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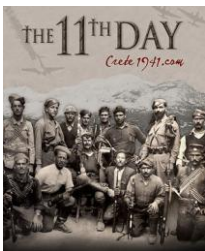
We are under starters orders for another year of all things Greek. I hope you like the clipart link as in our house it has been wall to wall Olympics. To coin that phrase "Didn't we do well". It doesn't seem four years ago that we were enjoying the games in Athens.

I have included this years programme again on a full page so that you can pin it up somewhere as a reminder so you don't miss out on any of this years exciting events. Some of the clubs favourite proceedings again make an appearance. We welcome back Soula for another round of Greek dancing and guest speakers Bill Denny and Nigel Turner. Two new speakers have accepted our invitation, thanks to John Fryer and Malcolm Delingpole we look forward to seeing you in the coming months. Thanks also to Mary Ebbs who has started the ball rolling sending in an open letter of her, and Haydn's recent exploits.

A Another Astonishing Accomplishment

Yes it is again congratulations to the club's treasurer Les Roberts who for the last two years has been studying for an A level in Greek Language. I can announce that not only did he pass but with an A grade as well. What an achievement. Some members from the Kefi club attend Greek Language lessons held at Worcester College of Technology and that's where Les started and continued his studies at the Brasshouse in Birmingham. There's hope for us all.

Battle for Crete 1941



We start the new year of events on the 19th September. As was the case last year we will meet at Rushwick Village Hall, commencing at 7.30pm. There will be a brief talk on the invasion of Crete by German paratroopers, the biggest of its kind up until that date. This will be followed by a film called "The 11th Day" and is a documentary movie made in 2005 featuring eyewitness accounts from survivors of the battle. Among the eyewitness are British S.O.E operative and famous writer Patrick Leigh Fermor, and Cretan Resistance hero George Tzikas. The non-veterans giving historical commentary include Chase Brandon of the CIA and Dr Andre Gerolymatos of Simon Fraser University.

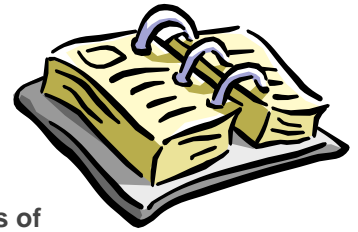
Greek Dancing the Sequel

Last time we staged this event it proved to be great fun and virtually all participated as the picture right demonstrates. For the October meeting on the 24th, again starting at 7.30 pm, we have invited Soula back for refresher. Can you remember your Hasapiko from your Kalamatianos? I'm sure we will. See you there.



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Programme of events 2008/2009



- 19th Sept. Invasion of Crete 1941, with a film 11th day.**
A documentary movie with eyewitness accounts from veterans of the battle for Crete in 1941
- 24th Oct. Greek Dance.** Another chance to be reminded of those all important steps and get a bit of a workout at the same time.
- 14th Nov. “To Istanbul in seeking of Constantinople” by Malcolm Delingpole.** A good play on words in the title of this talk by a new speaker to the club.
- 12 Dec. Christmas Dinner.** Needs no introduction and is always a good feast
- 23rd Jan. “Legacy of Greek Sculpture” by Bill Denny.** We welcome back Bill who spoke last year on architecture.
- 20th Feb. The Italian Invasion of Greece 1940 by John Fryer**
John uses contemporary newspaper cartoons to illustrate his talk.
- 20th Mar. 6th Greek Cooking Competition.** Always highly contested but with the added advantage of sampling some authentic Greek food - home cooked. A well attended event.
- 17th Apr. “Classical Greek Comedy by Nigel Turner.** Another guest speaker from last year continues on from Greek drama.
- 22nd May. A Greek Film/AGM.** Your chance to have a say on ways to improve the club, followed by a Greek film, which was requested on the last AGM.
- 26th June. BBQ** Needs no introduction as this evening is always a good climax to the year, made even better with good weather, good food, good company and fine wine.

Letter to the Editor by Mary L Ebbs



We spent almost 5 weeks in Greece, the time flew by. Alas most of the "holiday" was spent in sorting out the land which was very overgrown to say the least, bring back the goats, all is forgiven. Sadly "goat lady" is very old, has dementia and is now virtually bedridden so we don't see her wandering around the village with them anymore.

We drove up to Patra for a day went to St Andrews Church which was interesting. Other than that we didn't stray very far. Petrol prices had gone up quite a bit in Greece as well. Tried to use our Greek a bit whilst there but as soon as folks hear our efforts they speak in English. Since being back in UK I have carried on working full time, I will retire at Xmas. Haydn has been working on the garden here, we have builders terracing it but some jobs we do ourselves to save money as the builders are expensive. Inside the house was excellent but needed painting that is almost complete.

Summer is nearly over and it will be time for night school to start again. I do hope you get enough pupils and last years group stick together, give them our regards if they do return. We would have supported it but with our future plans it is impossible. We pop back to Dafni in October for three weeks and then in January we plan to go over for several months. We are looking at the possibility of driving there, picking up the Anek line ferry in Venice down to Patra.

We shall support Kefi club whenever we are around. I have got a bit of a presentation sorted out if ever you are desperate, cancellation of speaker, whatever and we are in town..... We shall keep in touch and post our progress on facebook. We shall come in September, alas I shall miss the dancing AGAIN!

We shall also come to the Xmas dinner. When we see you next we shall try and plan the odd private lesson. I certainly need it, though Haydn has been more disciplined and tried to do a bit of revision daily.

Facebook

For those of you who dabble on the social networking site Facebook, may be interested to know that I have set up a club group account. The link is located below. Interestingly a group in Australia have used our Clubs logo for their clubs use.

<http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=30358332066>

Forthcoming events of the Anglo-Hellenic Club

- Sept 25 Film night – **Rembetico**
Another chance to see this enjoyable film
- Oct 30 Chris Lloyd – **Building a House on Crete**
Chris is back to give a update
- Nov 27 Kate Rankine – **The Phillhellenes**
- Dec 7 **Christmas Dinner**

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