



Newsletter

SPRING 2023



Phil's Mutterings As we step into 'Spring' with its

warmer weather and leave the cold and miserable winter behind, and what a miserable winter it was. There can be no one in Northern Cyprus who has not been affected in some way by the terrible earthquakes that struck Turkey and Syria, or tragic loss of family and friends which has befallen those across the Turkish community around the world. On behalf of the association, I send our deepest condolences to those whose pain will be with them for ever.

The voluntary response has been amazing and continues as local families host family and friends. Others respond by supporting in any way they can, which in today's times is always pleasing! In due time you will see the ATA's long term response to this tragedy, which I am sure will leave you proud to be an association member.

Recently our associations committee has been strengthened by two experienced and knowledgeable members, Richard Currie and Levent Ozerdag. With Richard's experience in the organisation of events on a large and small scale, together with Levent's business acumen, our new look committee will be able to build on the committees' current strengths and provide some creative ideas going forward. Over this coming year you will see numerous examples of this, although I shall refrain from stealing theirs and Debbie's thunder, and just say – watch this space or to be more precise; Debbie's emails!

Over this last year, numerous members have offered their services to the committee in order to help the association grow and evolve, from looking after our Social Media or Website, running Membership Clinics, organising Social Gatherings, proffering advice and suggestions, without naming names I thank you all. Our association is YOUR association, so if you also have the inclination,

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and also remember to



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support the work of local charities. Inflation is hampering the good works local charities do. The cost of living and drugs in particular makes giving what you can even more important this year. **The ATA continues to support small local groups but it and others need our help urgently.**

Joyce

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EVENTS & SOCIAL GATHERINGS

Some members have commented that they joined the ATA to meet new people and make new friends, but don't ever get the opportunity to do so. because when they try and book a place on an event or social gathering, they are told it is sold out.

Details of our activities are always emailed to members before being advertised on Facebook, or in a newspaper, with bookings to attend always on a first come basis. Our activities are restricted to the numbers advised to us by a restaurant or event location. Whilst it is good that our activities sell out quickly month after month, we understand the disappointment this can cause. To try and redress this, over the coming months we will be holding a number of events and social gatherings at locations that can accommodate a large number of people without losing the uniqueness of being an ATA activity – watch out for details and remember to reply to emails quickly!

Likewise, to enable those attending an ATA activity to meet a wider circle of people. Instead of insisting you sit with the same group of people you do everywhere you go, why not adopt the original idea behind the ATA's social gatherings, i.e. an occasion to socially mix and meet with new people in order to form new friendships. *Go on give it a go when you next attend an ATA social gathering!*

A social meal is the whole experience of getting together and sharing the experience with other people. It is more than just food – Gino D'Acampo



"I prefer to read the news on my phone. The little screen makes the world's problems look smaller."

MEMBERSHIP FEE 2022

PLEASE NOTE: the membership fee for 2022 is 65TL and payment is due NOW!

EMAIL

The association is constantly looking at ways to improve the way in which it communicates with its members, i.e. YOU. To ensure members are kept UpToDate and informed of the associations News, Events, Social Gatherings, Tours, Important Information, etc, the association has amended and improved the process and method it uses to send emails to its members.

To ensure you receive future emails from the association, can you please make sure that you have the following association email addresses marked as safe to receive, in your email providers system (gmail, hotmail, yahoo, etc).

angloturkishassociation@gmail.com
events.ata.trnc@gmail.com
tours.ata.trnc@gmail.com
chair.ata.trnc@gmail.com
vchair.ata.trnc@gmail.com
treasurer.ata.trnc@gmail.com
secretary.ata.trnc@gmail.com

Remember to regularly check your junk/spam folder to make sure you are not missing out on an association email.

Plus, don't forget to let us know if you change your email address.

Phil's Mutterings continued

and desire to become involved in shaping the associations future for the benefit of all members, then please offer your services. Email me via chair.ata.trnc@gmail.com
As the evenings are becoming lighter, for those members who live in the Esentepe / Tatlisu area, or those who fancy a drive out somewhere. Remember that we hold a social membership clinic at Joya Bar & Bistro on the 1st and 3rd Monday's of the month from 5:30pm to 7pm. Where the beer is cold, coffee is hot, food enticingly good, and the chit-chat worth joining in with. A convenient place to renew your membership or bring friends along to sign up. Both Sandra and myself look forward to seeing you there!

