

# The Agiot

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## Letters to the Editor

Good day, Gentle Reader,

Welcome back to the Agiot, an edition of which was absent for January 2020. Unforgivable! I pray your forgiveness. It's the first time for 13 years an addition has been missed and, I hope this will not be repeated for a long time yet! I claim partial insanity is my only excuse, lame as it may be. This month's edition will combine little histories and snippets from both December and January so, it seemed appropriate to entitle this effort as Winter 2019. Enjoy!

Pearls of wisdom should be read in Simon's heartfelt message below.

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Treece McEleney (a Corfu Hospital opinion)

A lot of people fear going to or using Corfu Hospital due to horror stories. Here is how I found it. Medically it is second to none, Due to my pre existing conditions they checked for everything, linking to my health and everything that didn't. The doctors and Nurses are brilliant. I for one was very grateful that they were there and kept going until they discovered what was wrong with me (I was semi conscious at best for at least 2 days and wasn't making much sense). The doctors although abrupt at times saw the language barrier as a challenge (it was out of season so no English speaking doctors, I found a cleaner who could speak English and eventually they got an English speaking doctor that ran a clinic in summer time to come and translate). Anything medical... 100%, However anything non medical for example: no hand wash or soap anywhere to wash hands, no toilet roll (you can buy your own from hospital shop), No choice in food, you get what you get, no drinks. The sheets do not get changed, even if you mess them. The worse bit by far, the second they have cured you, you are

discharged, I still could not walk to car and had to be wheeled out and lifted into car (believe me that's a challenge) and then when we got back to apartment had to have help from locals to get me into room, where I stayed for another 3 to 4 days. There is no after care or advice for if it goes wrong again lol, 10 days later when I got fit to fly, I was admitted back into hospital in the UK because I was still so weak. I will admit, had I realised how ill / weak I was getting again I might have gone back to see doctor but I just wanted to get home.

The hospital's level of care and commitment to the patient is excellent, just don't expect private care or NHS care. It is was is free to the local people. April to October I would have been in private hospital running up massive bill to NHS and insurance company. When I was leaving people thought I would be too scared to go back, me not visit Corfu would be like ripping my soul out of my body. Not going to happen. Anyway, don't be scared of using Corfu Hospital, just bring everything with you or get in brought in ASAP.

## STOP PRESS

**The world-famous Corfu Losers' cup will take place on Saturday, Eighth of February 2020, around and about Corfu town and the land that Time forgot.**

**Many of you Gentle readers will be familiar with this elite Championship. For those who have been living in a fog, now may be the time to experience the wonders of this understated event.**

**Rendezvous point is at 11 AM on the Saturday morning at Garitsa Bay, near to the Boules pitch. This will be the first event. It should be pointed out that nobody who is any good at any sport is likely to be accepted. Modesty forbids me from naming the current champion, who will be trying his best to defend his pathetic title.**

**Be there or be sane.**

# Agiotfest 2020

Agiotfest 2020 will take place on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> of August at the Fest Camp, Agios Ioannis, Corfu.

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

This will be the 12<sup>th</sup> year of our favourite fun evening and we urge as many readers as possible to attend. You will not be disappointed. This is the annual show that pleases every year, and we are not going to let you down this year, either.

These are very exciting times for Agiotfest, as it is in a state of change, I suppose I should say metamorphosis.

We are now very much a team effort, headed by; Bill Vrionis, Paul McGovern, Alexandra Moraitis, Paul Fennell, Ken and Jan Harrop.

There are other notables besides the above, without whom this festival would not exist. I am naming just a few here and if I leave anybody out please forgive my poor mind:

Peter Bowley, Paul and Jan Scotter, Chas Clifton, ChrisBenny Benson, Sally Tinkler, Natasa Katehi, Tracey Hawkins and many more.

Sponsors new and old and all others who support our worthy cause, our friends and volunteers, all of whom will be mentioned in the coming months leading up to August.

We will have changes for 2020, not violent changes you understand, but things will be experimented with, formats changed. Only in this way do we believe we can make progress and enable this wonderful festival to grow and flourish. We want to combine new ideas with our tradition of being an atmospheric festival for the islanders and its visitors, a truly international festival with the emphasis being on excellent music and a fun atmosphere.

On a personal note I'd like to say how very much I've loved this event since it started in 2009. It may have given me a few sleepless nights down the years but it has certainly returned to me in spades many dreams of a fairer colour.

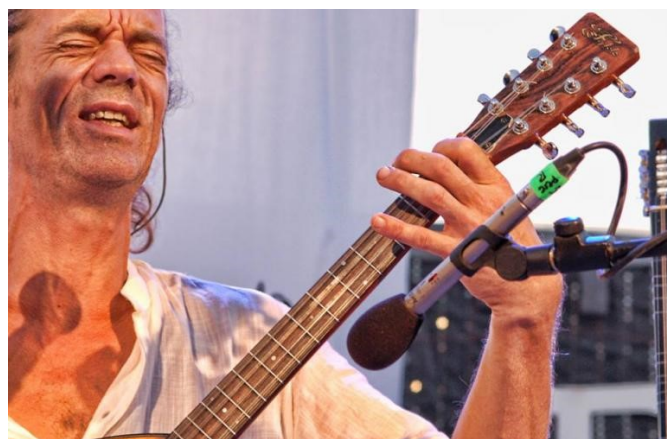
TeamAgiotfest will be working hard in February and March putting together a very attractive package. The musical menu will be displayed, hopefully in our next edition in March.

Whatever your plans are for 2020, don't leave Agiotfest off of your bucket list. You will miss something that you really shouldn't miss!

The Minstrel

Never forgetting the beautiful Rainbow Girls from Agiotfest 19.

[https://www.facebook.com/RainbowGirlsMusic/videos/1039629136379820/?notif\\_id=1572965268541995&notif\\_t=page\\_highlights](https://www.facebook.com/RainbowGirlsMusic/videos/1039629136379820/?notif_id=1572965268541995&notif_t=page_highlights)



*'Igor'*

And we are starting to make the Greek news even though the date shown in this article is misleading. At this link we remember with fondness Igor.

<http://enimerosi.com/details.php?id=35899>

# Hilary's Ramblings

In place of my current Ramblings, here is an article I wrote in 2002 about a visit to Corfu by David Bellamy, who died on the 10th of December, aged 86.

## A Day with David Bellamy

Hilary Paipeti

DAVID BELLAMY IS AN UNORTHODOX ENVIRONMENTALIST. For a start, he's not a vegetarian. 'Vegetarianism is cruelty to plants,' he says. 'They scream when you pick them.'

He's also a great debunker. We stood beside a great olive tree, its massive pitted trunk witness to centuries of growth. Cars flashed by on the main Achillion highway, and a nearby concrete building housed one of Corfu's top nightclubs. 'Oxygen is deadly,' Bellamy told us. 'A rise of 2% in the atmosphere and we'll all spontaneously combust. Just think of all those trees releasing carbon dioxide into the air at night and keeping the balance.'

