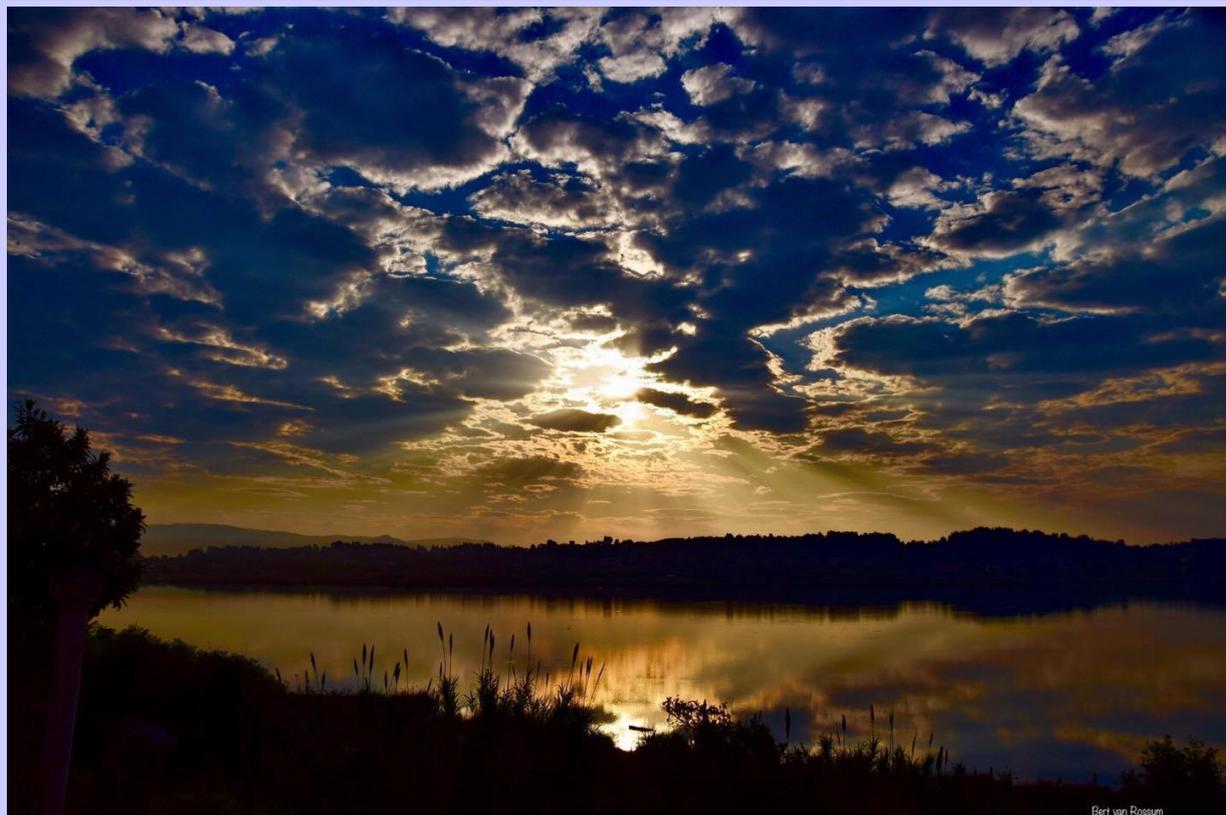


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Saturday Walks

Saturday, 14 October: VATOS: Kortiraki and the Myrtiotissa Views (2 hours ** NEW). Meet at 19th Hole Bar, Vatos (beside the petrol station on the strip before the Golf Club entrance), 10.00 for 10.30 start. Lunch to be arranged. **NOTE:** A nicely varied walk with great views. Be warned - this is the last of the easy walks!

Saturday, 21 October. LOUTSES: Two Caves (2 hours **). Meet at the Anapaftiria Junction, far end of Loutsas, 10.15 for 10.30 start (no coffee). Lunch at Thomas Taverna, Old Perithia. **NOTE:** No severe up-hills, but very rough underfoot at times. Descent into the second cave is optional.

Saturday, 28 October. KAMARA: Environs of a Picturesque Village (1 1/2 hours **). Meet in Kamara Village parking, just after the square, 10.15 for 10.30 start (no coffee). Lunch at Arhontariki Taverna, Sinarades. **NOTE:** Bucolic walking on tracks, paths and small roads. One longish steep climb.

Saturday, 5 November. DAFNATA - STAVROS: The 'Vouno' and Pantokrator Church (2 hours ***). Meet at Kostas Bar, Dafnata, by the viewpoint, 10.00 for 10.30 start. Lunch at Aretis Place, Agii Deka Village. **NOTE:** We always do this walk in early November because of the autumn flowers.



The town of Corfu seen from the chestnut wood on the road to Kombitsi. 1838

The Way Things Were

Here are nineteen photos, scanned from the originals, which were brought over to us by Len and Jenny in September, who stayed with the villagers for almost a year back in the early seventies. This couple are from Brandon in Manitoba.

For those who may remember, the upper floor where Elina, Peter and Danae now live, in those days was inhabited by Theodora, Kostas's mother, and her husband Ioannis. Len and Jenny stayed in one small bedroom and for the majority of their stay here, while Kostas's parents stayed next door.



Corfu Town parade

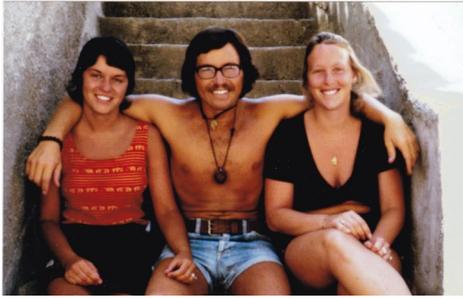


They were as real as us



Jenny and Nitsa

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Jenny, Len and Vivien



Kostas and family



Kostas and Len house repairs



Kostas's father Ioannis



Len and Kostas haymaking



Livestock as well



Matsos the faithful donkey



Our house in the middle of our street



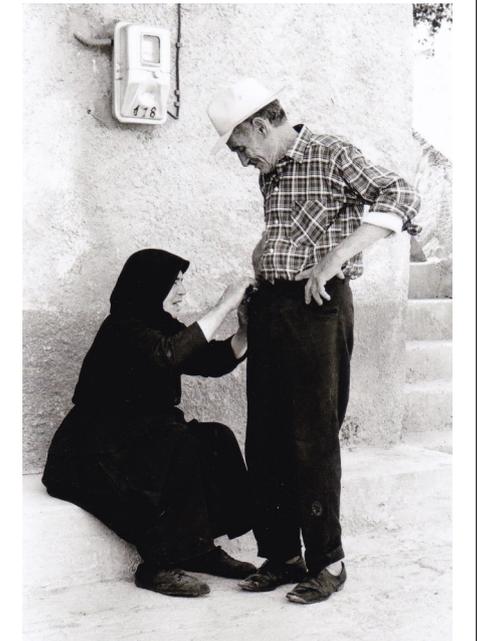
The Matriarch



Then, as now, a place to meet



Theodora off to work at Barbaranni



Theodora and Ioannis

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Theodora



Tombros the haulier



Yanna, Theodora and Jenny



Yanna, George the taxi's grandmother



Very old postcard from Corfu Town provided by Welly Boot



Benitses in the 1960's from Welly Boot



Corfu Airport in the 1960's

ocay villas

Peter and Kostas, who run Ocay Villas, want to thank all the friends and visitors who have come over during 2017, and have stayed either in Villa Theodora or one of our other cosy retreats.

