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18 Ιουνίου 2011
(ΣΑΒΒΑΤΟ)

Ετήσια Χορεστερίδα Συνδέσμου Αγίου Ανδρονίκου

ΤΟΠΟΣ: «Emerald Suite»,
North London Business Park,
Oakleigh South, London N11 1NG
ΩΡΑ: 7.00 μ.μ.
ΕΙΣΙΤΗΡΙΟ: £20
ΠΛΗΡΟΦΟΡΙΕΣ: 07770520 714, 07904 450 066

19 Ιουνίου 2011
(ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ)

Εκδρομή Οργάνωσης Ε/κ Γυναικών Χάρινγκεϋ στο Bournemouth

ΕΚΚΙΝΗΣΗ: Οίκημα Οργάνωσης,
Denmark Rd (off Wightman Rd),
London N8
ΑΝΑΧΩΡΗΣΗ: 8.00 π.μ.
ΕΠΙΣΤΡΟΦΗ: 8.00 μ.μ.
ΕΙΣΙΤΗΡΙΟ: £18 λίρες
ΠΛΗΡΟΦΟΡΙΕΣ: 020 8348 9011 (Κική)

Εκδρομή Συνδέσμου Tiverton Cypriot Elderly & Disabled στο Great Yarmouth

ΕΙΣΙΤΗΡΙΟ: £14 λίρες μέλη και παιδιά
£16 λίρες για μη μέλη
ΠΛΗΡΟΦΟΡΙΕΣ: 07939 065 891 (Ρίτα)
020 7607 8930, 07752 629 465 (Φάνος)

23 Ιουνίου 2011
(ΠΕΜΠΤΗ)

Απογευματινό τσάι Συνδέσμου Ελληνίδων Γυναικών Φίνσλεϋ και Μπάρνετ υπέρ του φιλανθρωπικού έργου της Δημάρχου Μπάρνετ (Alzheimer's Society)

ΤΟΠΟΣ: Κοινοτική Αίθουσα
I. Ν.Αγίας Αικατερίνης,
Friern Barnet Lane, London N20
ΩΡΑ: 2.30 - 4.30 μ.μ.
ΕΙΣΙΤΗΡΙΟ: £20
ΠΛΗΡΟΦΟΡΙΕΣ: 07986 275 822 (Polly)
07803 504 037 (Μαρία)

25 Ιουνίου 2011
(ΣΑΒΒΑΤΟ)

Φιλανθρωπική ελληνική βραδιά Δημάρχου Μπάρνετ

ΤΟΠΟΣ: Οίκημα Αδελφόπητας,
Britannia Road, London
N12 9RU
ΩΡΑ: 6.30 μ.μ.
ΕΙΣΙΤΗΡΙΟ: £25
ΠΛΗΡΟΦΟΡΙΕΣ: 020 8346 9902 (Μαρία Καραολή)
07803 504 037 (Μαρία Πασχάλη)

Όλα τα έσοδα θα διατεθούν για το Alzheimer's Society, Barnet Young Carers and Siblings (BYCAS) και το Outward Bound Trust

26 Ιουνίου 2011
(ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ)

Αθλητική Ημερίδα Ελληνικού Σχολείου Φίνσλεϋ

ΤΟΠΟΣ: The Compton School,
Summers Lane, North Finchley,

ΩΡΑ: London N12
11.00 π.μ. - 6.00 μ.μ.
ΕΙΣΙΤΗΡΙΑ: £12 (ενήλικες), £6 (μαθητές). Συμπεριλαμβάνεται πλούσιο φαγητό (σουβλάκια, φρούτα και άλλα εδέσματα)

ΠΛΗΡΟΦΟΡΙΕΣ: 07736 015 120, 020 8447 8188

3 Ιουλίου 2011
(ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ)

Εκδρομή Συνδέσμου Ριζοκαρπασιτών στο Eastbourne

ΠΛΗΡΟΦΟΡΙΕΣ: 01272 568 779 (Γιάννης Χρονίας)
020 7226 2540 (Μιχάλης Λήδας)
020 8346 9902 (Μαρία Καραολή)

Αθλητική Ημερίδα Ελληνικού Σχολείου Μάνορ Χιλλ

ΤΟΠΟΣ: Ravenscroft School,
Barnet Lane, Totteridge,
London N20
ΩΡΑ: 10.00 π.μ. - 18.00 μ.μ.
ΕΙΣΙΤΗΡΙΑ: £12 (ενήλικες), £6 (παιδιά)
ΠΛΗΡΟΦΟΡΙΕΣ: 07803 504 037

6 Ιουλίου 2011
(ΤΕΤΑΡΤΗ)

Συγκέντρωση στη Βουλή των Κοινοτήτων για τους Κύπριους αγνοούμενους

ΟΡΓΑΝΩΤΕΣ: Βρετανική Διακομματική Κοινοβουλευτική Επιτροπή για την Κύπρο και Επιτροπή Συγγενών Κυπρίων Αγνοουμένων H.B.
ΩΡΑ: 4.00 μ.μ.
ΤΟΠΟΣ: Committee Room 17, House of Commons

Ετήσια Γενική Συνέλευση Οργάνωσης Ελληνοκυπρίων Γυναικών Χάρινγκεϋ

ΤΟΠΟΣ: Οίκημα Οργάνωσης,
Denmark Road (off Wightman Rd),
London N8 0D2
ΩΡΑ: 1.30 μ.μ.
ΗΜ. ΔΙΑΤΑΞΗ: 1) Απολογισμός Δ.Σ.
2) Οικονομική Έκθεση
3) Ορισμός Ελεγκτών
4) Εκλογή νέου Δ.Σ.
5) Διάφορα

ΠΛΗΡΟΦΟΡΙΕΣ: 020 8348 9011

7 Ιουλίου 2011
(ΠΕΜΠΤΗ)

Γενική Συνέλευση Εθνικής Κυπριακής Ομοσπονδίας H.B.

ΤΟΠΟΣ: Οίκημα Αδελφόπητας,
Britannia Road, London N12
ΠΛΗΡΟΦΟΡΙΕΣ: 020 8445 9999

10 Ιουλίου 2011
(ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ)

Εθνικό Μνημόσυνο πεσόντων 1974 από ΕΔΕΚ H.B.

ΤΟΠΟΣ: Εκκλησία Αγίου Δημητρίου Edmonton
ΠΛΗΡΟΦΟΡΙΕΣ: 020 8368 7302

Εκδρομή Οργάνωσης Ε/κ Γυναικών Χάρινγκεϋ στην Οξφόρδη και επίσκεψη στο Ashmolean Museum

ΕΚΚΙΝΗΣΗ: Οίκημα Οργάνωσης,
Denmark Rd (off Wightman Rd),
London N8

ΑΝΑΧΩΡΗΣΗ: 8.00 π.μ.
ΕΠΙΣΤΡΟΦΗ: 8.00 μ.μ.
ΕΙΣΙΤΗΡΙΟ: £15 λίρες
ΠΛΗΡΟΦΟΡΙΕΣ: 020 8348 9011 (Κική)
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12 Ιουλίου 2011
(ΤΡΙΤΗ)

Συγκέντρωση για το Κυπριακό (Lobby) στη Βουλή των Κοινοτήτων

ΟΡΓΑΝΩΤΗΣ: Εθνική Κυπριακή Ομοσπονδία
ΠΛΗΡΟΦΟΡΙΕΣ: 020 8445 9999

17 Ιουλίου 2011
(ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ)

Αντικατοχική Πορεία - Διαδήλωση για την Κύπρο

ΟΡΓΑΝΩΤΗΣ: Εθνική Κυπριακή Ομοσπονδία
ΠΛΗΡΟΦΟΡΙΕΣ: 020 8445 9999

24 Ιουλίου 2011
(ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ)

Εκδρομή Οργάνωσης Ε/κ Γυναικών Χάρινγκεϋ στο Brighton

ΕΚΚΙΝΗΣΗ: Οίκημα Οργάνωσης,
Denmark Rd (off Wightman Rd),
London N8
ΑΝΑΧΩΡΗΣΗ: 8.00 π.μ.
ΕΠΙΣΤΡΟΦΗ: 8.00 μ.μ.
ΕΙΣΙΤΗΡΙΟ: £15 λίρες
ΠΛΗΡΟΦΟΡΙΕΣ: 020 8348 9011 (Κική)

31 Ιουλίου 2011
(ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ)

Εκδρομή Συνδέσμου Tiverton Cypriot Elderly & Disabled στο Folkestone

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£14 λίρες για μη μέλη
ΠΛΗΡΟΦΟΡΙΕΣ: 020 7607 8930, 07752 629 465 (Φάνος)

5 Αυγούστου 2011
(ΠΕΜΠΤΗ)

Εκδρομή Οργάνωσης Ε/κ Γυναικών Χάρινγκεϋ στο Whitstable

ΕΚΚΙΝΗΣΗ: Οίκημα Οργάνωσης,
Denmark Rd (off Wightman Rd),
London N8
ΑΝΑΧΩΡΗΣΗ: 8.00 π.μ.
ΕΠΙΣΤΡΟΦΗ: 8.00 μ.μ.
ΕΙΣΙΤΗΡΙΟ: £15 λίρες
ΠΛΗΡΟΦΟΡΙΕΣ: 020 8348 9011 (Κική)

21 Αυγούστου 2011
(ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ)

Εκδρομή Συνδέσμου Tiverton Cypriot Elderly & Disabled στο Bognor Regis

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020 7607 8930, 07752 629 465 (Φάνος)

22 Αυγούστου 2011
(ΔΕΥΤΕΡΑ)

Έναρξη εργασιών Παγκοσμίου Συνεδρίου Αποδήμων Κυπρίων

ΤΟΠΟΣ: ΛΕΥΚΩΣΙΑ, ΚΥΠΡΟΣ
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Φτιάχθηκε εκάλησίς, σχολεία, συλλόγους, κοινωνικά κέντρα, καθημερινό ομολογιακό σχολείο, κέντρο για παιδά με ειδικές ανάγκες, γηροκομεία, εφημερίδες, ραδιόφωνο, τηλεοπτικό σταθμό, τυπογραφία και πολλά άλλα. Τώρα γίνεται προσπάθεια να γίνει και ένα ημερήσιο ομολογιακό σχολείο στο Βόρειο Λονδίνο, όπου ως γνωστό ζουν και οι πιο πολλοί Έλληνες.

Μέχρι εδώ, λοιπόν, πολλά έγιναν και για πολλά η Παροικία μας δικαιούται να είναι περήφανη.

