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Happy Christmas to you all

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Lionel

By Paul McGovern , The Editor



When I think of Christmas I often think of Lionel.

When I think of Christmas in Agios Ioannis I *always* think of Lionel.



It seems just right as we enter the Christmas period 2019 that he is given pride of place in this chapter. He always increased Christmas, he always improved it for us, he was always so full of Christmas magic.



Many of you will have your own thoughts and fond memories of the time he spent amongst us.



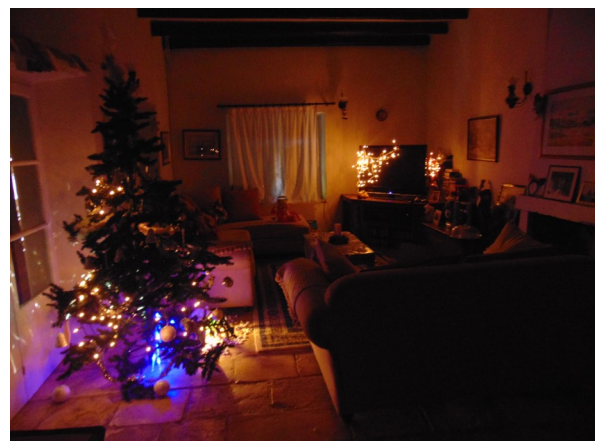
He rediscovered some of you in Canada, he joined you at many a table in the plateia on balmy summer evenings, he entertained you at Villa Theodora Christmas Carol nights.



You passed him as you walked up the lane, where he sat with his Pride of cats. He always had time to talk, he would offer drinks from his open front door in the small cottage, where he lived the

last few years of his life.

Join us and raise a glass to him on Christmas Day. Somewhere, he will be giggling upon a cloud.





From the Editor: I must apologise for the lateness of the December Agiot. If I had a brain I would have shelved this month's altogether but as I have not got a brain here is a shortened version for the Christmas period. It would have been easier not to bother at this intense time but, as we have not missed a single month since 2007 the thought of that was a stone that needed to be removed from my shoe. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all of our friends for their continued support and to wish all our gentle readers and friends a most splendiferous Christmas and New Year. See you in January!

From Tracey Hawkins, in memory of Dave Smith, who once lived here.

I just found all my letters from Dave when he lived in the village ♡☐ I knew I kept them somewhere bless him. A great read ♡☐

Editor: Dave Smith was a great wordsmith. Just like Lionel Mann, always remembered.



An interesting letter in from **Mark Biffin;**

Hi paul ... Shot in the dark but i have been looking for railway related stuff here on corfu and found yourself and the corfu light railway ... Im very much interested to know and see if the clr is still going ... Myself a qualified engineer and avid model engineer would be interested in getting a foot in as to speak 😊 ... Heres a link to my old garden railway in uk ... Its boxed and ready to come over next year ...

<https://youtu.be/jH56ws5PajQ>

Speak soon
Mark

Editor;
Thank you Mark for your interest in our grand project which is now spanned many years. With the pressures of Christmas et cetera I cannot do the justice to your request at this time but, will be coming back to you in January. Full steam ahead. Paul

Letters to the Editor

P.J.Wright, who played the first Agiotfest, in the Plataea of Agios Ioannis in 2009-with the Dylan Project-mails us;

Hello Paul -
Jill and I send our condolences on the sad end of Andy's stay with you - his character made such a huge impression on us when we stayed for the lovely week of Agiotfest '09.

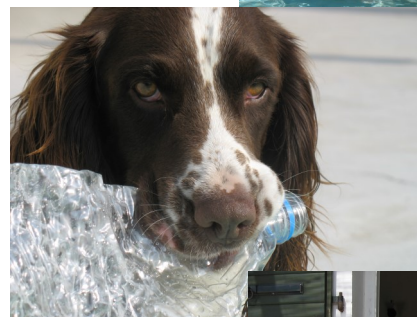
Attached:

- 1) Andy by pool with toy of choice (and a water bottle...)
- 2) "Look into my eyes..."
- 3) Andy charming PJ

We will not forget him.

PJ & Jill Wright

Editor: thank you so much PJ and Jill. Such a kind thought to send these precious photos.





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Jim Potts from Dorset says;

Dear Paul

You have been through the wars, I hope 2020 will bring you renewed health and vigour. I wish you a good convalescence. a happy house-move and very limited chaos!

I had a small taste of hospital a few weeks ago, when I was admitted as an emergency for various procedures which solved my problem (which was potentially dangerous if Maria hadn't insisted that I go straight to A and E). More procedures to come before I get the all-clear, but I'm feeling fine, apart from a bad cold caught on the ward.

I do enjoy the magazine, and always read it with interest, Thanks for offering to help bring my book to the attention of readers. It's a struggle, as the publisher is small (although excellent) and doesn't have the capacity for PR and promotion.

The Dorset Echo had this feature recently:

<https://www.dorsetecho.co.uk/leisure/18025773.jim-potts-drew-inspiration-around-world--dorchester-maumbury-rings--book-stories/>

Please do mention that the book is available in Corfu at PLOUS Bookshop, also on Amazon.co.uk and direct from the publisher: colensobooks@gmail.com

Many thanks, get well soon and have a relaxing happy Christmas

Best wishes
Jim

Ed: Hello Jim, thank you very much for your kind wishes. I believe I'm on the mend. I trust you and Maria are keeping well. I hope your promotion will be a success and I'm happy to promote as much as I can in this magazine.

Tony Clarke from Elloughton, East Yorks mails;

My Dear Paul and Lula,

I am so pleased that you have recovered and that you are still with us , I knew that your heart was a bit dicky .

We had a WARCS committee meeting last night and everyone was cheered by your news and that you were to become our first International Life Member !!

So, could you send £50 to the Wolds and Riverbank Countryside Society, HSBC Bank, Sort Code xxxxxxxx, Account number xxxxxx.

So Listen ! I do not want to plant a tree any time soon on Lula's instruction !!

My Love to you both for Christmas.

Perhaps we shall meet again someday. I shall never throw my Greek books away.

Yours Tony and Beryl sends her Love also..