It has been a particularly fun year with friends old and new, keeping this little corner of our globe alive and ticking. Thank you all.

Here is one of those special places slipping into winter hibernation, the magical Villa Aphrodite. The owners will be arriving here in 2019 to settle permanently, so why not take the chance to stay here in 2018 while it is still available to the public?



Mountain retreat

BESPOKE PROPERTY

Here are some photos from the new villa in the valley of Agios Ioannis, Villa Daphne, showing the progress being made there.



A hole appears



A new hill



Damp proofing



Excavation



Plumbing starts



Window forming

Corfu Trail : Ocay Properties

Ocay Properties teams with the Corfu Trail to find you your dream home - and perhaps make you some money! by the Corfu Trail Properties Team

Recently described in a mainstream British newspaper as 'the famous Corfu Trail', the island's 220-kilometre-long walking route attracts hikers from all over the world, including from such unlikely places as Alaska, Hawaii and Tasmania. But the growing success of the Trail has highlighted a problem with its infrastructure: Lots of people on the 10-day hike have difficulties finding accommodation for their overnights; and hikers are tied to a rigid schedule of set breaks in the Trail.

For this reason, Ocay Properties is teaming up with the Corfu Trail organisation to remedy the situation, whilst also offering to enthusiastic walkers permanent or holiday homes in great localities to enjoy their preferred outdoor activity. Buyers can bag potential return on investment from rentals to Corfu Trail (CT) hikers who want to stay in an appropriately authentic spot.

AS A FIRST STEP, we have identified six villages that fulfil the following criteria:

- * On the course of the Corfu Trail.
- * A logical point to overnight whilst walking the Trail.
- * A centre for other walks in the vicinity.
- * Good local facilities, such as village shops and tavernas nearby.

So far, the villages on the list are Stavros, Sinarades, Vatos, Giannades, Makrades/Krini and Sokraki. All these villages meet the criteria, and some even possess a marked footpath network radiating from the settlement. Others flagged up for the future are Lefkimmi, Liapades and Old Perithia. But any property on or close to the Trail will be considered.

Currently, hikers overnight in locations recommended in the official Corfu Trail Guidebook, averaging five to six hours apart on foot. The available accommodation in these places is fully booked at peak times - a problem that Ocay Properties' new initiative aims to resolve.

Furthermore, providing accommodation in localities different from the ones currently recommended immediately creates possibilities for alternative schedules, such as for people who only wish to walk three or four hours per day, or for those who wish to take the Trail at a faster rate by walking longer daily distances.

THE TYPE OF PROPERTY that will be listed includes:

- * Small, easy to maintain village houses ideal for CT overnights or as longer-term holiday lets to get-away-from-it-all visitors, walkers or non-walkers.
- * Groups of cottages that could be serviced by an on-site or close-resident owner, for visitors as above.
- * Houses, modern or older, with space available for B & B visitors.
- * Large old houses to convert as hostels for the visitors as above.
- * Existing businesses with studios/apartments.
- * Plots of land for development, possibly as eco-tourism projects.

All purchasers will, on request, be provided with a bespoke walking guide to the area (in electronic pdf format), including the adjacent sections of the Corfu Trail, and other non-Trail hikes in the vicinity. In addition, all buyers interested in renting to Trail-goers or other walkers will be placed on a database that will be sent to walkers wanting accommodation - a service that will be flagged up on the Corfu Trail website and in the official guidebook. Your marketing done for you!

Of course, there is absolutely no obligation to rent your property out, or to have any dealings with holidaymakers of any type. Have a look at Ocay's Corfu Trail Properties, and you might just find the holiday home, or permanent residence, of your dreams...

Prices start from 15,000 euros!

Web address will appear here next month. In the meantime any enquiries should be addressed to www.ocaypropertycorfu.com

Descriptions of the four properties follow on the next page.

Descriptions of the 4 properties

Keti Cottage

- Small house for renovation, ideal as holiday cottage.
- Yard, open aspect and nice view.
- Close to village centre, shop, taverna, bus.
- 100 metres from the course of the Corfu Trail.
- Vehicle access.

Price: 15,000 euros



Keti Front

Number 1 Guesthouse (or Family Home)

- 200+ sq.m. part-renovated house, and large barn.
- Ideal for development as small guesthouse.
- Right on the Corfu Trail, and at a footpath hub.
- Spacious yard and fantastic views.
- Could occupy whilst renovating.

Price: 80,000 euros



No1 Front

Pergola House

- 100 sq.m. old house, ready to occupy.
- Large garden fronts the Corfu Trail.
- Storerooms for conversion to accommodate walkers/vacationers.
- Shops, bus, tavernas and beaches nearby.
- Ideal for lifestyle transformation.

Price: 100,000 euros



Pergola Yard

Caco Villa

- Structurally complete villa for external and internal finishing.
- Peaceful country location, near beach, tavernas, bus route.
- Up to three bedrooms possible.
- Large garden backs onto the Corfu Trail.
- Combines top construction techniques with traditional aesthetics.

Price: 250,000 euros



Casco Villa

Gooners Gags

TUNNEL TECHNOLOGY

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7ns5UBd0gls>

HOW NOT TO UT A TRUCK ON A FERRY

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=letvR0pxIXc>

Saudi Arabia just legalized women driving! Here's a Live Photo!



Spare a thought for poor ole Michael O'Leary, Chief Executive of Ryanair.

After arriving in a hotel in Manchester, he went to the bar and asked for a pint of Guinness.

The barman nodded and said, "That will be £1 please, Mr. O'Leary."

Somewhat taken aback, O'Leary replied, "That's very cheap," and handed over his money.