His point is that focusing on carbon dioxide emissions misses the issue entirely, which is to 'keep the balance'. He believes that the Earth is quite capable of looking after itself, thank you, and that phenomena we usually perceive as evil, such as forest fires, may be part of this process.

That's not to say that he supports man's destruction of the environment, or any ill-considered intervention in nature. Very far from it. Our next stop was the Chessboard Fields, Gerald Durrell's 'playground' when he lived with his family in two villas on their fringe.

Here, in the natural paradise that was Corfu in the 1930s, Durrell searched for the 'other animals' which comprised the second part of the title of his most famous book. My mother-in-law remembered him well for his habit of stuffing snakes down his shirt to carry them home, an action which filled her with horror.

Maize and figs still grow alongside the lane which led us down towards the lake, interspersed with mulberries raining their crop of squelchy black berries, red-flowering pomegranates, lofty walnuts and low-growing quinces with their downy leaves and slowly swelling fruit.

We crossed Cressida's Stream and passed an old stone-built watermill, completely obscured by ivy, which in times gone by was driven by the force of the water from its earth-gushing source 300 metres away. Lawrence Durrell wrote that, even in the 30s, 'the force of the water seems much diminished.' Today, the local council is extracting ground water upland, and the stream, while still flowing clear, has little strength.

Inevitably, Bellamy took off his sandals and stepped in.

Viridescent weeds laced the surface, and he gathered some to show us.

These, apparently, were 'good' weeds which only grow in unpolluted rills. Mature watercress bobbed in the current. I used to pick this in its young February growing phase, for salads and soups.

With the approach of 35 humans, the terrapins and frogs which inhabit the ditches had long gone into hiding in the muddy banks. In the 1930s, one small boy could observe and catch them. For us, only the plants kept still.

Spotting a plant that has the property of coagulating and disinfecting wounds, Bellamy proposed innovative measures to bring land on the Chessboard Fields back into lucrative use. Food cultivation now is patchy, and many of the tiny ditch-defined plots have reverted to a wilderness of cane and bramble. Some pharmaceutical companies are now swaying towards natural plant remedies, and Bellamy predicts an explosion in demand for certain herbs and plants, as ancient knowledge comes back into fashion - a possible kick-start to the agrarian economy in this fertile domain.

We left the terrapins in peace and moved on to Kanoni. At the Sylva Estate, our reception committee included Mega Channel, anxious to interview Bellamy during his visit to the rare Skyrian horses, endangered on their native island of Skyros.

'These horses,' emphasised Bellamy, 'are a prime example of the symbiosis between man and animals, and it would be tragic if they were allowed to die out. That is why this project is so important.'

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The decline of this diminutive but hardy horse, which until recently was vital to the agricultural economy of Skyros, is due to overgrazing of their wild habitat - the 'Vouno' ('mountain') of the island's south - by EU-subsidised sheep and goats, poor husbandry of the existing ponies and lack of an organised breeding programme, as well as the existence of a law which bans their export from the island. A recent EU-supported attempt to provide a fenced refuge for the ponies on the Vouno was blocked by shepherds and local government officials. Nearly ten times the sustainable number of sheep and goats are currently grazing the area, owned by Mount Athos and let to local shepherds. Shepherds have overstocked in order to obtain EU livestock subsidies.

The supervised breeding programme at Sylva began with just two stallions and a few mares. During the last few years, a number of new foals has increased the population, and many more mares are now approaching breeding age.

The two newest foals, just a couple of weeks old at the time of our visit, provide special hope for the future. One of them, Sophie, is second generation Sylva progeny. Her mother Star was the first Skyrian born in Kanoni.

Bambi-like Sophie, smaller than a large dog and much more delicate, displays complete trust in humans. Mother Star, having herself been handled from foalhood, was happy to allow relays of visitors to cuddle and stroke her daughter, who practically sat on Bellamy's knee and took carrots chips from his lips.

Leaving the lovely creatures with regret, we listened to Bellamy's view of Corfu. 'The whole island should be designated as a World Heritage Site,' he declared. 'It's got so much to offer.'

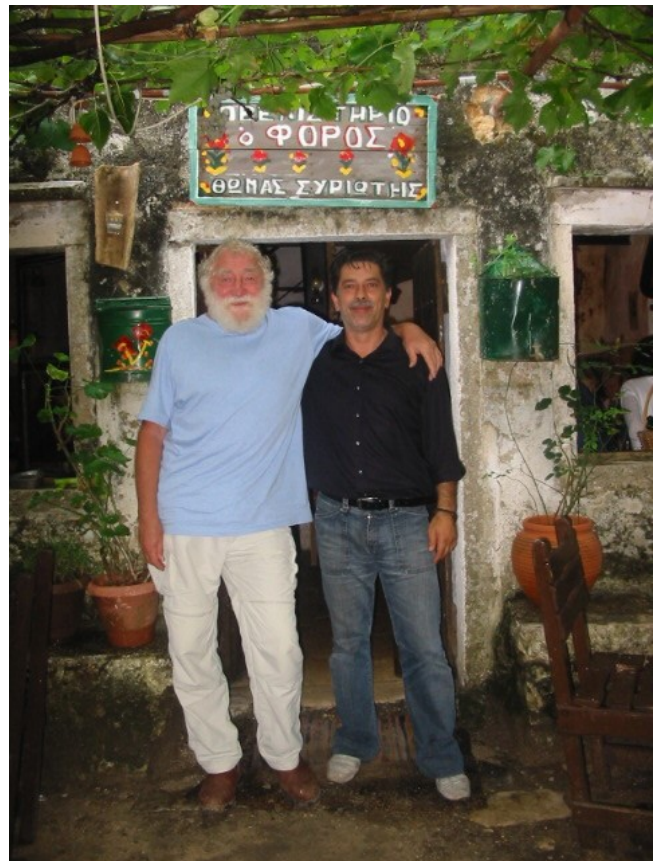
A Day with David Bellamy took place as part of the Durrell School of Corfu, Summer 2002.

FOOTNOTE: David was a 'National Treasure' nature broadcaster on the BBC in the 1970s and 1980s, one of the most loved figures on TV, bigger at the time than Attenborough. 'David was everywhere' writes Richard Kay in a Daily Mail obituary. 'On Bellamy On Botany, Bellamy's Britain, Bellamy's Europe and Bellamy's Backyard Safari - wading through marshlands and delivering wonderful rambling

monologues illustrated with madly windmilling hands.'

But then he vanished from the small screen. In 2004 he had 'dismissed man made global warming as "poppycock", and suffered an extraordinary public and professional backlash,' explains the obituary. "'From that moment on, I really wasn't welcome at the BBC, [Bellamy said]. They froze me out because I didn't believe in global warming. My career dried up.'"

And that, dear readers, is what happens when you don't blindly follow the religion of 'Climate Emergency', whose Spiritual Guru is the infantile Saint Greta Thunberg. (Due to enacting a typo, I've just realised that her Christian name is an anagram of 'great'. Time Magazine might think so, but she's not.)



