

The Agiot

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A pair of swans at Komeno

Bespoke Property

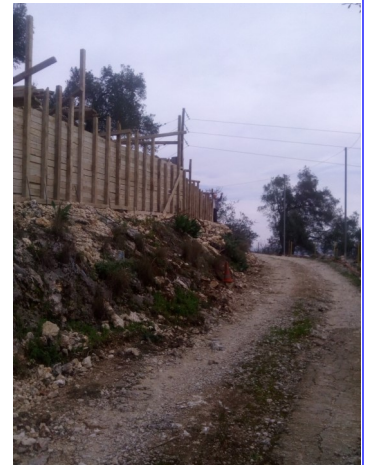
BUILDING ON A CLIFF

Once the rains had eased up shuttering proceeded rapidly.

Here are pictures of the work undertaken during the month.



Access road



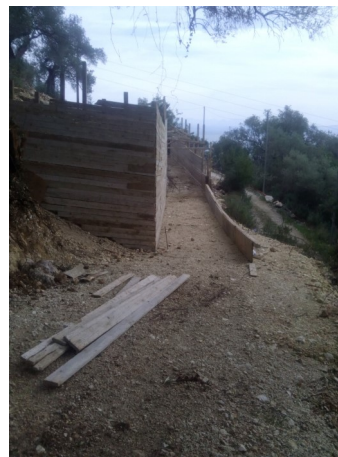
Along the terrace



Lower wall placement



Meteorite



Serious retainment



Shuttering



Steel delivery



Concrete poured



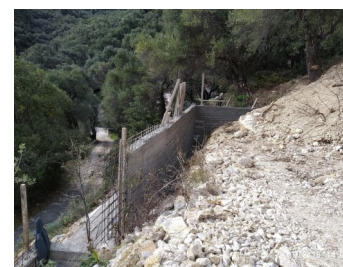
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A lot to fill



Above the sea



Awaiting backfill



Hard work



Above the road

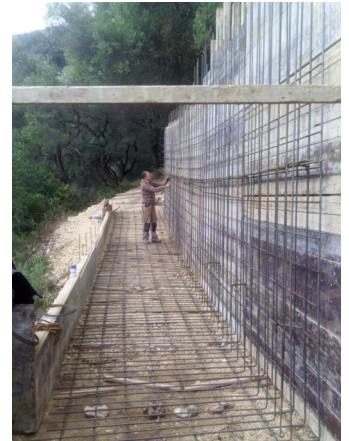
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It must not slide or crack



Steel reinforcement



More steel



Above the sea



Filling underway



Getting there



Large volumes of earth



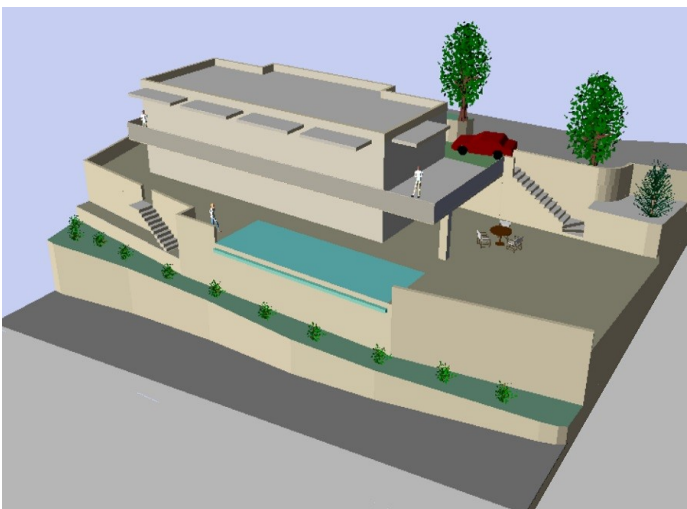
Pushing it in



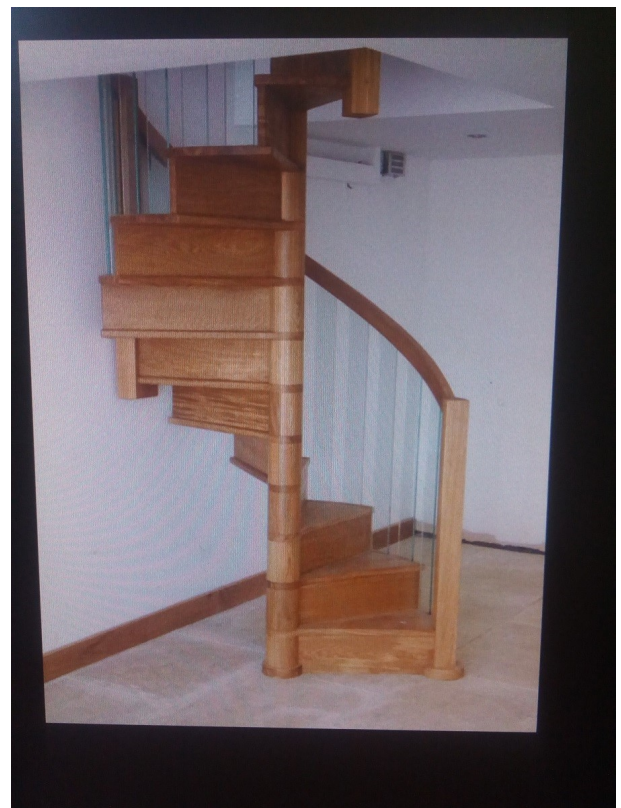
Skilful driver

When we say Bespoke, it means just that. Every villa is different, every design unique.

From the robust to the refined, as below.



Volumes



The old church of Moraitika, Corfu and some village history



By Greek author and blogger, Effrosyni Moschoudi

On the hill in Moraitika, at the center of the old village, there is a small church that I used to visit occasionally for Sunday mass during my long summers in Corfu in the 1980s.



This old church — Agios Dimitris — was still in operation back then, and it was the only one in the village at the time. It was erected by the Papadatos family, whose (now derelict) estate house is situated behind it.



One of its early priests was my great-grandfather, Stefanos Vassilakis. He and his wife Olga built a house for their big family a

stone's throw away from the church. Part of their house was used as the school of the village. Other than his two main professions, my busy great-grandfather also worked his own land (situated in two different parts around Moraitika: behind the Coop supermarket, and on the side of the mountain over Miramare Hotel).



Many of the elderly locals still remember him working his land. Apparently, he did this wearing his priest's robe!

During the German occupation, he was in his bedroom on the upper floor one night when he heard the unmistakable heavy footfalls of military boots echoing from outside. It sounded like a band of soldiers rushing down the lane. This was a scary time for the locals so, unsettled, he hurried down the internal staircase so he could peek through the front door. In the commotion he missed his step and fell down the stairs, breaking his leg. Sadly, he suffered complications from the fall which led to his death at the age of 70.



This is a picture of my great-grandmother, Olga Vassilakis (nee Vlachos),

with other family members. Being a widow at the time, she was wearing black and the traditional headscarf. She is pictured with her son-in-law (left) and two of her children at the doorstep of the house in the 1950s. The locals referred to her as the 'Presvytera' or the 'Pappadia' – both names meaning 'wife of the priest', with the latter title being less formal.

This photo was taken in the 1970s on the same doorstep. Sadly, I never met either of my great-grandparents, but it's a consolation to know I have lived all my life treading their footsteps. In this photo, I am photographed with my sister and a few members of the Vassilakis family.



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Interesting tidbit: According to my grandmother, the name Vassilakis originates from Crete. Other than Moraitika, the name is also met in the villages of Zygos, Valanio and Sinarades. The Vassilakis of Moraitika originate from Sinarades where there's a legend about the family name! According to Granny's story, at some point the Vassilakis were split into the 'rich' ones and the 'poor' ones (our family came from the latter sadly)

So how did some of the Vassilakis got rich? Well, legend has it that a man from the family once found pirate treasure in a chest on Agios Gordis beach and took it home! The pirates came back to get it and searched high and low but never found it...



Here, my great-grandmother is pictured with family (both Vassilakis and Vlachos) before the Koukouzelis estate. Again, sometime in the 1950s. Would you believe, the mulberry tree on the left and the olive tree on the right still stand today. This yard has been both my 'dining room' and playground as a child for many blissful summers, more often than not, under the generous shade of the mulberry tree from the 70s onwards.

Interesting tidbit: If you've visited Moraitika in the 80s-90s, you may be able to identify in the above photo the late Petros Vlachos who ran The Crabs (Kavouria) on the beach at the time. He's a little boy in this picture (front row, crouched on the left of my great-grandmother).



Visitors to the hill in Moraitika today may recognize the Koukouzelis Estate House in this photo.

The whole property was acquired by the council in the recent years to be used for cultural events. It is situated very near the church.

Interesting tidbit: The name 'Moraitika' is derived from the word 'Morias' which is another name for the Peloponnese (the part of Greece that looks like an inverted hand). The first inhabitants of Moraitika were emigrants from Morias, and the people were referred to as 'Moraites', hence the name.



This picture was taken in the lane that leads from the old church to the Koukouzelis Estate.

The derelict stone wall with the window is part of the estate. According to one of my cousins who ventured inside once as a child, there was a large library behind this wall. Now, with the overgrowth of bushes and creeping vines that have accumulated over the years it is impossible to decipher anything when peeking through the window.



This is the same lane looking towards the old church (yellow wall). You can also see the belfry of the current church of Moraitika that stands beyond it. This one was under construction for at least one year back in the 1980s, something that used to worry my grandmother a great deal... You see, she was convinced that it attracted all sorts of evil spirits while it stood as a building site.

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Oftentimes, we'd hear the shrill cry of a certain kind of owl at night that Granny called a 'strigglopouli' (screeching bird). She'd always say it was a bad omen as, apparently, it signified an impending death in the village. She'd also say the sound was coming from the church building, which made sense as its roof was incomplete and thus open to the elements at the time, making it easy for all sorts of night birds to nest there.



The church of Moraitika is called "I Koimisi tis Theotokou" - (The Dormition of Mary)

When the church was sanctified and began operating, Granny said she never heard those birds' bloodcurdling cries echo from the church again. I never really believed any of that, but Granny had a way to tell these things and they always had my vivid imagination going!



This is a photo of my grandparents, Spyros and Antigoni Vassilakis. Granddad was a proper 'papadopaidi', i.e. the son of a priest, meaning he was an avid churchgoer and loved to chant at the church given half the chance. Throughout my childhood in Athens I remember him chanting on Sunday mornings as he listened to mass on his portable little radio. My grandparents lived in the city at the time but once they relocated to Moraitika in the late 1970s, Granddad became a regular visitor and an occasional 'psaltis' (church singer that chants the gospel) at the old church of the village and, later, at the new one as well.