"Well, we do try to stay ahead of the competition", said the barman. "And we are serving free pints every Wednesday from 6 pm until 8 pm. We have the cheapest beer in England".

"That is remarkable value", Michael comments.

"I see you don't seem to have a glass, so you'll probably need one of ours. That will be £3 please."

O'Leary scowled, but paid up.

He took his drink and walked towards a seat.

"Ah, you want to sit down?" said the barman.

"That'll be an extra £2. You could have pre-booked the seat, and it would have only cost you £1."

"I think you may be too big for the seat sir, can I ask you to sit in this frame please".

Michael attempts to sit down but the frame is too small and when he can't squeeze in, he complains "Nobody would fit in that little frame".

"I'm afraid if you can't fit in the frame you'll have to pay an extra surcharge of £4 for your seat sir".

O'Leary swore to himself, but paid up. "I see that you have brought your laptop with you" added the barman. "And since that wasn't pre-booked either, that will be another £3."

O'Leary was so incensed that he walked back to the bar, slammed his drink on the counter, and yelled, "This is ridiculous, I want to speak to the manager".

"I see you want to use the counter," says the barman, "that will be £2 please."

O'Leary's face was red with rage. "Do you know who I am?"

"Of course I do Mr. O'Leary."

"I've had enough! What sort of a Hotel is this? I come in for a quiet drink and you treat me like this. I insist on speaking to a manager!"

"Here is his e-mail address, or if you wish, you can contact him between 9.00 am and 9.01am every morning, Monday to Tuesday at this free phone number. Calls are free, until they are answered, then there is a talking charge of only £1 per second, or part thereof".

"I will never use this bar again".

"OK sir, but do remember, we are the only hotel in England selling pints for £1."

Gooners Gags -

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How not to be bored.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zq9qjzB9UQ>

Little George

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qyadDQ9CJeU>

Irish Fire Insurance

A man and his wife moved back home to Cork , from London.

The wife had a wooden leg and to insure it in Britain was £2000.00 a year.

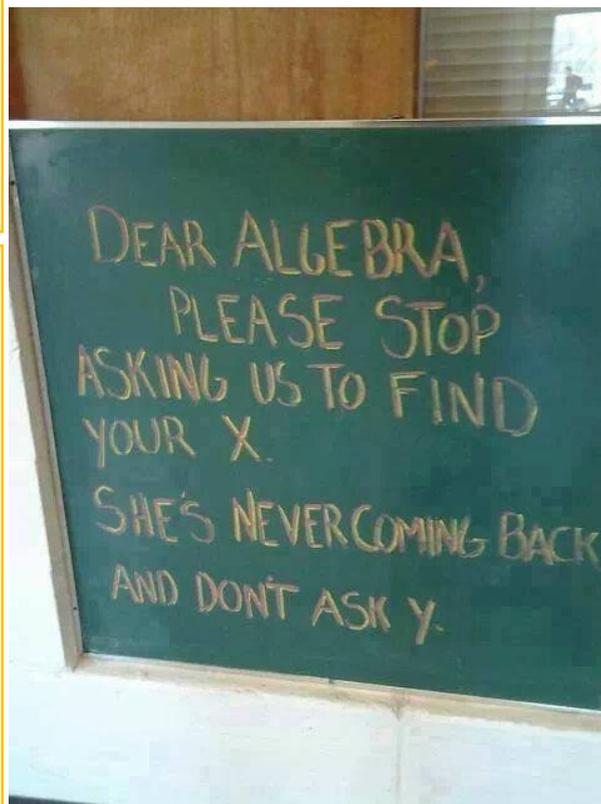
When they arrived in Cork, they went to an insurance agency to see how much it would cost to insure her wooden leg.

The agent looked it up on the computer and said to the couple, '£39.00.'

The husband was shocked and asked why it was so cheap to insure here in Ireland because it cost him £2000.00 in England.

The agent turned his computer screen round to the couple and said, "Well, here it is on the screen. It says: Any wooden structure, with a sprinkler system over it, is £39.00".

I always did find Irish Logic far superior.



Agiotfest Heroes



Simon Wyatt
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Dave and Alexia
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Rob Tinkler
>



Agiotfest 2017 Remarks

[Monique Michele Vincent](#) lovely, shame there wasn't many photo,s of the crowd though there was more people this year it would have been nice to see photo,s of the people who attended as well enjoy it very much, highlight of the year for me great night

[Julie Griffiths](#) Amazing night and even more chuffed that we made it into local magazine 🥰 Karen Lewis Tony Lewis Anthony Griffiths on tashas birthday celebration 🎉

[Agiotfest Music Festival](#) That is what it's all about Julie. Thank you. Shall I keep you posted on Agiotfest 18?

[Julie Griffiths](#) [Agiotfest Music Festival](#) yes please and we shall all keep the tradition and wear matching Hawaiian shirts 👍



Matoula and Marios

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Τα εipaμε με τον Lefteris Atsopardis στον life radio corfu! Επικεντρωθηκαμε στο Agiotfest music festival και τους 7 mile limit! Τον ευχαριστω!

We talked to Lefteris Atsopardis at life radio corfu! We focused on the Agiotfest music festival and the 7 mile limit! Thank you!

A Massive Thank You to all who bought a charity wristband at Agiotfest. I raised 360 euros for the animals and children.

[Sue Gentry Done](#) There are plenty of wristbands left if anyone would to buy one :) 2 euros each - thank you

[Frank Paul Bloomfield](#) Yet again another great festival from Paul and the team ! An excellent evening of a wide range of music well presented and performed, a credit to Corfu ! And we must'nt forget the amazing sound and lighting by Billy Veronis and his team. Can't wait until next year which marks the 10th anniversary of the Agiotfest, it will be something special I've no doubt about that , well done Paul !!

[Agiotfest Music Festival](#) Thank you Frank. You are always a

true and loyal supporter and that support actually pre-dates Agiotfest! It was great seeing you both again. Must stress that the reason the Agiotfest produces and improves each year is down to us having the best team; a team that, like you, is loyal, largely voluntary and gets stuck in. My role is as coordinator for the actions of many. By the way, thanks for the bands details you passed over. Rock on.·

[Richard Collier](#) Yes Paul I agree with Frank another great night in the damed village I can hardly remember after unexpectedly! bumping into [Susanne Ternald](#) [Lennart Björklund](#) [Nick Woods](#) Antonio (Bum Bastard) Connie Jackie and ofcourse Crazy Angalina O and Bert and Jane Paul [Sally Grove](#) (Im going home now)

Peter P
It was well worth it Paul, excellent fest better than ever! Loved the stage, excellent job! I m kind of hoping to get something together and play again next year.. Watch this space!