Το ανησυχητικό, όμως, είναι το μέλλον. Παρά τις επιτυχίες μας σε όλους τους τομείς, – στον κοινωνικό, οικονομικό, επαγγελματικό – φαίνεται ότι αποτυχίας παταγωδώς στη μελλοντική και διαχρονική συνέχιση του Ελληνισμού σε αυτή την χώρα. Παρά την προσπάθεια διατήρησης της ελληνικής μας ταυτότητας και της κουλτούρα μας σε αυτό τον τόπο, παραπηρείται συνεχώς μια επικίνδυνη για το μέλλον μας απομάρνηση και μια αφομοίωση της νέας γενιάς από την αγγλική ισοπεδωτική κοινωνία.

Η απουσία των νέων μας από οποιανδήποτε συμμετοχή, εκτός ελαχίστων εξαιρέσεων, σε θέματα και δραστηριότητες που απασχολούν την Παροικία μας και την Πατρίδα μας είναι χαρακτηριστική του φαινομένου. Οι σύλλογοι και τα σωματεία μας έμειναν αναμικά ή απλώς συνέχεις της παλιάς γενιάς. Οι εκκλησίες μας χαρακτηριστικά γεμίζουν μόνο το Πάσχα και τα Χριστούμενα. Στην καθερωμένη επήσια διαδήλωση ενάντια στην τουρκική κατοχή της Κύπρου μας, η νεολαία μας κατά μεγάλο μέρος απουσιάζει. Οι γάμοι μεταξύ των νέων μας συνεχώς φθίνουν, γιατί μετά το Ελληνικό Σχολείο χάνεται η επαφή. Τα σημάδια γενικά δεν είναι ευοίωνα.

Το ερώτημα είναι τι κάνει η οργανωμένη Παροικία μας και τι κάνουμε εμείς για να σταματήσει αυτός ο κατήφορος. Δυστυχώς, δεν φαίνεται να κάνουμε τίποτε. Ενώ τα καταφέραμε σε όλα, σε αυτόν τον τομέα υστερούμε και υστερούμε απελπιστικά. Το μέλλον δεν φαίνεται ευοίωνα. Αν η Κύπρος σαν κράτος δεν πάρει άμεσα μέτρα για να προλάβουμε το κακό, ο Ελληνισμός και ο τόπος μας σε μια δυο γενιές θα χάσουν το πιο πολυτιμότερο αγαθό που διαθέτει μια χώρα, τα παιδά της!

Για όσους ενδιαφέρονται πραγματικά για την τύχη αυτού του κομματιού του Κυπριακού Ελληνισμού που βρίσκεται σε αυτόν τον τόπο, τα μηνύματα είναι ξεκάθαρα. Κάποιοι πρέπει όσο είναι νωρίς να τα διαβάσουν τώρα και να πάρουν μέτρα εγκαίρως.

Η Εκκλησία και η Πολιτεία μας θα πρέπει επιτέλους να ξυπνήσουν. Η Παροικία μας, δυστυχώς, είναι ακέφαλη και η σωτηρία μόνο από αυτούς μπορεί να έρθει!

Ο Ελληνοκυπριακός Σύνδεσμος Εφέδρων Καταδρομέων στην Αθήνα για εθνικό μνημόσυνο

Τριμελής αντιπροσωπεία του Ελληνοκυπριακού Συνδέσμου Εφέδρων Καταδρομέων Αγγλίας μετέβη στα τέλη Μαΐου στην Αθήνα, προκειμένου να παραστεί στο ετήσιο εθνικό μνημόσυνο για τους πεσόντες καταδρομέων.

Το μνημόσυνο τελέσθηκε στις 29 Μαΐου στο Καβούρι, μερίμνη της Διεύθυνσης Ειδικών Δυνάμεων της Ελλάδας. Η αντιπροσωπεία παρέστη επίσης στην επιμνημόσυνη τελετή στην Ρεντίνα (τόπος εκπαίδευσης των καταδρομέων).

Για τον ίδιο λόγο επισκέφθηκαν την Ελλάδα και μέλη του Παγκυπρίου Συνδέσμου Εφέδρων Καταδρομέων, που αντέμειναν με τους συναδέλφους εξ Αγγλίας και μαζί απότισαν φόρο τιμής στους πεσόντες υπέρ πατρίδος καταδρομέων.

Οι δύο αντιπροσωπείες είχαν την ευκαιρία να συναντηθούν και με αξιωματικούς των Καταδρομών, οι οποίοι υπηρέτησαν στην Κύπρο, όπως τους κ.κ. Κ. Ραφτόπουλο,



Χ. Μαντζουράτο, Ν. Δαμασκηνό, Γ. Παπαμελετίου, Π. Σταμάτη, Β. Γλεντζέ, Π. Πράπα, Β. Ρόκκα και Θ. Σταφυλά.

Οι αντιπροσωπείες επισκέφθηκαν το Πολεμικό Μουσείο και κατέθεσαν δάφνινα στεφάνια στο Μνημείο του Αγνώστου

Στρατιώτου και στον ανδριάντα του Κωνσταντίνου Παλαιαλόγου.

Συναντήθηκαν, επίσης, με τον πρέσβη της Κύπρου στην Αθήνα, Ιωσήφ Ιωσήφ, παρουσία και του αναπληρωτή πρέσβη Νίκου Χριστοδούλιδη.



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Η εκδήλωση του Συνδέσμου Λιμνιωτών Αγγλίας

Λάβωμε την ακόλουθη ανακοίνωση:

Την Κυριακή 5 Ιουνίου πραγματοποιήθηκε με μεγάλη επιτυχία η εκδήλωση «Σουβλάκια» του Συνδέσμου Λιμνιωτών Αμμοχώστου Αγγλίας.

Παραβρέθηκαν αρκετοί Λιμνιώτες και φίλοι του Συνδέσμου. Μεταξύ αυτών ο Δρ. Ζαννέτος Τοφαλλής μετά της συζύγου του, ο διευθυντής της «Παροικιακής» Πάμπος Χαραλάμπους μετά της συζύγου του, ο επίτιμος πρόεδρος του Συνδέσμου Γιαννάκης Κονθαρός και άλλοι.

Ο πρόεδρος του Συνδέσμου, Ανδρέας Πέτρου, καλωσόρισε τους παρισταμένους και ευχήθηκε σύντομα να βρεθούμε στο χωριό μας σε μια ελεύθερη πατρίδα.

Να θυμήσουμε ότι τα υπόλοιπα μέλη του Διοικητικού Συμβουλίου του Συνδέσμου είναι: Παν-

νάκης Πέτρου, Αντρούλλα Πέτρου, Σάτος Λουκά, Σωτήρης Προδρόμου, Θεόδωρος Κασάπης, Αντρος Πέτρου, Θεοδόσης Χρυσοστόμου, Λούση Πέτρου, Ανδρέας Δημητρίου, Παναγής Μιχαήλ και Μαρία Μπούρα.

Το Δ.Σ. ευχαριστεί θερμώς όλους όσοι εργάστηκαν ακούραστα για την διεκπεραίωση της εκδήλωσης και τα δώρα που προσφέρθηκαν στην κλήρωση του λαχνού.

Όλα τα έσοδα που συγκεντρώνει ο Σύνδεσμος από διάφορες εκδηλώσεις του, δίνονται σε φιλανθρωπικούς σκοπούς.

Ευχαριστούμε όλους για την παρουσία σας και τη βοήθειά σας.

Για το Διοικητικό Συμβούλιο
η Γραμματέας
Αντρούλλα Πέτρου

Τα 50χρονα του Εκπαιδευτικού Συνδέσμου Βορείου Λονδίνου

Ο εικοστός Αιώνας είδε τη μεγαλύτερη μετανάστευση από Κυπρίους στην Αγγλία. Ακόμη, το 1960, όταν ιδρύθηκε ο Ελληνικός Εκπαιδευτικός Σύνδεσμος Βορείου Λονδίνου (-ΕΕΣΒΑ), υπήρχαν μάνο δύο ή τρεις Ελληνοφθόδοξες εκκλησίες στο Λονδίνο και πολύ λίγα ελληνικά σχολεία, που ανήκαν στην Εκκλησία και στον ΣΕΓ.

Πενήντα χρόνια από την ίδρυσή του, ο ΕΕΣΒΑ συνεχίζει το ιερό έργο που άρχισε με όλους η Κωνσταντία Χατζηπαναγή με τον αείμνηστο σύντομο της Σπύρο και σήμερα έχει σχολεία σε διάφορα μέρη του βορείου Λονδίνου.

Για να σημαδεύτονταν τα 50χρονα του Συνδέσμου διοργανώθηκε χοροεσπερίδα το περασμένο Σάββατο στο Κυπριακό Κοινωνικό Κέντρο.

Τη χοροεσπερίδα τίμησαν με την παρουσία τους ο αιδεσμώτας Ανδρέας Χατζησαββή, εκ μέρους του Αρχιεπισκόπου κ.κ. Γρηγορίου, ο προϊσταμένος της ΚΕΑ Σάββας Παυλίδης μετά της συζύγου

γλώσσα, τους χορούς, τα τραγούδια, την ελληνορθόδοξη θρησκεία, τα ήθη και τα έθιμα των προγόνων τους...

... Έχοντας ως γνάμονα και στόχο τη συνεχή ανανέωση και αναβάθμιση της Ελληνικής Παροικιακής Εκπαίδευσης, συνεχίζουμε να εργαζόμαστε με επιμονή, συνέπεια και υπευθυνότητα και αυτό εκτιμάται από τις κυβερνήσεις Κύπρου και Ελλάδας, τον Αρχιεπίσκοπο Θυατείρων και από τους προϊσταμένους των δύο Αποστολών, ΚΕΑ κ. Σάββα Παυλίδη και ΕΕΑ, κα Αντωνία Βαλαβάνη...

«...Ο Σύνδεσμός μας, εκτός από ίδρυτικό μέλος της ΟΕΣΕΚΑ, του ΕΦΕΠΕ Μ.Β., της ΕΚΟ (Εθνική Κυπριακή Ομοσπονδία), τού Κυπριακού Κοινωνικού Κέντρου στο Wood Green, βοήθησε και στην ίδρυση της εκκλησίας του Αποστόλου Βαρνάβα.