Ed: Thank you Tony. As they say, the cheque is in the post! (Please see full information about the Wolds and Riverbank countryside Society below).

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THE WOLDS AND RIVERBANK COUNTRYSIDE SOCIETY BULLETIN



December, 2019 – May 2020



About the Wolds and Riverbank Countryside Society

The Wolds and Riverbank Countryside Society is dedicated to the natural and human history of the area covered by the Wolds and the north bank of the Humber. Our meetings and activities are designed to interest and inform, and to preserve, protect and improve local habitats.

In the local environment we have planted trees and organised clean-ups of litter, and we own an area of woodland and meadow next to the Ionians' Rugby Ground at Brantingham. The woodland and meadow are dedicated as a nature reserve and popular with local people as an attractive amenity.

Our programme during the Autumn and Winter and Spring months consists mostly of illustrated talks by visiting speakers, and in the Summer mostly of outside meetings. All talks and the Christmas Quiz are held at **Brantingham Village Hall**, between the Triton Inn and the village pond (HU15 1QG), on **Friday evenings** starting at **7.30pm**. Parking space is available at the hall and at the nearby Triton Inn. During the interval of each evening talk, drinks and biscuits are served for whatever you want to pay, and a raffle is held to raise society funds. Donations of prizes for raffles are always appreciated.

At our evening talks **non-members are welcome** for an entry payment of £2, with non-member children free. There's no need for non-members to book in advance. We are always delighted to welcome **new members** at the following rates: family £12.00, individuals £6.00, and life membership £50 (available only to individuals, and including subscription for 2019-2020).

TURN OF THE SEASONS

Seasons seem to come round much quicker these days - I have been told it's a sign of getting older! Dark nights are here to stay for the next few months, and so, we spend more time indoors: in front of the fire, the tv or the computer. If you are on the computer don't forget to visit our website – www.warcs.org.uk – or join us on Facebook.

There is an abundance of berries for our resident birds, and the migrant thrushes: ivy, yew and rowan berries, rose hips, and haws on the hawthorn, a veritable larder, but a bad omen for a harsh winter to come. Then there have been the geese. I have never seen so many – v's and streamer after streamer, hundreds upon hundreds chattering away as they fly over. The starling flocks are increasing too, but, as yet, I haven't seen their magnificent murmurations.

The shops are full of Christmas gifts and goodies, which seem to appear earlier each year, but we really do overspend and overbuy, so let's see if we can cut down this year. Try and use re-useable bags, and after Christmas recycle all those cards and wrapping paper, and of course all those empty bottles of Christmas cheer.

SUPERSTITIONS

The Christmas season is full of superstitions. We always fetch greenery in to decorate the house bringing good luck into the home, and in particular the red berried holly which was said to keep away evil. Then, it was thought to be bad luck if all the decorations were not taken down before 12th Night. However, further into the past, the time for taking down the decorations was considered to be Candlemas Day, so, according to that idea, you have until the 2nd February!


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As Christmas is approaching you may wish to note that a new edition of Paul Brock's photographic insect guide, a Comprehensive Guide to Insects of Britain and Ireland, is due to be published in November.

The Programme for December, 2019 – May, 2020

This programme gives information about the society's events, and, in addition, a flower symbol  marks information about times and local places where there are outstanding displays of wild flowers.

For further information about events contact Keith on 01482 667097.

Friday, 13th December, 2019 THE CHRISTMAS QUIZ AND PARTY (Members Only)

Our annual Christmas Quiz and Party is one of our most popular evenings. Over many years we have established a successful quiz format covering a variety of topics, and we play as teams so everyone can contribute.

And, of course, there is the food and drink. Everyone who comes brings food to add to the spread, which usually includes savouries, sandwiches, salads, cakes and desserts which we all share. The society no longer provides "single-use" plastic cutlery so please bring your own cutlery (knife, fork and spoon) and a something to wipe it clean with after use. Tea and coffee are served free, but you might want to bring your own wine to add to the merry mood. It's always a thoroughly convivial evening so come and enjoy a fun evening with others.

Friday, 17th January, 2020 EKO BRICKS: HELPING TO SAVE THE PLANET

Mark Dyson will give an illustrated talk on helping to save the planet from plastic pollution. Mark has been teaching since 2003 and was awarded 'Teacher of the Year' in 2018. He currently works at Hull Collegiate School, one of the leading independent schools in East Yorkshire. For the past four years he has led on delivering Education for Social Responsibility through social action across the school and projects within the community. Social action projects are carried out by individuals or groups of people working together for the good of others and not for profit. The objective of the scheme is to bring about social change that will benefit communities and society by encouraging pupils to work together to deliver action that enhances community life. The projects are principled, well-planned and make use of local and potential global links.

Since November 2018, Mark and the Social Action Team have campaigned to raise awareness of the need to reduce single-use plastics from polluting the environment by making Ecobricks. Mark has a passion for and huge interest in reducing everyday plastic that is non-recyclable into "bricks" that can be reused in 3rd world countries in the building trade. This evening, Mark will share some of the projects he has been involved with as well as demonstrating how to make an Ecobrick. He will challenge you to contemplate your own moral compass by taking the pledge to reduce the consumption of single use plastics from your lifestyle.



*February **Snowdrops** are in flower at the Wolds...Society's wood, along Brantingham Road near the Ionians' Rugby Ground*



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Friday, 21st February, 2020 RESEARCHING FAMILY HISTORY -- GETTING STARTED

Ann Sherman will give a presentation about getting started on family history research. Anne, of Leaves Family History Research Services (<https://leavesfamilyhistory.co.uk/>), is based in East Yorkshire, has over 30 years of genealogical research experience and is a qualified genealogist having gained a Postgraduate Diploma in Genealogical, Palaeographic and Heraldic Studies at Strathclyde University. She is also an active member and Director of the Register of Qualified Genealogists (RQG).

Television programmes such as 'Who Do You Think You Are?', 'Heir Hunters' and 'Long Lost Families' have encouraged an increasing number of people to trace their ancestry. Easier internet access and an increasing number of online records have made researching family history easier. But how do you actually start?

