

# C3A Gears up for the Autumn Season



Presentation of pictures by Claudine Snell of the C3A Limassol Branch Photography Group to Haris Stylianides of the Pissouri Community Council.

Whilst many members of the Limassol branch retreated to cooler climes in August, the Committee continued with its work preparing for the Autumn season. A key item in our programme has always been the monthly open meetings at the Miramare Hotel in Limassol. These meetings are open to all members of the public to come and enjoy our speakers. This year we have a new team in place, Lilian Hayball, Eva Hanses and Graham Nugent, who have been busy preparing talks.

The first two open meetings are as follows:

5 October 2017 - History of Cyprus part III by David Wright

2 November 2017 - Wildlife of Cyprus by David and Ros Sparrow

The Miramare Hotel has parking available on-site at the Hotel and there are few steps. Coffee is served in one of the Hotel's Conference Rooms, sign-posted, from 10.30am. - cost €3 which includes tea or coffee. The Speaker will illustrate their passionate talk with slides or a power-point presentation, between 11am and 12 noon, and there will be a question and answer session towards the end of that hour. Lunch is available at a discount, but it needs to be pre-booked via the C3A website.

These Limassol Open Meeting events have been marvellously attended in the past, and last year's first Autumn open meeting by Christina Ieronymou from BirdLife Cyprus, had the highest attendance recorded. We are hopeful that our first Autumn 2017 meeting in the vein of the History of

Cyprus part III, by David Wright will provide a good start which can be continued through 2017 and into 2018 with your help.

We always look forward to seeing the audience: our members, guests and friends, and the wonderful Speakers who put in hard work of preparation, and who fascinate us with their passions. You will discover a new world of people, events, social and academic, and a host of weekly volunteer group activities with the Limassol C3A.

For those unable to attend lunch at the open meeting, an alternative is the C3A Breakfast Group which meets at 9am sharp at the Miramare Restaurant for a discounted meal [€8 pp] prior to the 10:30am Open Meetings, every first Thursday of the month.

This Autumn will see some new groups starting, and some new venues also explored. From a small initiative in May in the direction of Astronomy, a new group of enthusiasts based at the Multicultural Centre (MCC) in Pissouri will meet monthly – commencing in October. For those who are novices at star gazing, a series of educational lectures will be rerun. Further information can be obtained from Chris Price.

The Akrotiri Educational and Environmental Centre (AEEC) will become the home of a new C3A Limassol Branch Environmental Group. More information to follow next month. Further information can be obtained from Branch Chair Sue Tsirikos.

Come join us for a small C3A fee [€10 per year per person] to help cover some running costs of the various groups belonging to this important NGO registered organisation, which is affiliated to the U3A Trust in the UK.