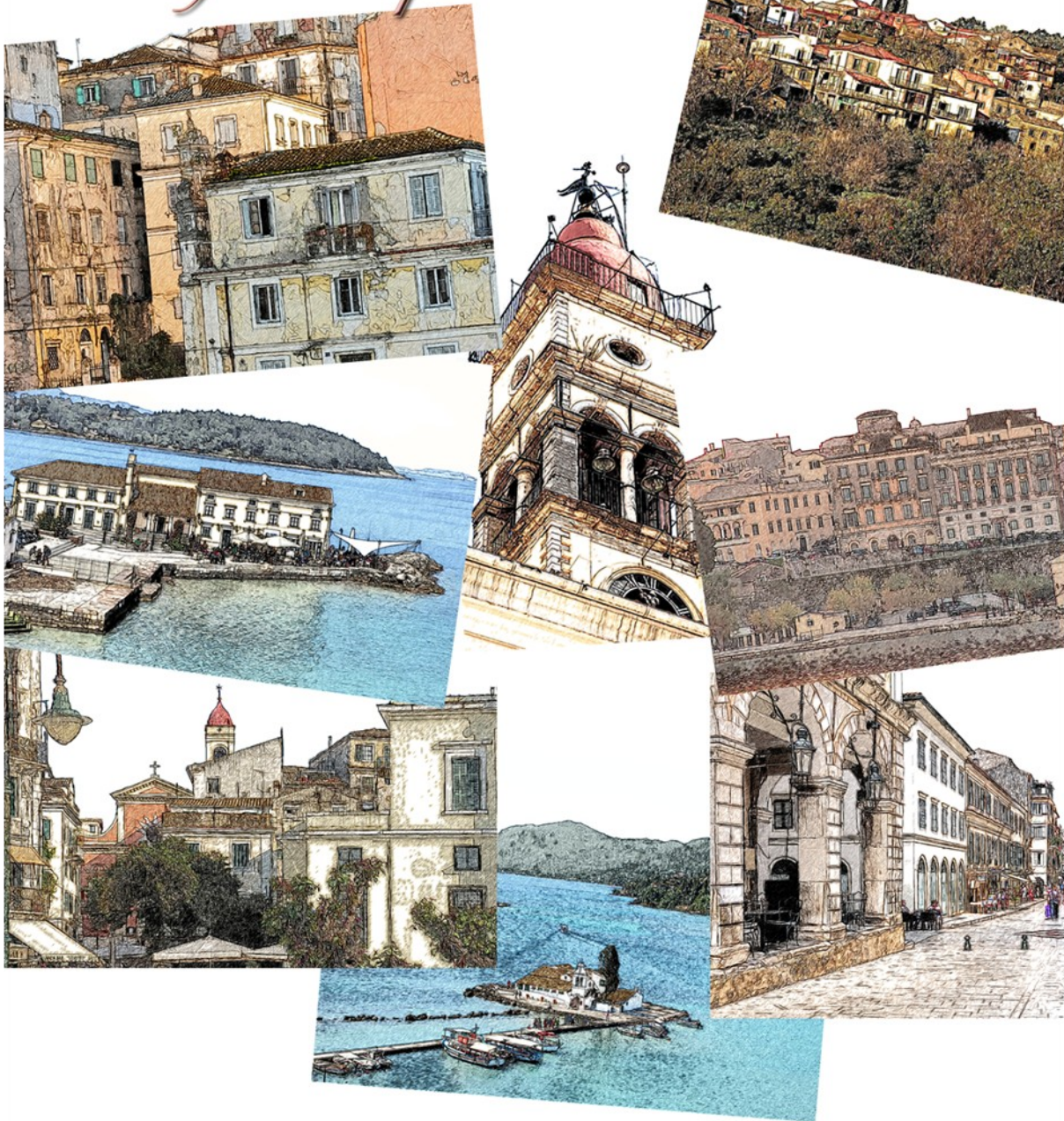
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Hilary's Ramblings

Contributed by
Hilary Paipeti

Did Captain Scott find evidence of Lost Atlantis?

The answer to that, like with all headlines formulated as a question, is 'no' (but it did get you reading!). Well, probably 'no'. But, as I hinted last month, Scott's much-criticised 'rock-sampling expedition', carried out at the foot of the Beardmore Glacier during the groups fatal return journey, saw the discovery of rock samples which indicated that Antarctica had once been in a temperate zone. It was, according to explorer Ranulph Fiennes, 'the key to the origin of Antarctica'. Because the samples showed that at some stage forest grew on the continent, either the world was VERY much warmer, or the landmass was located a great deal north of its current position.

From the 1960s onward, schools have taught us 'Plate Tectonics', the idea that our continents sit on plates which 'drift' in various directions, their imperceptible movement causing mountain ranges such as the Himalayas to form over millions of years. Sudden 'slippages' of the adjoining plates cause earthquakes, such as around California's San Andreas Fault, and volcanic activity is rife where gaps between the plates allow products of the earth's mantle to bubble to the crust.

But in 1958, before Plate Tectonics had gone mainstream, a man called Charles Hutchins Hapgood proposed a radically different hypothesis, known as Earth Crust Displacement Theory. In the words of writer Graham Hancock, this concept involves 'a complete slippage of our planet's thirty-mile-thick lithosphere over its 8000-mile-thick central core.' So instead of gradual movement of continental plates in different directions, the whole crust, or large parts of it, shifts violently in a sudden event.

Hapgood controversially believed these events were instrumental in forming mountain ranges and in determining the size and level of the sea. Most contentiously, he suggested that Antarctica had been a habitable continent, before a shift which sent it to the south pole. His research took in the Piri Reis Chart - drawn in 1513 by the eponymous Turkish admiral and cartographer and discovered in 1929 in an Istanbul library - which appears to accurately depict the

coastline of Antarctica in an ice-free state. The slightly later Finnaeus world map (1531) showed the whole Antarctic continent without ice. Investigations recently made using modern technology have demonstrated that the landmass is almost exactly as represented on these two charts; the Finnaeus one illustrates Antarctica much more accurately than it shows the rest of the world, indicating that this section of the map may have been copied from an earlier and better chart, whereas the other landmasses were surveyed using contemporary methods*.