This presentation looks at the most common questions family historians get asked, such as "What is the difference between genealogy and family history?" "Why do it?" "Is it expensive?" and "How can I get started?" It will also give you research tips, basic information about the records you can access, and ideas for organising your research. Although aimed at the beginner, it may include tips that will help anyone. The presentation last for approximately 45 minutes with a Q&A session afterwards.



*March **Celandines** are in flower in Celandine Wood, along the single-track road to Burton Raikes Farm, Bishop Burton. The **daffodils** are in flower at Farndale, North Yorkshire, looking like starfields when the sun is out.*

Friday 20th March, 2020 THE SPANIARDS FROM POCKLINGTON WHO LIBERATED PARIS

With some newly discovered film from 1944, **Phil Gilbank**, will tell the unexpected and fascinating true tale of how Spanish and Free-French soldiers camped in Pocklington and district for a few months just prior to the D-Day landings in June 1944, and how 3 tanks from Huggate driven by Pocklington Spaniards were first into Paris for its liberation. Phil is Chair of the Pocklington and District Local History Group and Head of the Pocklington Heritage Partnership, and you will remember that just over a year ago he gave a fascinating talk about recent important Iron Age findings at Pocklington.

Phil will give the talk in keeping with the approaching 75th anniversary of VE day. Because the anniversary falls on Friday, May 8th, the May Bank Holiday in 2020 has been moved to that date from Monday, May 4th. In 1945 when the guns fell silent, and years of carnage and destruction in Europe had come to an end, millions people took to the streets to celebrate peace, mourn their loved-ones and to hope for the future. In 2020 there will be an opportunity for the United Kingdom to come together again to celebrate and commemorate the 75th anniversary of one of the most significant events in our history. It will involve local communities, youth and voluntary organisations, faith groups and individuals paying tribute to the millions who sacrificed so much to secure the freedom we all enjoy today. Commemorative events will take place over the 3-day weekend across the country.

Sunday, 29th March, 2020 WOLDS RESERVE WORKING PARTY

The society's nature reserve -- a wood and a meadow -- has become well-loved for its carpets of snowdrops brightening the winter gloom, and a popular place to walk at any time of year. But in 2020 after the snowdrops have died off, visitors should see new spring colours appearing all over the wood. In **the wood**, since the autumn of 2017, society members have planted wild daffodil and bluebell bulbs along with winter aconite and wood anemone rhizomes. To maintain the native character of the wood, clumps of cultivated daffodils have been removed to happy homes in people's gardens. Paths have been improved with layers of wood chips, and diseased and dangerous trees have been removed. All this creates the promise of delightful woodland walks in the spring.



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The meadow, too, has been improved. The ground has been reseeded to achieve a greater variety of smaller flowering plants -- with viper's bugloss, eyebright, wild strawberry, wood cranesbill, rough hawkbit, sainfoin, bulbous buttercup, yellow rattle, wild thyme, and wild red clover. On the sunny side of the wood facing the meadow and its flowers, members have built two "bee hotels" to contribute to the revival of bee populations. The hedge between the meadow and Ionians' land has been improved also. Since most of the silver birches in the hedge were removed because they threatened to grow tall and cast too much shadow over the meadow, the hedge now consists of lower-growing, berry-bearing trees which provide a healthy larder for birds.

There is still a lot to do to develop and manage a wood and meadow, and on this Sunday morning members will gather to carry out a range of activities: replenishing the wood chips on the paths, raking off the early spring mowing on the meadow, hedge trimming around the wood, removing dominating ivy on the ground to clear space for other plants, planting English daffodils and winter aconites.

This morning why not come and be part of the spring working party to help? Members will be working in the reserve on Brantingham Road, Elloughton next to the Ionians' Rugby Club from 10am to 12pm. At half time, we have a convivial break for hot drinks and biscuits provided free by the society. **Do remember that the reserve is for native wild plants, and members should not plant any cultivated plants, however fine they look in gardens. Any planting should be done by agreement with the Wolds committee.** For more information telephone Tony on 01482 668064.

Sunday, 5th April, 2020 TIDY UP AT BRANTINGHAM

This year our **annual clean-up of our local rights of way** will take place at Brantingham, one of the most beautiful parts of our locality, from 10.00am to 12.00pm. Our society cares actively for the local environment. The R.S.P.C.A. receives more than 5,000 calls a year concerning litter, and unfortunately, wildlife is the main victim of people's rubbish. Everyday objects that seem perfectly safe can become hazardous when found accidentally by animals. Many animals try to eat balloons and plastic bags and then choke, or climb inside and suffocate. Chinese lanterns (sky lanterns) can seriously injure animals through ingestion, entanglement and entrapment. Animals looking for food can get trapped in cans and glass jars or injured by sharp edges of a can or broken glass. Elastic bands, although seemingly harmless, can wrap around small animals and the beaks of birds and choke them, and animals can also get entangled in plastic can holders and suffer deep wounds or even choke. The smallest objects can have big effects on small animals. To clear away people's rubbish in order to save animals, and in order to maintain an attractive environment for ourselves, we organise a litter pick-up each year.

We will meet at the Village Hall where there is good car-parking space. Gloves, picking-up sticks and plastic bags will be provided at the meeting place. Each pair of cleaners is given a section to work on, so you will be able to see the difference you have made. Collected rubbish is to be left at an agreed place for collection by the East Riding Council. For more information, telephone Tony on 01482 668064.

Friday, 17th April, 2020 YORKSHIRE AVIATION PIONEERS

Barry Kensett FRAeS will give an illustrated talk highlighting the pioneers of flight in Yorkshire and their impact on worldwide aviation. Barry spent his whole career in the aircraft industry around the world including many years at Brough.

The talk will contain many surprises and includes the pioneering work of Robert Blackburn whose factory at Brough is the oldest aircraft factory in the world in continuous production.



*April/May **Cowslips, orchids and bluebells** are in flower in the wood strip at the top of Elloughton Wold, and **bluebells** are out at Burton Bushes, Beverley Westwood.*



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Friday, 15th May, 2020 THE A.G.M. and IN SEARCH OF THE YORKSHIRE SEA SERPENT

This evening will begin with the **Annual General Meeting** of the society. The agenda will include short reports from the Secretary, the Treasurer, and the Chair, and the election of officers and committee members.