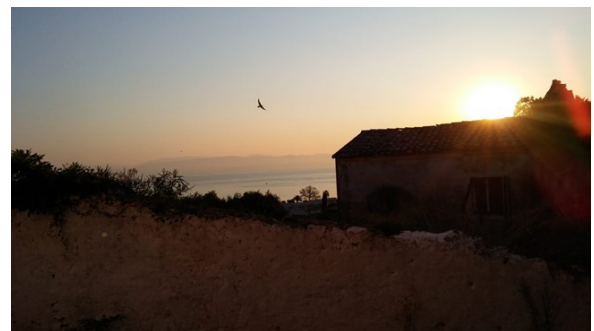
This is the belfry of the old church. The year of its erection is 1905 according to the plaque you can see here. I find it a real pity that it was left to deteriorate in

this manner – same goes for the old estate houses (Koukouzelis and Papadatos) beside it that barely stand. At least, the facade of the old church is kept tidy and freshly painted, and the tourists seem to be interested in my great-grandfather's grave a lot...

I often see people taking pictures of it when I pass it by. Other times, I find flowers on there, and in the recent years,



oddly enough, even scattered coins! I can only assume it is customary in a country somewhere to throw coins on graves. In any case, it's a nice gesture and always makes me smile.



If you ever visit Moraitika, make sure to venture uphill to see the church yard and do take a walk towards the Koukouzelis Estate as well, if only to enjoy the sea view. The sunrise is always a good time!

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Many thanks to my cousins Evgenia Vassilakis and Sofia Tsatsanis who provided the old family photos!

If you enjoyed this then please visit these websites:
<http://effrosyniwrites.com/>
<http://effrosyniwrites.com/your-guide-to-moraitika-corfu/>

Hilary's Ramblings

Contributed by Hilary Paipeti



Another way to Simeon

PEOPLE OFTEN COMMENT that I must 'know every corner of the island' due to my various walking books, the Corfu Trail and the Saturday hikes. I always contradict them, for there are many corners - indeed swathes - of Corfu that await my exploration. We frequently pass a track or a path that heads off from the route we have chosen; when leading a bunch of walkers I can't nip off to investigate as I would like. This needs planning, and plan is what I did one day last month when considering a new route to the Chapel of Saint Simeon above Doukades.

This chapel is one of the most spectacular destinations we could possibly aim for on a walk. But until now, our usual access to the spot has not been anyone's favourite hike, involving as it does a perniciously deceptive trek up an asphalt road (increasingly busy now it has been widened) from Doukades.

Now that has changed, and we now have Other Ways To Reach The Chapel. I pulled a google map off the Internet, and even though many of the possible routes were obscured by olive trees I traced a couple of possible ways. Making a recce with a friend, after much wanderings we found two tracks/footpaths which enable us to gain the chapel from Lakones, a much more interesting route - and without traffic and nasty steep tarmac climbs. Better, it runs through lovely countryside, completely untouched and very pretty in places.

Like all chapels that are dedicated to 'Saint Simeon' (not a misprint), this one is located on a promontory of rock that juts out from the cliff face above Paleokastritsa. That's because the saint (c.390-459) was 'a Syrian monk, who lived in a monastic community and became the first to practise an extreme form of asceticism which involved living on top of a pillar.' (I have seen the actual pillar! The base

of it at any rate, in his ruined monastery north of Aleppo.) So churches dedicated to him tend to be on pillar-like features. The view is truly amazing. And it MAY be part of a larger ley-line network - info on the walk., which we shall be inaugurating on Saturday, March 9th.

TAKING THE INDOOR DOG to his frost-covered ablutions patch early in the morning of 21 February, I noted that the weeping willow tree had just leafed. The willow is always the earliest, even when the thermometer shows below zero temps. Nice to have the first signs of spring when it's freezing out!



The Return of MailFail!

The kindergarten pupils who write the Mailonline have been hard at work, as we see from this new set of bloopers.

'Furious judge blasts [celebrity] over FACETIME as he calls from Thailand to admit attacking a Glastonbury bouncer with his daughter.'

So people now use their own daughters as offensive weapons!

Not really sure whose daughter this was! Did the celebrity use his daughter, or employ the bouncer's offspring in this attack? The meaning remains mysterious. Possibly: Furious judge blasts [celebrity] over FACETIME as he calls from Thailand to admit attacking a Glastonbury bouncer who was with his daughter.

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'[The] MP said Britain has a problem with Pakistanis rapid white girls.'

I am sure that many Pakistanis excuse their alleged behaviour because they think white girls are 'rapid', or 'fast'. If it were the case that there is no mistake and the girls really are 'rapid', a verb is missing, and we still do not know what the accused were doing to the 'rapid white girls'. Pakistanis 'giving sweets to' rapid white girls, anyone?

Should be: Raping, of course. This was a bad spellcheck slip. Possibly Freudian.

'The current owners also have chickens which supply a steady supply of eggs and a cider orchard.'

Clever chickens, able to supply a cider orchard as well as piles of eggs!

Should be: The current owners also have chickens which supply a steady supply of eggs, as well as possessing a cider orchard.

'[She] outlines her dream home as being a detached house, not on a main road, with a big, open plan kitchen near to where her grandmother lives.'

So, only the kitchen needs to be near granny, and not the rest of the house?

Should be: [She] outlines her dream home as being a detached house, not on a main road, with a big, open plan kitchen, and near to where her grandmother lives.

'It has been described as 'street cleansing' and an abdication of responsibility by some campaigners and MPs.'

It seems that some campaigners and MPs have abdicated responsibility, and thus are at fault.

Should be: It has been described by some campaigners and MPs as 'street cleansing' and an abdication of responsibility.

'Prince Harry and Prince William attend the wedding of Prince Harry to Ms Meghan Markle at St George's Chapel.'

Well, I should hope that Prince Harry attended his own wedding!

Should be: Prince Harry and Prince William pictured at the former's wedding to Ms Meghan Markle ... (this was a photo caption).

'Discovering that her mother 'secretly' dated John Legend when she was 10 left this Twitter user rather miffed.'

Wow! This mother was somewhat precocious, to be dating at the age of 10!

Should be: Discovering when she was 10 that her mother 'secretly' dated John Legend left this Twitter user rather miffed.

'...a charity that supports children who have a parent in prison through mentoring schemes.'

Why should mentoring schemes cause parents to be in prison?

Should be: ...a charity that, through mentoring schemes, supports children who have a parent in prison.

'[She spends] \$150-\$200 (£80-£100) a week on prepping 22 meals as well as healthy snacks, nappies and baby formula for her family.'

Just one missing preposition turns this sentence into nonsense, making it seem as if this lady preps healthy snacks, nappies and baby formula along with the meals.

Should be: [She spends] \$150-\$200 (£80-£100) a week on prepping 22 meals as well as on healthy snacks, nappies and baby formula for her family.

'Pippa Middleton names her baby son Arthur Michael William Matthews as she pays touching tribute to her father and her husband's younger brother who died while climbing Everest.'

Another missing preposition, whose absence makes it seem as if Michael Middleton died on Everest, along with Pippa's husband's brother. Which we know he didn't.

Should be: Pippa Middleton names her baby son Arthur Michael William Matthews as she pays touching tribute to her father and to her husband's younger brother who died while climbing Everest.

'In the video, not only does the dog respond to Girogi's call, it also recognises him and begins whelping uncontrollably.'

Poor, poor dog!

Should be: Yelping uncontrollably (at least I hope so!).

'With less than 10 - 15 grams of total fat per serve, they can make a balanced lunch choice, especially if teamed with salad rather than friends and a soft drink.'

Gives a whole new meaning to 'lunch with friends'!

Should be: Fries.

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'Wild ponies go about their business this wintry morning above Lwyn Reservoir, Nant Ddu, South Glamorgan in Scotland.'

Now the MailFail team has lost its grasp of geography, another black mark to add to its deficiencies.

'But while you now need a chemistry degree to understand what's in your teatime snack, according to industry body the Food And Drink Federation, consumers have nothing to fear.'

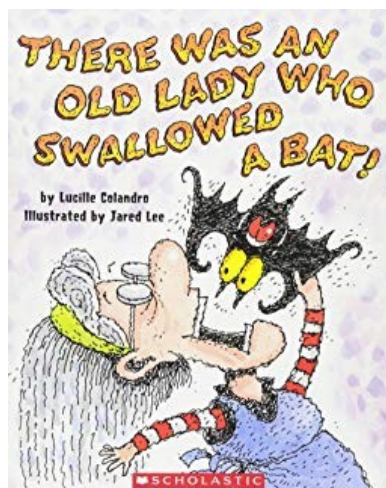
The Food and Drink Federation thinks you need a chemistry degree to understand what's in your teatime snack? No doubt you do, but why should they care?

This is not VERY wrong, but an unnecessary comma has messed with the who and the what. Just take out the second comma and all becomes clear: But while you now need a chemistry degree to understand what's in your teatime snack, according to industry body the Food And Drink Federation consumers have nothing to fear.

And I'll leave you with...

'Poultry farmer spends 800 hours creating huge metal contraception.'

Just for that beaut, I'll let the MailFail team keep their jobs...



Sc-ramblings: Koula Takes Over - Food Goes Downhill

KOULA WAS MY FORMER SISTER-IN-LAW. She suffered from several personality defects. The first was not her fault: She was dangerously stupid. So thick you wondered how she could function. So self-centredly dim she was not in the least aware that she was dumb.

The other problem was that she was dictatorial in the extreme; everyone had to do what she and only she wanted. And you crossed Koula at your peril. For she had a temper - with tantrums that went on for days when someone thwarted her actions or wishes. This was not a good combination.

What's this got to do with food? you ask. Well, a lot. For looking back, I had found myself in the midst of a conflict. Of cultures and of people. Not an overt one, and not even one that the main protagonists realised they were part of. The conflict was between the old school, as represented by my Ma-in-law, and the new ambitious-to-be-modern generation like Koula. It took place partly in the kitchen.

As I described in the last Sc-ramblings, someone born in the Medieval period would recognise the style of cooking I initially encountered in my in-laws' household, in the early and mid-80s. Even if those from the past had not been able to identify the ingredients - potatoes and many of their other staple vegetables were of course not introduced until after the Americas were 'discovered' - cooking methods would have been familiar. I was present on the cusp of the changeover from this lifestyle to a new one. For eating habits were moving from self-sufficiency, in which you grew most of your own food, and funded other stuff by barter and exchange, or by selling your surplus for a small sum of cash to buy products from the shop (or often from an itinerate salesman), towards a consumer-based market, in which prestige was increasingly gained from what you purchased at the store, instead opt products sourced in the village.

Corfu's first supermarket, Markato (then Koskinas) at Alepou was established in about 1980, a great source of pride to the locals ('We are Modernising!'). On only about my third day on Corfu as a rep, I was taken with my colleagues to see the sights of the island, and this store was an exciting part of the itinerary. The local who was driving us stopped to show it off. He could not understand why we were not blown away by the existence of a real supermarket. So the clash was between my Ma-in-law's home-spun meals, cooked on an open fire, using largely garden-grown vegetables; and Koula's desire to show off her aspirational modernity, and her cash (she was one of the first to obtain a Papandreou-government social handout).