My ATA discount experience by Joyce; In November of last year, I renewed friends' membership for them at a busy ATA event and I knew I could renew mine sometime later before it expired so didn't bother with mine. Unfortunately, I was unwell at the end and start of the year and ended up with several visits to Varis Clinic in Alsancak. Which was unfortunate as they offer a good discount to ATA members, but my membership was out of date at the end of December. How annoyed was I.

The moral of the story is: - *make sure you update your ATA membership early!* By the way, my treatment at Varis was excellent, professional and kind.



Though the weather is still variable, Spring is here! So, spring your brain into action and maybe learn something new

1. What is the first day of Spring?
2. Which was the first full day of Ramazan?
3. What is Spring the season in Turkish?
4. Who saint's day is 23rd April?
5. Where in T.R.N.C./ K.K.T.C. is it celebrated?
6. This one is a bit obscure, what connection has this day with the location of British High Commission?
7. Spring is the beginning of the New Year or Nowruz in which country? Bulgaria, Egypt or Iran?
8. This year there are 3 main religious festivals celebrated in April. Name them?
9. What is the rich Easter cake with marzipan in the middle?
10. What are "tuz sogan"?
11. Who wrote the 'Rite of Spring'?
12. Which months fall in Spring?

DISCOUNTS!



Latest businesses to sign up to become Discount Providers are



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Visit the 2023 Events & Social Gatherings pages of our website for information on the activities the association undertook during October, November & December

and as seen in **Cyprus Today**

January 18th – *Radio stars in the making.* Members of the Anglo Turkish Association of Northern Cyprus (ATA) enjoyed a day out in Lefkoşa, where after a welcome from the Managing Director Meryem Özkurt of BRTK, they were given a guided tour of its radio and television studios by Presenters Denise Phillips, Zel Ozfaik and Can Gazi. All of whom not only shared their fascinating experiences as a DJ but also interviewed much to their surprise Tricia Gough and Norman Norton live on air during the tour. This was later followed by a traditional Turkish lunch at the Altunçay Bahçe Restoran. Where to the delight of the ATA members, plate upon plate brimmed to the full of wonderful delights were placed in front of them. With talk around the table about how interesting the studios tour was, along with Tricia and Norman being quizzed about their selection of records they played earlier live on air, it was no surprise that the hours passed away in no time at all.



The day out was completed with a visit to the Ethnographic Museum of Cyprus, where everyone was left speechless by the vast amount of treasures the museum's owner, Ergun Pektas, has collected and restored over three vast floors of a typical Cypriot house. A 150 years of Cyprus history in one location was declared spell binding by everyone.



January 28th - *Wine, Women & Song – well 2 out of 3 ain't bad at an ATA meal!* ATA member Vicki Karaca organised this Anglo Turkish Association (ATA) social gathering meal at the Wine Gallery in Alsancak. Where members were treated to a great selection of wines, cheeses and cured meats at the social meal.

Wine Gallery owner Laura Özkerimler said she had heard of the ATA from friends but knew very little about them, until that is, they held their monthly meal at her establishment. Only to discover that all she had heard was true, 'I can't praise enough everything about this wonderful local organisation which helps not only local good causes but local businesses like mine' she said, and now can't wait to help them!

February 28th - *Déjà vu – they did it again!* Wine Gallery owner Laura Özkerimler said she didn't believe it when the ATA said they wanted a repeat performance. So was only too pleased to say yes, as members of the ATA descended on the Wine Gallery for a second month in a row. ATA Events Organiser, Debbie Bird, said this was a first for the ATA, but because there were so many members who were disappointed not to be able to attend January's meal, she thought why not do it again! And so, a different group of members were treated to another great selection of wines, cheeses and cured meats.



March 24th - *Mavi Köşk, the Blue house to me and you.* Culture and the enjoyment of Turkish Cypriot hospitality all washed down with a glass or two of wine. The ATA snooped around a gangster's house. Members of the ATA spent an enjoyable day out exploring the past as they were given a guided tour of Greek Cypriot, Paulo Paolides, house in Çamlıbel. Lived in by Paolides until 1974, Mavi Köşk (blue house) it is now a museum capturing a bygone time in Cyprus's history. Though its history is a blurry mix of myth and truth, it's believed the house was built by Paulo Paolides, a Greek Cypriot, rumoured to have worked for the Italian mafia smuggling guns into Cyprus during the 50's, 60's and 1970's. Snooping around Mavi Köşk, ATA members were given a glimpse into the glamorous if eccentric lifestyle of the supposed mobster who built it. After a wonderful few hours at Mavi Köşk, ATA members continued their day out by enjoying a gastronomic delight in the restaurant at the Elfie's Winery in nearby Hisarköy. Where, whilst dining on first class home cooking and

quaffing copious amounts of organic wine; the talk was all about the 'blue house', Paulo Paolides and what it must have been like to have been at the house in its heyday.