Following on from last month's Dancing Queen announcement, how about an Honorary mention for Dancing Prince. This is John, who first appeared at Agiotfest in 2009 and sat in the Plane tree in the Platea.



Dancing Prince>

And the ripple continues;

A big thank you to Vasilis Pandis & Dick Mulder for their photo contributions.



New Cactus Hilton without Agiotfest

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From Chris Grossmith:

The Rock Concert

The patio was packed in Ipsos at the bar. British expatriates whom I'd rarely seen in my neck of the woods had come to listen to the music. I knew some of them from, probably, some lifetime ago. People who'd smiled at me vaguely, and disappeared from my perspective, now approached, kissed me on both cheeks and melted away into the crowd. A young Psycho-therapist sat down next to me and we talked until the band arrived: there were three guitarists, a drummer and a singer. amidst the roar of amplifiers there, one woman stole the show. Dressed in black, her blond hair short like a man she sang and danced, her voice enhancer gave her an air of howling in the dark. The deafening sounds of well known music numbed my brain. I felt lost in the music in the best kind of way. Somehow I stepped out of the crowd into a direct one to one with everything that's raw. The Singer howled and crooned alternately, her thighs and knees aquiver in true Presleyan style, her voice, now gravelly and raw like Janice Joplin, now screaming and choking in a musical orgasm at the top of the scale. She leapt straight up and down and shook her head, quivering to the rhythm. We were mesmerized! The lead guitarist kept with her, uttering melodies somewhere between Bach, Jimmy Hendrix and Dire Straits. My brain, fully engaged, began to feel something expressed for us all in howling, choking, weeping tones: our expatriate loneliness, far from home. So close, intense, we, as the audience, had grown, non Brits like the Dutch felt, for once, alien and strange. We Brits, as a rule, don't do closeness, but when we do, we do it well. The concert hit a nerve; the beauty of rock lies in the dream left to us when melody and rhythm become transcendent entity.



Lisa in normal explosive mode
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The Crowd



The Corfu Channel Incident Remembered

By Hilary Paipeti

THE 22ND OCTOBER 2017 marks the 71st anniversary of the 'Corfu Incident', in which 44 sailors lost their lives when two Royal Navy vessels, Saumarez and Volage, hit mines off the shore of Albania while establishing right of passage through the Corfu Channel. The incident is commemorated at the British Cemetery in Corfu Town, where the Commonwealth War Graves Commission have provided simple engraved headstones on the graves of the twelve sailors whose bodies were brought ashore the next day. The names of 32 sailors whose bodies were never found are inscribed on a monument.

On the 60th anniversary of the incident in 2006, and speaking exclusively to this author, Saumarez survivor Bill Atkinson remembered the funeral service at the British Cemetery for those recent dead. 'I had lost everything. My locker was in the section of the ship which was hit, and all my possessions went down. I attended the burial in my overalls.'

W. E. B. Godsal (later a Royal Navy Captain) was on the bridge of the Saumarez when it hit the mine. 'It was a total shock,' he reminisced after the ceremony.

The incident sparked a long-running row between Britain and Albania, whose government refused to pay the compensation set by the International Court of Justice in The Hague. Diplomatic relations were restored only after the fall of the communist regime in 1991, when, in a deal which upset many of the survivors, Britain agreed to release confiscated Albanian gold in return for just over a million pounds.

But for the injured and relatives of the dead, this compensation was no compensation. Though the incident occurred in peacetime, those disabled and bereaved received no more than a normal 'civvy-street' pension. The compensation that was eventually paid to survivors and relatives, once the matter of the gold was settled, has been described as 'inadequate.'

'The government told us that these men were no different to those killed in the war,' said Doug Francies, who was on the crew of Saumarez and afterwards founded the Corfu Channel Association to assist survivors. 'Therefore, their dependents were not entitled to compensation, they said. But this was a peacetime incident! [1946 - Ed.] And the government refuted their own argument when they paid extra money to the widows of the Falkland War.' Mr Francies worked for many years through the Association to support the rights of those involved, and to bring together the scattered survivors and relatives.

Their shabby treatment is underlined by the indifference with which officialdom treated relatives of the dead at the time. The widow of Leslie Bevan, killed on the Saumarez, waited 36 years before any official person called. Winifred Winter, whose son Brian also died on the Saumarez, recalls that a young naval officer visited two days after they received the telegram. 'But I wasn't home so I couldn't speak to him, and he didn't come back. No-one else from any official body ever called back.' It was forty years later, through the Corfu Channel Association, that she learned from a shipmate that blast had killed her son instantly, and he had not suffered.

Even at the time, the government appears to have suppressed the news, perhaps embarrassed that a blatant attempt at gunboat diplomacy could have gone so disastrously wrong. Accordingly, they played down the incident into one of comparative insignificance, releasing to the media in dribs and drabs the barest details of a story which would normally have dominated the headlines. It was left to the media of Plymouth (home base of the Cruiser Squadron), which had learnt first hand from survivors, to broadcast the outrage throughout that corner of England, though it never received prominent coverage nationally.

THE TALE BEGAN in May 1946, when two cruisers, HMS Orion and HMS Superb, were fired on by Albanian shore batteries whilst steaming south through the Corfu Channel (the narrow point in the north east of the island where Corfu and Albania are only a mile or two apart), a recognised international waterway. It was subsequently decided by Whitehall that 'right of passage' should be established by example, and four ships, Mauritius, Leander, Saumarez and Volage, were sent to prove the point.

After a five-day stopover in Corfu, at 14.00 in the afternoon of 22 October, the ships set off on their mission. Rear Admiral Sir David Scott, a lieutenant at the time, was on board the Volage. This is his account of events:

'At 14.47 the silence on the radio telephone was broken by Mauritius ordering a routine alteration of course to port to bring us onto the final leg of our passage through the Channel. At the time I was looking through my binoculars at the Mauritius and the Saumarez, and I could hardly believe my eyes when I saw the Saumarez engulfed by a sheet of flame and black smoke. Then the radio telephone came to life again with a signal from the Admiral saying 'Volage, proceed to the assistance of Saumarez.'

'The Saumarez was burning fiercely and down in the bow to the extent that the water was actually lapping her foc'sle. She had many casualties, both killed and wounded, and scarcely had enough hands to take our tow. The tow was eventually passed, and we set off back towards Corfu at about four knots, towing Saumarez stern first, as her bow was so deep in the water she couldn't be towed ahead.

