



ATA Organised EVENTS 2020

JANUARY / OCAK 2020



11TH Visit and Tree Planting to the Friendship Forest



In March 2013 the local Russian Newspaper – Obozrevatel celebrated its 1ST Birthday by planting 200 trees in an area that Çatalköy Belediyesi and the Girne Kaymakam gave them for the purpose of setting up a Friendship Forest, the very first ever in Cyprus. Since the planting in 1976 of the original Friendship Forest planting at the International Forest of Friendship beside Lake Oka near Ashison, Kansas, USA, to today's Friendship Forest in Çatalköy is just one of the many across the World.

At this moment we are with the 'green' issue of the world's biggest problem of supporting

Friendship Forest planting. If you're doing your bit for the environment but you find immense satisfaction in having done your part in creating a little bit of green space amongst today's concrete jungle. After all a place filled with trees, which by nature are a symbol of peace and tranquillity dedicated to international friendship, give us a way out which we cannot live for more than about 90 minutes and help us by providing us Medicines, Cover, Food, Wood, Soil and many other things. Trees are our best friends because they give us fresh oxygen. According to a Chinese proverb the best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago. The second best time is now. So come along and learn about the world-wide Friendship Forest scheme and enjoy the experience of a Friendship Forest Tree Planting in a Green Friendship Forest.



Description of Events are done so using poetic journalistic sense. It will not be assumed to be a detailed description or itinerary of any particular Event, rather a 'wetting the imagination'. Detailed information on all Events will be emailed to members in sufficient time prior to the actual event to enable informed decisions made as to whether the event is of interest to you.

For more information on any of our Events please email atamail13@gmail.com.

UPDATE 26/12/19

Our tree planting Event will take place in the Mesaria plains on the way to Famagusta at a location chosen for us by the Forestry Department who are providing the trees for planting and assistance with the planting of our forest.

After we have finished planting our forest we will have lunch at a local restaurant.

Coach transport leaving from Girne (with pick-up points along the way) will be provided for those requiring it,

although should you prefer to make your own transport arrangements; upon request we can provide details of where our tree planting location will be.

Because of the nature of this Event: **Those attending** should come dressed appropriately for this Event (gardening gear / old clothes / etc) and be mindful of the weather -- bringing extra clothing may be both desirable and recommended. A change of shoes might also be considered useful for afterwards.

COST;

The cost of coach transport (leaving from **Al-Masjid Mosque, Girne** on **7th January 2020 with pick up on the way** and returning in the afternoon) for this special Event will be dependent on the number of participants requiring transport and must be paid to our Events Organisers for this Event.

The meal cost is dependent on your chosen meal/drinks and you pay the restaurant directly for this.

If you would like to join fellow members attending this Event, please advise before **Monday 7th January 2020** our Events Organisers **Ms Pearl Mitchell & Deb** via their email address: - **atamail13@gmail.com**

- 1/. If you require coach transport from Girne
- 2/. If you would like to meet the coach at a pick up point on the way and need to know where the pick up points are
- 3/. If you intend to make your own transport arrangements and need to know the location of our planting
- 4/. If you DO NOT want to join other members for a meal

Our normal Event fee applies in respect to costs non members always welcome

UPDATE 06/01/20

Due to the very heavy rainfall and extreme weather conditions we have experienced over the last few days and the forecast for the day of the Event, the Forestry Department who are providing the trees for planting and assistance with the planting of our forest have **postponed** this event until a future occasion.