***At a different Durrell School event, David Bellamy hugs Thomas Syriotis, proprietor of the renowned Foros Taverna in Old Perithia.***

# The World of Simon

Hannah Arendt said in her book 'Eichmann in Jerusalem' that his death penalty should have been 'for lack of imagination'. I suspect that, as Stalin said 'A single death is a tragedy; a million deaths is a statistic', there is a challenge to human comprehension - one that Stalin intuited all too well. What Arendt is getting at is that the Shoah is, for many, beyond imagination. My mother, a war correspondent, told me that when rumours came through in 1941, she thought they were propaganda. Of course that edges into denial. There's a big space for finding something so horrible that is beyond the range of many mortals' grasp - including mine. I find this a problem when considering how to draw the attention of a child to the Holocaust. Long ago I saw, by mistake, an open book on a friend's father's desk; black and white pictures of piled bodies being bulldozed into pits - illustrations from Lord Russell's 1954 book 'The Scourge of the Swastika'. I could not understand what I was looking at. My incomprehension was made more confusing by the sudden arrival of my friend's father. In great distress, which I mistook for anger, he took the book that he'd left inadvertently open on his desk, from my 12-year-old hands. He'd not meant me to see it - yet. He was probably struggling with it himself - the first text after the transcripts and evidence of the Nuremberg Trials, to recount the atrocities, but, as I know much later, without much attempt to interpret or explain 'this frightful phenomenon'. There was, and is, as Primo Levi, while in a concentration camp, acknowledged, some shame. The people who committed these crimes are the same species as you and I. Show a child some of these things too early, could you not be setting the scene for denial, or perhaps, even worse, for Auschwitz trips and oven-selfies by tourists? For me seeing those photos in a nice home in a village below the Sussex Downs was a moment that's stayed with me. I'm 77. When he was 10, I took my son Richard to Vienna - where I was delivering a paper on IT in local government at a conference - and pre-arranged a visit to the office of Simon Wiesenthal near the city centre.

Instead of the pictures I'd discovered long ago, we met a kind lady in an outer office where on the wall was a large old map of central Europe with railway lines to the many death camps, all of whose names I recognised from much reading over the years. To me it was 'a moment' to see that trail of lines snaking towards those places. To our young son it was just a map. Elizabeth gave Richard a glass of orange juice. Over their shoulders I could glimpse an inner office of seemingly endless filing cabinets. Our host brought me a cup of tea, or was it coffee? We'd had such a fine time so far in Vienna, been on the Wiener Riesenrad, big ferris wheel in the Prater, eaten every kind of cake and street hot dogs, watched the Lipizzaners at the Spanish Riding School, been to the opera, and strolled the city centre. "Dr Wiesenthal continues his work, which some people say he should stop as everyone's so old now" said Elizabeth "because the Nazi's killed his mother. His view is that you can forgive evils done to you, but you have no right to forgive those done to others." She apologised that Dr W was not able to meet us, as he was out of the country, but hoped we would stay in touch. I thought this would serve as a memory jogger for our son, now 36 - the touch of a real person speaking from a real place with a glass of orange juice and a map and filing cabinets and a search for people 'who killed his mother'. It is a challenge explaining the 'abyss' (which tends simply to stare back at you) to a child. It challenges me now and always in my life of utmost safety. It's a task to explain the death of a family member in old age or even the family dog. We do it in our own ways more or less well, but how do I or you even begin to explain in a way that can begin to be grasped the systemic murder of millions by the government of a civilised modern nation that for twenty years became mad? I don't know.



# **THE ROYAL BRITISH POPPY APPEAL**

## **CORFU & LEFKADA 2019**

Dear Friends of The Royal British Legion



I am very happy to inform you that the total net cash collected for the 2019 annual Poppy Appeal amounted to **£2,651.14** (€3,106.63 @ €0.85338 to £1 Sterling). This amount is a little 'down' on 2018 but, nevertheless, it is a grand amount and represents the ongoing respect and generosity you all show towards the Legion.

The collection from our Friends in Lefkada (included in the above total) came to €525.00 (just over 20% of the total collection!) and I send warm thanks to Jackie Dallos and her dedicated supporters for their ongoing support.

Again, this amount is a very fitting honour for our serving troops, both home and abroad. We continue to prove ourselves to be very generous indeed in remembering those who gave so much for so few; so we could have a future.

### **We Will Remember Them**

On behalf of The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal, I thank each and every one of you (both here in Corfu and in Lefkada) for your continuing kindness and support. I can assure you your efforts are very much appreciated and the cash will be put to the best possible use.

Yours very sincerely

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



# Pine Leaves



In the aftermath of the UK elections, Richard Pine reflects on the deceit and lies of Boris Johnson, and compares him to President Erdogan of Turkey. (Kathimerini)

<http://www.ekathimerini.com/247748/opinion/ekathimerini/comment/lies-and-half-truths>

Richard Pine explores the growing influence in Greece of China, particularly in the field of tourism. He speculates on the role of young people in shaping the future fate of the country. (Irish Times)

<https://www.irishtimes.com/news/world/europe/greece-letter-chinese-come-calling-as-greeks-roll-out-new-tourism-model-1.4111271>

Richard Pine examines the European Union's failure to assist Greece with a diplomatic solution to Turkish encroachments in the Eastern Mediterranean. (Irish Times)

<https://www.irishtimes.com/news/world/middle-east/tragedy-of-diplomacy-and-international-politics-1.4154223>

In the context of culture, Richard Pine discusses how the European Union has forced its citizens to be 'outsiders to [them] selves'. (Kathimerini)

<http://www.ekathimerini.com/248884/opinion/ekathimerini/comment/outside-to-ourselves>

## Video Plus Corner

**Corfu 2**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GlICsAOUQus&feature=share&fbclid=IwAR1Se4exae9F>

**Julia Bradbury: Greek Islands: Corfu**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P7mX1ckqMj4>

**One of the great scenes.**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xO60RohuARY>

**Best stand up; Dave Allen**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eHDow8zywal>



# Saturday Walks

**It's a Saturday, it's a Saturday, and the last one of the year! \***

With (at last!) some fabulous winter weather, we walked on December 28 from Sokraki, first on the Corfu Trail and then leaving it when it headed towards Spartillas and returning along a track through thick virgin forest. Only the first and last few hundred metres - mainly through the village itself - were on asphalt.

We were a group of 13, amongst which no fewer than nine different nationalities were represented. They comprised three English, and additionally walkers from France, Germany, South Africa, Greece, USA, Spain, Saudi Arabia and Jordan (our first from the last three countries, though the Spanish guy and the Saudi lady had walked with us before). All participants spoke at least two foreign languages - many of them three or four - while the German lady has mastered at least six. How nice that we're never a group of Little Englander ex-pats who can't even be bothered to learn enough Greek to get by.