And she was of the first generation to be exposed to advertising, on TV and in magazines.

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I know which I preferred. For Koula suffered from a common kitchen syndrome (you'll see it at work elsewhere if you look hard): The afflicted person possesses vast ambitions, but is totally devoid of the ability to enact them. In other words, Koula couldn't cook.

It was Koula, I suspect, who had introduced cheap margarine (Neo Vitam was the brand) into the household in place of olive oil.

Something 'modern' of course is better than that old-fashioned stuff, isn't it? So Spaghetti me Voutiro kai Tiri (with 'butter' and cheese) joined the family's repertoire of pasta dishes (I have written about this before - twice - but it is important as a symbol of the change).

While Ma-in-law's Spaghetti me Pseftisaltsa was quite primitive, give me that every time over a dressing of melted marger. Both were 'pretending' to be something they were not: Pseftisaltsa (faux-sauce) was masquerading as a meat sauce, with all the flavourings but not an iota of flesh (oil, lots of onion, tomato paste, spices), and it was natural and quite tasty. I would eat it again. But for margarine - a modern chemical compound - to stand in for real butter, eaten by humans for aeons, is a travesty. Yet the 'new' was automatically 'admirable', especially as it had been seen on the telly!

That's not to say that Ma-in-law was not perfectly capable of churning out the foodstuff of a nightmare - literally! In bad moments I sometimes still dream of being forced to eat her 'Boiled Bone Soup'.

The recipe:

1) Obtain bones, preferably from some obscure animal part. Get the butcher to hack them up with a cleaver. 2) Put in a pot and boil furiously. Do not under ANY circumstances skim off the grey scum that appetisingly collects on the surface. 3) After several hours remove the main bones. Do not strain - all those little splinters of hacked bone, now detached into the 'stock', add texture to the final dish! 4) Add soup vegetables: onion, carrot, garlic and pot celery, cut in rough chunks. 5) When these are appropriately soggy, put in some tomato paste and 'orzo' type paste. 6) Boil until the pasta is slimily soft and nearly all the liquid, along with the scum, is absorbed, thus ensuing no-one will be able to identify the persisting, tooth-cracking bone splinters amongst the similarly-shaped and -coloured pasta. Leave to sit until tepid. YUM!

But at least she was not being pretentious.

Next time: Recipes from Koula's Kitchen. Enjoy!

Saturday Walks

Saturday, 9 March LAKONES: Chapel in the Air (2 1/2 hours *** NEW).

Meet at Lakones in the shop/bar by the first traffic lights, 10.00 for

10.30 start. Lunch at Elizabeth's, Doukades.

NOTE: A large part of this walk is NEW. See Hilary's Ramblings.

Saturday, 16 March BENITSES: The Water Walk (2 1/2 hours ***). Meet at the coffee bar to the left of the 'Old Village' road, Harbour Square, Benitses, 10.00 for 10.30 start. Lunch to be arranged.

NOTE: A perennial favourite, with different possibilities, depending on conditions.

Saturday, 23 March SOKRAKI: The Corfu Trail (2 1/2 hours ***). Meet at Sokraki Villas, at the top of the switchback road from Ano Korakiana, 10.00 for 10.30 start. Lunch at Sokraki Villas.

NOTE: We follow the Corfu Trail in both directions from Sokraki.

Saturday, 30 March KAMARA: A new ascent of Agii Deka (2 hours *** NEW). Meet in the parking just after Kamara village square, 10.15 for 10.30 start. Lunch at Archontariki, Sinarades.

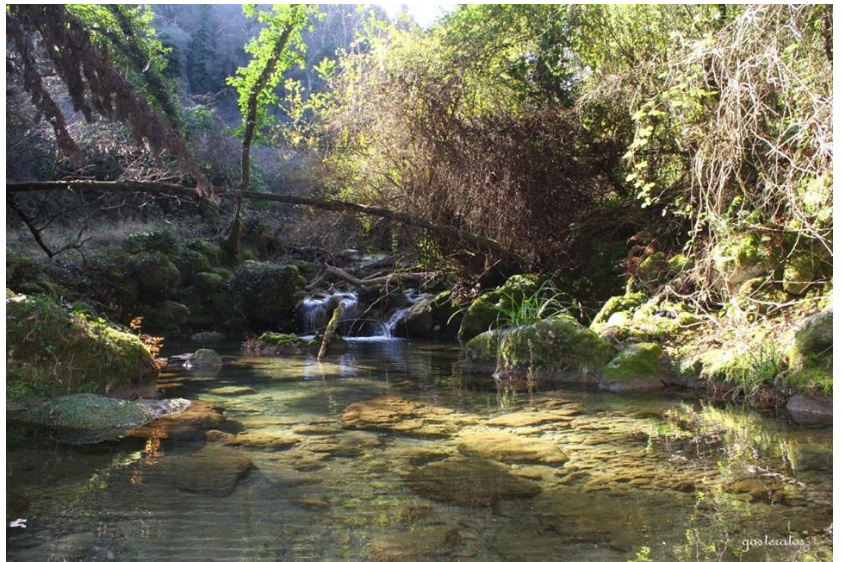


Saturday, 6 April PORTA: Loutsas and the Cyclorama Track (4 hours **** NEW). Meet at the Old Schoolhouse, top of Porta village, 9.45 for 10.00 start. Lunch to be decided.

NOTE: This is a proper hike and not for the faint-hearted. Subsequent walks will be easier due to warmer weather.

Nature

Courtesy of Giannis Gasteratos



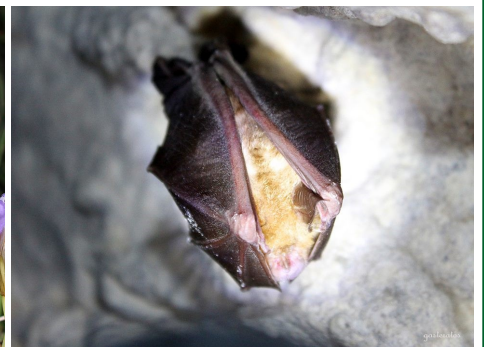
Secret river



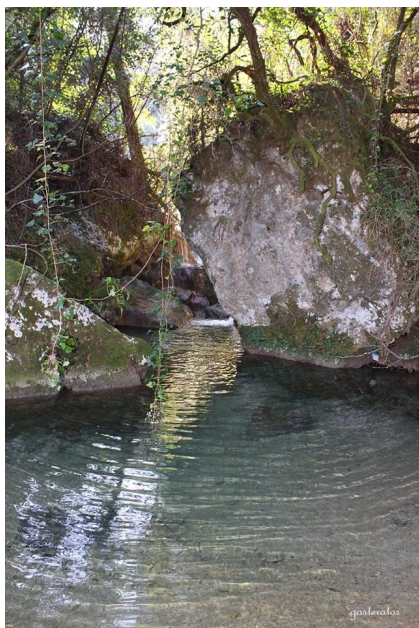
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Ionian Wall Lizard.



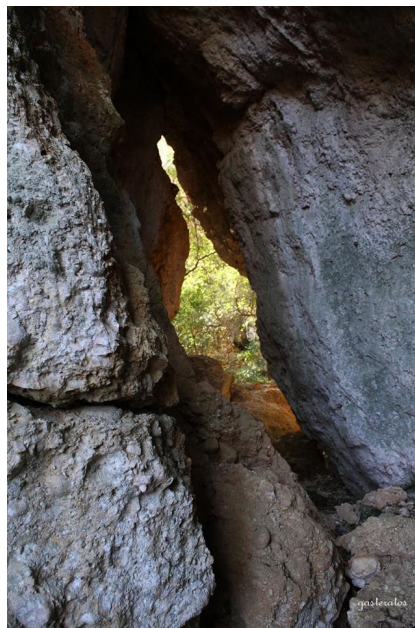
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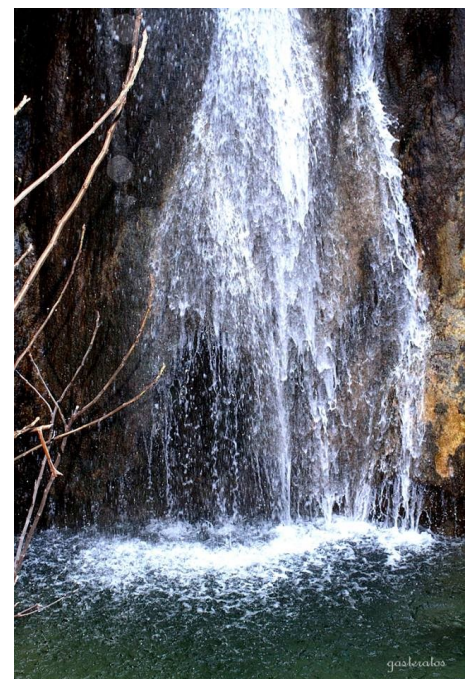
3 Τρανορινόλοφος.
Greater Horseshoe Bat.



4 Ηρέμησαν τα ποταμάκια.
The stream flow calmed down .



5 Κοκκινόγραβα.
Kokkinograva cave.



7 Νυμφές.
Nimfes.



6 Τρανορινόλοφοι.
Greater Horseshoe Bats.

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Courtesy of Giannis Gasteratos *Continued*



8 Λίμνη Καταπίνος.
Katapinos Pond.



Courtesy of
Richard Anslow

Early February
and the
Narcissus are
blooming all
over the island.
Spring seems
ready to burst
here on Corfu!

Video Plus Corner

Isolated Communities.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F5NyDIHWcq4>

There's a video that explains the meaning behind the lyrics. The impossibility of courtly love, the traditional properties of parsley, sage, rosemary and thyme, etc. A shirt made of cambric - the layer between the bark and wood of a tree, an acre of land between the place where the sea meets the shore, all of the things that are more likely than a noble woman be permitted to dally with a common man. I find it interesting though, that without the constraints of "courtly love", many of us still set impossible goals as the price of winning our love!

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x9_bluYa9Xc

Soldier bear

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=twr38iHXYVw>

From India with love

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

Trunk Monkey Bridge

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AidAXgq9dWc>

The Things We Do

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FfmnnjLUj1k>

From Halis Ozturk

Hello Australian friends.

I am from Turkey. This song very sad and very kind-full. Respect from Turkey. Yes we won this war but many brave man "lost" in here. And our greatest leader Mustafa Kemal ATATÜRK wrote a letter for parents and families: "Those heroes that shed their blood and lost their lives... You are now lying in the soil of a friendly country. Therefore rest in peace. There is no difference between the Johnnies and the Mehmets to us where they lie side by side now here in this country of ours... you, the mothers, who sent their sons from faraway countries wipe away your tears; your sons are now lying in our bosom and are in peace. After having lost their lives on this land. They have become our sons as well." This words maybe a little drop for peoples but it means a lot of things for us. Your grandfathers and our grandfathers still "sleeping" together in the our fields. Because we dont say "they are dead" we say "They are last heroic martyrs". Come and see their monuments on the ÇANAKKALE (Gallipoli) You are welcome...