One particular slippage event, writes Hancock, moved 'large parts of the western hemisphere southwards towards the equator and thence towards the Antarctic Circle.' Because of a pivoting movement of the continents 'Hapgood's model shows the landmass that we now call Antarctica, much of which was previously at temperate or even warm latitudes, being shifted in its entirety inside the Antarctic Circle. The overall movement is seen as having been in the region of 30 degrees (approximately 2000 miles) and as having been concentrated, in the main, between the years 14,500 BC and 12,500 BC - but with massive aftershocks on a planetary scale continuing at widely-separated intervals down to about 9500 BC.'**

Hancock is among a number of researchers who speculate that this landmass, which once sat in a mid-Atlantic position, was legendary Atlantis; if so, the remains of the great civilisation lie buried under the ice-cap. Their theories are supported by the existence of 'fingerprints' of otherwise unexplained connections between ancient civilisations (such as pyramids in Egypt and also in Central America), carried there by the dispersed Atlantean survivors.

Author Immanuel Velikovsky is another who argues that traditional theories of continental drift fail to explain the great revolutions in nature which are evident in geological and fossil records. But although Einstein himself endorsed Crust Displacement Theory, the great bandwagon of 'Schoolbookery' rolls on: 'It's Plate Tectonics, innit, stupid!'

The opposing theories of Plate Tectonics and Crust Displacement (neither actually proven, I might add, owing to the fact we have not actually observed either!) are not mutually exclusive. Continents can easily drift slowly, and also violently displace from time to time - though Plate Tectonics is the only theory permitted in the 'conventional wisdom' mode that so many adhere to.

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But isn't it indicative of schoolbookery that we only hear about the nonconformist theories through non-mainstream media - and, oddly, through blockbuster films? Crust Displacement Theory came to my attention by way of the disaster movie '2012', in which the destruction of the world was caused by... destabilisation of the earth's crust. In the film, Crust Displacement Theory is presented to the audience by the film's token conspiracy nut-job, thus detracting from its validity. But is there also a hidden message in the title of protagonist Jackson Curtis' novel (which features as part of the movie plotline): 'Farewell Atlantis'? Are they trying to tell us something?

And by the same token, if you wish to uncover the true nature of reality, don't just consult David Icke - watch 'The Matrix'...

* 'Mainstream' science still cannot account for the content of these maps.

** Hancock has also pointed out that the same phenomenon would also explain the presence of the mammoth carcasses which have mysteriously been

found preserved in Siberian ice. In the same displacement which sent the Antarctic landmass south, the area which forms Siberia moved suddenly northwards from a temperate zone into the Arctic, generating a rapid deep freeze.

Further Reading

Charles Hapgood: 'The Earth's Shifting Crust: a Key to Some Basic Problems of Earth Sciences' (1958), reissued as 'The Path of the Pole' (1970)

Charles Hapgood: Maps of the Ancient Sea Kings: Evidence of Advanced Civilization in the Ice Age (1966), reissued 1979.

Graham Hancock: 'Fingerprints of the Gods' (1995) Available as a free pdf ebook

Immanuel Velikovsky: 'Worlds in Collision' (1950) Available as a free pdf ebook

Graham Hancock explains his Atlantis theory in the documentary 'Zero Point - Messages from the Past': <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HpJ3yO4-Xpo>

Corfu Weather Statistics - September 2015

| | Max | Avg | Min |
|-------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|
| Temperature | | | |
| Max Temperature | 34°C | 30 °C | 23 °C |
| Mean Temperature | 28 °C | 24 °C | 20°C |
| Min Temperature | 23 °C | 19 °C | 15°C |
| Degree Days | | | |
| Heating Degree Days (base 65) | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Cooling Degree Days (base 65) | 18 | 11 | 3 |
| Growing Degree Days (base 50) | 32 | 26 | 18 |
| Dew Point | 25 °C | 19°C | 13 °C |
| Precipitation | 12.9 mm | 0.8 mm | 0.0 mm |
| Wind | | | |
| Wind | 50 km/h | 6 km/h | 0 km/h |
| Gust Wind | 71 km/h | 44 km/h | 27 km/h |
| Sea Level Pressure | 1019 hPa | 1013 hPa | 1003 hPa |

Read more at:

http://www.wunderground.com/history/airport/LGKR/2013/9/1/MonthlyHistory.html?req_city=NA&req_state=NA&req_statename=NA#PFq1VRYHlbugcTGf.99

Aunty Lula's Love-bites

GREEK MEATBALLS



INGREDIENTS:

500g lean meat minced
 100g breadcrumbs [fresh]
 1 small onion, grated
 2 small eggs lightly beaten
 3tbsp finely chopped parsley
 ½ tsp oregano
 Salt and freshly ground black pepper
 Oil, for deep frying

GO:-

Soak the breadcrumbs in cold water for five minutes, then squeeze dry mix into the meat with onion and eggs, add the spices and season with salt and pepper.

Form into small balls.

Heat the oil in a deep fat fryer until nearly smoking, then carefully drop in the balls and cook for 2/3 minutes until crisp and golden.

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Video Corner

A taste of Agiotfest 15

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k5dkwQY- tk>

I can do that

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l9m4cW2yxy0>

French sense

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ghu0YG4jrLE>

How to use your computer

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Tom Waits

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gCSc6E4yG9s>

I Want To Break Free

[Corfu Arrival]

By
Les and Chris

(Turf Wars)

Towards end of August after many days of clearing a large piece of our land at the rear of the property and after many discussion's with the locals, we decided to take the plunge and sow grass seed - did not seem right as the weather was still crazy hot every day and no rain was forecast!

We had been advised that to leave it any later would not be wise as the grass would need to germinate and flourish before the heavy rains came otherwise the grass seed would be washed away, due to the ground still being baked hard due to the recent spell of unduly hot weather we were having.

So off we went to the garden centre and again after much discussion with a seemingly knowledgeable guy, we left armed with a large sack of mixed grass seed and several containers of ant powder!

We did not even think that ants would be an issue, oh how wrong we were!

So several hours later we had lovingly raked and every stone, twig, weed etc had been removed from the area to be sown with grass seed.

The area to be sown was approx. 400m².

The grass seed was sown and watered in, the ant powder which we still could not see a reason for, as we had not seen an abnormal amount of ants but we went with the advice given, so the ant powder was spread around the circumference of the sown area.