«...Ο Σύνδεσμός μας δεν περιορίζεται μονάχα στον τομέα της παροικιακής εκπαίδευσης. Η δράση του επεκτείνεται και στην προώθηση των εθνικών συμφερόντων της Κύπρου. Λαμβάνει μέρος



Το τραπέζι των επισήμων προσκεκλημένων

και ο αξέχαιστος μας Σπύρος Χατζηπαναγή, ο κ. Κώστας Μαρπάνος, η κα Κωνσταντία Χατζηπαναγή και ο σημερινός πρόεδρος Ανδρέας Καλησπέρας. Εκτός των προαναφερθέντων πρόεδρων, υπάρχουν εκταυντάδες άλλοι πρόεδροι και μέλη των Σχολικών Επιτροπών, που χωρίς την εθελοντική βοήθεια τους θα ήταν αδύνατον να γιορτάζουμε σήμερα τα 50 χρόνια προσφοράς στην Παιδεία και στα κοινά της παροικίας...

«...Κάποτε είχαμε φτάσει στον αξιοχήλευτο αριθμό δέκα σχολείων με 650 μαθητές και λέσχη Νέων με 65 μέλη, αλλά δυντινώς σήμερα για πολλούς και διάφορους λόγους έχουμε μόλις τέσσερα σχολεία. Δύο τις καθημερινές (Southbury/St. Raphael's και Walker) και ένα Σάββατο πρωί (Eversley) και απόγευμα (Oakthorpe)...»

Στην ομιλία του, ο κ. Σάββας Παυλίδης, επιθεωρητής - προϊστάμενος της Κυπριακής Εκπαιδευτικής Αποστολής, συνεχόρτη του ΕΕΣΒΑ, τον πρόεδρο και την Επιτροπή του, καθώς και την κ. Χατζηπαναγή, που ήταν παρούσα μαζί με τα παιδιά της και τις νύφες της.

Είναι άξιοι επαίνου, πρόσθεσε ο κ. Παυλίδης, γιατί με τη συνεχή και επόμονη προστάθεια του ΕΕΣΒΑ, δίνεται η ευκαιρία σε πολλά παιδιά να μάθουν την ελληνική γλώσσα, τις ηθικές αρχές, τα ήθη και έθιμα και τα ελληνοχριστιανικά ίδεωδη.

Αναφέρθηκε επίσης στη σημασία της συνέχισης της στενής συνεργασίας μεταξύ του Συνδέσμου, της ΚΕΑ και του ΕΦΕΠΕ και πρόσθεσε ότι η ΚΕΑ θα συνεχίσει να προσφέρει βοήθεια στους Εκπαιδευτικούς Συνδέσμους / φορείς όπως ο ΕΕΣΒΑ.

Ο κ. Ανδρέας Χειμώνας, πρόεδρος της ΟΕΣΕΚΑ, στον χαιρετισμό του αναφέρθηκε στη σημασία και στον σπουδαίο ρόλο που παίζουν οι γονείς και διδάσκαλοι για την προώθηση της κουλτούρας και της γλώσσας μας και ευχαρίστησε όλους που με οποιοδήποτε τρόπο προσφέρουν υπηρεσίες στον



Στο κέντρο η εκ των ιδρυτών του Συνδέσμου, Κωνσταντία Χατζηπαναγή, με μέλη της οικογένειάς της

του, ο Χριστόδουλος Στυλιανού, διευθυντής του Κυπριακού Κοινωνικού Κέντρου, ο Δημοτικοί Σύμβουλοι Ένεφιλντ Πάμπος Χαρολάμπους (πρώην μαθητής σχολείων του Συνδέσμου), και Γιώργος Σάββας μετά της συζύγου του Έλλης, ο πρόεδρος των Τρικωμιτών Σύντομος Κοντοπύργου μετά της συζύγου του, ο επίτιμος πρόεδρος Τρικωμιτών Ανδρέας Πιεραλλής μετά της συζύγου του, αντιπρωτεία της κοινότητας Αγίων Ραφαήλ, Νικόλαου και Ειρήνης, με επικεφαλής την Γκλόρια Μυλωνά και πολλοί άλλοι αντιπρόσωποι σωματείων και οργανώσεων.

Ο συντονιστής της βραδιάς, Πανίκος Γεωργίου, άνοιξε τη βραδιά καλωσορίζοντας όλους τους προσκεκλημένους εκ μέρους του Συνδέσμου, τους γονείς και διδασκάλους, καθώς και τους μαθητές, που με τις παραδοσιακές ενδυμασίες και τους χορούς τους κατενθουσίασαν όλους τους παρευρισκομένους.

Στην ομιλία του, ο πρόεδρος του Συνδέσμου, Ανδρέας Καλησπέρας, ευχαρίστησε τον Αρχιεπίσκοπο κ.κ. Γρηγόριο για τη συνεχή συμπαράστασή του, καθώς και το Δημαρχείο Ένεφιλντ και τους Ελληνοκυπρίου Δημοτικούς Συμβούλους για τη συνεχή βοήθεια, ενώ απήγινε ευχαριστίες και προς τις Εκπαιδευτικές Αποστολές Ελλάδας και Κύπρου και τους προϊσταμένους τους

Ο κ. Καλησπέρας, μετοξύ άλλων, τόνισε

«...Η οργάνωση αυτής της κοινωνικής εκδήλωσης γίνεται για να γιορτάσουμε τα 50χρονα της ίδρυσης του Συνδέσμου μας και της συνεχούντων προσφοράς μας στην παροικιακή εκπαίδευση και τα κοινά της παροικίας. Πέρασαν κιόλας 50 χρόνια από τότε που μια φούχτα συμπατριωτών μας στην περιοχή του Wood Green στο βόρειο Λονδίνο, συνέλαβαν την ιδέα να ιδρύσουν Ελληνικό Σχολείο, έτσι που τα παιδιά τους να μάθουν την ελληνική

Η βουλευτίνα του ΑΚΕΛ, Σ. Κουκουμά στη Γ.Σ. του Συνδέσμου Κυπρίων Γυναικών Αγγλίας

Αποτελεί ένα πραγματικό επίτευγμα για ολόκληρο τον κυπριακό λαό το γεγονός ότι οι απόδημοι Κύπριοι κατέφεραν να οργανώσουν την κυπριακή παροικία και να τη μετατρέψουν σε μια πραγματική Κύπρο στην καρδιά της Μεγάλης Βρετανίας, είπε σε ομιλία της στο Λονδίνο η Γενική Γραμματέας της Παγκυπριας Ομοσπονδίας Γυναικείων Οργανώσεων, βουλευτής του ΑΚΕΛ, Σκένη Κουκουμά.

Η Γ.Γ. του Γενικού Συμβουλίου της Παγκυπριας Ομοσπονδίας Γυναικείων Οργανώσεων, που μιλούσε στη Γενική Συνέλευση του Συνδέσμου Κυπρίων Γυναικών Μ. Βρετανίας με την ευκαιρία της 60ής επετείου του Γυναικείου Κινήματος της Αριστεράς στην Κύπρο, εξήρε την αγωνιστική πορεία του οργανισμού που άρχισε τη λειτουργία του το 1952.

Από τότε, είπε η Κυπρία βουλευτής, ο Σύνδεσμος Κυπρίων Γυναικών ακολούθει μια πορεία παραλλήλη με το υπόλοιπο Γυναικείο Κίνημα που παλεύει στη νήσο. Δεν υπάρχει ούτε ένας σταθμός στην κυπριακή ιστορία όπου ο Σύνδεσμος Κυπρίων Γυναικών να μην στάθηκε ήξια πρέσβειρα του αγώνα της Κύπρου. Μπορεί ο Σύνδεσμος Κυπρίων Γυναικών να ξεδιπλώνει τη δράση του χιλιάδες χιλιόμετρα μακριά από την πατρίδα αλλά το προοδευτικό περιεχόμενο που δίδει σε αυτή τη δραστηριότητα τον καθιστούν αναπόσπαστο κομμάτι του κυ-



Η Σούζη Κωνσταντινίδη

πριακού γυναικείου κινήματος.

Η πρόεδρος του Συνδέσμου, Σούζη Κωνσταντινίδη, κατέθεσε την έκθεση δράσης του απελθόντος Συμβουλίου του οργανισμού, με ιδιάιτερη αναφορά στην άμεση δραστηριότητα που έχει αναπτύξει με δικά του διαβήματα, αλλά και την έμεση στα πλαίσια της Εθνικής Κυπριακής Ομοσπονδίας, γύρω από το Κυπριακό.

Σε χαρακτηρισμό του ο Πρόεδρος της Ομοσπονδίας, Πήτερ Δρουσιώτης, συνεχάρη το Σύνδεσμο για την πλούσια δραστηριότητα του,

αλλά και την ΠΟΓΟ για το σημαντικό ρόλο που διαδραματίζει σε όλα τα μέτωπα που αφορούν την Κυπρία Γυναίκα και την κυπριακή υπόθεση.

Διερμήνευσε την αποφασιστικότητα της Ομοσπονδίας να μεγιστοποιήσει τη δική της συμβολή στη δημιουργία των προϋποθέσεων για λύση του Κυπριακού.

Ο Γραμματέας του Παραρτήματος ΑΚΕΛ Βρετανίας, Χριστόδουλος Στυλιανού, απήνθυνε τα δικά του συγχαρητήρια στο Γυναικείο Κίνημα της Κύπρου και στο Σύνδεσμο Κυπρίων Γυναικών, τονίζοντας την προσφορά του στην αποτελεσματική αντιμετώπιση σειράς παροικιακών προβλημάτων.

Ακολούθησαν κατάθεση της οικονομικής έκθεσης από την ταμία, Νίνα Στυλιανού, και έγκριση της και η εκλογή του νέου Διοικητικού Συμβουλίου του οργανισμού με εισηγήσεις από τη Σούζη Κωνσταντινίδη.

Η κ. Κουκουμά επέδωσε τιμητικά διπλώματα σε αριθμό γυναικείων στελεχών που υπηρέτησαν από διάφορα αξιώματα τον Σύνδεσμο.

Στην εκδήλωση, που έγινε στο Κυπριακό Κοινοτικό Κέντρο, παρευρέθησαν η σύζυγος του Υπάτου Αρμοστή, Αλίκη Πασχάλη, γυναίκες αξιωματούχοι διαφόρων οργανισμών και ομογενειακοί παράγοντες.