'All went well until at 16.15 an enormous explosion occurred at Volage's bow. The ship was brought to a stop, and for over an hour we fought the fires and the flooding. It soon afterwards became apparent that our boiler rooms and engine room were intact and that we could still steam. While we were deliberating on this, the whole ship shuddered and a sixty-foot section of the bow fell off the front and sank. Fortunately, the watertight bulkhead immediately behind the devastation held firm, but it was clear that the Volage could not steam ahead. However, we could steam astern, so once again we approached the Saumarez and we passed a tow over what remained of Volage's bow. Then, with both ships proceeding stern first, we headed back to Corfu.

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The Corfu Channel Incident Remembered

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It wasn't until shortly after one in the morning that we finally passed a line to Leander, who was anchored once again in Corfu Bay.'

David Mulcahy was on board the Saumarez, and helped rescue survivors. Also speaking exclusively in Corfu to this author, he submitted his story, never before told in this form to a newspaper:

'We were steaming behind the Mauritius when this terrible explosion occurred. The ship burst into flames and everyone was thrown into chaos. I was in the ASDIC compartment. We came to a standstill.

The foc'sle deck was awash and we had taken on a terrific list. Everything forrard of the bridge was a raging inferno. We knew that our lads in that part of the ship had no chance whatsoever.

'I was helping with the injured. It was pretty horrific, because some of them were so badly burnt. We rescued one lad out of the radar office. The mine had exploded 20 feet below the chair he was sitting on. He was flung out of his chair against the bulkhead and landed in a heap outside the radar office. He was on fire from head to foot. We got the water pump and put out the fire. We rolled him in a hammock. We couldn't put him on a stretcher, because we were afraid he would fall apart.'

This man required eight years of hospital treatment, including 30 orthopedic operations, his bones being burnt. He was discharged from the Navy in 1954 with only a disability pension, and not a penny compensation. 'He lost eight years of his life,' said Mulcahy. 'And for what?'

For a piece of ill-thought-out gunboat diplomacy patronisingly aimed at putting the Albanians back in their subservient place, that's what.

Volage Wreckage Found

IN 2009 RESEARCHERS IN ALBANIA discovered what they believed to be a section of the bow of the Volage. The wreckage was found 50 metres underwater in the channel between Corfu and Albania, where the peacetime mining incident took place.

'While largely obscured by mud, the remains show steel frames, electrical wiring, ammunition, stacks of ceramic plates, a British canteen and the remains of boots or shoes,' said James Delgado, president of the Institute of Nautical Archaeology, who was part of the international team of experts. The institute is a nonprofit research body affiliated with Texas A&M University.

The discovery was part of an effort to create an underwater cultural heritage map of the Albanian coastline and was coordinated by the Key West, Florida-based RPM Nautical Foundation and aided by Albanian authorities.

Plans were for the artefacts to be raised and analysed for confirmation, 'but the nature of the finds strongly suggest this was where HMS Volage hit the mine that tore off its bow,' Delgado said.

'The area of Volage blasted off by the mine was forward of the deck guns and included the forward mess, where some of the crew ate and slept, as well as storage compartments. The dishes, shoes and ammunition are evidence that fit.'

The wreckage, which lies off the Albanian port of Saranda, 185 miles (300 kilometers) south of Tirana, the country's capital, was initially examined by a remote-controlled submarine carrying three cameras.



HMS Smaurez on tow back to Corfu harbour after striking a mine whilst sailing in Albanian territorial waters on 22nd October 1946, HMS Volage also in the picture.

Video Corner

Humour superb

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=45LloHyviSo>

Much more exciting than bland British politics

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pIhXMOw-eYE>

Rowan and Kate

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=un5UKqwTLHg>

Hello Pop-pickers

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TrRykmkWlc8>

How Not To be Bored

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zKq9qjzB9UQ>

Letters to the Editor

Vasiliki Grammenou wrote this nice piece about Kostas, for our Greek readers.

‘Ο θειος κωστας ο ποιο καλοκαρδος ανθρωπος του χωριου μας ειχε σαν τα παιδια του να τον εχει θεος παντα καλα. Ειναι τελεια οικογενια’

Ed:

Very heart-warming to hear this from a lady in our Yitonia, at a time when there has been a little social tension. Thank you Vasiliki for your kind words for the head of our family.

Friend Robert writes in from Glasgow;

It's a small world indeed! This is Lana ,daughter of Sarah, the pianist from ill Pidio! She's a student at Glasgow Uni and has joined my Krav Maga class year with her friends! X



‘Robert sneakily giving Lana a death grip’

Ed: Indeed Robert, ‘tis small indeed!

Corfu Weather Statistics - September 2017

| | Max | Avg | Min |
|--------------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|
| Temperature | | | |
| Max Temperature | 32°C | 28 °C | 23°C |
| Mean Temperature | 26 °C | 23°C | 19C |
| Min Temperature | 23 °C | 18°C | 14°C |
| Heating Degree Days (base 65) | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Cooling Degree Days (base 65) | 14 | 8 | 2 |
| Growing Degree Days (base 50) | 28 | 23 | 17 |
| Dew Point | 24°C | 17°C | 7°C |
| Precipitation | 17.0 mm | 0.8 mm | 0.0 mm |
| Wind | | | |
| Wind | 48 km/h | 8 km/h | 0 km/h |
| Gust Wind | - | | |
| Sea Level Pressure | 1022 hPa | 1014 hPa | 1002 hPa |



Rough sea Corfu by Peter Papageorgiou

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

Obnoxious Al

Well here we are again Winter coming and skint due to the exchange rate cutting British pensions and Greece reducing Greek pensions. I dont mind and do understand Austerity and the need for it, or how else would politicians raise money so that they can steal it.

Germany still owes Greece 279 Billion Euros compensation from the war, Prime minister Alexis Tsipros went cap in hand to Germany requesting this money back in 2015 and got slapped back by Merkel on the grounds that everything was settled in 1990. But instead of sticking to his guns and going to the European court he ran away with his tail between his legs. That dough would clear Greece's debts and I could get back the 27% reduction the goverment took from my hard earned Greek pension!!! I could afford Vodka again instead of Ouzo.

I go to Bulgaria quite a bit and upon entering the country all foriegn motor vehicles have to pay a few Euros Road tax for the first two weeks stay, then top up the longer they stay, This is a great idea for Greece to raise revenue.

Changing topic, What an egocentric, Bigoted, Pratt, Donald Trump is. He seems to flaunt all decencies of being a president, Clearly making money from his business interests and one must consider that, as one reason for refusing to show his tax returns. He indulges in Nepotism giving his family White House jobs and is without doubt semi senile, taking that into account when he starts a nuclear war with N. Korea, a country run by a similar unhinged despot, where will be the safest place to live? Well Corfu of course, so lets be thankful we are here.

