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CHRISTMAS 2015 NEWSLETTER



MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HEALTHY AND PEACEFUL NEW YEAR

Dear Members

As 2015 marches towards an end I wanted to take the opportunity to write and (in good politically incorrectness) wish you all a very Merry Christmas and A Healthy and Peaceful New Year.

I also want to update you on what has happened is happening within the Association and to remind you of the information that is always ongoing.

Changes have started and others are on the way!!

Following the AGM earlier this year, we were alerted by the Kaymakamlik of some legal changes which had to be included in the Administration of our Association. We also took the opportunity to update the Constitution. We have been working with a Solicitor (Oktay Çinar) the grandson of one of our Founding Members, on both aspects so that it is all completed correctly. This work is being done free of charge and we are very grateful for his time and guidance.

More information will be passed on in due course.

One of the minor changes you will have already been experiencing is the way receipts are now written – one for each person. This, of course makes issuing them more time-consuming and it is one of the reasons that payment in advance of events is most welcome. Thank you for your co-operation.



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Current status of Cultural Events

Our events continue to be well-received and supported by you and your friends and we thank you for your support. For this reason, we rarely find it necessary to advertise our events in the local press but will endeavour to keep the Association in the news by sending write-ups and photos to the press post-event.

This year the **ATA tour in September was to the Ottoman Balkans**. The overall report back was that once again it was a successful tour. Some issues were raised and observations highlighted. These will be addressed elsewhere.

Back from the summer break, we kicked off the final quarter of the year with:

- **A Social Gathering at the Wild Duck Restaurant in Lapta**. The feedback was that we should have these more often. Since we do not have a meeting place, it is good that occasionally members have the opportunity to meet-up without a speaker so they can spend more time getting to know each other. We hear you!

This event was followed by:

- **A Dowsing weekend in the Karpaz**. A weekend full of interesting experiences, giving those who had completed the preliminary training the opportunity to practice and stretch their fledgling skills under the guidance of our **'resident trainers', Rob and Suzy**. The weather was kind and swimming in the still-warm sea was a great way to wind down as well as cool off.
- **Dowsing for beginners was next on the agenda**: This subject is proving to be hugely popular and waiting lists are turning into further waiting lists.
- **A return visit to the 'Lost City of Macaria'**: What started as a very popular event became plagued by drop-outs for various reasons and the event looked as though it would falter. However,



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with re-arranged plans and despite the forecast of rain, an intrepid group set out for the venue and had a very pleasant outing. The threatened rain did arrive just as we got back to our cars. Thank you my flexible friends!!!

- **The Whirling Dervishes is next on the agenda but I'm hoping to get this newsletter, which I started a month ago, out to you before that event takes place.**

Perhaps, I should just write less but what good is a newsletter if it doesn't contain news - especially for those who for one reason or another have been unable to attend many or any of the events.

Before I end the subject of events, I would like to point out what is becoming obvious to regular event attendees. Costs are rising as is happening with everything everywhere. We are having little space to manoeuvre in negotiating the prices set. Food per head is fixed unless it is an option to choose and pay for your individual meal.

If cancellations are not received within the specified time, payment is expected for the numbers booked. On occasions when this has been flouted, the ATA ends up paying and that is hardly fair as it is, in fact, your member colleagues who pay as the money comes from the funds that has been donated to support projects within the community.

The price of the coach, where this is part of the event, is also fixed dependent on the size of the group, whether it will be staying with us all day etc.

The total of all expected outgoings are equally divided among the expected number of participants and since most people want to know the cost before committing, this can then prove problematic when drop-outs then start to arise. I think you can work out the maths here.

So, I want to end with a plea - please give this information considered thought in order that we can set and keep our prices at the best levels possible and eradicate the frustration that is encountered when the best laid plans start to unravel. I really thank you for your cooperation with this.



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Projects

I recently sent out an email inviting you to submit any ‘community’ projects that you might be aware of, for consideration of our financial support. It seems that there is some misunderstanding of the difference between Projects and Events judging from the fact that all of the few replies I received put forward ideas for events.

Some clarification then –

Projects are those areas in the community which may benefit from support by way of a monetary donation. They are usually selected from requests that we receive from either members or persons acting for and on behalf of any legitimate worthy cause. We have looked at streamlining these requests by putting together the application form which was sent out with the email as in the past it was not unusual to have the same people making repeated requests and we felt that this should be more evenly spread.