Η Λαϊκή Αγορά στο κέντρο του Ραδιομαραθωνίου

Λάβαμε την ακόλουθη ανακοίνωση:

Παρά τις ανησυχίες για βροχέρο καιρό το περασμένο Σάββατο, 11 του μήνα, τελικά η μέρα ήταν ηλιόλουστη, γεγονός που ευεργέτησε τη Λαϊκή Αγορά [Fete] του Κέντρου του Ραδιομαραθωνίου, ιδιαίτερα από τις 12 το μεσημέρι μέχρι τις 4 το απόγευμα που διήρκεσε η αραιά εκδήλωση.

Αρκετά ήταν τα μικρά περίπτερα που στήθηκαν σε διάφορα σημεία του ευρύτατου πρασίνου χώρου, όπως και στη βεράντα του Κέντρου, με προσφορά μεγάλης ποικιλίας ειδών.

Τα σουβλάκια, προετοιμασμένα από ομάδα εθελοντών με επικεφαλής τον Γιάννη Κυριακίδη, πρόεδρο του Συνδέσμου Ατόμων με Ειδικές Ανάγκες, έδιδαν κι έπαιρναν. Οι επισκέπτες, περισσότερο απότην περιοχή του Ένωνταν, αλλά και από άλλες περιοχές, σε μερικές περιπτώσεις από μακρυνό σημεία, που ήθελαν να γνωρίσουν το Κέντρο για το οποίο, όπως είπαν, άκουσαν τόσα πολλά, περιέρχοντα περίπτερα απολαμβάνοντας και το ωραίο τοπίο. Έναντι 5 λιρών ο καθένας απολάμβανεν και το εύγεστο σουβλάκι μαζί με ένα ποτό.

Μέλη του προσωπικού του Κέντρου μ' επικεφαλής τη Διεύθυντρια, Allison, βοήθουσαν τους επισκέπτες και τους περιπτεριόχους για ότι χρειαζόντουσαν ιδιαίτερα για τη ψυχαγωγία των παιδιών στο παιχνιδίτο παιδιών και αλλού.

Εξάλλου πολλοί ενημερώθηκαν για το έργο που επιτελεί το Κέντρο του Ραδιομαραθωνίου ειδικότερα στον τομέα προσφοράς επαγγελματικών εφοδίων σε άτομα με ειδικές ανάγκες, ανάλογα με τις προτιμήσεις τους, ώστε με την κατάρτιση τους να μπορούν να ενσωματωθούν στην ευρύτερη κοινωνία.

Ιδιαίτερα επιτυχής είναι αυτή η προσπάθεια στον τομέα της κηπουρικής όπου, υπό την επίβλεψη του ειδικού γι' αυτό τον τομέα, Clifford Tolliday, παίρνουν μαθήματα 11 άτομα με θαυμάσια μεχρι τώρα αποτελέσματα. Πέρσι το Κέντρο βραβεύθηκε με το αργυρό μετάλλιο για την επίδοση του σ' αυτό τον τομέα.

Την περασμένη Παρασκευή επισκέφθηκε τους χώρους κηπουρικής του Κέντρου αρμόδιος για την αποτίμηση του έργου επιθεωρητής και στις 24 του μήνα θα τους επισκεφθεί δεύτερος επιθεωρητής. Τα αποτελέσματα θα γνωστοποιηθούν τον ερχόμενο Αύγουστο. Το Κέντρο προσφέρει, επίσης, τάξεις για μαγειρική, γραφειακή εργασία και αθλητισμό.

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UN Security Council renews UNFICYP mandate until December

The UN Security Council unanimously adopted on Monday, during an open session, resolution 1986/2011, by which the mandate of the UN Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus (UNFICYP) is renewed until December 15, 2011.

The wording of the resolution had been agreed on since Thursday, so Monday's voting and the briefing by the UN Secretary General's Special Representative in Cyprus Lisa Buttenheim was purely formal.

Buttenheim has told CNA that she had never seen a resolution being adopted before the briefing of the Security Council.

Security Council President Noel Nelson Messone said the resolution was adopted before Buttenheim's briefing for practical reasons and that the briefing was not linked to the adoption of the resolution.

During the briefing, Buttenheim referred to UNFICYP issues and the mission of good offices, noting that she was happy that the resolution had been adopted unanimously and that the members of the Security Council support UNFICYP and the Secretary General's good offices.

Buttenheim noted that the forthcoming meeting in Geneva between the UN Secretary General and the leaders of the two com-



munities in Cyprus, scheduled for July 7, was important and that the UN team was working hard to make preparations.

All Security Council members that took the podium expressed hope that the Geneva meeting would contribute towards intensifying the process for a Cyprus settlement.

Regarding the demining work in Cyprus, the British representative said there was lack of progress. He also said that there should be a restructuring of UNFICYP, with or without a solution, and pointed out that that the renewal of the mandate every June and December should change, as they were busy months.

Cyprus has been divided since 1974, when

Turkey invaded and occupied its northern third. The leaders of the two communities are currently engaged in UN-led direct negotiations with an aim to reunify the island.

UNFICYP, comprising 859 military personnel from about seven troop contributing countries in addition to 68 personnel at the end of October last year, arrived in Cyprus in March 1964 after inter-communal fighting broke out. The mandate of the force is renewed every six months by the Security Council.

UNFICYP's mandate, according to the UN, is to contribute to the restoration of normal conditions and entails the facilitation of an increasingly wide range of civilian activities.

A LETTER TO THE "TIMES" BY CYPRUS HIGH COMMISSIONER:

"The refugees remain the legal owners"

Sir,

Although you correctly noted in your article «Northern Cyprus: an island time warp» (14/5/11), that the so-called «Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC)» or «North Cyprus» was the result of the illegal «Turkish military invasion» of 1974, pointing out, again correctly, that it is «recognised only by Turkey», yet you fail to follow that reasoning to the end.

«160,000 Greek Cypriots» did not simply «leave» their properties behind in 1974, but were violently forced out by the invading Turkish army (40,000 of which still occupy the northern part of the island). They remain however the legal owners of these properties, a fact supported by



numerous judgments of the European Court of Human Rights and of the European Court of Justice, as well as of Courts in the UK.

Regrettably, your business-as-usual approach, urging your readers to holiday in land and property, illegally and violently deprived from its legal owners, both misleads your readers and insults the more than 200000 strong Cypriot Community in the UK, many of whom are refugees from the occupied area and are owners of such properties.

Yours faithfully,
Alexander N. Zenon
High Commissioner

Britain hopes for agreement on the 7th of July

British High Commissioner to Cyprus Matthew Kidd has expressed his country's readiness to assist the peace process in Cyprus, reiterating that a British proposal to offer part of the British sovereign bases in Cyprus in case of a political settlement still stands.

In an interview with CNA, Kidd talked about the meeting of Cyprus President Demetris Christofias and Turkish Cypriot leader Dervis Eroglu with UN Secretary General on July 7, in Geneva, saying that it is an important meeting, expressing hope that the two leaders will seize the opportunity offered by the meeting.

He said: "we have been waiting over the

past few months to have the elections here and the elections in Turkey, knowing that a pre-election period is never an easy one for big steps to be taken. It's very positive that the UN SG is meeting the two leaders again soon after that. Our hope is that they will be able to agree there, both, that they want to go ahead ambitiously, actively in the months to come and if possible the sort of procedures, the sort of processes they want to follow soon and to try to achieve ambitious progress. Not for us to say exactly how that works out, but it does seem to be an opportunity and our sense is that both parties are preparing for the meet-

ing in Geneva with that sort of perspective, which is good.

Answeing to the question if the outcome of that meeting is negative, what do you think can be done in order for the process to continue and not come to a deadlock, Mr Kidd said: "Negative in the sense they don't manage to agree. We are getting hypothetical, but if it could be difficult to agree on a common level of ambition on that meeting, I guess that the UN and anybody else involved thereafter will try to identify what the problem is, what the difficulty is and see what we can do about it".

Papandreu edges towards reshuffle

Prime Minister George Papandreu will soon conduct a Cabinet reshuffle but has not yet decided if it will be before or after the government's medium-term fiscal plan is voted through Parliament.

The two options being discussed by Papandreu and his closest advisers are either to shakeup his team of ministers as soon as possible, possibly even as early as this week, or to make changes to his Cabinet after the government's economic proposals have been debated and voted on in Parliament. This would mean that the reshuffle would happen in early July.

Papandreu and his aides appear confident that PASOK MPs will not scupper the midterm fiscal plan in Parliament. The government has a six-seat majority and while it is expected that one or two deputies might vote against the proposals, which include further cuts to public spending and more tax hikes, there will not be a large rebellion.

However, the passage of the fiscal plan through Parliament will mark a crucial few days for the government. A parliamentary committee is due to begin reviewing the bill tomorrow. This process will last until the end of the week and the committee is due to sit again for a second review a week later. The draft law is likely to be submitted in Parliament on June 27 or 28 before a vote on June 30. It is possible that the vote will be delayed by a week.

In an interview with Sunday's To Vima newspaper, Papandreu said he was open to the idea of bringing people with "wide appeal" into the government, suggesting that he may look to recruit ministers from outside of his party.

Greek Orthodox School will offer "Distinctive Curriculum"

The curriculum offered by the proposed Greek Orthodox Community School in North London will be "broad, balanced and distinctive".

That's the promise of the newly-formed Classical Education Trust made up of the parents, teachers and businessmen behind the application to set up a new secondary school in the heart of the Greek community. They say they are aiming to establish a nationally recognised reputation for examination and university entry success in Classics, Greek and Latin as well as a strong focus on English, Maths and Science across the ability range.

"We want to offer a broad but distinctive curriculum, which will include the English Baccalaureate and meet the needs of all our students, in an intellectually stimulating and harmonious educational environment so that our students become successful adults and caring citizens in a continually changing world." stated CET member and retired head teacher, Mary Karaolis. A spokesperson from the Russell Education Trust, who are backing the bid, said: "This school will be distinctive in that it will be the first maintained Greek Orthodox secondary school in England. It will reflect the Christian beliefs on which it will be founded, by being welcoming and inclusive to the wider community in North London, regardless of faith, ability or background."

The application is now being considered by the Department for Education. If approved, the school will open in September 2012 for Year 7 pupils.

LETTER TO THE "GUARDIAN"

"Legal aid to Asil Nadir to fight theft charges?"

by Fanoulla Argyrou

Sir,

I was shocked to read your item 8th June "Asil Nadir is granted legal aid to fight theft charges". How can one justify the Legal Services Commission handing out from the public purse £145 an hour in aid to a man of his wealth, whilst people are facing harsh austerity measures, the National Health Service is deprived of urgently needed budgets for the nations welfare, the old generation, the schools and a number of other priority services are undergoing economic cuts and more are expected.