March 28th – *repeat visits are all the trend for the ATA* as members and guests return six months after a previous social gathering at Benjamin's Garden Restaurant, Karşıyaka, known for its typical Cypriot food. It was good to once again find that the Malenci family were ensuring that their restaurant maintained the excellent reputation it has, by serving some of the most delicious food ATA members had eaten for some time.

With conversations between new and old friends, and the hospitality so good, it is no surprise that numerous ATA members said they would be returning to this lovely restaurant very soon.



GUESS the Celebrity Competition

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January winner

**Debbie
Cartwright**

receiving her
winners' certificate
from Barbara
Johnson (right)



February winner

**Debbie
Cartwright**

receiving her
winners' certificate
from the
association
Chairman



March winner

Eileen Croucher

receiving her
winners' certificate
from the
association
Chairman

Every post to our associations Facebook Group & Facebook Page about a member clinic contains a photograph of a famous celebrity. **Enter in the post's comments your guess as to who the celebrity is** (before a post containing their name is published) to be in with the chance of being a declared a winner. More information can be found on the Competition page of our website.

In the event of more than one winner as there was for January, February and March, a draw takes place live on air during the BRTK Radio Morning Show hosted by the Radio Angel herself Denise Phillips and assisted by Can Gazi.

BRTK FM 87.8 mhz 105 mhz

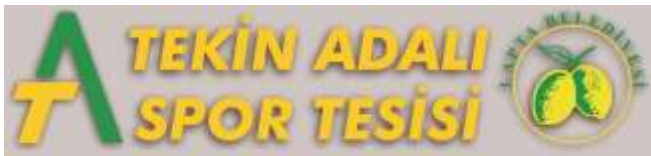
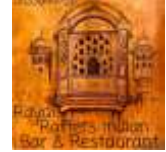
If you are not a member of our Facebook Group or liked our Facebook Page why not do so now and be in with a chance of winning this fun competition.



RECYCLING SCHEME

Over this last year the number of locations where you can drop off plastic bottle tops for the associations re-

cycling scheme has increased, with more locations due in the near future also. Not only do the businesses at these locations act as a drop off location but they also donate their own plastic bottle tops. Plastic bottle tops can be of any colour. Bottle top collection boxes are located at: -



These businesses help the ATA, please support them whenever you can. Details of the ATA Recycling scheme can be found on the association's website: -

www.angloturkishassociation.com



APPRECIATION AWARD

Appreciation' for those people and companies who have helped the association over and above the norm. If you know of a person or company that you think is deserving of such an award, please email your name, contact telephone number, together with the name of the person / company you consider worthy of such an appreciation certificate along with an explanation as to why you consider them to be suitable for a certificate, to: -



angloturkishassociation@gmail.com

All suggestions for such an award will be discussed by the associations committee and if deemed acceptable a certificate of association appreciation will be awarded.

GOOD CAUSES

The committee seeks your advice as to which TRNC Local Good Causes you would like the association to support in 2023. This is not person or animal related charities but actual good causes for the benefit of local residents and children of the TRNC, some of the previous good causes we have helped can be viewed on the Charity Projects Page of our website; www.angloturkishassociation.com

Please email your suggestions to our Treasurer **Tim Morgan**. Tim's email address is: - treasurer.ata.trnc@gmail.com

COMMITTEE

Richard Currie and **Levent Özerdağ** have recently joined the committee, and bring with them a wealth of event organisation and business experience. Which the committee is sure will assist the association continue to grow whilst at the same time, help in the future to provide association members with type of association members require and expect.

MEMBERSHIP

We are now in the second quarter of 2023, membership of our association expires annually on December 31st of each year.

Membership fees are the bedrock of our associations funds and enables the association to help many local good causes in the TRNC every year. If you haven't renewed your membership for the current year (2023) please do so NOW!

If you are unsure if you have or have not renewed your membership, the expiry date for your membership is shown on your membership card. Any member with a card expiry date of 2022 or earlier, requires renewing if you wish to remain a member of the association.

