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**IDENTIFICATIONS:** Haralambos Sergiou from Aheritou. Since our March issue there have been six Turkish Cypriot identifications but unfortunately we are unable to obtain their names. From the U.N. sponsored Committee of Missing Persons (CMP) figures show that there are 835 Greek Cypriots and 240 Turkish Cypriots still missing.

*We would like to wish all our members, friends and supporters a wonderful summer holiday wherever you may decide to spend it. See you back again in October!*

### HOW SOME JOURNALISTS SEE OUR PLIGHT:

An article appeared in the Sunday Times on 19<sup>th</sup> May 2019, by Louise Callaghan in which she describes the agony of the relatives of the missing, of both communities, waiting for news about their loved ones. She listens to relatives and describes their plight in search of their missing.

She confirms our own fears that more and more people who may have information about burial places are getting older and some pass away and the likelihood of finding more graves diminishes every day that passes.

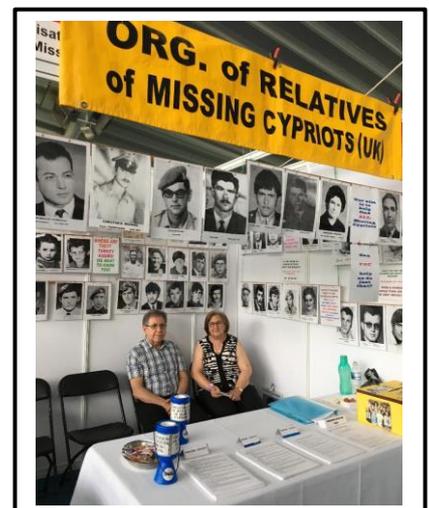
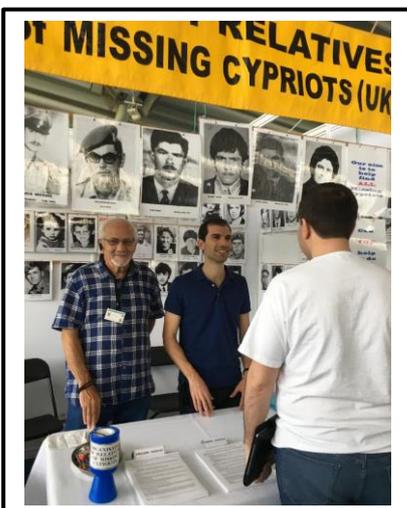
However, for some unknown reason she makes no mention of the fact that the Turkish army has a lot of information about where they have buried our dead in mass graves!

One wonders why! The CMP has asked Turkey to open its archives to it, or even give information regarding burial sites but unfortunately the response was so far negative.

The relatives are asking if anybody from the so called, democratic powers really care about their plight and apply pressure on Turkey to abide and give the required information! We live in a very peculiar world or don't we?

**WINE FESTIVAL 1 – 2 JUNE 2019:** Like every year we had our stand at the Wine Festival held at the Lea Valley Athletic Centre.

We distributed information in English, Greek and Turkish and our aim was and is to collect any possible information as to the whereabouts of ALL our missing. It was pleasing to see that members of both communities visited our stand and asked questions. *Many thanks to all those who volunteered and helped during the two days of the event.*



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