This man has been living in luxury since he fled England in 1993 in the Turkish occupied part of the Republic of Cyprus and all that under the protection of the Turkish army of occupation. One would have thought that if ever any legal or otherwise aid is needed for his defence that should be coming from Turkey.

The Legal Services Commission's decision under their so called means-testing procedure is despicable. They are means-testing people's patience and endurance.

Thank you.
Fanoulla Argyrou

CYPRUS**Cabin pressure valve was set wrong during fatal Helios flight, court hears**

THE CABIN pressurisation control valve was on manual during the flight of Helios Airways' Boeing 737, a Greek expert said in court yesterday.

Iordanis Spyroglou, a metallurgical and mechanical engineer working for the Greek Air Force, said that on examining the indicators of the two outflow valve manual switches – salvaged from the plane wreckage – he found that one of the switches (the right one) was on.

The control valve should be set on automatic on flights and it is the pilots' responsibility for ensuring this is the case. The automatic pressure control system is designed to maintain cabin altitude and rate of change at preselected values. The manual pressurisation control system is used to override the automatic system if a malfunction should occur.

Testifying for the prosecution, Spyroglou said he had been asked by Greece's air accident investigation board (AAIASB) to carry out lab tests on the two outflow valve switches to determine whether they were on or off during the flight.

After conducting tests on the switches, the expert said, he determined that the filament of the right outflow valve indicator was "hot," indicating that electric current had passed through the filament, and therefore the indicator was on.

The state prosecution's case rests on the premise that the two pilots flew on manual – leading to the steady loss of cabin pressure – that they were incompetent, and that therefore the airline is liable for employing incompetent aviators. Helios Airways denies that the pressurisation valve was on manual, suggesting instead that it may have moved to that position on impact. The Helios Airways jet smashed into hilly terrain outside Athens, killing all 121 on board on August 14, 2005.

The AAIASB's crash report states unequivocally that the valve was on manual during flight and that the pilots failed to correct this, leading to the onset of hypoxia and loss of consciousness.

During cross-examination, the Helios defence probed whether the AAIASB's instructions to Spyroglou were "biased," in the sense that his tests were designed to produce a certain result, namely, to find that the indicators were on. The witness denied the insinuation, saying he was given no specific instructions one way or the other.

Ianko Stoimenov, a former chief pilot with Helios and a defendant who is representing himself in the trial, observed that there was no way to verify Spyroglou's findings due to the fact that the expert had carried out destructive testing on the outflow valve switches.

In destructive testing, tests are carried out to the specimen's failure to understand a specimen's structural performance or material behaviour. The process involves smashing up the specimen.

It was thus impossible to get a second opinion on the matter, Stoimenov argued. Asked whether during his tests he took account of the forces exerted on the indicators during impact, Spyroglou said it was virtually impossible to measure the negative Gs acting on the filaments.

GREECE**Greece crippled by protests, strike over austerity**

Greek police deployed in strength Wednesday to prevent thousands of anti-austerity protesters from blockading Parliament, where the struggling government will launch a debate on new unpopular cutbacks needed to secure international rescue loans.

As a 24-hour general strike got underway, a large part of central Athens was closed to all traffic and pedestrians as police mounted a huge security operation to allow lawmakers access to Parliament by car.

Some 5,000 officers, including hundreds of riot and motorcycle police, were on duty, using parked buses and crowd barriers to prevent protesters from encircling the building.

At least 11,000 people gathered peacefully in Syntagma Square outside Parliament, according to police, while another union demonstration was expected later Wednesday.

"Resign, resign," the crowd chanted outside Parliament. The protesters included both young and old, and many brought their children, hoisting them onto their shoulders to shield them from the crush.

Such marches have often turned violent in the past, and three clerks died when rioters torched their bank during a mass demonstration in Athens last May. But no violence was reported Wednesday. Meanwhile, a general strike by unions crippled public services across the country. It left state hospitals running on emergency staff, disrupted port traffic and public transport, and forced radio and television news programs off the air. Journalists' unions later called off the strike to cover developments in Athens. Flights, however, were operating normally after the air traffic controllers' union called off their participation in the strike.

European Parliament supports the Committee of missing persons in Cyprus

A DECLARATION INITIATED BY MARINA YIANNAKOUDAKIS MEP

The European Parliament adopted today in Strasbourg a Written Declaration fully endorsing the work of the Committee on Missing Persons (CMP) in Cyprus.

The Declaration, which was an initiative by MEPs Marina Yiannakoudakis (ECR, UK), Lidia Geringer de Oedenberg (S&D, Poland), Francoise Grossetete (EPP, France), Charles Tannock (ECR, UK) and Cecilia Wikstrom (ALDE, Sweden), was signed by 386 MEPs.

The EP fully endorses the work of the CMP and recognises its post-conflict role in promoting truth, remembrance and reconciliation in Cyprus.

At the same time the European Parliament calls on the European Commission to continue to allocate sufficient resources to the CMP to enable it to fulfill its important mandate and calls on the governments of Turkey and Cyprus to continue to support the CMP's work, to redouble efforts to account for those individuals still listed as missing and to ensure that all information that could facilitate the mission of the CMP is made freely available to it.

«It is crucial that we continue to support the Committee on Missing Persons which has done so much excellent work to find out what has happened to missing persons in Cyprus» Cypriot origin British MEP Marina Yiannakoudakis stated to CNA, indicating that as many relatives and friends of these missing people are now reaching later stages of life, «we must act



MARINA YIANNAKOUDAKIS AND NEPOMAK

with urgency to provide them with answers to decade old tantalizing questions».

The British MEP expressed her gratitude to all the MEPs who backed this Declaration and indicated that the initiative itself is «a good example of how the EU can actually help achieve tangible benefits for its citizens, not least for approximately 40,000 of Greek and Turkish Cypriots».

The Declaration, together with the names of the signatories, will be forwarded by EP President Jerzy Buzek, to the Council, the Commission, the Parliaments of the Member States and the Committee on Missing Persons in Cyprus.

Cyprus has been divided since 1974, when Turkey invaded and occupied its northern third.

As a result of the invasion, 1619 Greek-Cypriots were listed as missing, most of whom soldiers or reservists, who were captured in the battlefield.

Among them, however, were many civilians, women and children, arrested by the Turkish invasion troops and Turkish-Cypriot paramilitary groups, within the area controlled by the Turkish army after the end of hostilities and far away from the battlefield.

Many of those missing were last seen alive in the hands of the Turkish military. A further 41 more cases of Greek Cypriot missing persons have been recently added.

These cases concern the period between 1963-1964, when inter-communal fighting broke out but none of them has been identified yet.

N. Emiliou met British Minister of Europe in London

The Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ambassador Nicholas Emiliou, has met the British Minister for European Affairs David Lidington, during a visit to London.

Emiliou briefed the British diplomat on the latest developments in the Cyprus problem and presented the positions of the Greek Cypriot side in view of the July 7 meeting in Geneva.

UN Secretary-General Ban Ki Moon will host a joint meeting with President of the Republic

Demetris Christofias and Turkish-Cypriot leader Dervis Eroglu in Geneva on July 7th.

This is the third meeting abroad between the leaders of the island's two communities and the UNSG, the first took place in New York on 18 November 2010 and the second in Geneva on 26 January 2011.

Ministry of Foreign Affairs Permanent Secretary reiterated the willingness and commitment of the Greek Cypriot side to achieving a just, viable and functional so-

lution of the Cyprus problem as soon as possible and urged Britain to exert pressure on Ankara in order to adopt a constructive position in the talks on Cyprus.

They also exchanged views on Turkey's EU accession course. Emiliou stressed that the government of Cyprus supports Turkey's accession to the EU provided Ankara fulfills its obligations towards the Union, including those relating to Cyprus.

During the meeting, Emiliou and Lidington had the opportu-

nity to discuss other matters of mutual interest, particularly in view of Lidington's visit to Cyprus on 27-29 June.

Earlier yesterday, Emiliou had a meeting with the Archbishop of Thyateira and Great Britain Gregorios and attended a dinner with members of the Executive Council of the National Federation of Cypriots in the United Kingdom.

Emiliou concluded his contacts in London with a meeting with members of the House of Commons.

Cyprus Airways and Virgin Atlantic sign code sharing agreement

Virgin Atlantic and Cyprus Airways have signed a code sharing agreement on routes between the UK, the US and Cyprus for both carriers' passengers.

According to joint press release, issued here today, under the agreement travelers "will be able to purchase single itineraries to connect with ease between Cypriot gateway Larnaca and a variety of Virgin Atlantic's US destinations on routes which currently see high levels of demand".

Passengers of both airlines will be afforded the convenience of one-stop ticketing and baggage check-in whether their travel originates in the US or Cyprus.

"We are confident that the Cyprus traveling public will actively welcome this partnership, as it will be opening up the North Atlantic market on Cyprus' flag carrier

code in cooperation with Virgin Atlantic, jointly providing the care and comfort that both carriers offer on their flights", said Executive Chairman for Cyprus Airways George Mavrocostas.

On his part Director of Commercial and Revenue Planning for Virgin Atlantic Edmond Rose said "the code-share will make buying tickets and traveling between the US and Cyprus simpler for Virgin Atlantic's and Cyprus Airways' passengers".

The initial agreement will see Cyprus Airways put their code on Virgin Atlantic flights operating between London Heathrow and Boston, Los Angeles, New York JFK and Newark, while Virgin Atlantic will code share on Cyprus Airways services between Larnaca and London Heathrow.

The two carriers expect the code share to come into force on 25 July 2011 after obtaining the relevant government approvals.



NEPOMAK visited European Parliament

A Delegation from NEPOMAK(The World Organisation for Young Overseas Cypriots in the UK) has spent the previous week at the European Parliament in Strasbourg where it campaigned for a Written Declaration in support of the work of the Committee on Missing Persons in Cyprus.

The Delegation, hosted by London MEP Marina Yannakoudakis, and led by NEPOMAK.uk President Alexis Stavrou and Vice President Jason Theo George, oversaw the endorsement of the Declaration by the European Parliament on Thursday, which received the strong support of over 400 MEPs. The Delegation was also named during Parliamentary proceedings for their support and work in this area.

The Declaration, authored by Mrs Yannakoudakis MEP and co-signed by Charles Tannock MEP, both strong supporters of Human Rights and Justice in Cyprus, calls upon the European Commission to support the work of the Committee on Missing Persons in Cyprus, both morally and financially, in its aims to bring closure for the families of those who went missing during the conflict and invasion of Cyprus, and to promote truth, re-



membrance and reconciliation.

