

Once again we find ourselves apologising for the newsletter coming out rather later than we had anticipated; on this occasion there has not only been a very large quantity of material to process, but the production deadline coincided with our decision to move house. Kay and I have moved into a larger home together; the whole business took several months from start to finish, and we are still in some disorder. We actually moved at the end of April and our new address can be found on the back cover. Please make a note of it. I still don't have an E-mail address, but I am perhaps slowly inching my way towards the 21st Century with the installation of a fax machine.

Thank you to all those who have written in since the appearance of the Autumn 1996 newsletter. Your letters have provided the material for this edition. We repeat again that without your contribution, we have no newsletter. Thank you too to those of you who have made great efforts to track down those listed in the 'Where are They Now?' section; particular mention must be made here of Alan Robertson, whose detective work has resulted in nine new members.

Finally, you may have noticed a change to the form of words on our cover page. The newsletter is received by a large number of members in Hong Kong and with the imminent change of government there we thought it prudent to make this minor adjustment to our title. We pray that life in Hong Kong continues to be peaceful and prosperous after the changeover.

PLEASE NOTE

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ON BACK COVER

NEWS OF MEMBERS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

Warwick ACKLAND [Mandarin early 70s] is one of several former students located through the 'Where are they now?' section; Warwick has joined us from the Midlands in England.

Frances ADAMSON [FCO early 80s] is due to return to Australia in the middle of the year, having spent some years in London. Frances is expecting to have the opportunity to make use of her Chinese skills at *some time* in the future.

Mrs. Lisa AHNERT is now living in Dallas, Texas, with husband Ed and family and has sent us this photograph. We apologise for the quality of the reproduction.



Brian BUNKER [Mandarin late 80s] is still based in Hong Kong, working for International Distillers [China] Limited and has been busy setting up a joint venture distillery in Qufu, the birthplace of Confucius. In November last year the first batch of Chinese Smirnoff vodka was produced. We'll drink to its success. We congratulate Brian and Irene on the birth of a son [now 1 year old].

Jim CAMPBELL [Mandarin late 80s] resigned from the Royal Australian Navy in 1994 and spent two years in San Angelo, Texas on an extended vacation. Jim returned to Australia in Early 1996; he now lives in Buxton, Victoria, working as a freelance graphic designer and telecommunicating with his clients via the internet and telephone/fax. His E-mail address is isjim@mynet.net.au and we have his postal address on file. Jim still claims to be the best darts player ever to attend CLS.

Mr. CHAN Kim Kwok-kim has joined us from Canada where he is now Manager of a Television Centre in Edmonton, Alberta.

Mrs. Alice CHANG has done much travelling recently. In 1995 she attended a Conference on 'Information Technology in Teaching Chinese' held in San Francisco, California. Giving a report to this Conference was **Cortez Cooper** [FAO late 80s] who is on the staff at West Point Military Academy. The picture shows Alice and Cortez at the Conference.



Alice is now Senior Instructor at the Language Centre at the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology in Clear Water Bay. We hope to see her in Europe during the summer. Alice can be contacted on E-mail at LCALICE@USTHK.UST.HK if you have this facility.

Mrs. CHEN Shu Fong has written from Australia expressing the hope that Hong Kong carries on being prosperous following the changeover this year.

Mrs. CHENG Ya Lan [Mrs. Zhong] is still teaching part-time at Rick's College in Rexburg, Idaho. The Chinese course there is expanding but she has declined a request to teach full time. She is proud of the fact that she introduced the Chinese course at the College and it had grown to 40 students by last semester. Mrs. Zhong is swimming most days at her local sports club, and hopes to visit UK in Summer '98.

Sheena CONNELLY [Mandarin late 80s] is now back in Australia having spent six months in Shanghai during 1996. She studied for one semester then got a job teaching English for two weeks at a school camp for local children. While in Shanghai she also played parts on TV and film, including a major role in a series playing an American spy in Shanghai just after the Korean War. All of her lines were in Chinese. Sheena is now back at University, during more Chinese as well as Indonesian, but she also finds time to teach English on a voluntary basis to Chinese living locally. Sheena is on E-mail at seconn@comwiz.com.au and would welcome messages from other users.

Brian CONNOR [Mandarin late 80s] is now Managing Director of The Security Consortium Limited [advert in last issue] and is also now on E-mail at Brian-Connor@msn.com. if you want to get in touch with him this way.

Ian CORSIE [Mandarin late 60s] left the Royal Navy in 1981 and has since been working for various publishers. From 1983 to 1986 he was Asia Sales Manager for Associated Book Publishers, which included selling a wide variety of books in China. Since 1986 he has been Managing Director of Pitkin Guides [the colour souvenir guides you get when you visit cathedrals and other tourist sites]. Ian's main link with China now is a keen interest in the astonishing growth of the Christian Church in China since the end of the Great Proletarian Cultural Revolution. He organises and chairs a regular 'Christian China Focus' which meets in Regent's College, London and will be happy to provide further details to anyone who is interested.