Next morning up bright and early and watered the grass seed before the baking sun was on the garden. Same again at night time, area watered to give the grass seed the best chance to survive the heat of the day.

2nd morning I woke up and started my watering regime and something did not seem quite right, after going on border patrol around the edges of the area we had sown with grass seed, there appeared to be large areas

where the seed had completely disappeared?
How, where?

Looking more closely I spotted a few ants wandering around with the odd grass seed, to be expected I suppose, as we had been previously warned.

But looking even more closely, there were thousands of the little things working like maniacs carrying off every grass seed they came in to contact with. There were ants of every shape and size! Grr!

How can this happen, I had put the ant powder as described and completely encircling the sown area - wrong!

There were at least 7 ant's nests inside the area we had just sown! Argg!

At the entrance to each ant's nest there was a doughnut of grass seed waiting to be conveyed by the clever blighters down to their nest!

Oh no you're not, I quickly scooped the grass seed up and attempted to spread it over the stripped areas.

This appeared to send the ants in to a frenzy, every ant in each of the nests poured out and were swarming over the garden ravaging the grass seed and attacking and biting me!

What to do?

Ah ha, off to my man shed and came back armed with a garden spade, with which I proceeded to start pounding the ants and their nests, enraged at the theft of my precious grass seed!

The time was still early, approaching 08:00hrs. It was about this time my wife came out of the back door wondering what all the noise was only to see me in full "Basil Faulty" mode - remember the scene where he was beating the car with the branch of a tree!

Well that was me with my spade and the ants!

Slowly the army of ants disappeared back in to their nests, hah, sorted them out, won't be seeing them for a while.

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That evening after most probably one of the hottest days of the year, watered the grass seed again and went to bed feeling that all the grass seed under my protection would be safe and sound!

Oh how wrong we were!

Up bright and early next morning, thought I had better check the area prior to watering the seed in again! Arrgh!

The little blighters had been up most of the night and almost completely stripped the garden of grass seed! Again the grass seed was piled up at the entrance to several nests, so the grass seed was gathered up and sown back on to the area we hope would one day be a lawn.

Can't carry on like this, so off to the local garden supply shop by Pelekas crossroads for advice.

After explaining our predicament and much smirking we were advised that commercial strength pest control powder should do the trick, so armed with 2 kg bag of the stuff off we dashed home to find the ants were still in full ravaging mode.

So we sprinkled the foul smelling powder on to the entrance to the nests and watered the powder in to the ground.

The ants went crazy and most perished on the surface but most beat a retreat back in to their nests. Success, the rampaging hoards had gone, but for how long.

As I said earlier, we had been advised to lay a perimeter of ant powder on the perimeter of the area to be grassed, but with the constant watering morning and evening time, unbeknown to us some of the powder had been washed away leaving gaps.

Yep! you guessed it, virtually every ant outside the sown area was now coming on to the area to start stripping the area of grass seed. Off to the garden shop and came back armed with a supply of powder.

Following the ants fully laden with my precious grass seed back to their nests, we repeated the same process with the powder but we were struggling to hold back the hoarde, I was wondering whether to give up and admit defeat.

After several more skirmishes we consulted "Google". Apparently, after searching for other people who have had similar problems, it turns out one of the best weapons in the battle against ants is good old fashioned washing up liquid and hot water. It was nowhere near as expensive as buying the pest control powder and a lot more easy to apply.

Step up to the plate, Chris.

With my wife on my side the ants stood no chance, she took the battle to the ants nest far more intensely than I thought, she was on a mission to prove she was the only queen in the valley.

Needless to say after several rather large bottles of washing up liquid and copious amounts of hot water, between us we felt we had the situation under control.

After several days of patrolling the borders we felt that we had the pests under control.

We had very mixed feelings about our battle with the ants, we did not want to destroy the nests, we just wanted to suppress them to give the grass seed time to germinate and the grass to develop, then they can then do what they want, as the ant is such an important ally in controlling other pests.

We had a few afternoon showers of rain and it was quite fun to see the bubbles developing in patches across the garden due to the amount of washing up liquid applied; the rain helped the grass to germinate.

Eventually after several weeks, enduring one of the hottest spells for years and the ravaging of millions of ants, we can proudly report we are the owners of a developing large lawn.



'The war is won'

So on to our next challenge.

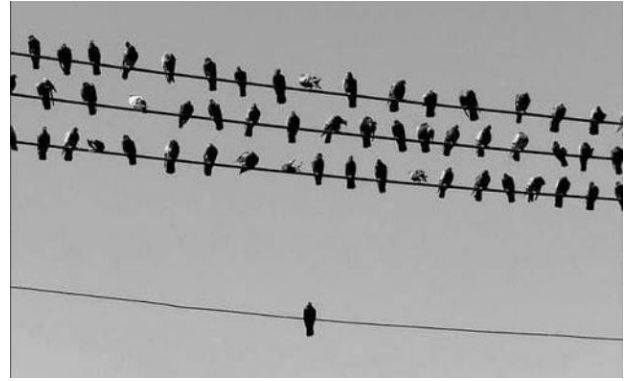
[ED.For further reading go to; <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VVkyb9Qz9ms>
Len 'N Chris versus the ants.]

Letters to the Editor

Ed:-

Thank you all for your support, interest and well-wishes. Many of this month's letters concern Agiotfest, which is not surprising as it has just passed.

Please keep writing in on anything at all; stuff is getting better.



'Drop me a line'

A new life in the middle of Agios Ioannis; Elina delivered Peter's baby girl at 5.25AM on Monday the 21st September. Mother and daughter are doing fine and are being kept in Corfu Hospital for a few days observation.

Many thanks to all our kind friends for their lovely messages and love at this joyous time. Kostas and Nitsa are now Great-Grand-parents. Long live Agios Ioannis!

Frank Bloomfield from Wales

Saw this super band [Los Jaigüey] at the Agiotfest this year and were superb as were all the acts, having played myself on many of the shows this must rate as the best so far, full marks to Paul and the rest of the hard working team that put the event together and not forgetting the excellent sound system of Billy Veronis for a great overall sound !! Roll on next year, thanks for a great night. !!

Ed;- Coming from you Frank, that is special. Thank you.