We lunched at the restaurant attached to Sokraki Villas, in its Metsovo-themed winter dining room with a roaring fire to beat the chill outside. We've eaten there a couple of times before, and it just keeps getting better and better. Apart from excellent grills with lovely garnishes, the stars were the house salad, full of interesting greens accompanied by cherry tomatoes and seeds, and a complementary dessert of the thickest yoghurt, dressed with the house's own 'spoon sweets', on this occasion one made from quince and the other from figs. Other good news is that the establishment is dog-friendly. As long as your pet is well-behaved, of course; a Greek foursome was lunching at a nearby table, and we weren't aware until we were leaving that they had a young Mandy-lookalike Springer Spaniel that spent the entire meal silently curled at their feet. Try that with the real Mandy!

*\* Astute music listeners will recognise the first line from the song 'Matty Groves', generally regarded to be the best song on the all-time greatest folk-rock album, Liege and Leaf by the inimitable Fairport Convention. Here is the original: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1it7BP5PckI> with vocals by the great Sandy Denny. Take note of the wonderful counterpoint violin, played by Dave Swarbrick for the full length of the song, eight minutes, without a break.*

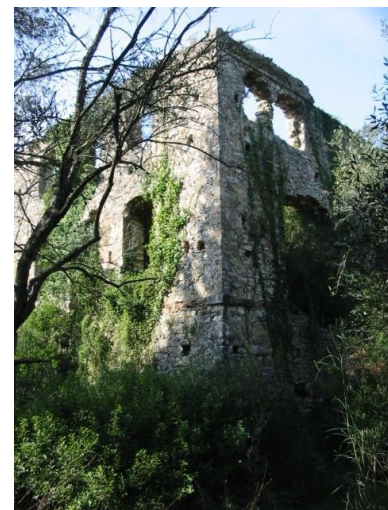
## February Walks

**Saturday, 8 February LIAPADES:** The Olive Way (2 1/2 hours \*\*\*). Meet in Liapades Square, 10.00 for 10.30 start. Please park in the lower village as there is very little room in the square. This walk has been postponed twice. Lunch at Elizabeth's, Doukades. NOTE: We'll walk a different way from usual at the start.

### Saturday, 15 February

**ACHARAVI:** The Lower Roman Way & Dandolo Tower (2 1/2 hours \*\*). Meet at Tales Bar, Acharavi High Street, a couple of doors along from Dimitra SM, 10.00 for 10.30 start. Lunch to be arranged.

NOTE: Dandolo is one of the undiscovered highlights of North Corfu.

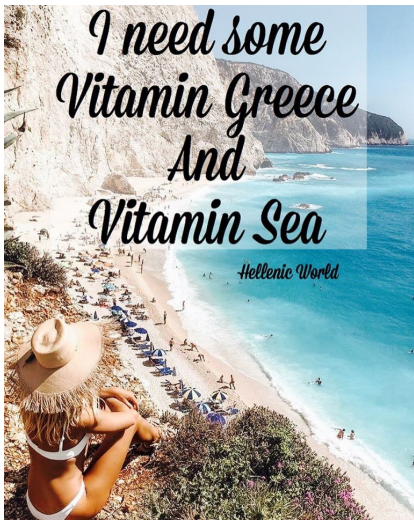


**'Dandolo Tower'**

**Saturday, 22 February AGII DEKA:** The Classic Ascent (2 1/2 hours \*\*\*\*). Meet at the Bakery Cafe (on the sharp corner), Agii Deka Village, 10.00 for 10.30 start. Lunch at Areti's, Agii Deka. NOTE: Tough ascent but we'll take it slowly - sticks recommended. Descent by paved track.

**Saturday, 29 February VATOS:** The Best Beach in the World - or what's left of it (2 1/2 hours \*\*\*\*). Meet at 19th Hole Bar, by the petrol station near the Golf entrance, Vatos, 10.00 for 10.30 start. Lunch at Tristrato Pub. NOTE: Lovely mountain terrain, seafront and great views.

# Tracey's Tips



Happy New Year to you and may this year bring love, luck and good health.



As we enter a new year many of us are making resolutions especially around health, weight and fitness. Here a few tips and ideas for you to look at.



**DO THIS WORKOUT every morning**  
wake up, get moving.

**10 jumping jacks**

**10 squats**

**10 calf raises**

**10 side reaches**

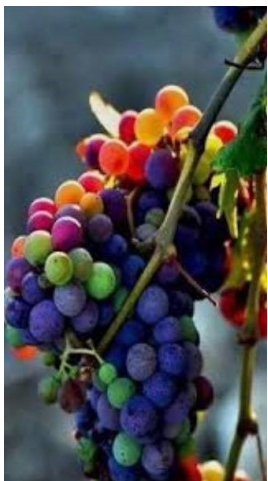
**10 lunges**

**10 jumping jacks**

**10 squats**

FITFLUENTIAL

There are many different diets out there, and yes most work short term but the key to maintain your ideal healthy weight is to have a diet rich in vegetables, salad, fruit and also foods containing starch, for example brown rice, beans and wholegrain bread. Also, some exercise and good mental health are key factors in maintaining a happy and healthy lifestyle.



**Tight Tummy**  
Start getting ready for Spring Bimble!

20 crunches feet on floor

20 crunches legs in air bent at 90 degree angle

20 crunches legs straight in air

30 second plank

15 reverse crunches

15 bicycle crunches (double crunch)

30 second hollow hold

20 v-ups

20 straddle v-ups

20 single leg v-ups (double crunch)

westbendi-and-spondal-jumbly

Here are a few exercises you might want to try.

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# 2020 Hair Color Trends: These Looks Are About to Be \*Everywhere\*



♥♥ One of my most favourite trends at the moment are super huge scarves. I love them.

♥♥ There are many colours and styles to choose from and they look great worn any way and with anything.

and this is me 😊😊👉

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## What's on at Holy Trinity Corfu

Sun	2	10:30	Family Communion & Sunday School
Mon	3	18:00	Home Group
Tues	4	10:00	Watercolour Class
Thurs	6	17:00	Worship Group
Fri	7	09:30	Prayer Meeting
Sun	9	10:30	Family Communion
Mon	10	18:00	Home Group
Tues	11	10:00	Watercolour Class
Thurs	13	17:00	Worship Group
		18:00	Ministry Team meeting
Fri	14	09:30	Prayer Meeting
		18:00	Communion at Messonghi
Sun	16	10:30	Family Communion
Mon	17	18:00	Home Group
Tues	18	10:00	Watercolour Class
Thurs	20	09:15	Pastoral Care Team Meeting
		17:00	Worship Group
Fri	21	09:30	Prayer Meeting
Sun	23	10:30	Family Communion
Mon	24	18:00	Home Group
Tues	25	10:00	Watercolour Class
Thurs	27	17:00	Worship Group
Fri	28	9:30	Prayer Meeting