Commenting on the support offered by the delegation, Marina Yannakoudakis said she was very grateful for the valuable contribution made by NEPOMAK.uk in supporting the Committee on the Missing Persons" and that "NEPOMAK.uk is a standard-bearer in displaying what community organisations can achieve".

The NEPOMAK Delegation also met with various MEPs, including London MEPs Charles Tannock and Syed Kamall, and was briefed about how community organisations can make the most effective impact on policy-making in the

European Parliament.

The Delegation received an audience with EU Commissioner Androulla Vassiliou, one of the highest-ranking women within the EU, whose portfolio consists of Education, Culture, Multilingualism and Youth. The discussion covered the pan-European Erasmus University exchange programme, and its appeal to young Britons.

Ioannis Kasoulides MEP, Vice Chair of the European People's Party, also met with the delegation to exchange views on Cyprus and the Cyprus Issue within a European context, with an in-depth discussion about the role which over-

seas Cypriots play, especially the younger generation.

Alexis Stavrou, President of NEPOMAK.uk, reflecting on the Delegation's visit said "I am very proud of the work our Delegation has carried out in supporting this Declaration. We have demonstrated to EU Parliamentarians and Officials that young people are still very much concerned with the Cyprus Issue, and I strongly believe that the insights we have gained here will help us enormously when putting the case for Cyprus forward in the future."

LGR Music awards 2011, Semi-Finals

London Greek Radio invites everybody at its Music Awards Semi-Finals, tomorrow, **Friday the 17th of June** and on the **1st of July** at 8:00 pm at the PENDRIDGE SUITE, 470 BOWES ROAD, LONDON, N11 1NL.

Among the artists that compete on the **17th of June** is:

Stalo Georgiou, a well known composer who has a very impressive resume (studying towards a Phd, wins in many RIK contests). **Christina Tselepotou**, a singer with a great voice and music studies who has been establishing herself in Cyprus the past few years. The two girls are competing together on the 17th with the song «Tell me». **Stalo** is the composer of the song and **Christina** is the singer. The lyrics were written by Theodoulos Koullapi.

On the **1st of July**, **Stalo** is competing again with the song «**Aphrodite**» and this time **Iphi-**



genia Loukaidou, a rising star, who has also music studies in her resume is the singer of the song. The lyrics were written by Theodoulos Koullapi and Michael Michael.

Also **Kerry Charalambous**, a young student is also competing as a singer on the 1st of July.

Two winners from each of the 'Heats' will go through to the first final taking place in September 23rd in the presence of a star-studded panel.

The Grand Final will be on Sunday 25th of September 2011 at 7:00pm, Millfield Theatre in Enfield. The winner of the competition signs a recording contract and wins a superb holiday in Cyprus. Also the winner will get promoted and interviewed in TV and Radio.

First dates for new area committees in Haringey

Residents will have more of a say about what happens in their neighbourhood with the first of new style Area Committees in the borough.

From this month, the old Area Assemblies have been replaced with the new committees. The new meetings will give residents and local groups an opportunity to comment on the important issues in their area. Services will respond and regularly feed back on progress. The borough has been divided into seven Area Committees which will be led by local ward councillors. The first meeting for Muswell Hill, Alexandra, Fortis Green and Highgate, will be held at the Royal British Legion in Muswell Hill Road, on Thursday, June 16, starting at 6.30pm.

The other areas in the borough are: Crouch End, Wood Green, St Ann's and Harringay, Bruce Grove and West Green, Tottenham

and Seven Sisters, and Northumberland Park and White Hart Lane.

The first area committee meetings for these areas are:

June 23: Tottenham Hale/Seven Sisters at Tottenham Green Leisure Centre, Philip Lane.

June 27: Crouch End/Hornsey/Stroud Green at St Mary's Primary School, Rectory Gardens, N8.

June 30: West Green/Bruce Grove at the Bruce Grove Youth Centre, Bruce Grove.

July 4: Northumberland Park/White Hart Lane at Bruce Castle Museum, Lordship Lane.

July 5: Wood Green/Bounds Green/Noel Park at Bounds Green Primary School, Bounds Green Road.

July 21: St Ann's/Haringey at St Ann's Library, Cissbury Road.

Each meeting will start at 6.30pm with a

public forum followed by a decision making session of the committee.

Next week's public forum will include discussion about:

- * An explanation of the new arrangements for the Area Forum and changes to the way the council takes decisions;

- * The process, including consultation, for the planning application for the proposed waste disposal site at Pinkham Way;

- * the environment contract with Veolia; and

- * pothole repair funding.

Cllr Bernice Vanier, Cabinet Member for Communities, said: «We want the new meetings to focus on the issues which matter most to local residents. They and ward councillors are best placed to know what's important in their neighbourhoods.»

Hydrocarbons and the Law of the Sea in the Eastern Mediterranean: Implications for Cyprus, Greece, and Turkey

By Theodore C. Kariotis

Part C:

Recent Events (continued)

Reports from Noble Energy indicate that the natural gas reserves at the Leviathan site could be three times as large as the gas resources at Tamar, and a representative of the company told Reuters that the company planned to begin exploratory drilling in October of 2010. Earlier estimates had put the volume of gas at the Leviathan site at double the Tamar reserves.

As far as the oil reserves of Cyprus, although they have not yet been verified, they are estimated to be approximately 6 billion to 8 billion barrels, which at present market prices has a value of \$400 billion. As a measure of comparison, the annual budget of Cyprus is less than \$10 billion. Here we should pay attention to what Andreas Jacovides, a former Cyprus ambassador to the United States and the foremost expert of Cyprus on issues pertaining to the Law of the Sea, has to say on the subject:

For the past few years, periodically reports appear in the Cyprus press, sometimes under sensational headlines, accompanied by maps and pictures of oil platforms, on the oil and natural gas wealth of the region. It is said that the Eastern Mediterranean Basin contains some 400 billion dollars' worth of oil and natural gas and that much of it lies in the areas south of Cyprus (between Cyprus and Egypt or Cyprus and Israel, Gaza, and Lebanon) within the Cyprus EEZ. Some such press reports have mentioned that Cyprus will become the new El Dorado, that we shall assume the status of sheiks and emirs with more money than we would know what to do with, and anticipate that Cyprus will join OPEC! No doubt, such talk is exaggerated. There are indeed indications that some oil deposits, and most probably considerable quantities of natural gas, do lie in the seabed in areas to the south, east and west of Cyprus. Foreign companies, including Noble Energy and Shell, have discovered substantial natural gas deposits off the coast of Egypt and off Israel/Gaza, and chances are that there are deposits in the adjacent Cyprus EEZ, as preliminary research has confirmed. But whether these deposits are in such a quantity and quality as to be commercially exploitable, and whether the depth at which they are found makes exploitation too difficult and expensive, remains to be seen. I say this in order to put the matter in perspective, but I do not claim any scientific expertise on such matters.3

There are six countries that have maritime borders with Cyprus: Egypt, Greece, Israel, Lebanon, Syria, and Turkey. Since Cyprus has agreements with three of them, it will be necessary to discuss its maritime zones with the other three. What is beyond belief is the fact that Cyprus does not yet have an agreement with Greece, although Cyprus was almost begging Greece to delineate the EEZs of the two countries beginning in 2004.

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-450g/1lb lamb mince
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-1 garlic clove, peeled, crushed
-2 tbsp tomato purée
-1 tsp cinnamon
-1 tsp freshly grated nutmeg
-1 tbsp chopped fresh parsley
-1 tbsp chopped fresh mint
-1 red chili, finely chopped
- 16 x 12cmx16cm/6inx8in lasagne sheets, blanched, drained

For the topping:

-125g/4 oz ricotta
-125g/4 oz Greek-style yoghurt
-4 free-range eggs
-freshly grated nutmeg, to taste

To serve

-toasted pitta
-hummus



Sudoku Challenge

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Famous Quotes

All good music resembles something. Good music stirs by its mysterious resemblance to the objects and feelings which motivated it.
Jean Cocteau

Do not dwell in the past, do not dream of the future, concentrate the mind on the present moment.
Buddha

Friendship is held to be the severest test of character. It is easy, we think, to be loyal to a family and clan, whose blood is in your own veins.
Charles Alexander



Organist William Herschel discovered the planet Uranus in 1781 with the first reflecting telescope that he built. It was the first identification of a planet since ancient times. He named it Georgium Sidum in honor of King George III of England. For many years the planet was known as the Georgian. It was not until 1850 that it was renamed Uranus in accordance with the tradition of naming planets for Roman gods.

The Uranian ring system was discovered in 1977 during observations from Earth. In prospective, the Italian astronomer Galileo Galilei saw Saturn's rings first in 1610. Ranging from dust-sized particles to the size of mountains the existence of the rings consisting

of billions of particles were confirmed in the 1980s by the interplanetary orbiter Cassini probe, named after Italian astronomer Giovanni Domenico Cassini who discovered the gaps in the Saturn rings. The gaps are homes to two tiny Saturn moons called Encke and Keeler.

The interplanetary probe Voyager 1 found the planet Jupiter's ring in 1974. Suspected since the 1980s,

Did you know?

the probe Voyager 2 verified rings around the planet Neptune in 1989.

All the planets in the solar system rotate anti-clockwise, except one. Venus is the only planet that rotates clockwise. Venus (radius 3,760.4 miles) is similar to Earth (radius 3,963.19 miles) in size and structure but spins very slowly; a day on Venus is 243 Earth days long.

Earth is the densest (5.515 g/cm³) planet in the solar system and the only one not named after a god. Earth orbits the sun at an average speed of 66,629 mph (107,229 km/h). One year on earth is 365.24 days long. One day is 23 hours, 56 minutes and 4.06 seconds long.

Just for laughs!

Heel Heel!

Husband says; "When I'm gone you'll never find another man like me" _ Wife replied; "What makes you think I'd want another

man like you!"
Ha! Ha!

When I was young I used to pray for a bike, then I realized that God doesn't work that way, so I stole a bike and prayed for forgiveness.

"I told my wife that a man is like a fine wine... I always get better with age. The next day, she locked me in the wine cellar."

Heel Heel!

Innkeeper: The room is \$15. a night. It's \$5. if you make your own bed. Guest: I'll make my own bed. Innkeeper: Good. I'll get you some nails and wood.

Heel Heel!