Claire Sesay from Yorkshire

My last day in this beautiful place....its been a gorgeous, laidback and utter relaxing time. Listened to some fabulous music, met some fabulous folks, met up again with old friends. Tomorrow is another day but one where the sunrise will be equally beautiful but the sunset will be a Tingley one.

Thanks Paul McGovern for a blinding Agiotfest. Thanks Ken and Jan and Marley for a lovely day. Great to see Micky again and the lovely Anna xxX

Ed;- You are now OFFICIALLY, an Agiot Claire.

Matoula from Corfu T.V

Good morning Paul, thank you for your kind words. I didn't come to the festival but people told me that it was great. we'll keep in touch about the video and maybe i can give you our interview in a cd so you can have a Copy. have a nice day!
Matoula

Ed;- Thank you Matoula! Yes I'd like a laugh, so a copy would be most welcome

Jono Watts from Banbury [Violinist with Leatherat]
[regarding last month's Agiotfest write-up].

Brilliant mate! A very special write up that really glows. Anybody reading that will be sorry they missed it!

Ed;- Wow Jono, high praise from high people.

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Julia McDonald from U.K.

Hi Paul,

Thank you - it took me until the last one to work out how to read it![the Newsletter]

Did you get Terry's email about our house?

Hope you are all well.

Best wishes,

Julia

Ed:- Thanks Julia I am glad you have solved the I.T. Went to the house yesterday and will mail you separately about the repairs.

Vivienne Pittendrigh From Corfu Town

Hi Paul,

Thanks for your most interesting Newsletter - I have only read under half so far, so much of interest, congratulations! I was sorry not to get to the Festival as this has been a nightmare month!

I realise it is 5 weeks since I was in touch. I have moved into a small house Alykes Potamu between LIDL and Melides glass place. So convenient to town by bus in 7 minutes, Lidl and Dimitra 3 minutes walk and a charming next door neighbour who is so helpful and a good friend already I enjoy having people walking past and many have a short chat and my little dog Charlie loves it here as everyone tells her how beautiful she is. Do call in - email first to make sure I am here (phone problems below) it would be good to see you. My mobile is usually OK for incoming calls 698 502 0492. House warming party early in October, I'll let you know.

The move was difficult as they put all the boxes first then it took ages to get the furniture in - should have gone to Marjo's local company she tells me. The phone line was not connected for just on 3 weeks and emails a couple of days later. The actual phone has never worked except for the odd short call which is cut so soon. Five weeks tomorrow since the line was cut to be transferred! Last Tuesday I got a new modem/router from OTE office but no one came as promised so back again tomorrow!! This has been so stressful and the computer broke down 2 weeks ago- major repairs and hope to have it next week. A nightmare month which I hope will end next week. BUT I do love my new home!

I just had a call from OTE so maybe someone will come tomorrow then I'll be cut off for three days!!

Look forward to seeing you

Vivienne

Ed;-

I will be round for a cup of tea as soon as you are done and dusted!! And....the Housewarming!!

Peter Hill from U.K.

Please arrange for Andy and Mandy to perform at next year's Agiotfest. Maybe Mandy could do the Chicken Dance: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aWjeITmDmmo>

Ed:-

Hello Peter, Mandy needs no such inducements, but I have to say that Andy did steal this year's show by dancing with two girls and then finishing off several customers' pints! He was fairly sozzled by night's end!!

Janke Veltman from Corfu

Good morning Paul and Loula. Just want to tell you that I had a lovely time at the Agiot festival.

I came for the company, the pic nic and the atmosphere, but I even liked the music this time.

Thanks for organizing such an event.

Ed:-

Hello Janke, I am really pleased you enjoyed the show, and even happier that you liked the music too!! Thank you very much for coming!!

Saturday Walks

Saturday, 3 October: Strinilas and the 'Dragon Church' (** 1 1/2 hours). Meet at Strinilas Square, 10.00 for 10.30 start. Lunch at Stamatis, Strinilas. NOTE: Everyone's favourite 'egg and chips' lunch, but much more.

Saturday, 10 October: The Kokkini Triangle (** 2 hours). Meet at Maria's Bar[The Lake], not far from Aqualand, as the starting point. , 10.00 for 10.30 start. Lunch at Paradisos Taverna, near Aqualand. NOTE: This is the full version of the walk we did just before last Christmas.

Saturday, 17 October: Kaliviotis - A 'Time-Warp' Village and a Hill with a View (** 2 hours). Meet at Kaliviotis Beach (turn left at Perivoli and stop at the sea), 10.00 for 10.30 start. Lunch at Savvas Beach Taverna. NOTE: A glimpse of the Corfu you thought had vanished!

Saturday, 24 October: Acharavi's Lower Roman Way and the Dandolo Tower (** 2 1/2 hours). Meet at Skondros Taverna, Acharavi Beach (turn off near the roundabout), 10.00 for 10.30 start. Lunch at Skondros Taverna. NOTE: Beach, mountain, forest and ruins - a bit of everything, plus excellent pasta!

Saturday, 31 October: Giannades and Mount Tsamourou (***) 3 hours). Meet at Giannades Square, 10.00 for 10.30 start. Lunch at Tristrato. NOTE: This is an unfamiliar way round some familiar tracks and paths, with the addition of some new territory.

“The poet believed that 'Beauty' first entered the world not at its creation, nor with the first garden, the first sunrise, the birth of the first man and woman and their first sexual act. The poet believed that 'Beauty' entered the world the day the first child blushed.”

- Roman Payne

Agiotfest and all that

By
The Minstrel

Before we go any further let's dive into Peter Papageorgiou's excellent 'Living in La La Land' blog-spot here: <http://djpapapete.blogspot.gr/2009/04/strangeloves.html>, this particular piece being one impression of his musical perspectives and life.



'Peter Papageorgiou'

Peter is well-known by Agiot-Festers as a really good Blues singer, and appeared this year with Locomotive. He is also a Sponsor of Agiotfest. As if that wasn't enough to keep him out of trouble he also runs the excellent chandlery in Kontokali; Boatman's World.

As for the Agiotfest itself, a decision as to its future will be made on December 1st. During October we will be sending out Sponsors' letters and Early-bird ticket options. More on this in the November issue. Dependent upon the response from our supporters, we can then make an informed and cunning plan.

On the following page is a fairly long list of our current sponsors. To join this band of brothers just mail in or ring 0030 6974932408.