Mike Covell will give an illustrated talk about the search for a Yorkshire Sea Serpent. Mike is a researcher and writer from Kingston upon Hull. He writes for the Hull Daily Mail, Haunted Magazine, Paranormal Magazine, Outer Limits Magazine, and the Hull Hub. He has published 27 books, and worked on such television shows as Most Haunted, Most Haunted Live, Paranormal Lockdown, WWII Treasure Hunters, One Bomb, Prime Suspect Jack the Ripper, Monsterlands, and many more. The talk looks at the various sightings as reported in the contemporary press: reports from fishermen, trawlermen, and observers on land. It also looks at the discoveries made along the coastline of unusual fish and fossil discoveries.



*May **Garlic** is in flower at Nutwood, Raywell, making spectacular "snowfields". Acres of **buttercups** are in flower on Beverley Westwood, in good years rivalling the daffodils at Farndale, North Yorkshire.*

Followed with a newly discovered film from 1944 of the Free French and Spanish and Moroccan soldiers training in their tanks for D-Day up on the Yorkshire Wolds near Huggate and North Dalton. Then followed the keynote address for the evening by Phil Gilbank on "**The Spaniards from Pocklington who liberated Paris**". This was a. Phil told how the story developed from original research by Jo Green but which was triggered into life from an email recieved to the history group from Tenerife from a researcher investigating the Spanish resistance fighters. They took part in the Spanish Civil war against Franco were defeated and fled into France to be held in a prison camp only to be offered liberation if they agreed to join the French Foreign Legion. Most took this path and ended up posted to Pocklington and district as part of the Free French preparing for the Normandy invasion. Whilst in Pocklington they were mostly in the drill hall but were dotted all around the town. Schoolgirl Vera Kidd took an autograph book at the time around all the Spanish soldiers in the town, and its remarkable survival with the comments written in it provide us a window into history and a real tangible link with the time. Another key to unlock the story was a photograph of them stood outside the United Services Club and published a number of years ago in the Pocklington Post but incorrectly captioned

, including:

the Nation's Toast, when over 20,000 pubs will encourage patrons to raise a glass to the Heroes of World War;

bagpipers playing the traditional Battle's O'er at the top of the four highest peaks in the UK – Ben Nevis in Scotland, Scafell Pike in England, Mount Snowdon in Wales, and Slieve Donard in Northern Ireland;

bells in churches and cathedrals across the country joining forces in a special "Ringing Out for Peace"; local street parties;

and celebrations across the 3-day weekend





Gooners Gags

A man goes to the vets with his pig, that appears to be sleeping. He waits patiently as the vet inspects the pig. Then the vet comes out and says 'I am so sorry, but the pig has passed away'

The man, shocked, yells at the vet, 'Are you serious' Did you run tests? He could just be in a coma or something

The vet sighs and heads back to the office, returning with a dog. The dog approaches the pig and slowly sniffs him from head to toe. He then looks up and with sad eyes walks out.

The vet then returns with a cat. The cat also approaches the pig and stares at him for a solid 5 minutes. It then meows loudly and slowly exits the room.

The vet then turns to the man and says 'Your pig has definitely passed on' Then he presents the man with a bill for £300

The man is again outraged. £300 just so you could tell me that my pig died?

The vet replied 'It was only £40 until you made me get a Lab report and Cat scan'.

I nearly got knocked off my bike by a council salt lorry tonight. "You idiot!" I shouted through gritted teeth.



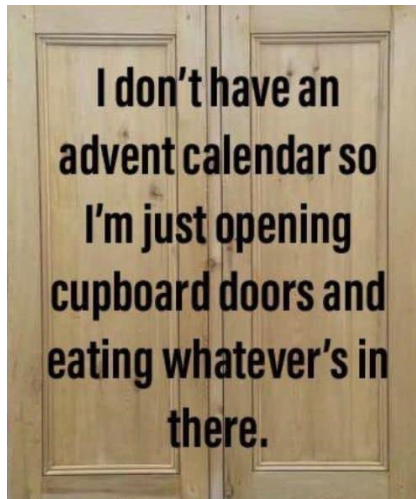
When I was a kid, my parents would always say, "Excuse my French" just after a swear word... I'll never forget my first day at school when my teacher asked if any of us knew any French