Some examples of projects are: part-payment for a photocopier to Lapta school, weighing and measuring equipment to the paediatric clinic at Lapta Health Clinic, English language books and equipment to another school to support the teaching/learning of English. Most recently, the replacement of drainpipes and manhole covers at Lefkoşa’s SOS village.

The project fund is made up of the money you donate within the cost of events and your membership fees.

Events are the trips, tours, walks, talks, etc which are organised for you the members.

Got it! Then please try harder as we are urgently seeking worthy causes for 2016.

Debriefing meeting following the Balkans Tour

I apologise that this information was not sent out immediately after the meeting but took the view that it should be addressed to the wider membership and decided to address it thus rather than just to those who were on the tour.



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The meeting, headed up by Harry and Gültür, was held at the request of member/s who wished clarification on some issues about the Balkans Tour and the ATA tours in general. Also in question, was how the organisational and administrative responsibilities for arranging the tours had been decided (see attachments).

Only members who had been on the tour were invited to the meeting. Those who **couldn't attend submitted comments.**

A synopsis of the meeting is given here.

The main points were about the travel agent and the representative of the travel agent. Other points concerned the timing of flights, preference for the use of local guides etc.

There was a healthy discussion of all the points raised and I believe that they have been **addressed in the coming year's tours.**

Before the meeting ended I made the suggestion that perhaps briefing meetings should be held as soon as possible after return to Cyprus. Gültür went one better by suggesting that these are held on the last evening of the tours when reps are **available to answer tour members' queries. I would further suggest that a synopsis report of the content of these sessions is made and submitted to the Committee on return.**

Emails and replies

Several of you have my personal email as well as the ATA contact address. May I please ask that all emails to do with the ATA and/or are sent from that email account are replied to at that address i.e. atamail13@gmail.com.

There are two reasons for this – 1) these days my personal email address receives a lot less attention than the ATA email address and there is a high possibility that emails sent to my personal email address will not receive prompt attention; 2) no one else on the committee has access to my personal email and will therefore be unaware **of what is going on with what I'm doing. Imagine the chaos! Please also do not use the ATA email address for personal communication.**



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2016 AGM details

Saturday 20th February 2016, Eziç Premier 10.30am

Please note: As from 2016, we will have to enforce the fee payment rule which is that all who wish to attend the AGM must have paid their fees one month prior to the date of the AGM.

Membership fee is 30TL and the annual term of membership is from January to December of any given year.

Reminders

- Please keep us updated on any change in personal details
- Reps are at Secret Town Café, Girne on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month between 10am and noon
- **Anything** and **everything** to do with the main off-island ATA trips should be referred to Harry Fellows at his personal email address hashdown2@gmail.com and not the ATA email address
- Contact emails address as previously mentioned is atamail13@gmail.com. You can also follow news and updates on our website www.angloturkishassociation.com

Postscript

Right now I am beginning to question whether this Newsletter will ever find its way **to your inbox!! What with storms and problems with internet access...well I'd better** get on with it and hope my luck holds out this evening.

As I was unable to send this to you before the Whirling Dervishes event I can now add something about that here...

A much ^sdepleted group of 18 members joined with other groups at the Mevlevi in Lefko a for this event on Friday 18th December. Feedback from the attendees was mixed and the following day with my head clear after a good night's sleep, I got to thinking over some of the comments and analysing them.



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My thoughts were interrupted by a phone call from member Judith Kenyon who rang to endorse her and husband Ian's enjoyment of the evening. Having overheard the various comments from the other members, she decided to 'google' the subject and was much enlightened by what she learned about the Whirling Dervishes. I haven't yet accessed the information myself for the reasons given above but intend to do so as soon as possible. Perhaps you might all like to follow her lead, particularly those who attended the performance as it might put things into perspective.

And when you've read about it maybe you'd like to consider Gülder's suggestion and ear-mark the following dates in your diaries, 7 - 17 December 2016, to visit Konya in Turkey. This is the home of the Whirling Dervishes and a festival takes place there between those dates. Think of it as an alternative Christmas present to yourself or you can get someone to fund it for you as their present to you ☐

Right, I am off to enlighten myself about them before the internet goes again!

Here's a link about the Konya festival - <http://www.theguardian.com/world/ng-interactive/2015/dec/18/whirling-dervishes-at-the-rumi-festival-in-konya-a-photo-essay>

Note: Don't forget to read the other attachments!!

Kind regards

Pearl – ATA Chairman