There is a lonely bear waiting to be won for some lucky child for Christmas!

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AGIOTFEST - 2015 RAFFLE DONATIONS



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The AgiotFest 2015 is happy to offer some financial support to this very special Programme and wish it every success in the future!

GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH OF SAINT SPYRIDON At Kyra Chrisikou, near Danillia

Gregory GISAKIS is the Pappas for this village and he is always available to tend to the needs of his parishioners, most of whom are very poor and impoverished.

He works tirelessly raising funds to help feed and clothe those who are in need and he never turns anyone away.

He is the mainstay of this small village and a donation to his very meagre funds will be very much appreciated.

We are happy to oblige!

FRIENDS OF CORFU

As most readers will know, this group of locals get together and their aim is to offer help and assistance to anyone in need in Corfu.

Martin Brindley, along with others, is actively involved and the work they do covers the collection and distribution of unwanted clothing, furniture, household items - nothing is too big or too old to be ignored and they will find a use for it somewhere!

They arrange hospital visits both for locals and those on holiday. Supply support for those not used to the system here; have paid repatriation costs for patients from nearby islands. Loan out a variety of medical aids: wheelchair; walking sticks; crutches; zimmer frames etc. They have even supplied new bed linen for the local hospital at Kondokali.

SPECIAL OLYMPICS HELLAS - CORFU

Special Olympics Hellas began its Training Programme for the Special Olympic in Corfu in 2011. This group provides year-round training and athletic competition for persons with intellectual disabilities. This group does not receive any government funding and relies solely on donations in the form of cash, volunteers and/or local social support.

They provide free training for persons in various sports activities: Athletics, Cycling; Bowling; Gymnastics; Ping Pong; Soccer and Swimming. The intention is to boost their physical and spiritual empowerment; build their self-confidence and their right to integration in the daily activities of their social environment.

The 2015-2016 training period will involve 30 athletes; 11 coaches and around 80 volunteers and the aim is for these special athletes to participate in Local, National & International Sports Events.

They participated in the World Special Olympics 2011 in Athens and the European Games in Belgium, winning various awards and silver medals! They have also participated in National and Local parades: such as: 25 March; 21 May; 28 October and Easter.

Medical needs, travel expenses and the material needs of athletes and their families are also provided and, of course, this is a heavy financial burden on the organisers. It is a very ambitious and demanding task and this group need (and well deserve!) the full support of the local community.

The group relies heavily on local volunteers and will happily welcome anyone who would be willing to give some of their time to help these special individuals.

Agiotfest 2015 Raffle Donations
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Throughout the year they supply emergency food boxes for those in need; offer nappies/incontinence supplies to mums and carers.

The 'List' goes on and on...

Friends of Corfu co-operate with other groups and, earlier this year, supplied the State-run Old Peoples Home at Perama with much-needed bedding and also presented each patient with a gift bag at Easter.

They also co-operate with the Annie Humphries 'coat bank' group which supplies warm winter coats to those in need during the cold winter months.

As a means of making money the Lighthouse at Kondokali is open to the public every Saturday morning, 10am until 1pm, where they operate a Table-top Sale. All income from this sale helps provide funding for their many charitable activities.

It is expected that the main thrust this winter will be the supply of emergency food supplies and warm clothing.

Each person involved is home-based but, a small group of the most active members discuss where the need is greatest.

Friends of Corfu will always welcome cash donations which will be put to the best possible use. So, on behalf of The Agiotfest 2015

I am very happy to offer a donation to this very worthy cause!

GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH OF PANAYIO-POULA

Ionian Voulis Street, Corfu town (Near the Anglican Church)

English-born nun Sister Theonymphe (6946 696236) serves in this beautiful old church which houses many very old Byzantine icons.

She lovingly cares for her local parishioners, of which there are many in need. Two such families are in dire need of all the help they can get. A widow with three children and no means of any steady income. An elderly lady who has been waiting five years for her pension to be paid; she is still waiting. And the list goes on...

During the summer of 2015 Sister Theonymphe regu-

larly gave her time to help many local primary school children with their English by providing various games for them to enjoy, ie. Chess to play; books to read, etc. These activities helped enable them to progress with the language and also develop their mental skills.

She is willing to offer her time to meet anyone interested, in discussing the history of the many icons in the church. She is more than happy to meet with non-orthodox persons and everyone is very welcome in her church. She can be contacted on her mobile telephone (6946 696236).

Church funds are very low, almost non-existent, and in order to continue with her valuable work, the church would benefit from a much-needed donation from The Agiotfest 2015 Raffle.

I will be more than happy to facilitate this!

NOTE The need for help and assistance to our fellow man (and beast) continues to grow and, with this need comes many problems.

It is very encouraging to know that we in Corfu have so many kind-hearted and caring people living amongst us. Those who are willing to give their time for a special cause. Donate their hard-earned cash to help feed those that so much less fortunate than ourselves.

The AgiotFest confirm, once again, that we will continue to help with donations from the annual Raffle and, hopefully, bring a smile and not a tear to the face of a hungry child or a tired old lady.

Our continuing success with the annual Raffle depends on you, our Friends, and I thank each and every one of you for your support. It is very much appreciated.

God bless you all!

Lucy STEELE, M.B.E.
Raffle Organiser

BREAKDOWN OF AGIOTFEST 2015 RAFFLE PRIZES CLAIMED:

1st: Giant Teddy Bear from Mary Walker
Ticket No: Green 82 Claimed by Chaz Clifton

2nd: Beauty aids from Sephora Shop
Ticket No: Blue 66 Claimed by Gary Mac

3rd: €25 shopping voucher from British Corner Shop
Ticket No: Blue 04 Claimed by Charlie Picoula

4th: Meal for 2 at Posidonio Restaurant, Ag. Gordis
Ticket No: Blue 33B Claimed by Efi Spiteri

5th: Free cocktail for 2 at Hotel Telesillas, Kondokali
Ticket No: Green 50 Claimed by Katie Rose

6th: Day ticket for 2 at Aqualand Water Park
Ticket No: Green 23 Claimed by Sally Tinkler

7th: €25 shopping voucher from British Corner Shop
Ticket No: Blue 50 A Claimed by Berni W, UK
** See note