So I wonder what is going to happen to us expat's when (and if) this Brexit nonsense goes ahead. In my book those two lying politicians who got us in this mess with the untruths and garbage they spouted, one who is in goverment and now showing his true colours again , would you like this man watching YOUR back? and the other weasel who done a runner after his dirty work was done, then tried to get

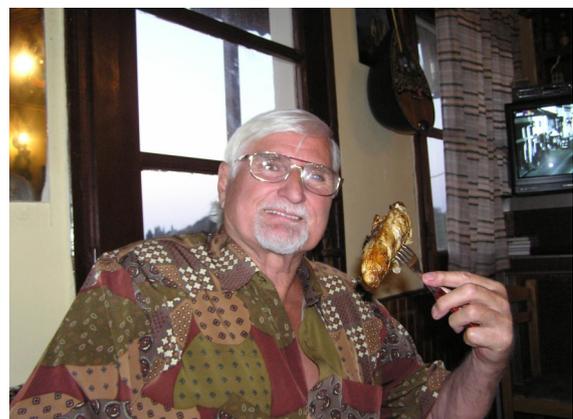
work with Trump, They should be in prison for destroying the British economy, A treasonas act indeed. Of course many expats are leaving Corfu but are finding that house prices have crashed and they are going to lose mega dough, serves you right, tough it out and see what happens, you may be pleasantly surprised.

On a brighter note I have to give Kudos to the Corfu hospital, my wife broke her arm over a Bank holiday but was still in and out plastered up and happy in two hours, and I have just had an eye cataract removed quickly and brilliantly by the hospital specialist so I really take my hat of to the service the hospital gives despite a huge lack of funds. I have heard many disparaging comments about the hospital, but they work under terrific pressure understaffed and short of money but the place is spotless. Go into hospital in the UK and the chances are you will come out with an extra disease, if you come out at all, assuming you can get in, in the first place!!!

If you enjoy You Tube you may like to check out CORFUAL CHANNEL. about a 100 videos there most relating to Corfu.

I have not written any thing for THE AGIOT for quite some time as I have only just come out of hiding due to my previous articles, but I have to say it is great to get things of ones chest, and what a great media to do it in, therefor,

I remain and always will be, OBNOXIOUS AL



'Al being less obnoxious'

Village and Island News

Oh September, days of squealing children in our pool, affectionally known as the Egg.

Days of good old friends calling in from England and Canada and new friends too.

A synchronistic moment at the lip of Lake Inferior; gazing into its opaque waters the notion licked my mind as to when baby fish might begin to appear in the pond. Within seconds, there WAS one, right in front of me, a short, stubby dark creature, but certainly a baby fish. How lovely! Was this an instance of precognition? One of the mature fish, white with a red fringe to its tail, had been swimming separately from its chums for a few days, and a little awkwardly too. Sure enough, here is he today on the surface, quite dead. How odd is the human condition where, most of us, eat fish often and give their unnaturally terminated life barely a flash of thought, as we consume their tastiness. Yet here when the fish is no longer prey but a 'pet', we are quite saddened by its plight and our loss. With this paradox apparent in many of mankind's minds, is it any wonder we struggle to find mental stability?

Simple pleasures in life become more treasured as the clock of life ticks relentlessly by. One day we had planned a jolly trip to Benitces, and were set to take both Danae and Nitsa. Fate stepped in with a high temperature for our Grand-daughter, so a joint-baby-sitting afternoon was convened at our in-laws. So, at our in-laws' home in Figareto Danae got the attentions of six adults, while her parents were on a mini-break in Barcelona-which they enjoyed greatly.



99 and not all red
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Danae practising
CPR
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Happy birthday!
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Hedgehog food
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Making friends
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The glory of
being a child
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At Figareto Danae struts about among her small army of toys in the lounge and in the garden, through the open front door. She is less ill than yesterday, her temperature has dropped to 37C, so perhaps we might have been able to take her to the sea. But it is grand enough to stay here-so that is what we do. Ever in action and on the move, notwithstanding any illness she may be suffering from, she trots between toy and toy, between occupation and occupation, issuing her commands, for she is a bossy-boots! However, she is very sociable too and distributes her favours and attention quite fairly among the Aged Persons surrounding her. Here she comes with a toy syringe to inject Harry, her new, thuggish doll-complete with a hole in his tummy. And here is a smaller doll, whom I mishear as Mushroom. So, Mushroom it is then!

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Prokopis-the other Grandfather-comes in from work. He is dusty and tired. he has a bowl of crabs to show, from a successful hunt at Kanoni. These form the base for an impromptu lunch, during which Danae munches away quite happily. There is some tasty soup in which to dunk meat. Beer and tsiapiro is taken, but in moderation only. I find some time here to sit in Danae's garden playground, with nothing to do but watch the adventure of a child, to contemplate this tiny world about me, and be reminded of the beautiful simplicity of life.

We were to return to this gentle spot not so many days later for the little one's second birthday celebrations.

So gentle was the clime-apart from the blustery and rainy days that the month brought upon us- that swimming in the Egg continued throughout the month, though one particularly violent squall led to hours of dredging the pool for fallen leaves and detritus.

While all this was going down, Les was saying goodbye to his Rooster Henry, who was becoming far too fierce for domestic bliss. He had proven to be a fourth-class tender of his harem but a first-class main course for the taverna!

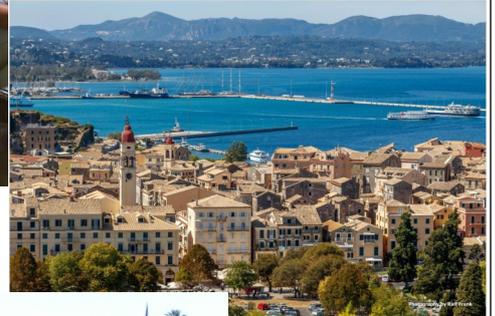
Andy is enjoying his separate, and gentler walks to the New Cactus Hilton. The problem is that he is far more interested in rolling in the mown grass and cuddling, than to attending his toilet.

The friction in the centre of Agios between the families over 'rights to use' the plateia and other issues' is on the ascendancy. This entertains the gossipers and mystifies some visitors, and is a tragedy-comedy by nature, also it may yet line the pockets of a lawyer or three, but is a sad period for us who have been inured to the ways of village life and society for many a year.

Let us hope that, when egos and tempers have subsided, common-sense will steady the ship.