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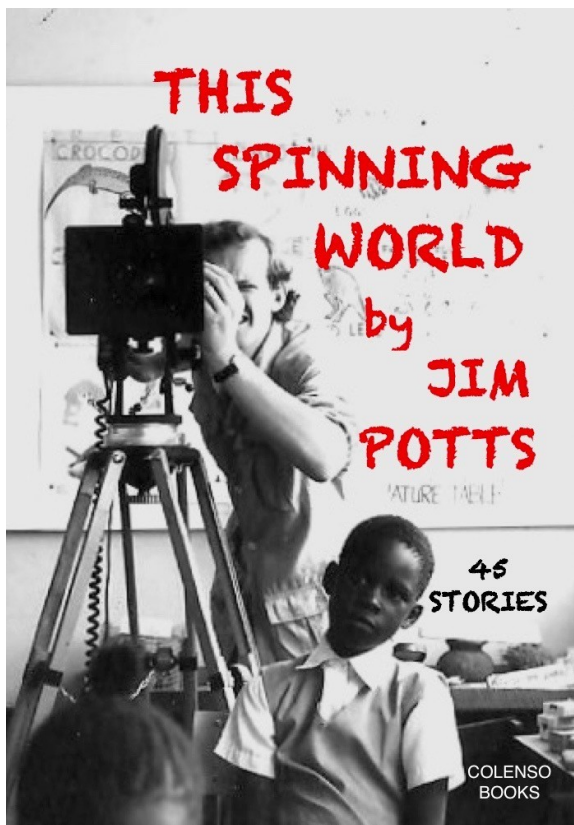


**Drop in for advice and quote without obligation.**



## Summer Song For Sale

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



## La Tavola Calda Corfu'

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*"After 4 days of terrible food around we found this little gem fantastic food.  
Fantastic staff  
Precious little street  
Thanks for a delicious night" ♥☐*



*Tournedos Rossini*

## Corfu Golden Paste

A MESSAGE FROM KATRINA GICA.

If you have heard about the benefits of using Turmeric, have discovered that the best way to take it is Golden Paste, yet you haven't got around to making any yet. Then this is for you.

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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!



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**Bekri meze**



**Soutzoukakia**

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Throughout modern history soap has been a necessity in developed societies, as the primary means of hygiene and cleanliness. It also found application in medicine and pharmacology for its healing and antiseptic properties. Though things have changed, traditional soap still has the benefit of having passed the test of time: It has offered its services for many successive generations, improving the quality of life while being environmentally friendly throughout production and use. Furthermore pure soap is considered the most thorough skin cleanser since it unblocks the skin's pores by effectively removing dirt, oily substances and dead cells.

The "PATOUNIS Soap Works" with a history of over 150 years, still make handcrafted soap by traditional methods from locally produced olive products. The Corfu plant built in 1891, preserved with its functioning tools and equipment, constitutes a living memory of a splendid old local tradition.

The following soaps are made here:

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- **The Green Olive Soap** is made of olive pomace oil which contains the olive chlorophyll, is acclaimed for its disinfecting properties and wide range of applications (also good for hair and scalp, provided you use it with soft water).
- **Olive-Palm Soap** is made of 80% pure virgin olive oil and 20% edible palm kernel oil thus a mild soap with rich smooth lather.

The above soaps are made using only the basic raw material of traditional soap manufacture, i.e. naturally occurring oils, soda, sea salt and water.

# Nick The Clock's World

The Comic With A Conscience



'Nick's Niche'



Apparently it's no longer politically-correct to direct a joke at any racial or ethnic minority, so:

An Englishman, a Scotsman, an Irishman, a Welshman, a Ghurkha, a Latvian, a Turk, an Aussie, two Kiwis, a German, an American, a South African, a Cypriot, an Egyptian, a Japanese, a Mexican, a Spaniard, a Russian, a Pole, a Lithuanian, a Swede, a Finn, an Israeli, a Dane, a Romanian, a Bulgarian, a Serb, a Swiss, a Greek, a Singaporean, an Italian, a Norwegian, a Libyan, a Muslim, a Hindu, a Buddhist and an Ethiopian went to a night club.

The bouncer said, "Sorry, I can't let you in without a Thai.



IMAGE: COALITION FOR THE PROTECTION OF RACEHORSES / ABC 20

Animals Australia for a kinder world



fb/david avocado wolfe



@grapejuiceboys

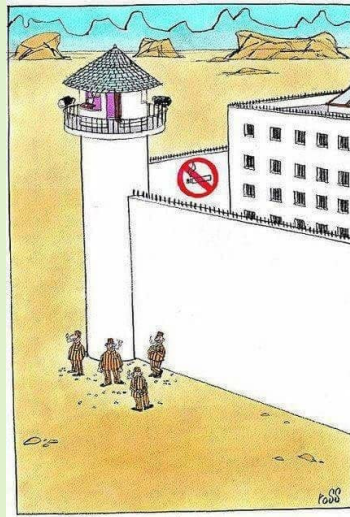
There is a 4000 years old rock formation in Saudi Arabia called A1-Naslaa which appears to be cut in half with laser like precision. Nobody knows for sure how it happened. Some say that ancient civilizations may have known in advance Jeffrey Epstein didn't kill himself



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MMA fighter Justin Wren left the octagon and for the past 5 years has been fighting slavery and oppression in Africa. Wren has helped dig wells for clean water, grow & harvest food and bought land that was taken from the Pygmy people. He's also working to replant trees in the areas deforested by companies seeking to exploit minerals there. He stopped fighting people to start fighting for the people. A true hero, indeed.



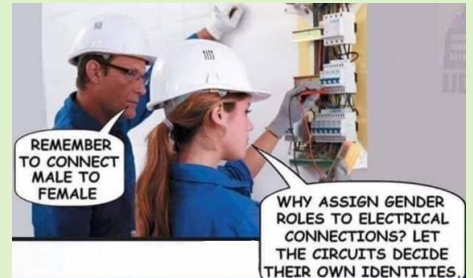
This is the safest kid on the planet. No one will mess with her.



random randomness. memes@fb

I was going to look for my missing watch, but I could never find the time.

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REMEMBER TO CONNECT MALE TO FEMALE. WHY ASSIGN GENDER ROLES TO ELECTRICAL CONNECTIONS? LET THE CIRCUITS DECIDE THEIR OWN IDENTITIES.



BRANCH MANAGER AND ASSISTANT BRANCH MANAGER

I WENT BY THE HOUSE I GREW UP IN, AND ASKED IF I COULD GO IN AND LOOK AROUND. THEY SAID NO AND SLAMMED THE DOOR.



MY PARENTS CAN BE SO RUDE.

I CAN ONLY SHOW YOU THE DOOR. Grid of conspiracy theory images including Rothschilds, Illuminati, Freemasons, etc. YOU'RE THE ONE THAT HAS TO WALK THROUGH IT.

WORD MAGIC WORD OF THE DAY: CURRENCY



THE WORD CURRENCY ORIGINATED FROM THE LATIN WORD CURRENS, WHICH MEANS "TO RUN." CURRENCY HAS A STRONG CONNECTION TO ENERGY. THIS IS WHY THE STORED ENERGY IN A BATTERY IS CALLED ELECTRIC CURRENT OR THE CURRENCY OF ELECTRICITY. WHEN SPOKEN OUT LOUD THE WORD CURRENCY SOUNDS SIMILAR TO THE TERM "CURRENT-SEA". WHAT DOES A CURRENT DO IN A RIVER? IT FLOWS OR RUNS TO THE SEA.