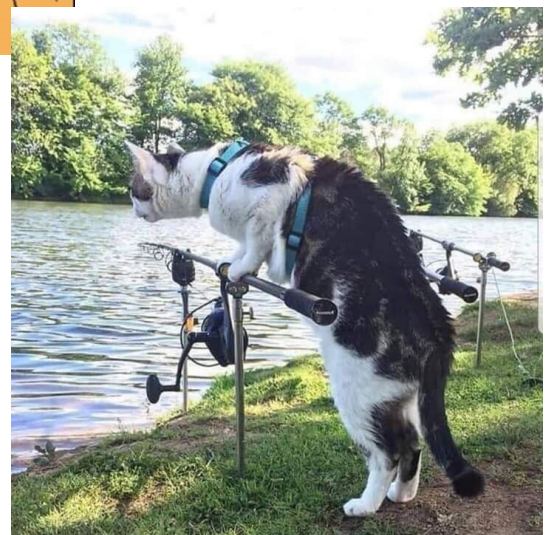
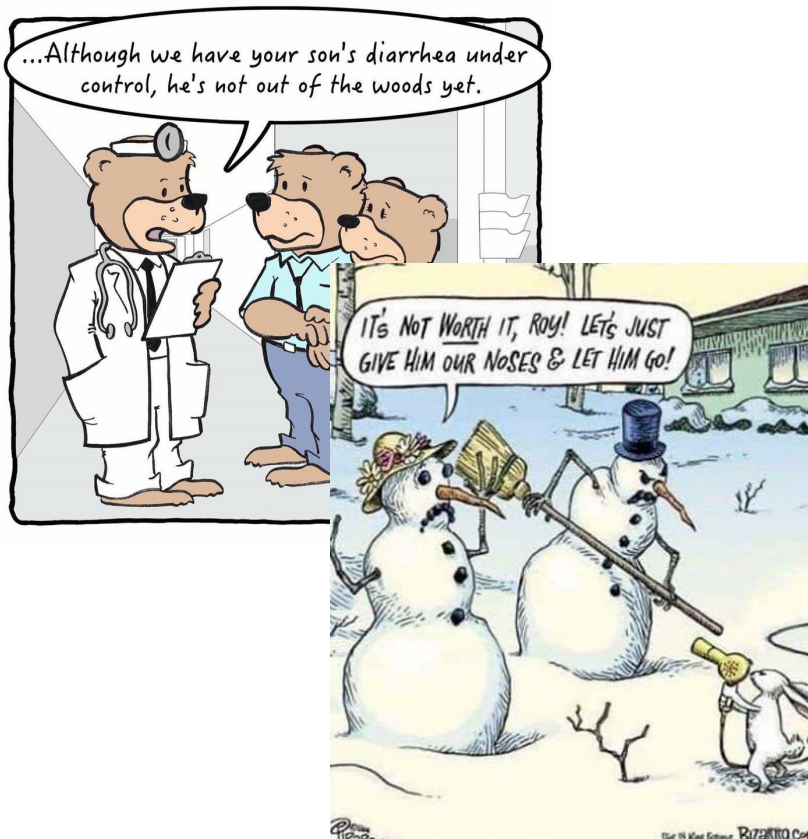
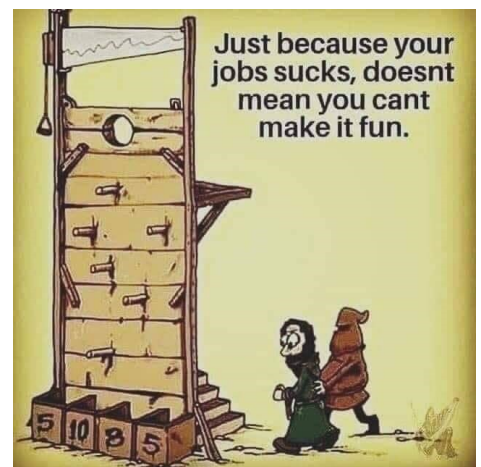
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(C) Green Museum: Robas Chakraverty, 2014. robaschakcartoonist@gmail.com



My budgie broke his leg today so I made him a splint out of matches. His face lit up when he tried to walk.



WHEN NURSES HANG THE TINSEL





Salt of Corfu's Earth

By Hilary Paipeti



FOR CENTURIES, CORFU WAS CONSIDERED one of the most important centres for salt production in all the

Mediterranean. Historical sources confirm that salt was being produced as early as the 13th century at pans along the island's eastern shore, and extraction continued systematically until the last decades of the 20th century. The industry was at its peak during the centuries of Venetian occupation (14th to 18th centuries), when it contributed greatly to the economy of the Serene Republic.

The Venetians showed special interest in securing a monopoly in salt exploitation in the Ionian during the last part of the 14th century. The Republic's power in the Mediterranean was inseparable from its role in the salt trade, one of its greatest sources of income. Because of the island's key location at the entrance to the Adriatic Sea, the salt pans of Corfu were a vital link in the chain of the Venetians' salt monopoly.

Salt pans were already in use during the Angevin rule which preceded the Venetians. Historical documents mention pans at Lefkimmi, at Potamos and at 'Santi' just south of Corfu Town. This last referred to the Church of the Saints Jason and Sossipatros at Anemomylos. These pans were later called Kastrades, and now are incorporated in the landfill of Garitsa.

If you subscribe to the theory that Shakespeare set 'The Tempest' in Corfu, the salt-pans (Shakespeare called them 'brine-pits') are mentioned in the play as part of the geographical description of the island.

During the Venetian years, the salt pans were the property of the ruling government (Salinae Comunis), but they were exploited by lease-holders, who were obliged to sell the salt to the State, and to transport the majority of their produce to Venice, where the State would market it for a much higher profit. It was the profits from this trade that paid for the fortifications of the island and their subsequent maintenance.

The salt itself, vital in the pre-refrigeration age for food preservation, was produced in specially modelled reservoirs which during the months of production (July to October) were filled by way of channels with sea water, which was then allowed to evaporate in the sun,

leaving the salt. Corfu's pans produced sal minuto (fine salt) and sal grosso (coarse salt) as well as sal fangoso and sal brutto. A document of 1516 writes that the Venetians imposed a conscription system on people in the town, who were obliged to transport the salt.

In 1805, the salt pans at Kastrades (Garitsa) went out of use, and the Potamos system was abandoned at the end of the 19th century. In contrast, the pans at Lefkimmi remained in use until 1985.

The only remaining evidence of the Potamos works is an old stone structure in the ground of the former Kerkyra Golf Hotel at Alikes near Potamos: the salt storehouse. An inscription carved on the vaulted entrance gives the date as 1540, under the sculptured figure of the Lion of Saint Mark, the symbol of Venice.

The island's most extensive salt pans were those at the other Alikes, near Lefkimmi (the place-name 'Alikes' denotes the past or present existence of salt works in the area). They were located near the harbour, where the barques would load the commodity for transportation to Venice. Two large storehouses remain from the Venetian period, built of half-dressed stone. They are rectangular structures measuring approximately 23 metres by 30 metres. Their wide roofs with their stone-carved gutters, the arched entrances, as well as the stone arch of the north western building which supports the roof, are all rare examples of the characteristic architectural style of the day. The exact date of their construction is unknown, but can probably be traced to the 17th and 18th centuries. The two buildings were renovated from a ruined condition at the end of the last century by the local council of Lefkimmi, and functioned as the Alikes Museum.

The council has also remodelled the environment around the storehouses and restored the two-storied office building which dates from the 19th century, as well as the little chapel of Saint John.

A causeway, slightly raised over the level of the pans, leads out from the buildings and crosses to the marshes on the other side. Here, sea and marsh birds enjoy this now wild and barren environment, once the bustling centre of Corfu's salt trade.

This article was first published in 'The Corfiot Magazine', November 2001.



The salt flats at lefkimi near the village of Alikes, Corfu, Greece

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Video Plus Corner

When the boat comes in.