In the first year of marriage, the man speaks and the woman listens. In the second year, the woman speaks and the man listens. In the third year, they both speak and the neighbors listen.

Ha! Ha!

STRANGE BUT TRUE

A cat survived being shot through the head with a crossbow bolt

The owners of Spike, who was found with the 12in arrow lodged in his skull in Sutton, St Helens, Merseyside, branded the attack "horrific".

A 39-year-old man from the area is being held by police after his arrest in connection with the incident and a "bolt-firing mechanism" has been seized.

No-one can understand how he's not had major damage or how he's even survived this traumatic incident.

The owners are Sandra and Mike. Sandra's husband, Mike Grogan, called for more restrictions on the sale of weapons such as crossbows.

"It's absolutely sickening and shocking that you can buy these things on the internet quite easily," he said.

Vets were amazed that Spike survived being shot "It could very easily have missed Spike and... killed a child. That's the worse thing about it."

Sarah Roberts from Alder Veterinary Hospital, which carried out the operation, told Sky News she was shocked the bolt had missed Spike's vital organs.

"Although there is still some way to go, he is very lucky to have made it this far," she said.

"It takes a very powerful weapon to have penetrated the bone as much as it has."

"Unfortunately, this is part of a bigger picture, as we see animals that have been attacked with weapons like airguns all-too often."

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Χρυσό χρόμα θα έχει η δάδα των Ολυμπιακών Αγώνων του Λονδίνου, όπως ανακοινώθηκε από την οργανωτική Επιτροπή. Πάνω της θα υπάρχουν 8.000 τρύπες που αντιπροσωπεύουν τα αντίστοιχα χιλιόμετρα που θα ταξιδέψει η Φλόγα σε βρετανικό έδαφος.

Σχεδιαστές της είναι οι Έντουαρντ Μάρμπερ, Τζέι Όσγκερμπι και η ομάδα τους, ενώ η αφή της Ολυμπιακής Φλόγας θα γίνει στις 18 Μαΐου 2012 στην Ελλάδα.

Η αφή της Φλόγας θα γίνει την επόμενη άνοιξη στην Αρχαία Ολυμπία, ενώ η λαμπαδηδρομία θα διαρκέσει 70 ημέρες. Σύμφωνα με τα όσα αποκάλυψε ο πρόεδρος της «Λονδίνο 2012» η Φλόγα θα διασχίσει όλο το Ηνωμένο Βασίλειο.

Σύμφωνα με όσα αναφέρουν τα αγγλικά Μέσα, οι τεχνικές προδιαγραφές της δάδας είναι ιδιαίτερα υψηλές, αφού έχουν γίνει αρκετοί έλεγχοι (άνεμος ταχύτητας 75 μιλών ανά ώρα, θερμοκρασίες έως -5 βαθμούς Κελσίου και αρκετή βροχή).



Κέιτ Μίντλετον και Τόνυ Μπλέαρ θύματα των υποκλοπών της «News of the World»

Νέα στοιχεία στο σκάνδαλο των υποκλοπών της εφημερίδας *News of the World* του ομίλου Μέρντον έρχονται στο φως.

Σύμφωνα με την εφημερίδα *Guardian*, θύματα των υποκλοπών της βρετανικού ταμπλόιντ έχουν πέσει τόσο ο πρώτης πρωθυπουργός, Τόνυ Μπλέαρ, όσο και η Κέιτ Μίντλετον, την περίοδο που ήταν ακόμη η φιλενάδα του πρίγκιπα Γουίλιαμ το 2004.

Η Αστυνομία, πλέον, δέχεται ισχυρές πιέσεις να διευρύνει την έρευνά της, καθώς η λίστα με τα άτομα που έχουν πέσει θύματα υποκλοπών ολοένα και ανέκαντα.

Σύμφωνα με την *Guardian*, πιθανό θύματα είναι ακόμη ο Έρικ Κλάπτον, ο Μίκ Τζάκερ και ο Τζόρτζ Μάικλ.

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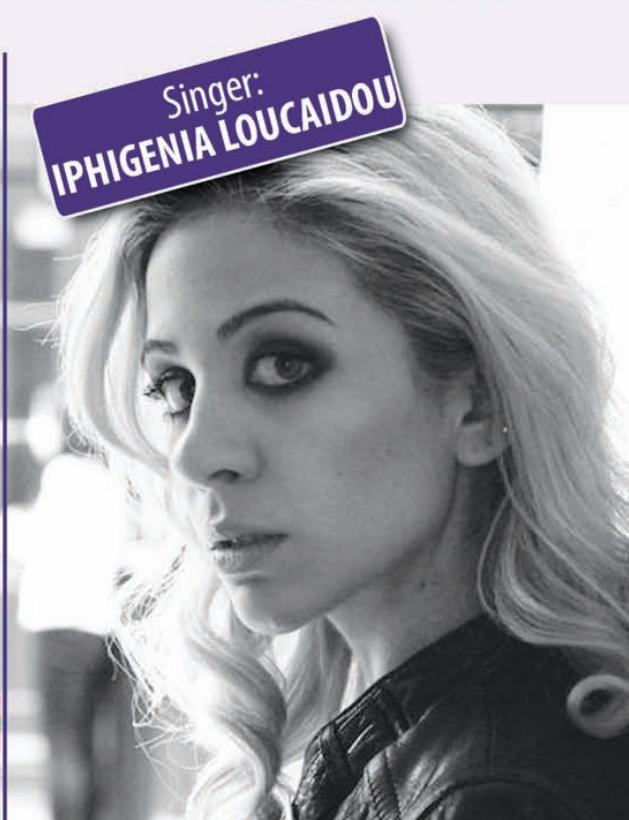


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It seems that this summer, more than any other in recent years, is very important for many English clubs. Champions Manchester United have already started spending with the acquisition of Phil Jones while there is a strong chance Spanish goalkeeper De Gea and Aston Villa's Ashley Young will also be at Old Trafford. With several departures also anticipated, it is clear that Sir Alex Ferguson is intent on building on the team that clinched a record nineteenth league title but was ceremoniously despatched by Barcelona in the Champions League. The Catalan giants are the European benchmark and United want to get there.

Getting into the Champions League is the goal for Liverpool and over the summer manager and club legend Kenny Dalglish has also splashed the cash. Jordan Henderson has come on board to add to the January transfer's of Carroll and Suarez.

There is no doubt that Manchester City will also spend some of the money of their billionaire benefactor. Having qualified for the Champions League, manager Roberto Mancini knows that his squad has not got the depth in number or quality to challenge realistically for the league title and in Europe.

Chelsea are still looking for a new manager and whoever comes in it is clear that after January when the club spent big on Torres and Luiz that the new boos will be the beneficiary of owner Roman Abramovich loosening the purse strings.

This leaves Arsenal of the top sides. What are they going to do? It has been apparent to the Arsenal faithful for many seasons what the team needs. Manager Arsene Wenger has always maintained that his philosophy and trust in youth will pay dividends but the reality is that this season the team finished fourth in a two-horse race.

Some fans voiced their unhappiness with boss Arsene Wenger, especially over his apparent reluctance to spend big on players.

But Chief Executive Ivan Gazidis said shareholder: "We had a season that promised a great deal but in the end a familiar story began to tell itself. It is very clear we had some shortcomings and we are going to see some turnover of players. As Arsene has said, it will be a busy close season for the club."

With murmurings of three high profile and important first team players rumoured to want to leave, Arsene Wenger does indeed have a busy summer ahead of him.

The news that Barcelona still covert captain Cesc Fabregas, should surprise no one. Whether the transfer happens is another story but news that full back Bacary Sagna told French radio this week that in his opinion it is likely Fabregas will leave will leave Arsenal fans more demoralised.

With Gael Clichy set for a transfer to Liverpool, the rumour that Samir Nasri has declined an offer to extend his contract as its runs into the last year sheds more light on the negative atmosphere at the Emirates.

Wenger desperately still needs to address the frailty at centre back and while it has been reported that new United player Phil Jones was a target, as well Bolton's Gary Cahill who is rumoured to be off to Manchester City, Wenger is left with his third choice, who is possibly Blackburn's Chris Samba. Will this be sufficient for a club intent on not only winning the league but also ruling Europe?

If Fabregas and Nasri both go, there is a creative void in the team that cannot be filled alone by the outstanding Wilshere. Who will come in?

With Bendtner and Chamakh seemingly surplus to requirements, Lille's Gervinho seems an astute buy but he is again not the finished article and this is where the frustration with Wenger continues.

As a fully fit first eleven, Arsenal are as good as team in Europe, and that includes Barcelona. Their Achilles heel is the lack of quality in depth of the squad and the mental frailty which derailed their season this year.

With their rivals, and I have not even considered Tottenham in this debate, investing in their team and squad, Arsenal and Wenger need to ensure they are not left behind. More than ever Wenger has to deliver as the danger in relying on youth and not accepting areas of the team need addressing and coming up with a solution is not another trophy less season, but the possibility that Arsenal fall out of the top four.



STOP PRESS...

••• **SANTOS TO QUIT IN 2012?**: Greece manager Fernando Santos hinted this week that he might end his coaching career once the national team take part in the Euro 2012 finals ••• **FIFA BACKLASH?**: FIFA could face a backlash from Europe's leading clubs as the world football governing body plans to increase the number of international friendly dates from 12 to 17 ••• **UNITED CLOSE IN ON SANCHEZ**: Manchester United are ready to seal a £27m deal for Udinese's Chilean midfielder Alexis Sanchez, under the noses of Manchester City and Barcelona ••• **ARSENAL IN FOR WILLIAN**: Arsenal have made an approach for Shakhtar Donetsk midfielder Willian.

EX-PANATHINAIKOS COACH GETS 2.5-YEAR DEAL

Nioplias is new manager of Cyprus

Former Panathinaikos manager Nikos Nioplias is the new coach of the national team of Cyprus, the Cypriot Football Association (CFA) announced last week.

The 46-year-old coach will take over immediately until the end of the qualifying process for the 2014 World Cup, that is by the end of 2013, unless Cyprus advance to the finals in Brazil.

He is replacing fellow Greek Angelos Anastasiadis, who was sacked by the CFA in April, despite enjoying the most successful spell ever for a Cyprus manager.

Nioplias will be in Cyprus by mid-June to sign his contract and meet the Cyprus players.

Besides winning the domestic double with Panathinaikos in 2010, Nioplias has a fine reputation as a successful manager of the Greek national Under-19 and Under-21 teams.