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cnFzCmAyOp8>

Gooners Gags

What People Think When I Tell Them I'm Welsh

My three year old girl asked me:

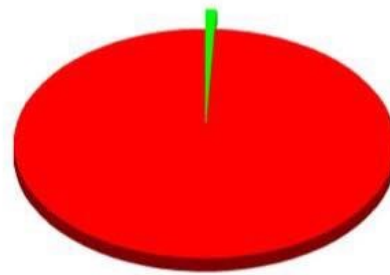
"Where does poo come from?"

I was a little uncomfortable but decided to give her an honest explanation. So I said, "You just ate breakfast, yes?"

"Yes." she replied.

"Well, the food goes into our tummies and our bodies take out all the good stuff, and then whatever is left over comes out of our bums when we go to the toilet, and that is poo."

She looked a little perplexed, and stared at me in stunned silence for a few seconds and asked, "And Tigger?"



Green: Oh that's interesting. I wonder if he speaks Welsh or if he could tell me about the country's culture or maybe it's history. I'm so happy to have met a Welsh person

Red: Shags Sheep

BEER HAS THE SAME BENEFITS AS YOGA



I'm no wildlife expert, but I think this monkey might be drunk.



Be aware she can move in any direction



Valentines Day Special, \$1000.

We arrest you in front of your wife on the 13th & release you on the 15th Feb. Package Includes camping fee, fishing license, tent, bbq and beer.

We come in full police uniforms & blue lights.

Boy complains to his father:

'You told me to put a potato in my swimming trunks!

You said it would impress the girls at the pool!'

Father: 'So?'

Boy: 'That potato should go in the front.'

"Marriage was one of the best and stressless decisions I ever made."
Derek (25)



An old lady brings a bus driver a bag of peanuts every day. At first the bus driver enjoyed the peanuts but, after a week of eating them he said; 'please Granny, don't bring me peanuts anymore. Have them yourself'.

The Granny answers: 'You know, I don't have teeth anymore. I just prefer to suck the chocolate around them.'

REGARDING THE SEVEN MPS WHO RESIGNED, IF I WERE JEREMY, I'D SACK THE PAIR OF THEM.



Good News for Tommy!

by Les Woods

Latest on Tommy (the little spaniel dog we have been fostering since early last December) Just a few lines to update the readers re his progress.

Tommy appears to be getting stronger week by week as he regains his fitness and strength, he is becoming a lot more active and is enjoying roaming around our large enclosed garden.



Middle of February we took Tommy back to the vets for a check-up but also to have his injections and to have him "chipped" in preparation for him receiving his pet passport! Tommy was weighed while we were at the vets and were delighted to find he had put on almost 2.5 kilo's.

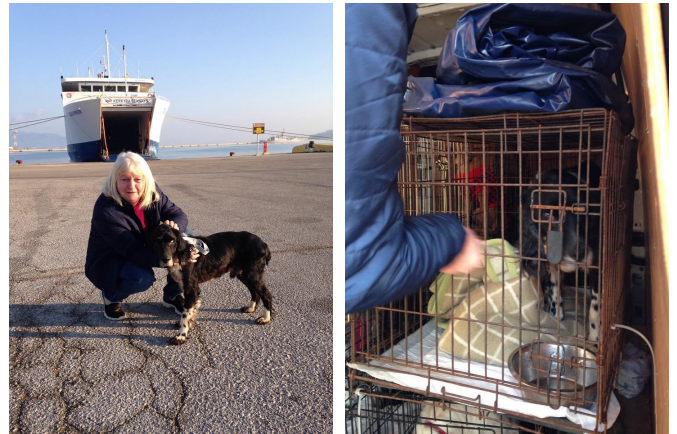
So it is looking like his relocation to a more permanent home in the UK could not be too far off?

Mon 18th Feb, we received a phone call to say that a place is available on transport returning to the UK on the morning of Wed 20th Feb!

Mixed feelings from us really, Chris has become rather attached to Tommy and is quite sad to see him leave but we have been assured that he is moving to a home where he will be shown plenty of love and affection.

Tommy had his last check over the day before he was due to travel and all was well. Chris has made sure that Tommy has a nice big clean warm dog blanket, food and water bowls and large bag of the specialist food we have been feeding him to take on his journey across Europe with him to his new home in the UK.

So Wednesday morning off to the port, Tommy was absolutely no problem during handover, Chris made sure his own blanket went in his travel cage with him to keep him comfortable on his journey, He embarked safely (sorry for the pun) then he was off



We received a message on Sunday 24th Feb to inform us that Tommy had arrived safe and sound at his forever home on the Saturday and was met with big hugs and plenty of tears from his new owners when they met Tommy for the first time.

Good Luck Tommy, love and best wishes to you in your new home.

All this was made possible due to the generous donations from the local community and the animal charity of Corfu.

Also the love and care shown to him by everyone that met him, especially from Chris.

Simon's World

My dear friend, Paul McGovern, is a Leaver. [Ed: I never leave without paying the bill].

He kindly asked me, who voted Remain, to write thoughts, as pressure grows to meet deadlines on deadlines. I said "But Paul, Brexit has happened!" He insisted.

Discussion on Leave or Remain is just that - talk - except for the lawyers who need to get documents drawn up, delivered and signed and, for human reasons, are inclined to prolong that process. As happens in some marriages, the shaky relationship between the UK and the EU has been over for quite a while; well before the signing of divorce papers. Is there a Greek equivalent for "It's all over bar the shouting"? There'll be lots of that.

Then we'll be treated to 'Brexit - the Movie'.
 Fade in shot 1: North Sea around April 2019 (note to Director - adjust date as required). British fisherman, Benny, on the wheelhouse "Look at that Froggie f***er, dipping his nets inside our waters" Megaphone "Hey you. Yes you! You're not fishing here ... n'est pas negotiable! Piss off Pierre!"

Cut to Shot 2: Queue of vehicles near the Port of Dover. Little Sara in family saloon "Are we there yet?" Dad "Yes" "So why..." "" Don't ask" "I need a wee-wee!" Mum "Don't blame me, I voted Remain" "Don't spoil the holiday. We agreed not to argue" "Who's arguing?" "You started it" "No you did" "Mummy I needed a weeee!"

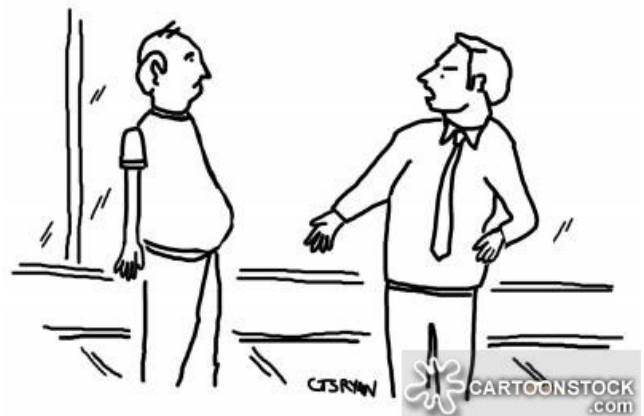
Shot 3: Supermart shopper to fellow shopper "Just look at these beans. This tin's gone up nearly 25%!" "I know" "They're having a laugh. These are South American beans. Not even from the EU" "Knock-on effect I guess"

Shot 4: Family dinner "All the Poles are going home. Work for our Kev?" "No way. I'm auditioning for The Voice next week"

Shot 5: Mandarins in a club near Whitehall. One proffers a sturdy volume titled 'The GATT years: from Havana to Marrakesh'. Another raises an eyebrow "?" "Have your people scan this over the weekend, Shamira. Background on the new rules after Brexit. The World Trade Organisation. Most of the sixty WTO agreements with legal status can be skimmed. Strip out the main ones. We'll talk about them over Monday breakfast"

Shot 6: Skype chat between friends "Josie. Why

exactly are you selling your Easyjet tickets?" "If we come out with a no-deal no one, not even the vets, know what will happen with pet passports. If we leave UK before the end of March there's no guarantee we'll be able to get back to the UK with Cookie" "Sh*t!" "Nothing's going to stop Cookie having her drink at our taverna. I've a good mind to send the £200 vet bill for blood test and rabies injection - which wasn't even due - to the PM!" ... and run titles.



**"You're stupid and I'm better than you.
 Also - why would you vote for Brexit?"**

There are larger and more general irritations, inconveniences and hazards that many will, of growing habit, put down to Brexit. Everything that happens, good and bad - knife crime, football success, traffic jams, good and bad statistics, interest rates, exam success and failure, housing shortages, easier parking, queues, will be pros and cons of the Brexit vote - even the weather! Leavers will lean towards lists of things that are better; Remainers of what's worse - a repeat in daily chat from 70 years ago of 'Don't you know there's a war on?' At least there's no problem with pharmaceuticals. The NHS has been stockpiling. Pharma companies may charge more, but in an emergency we won't notice. In the case of Brexit, all the bright folk I know and love (half my family, lots of friends and neighbours including people of colour, are Leavers) can make as sound a case for Leaving - no xenophobia; dislike of EU as a political rather than economic entity - as I can for Remaining.

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Simon's World - Continued from Page 15

All of us, whether we care or not, are bathed in the headlines and narratives of anti-EU newspapers for whom money talks, whispering “the EU’s toughening up on off-shore investment and avoidance of liabilities “or, more quietly, “being meaner to capitalists who if they paid their share of taxes, might find a profit of £8 billion cut to £6.5 billion.” Calls on the ‘principle of democracy’ ‘will of the people’ are loud and repetitive, as well as mutual abuse “Leavers are gammons” “Remainers are traitors”. In June 2016 a minority of the UK population won a vote on a change as significant for the UK as devolution for Scotland and Wales, where higher margins were required to get historic decisions on a Welsh Assembly and a Scottish Parliament. A vote to Leave or Remain preceded analysis as to whether ‘it will be in the UK’s interest to stay or leave’. What happens - no-one knows the future - will be spun, whatever the occurrence, whatever the contingency, to fit the robustly embedded narratives of Remainers and Leavers. A civil war of words and thoughts will endure. (SB 25/2/2019)

1:49 AM



Fishing boats in the Sea of Kerkyra by Angelos Giallinas
 Άγγελος Γαλλινάς (1857-1939) A landscape painter, known primarily for his watercolours. These boats carry single loose footed sails - sometime two - on long dhow-like gaffs. You never see such rigs today, yet they are perfectly evolved, over centuries, to handle a small boat in the mercurial weather of these waters - one moment mirror calm, the next sail-splitting katabatic squalls from the sun heated rocks of surrounding mountains. The gaff allows the whole sail to be dropped the moment you spy that distinctive roughing of the water speeding towards you, while the great big bellied sails, so easily raised again, can ghost a boat on zephyrs, and, wholly windless, there are sturdy oars aboard to drive these fine-lined boats. If you think those clouds are Giallinas' artistic licence you've not visited! This work is quite small, owned by a friend. I envy him, but the view is available to all.