Song originates from Northumbria in England, lots of people mistake it for being Scottish or Irish, but it's an English folk song.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=utkMQJeiK50&feature=youtu.be&fbclid=IwAR2y2o0UpJS50ljLnGT2tYFer0GLVXEcm7j6vdsDYVfK937yQzIhM-k8-M>

10 Healthy foods

https://www.healthyfoodhouse.com/10-powerful-natural-antibiotics-known-mankind/?fbclid=IwAR25HCDYZxBE7CQG8ZFrc21ErIZ8WDjh2_rLN7G9eJEhJG7FYywmEBfABeI#.XcJo-2Ppj8M.facebook

Common sense?

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C_ajM-jcmnU

How to escape education's death valley | Sir Ken Robinson

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wX78iKhInsc>

[Chris Thomas 1 year ago](#)

Sitting here, late night in Spain, just youtubing , this song resonates with me too. Homeless in London, 2 years ago, all I had was a bag full of nothing, my birth certificate and a passport. Everyone walked passed, looked at me like I was scum. The theiving city bankers shouting at me 'get a job' and worse... Then , On April 22nd late at night, a man came up to me, with a cup of coffee and a jam donut (of all things) he sat down by me and asked to hear my story. Like many others I guess, I was only one pay packet away from homelessness, and I didnt have a

friends sofa to crash on. A few bits of bad luck and well, I was homeless. A 46 year old man, totally failed in life, had nothing and no one cared. Well, this starnger grabbed my hand, that sounds wrong, he took my hand and said, "I have never done anything for anyone" and he said, "Today, I change" The next 48 hours was a whirlwind, but at the end of it, I was sat on a plane, at Gatwick airport, a one way ticket to Spain and keys to an apartment. I now work for a charity in Spain that helps people out that have fallen on hard times from all nationalities. I miss the UK, I really do, its where I was born, but I dont have a return ticket and even if I got one, theres no one there that would be waiting for me. So, tonight, like many nights, I look at the stars and think how I lucky I was to be taken by the hand in the streets of London..

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DiWomXklfv8>

Old Ireland Episode 1

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7Gell6L0eTM>

Fokkers

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-8Yf5B6GbYk>

Greece qualify for Rugby League World Cup

<https://www.bbc.com/sport/rugby-league/50363554?fbclid=IwAR3XpjM4k0QkxzeW2i9Tn-i0EPVeX60HdvmGNkqabflfBGf0yyHPw-V5Z50>

Pine Leaves

Richard Pine comments on the recent visit of Irish President Michael Higgins to Athens, where he 'stood out for speaking about topics on which some of the others would prefer to remain silent.' (Irish Times)

<https://www.irishtimes.com/news/world/europe/higgins-wins-greek-hearts-with-intellectual-heft-and-anti-populism-1.4087191>

Richard pine compares Donald Trump to the crazy Roman Emperor Caligula. (Kathimerini) <http://www.ekathimerini.com/246920/opinion/ekathimerini/comment/caligula-cnut-and-trump>





Corfu Trail Properties & OCAY Property

Twin-Arch Cottage



Liapades
Village, West
Corfu.

Small house
for rebuild.

Striking
architecture.

Close to great
village services.

Garden with unrestricted view.

Located less than a minutes' stroll from Liapades central square, this ruined building is in need of full rebuild. Why is it interesting? Partly due to its place in a thriving village, and partly because of its extraordinary architecture, which evokes more the style of Old Perithia than a settlement in central Corfu.

The total indoor space of approximately 60 sq.m. stretches over two floors. Its main access is from an alleyway at the rear, while the front of the property opens onto a small garden that falls gently on three levels to a view. The front garden area is accessed from another alleyway. Both alleys are close to the main village road.

As a structure, the main feature is the twin deep-vaulted archways that front the building, fashioned of sandstone blocks wedged to form perfect semicircles. One of the arches leads from the interior to the garden entrance; the other is blind. Inside, the space has a dirt

floor and bare stone walls. The upper floor and roof are in ruins.

However, we've seen houses in a worse state brought back from dereliction!

Liapades has among the best facilities of any settlement in Corfu. It is rare - perhaps unique - in having no fewer than three beaches within walking distance: Liapades Beach, Rovinia and double-sided Limni. The main square with its Tree of Idleness and beautiful church is lined with coffee bars, one of which stays open all day, all year round. A couple of small shops stand close to the square, while there is a bakery in the lower village, as well as a large, inexpensive and well-stocked supermarket on the main road, along with a pharmacy and a pet shop. Summer night-life moves to the humming bars of Liapades resort, nearby and walkable, where restaurants also offer good food. Doukades, with its three more low-key tavernas, is less than a five minute drive. A bus service runs regularly to Corfu Town, and the large resort of Paleokastritsa is close by. As well as along the Corfu Trail, which passes through the village square, the area offers great shorter hikes, both on the olive-clad hills to the south of the village, as well as on the more rugged mountains to the north around Lakones and Makrades.

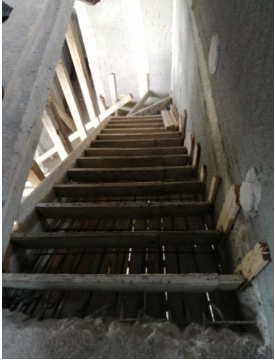
30,000 euros



Bespoke Property

"There are a few snaps from November on the progress at Barbatu and Garitsa".

Barbatu



Moving along

This is one option for roof access; note angle of stairs

You can walk here now without breaking an ankle



Garitsa





Nick The Clock's World

The Comic With A Conscience




'Nick's Niche'

Payments BBC received from EU:


2007	€1,943,146
2008	€6,336,295
2009	€3,498,043
2010	€6,034,385
2011	€354,954
2012	€5,269,083
2013	€6,744,151
Total:	€30,180,057

£22,382,997
exchange rate Feb 18, 2015

"SOME PEOPLE'S IDEA OF FREE SPEECH IS THAT THEY ARE FREE TO SAY WHAT THEY LIKE, BUT IF ANYONE SAYS ANYTHING BACK, THAT IS AN OUTRAGE."