Andy DAVIS [Mandarin early 70s] is now Head of Security at AEA Technology plc in Britain. This is the 'privatised' part of what was the Atomic Energy Authority. Andy has decided to get back into shape and is now rowing again competitively. He was good enough to provide the names and addresses of several former CLS colleagues, but unfortunately no replies have been forthcoming from most of them.

Will DENNIS [Mandarin early 80s] is now back in UK following more than 10 years with law firms in Hong Kong. Will left the Foreign Office in 1986, after a term in the British Embassy in Beijing. He is now running the legal department of Lazards, a merchant bank in London. His wife, Annie, has obtained her Master's degree in music; his living room contains a piano, organ, synthesiser, double bass, kantilan [a Balinese instrument] and a didgeridoo, but not much furniture!

Kevin DOYLE [Mandarin late 70s] has joined us from Prague in the Czech Republic where he is working at the East European HQ of Honeywell. He travels all over the former Soviet Union, with Irkutsk being the closest place to China that he has reached, Kevin keeps his Mandarin language in trim by frequent visits to two local restaurants, where the staff are mainland Chinese.

Brian FINCH [Mandarin late 60s] will be leaving Hong Kong and returning to London this summer. Early this year he visited Shanghai where he enjoyed meeting up with **Mr. James Wong Kwok-wei**.

Roger FLETCHER [Cantonese mid 70s] visited New Zealand last year where he met up with **Alastair McLean** and **Caroline Mason** at the New Zealand Translation Centre in Wellington [see advert last issue].

Brian GOPSILL is still serving in the Royal Navy, based in the South of England. In June 1996 he and **Shaun Lewis** acted as interpreters for the visit of the Chief of the Chinese Naval Staff to Britain.

John GROVES [Cantonese early 70s] left Hong Kong in 1982 and shortly after that resigned from the Army. He worked for some time as a consultant in an IT Systems company, and then joined the Directorate of Civil Nuclear Security where he is now Deputy Manager of the Operations Division. The work involves much travel both in UK and abroad.

Bill GUEST [Cantonese and Mandarin mid 70s] took an early retirement in July 1996 and is now back in London. Bill hopes to be in Hong Kong for the changeover on 30th June this year. He has provided the names and addresses of several former members of CLS, but unfortunately few have replied to my enquiries.

John HARKEY [FAO late 80s] is now Training Director at the Ford Motor Company factory in Beijing, where the Ford Transit bus/van is built and where there are several other projects under review. On a recent trip to Hong Kong, John visited Mrs. Jiang and Mr. Zhuang and he says that the Chinese he learnt at CLS has stood him in good stead in his new job.

Mike JACKSON [Cantonese late 60s] retires from the Army in June this year and would be pleased to contact any contemporaries at CLS, from Course C3 and thereabouts.

Dave KITCHING [Cantonese late 60s, Mandarin late 80s] is still living and working in Hong Kong but has now left Grolier International. Dave visited UK in January and we were pleased to see him in Guernsey for a very hectic 24 hours. Since his return to Hong Kong he has taken up employment with the Whisler Corporation, a manufacturing company. Dave is pictured third from right, back row, with his Grolier International colleagues last year.



Mrs. Sara LEE [Sara Siu] who is now living in Dallas, Texas, visited Hong Kong with her husband Jimmy in late 1995. While there they joined a tour group visiting the Yangtse River in China, spending 9 days travelling on the mighty waterway, on what was perhaps the last chance to do so before the great engineering project to dam it. Sara is going back to College this year, studying for her Master's degree. We wish her success.

Shaun LEWIS [Mandarin late 80s] has recently retired from the Royal Navy having spent the final two and a half years of his service in Scotland. He hopes to embark on a second career in which he can make full use of his Chinese language skills. During 1996 Shaun was fortunate to have three interpreting assignments; the first, in June, saw him assisting **Brian Gopsill** in looking after the Chief of the Chinese Naval Staff and his delegation on a visit to Britain. Shaun later attended the Farnborough Air Show, where he was escort officer for a Chinese Air Force General and his staff. Finally, in October 1996, he accompanied HMS Exeter to Qingdao on the first Royal Navy visit to China for more than 10 years. His language skills were tested to the full by two Chinese TV interviews. While passing through Hong Kong he had lunch with **Mrs. Jiang**; he says she would welcome contact with any past students of CLS.

Mrs. LI [Julie Ann Wong] [Mrs. Blakeway] is still living in the New Territories but has moved house to another part of Yuen Long. The house moving was a long drawn out upheaval we know exactly how she feels.

Richard LOVELL-KNIGHT [Cantonese late 80s] is now living in the South of England; like many of us he unfortunately has little opportunity to practise his language skills now.

We have finally caught up with **Caroline MASON** [Mandarin mid 70s] who is now back in UK, working as a freelance translator/teacher of Chinese. Caroline is in touch with a number of former students and staff, and we are pleased to have her join us.

Kevin McMAHON [Cantonese mid 70s] is now working as a civilian with the Army in the North of England, but has a managing role with the Academy of Oriental Cuisine in Leeds. If you live in the area and really want to become an expert in Chinese cooking, please contact Kevin.