Agiot friends Mel and Yvonne
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Corfu Harbour
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Corfu Palace Hotel
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Demetri admiring the man's blue shirt
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Garitsa dreaming
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Office window
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She has done this for decades
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Sylvan scene at Vasilika
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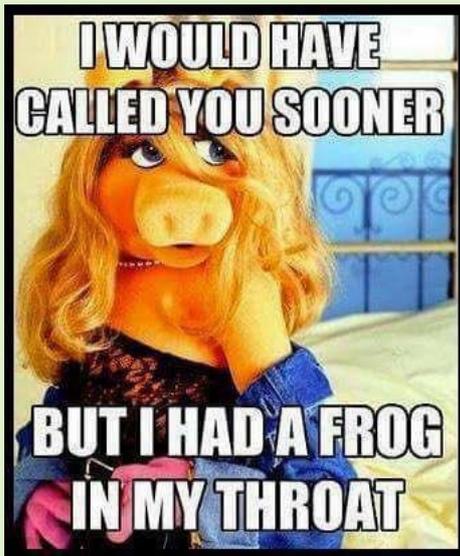


Nick The Clock's World (The Comic With A conscience)

NEVER HAVE I EVER

1 POINT FOR EACH

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| WOKEN UP DRUNK | GOT A TATTOO |
| KISSED ON A FIRST DATE | MADE A PRANK CALL |
| TRIED TO CUT MY OWN HAIR | RIDDEN A HORSE |
| SUNG KARAOKE | BEEN IN AN AMBULANCE |
| BEEN ON A FAD DIET | BEEN IN A HELICOPTER |
| POSTED ON FB WHILE DRUNK | GOT A PIERCING |
| RIDDEN IN A LIMO | BEEN ON TV |
| LIED ABOUT MY AGE | DONATED TO CHARITY |
| DRANK PROSECCO ALONE | GONE CAMPING |



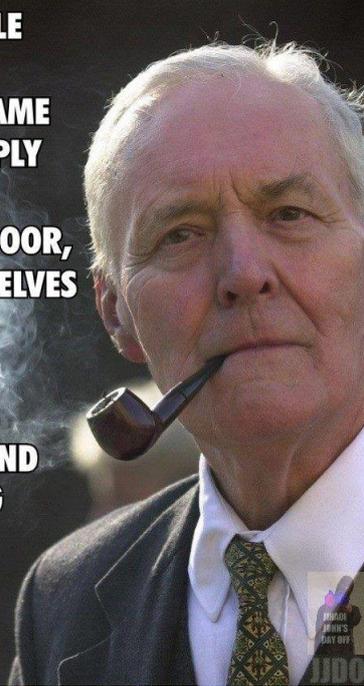
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Nick The Clock's World

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"I DON'T THINK PEOPLE REALISE HOW THE ESTABLISHMENT BECAME ESTABLISHED. IT SIMPLY STOLE THE LAND AND PROPERTY OFF THE POOR, SURROUNDED THEMSELVES WITH WEAK MINDED SYCOPHANTS FOR PROTECTION, GAVE THEMSELVES TITLES AND HAVE BEEN WIELDING POWER EVER SINCE."



TONY BENN

"The war is not meant to be won, it is meant to be continuous."
-George Orwell



Marilyn Manson seen here with his father, Marilyn Mandad

Hilary's Ramblings

Contributed by Hilary Paipeti

Unaccented

'OOOH! I just LOVE your accent,' trilled the Canadian lady we'd just met. With a Canadian accent...

As far as I'm concerned, I don't have an accent, regional or national. I speak plain, reasonably modulated British English without a brogue, burr, drawl or twang. Only a linguistic expert might detect a certain flattening of the odd vowel, revealing my long-ago northern origins.

It reminds me of the story told by a well-known US actor who'd gone to read for the part of Frodo in Lord of the Rings; he lost out to Elijah Wood. 'No-one told me,' he complained (with an American inflection), 'that I had to do it in an accent!' Elijah's faultless English diction helped him land the part of a lifetime. But that diction, it seems, was classed as an 'accent'.

With Britain's might and main shrivelling rapidly, as younger nations and other continents come to dominate the world, WE are the ones with the accent now...

Headlights!

Is anyone else irked by the sudden new tendency amongst drivers (locals as well as foreigners) for turning on their headlights during daytime - and not the sidelights, but the full beams on dip? I quite understand why one would do this in Scandinavia (where headlights are set to come on automatically at ignition), as natural light is meagre there; and also in the UK on a grim winter's afternoon, or in fog. But in Corfu, on an August midday, when visibility is between ten miles and the limit of the human sight range?

The lights are actually distracting, drawing the eye away from what's in front and towards the oncoming perpetrator. But perhaps this is the point: Look at MEEEE, in my brand new, mega-large SUV!!!

MailFail writers - At It Again!

Yes, the Mail's Kindergarten Hacks are back with a vengeance!

'Their engineering skills mean that they design products for jet engines as well as brain surgeons.' (This is a rare example of a Fail not from the Mail.) *Very clever of them to be able to design brain surgeons! I always thought those surgeons were trained in hospitals, not designed by engineers! You learn something every day, don't you?*

Should be: 'Their engineering skills mean that they design products for jet engines as well as for brain surgeons.'

'[He was] asked whether there were any circumstances he would deploy military force during Labour leadership hustings in September 2015.'

I know many Labour members are described as 'militant', but deploying military force against them during hustings seems a tad OTT.

Should be: During Labour leadership hustings in September 2015, he was asked whether there were any circumstances he would deploy military force.

'A dog was left squealing in agony after it was hit by a car after it ran out on to a road after chasing a fox.'

For Gawd's sake! Five year olds could do better! And dogs don't squeal, they yelp. Pigs squeal.

Should be: A dog was left yelping in agony after it was hit by a car when it ran out onto a road while chasing a fox.

'Deemed to be one of the biggest threats to humanity, the World Health Organisation issued a warning over the crisis earlier this year.'

I completely agree. WHO might indeed be one of the biggest threats to humanity!

Should be: Earlier this year, the World Health Organisation issued a warning over the crisis, deemed to be one of the biggest threats to humanity.

'The 1944 Moscow farewell, pictured, was also attended by Stalin's

(left) right-hand man Vyacheslav Molotov (centre), after whom the nickname 'Molotov cocktail' was after over the use of incendiary weapons.'

Another mangled sentence, rendered almost meaningless. Can do better.

I suppose they think that sticking in a 'whom' will render it grammatical.

Should be: The 1944 Moscow farewell, pictured, was also attended by Vyacheslav Molotov (centre), the right-hand man of Stalin (left), after whom the term 'Molotov cocktail' was coined when these incendiary weapons were first used.'

