



## ATA Organised EVENTS 2020



### JANUARY / OCAK 2020

#### 11<sup>TH</sup> Visit and Tree Planting to the Friendship Forest



In March 2013 the local Russian Newspaper – Obozrevatel celebrated its 1<sup>ST</sup> Birthday by planting 200 trees in an area in 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 McAttee in Atchison, Kansas, USA, to today a Friendship Forest in Çatalköy is just one of many across the World.

At this moment there are over 1000 Friendship Forests in 100 countries across the world's biggest continents supporting the environment. If you are doing your bit for the environment but you can't 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, live a life without which we cannot live for more than about 15 minutes and help us by providing us Medicines, Oxygen, Wood, Soil and many other necessities. Trees are our best friends because they give us fresh air and 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.



**Description:** All Events are done so using poetic journalistic language and should not be assumed to be a detailed description or itinerary of any particular Event, rather a 'wetting the imagination'. Details 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](mailto: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 **Amersin Mosque, Girne** on **7th January 2020** at **11th**

**January 2020 with pick up points along the way** and returning to the same place (late afternoon) for this special Event will be dependent upon the number of participants requiring coach transport and must be paid to our Events Organisers **at the time of booking the Event.**

***The meal cost*** is dependent upon your chosen meal/drinks and you will need to pay the restaurant directly for this.

If you would like to join fellow members attending this Event, please advise before **Monday 6th January**

**7th January 2020** our **Events Organisers (Pearl Mitchell & Debora Atamail)** 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 along 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 fees apply in respect to costs  
non members also 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.