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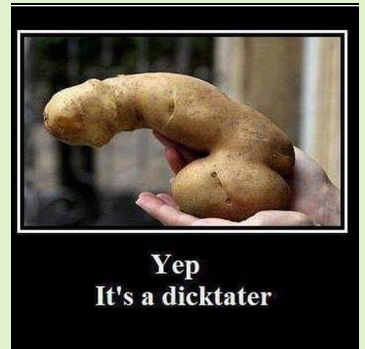
This is what we are taught the wonderful sign and symbol of PEACE should be – but the truth is that all we are learning from the cabal system is upside down. This sign we often even carry on our body in form of jewels but this way it brings war –destruction, fight, unbalance and negative energies – LOOK and FEEL Can you feel now hat negativity?



This is the real sign of PEACE – Does it not vibrate happiness – Light and Love? This is the tree of life and every human Being standing there with the arm open to the sky – the circle is eternity – so it radiates eternal life, joy and happiness, So look at both; FEEL the difference – Blessings Regina



Never lose your glasses again!



Yep It's a dicktater

**Did You Know?**

**Dentists are the only physicians that believe you can get away with leaving dead tissue in the body. One root canal tooth can shut down 63% of your immune system.**

@PlantRomance

I don't know if I should cook this potato or take it to the hospital 🤔🤔🤔



[random randomness. memes@fb](#)

**A friend of mine believes that the Earth is flat.**

**I challenged him to prove it by walking off the edge...**

**He eventually came around.**

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"The doctors know that your baby is meant to stay connected to the umbilical cord until all the blood and stem cells are transferred to your baby...but they clamp early because they are getting paid big \$\$\$\$ by big pharma to take the cord blood...And substitute it with a dangerous so called vitamin K shot...that they claim is necessary to prevent brain bleed...pure bullshit and lies...fear mongering."

**YOUR BABY'S BLOOD BELONGS IN HER BODY**



**YOU HAVE STOLEN MY DREAMS AND MY CHILDHOOD!**

**GETTING THAT COBALT FOR YOUR ELECTRIC CARS FAST AS I CAN GRETA.**

**I WAS TOLD THERE WOULD BE VIRGINS**

**TRIGGERME LIBBIES**

**FAKE NEWS**

**That's' All Folks !**

# Bespoke Property

The photographs in this section were taken over the months of January and very early February. We were lucky with the weather, which enabled good progress on both projects. Thanks for the building teams who persevered right through the Christmas period with very little time off, enabling us to keep on schedule.

## Villa at Barbati



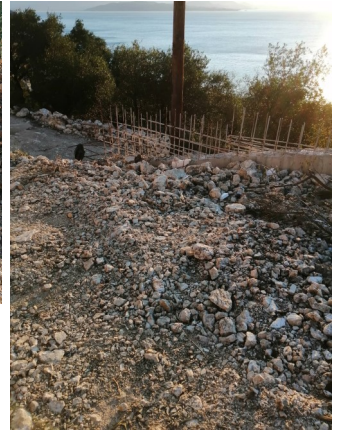
**Idyllic view from bedroom**



**Heavy plant**



**Foundation for further stonework**



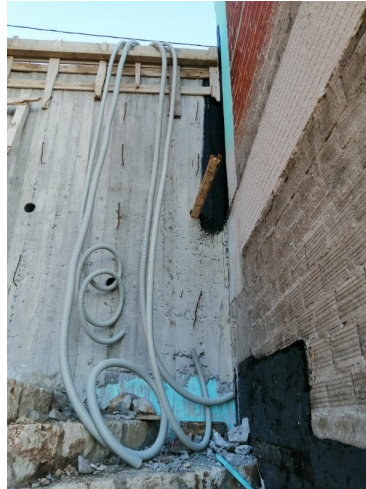
**Extending patio**



**The edifice**



**Long stretches**



**Conduits**



**Fridge area**



**Creating more seating area**



**Four men working this day on stone**



**Hard work**



**Work zone**



**The lines**



**Protection of stone**

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**Scaffolding up**



**Doing the lines**



**Scaffolding for plastering and painting**



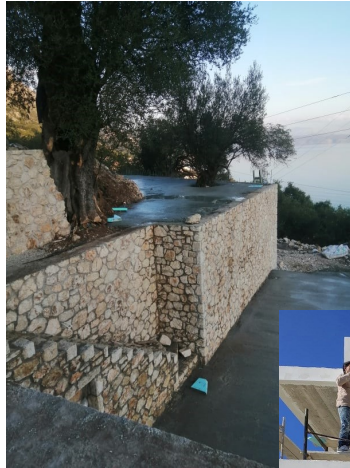
**Pressing on**



**Starting to install central heating**



**Coming together**



**Fresh cement**  
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**Beautiful wall**

**Plastering enhances the look >**



**Plastering**  
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## Garitsa House



**Demolition time**



**Discussions**

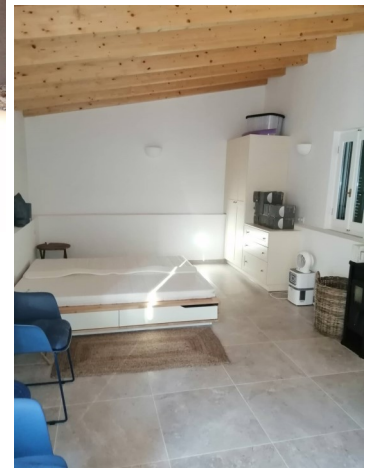


**Micro Spiti**



**New ceiling**  
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**Nice finish**  
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**Persistent**



**Ready to overhaul**



**The main house**



**Spitaki complete**



**Proof of the pudding**



**Something will have to be done about this floor**



**The two small buildings**



**View of Garitsa**



**‘There is also work going on at newly occupied Villa Aphrodite.**

**Here you can see their handiwork.’**



**Villa Lydia**



**Villa Theodora**

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# Beach Rats

A Summer Diary by Lili Gabbiano

Day 12  
May 25

We are lying on the sofa in the caravan.  
Me on one side, Miky on the other side.  
It is Thursday afternoon in May and it is raining.

It is like in a dream when it could not get any better.

But it was real.  
The rain dripping on the roof was real,  
The wind, blowing around the blooming blossom of the olive trees was real;  
and the silence all this boring afternoon was real.

Lazy beach rats we are,  
(two clowns) as I said before to Miky.

"Maybe, maybe...  
Baby, baby...  
Maybe, maybe...  
Baby, baby..."

Miky shakes his hands and fingers,  
singing loud and crazy in the air.  
He opens his side of the sofa and pulls mine towards his.

We are going to watch a movie. Yeah!!!  
And I am going to make popcorn.

"Maybe, maybe...  
Baby, baby..."