Opinion

POWER STRUCTURES

ONE DAY

THEY WILL

FALL LIKE DOMINANCE

Disarming Thoughts

An Opinion by Daniel Blom.

Some will read this word pun as

Power structures will fall like dominoes.

It suggests that dominance is not a sustainable format for coexistence, and that power structures cannot possibly be held up forever.

Pine Leaves

Only superpowers win at geopolitics

Richard Pine explains how the Macedonian situation has made nationalists and pragmatists on both sides of the border vulnerable to the excesses of populism. (Ekathimerini)

<http://www.ekathimerini.com/237774/opinion/ekathimerini/comment/only-superpowers-win-at-geopolitics>

SAINT PATRICK'S DAY - SUNDAY, 17TH MARCH 2019



A TWO-PART CELEBRATION WILL BE HELD AT TWO BROTHERS' TAVERNA IN GARITSA

PART ONE: 12noon – 3pm (For those who are unable to attend in the evening)

TABLE-TOP SALE: In aid of local Charities. Followed by Fun & Games,
Quiz time etc.

Food and Drinks will be available on request (pay on receipt).

PART TWO: Commencing 7.30pm until 'late'

TASTY THREE-COURSE MEAL (Including an 'IRISH' Surprise!)

Followed by Lots of Fun and Games; Quiz-time; Spot Prizes; Best
Dressed Outfit Competition; Lots of Music and Dancing and, last but
not least:

RAFFLE with many nice Prizes! Raffle
tickets will cost **€1.00 each.**



The Ticket Price for the evening will be **€15.00 per person**
(this includes one Free Raffle Ticket)

One complimentary drink will be offered to each person on arrival.

All other drinks must be paid for individually.

NOTE: All proceeds from the Event: **Entrance Tickets; Raffle; Table-Top Sales;**
Donations etc. (Less expenses) will be divided equally between local Charities.

LOTS OF FUN TO BE HAD - PLEASE DON'T MISS IT!!

PLEASE CONTACT:

CAROL MURPHY: 694 746 2600 // LUCY STEELE: 697 583 3654

TO MAKE YOUR RESERVATION



Tracey's Tips

January 2019 makeup shades. Soft glow foundation tones, sleek black eyeliner on point, and natural or bold lip shades make this season's look stunning and beautiful ❤️



Sleep plays an important part of our day to day well-being mentally and physically. The body needs to rest and recuperate ready for the next day. Here is a guideline of how much of the zzzs we should be aiming for, although not always

Recommended hours of sleep	
Age	Hours
65+	7-8
18-64	7-9
14-17	8-10
6-13	9-11
3-5	10-13
1-2	11-14

Source: National Sleep Foundation

'Rainbow Food' have wonderful health benefits. It is essential to eat a range of colourful natural food to promote healthy living, to help detoxify and build up the body's immune system ❤️

Color	Foods	Benefits
Red	Tomatoes, watermelon, guava	Lycopene: antioxidants
Orange	Carrots, yams, mangos, pumpkins	Beta-carotene: immune system
Yellow-orange	Oranges, lemons, papayas, peaches	Vitamin C: detoxify harmful substances
Green	Spinach, kale, collards	Folate: builds healthy cells
Green-white	Broccoli, Brussels sprouts, cabbage	Indoles, lutein: eliminate carcinogens
White-green	Garlic, onions, chives, asparagus	Allyl sulfides: destroy cancer cells
Blue	Blueberries, plums	Anthocyanins: destroy free radicals
Red-purple	Grapes, berries	Resveratrol: decrease estrogen
Brown	Whole grains, legumes	Fiber: carcinogen removal

PROPERTIES OF COLOR IN FOOD
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- White**
For the immune system
Diuretics
- Yellow**
For skin health and elasticity.
For healthy bones
- Red**
They improve cardiovascular conditions
- Green**
Depurative for the liver. Body detox
- Purple**
To improve your sight. Anti-aging
- Orange**
For your skin, and stomach. Body detox

Summer seems so far away doesn't it. Golden sands and warm sunshine loom far in the distance. To make me feel better I always like to give my skin a warm glow using tanning products. Here are the top ten products but essentially most products work just as well.

Top 10 Best SELF TANNERS For Your Face & Body



I like to use St. Moriz Tanning Mouse or Mist, both equally good and lasts all day.



do what makes you **HAPPY**
be with those who make you **SMILE**

LAUGH
as much as you breathe and **LOVE**
as long as you live



And this is me



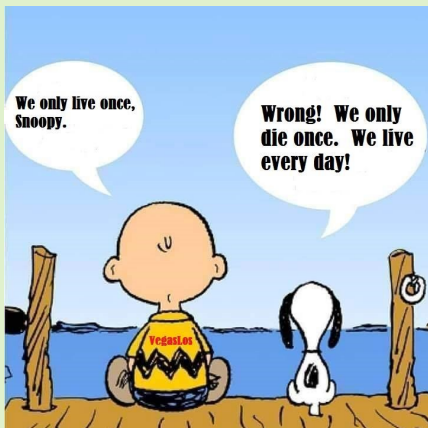
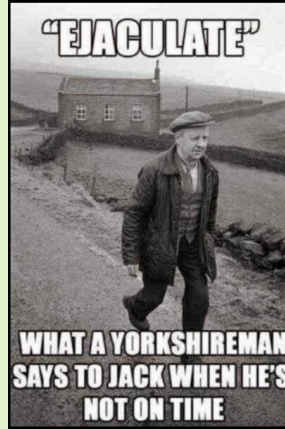
Nick The Clock's World

(The Comic With A conscience)

A Scottish priest is driving home when he comes across a dead pig lying on the road. So he calls the police to inform them.

A cocky sergeant answers the call. "Did ye read him his last rites?" smirks the sergeant.

"Naw." Replies the priest. "I thought I would inform his next of kin first!"



BEST FRIENDS ARE THOSE WHO DON'T SAY ANYTHING WHEN YOU SHOW UP AT THEIR DOOR WITH A DEAD BODY. THEY JUST GRAB A SHOVEL AND FOLLOW YOU.



Surviving the Mairix
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ID0RL1ChMLE>

Nick The Clock's World

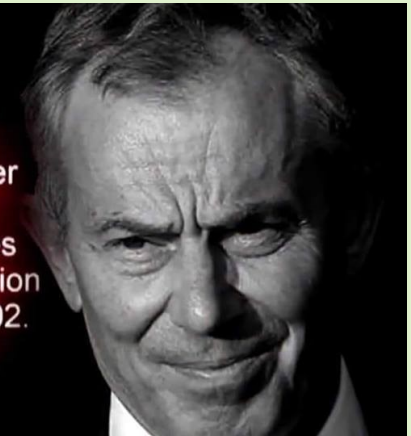
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**A man and his wife enter a dentist's office.
The wife says "I need a tooth pulled.
No gas or Novocain – I'm in a terrible hurry.
Just pull the tooth as quickly as possible."
"You're a brave woman," says the dentist.
"Now, show me which tooth it is."
The wife turns to her husband and says, "Open your mouth and show the dentist which tooth it is, dear."**



TONY BLAIR


This man imposed a 100-year Secrecy Order on the identities of high-profile paedophiles uncovered in the Operation Ore investigation of 2002.



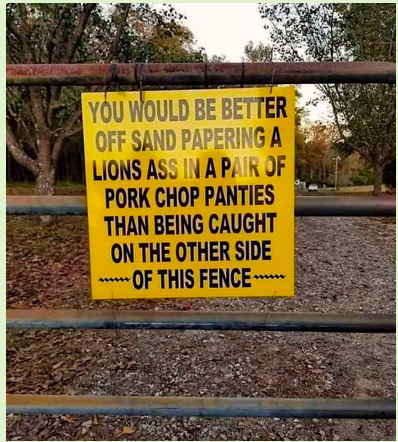

"The real reason behind austerity is to erode hope, to increase inequality and to make peoples lives so hard that they don't have the chance to demand better.

Austerity is about putting people into poverty because poverty is the ultimate form of control".

Francesca Martinez
20th June 2015



Oh Zorg... This is the first time you've taken me out clubbing since we first met!

"Have you ever noticed that the only metaphor we have in our public discourse for solving problems is to declare war on it? We have the war on crime, the war on cancer, the war on drugs. But did you ever notice that we have no war on homelessness? You know why? Because there's no money in that problem. No money to be made off of the homeless. If you can find a solution to homelessness where the corporations and politicians can make a few million dollars each, you will see the streets of America begin to clear up pretty damn quick!"

~ GEORGE CARLIN

azquotes.com

My boyfriend was dying. I was by his bedside when he said in a weak voice, "There's something I must confess."

"Shhh" I said, "There's nothing to confess. Everything is alright."

"No I must die in peace" he said, "I had sex with your sister, your best friend, and a co-worker."

"I know" I whispered, "That's why I poisoned you... now close your eyes."

Nick The Clock's World

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Last year I replaced all the windows in my house with those expensive, double-pane, energy-efficient kind. Today, I got a call from Home Depot who installed them. The man complained that the work had been completed a year ago, and I still hadn't paid for them.

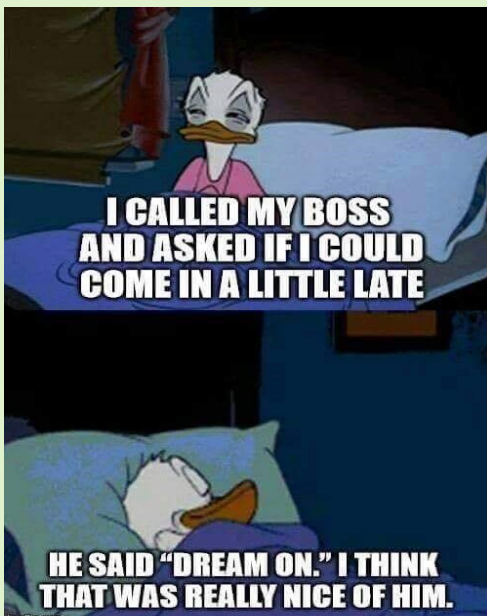
HHHelloo.....just because I'm blonde doesn't mean that I am automatically stupid. So, I told him just what his fast-talking sales guy had told me last year... that these windows would pay for themselves in a year.

Hellooooo, it's been a year, so they're paid for, I told him. There was only silence at the other end of the line, so I finally hung up. He never called back. I bet he felt like an idiot!!!



Kane Walker was homeless he just died outside the Birmingham Bullring.