'The Met Office issued a snow warning for much of the North and Scotland, which will expire this morning.'

I am sure plenty of folk would be more than thrilled if Scotland was to expire in the morning!

Should be: The Met Office issued a snow warning, which will expire this morning, for much of the North and Scotland.

'Ormeneta displaying the body of an alleged drug dealer gunned down by unidentified men that he just finished embalming.'

Evidently, the unidentified just-embalmed men rose from the dead to gun down the alleged drug dealer.

Should be: Ormeneta displaying the body of an alleged drug dealer that he had just finished embalming, who was gunned down by unidentified men.

'He paid homage to a Greek woman who has been helping migrants, same-sex marriage, human rights and globalisation.' *My, she's been a busy lady...*

Should be: He paid homage to a Greek woman who has been helping migrants, as well as to same-sex marriage, human rights and globalisation.

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'Houston-based surgeon Dr. Younan Nowzaradan is shocked to learn that his patient Megan had gained 46lbs on Wednesday night's episode of the TLC reality series.'
What on earth did she eat during that one episode to gain so much weight!?!

Should be: On Wednesday night's episode of the TLC reality series, Houston-based surgeon Dr. Younan Nowzaradan is shocked to learn that his patient Megan had gained 46lbs.

'In a dispute with Stern, photographer Larry Birkhead was found to be Dannielynn's father thanks to a DNA test.'
I wasn't aware that DNA tests were capable of making one pregnant!

Should be: In a dispute with Stern, photographer Larry Birkhead was found, thanks to a DNA test, to be Dannielynn's father.

'Shannon was found 23 days after she was reported missing in this block of flats.'

She went missing in the flats? And was found there as well? They couldn't have searched the building very thoroughly if it took all that time to find her.

Should be: Shannon was found in this block of flats 23 days after she was reported missing.

'The hardest thing was explaining what I'd done to my parents.'

What DID you do to your parents?

Should be: The hardest thing was explaining to my parents what I'd done. (One hopes.)

Tickle Ties the knot

Over the past three articles I have instructed on how to tie three different "knots", the eagle eyed amongst you will have noticed that they fell under 3 different titles : *knot*, *bend* and *hitch*.

In this article I will try to explain the difference between a knot, bend and hitch

Except among seamen and scouts the word *knot* is ordinarily used as an all-inclusive term, covering the more specific use of knots plus bends and hitches. Even seamen and scouts find it hard to clearly define the terms *knot*, *bend*, and *hitch* because their functions overlap like the bowline knot and many other instances. In general, however, the terms may be defined as follows:

Knots. Knots are used to form eyes or to secure a cord or line around an object, such as a package. In other words, the line is bent to itself.

Hitches. Hitches are used to bend a line to or around an object, such as a ring, spar, or stanchion.

Bends. Bends are used to secure two lines together.

Next month : Lashings

Simon's World

"Oddly oddly onker my first conker!" Horse chestnuts collected in Handsworth Park by my grandchildren, and - dammit - Oliver cracked my conker with no handicap, though I got more strikes after claiming 'strings'.



Conkers from Handsworth Park this September morning

You haven't a hope, Oliver! I've been playing this over 60 years and this is your first time. Ouch! Heck he's cracked my conk first time. Beginner's ruddy luck.



No Holds Barred

Aunty Lula's Love-bites

BLUE CHEESE SOUFFLE

[Serves 2]

INGREDIENTS: -

20g butter

15g flour

150ml milk

90g blue cheese

3 eggs separated

1 tablespoon leek thinly sliced and chopped

Half teaspoon of powdered mustard

Salt and pepper

GO: -

1] Grease a 15cm soufflé dish.

2] Heat the butter in a saucepan, add the flour and cook over a low heat for 1-2 minutes, stirring continuously.

3] Remove from the heat and gradually blend in the milk. Bring to the boil. Stirring all the time; continue boiling for 1-2 minutes until very thick.

4] Allow to cook a little, stir in the cheese, egg yolks, leek and mustard and season to taste with salt and pepper.

5] Whisk the egg whites with a pinch of salt, until peaking.

Using a tablespoon fold the egg-whites into the cheese sauce. Spoon into the prepared dish and bake at 180 degrees C for 35-40 minutes until well-risen and golden brown.

Serve immediately.



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Talking with a friend just the other day, she told me she had been the victim of a sudden onset of Bell's Palsy. She was quickly diagnosed and sent away with the instruction to return in two weeks to be monitored. When she went back the Doctor was amazed, as he had never seen such a reduction in inflammation so quickly. He quizzed her as to what supplements she may be taking and she answered that she took turmeric every day. He



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Nature



Get off of my cloud



How green is my valley



Mellow Yellow



Raindrops keep falling on my pond



Rocky mountain high



She'll be coming round the mountain



Slow bloke to China



The rain in Spain falls mainly in Agios



The yellow rose of Corfu

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What's on at Holy Trinity Church in October

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| Sun | 1st | 10:30 | Family Communion—Gift Day |
| Tues | 3rd | 10:00 | Church Open |
| Wed | 4th | 10:00 | Church Open |
| Thur | 5th | 11:00 | Bible Study |
| | | 17:00 | Worship Group |
| Fri | 6th | 10:00 | Mums & Tots |
| Sun | 8th | 10:30 | Family Communion |
| Tues | 10th | 10:00 | Coffee Morning—Master's Crafters |
| Wed | 11th | 10:00 | Church Open |
| | | 12.30 | Lunch Box |
| Thur | 12th | 09.00 | Pastoral Care Team |
| | | 11:00 | Bible Study |
| | | 17.00 | Worship Group |
| Fri | 13th | 18:00 | Messonghi Communion Service |
| Sun | 15th | 10:30 | Family Communion |
| Tues | 17th | 10:00 | Coffee Morning |
| Wed | 18th | 10:00 | Church Open |
| Thur | 19th | 11:00 | Bible Study |
| | | 17:00 | Worship Group |
| Fri | 20th | 10:00 | Mums & Tots |
| Sun | 22nd | 10:30 | Family Communion |
| Tues | 24th | 10:00 | Coffee Morning |
| Wed | 25th | 10.00 | Church Open |
| | | 20.00 | Julie Lowe— Testimony Concert |
| Thur | 26th | 11.00 | Bible Study |
| | | 17.00 | Worship Group |
| Fri | 27th | 10.00 | Mums & Tots |
| | | 19.00 | Women's Healing Service |
| Sat | 28th | | Ochi Day—National Holiday |
| Sun | 29th | 10.30 | Family Communion |
| | | 19.00 | The Well |
| Tues | 31st | 10.00 | Coffee Morning |