## Corfu Weather Statistics - January 2020

### Summary

	Max	Avg	Min
<b>Temperature (°F)</b>			
Max Temperature	68	61.06	50
Avg Temperature	57.21	49.11	41.17
Min Temperature	50	39.55	28
<b>Dew Point (°F)</b>	54	40.79	12
<b>Precipitation (inches)</b>	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Wind</b>	24	3.89	0
<b>Gust Wind</b>	39	0.1	0
<b>Sea Level Pressure</b>	30.64	30.2	29.85

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

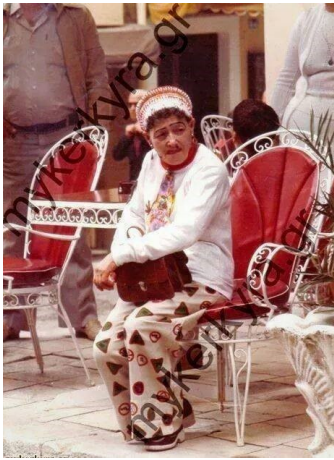


-4 early morning Agios Ioannis



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# The Way Things Were .....



**Women of Corfu, 1903  
Courtesy of Luko Manaris**

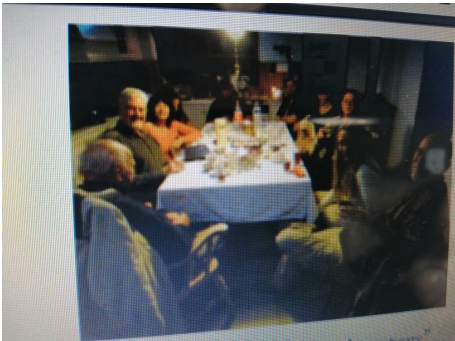


**An aunt  
from  
70 years past**

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**'courtesy of  
Maria Konti'**



**Happy days**



**The Swedish Mafia on the way to  
Greek English Christmas  
celebration (2)**



**Sanna's Andy**

# The Way Things Are



*Dirty British coaster with a  
salt-caked smoke stack,  
Butting through the Channel  
in the mad March days,  
With a cargo of Tyne coal,  
Road-rails, pig-lead,  
Firewood, iron-ware, and  
cheap tin trays.*

**Courtesy of David Jordan**



**A new resident of  
Corfu exploring**



**Every year they  
turn up**

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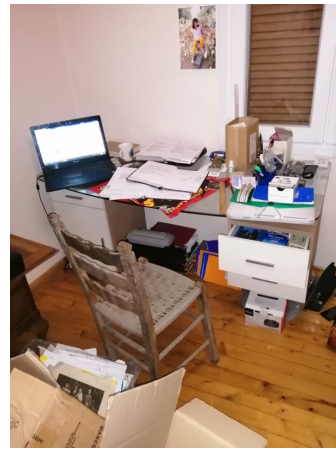
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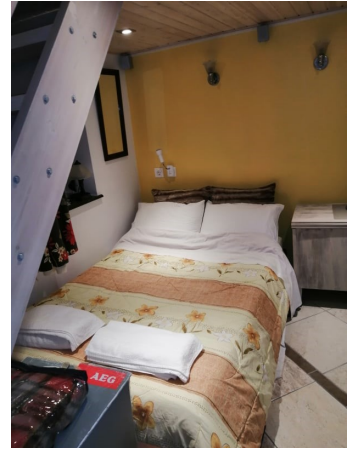
A new home for Christmas



Georgie boy with Papoose



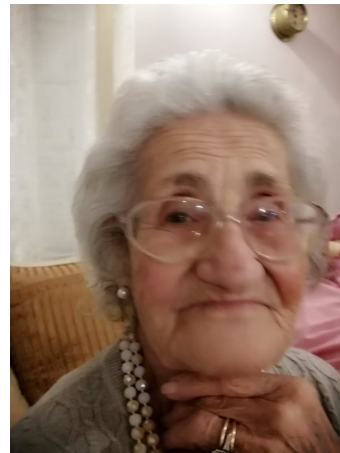
A new little office



A Northern den



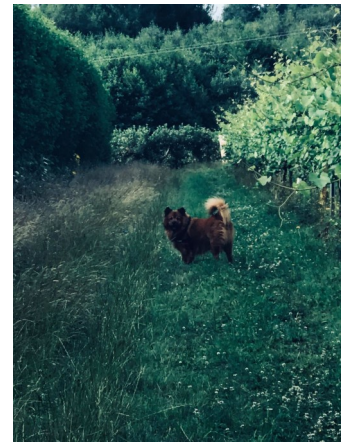
Talking about my generation



Γιαγιά Anna



Charity night at Arabas, Akharavi



Jane Hewett's favourite animal



Greek night in Corfu

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Lula at Kokkikylas



Somewhere in the North sits Ian

From New Zealand

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Meanwhile, in Japan



# Nature



**In the words of the old song, what a difference a day makes. Yesterday we couldn't see the trees in the foreground from our veranda. Today we can see Albania.**



**Acharavi beach**

Courtesy of Bob Giles

## ***Aunty Lula's Love-bites***

### **AVGOLEMONO**

(Chicken and rice soup).



#### **INGREDIENTS:**

2 litres of chicken stock.

100 g medium grain rice.

Two egg yolks, beaten.

Juice of one lemon.  
Salt and pepper.

#### ***GO!***

- 1] Put the rice in the stock and bring it to the boil, cook until tender. Add salt.
- 2] Remove from the heat and allow to cool slightly.
- 3] In a bowl beat the egg yolks slowly adding some hot stock. Add pepper.
- 4] Gently stir in the beaten egg yolks into the rice.
- 5] Finally, add the lemon juice and the beaten egg whites into the rice too, again stirring gently.
- 6] Reheat the soup until it starts to boil. Serve at once.

**Καλη Ορεξη!**

# Corfu Trail Properties & OCAY Property

## Lemon House



*Lemon House entrance*



### Liapades Village, West Corfu.

Large near-mansion for internal upgrade/renovation  
Walled courtyard and spacious verandas.  
Close to great village services.  
Extensive mountain views.

This large property is officially designated as a 'mansion' in the Land Registry. It stands in the middle of the village and has direct access from the main village road via a wide, drivable alleyway.

Excavation of part of the outside space could create a private parking area, a rarity in this densely-built village. Currently, the main entrance is by way of an arched gateway to the side of the building. It opens onto a covered veranda, wide enough for a large table for shaded al fresco dining. The covered space segues into the extensive walled courtyard, dominated by a lemon tree in need of pruning. At the end of the courtyard is a small, single-roomed building, currently used as a store, which would be lost should the garden be excavated for parking.