Meanwhile, Tory West Midlands Mayor Andy Street has claimed £20,000 expenses in 16 months, £810,000 on private consultants and £500 for a chauffeur to drive him to a meeting on *homelessness*.



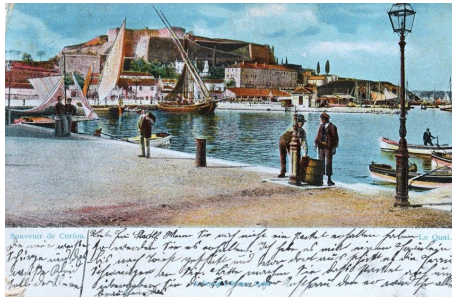
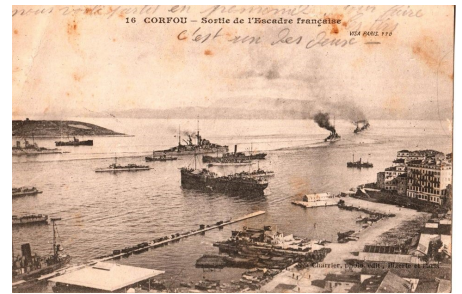
That's' All Folks !

The Way Things Are and Were



Corfu town harbor and Port St. Nikolo depicted in various post-cards, 1901 - 1918.

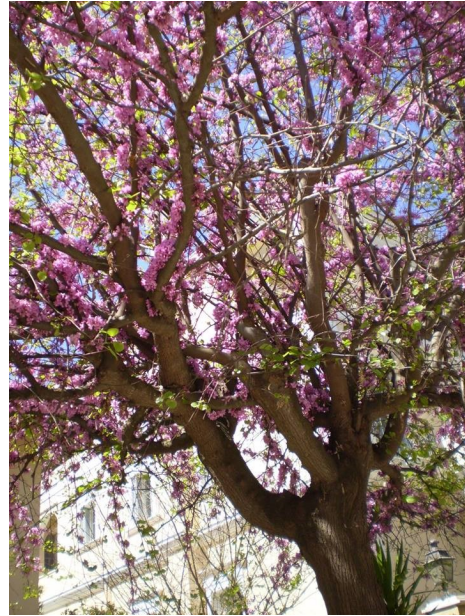
Courtesy of Stefan Unkelbach



The Way Things Are and Were—Continued from Page 22



Agiot Man enjoys retirement



Courtesy of Sue Alexander

Letters to the Editor

Message from the Editor:

Only one letter in this month. Methinks you are in post-Christmas hang-over mode. Nonetheless, it is an interesting one from I.T specialist Derek, an Agios visitor.



From Derek Arnold, England

Hearing from someone you were recently thinking about may be a coincidence but getting information about a product or service you were discussing in a private conversation would seem to confirm what many people think in that our on-line traffic is recorded and monitored.

Personally this wouldn't surprise me because I know enough about IT to not trust it as far as I could throw it. It's a useful tool but it's someone else's design and why so much appears to be 'free' but are actually just clever ways to try and sell you things.

I recommend NEVER discussing anything you consider personal or private because you never know who is listening.

Ed: As you were my I.T. Guru from Day1 Derek, who am I to argue with your insight and common

sense? The online traffic referred to for the voice recognition product, however, was a voice to voice call on Skype so it would appear that their medium is also, er, suspect. Makes a change from slugging off Facebook.

Derek Arnold: Glad to have helped out all that time ago. Voice calls are just as easy to monitor for 'sales' opportunities. Can I ask what dictation options you were looking at? If it's on the PC, I can recommend Dragon Dictate, let me know if you want more info and 'availability'.

Ed: Thank you kindly, Sir, I will communicate with you separately.

A Poem

Wine with Dinner from an Englishman in Italy.

When the vegetables meet the bread and
Wine, what is there left to say, except the
San Giovese feels so lonely till the
Bottle's opened. With the culinary
Encounter, human mouths are watering.
'T'were better if they shed a tear, may be.
Salivation should not dilute the wine!



Beach Rats



A Summer Diary by Lili Gabbiano

DAY 4: MARCH 27

Today Miky is super happy. He is one step closer to his boat. He can't stop talking about it, so bubbly he is and I wanted to listen to the sound of the waves and relax.

He is always like this, completely unstoppable.
But he is right.

When you have a dream, you have to go for it. Not all in one day, that's not possible. Small steps at the time and then one day you will arrive.
And there is always the path to the destination, which entertains and fills the life.

He is so excited.

What we have to do, prepare, bring, fix, look at, repair
...All at once.

It's not the boat he got today but the caravan.

'Once you figure out how everything works in the caravan you will know also on the boat. It is the same, battery, gas, solar panel, heating cooling, fridge...and space.

Fantastic!

I am heading out to collect sea glass.

The beach we chose for today's relaxation today has plenty of sea glass.

Green ones and white from beer and juices.

I have already thousands and why not to have thousands more.

No fishing today, I am not on my spot. But I went yesterday and I caught one. A small one; In the first minute I was there.

It was fast, so fast that I did not realize at first. I was staring at my orange floater and saw it going down. I looked at it for some time and observed, then I felt a bigger pull and I finally woke up, realizing I have one on the hook.

I put it back of course, too small to eat, lucky enough to live.

Fishes learn fast.

None bite anymore. Cheekily they ate all my bites off the hook. I gave them the rest of the bread and left.

Carnivale Calendar

CORFU. The Municipal Cultural, Sports and Environmental Organization (DOPAP) has published the programme for this year's Corfu Carnival

Saturday 2 March

14:00

Corfu Maskarata (Masquerade) is organizing a Treasure Hunt starting in Kofineta and finishing in the Old Town Hall Square.

Sunday 3 March

12:00

Venetian Carnival - Parade with traditional dances by Corfu Greek Girls' Lycee

14:30

Parade with 'Sior Carnavalo'

Start: Methodiou St.

Route: Gervasiou - Evg. Voulgareos - Pentofanaro

Finish: Viktoros Dousmani St.

Sior Carnavalo will be accompanied by his custodians - Corfu dance schools and other carnival characters!

Tuesday 5 March

19:00

Laodama - Carnival songs and dances
Annunciata Square

Wednesday 6 March

19:00

'San Giacomo' Corfu Municipal Choir - Operetta Evening with 'Nikolaos Mantzaros' Brass Quintet
Municipal Theatre

Thursday 7 March

18:00

Greek Girls' Lycee
Annunciata Square

In case of rain, the event will take place on the following day (8/3) in Annunciata Square at the same time.

19:00

Corfu Serenaders and Mandolin Players will be singing for the public.
Annunciata Square

20:00

Corfu Events Organization (OKE) - Corfu 'Peteyoletsa'
Agios Spyridon Square (Plakada)

In case of rain, the performance will take place at the Municipal Theatre.

Saturday 9 March

12:00

Greek Girls' Lycee - Parade and dances in traditional Venetian costumes in the centre of town.
Annunciata Square - Pentofanaro

13:30

Event with Latin dancing by 'Step to Step' dance school

Sunday 10 March

12:00

Greek Girls' Lycee - Parade and dances in traditional Venetian costumes in the centre of town.
Annunciata Square - Pentofanaro

14:30

Parade with 'Sior Carnavalo'

Start: Methodiou St.

Route: Gervasiou - Evg. Voulgareos - Pentofanaro

Finish: Viktoros Dousmani St.

Sior Carnavalo will be accompanied by his custodians - Corfu dance schools and other carnival characters!

At the end Sior Carnavalo's Will will be read and we will then set fire to him!

Everyone can then take part in the Closing Party at Pentofanaro with songs and dances.

On Clean Monday the singing and dancing will continue in all the Corfu villages!

DOPAP would like to give warm thanks to all those taking part in the Carnival events:

OKE; 'San Giacomo' Municipal Choir; Corfu Maskarata; the Carnival Satire Group; Greek Girls' Lycee; all the dance schools; Laodama; Corfu Serenaders and Mandolin Players; 'Traklis', 'Garoufalis' and 'Kanalion' Cultural Societies; 'Gerasimos Lavranos' children's mixed choir; 'Phaedon' Dance Society.

And the sponsors:

Corfu Gymnastics Association, the Chamber of Commerce and Corfu Trade Association.



Village and Island Reflections

I mentioned last month the fall in the street, tripping over some cunningly laid water pipes atop a pavement in Alepou.

Unfortunately, for me, this has caused some trauma or other about the old knee area, which has not alleviated since. I'm only reporting this, for those of you who may have interest in my athletic prowess. The major problem with the damn thing is that I often forget about it, attempt a leap out of a chair, or some such, only to be rewarded with a shooting pain across the knee, or down the calves. This leads to a sudden, and loud 'Gnaaaagh!!!' escaping my lungs, quite frightening-I would imagine-for any elderly ladies who may perchance be seated nearby.

Enough of this drivel. George Gakis-some of you may know from Agiotfest and other musical events on Corfu- was over visiting from Ioannina. He played one night at the O2 in Gouvia. I hobbled over to see him. The place was fairly packed, mostly English but not all and, George performed his usual, accomplished set. This was an anthology of Beatle songs. It was interesting to listen to the storyline he wove amongst the music, partially spoilt by a very few, loud Brits, who ran a meaningless-to anybody else in the room- babble throughout George's talking bits. Like the stolid performer, and natural gentleman he is, he carried on regardless, talking softly through their nonsenses, though they were but a few feet away from his microphone.

Elina and her sister, Anna, came to lunch one Sunday, bringing Miss McGovern with them. This was fun. This was chaos with knives and forks. Alarmingly, Anna eat two very small schnitzels only, with a glass of water. Yes, she is very slim but..no wonder, as she told me that she eats very little food, generally. Shortly, she becomes the next member of our family to depart to foreign shores, as she has found a job in a London restaurant.

We are very busy on the building front, which is pleasing. However, it does not leave a lot of time for prosaic pursuits, such as admin. Nor for such things as this magazine. So, if it is a little late reaching your desktop I apologise.

I wasn't going to mention the leg again but, feel I should here. Lula has a cousin, Elena, who is a foot specialist-not quite a chiropodist- who comes along from time to time, to dig out my recurrent in-growing toenail. Fearless woman. Naturally, it occurs at the

end of the bad leg. On this occasion, it really was b*****painful. I tried not to whimper like a kitten. At one point she said, as she got into the core of the red wound with her scalpel, and I writhed on the sofa beneath her attack, 'it is not so painful as last time!' How would *she* know, I wondered? At last she raised herself from her labours, like a lion from its kill and, triumphantly held aloft the offending, rogue nail. 'There it is,' she beamed, with much evident pleasure. I think I fainted here.

My garden, often a source of pleasure, is in chaos. I'm unable to do anything effective in it for now. Even Nitsa's surgical stocking she lent me, does not help here.