A press release from the CFA confirmed the appointment of the 46-year-old:

"The CFA has reached a verbal agreement with Nikos Nioplias to take over the national side for the remainder of the UEFA EURO 2012 qualifying campaign as well as the qualifying campaign for the 2014 FIFA World Cup. The new coach is expected to arrive in Cyprus within the next one to two weeks to sign his contract with the CFA and to meet our international players."

Nioplias' first match in charge of Cyprus will come against Moldova in a friendly in



Nikos Nioplias is the new manager of Cyprus

early August before squaring off against Portugal in a UEFA EURO 2012 Qualifier just a month later.

The Cypriots currently sit second from bottom in Group H, eight points off a trio of leaders.

Greece likely to be among top seeds for World Cup draw

Greece will now almost certainly be in the first pot for the World Cup draw on July 31, after being among the top-nine teams in Europe according to the latest FIFA rankings.

The FIFA statistical chart is used to determine the seedings for the draw process next month and Greece will be one of the top teams in the qualifying groups for the 2014 event in Brazil by virtue of its results in the last few years.

However, Greece only just made the top seeded pot by virtue of its ninth place and will therefore avoid top teams such as the Netherlands, Germany, England or Spain in its group.

A draw in the team's latest in-

tentional friendly with Ecuador last Tuesday put the national team at risk of dropping out of the top nine, but the draws that Montenegro had with Bulgaria and France at Belarus meant that Greece kept the ninth spot and can look forward to a relatively smooth group.

The other teams to get seeded are Spain, the Netherlands, Germany, England, Portugal, Italy, Croatia and Norway.

The top team of each group will advance directly to the finals, along with the best second-placed across the nine qualifying groups, while the other runners-up will meet in play-offs for the four remaining World Cup tickets.

High Jump win for Cyprus star Ioannou

High jumper Kyriakos Ioannou, one of Cyprus' most talented athletes, last week won at the prestigious Diamond League meeting in the Norwegian capital of Oslo.

The competition, as well as nearly all of the Track and Field events, was severely disrupted by rain.

World indoor high jump champion Ivan Ukhov failed to clear his opening height of 2.15m and the event duly turned into a three-way battle between Olympic champion Andrey Silnov of Russia, world championship bronze medalist Raul Spank of Germany and world silver medalist Ioannou.

All three cleared 2.28m, but were unable to jump 2.30m.

Ioannou and Silnov then went into a jump-off, with the 26-year-old Cypriot taking the eventual victory on the countback rule.

After the first three Diamond League High Jump events, Ioannou leads the overall standings with six points after finishing second in Doha in early May and seventh at the Prefontaine Classic in Eugene, Oregon last week.

Spank shares second place with American Jesse Williams, both with five points, while Silnov is fourth with four.

Ioannou and Williams share the top spot when considering the highest height cleared, as they both managed to jump 2.33m in Doha.

KOPA LEAGUE NEWS.....

Panthea win TIUTA Challenge Cup Final

KOPA CHALLENGE CUP FINAL

Panthea 1-0 Cinar

What a great match this final game of the season was. The TIUTA KOPA Challenge Cup Final between Panthea and Cetinkaya Cinar at Wadham Lodge did not disappoint the hundreds of spectators who turned up for the climax of the season.

Cinar came into this Cup Final as major underdogs with 5 first team players missing including goal keeper Remzi. Halil Akil, against all odds, produced a marvellous display between the sticks, but also had to thank his makeshift defence who reduced Panthea to long distance shots.

The game was fiercely competitive as both teams

fought for superiority of the midfield. Murat had a tussle in the 15th minute with Lawrence Constanti and broke through with a good run and passed to Marcus who could not convert. In the 35th minute a last ditch tackle by Cinar stopped Panthea getting through. In the second half Panthea's Kyri had two good chances, one in the 55th minute which Halil pulled off a great save and in the 66th minute which Kyri hit just narrowly over. The game came alive in the final minutes with Murat going one on one with the Panthea keeper only to square the ball to Marcus who mishit his shot wide. Cinar paid for that miss as Panthea scored what was to be the winner three minutes from time as a shot from Lawrence Constanti on the edge of the box somehow found its way through a bunch of Cinar defenders.

Cinar pressed forward and did come close to an equaliser from a Lee White shot, but it wasn't to be. Congratulations to both teams for a great game. The cup was presented to the Captain of Panthea, Andreas Achilleous, on behalf of TIUTA PLC by the General Secretary of KOPA Michael Yiakoumi. As is traditional celebrations were accompanied with copious amounts of champagne!

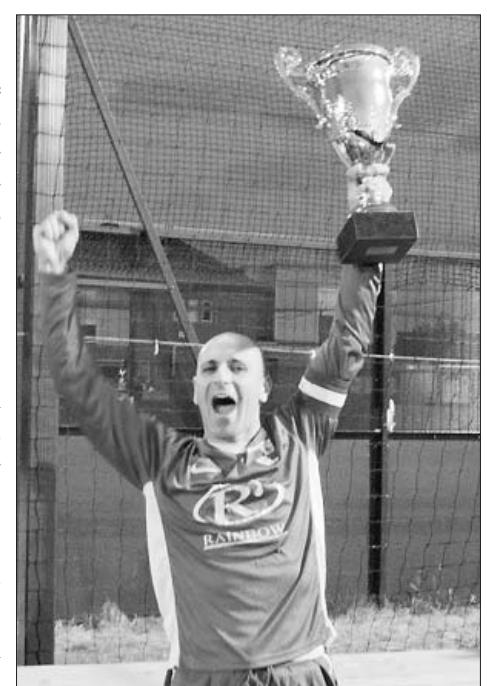
Line ups

PANTHEA

Nick Christofi, Andy Loizou, Lawrence Constanti, Theo Daniels, Andy Achilleas, Ryan Herval, Shaun Johnson, Kyri Kyprianou, Fodi Christodoulou, Nick Salapatas, Toby Ajula, Subs: Anas Panayiotou, Henderson Brown, Tony Nicholas, Alexandra Anderson, Danny Bailey

CETINKAYA CINAR

Halil Akil, Tavlan Akkaya, Salih Karakis, Matthew Mitchell, Hasan Ali, Lee White, Muammar Ozdemir, Murat Karagul, Marcus Samuels, Evren Altinok, Josh D.Jelal, Subs: Tolga Huseyin, Leon Wilson.



A jubilant Panthea captain Andreas Achilleous with the Challenge Cup Trophy

Photo courtesy Costas Christou

KOPA AGM a huge success

The KOPA Annual General Meeting took place last Sunday at the Cypriot Community Centre in Wood Green. As well as all the teams attending members also had the privilege of the Honorary Chairmen of KOPA attending Mr Hambis Prodromou and Mr Paul Yiannakas, the former Vice Chair and treasurer Mr Eugenios Stylianides, Mr Kyriacos Georgiou the former registration secretary and Mr Costas Kaounides a former member of KOPA management committee and a founder of Omonia FC in Cyprus.

Mr Stylianides gave a quick thank you to the clubs for the donation and attendance at his late wife's funeral and also spoke about the good work of KOPA.

The AGM minutes from last year were read by the KOPA General Secretary Michael Yiakoumi. Lakis Chrysostomou, the Chairman of KOPA, then gave a report of last season, congratulating the KOPA management committee one by one for the work they had done over the season.

He also thanked the League sponsors YVA solicitors and the Cup sponsors TIUTA Plc for their support. He spoke about the successes of all the teams, including New Salamis' impressive LFA Sunday Cup victory. Lakis also congratulated the KOPA representative team which won the LFA Interleague Cup with a special thanks to the players and to Tom Loizou the manager and Chris Kalli the assistant manager. He ended by stating his confidence of greater progress for KOPA next season.

It was then the turn of the General Secretary Michael Yiakoumi to make a report on last season. It was his first year and he said he thoroughly enjoyed it. He mentioned that the League had increased their revenue and had created closer ties with Cyprus through RIK TV and the Cyprus Sports As-

sociation. He also mentioned they were forming representative teams for U16's and U18's and Kypros Kyprianou, Tony Antoniou and Marios Michael have come on board and their collective experience with youth football will enhance this project. Michael concluded by saying the KOPA League has over the years given football to several thousand boys and will continue doing so. Every Cypriot has had a connection with KOPA league over these 35 glorious years.

The new management committee is as follows: Lakis Chrysostomou (Chairman), Michael Yiakoumi (General Secretary), Michalakis Michael, Soteris Chaklides, Andy Neophytou, Kokos Georgiou, Leon Georgiou, Suzanne Huseyin, Nick Demetriades, Michael Pieri, Nicholas Georgiou and Andreas Aristotelous.

The new faces are Nick Demetriades, Michael Pieri, Nick Georgiou and Andreas Aristotelous.

One of the Honorary Chairmen, Mr Paul Yiannakas, then spoke about the

League and how it remains a foundation of the community and was very upset that he had heard whispers of clubs trying to form a new League and said that these clubs should not even contemplate doing so. He finished by wishing the KOPA League further success and to continue giving sport to our youngsters. KOPA's other Honorary Chairman, Mr Hambis Prodromou then spoke saying work of the KOPA management committee should have room to improve and that KOPA should have closer ties with youth football via the U9 age group and upwards. He concluded by congratulating the KOPA committee and Clubs and to keep up the good work.

The General meeting was followed by a buffet served by the Cypriot Community Centre.

Brief profiles of the new Committee

Lakis Chrysostomou, Chairman of



er and was secretary and player for Spartans FC for eight years.

Suzanne Huseyin has a fish and chips business and has vast experience in football and has been secretary of Cetinkaya Cinar for several years.

Kokos Georgiou is a food distributor and played for Aetos and Dynamo and was chairman of Aris FC and is involved in Youth football.

Nicholas Georgiou is a Chartered Accountant who studied History at Reading University, Nicholas has been connected with Arachne Football Club in recent years.

Nick Demetriades is player and secretary of Maronites FC and Accounts manager at Venus Plc.

Andreas Aristotelous is an electrician. He is the former secretary of Apoel FC and has been involved with several other KOPA clubs over the years.

Michael Pieri is Head of Year 9 at a North London secondary school where he teaches Maths, PE and Economics. He is also sports editor at Eleftheria newspaper and a former manager of Omonia and Brotherhood.

Andy Neophytou is the Manager of AEL FC and was a player in Cyprus with AEL. In the UK he played for Venus, Eleftheria and AEL. Andy has a dry cleaning business.

Leon Georgiou is a website design-