8th: Sunday lunch for 2 at Kafesas Too, Ag. Georgios
South
Ticket No: Blue 77 Claimed by C Gregory

9th: Interior glass-topped table from Evanos Wood
Craft, Alikes
Ticket No: Blue 58 Claimed by Kirk V

10th: Meal for 2 at Big Bite Restaurant, Benitses
Ticket No: Green 95 Claimed by Yanny Bosgeaof

11th: Indian Head Massage from Sarah Young
Ticket No: Green 25 Claimed by Sally Tinkler

12th: Meal for 2 at Nikolas Taverna, Agni
Ticket No: Green 77 Claimed by Sandie Gray

13th: Beauty aids from Sephora Shop
Ticket No: Blue 88 Claimed by Taffy

14th: Bottle of French 'Bubbly' from Sue and Terry
Thompson
Ticket No: Yellow 890 Claimed by Peter, Boatmans

15th: Meal for 2 at Tavola Calda, Alepou
Ticket No: Blue 22 Claimed by Marjo Giannaki

16th: Croquet lesson for 4, followed by snacks &
drinks at Blue Bar, Gouvia Marina
Ticket No: Blue 36B Not claimed

17th: Six bottles of White Wine from Gouvia Marina
Ticket No: Blue 34B Claimed by Efi Spiteri

18th: One round of Tsipiro & Mezes for four persons
from Kafe Arkoutha, Corfu town
Ticket No: Yellow 850 Claimed by V Pandis

Unclaimed prize:

Prize 16; Ticket No: Blue 36B, Name: David
Rutledge (sold by Denise)

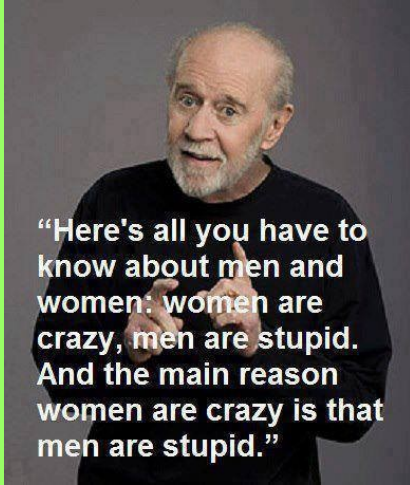
This prize has still not been claimed; Perhaps Mr
Rutledge was a visitor? If anyone knows him and can
provide his contact details, please write in to the
Agiot Magazine and we will do our best to contact
him.

Prize No 7 was claimed by a visitor then, as she was
due to return to her home, she very kindly asked if
the prize could be donated to the Smile of the Child.
I handed the prize to a very pleased Mr Iordanis Tso-
banakis on Friday, 14 September 215 and obtained a
receipt.

Prize No 1 was returned to AgiotFest by Chaz. Paul,
in turn, donated the lovely Teddy Bear to the 100
Club.

Ken Harrop has organised an ongoing Raffle which
will be drawn by Christmas. The proceeds of the Raf-
fle will be used to repatriate a very ill English gentle-
man living in the north of the island, whose name is
Widge.

Nick The Clock's World



'George Carlin'

A Mexican bandit made a speciality of crossing the Rio Grande from time to time and robbing banks in Texas. Finally, a reward was offered for his capture, and an enterprising Texas ranger decided to track him down. After a lengthy search, he traced the bandit to his favorite cantina, snuck up behind him, put his trusty six-shooter to the bandit's head, and said, "You're under arrest. Tell me where you hid the loot or I'll blow your brains out!" But the bandit didn't speak English, and the Ranger didn't speak Spanish. Fortunately, a bilingual lawyer was in the saloon and translated the Ranger's message. The terrified bandit blurted out, in Spanish, that the loot was buried under the oak tree in back of the cantina. "What did he say?" asked the Ranger. The lawyer answered, "He said 'Get lost, Gringo. You wouldn't dare shoot me.'"

Q: I'm two months pregnant now. When will my baby move? A: With any luck, right after he finishes college.

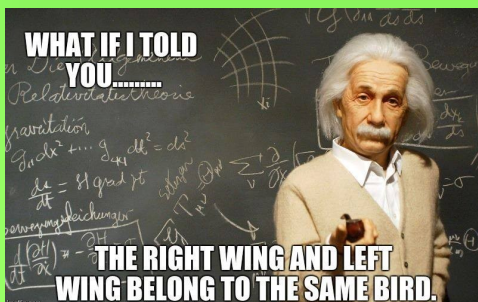
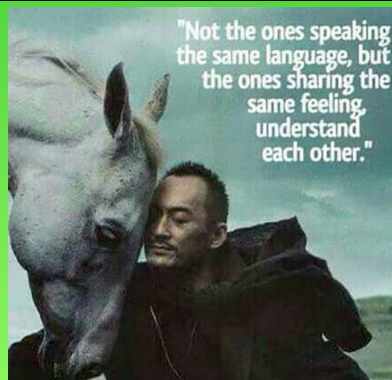
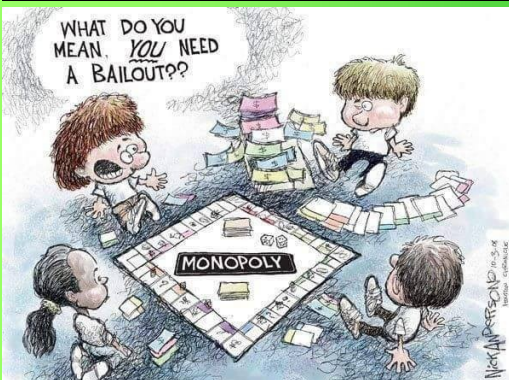
An aged farmer and his wife were leaning against the edge of their pig-pen when the old woman wistfully recalled that the next week would mark their golden wedding anniversary.

"Let's have a party, Homer," she suggested. "Let's kill a pig." The farmer scratched his grizzled head. "Gee, Ethel," he finally answered, "I don't see why the pig should take the blame for something that happened fifty years ago.



Capturing the moment on your smart phone will never be as good as actually living the moment

Stanley Livingston, in deepest Africa, finds a cannibal restaurant. The speciality of the day is brains - fried doctor brains for twenty bucks, sautéed architect brains for twenty-five bucks, and roasted attorney brains for two hundred bucks. Livingston, perplexed, asks the waiter why the attorney brains are so costly. The waiter snorts, "Do you know what a job it is to clean those suckers?"