Other parts of the month have been spectacular at our house for the 'Viking raids', the visit of the three little Albania girls, Natasha, Esmeranda and Melina to Danae. The squealing sometimes reaches playground proportions, quite impressive coming from four mouths only. Even the three dogs look startled. Bono, in particular, is volunteered into their games.



Pals

Personally, I love these visits but it is serenely quiet when their storm has passed. Is this why I seek solace again with Rob and Les at the 'Madness' [the taverna in town I mentioned last month], which is a chapel compared with our kitchen? By the way, this time around I notice the sign on its window; 'Lunatico'. Nothing more need be said.

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A Selection of Photos



*A sad
February
street*
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*Gypsy
rebellion*
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*Lionel's
Bordello*
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*Agiot
Spiros the
painter
caught by
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*New
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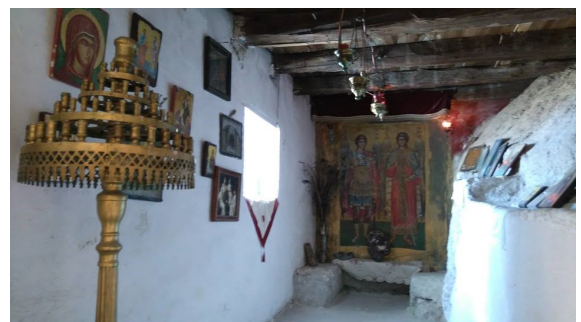
*Girl with
swans*
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*Pretty
colonnade*
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It is Carnivale time



*Small chapel inside the Mirtiotissa monastery
courtesy Steve Ford*

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Photos Courtesy of Dick Mulder



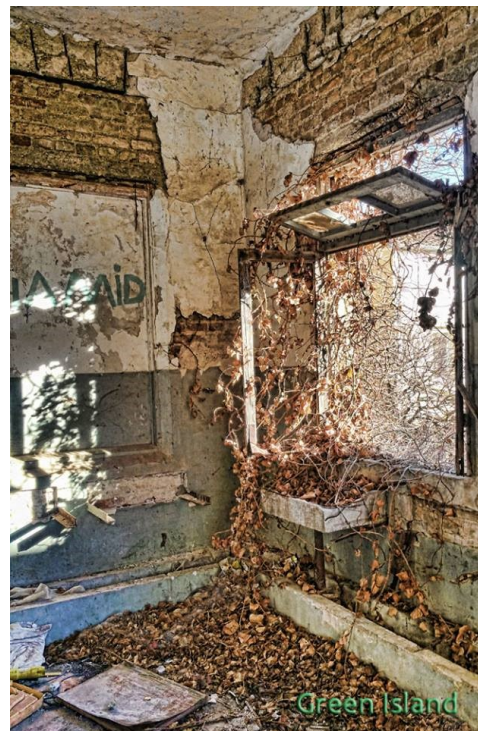
Agios Ioannis plateia



Still working



Spoilt for choice



this is Corfu - Aebek



brushing the copperware for the ceremony



this is Corfu - Eth. Antistaseos (area)

Aunty Lula's Love-bites

Lentil Soup [for these colder times]

INGREDIENTS

- 350g** dry, brown lentils
- 1.5** litres bottled water
- 1** medium onion, finely chopped
- 2** cloves of garlic, finely chopped
- 1** carrot, chopped
- 2** bay leaves
- Half a teaspoon of dried oregano
- 3** tablespoons oliveoil
- 4** tablespoons tomato paste
- 1** teaspoon red wine vinegar
- Salt and pepper to taste

GO:

In a medium sized pan simmer together all of the ingredients. until the lentils and carrots are soft, about one hour. Discard the bay leaves before serving.

Καλη Ορεξη!



Corfu Weather Statistics - February 2019

Summary

	Max	Avg	Min
Temperature (°F)			
Max Temperature	69	63	61
Avg. Temperature	61	53	44
Min. Temperature	51	45	35
Precipitation (inches)			
Precipitation	0.2	0.02	0.0



Read more at:

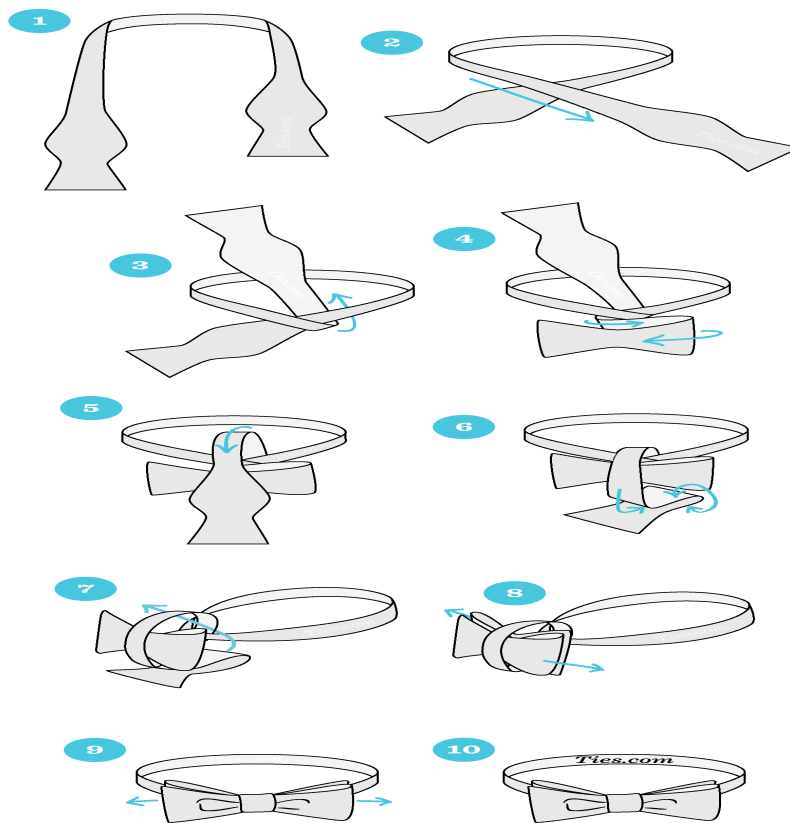
http://www.wunderground.com/history/airport/LGKR/2013/9/1/MonthlyHistory.html?req_city=NA&req_state=NA&req_statename=NA#PFq1VRYHlbugcTGf.99

The Greek service referred to here every month has decided to switch to the Imperial system, just to keep you on your toes.

Tickle Ties the knot

In the continuing series of useful knots and how to tie them, with it being the awards season I thought this month's edition should be devoted to the bowtie

The Bow Tie



1. Start with the bowtie lying face up. Adjust the bowtie so right side is shorter than the left. The end on the left will be referred to as A and the end on the right will be referred to as B.
2. Move A to the right side, across B.
3. Bring A under B and up through the neck loop.
4. At the joint, fold B towards the right and then towards the left to create a the bow shape.
5. Bring A straight down over the middle of the bow shape that was made with B.
6. Fold A back towards the chest and pinch the fold.
7. Push the pinched end (A) through the loop behind B.
8. Pull on the folded parts of the bow to tighten.
9. Adjust until balanced on both sides.



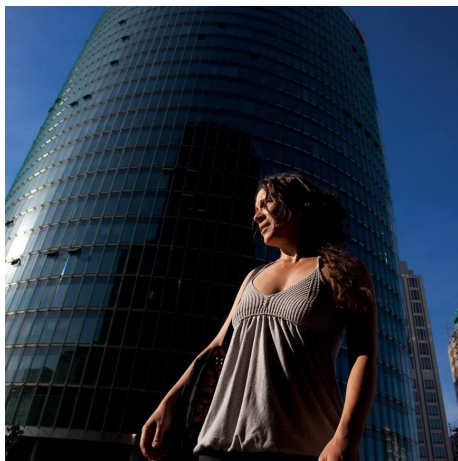
agiotfest 2019

By The Minstrel

AGIOTFEST UPDATE: MARCH

Biggest Dedicated Rock/Folk and Jazz Festival in Corfu. Back for 11th straight year.

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Aleka from Agiotfest Camp

<https://www.facebook.com/Fest-Camp-Corfu-2260634824214398/>

For tickets see your local [Corfu] Distributor or go to www.agiotfest.com to purchase your tickets through Paypal.

Remember, discount for two-day tickets expires on March 31st.



Nikki Lamborn
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Nikki Lamborn of Never the Bride returns to Corfu and will headline at Agiotfest 19. This is what the Who's Roger Daltrey has to say of her; "Nikki Lamborn has the best female rock voice since Janis Joplin and I know what I'm talking about, I knew Janis".

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gzv2jbdGJoA>

George Gakis is back by popular demand.

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The Black Strat band will back Nikki and her brilliant keyboard player Been.



Black Strat Band

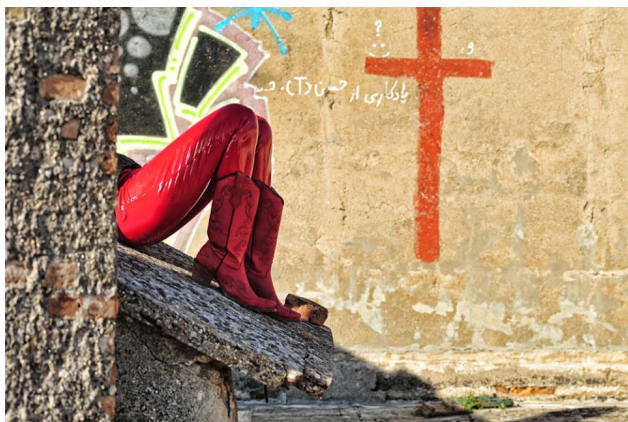
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Again, and by popular demand, 7 Mile Limit are back for the third straight year.



7 Mile Limit

Much more in store, tune in next month.



WHOSE LEGS ARE THESE?

https://www.thefestivalcalendar.co.uk/festivals/Agiotfest_2019

Other excellent musicians have yet to commit.



Agiotfest bound from California?

It's been quite a journey from 2009.



2009 our first year



From 2010

We are keeping the tradition. Pic-nic people are always welcome at Agiotfest. No restrictions on hand-held food and beverages.

2012 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fIXQKOYXdeo>

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Ample car park space and immediate coach access to front gate.

Join the Journey into the future.



2018

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qFpHSjG-GO8&feature=youtu.be&fbclid=IwAR28YxZrScSCXTFxAYxdyhTw_LpNgtl5exD95PwnKUWkGc03TV7WATcgnw)

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Ticket Prices are:

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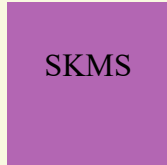
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The 120 square metre property is on two floors, downstairs has two large rooms, easily convertible. Upstairs there are two bedrooms, a toilet/bathroom, hallway and two bedrooms.

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Perfectly placed in the charming village of Pikoulatika, thereby in good striking distance of Corfu town, is this old village house in need of TLC, yet basically sound and almost immediately habitable.