Two doors lead into the house, one at the foot of the stairs and the other - a fine stone arch - into the main room, which covers most of the ground floor. To the right is a separate kitchen, opening into a bathroom. Up the internal stairs, the first floor comprises a spacious L-shaped living room, with windows on two sides rendering it light and bright. Three smallish bedrooms lead off, two of them with access to a large veranda with splendid country views over neighbouring rooftops. The living room also opens onto a second large veranda, measuring around 9x2.5 metres, and giving access via an outdoor stair into the courtyard. Total internal floorspace extends to an estimated 150 sq.m. While the house is spacious, the room arrangement upstairs is currently somewhat inconvenient for modern living, and reflects a former era when common space

was more valued than privacy. Thus, this floor would greatly benefit from adjustment of the space to enlarge two of the bedrooms and create an upstairs bathroom, while reducing the size of the large sitting area. Although the structure is completely sound, the property seems last to have been decorated in the 1970s, and is in consequence extremely dated. Downstairs, the flooring is cement mosaic in rather dreary shades of beige. The kitchen and bathroom require complete replacement. The internal staircase is rickety. Plumbing and electricity, though currently functional, probably need work. The courtyard is messy and unimaginatively designed, but has huge potential to be a lovely private outside space. If parking were not to be created, the detached room at the end of the courtyard could be turned into a single room guest suite. A storeroom for garden furniture, tools etc is located under the side veranda.

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.

**140,000 euros**



*Lemon House view*

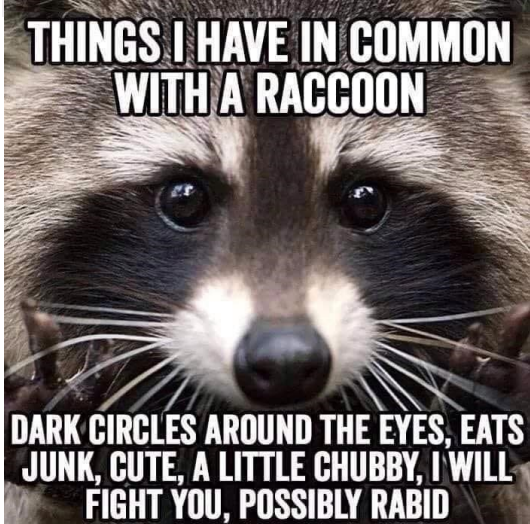


# Gooners Gags



*I nearly got knocked off my bike by a council salt lorry tonight.*

*“You idiot!” I shouted through gritted teeth.*



Friend: “Me and my kids are coming to visit you but they don’t like dogs. Do you mind locking them up?”

Me: “Of course not!”



Hey sweetie,  
I'm at work  
Dinner is on the stove,  
you only have to light it,  
the gas is already turned on.

Love you -xxx-

**Doctor gave me three months to live. So I shot him.**

**Judge gave me 30 YEARS!**

**Result!**

**It's a five minute walk from my house to the pub.**

**It's a 35 minute walk from the pub to my house.**

**The difference is staggering.**

**A SHORT GUN STORY**

A GUY WALKED INTO A CROWDED BAR, WAVING HIS UNHOLSTERED PISTOL AND YELLED, "I HAVE A 45 CALIBER COLT 1911 WITH A SEVEN ROUND MAGAZINE PLUS ONE IN THE CHAMBER AND I WANT TO KNOW WHO'S BEEN SLEEPING WITH MY WIFE."

A VOICE FROM THE BACK OF THE ROOM CALLED OUT,

"YOU NEED MORE AMMO!!"



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SEEN ON PICKLES & ICECREAM WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/PICKLEDICECREAM

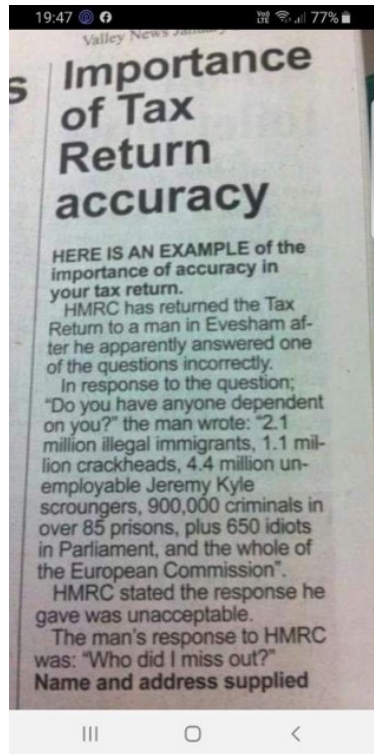
**A WISE MAN ONCE TOLD HIS SON:**

MY BOY, WHEN YOU ACCUMULATE THE UNDERSTANDING TO KNOW WHY A PIZZA IS MADE ROUND, TO BE PUT IN A SQUARE BOX & IS EATEN IN TRIANGLES, THEN & ONLY THEN WILL YOU BE ABLE TO UNDERSTAND WOMEN

**I've adopted a dog from the local blacksmiths As soon as I got him home he made a bolt for the door 😂😂**

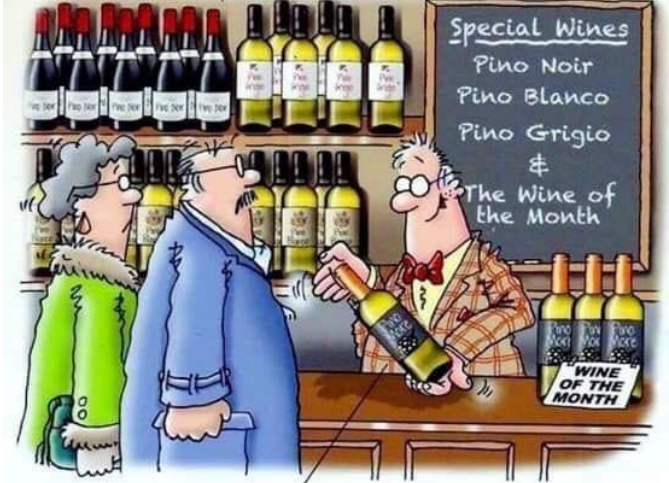
Please give me some words of encouragement so I don't murder someone at work 🙄

There is no wine in prison 🍷



**Learn Chinese in 5 Minutes (Must Read Out Loud)**

- That's not right .....Sum Ting Wong
- Are you harbouring a fugitive.....Hu Yu Hai Ding
- See me ASAP.....Kum Hia
- Stupid Man.....Dum Fuk
- Small Horse .....Tai Ni Po Ni
- Did you go to the beach.....Wai Yu So Tan
- I bumped the coffee table.....Ai Bang Mai Fa Kin Ni
- I think you need a face lift.....Chin Tu Fat
- It's very dark in here.....Wai So Dim
- I thought you were on a diet.....Wai Yu Kum Ching
- This is a tow away zone.....No Pah King
- Our meeting is scheduled for next week.....Wai Yu Kum Nao
- Staying out of sight.....Lei Ying Lo
- He's cleaning his automobile.....Wa Shing Ka
- Your body odor is offensive.....Yu Stin Ki Pu
- Great .....Fa Kin Su Pah



You'll like this one! It's made from an anti-diuretic hybrid grape and reduces the number of trips people your age go to the toilet during the night. It's called PINO MORE!