That's All Folks!

BESPOKE CONSTRUCTIONS

We are very pleased to say that work will soon start on finishing off the main Lydia's House project in Agios Ioannis.

This work will incorporate the establishment of a large swimming pool.

It is intended that the new villa will be available for summer rentals in the summer of 2016 through our www.ocayvillascorfu.com service.



'The old floor was ill-fitted'

And lastly, part of our team has rapidly improved the old wine shed to be incorporated into a lovely starter home in the middle of Agios Ioannis.



'Lydia's House'

Our work is usually either complete construction or improvement of existing property. But sometimes we get called in to put right a job that went wrong. Such is the case here, on a villa at Karoubatika, which had lightning damage combined with water damage to an oak floor, which we are about to replace this week.



'Where is the wine shed?'

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Conversations with Dr McGoo

BY LANCE MAGNUSSON

Dr Magoo says we should all be German

The trouble with the Greeks is that they are not German. Everyone knows that all Germans are efficient and productive, whilst all Greeks are bone-idle and feckless. Of course, the Greeks' sloth comes of residing in a hot climate rather in a chilly one, because when you are able to spend most of your time outdoors so that you don't need to buy expensive fuel to heat your home, you can get by on much less income than people in colder climes. It follows that you don't have to work as hard as northern folk, like the Germans. That's my penetrating and original conclusion, arrived at after months of insightful thought while sitting in the plateia drinking ouzo.

Their lifestyle demonstrates that the Greeks are lazy. I mean, look at the siesta. You come home from work at about one, eat a meal, and go to bed. That's sheer indolence. I myself have a little lie-down in the afternoon, only for about three hours, but I would never DREAM of taking a siesta!

Then in the evening everyone gets up and goes out to indulge in unproductive activities, like sitting in the plateia drinking ouzo. Disgusting! No wonder they don't have any industry in this country!

What did you say? The split working day, broken with a siesta, is an essential part of life in the Mediterranean summer, without which many people wouldn't be able to function? What utter tripe! The EU should ban the siesta, and all shop and office hours should be harmonised across Europe, on Berlin time of course! Nine to five the same everywhere, whether you live in western Portugal or eastern Poland, to achieve the vital goal of cross-efficiency in the pan-European workplace. Efficiency, efficiency, efficiency, that's my watchword! None of that sitting around in coffee bars all day! What, waitress? Yes, I'll have another ouzo.

Siesta is traditional, you tell me? To hell with tradition! Everyone should be like the Germans! You don't agree? You say that because YOU HATE GERMANY! You're totally irrational; think of all the good things Germany's done for Greece. A benevolent presence during the war. All that compensation for a few wrecked villages (wrecked by mistake, I might add). Lots of free money to cover the national debt. Not to mention all that technology, given gratis. Telecom sys-

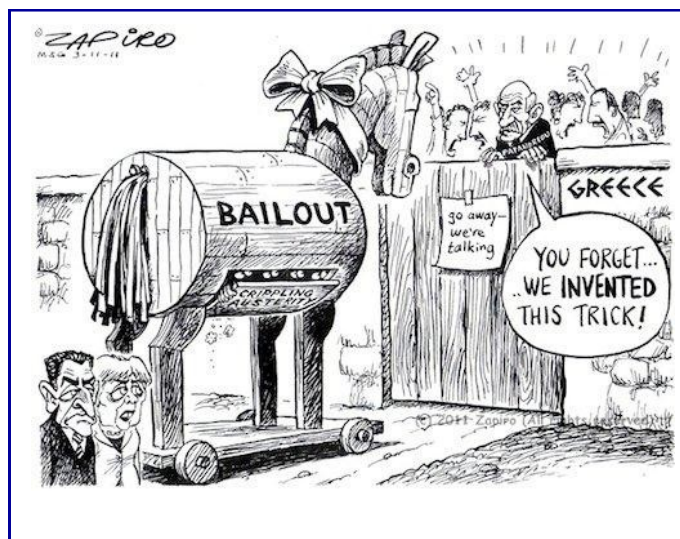
tems, missiles, construction equipment, and what about the submarines?

Only one sub was delivered, and it was defective? Many of the technological systems were old and redundant, and Germany just sought a naive buyer? German corporations paid massive bribes to Greek politicians to accept shoddy goods? Germany massacred whole villages during the war, and never paid compensation? Where did you hear all that? I might have known - you read it on the Internet... Haven't I told you before that EVERYTHING on the Internet is a lie. And your slanderous comments besmirch the memory of those brave German soldiers in their Panzer and Tiger tanks who courageously faced up to Greek villagers armed with scythes, riding donkeys!

You have got to stop reading those silly Internet conspiracies, and pay attention at all times to the indisputable facts I have at my fingertips, facts which I am prepared to share even with those of lesser intellect. After all, I am just about to be offered a post as Associate Professor in Theoretical Particle Physics at a university somewhere in Wisconsin - affiliated with the Milton Keynes College of Embroidery, I might add! This latest career development only goes to prove that I am the sole person in possession of profound knowledge - knowledge that I gained purely from memorising my school text books. Because school text books are correct about everything. Remember: All Greeks are STUPID. Their school text books are no good.

Why am I living here, when I think the Greeks are stupid and inefficient, and their food is foreign muck, and the democracy that they pioneered is just a sham?

Well, it's the cheap lifestyle, innit?



The World Of Simon

Being a tourist

I've just hung out a tub of washing in the garden. I find this more satisfying than, as in Scotland, shoving spundried washing into a tumble dryer for forty minutes or hanging things on the washing rack strung on ropes and pulleys in our cramped boiler room in Birmingham. I so enjoy seeing the suspended clothes, dish clothes and towels swinging gently, sometimes frantically, under the sun in a sea breeze. It's very seldom warm and dry enough to do the same in Handsworth - though I have a line hung hopefully between fence posts across our lawn there.

Yesterday I cycled into town - easy enough. Indeed a pleasure. Coming back I dealt with the ascent to Ano Korakiana by cycling but also walking along gravel lanes along the valley from the sea to the village.



So Valerie's been with us three weeks. In that time we've been tourists, taking her to places on the island, driving on many country lanes edged by cyclamen, and olive groves above and below; to the Achilleon...