This is Rubbish

21st February 2019



'Kanoni, skupidia'

CORFU. Corfu Municipal Cleansing and Recycling Service has announced that due to a fault in the SYDISA tracked dozer the depositing of refuse at Temploni landfill has been suspended since Tuesday 19th.

Announcement:

To date the problem hasn't been fixed and it is not known when it will be.

Our service has been forced to suspend refuse collection in all areas apart from Corfu Town but from tomorrow it will also be suspended there as all the available containers are full.

There is limited collection of recyclable waste as the municipal refuse trucks are full of mixed waste and cannot be emptied and used for recyclable materials.

In order to avoid the piling up of rubbish, which can already be seen in public areas, and what that entails for the environment we would like to request the following of residents:

1. **Try to avoid dumping rubbish in the green bins for the next four days.**
2. **Don't dump large objects and rubble in the piles of rubbish as this makes collection more difficult.**
3. **Recyclable materials can be deposited as usual in the blue bins in the following areas: Corfu Town, the main roads in Achilleio, Parelion, Ag. Georgios, Esperion and Thinalia as there are trucks available there.**

We remind you that there are many Recycling Centres on Corfu where you can take all your recyclables.

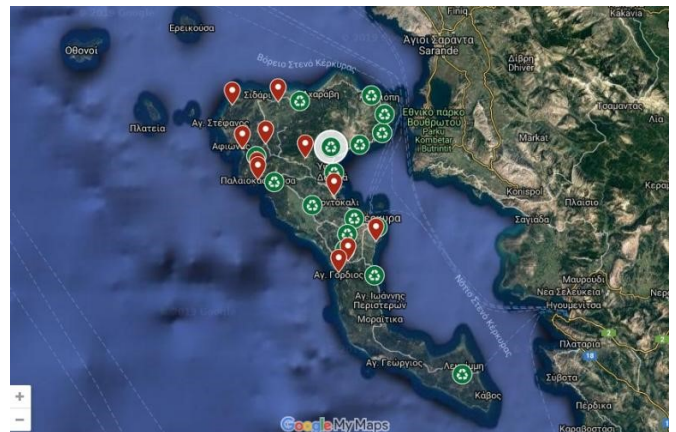
The new comprehensive online map of recycling centres in Corfu from All Together for the Corfu Environment.

An online map is now available on Google with markers showing the recycling centres throughout the island. By clicking on the markers one can see information about the location, materials collected, opening hours and a phone number for the person in charge of the centre.

Spyros Neratzis told *Enimerosi* that the map is fully updated with the 16 centres now in operation and new centres will be added when they open (another 10 Green Spots are preparing to open).

The English language version will be available shortly.

You can access the map [here](#).



RECYCLING MAP

And here is an interesting link to the Corfu Forum for more information on this suppurating condition.

<http://www.corfu-forum.com/forum/general-discussion/the-corfu-rubbish-situation!!!!/msg79214/#msg79214>

Corfu Monthly News

Two fatal cases of flu in Corfu



Hospital, Kerkyra

Confirmation came from the Athens lab and the autopsy that the 36-year-old man from Kokkini in Corfu who died in his sleep on Thursday was a victim of the influenza pandemic - type A H1N1. His two children, aged 6 months and 2½ years, have already been examined by the hospital paediatricians, have been given medical guidance and are being continuously monitored.

The hospital administration has confirmed that this is the second fatal influenza case. The first was a 44-year-old woman who had been hospitalised in the Intensive Care Unit. She died four days ago it was formally recorded at the Hellenic Centre for Disease Control & Prevention as death from influenza.

Hospital Director Phivos Kakavitsas spoke to *Enimerosi* and gave guidelines to prevent infection from the virus: wash hands well, flu vaccination once or twice a year for vulnerable groups, examination by a doctor if there have been at least 38 hours with worrying symptoms, avoidance of antibiotics without a serious reason. There are enough vaccines available and vaccinations can happen even now.

There are unanswered questions regarding the tragic death in Kokkini of a 36-year-old father of two young children who died in his sleep following a brief illness with a high fever. He was taken to Corfu Hospital but doctors were unable to do anything other than confirm his death.

Coroner Chrysavgi Koussi told *Enimerosi* that the macroscopy image shows an infection of the lower respiratory tract. Cultures were immediately sent to the microbiology lab at Athens University and within 24 hours it is expected to have the exact cause of death.

Hospital paediatricians took throat swabs from the children in order to check on the health of the rest of the family and are awaiting the results of the forensic examination.

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Botrini's Etrusco - Best Restaurant in Greece yet again this year!



The award-winning chef with the Minister for Tourism

ATHENS. The Gold Caps for the best restaurants in Greece were awarded at a special ceremony at the Grande Bretagne Hotel in Athens on Monday 18 February.

Corfu came out top at the Gold Caps Awards with Etrusco yet again being voted the best restaurant in Greece 2019. Second place was shared by three Athens restaurants - Spondi, Varoulko Seaside and Botrini's.

Judging was difficult yet again this year for the panel from Athinorama and Alpha Guide. The judges travelled all year trying thousands of dishes before they came up with their final verdict and 28 restaurants from throughout the country were awarded with one or two Gold Caps at the Awards Ceremony in the Grand Ballroom of the Grande Bretagne Hotel on Monday 18 February.

Four of this year's new Gold Cap winners are from islands - Grandma's in Ios, Dionysos in Elounda, La Veranda in Mykonos and Ovac in Santorini. The fifth newcomer was Aleria from Athens.

This is the 26th year of the Gold Cap Awards. Judging is based on international criteria, placing Greek restaurants firmly on the world culinary map. This year 49 Greek restaurants were nominated from which 28 were awarded Gold Caps. Factors that are taken into consideration are the quality of the primary products, innovation, the chefs' culinary techniques, harmony and balance in the tastes, imaginative combinations, aesthetic appearance of the dishes and the general experience produced by all the elements together.

The publisher of Athinorama presented the Regional Governor for the South Aegean Giorgos Hatzimarkos with an Award for the South Aegean Region being named "European Gastronomical Region 2019" for its efforts to promote Greek cuisine worldwide.

The Minister for Tourism Elena Kountoura presented the Award for Best Greek Restaurant.

The Public Award went to the restaurant Haroupi in Thessaloniki, which was chosen by readers of Athinorama.

Best Restaurant: Etrusco, Corfu - 17/20 and two Gold Caps

Second: Botrini's, Spondi and Varoulko Seaside - all from Athens. 16/20 and one Gold Cap.

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Beef stifado



Bekri meze



Soutzoukakia

"Grammatikos"

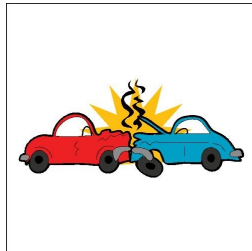
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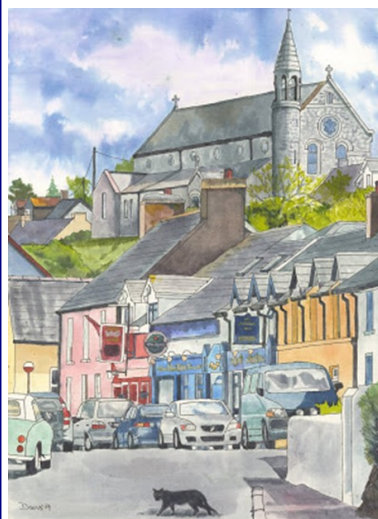


"11-inch x 8 inch "

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A small colourful painting with memories of the fine summer of 2018.

Children playing on the beach are always a great subject to paint and with the Lighthouse Island of Ballycotton showing, immediately gives one a sense of place.



Cat in the West End.
Ink Pigment on acrylic paper
16" x 12"

For Sale framed.
€295.00

This is my second painting of Ballycotton from this angle, this one with a black cat that crossed the road as I was taking the photographs.



Summer Song For Sale

<https://democracystreet.blogspot.com/2018/05/yacht-summer-song.html>



*Also by
Phil Davies*

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Corfu Golden Paste



A MESSAGE FROM KATRINA GICA.

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One jar 200g of Fresh - Homemade - Organic- Golden Paste is €6. –
€5 for 54 Frozen Golden Turmeric Bombs - T-Bombs.

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Or email gicas@otenet.gr .

Ed: Try this one for Golden Paste, it is a good way to absorb this healthy supplement and tasty too. Have it with baked beans on toast, duly peppered and a mug of tea!



Real

Kafesas

This is a fabulous place, out of season, for a Sunday lunch, if you are in or fancy a trip to the glorious south.

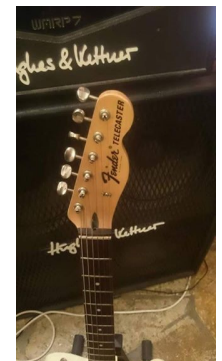
Don't take our word for it, see what April Violet says.

'Stunning restaurant and food is just to die for absolutely fell in love with this place. Food is so fresh, place is clean, staff friendly, nothing more you could ask for! X'

RoadHouse



Very good service excellent guitar and amps if you want something different as a custom instrument that's the right place



LENT & EASTER AT HOLY TRINITY CORFU

**Ash Wednesday (6th March)
11:00 Ashing Service**

**Sunday (31st March)
10:30 Mothering Sunday Service**

Holy Week 14th - 21st April

**Palm Sunday 10:30
The Passion Story with Holy Communion**

**Maundy Thursday 19:00
A Passover Meal**

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Sun	3	10:30 Family Communion
Mon	4	17:30 Home Group
Tues	5	10:00 Water Colour Group
	6	11:00 Ash Wednesday Service
Thurs	7	10:30 Bible Study at HTC 17:00 Worship Group
Fri	8	09:00 Prayer Meeting 10:30 Little Angels Mums & Tots 18:00 Communion at Messonghi Chapel
Sun	10	10:30 Family Communion
Mon	14	17:30 Home Group
Tues	12	10:00 Master's Crafters
Wed	13	12:30 Lunch 'n Meet
Thurs	14	10:30 Bible Study at HTC 17:00 Worship Group 18:00 Church Council Meeting
Fri	15	09:00 Prayer Meeting 10:30 Little Angels Mums & Tots
Sun	17	10:30 Family Communion
Mon	18	17:30 Home Group
Thurs	21	09:15 Pastoral Care Group 10:30 Bible Study at HTC 17:00 Worship Group
Fri	22	09:00 Prayer Meeting 10:30 Little Angels Mums & Tots
Sun	24	10:30 Family Communion
Mon	25	17:30 Home Group
Tues	26	10:00 Water Colour Group
Thurs	28	10:30 Bible Study at HTC 17:00 Worship Group
Fri	29	09:00 Prayer Meeting 10:30 Little Angels Mums & Tots
Sun	31	10:30 Family Communion



<http://effrosyniwrites.com/books/the-necklace-of-goddess-athena/>



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