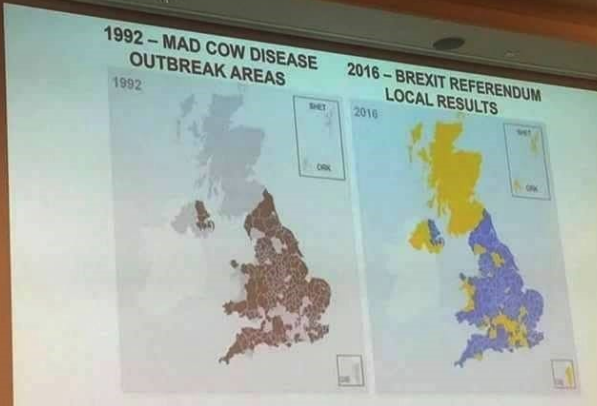
- SIR WINSTON CHURCHILL -



Burger king keeps raving how they can make plants taste like beef.



Cows have been doing that since forever.

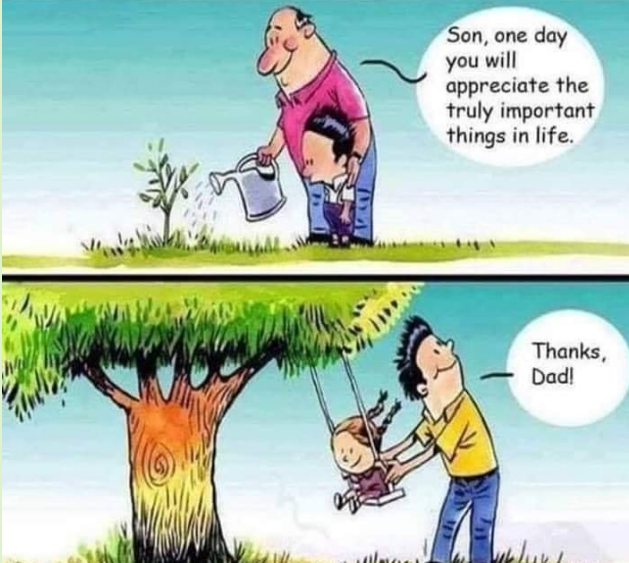


1992 - MAD COW DISEASE OUTBREAK AREAS

2016 - BREXIT REFERENDUM LOCAL RESULTS

Key: BSE-Areas, BSE-Free-Areas, Majority leave, Majority remain

IT MAY, HOWEVER, BE A MISTAKE TO JUMP TO CONCLUSIONS



Son, one day you will appreciate the truly important things in life.

Thanks, Dad!

Fact: Snow in November happens because people decorate for Christmas prematurely. You know who you are. Stop it.



We found what's at the end of the rainbow. Turns out it's more valuable than gold!

That's' All Folks !



Hilary's Ramblings

Contributed by Hilary Paipeti

Touching the Void

TOUCHING THE VOID is a 2003 documentary film based on the book by climber Joe Simpson describing his incredible tale of survival after a mountaineering accident.

In 1985, Joe and his friend Simon Yates, both experienced mountaineers, set out to ascend the previously unclimbed West Face of Siula Grande in Peru. On the descent from the summit, Joe fell and suffered a badly broken leg. In an attempted rescue, Simon lowered Joe several thousand feet with ropes down the steep and snowy slope, until Joe dropped over the edge of a large cliff and remained suspended by the rope in mid-air, unable to climb back. Simon belayed Joe until he also began to slip, and aware of his own danger cut the rope, leaving Joe to fall into a crevasse...

How do you get out of that? The fact that he famously pulled through is evidenced in the first minutes of the film when Joe himself, almost 25 years on, tells the viewer that climbing 'was fun.

Until something went wrong. And then it wasn't fun.' Don't watch this film for fun; it's harrowing in the excruciating detail, narrated to camera by Joe and Simon, while actors realistically replay the events.

Even though you know Joe survived (and indeed was back climbing after his leg healed) it's genuinely edge-of-seat gripping.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L9GcNLGwgBo>

More Mail-Fails

Brought to you by your favourite team of kindergarten journalists!

Mail: Oxfam superstore boasts Swarovski jewellery, bargain Gucci shoes and Victoria Beckham.

My comment: Now on offer in a charity shop, Posh Spice has definitely come down in the world!

Should be: Add 'designer outfits' at the end and David gets his Posh back.

Mail: 45-year-old Princess Haya has left her husband with their two young children and fled abroad.

My comment: The Princess fled WITH her children. This sub-heading unintentionally informs us that she left them behind.

Should be: 45-year-old Princess Haya has left her husband and fled abroad with their two young children.

Mail: You can also find some in fatty fish such as salmon and avocado.

My comment: Wow! And I've not realised all these years that avocado is actually a FISH!

Should be: You can also find some in fatty fish such as salmon, and in avocado.

Mail: In 2014 he purchased Bylaugh Hall near the village of Swanton Morley along with his wife Helen Robinson.

My comment: Did the wife cost extra, or was she thrown in for free?

Should be: In 2014, along with his wife Helen Robinson, he purchased Bylaugh Hall near the village of Swanton Morley.

Mail: M&S was demoted from the FTSE 100 for the first time since the index was created 35 years ago earlier this week.

My comment: Make up your mind on the time frame! Was the FTSE 100 created 35 years ago, or earlier this week?

Should be: M&S was demoted from the FTSE 100 earlier this week for the first time since the index was created 35 years ago.

Translation Fail (not the Mail)

Corfu, as described by a translation fail, found on the Internet under the (easily misinterpreted) title:

An insider guide to the queen of the Ionian

HISTORY It's glaring that the Venetians, who stayed around for 400 years, exerted the obedient sociocultural impression on the island. ... Gerald Durrell's involving trilogy on his family's time on Corfu, has sparked a revival of hobby within the Ionian island and attracted many alive to first-timer mates.

CORFU TOWN If time is of the essence, raze barely near Corfu Metropolis, which is located roughly midway down the eastern journey.

A hire automobile is a must on this sprawling island so as that you regain the freedom to switch around at your win roam. Take dangle of an early breakfast and park beside the aged harbour so that you can explore the pedestrian-handiest Unesco World Heritage-listed Venerable Metropolis.