Franz von Matsch's celebration of Achilles' notorious war crime at the Achilleon

...to the quiet shore at Agnos to paddle and sunbathe and read for several hours, to *Domino's* in Anilipsi to swim in their pool and lounge on their lawn, and do the



same at two pool bars in Paleokastritsa, to drink in a bar at the 'little England' of Sidari, to the island's highest point on the vertiginous summit of mount Pantokrator gazing over to Saranda and Butrint and the Albanian peaks beyond the narrow Corfu Straits, up the twenty-nine hairpin bend road above our village, stopping to visit the tiny church of St Isadoras, before ascending to the panoramic outlook of Sokraki Villas sat by their horizon pool surveying the island as far as the eye could see, to Emily's in the Platea of Sokraki for drinks and snacks, giros amid pouring rain under a vine lined roof at George's in Kontokali, supper at Strapunto on the road to Kato Korakiana, and, with Mark and his brother-in-law Paul and sister Michelle, at Elizabeth's in Dukades, several times to Emerald near Tzavros for ice cream, to enjoy a curry evening on our friend Sally's balcony in the village, to Corfu town to stroll and eat, to Kalami, to Kasiope (where I've been told by the manager at Plous Bookshop that a diligent ex-schoolmaster drummed up some of the votes that has just given Corfu a *Golden Dawn* MP, Ioannis Aivatidis in the Sept 20th General Election), to the beach at Dassia - usually tranquil - where after hardly an hour warm southerly gusts brought breaking waves and pouring rain, the last ferry of the summer to Vido island for a swim and meal, to the quiet English Cemetery hardly half a kilometre from San Rocco Square, centre of the new town, to the resort of Agios Gordis below the high cliffs of the west coast to look at shops and flocks of empty sun loungers spread on the beach near the end of the season, to Kanoni to watch planes landing and taking off, by small boat from Vlacherna jetty to visit Pontikonisi and, near the end of Val's stay, coffee and cake at the village's new café *Crescendo* and a generously offered opportunity from the artist's family to see the sculptures of Aristeidis Metalinos in the closed museum of our village, and on several occasions a relaxed drink at the village 'pub' - Stammati's *Piatsa* thirty yards from our house and to have supper with friends at home, and to lounge now and then on our balcony.

- See more at: <http://democracystreet.blogspot.gr/#sthash.ilyoMwqJ.dpuf>

Stewardship

By
Dr. Lionel Mann

In retrospect I now regret that I did not spend more time impressing upon my pupils the failure of the general populace of the world to protect the environment. Yes, on our annual holidays in Germany and Austria we saw the disruption of swathes of forest as a result of the poison caused by the industrial complexes of Western Europe being carried by the prevailing winds into the centre of the continent, but apart from that there was little in my teaching that reflected the tremendous harm being inflicted upon the environment from the pernicious pollution produced by modern mechanisation.

We are now being continually barraged with warnings of global warming. Throughout its history this planet's climate has been subject to wild fluctuations and they will continue, but their affect can be lessened by careful handling of our domestic emissions. Certainly Herr Daimler and Herr Benz had no idea how much their development of the horseless carriage would affect the environment. In common with most inventions it proved very beneficial and also lethally harmful. The internal combustion engine emits clouds of carbon monoxide, a highly toxic gas. My last school was administered financially by a Board of Governors of nine parents, three elected annually and serving for three years; one such governor was a so called 'business tycoon' who spent most of his time on the local golf course and was always boasting of the deals that he completed there. One afternoon his tearful wife came to the school to take away their five-year-old daughter and seven-year-old son. We never saw the bright little pair again. That afternoon the husband had locked himself in the garage with the engine of his car running; the police could not break in and though the fire brigade covered the ten miles from a nearby town in six minutes they arrived too late. That is one of the surest ways of committing suicide; within three to five minutes you are unconscious, within six to ten you are dead.

Where I now live my apartment is only one meter from the village street which over the years has become increasingly used by traffic. Motorcycles and scooters, either noisy stinks or stinking noises emit choking fumes whenever they pass and some larger vehicles are even worse. When I left England for New Zealand in 1964 there were only a moderate number of vehicles

on the road; when I returned in 1976 the number had greatly proliferated. Until then I had never taught a child suffering from Bronchial difficulties but I was horrified to find how many of my pupils were carrying inhalers.

One has only to be in San Rocco Square on a hot summer's day to realize how harmful vehicle emissions are. One can almost cut the atmosphere with a knife, and this is only a small town on a comparatively quiet island.

Vehicle emissions are responsible for only a small amount of the pollution released into our precious atmosphere by various forms of industry. Much of our daily life depends upon source of power produced by the burning of fossil fuels that produce toxic fumes. There are many nations committed to reducing this effect but others are very reluctant to forgo some of their comforts.

Back in 1963 I had my summer holiday on the Scilly isles. There we were made aware of how polluted was the atmosphere even in those days of the British Isles. We were warned that the atmosphere even in Scilly was clear of the thick cloud of pollution that shielded the mainland from the sun's rays. The two boys with me soon discovered that even twenty minutes on Scilly produced sunburn. How much worse must the cloak over the mainland be today!

Apart from the main island, St. Mary's, every house on the islands was equipped with a wind vane that produced electricity to power household appliances and to charge batteries for that purpose. I am aware that wind farms and solar systems are unsightly, but that would seem to be a small disadvantage compared with the pollution caused by power stations. We must be prepared to suffer some inconvenience in order to reduce the cloud of pollution that envelops our planet. To date we have been very poor stewards of our environment.

THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION POPPY APPEAL - 2015

This year Remembrance Day falls on Wednesday, 11 November and in a short while the Collection Boxes and a wide variety of Supplies will be available to everyone.

You will find boxes and supplies in various locations around the island:
North; South; East; West and Central Corfu.

I understand the financial difficulties we are living with and, also, the possibility of more austerity measures to come. With this in mind I ask you, our very regular and reliable supporters of The Royal British Legion, to donate what you can reasonably afford and every penny will be well appreciated, I can assure you.

If anyone would like to have their own home collection box, or to help with the sale of supplies to the public, please don't hesitate to contact me on:
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Let's not forget those who gave their all so we could be free.
and let's stand: 'Shoulder to shoulder with all who serve'

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