You can renew your membership (65TL per individual per year) in person at any of the 10 membership clinics the association has a month (details are on our website), via the digital Local Pay APP (details of how to use this payment method are on our website), in person if you are attending an association event or social gathering. *If you are unable to do any of these, you could always ask a friend to renew your membership on your behalf.*

Please note that Honorary and Life Members require a new membership card every year.

Remember; those without a current membership card pay more to attend an association event, social gathering or tour.

Memberships can be renewed for one or two years.

If you have already renewed your association membership for 2023, THANK YOU for having renewed!

COMMENTS about the Winter 2023 edition of the Tree Newsletter



'Not there yet, but edition after edition is getting better by the edition'

'Best newsletter by a mile – keep it going!'

'The last quiz was not as easy as I thought, my grandson knew more correct answers than me, and as for my husband – enough said'

'Looking through old newsletters on the website, I notice that they contained

adverts in them. To raise extra funds, why not ask discount providers if they would like to advertise in our newsletters!'

'It may be a dip-in dip-out type of newsletter, but I like it'



1. 20th March though UK Met Office use 1st March
2. 23rd March
3. Bahar
4. St. George

5. Kormaitis (the Maronite village. They have their own village festival to celebrate it)
6. At the British High Commission which is located in Shakespeare Avenue. (Shakespeare's birthday is celebrated on St. George's Day)
7. Iran. The ATA visited Iran during Nowruz
8. Ramazan/Ramadan Easter and Passover.
9. Simnel
10. Spring Onions or Green Onions to Americans
11. Stravinsky
12. March from 20th, April, May and June to 21st



Don't Leave it to others to arrange a Social Gathering for our members. Offer to help arrange one at your favourite restaurant – **it's easier than you think!**

For more information; email:

events.ata.trnc@gmail.com or come along to a Member's Clinic and ask 'How do I do it'.

MEMBERSHIP

The committee would like to thank those members who give up their time to assist other members by running one of the many membership clinics the association holds every month (10). Namely; Barbara Johnson at the Lapta membership clinic, Jayne Major at the Catalkoy clinic and Sandra Whyte at the Esentepe clinic.

To ensure they along with others who carry out membership duties at our events and social gatherings, are able to fully enjoy themselves when they attend any of these activities. Renewal of membership and/or new membership applications will only be performed in the 30 minutes prior to the start time of either an event or social gathering.

WEBSITE

When was the last time you took a good look at our informative website?

www.angloturkishassociation.com

Besides the usual content about association activities and news there are pages packed full of useful information

When I say something funny in a newspaper and I meant it to be, it doesn't read that way – Michael Bubl 

If you don't read a newspaper, you're uninformed. If you read a newspaper, you're misinformed. – Mark Twain

REMINDER

If you wish to attend the associations AGM on 15th April 2023 at the Garden Canteen ARUCAD, Girne. **PLEASE NOTE: This event is an ATA member only event!**

Plus to attend you must: -

Email: - **events.ata.trnc@gmail.com** before the 8th April 2023 to confirm you wish to attend

You must be in possession of and produce a 2023 membership card to gain entry to the AGM (no membership renewals or new memberships will be done on the day of the AGM)

DOORS OPEN & REFRESHMENTS SERVED at 10:15am
Quorum Required at 10:30am
if as expected there is no quorum at 10:30am
START OF MEETING will be at 11:00am

A valid 2023 ATA membership card must be produced to gain entry to the AGM, please note NO NEW MEMBERSHIPS WILL BE MADE ON THE DAY!

Any member who wishes to submit an item for the agenda, must do so in writing by email to the Association Secretary; **secretary.ata.trnc@gmail.com** before April 8th 2023 and it will be included under 'Any Other Business'. Items submitted on behalf of others will not be accepted.

For those wishing to dine after the meeting the association committee recommends the University's Garden Canteen which offers a good selection of meals of both exceptional quality and very affordable prices. ***Please support the University's Garden Canteen by dining there after the meeting just as the University's Garden Canteen has supported the ATA by hosting the associations AGM this year and for the previous 3 years.***

There is a TV advert in the UK which goes '*this is not Food this is M&* Food!*' Well-being part of the Arkin Group (Colony Hotel, House & Garden, etc), ***a Meal at the Arucad University Garden Canteen is definitely just not food but an Arkin standard Meal!!***

Cyprus Today 13/08/2022 pages 12 & 13



Cyprus Today 18/06/2022 page 4

ATA explore Soli and Vouni ruins



Cyprus Today 23/04/2022 page 12

Beatles songs rock Taskent



Meze medley makes for memorable meal



Chocolate trip



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