DINING OUT If starvation pangs hit, Corfu's usual uninteresting food awaits at Taverna Elizabeth.

Right here, it's essential to strive involving, tomato-based completely mostly pastitsada, a worn tummy-stunning casserole spirited with beef or, every every now and then, cockerel.



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The family-urge Taverna Elizabeth is the assign to switch for Corfiot-model uninteresting food. ... You would possibly additionally merely expend, as an different, to clean up and hit Corfu Metropolis. Splash out on dinner at the giddily romantic The Venetian Successfully. [Judging by the location given, this is supposed to be The Venetian Well - Ed.] RECOMMENDED HOTEL Domes Miramare Corfu is the Ionian isle's gold usual. This 5-celebrity, adults-handiest hideaway sits by itself sea journey in soundless Moraitika, southeast of Corfu Metropolis. It's price forking out on a sea quiz or waterfront pavilion retreat, the assign that it is likely you'll stretch out on chaise longues and destress in your sizzling tub or non-public pool, or every. Soul beats float above the shingle sea journey, the assign it's deceptively easy to use a day unwinding on solar loungers. GENERAL ADVICE Corfu's capital is price a consult with in its win gracious-attempting, therefore most hotels in and near the Venerable Metropolis raze originate 365 days-round. Orthodox Easter is an annual drawcard, so query crowds. Hikers must accrued consult with in spring, when the climate is chilly and the island ablaze in a revolt of blooms, or in autumn.

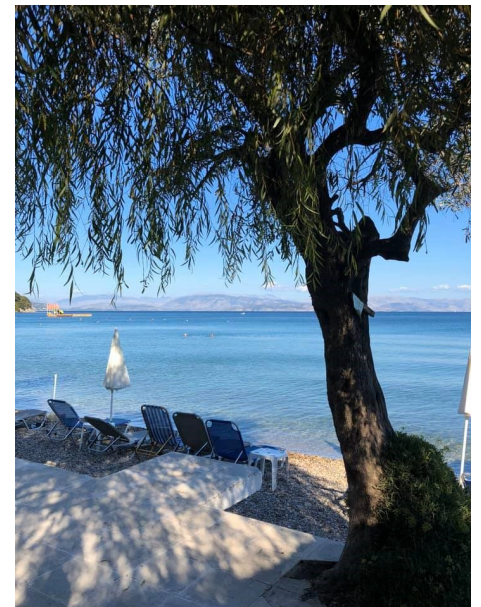
I'm not sure what language this was translated from; in fact, I'm not even sure what language it has been translated INTO! Has it's been generated by a badly-programmed computer, or maybe passed through a translation filter whose thesaurus has gone on the blink? Though I do love the idea of the island being 'ablaze in a revolt of blooms'! You have been warned - it's dangerous to hike in springtime!

 Imagine working for a company with 635 employees:
 29 have been accused of spouse abuse
 7 have been arrested for fraud
 9 have been accused of writing bad cheques
 17 have bankrupted at least two businesses
 3 have done time for assault
 71 cannot get a credit card due to bad credit
 14 have been arrested on drug-related charges
 8 have been arrested for shop lifting
 21 are currently defendants in lawsuits
 84 have been arrested for drink driving in the last year
 And collectively, this year alone they have cost the tax payer
 £92,993,748.00 in expenses (nearly 93 million).
 Welcome, my friends, to the House of Commons!
 (Thanks to Fried Aumann for this gem.)

Corfu Weather Statistics - November 2019

Summary

	Max	Avg	Min
Temperature (°F)			
Max.	75	70.13	59
Avg.	70.17	63.2	56.9
Min.	68	56.73	48
Dew Point (°F)	66	56.7	46
Precipitation (inches)	0.00	0.00	0.00
Wind	154	8.37	0
Gust Wind	60	1.66	0
Sea Level Pressure	30.11	29.88	29.61



Read more at:

[http://www.wunderground.com/history/airport/LGKR/2013/9/1/MonthlyHistory.html?](http://www.wunderground.com/history/airport/LGKR/2013/9/1/MonthlyHistory.html?req_city=NA&req_state=NA&req_statename=NA#PFq1VRYHlbugcT)
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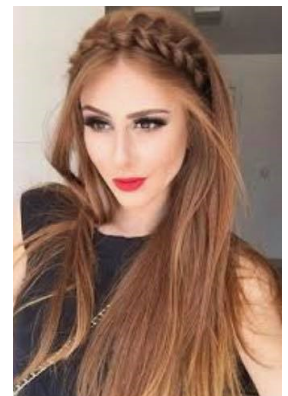
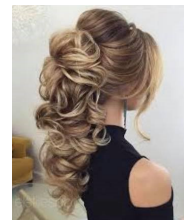
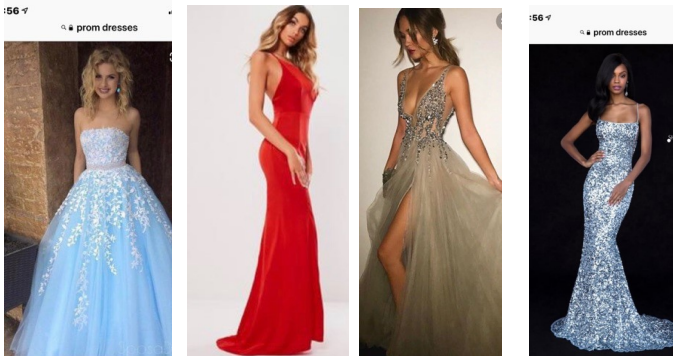


Tracey's Tips



December is upon us, the season of love happiness giving and tradition. Also, the time to have fun and go to parties and evenings out. Here are few of my favourite party dresses of the season.

The perfect hair, nails and makeup to complete you party look is essential. Here are a few examples to brighten up the festive season



Of course, you need the perfect pair of shoes to compliment your dress. Here are a few of my favourite beautiful designs





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Everyone enjoys food and drink at Christmas,
here a few fun but healthy ideas ♡♡



strawberry
SANTAS



♡♡ Have a wonderful
Christmas, and see you
in the New Year ♡♡



And this is me



Greece voted Most Beautiful Country in World for 2019

Hellenic World