Teresa MEI [Teresa IP] visited Hong Kong last year but is now back in Ithaca, New York where she is the Chinese Studies Bibliographer at Cornell University. She is to accompany her husband to a conference in Paris in July this year, and hopes to visit **Alan and Mei Sykes** in London while travelling.

David MOBBS [Mandarin late 70s] retired from the Royal Hong Kong Police Force with the rank of Superintendent in 1994 and moved to New Zealand where he now lives. Before leaving Hong Kong, David completed a BA degree in Chinese from the University of London. In July 1996 he became the father of a baby daughter and is now involved in the real estate business.

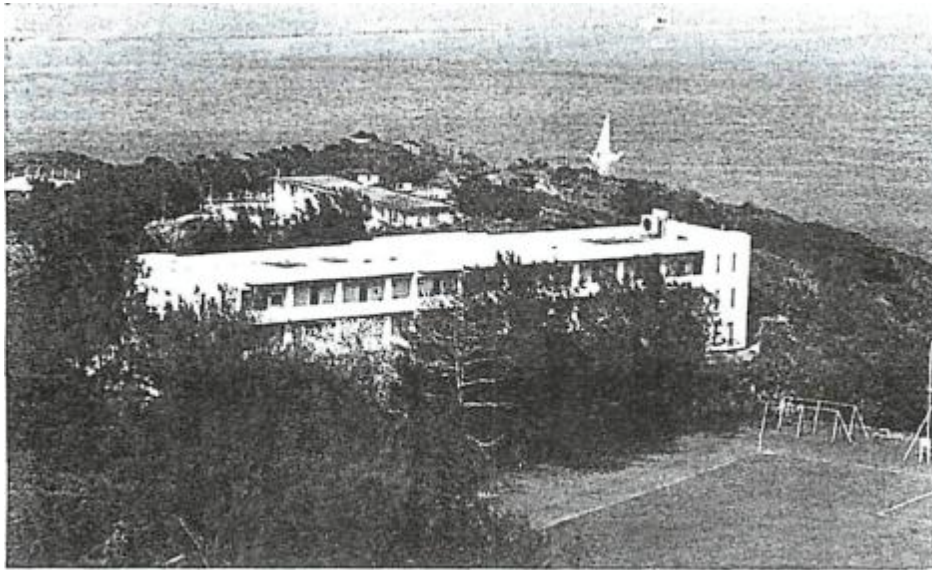
Alan NASH [Mandarin early 70s] is still busier [almost] in retirement than he was when working. Last summer he acted as interpreter for a delegation of businessmen from Tangshan, who spent a week visiting engineering, pharmaceutical and light industrial companies in the Leeds, Sheffield and Derby areas, as well as the local agricultural college and university in Lincoln, which is 'twinned' with Tangshan. Alan became a grandfather in November last year.

Andrew PEARSON [Mandarin early 70s] has retired from the Royal Navy and is Secretary of the UK Branch of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association, living in the South of England. After completing his studies at CLS, Andrew did tours of duty as Naval Attaché in both China and Singapore.

Bob PEERCE [Mandarin early 80s] has joined us from Hong Kong where he is now living and working.

Mrs. Lorraine POON is now teaching part-time at the Language Centre at the Chinese University of Hong Kong; she also provides language tuition for a number of commercial firms, among them Cathay Pacific Airways. **Mr. CHAN Pok** is working with her part-time at CUHK. He has recently moved house.

John PRINCE [Cantonese early 70s] has now retired and is living in France. He is kept busy looking after his property, which extends for two and a half acres, and has also learnt to fly. This was achieved in a non-English speaking French flying school; by the end of last year John had around 50 hours in his flying log book and his French conversation is now quite fluent.



ABOVE

Our former home - the school block at Lyemun, taken sometime in the early 1970s.

OPPOSITE PAGE [TOP]

Cantonese staff and students on location in the New Territories in about 1976. Left to right: Roger Fletcher, Dave Ellis, Mrs. Y Y Chan, Mr. Ho Pui Kei, Kevin McMahon, Mr. Lee Mein Vcn, Mr. Tse Hau Loong, Cyril Thomas and Mick Roberts.

OPPOSITE PAGE [BOTTOM]

Cantonese staff and students on a visit to USS Enterprise in about 1976. Left to right Mr. Ho Pui Kei, Kevin McMahon, Mick Roberts, Mr. Tse Hau Loong, Cyril and Gabrielle Thomas.

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BY ALAN ROBERTSON



Miek ROBERTS [Cantonese mid 70s] has moved house, but is still living in Guernsey, Channel Islands. For the address please see the back cover of this edition.

Alan ROBERTSON [Mandarin late 60s and Cantonese late 70s] has been extremely active during the past year in tracking down a number of former students; many of them have subsequently 'enrolled'. Alan has clearly forgotten none of the investigating skills he used while in the Army and he has also kindly provided the photographs which feature on our centre pages.

Jeremy SADLER [Mandarin early 70s] left the Army in 1977 after spending some time as Commandant at the school. After a year at a College of Education near Cardiff in Wales, he qualified as a primary school teacher and taught in the Haverfordwest area. He retired as head teacher in 1990, to spend more time at managing a property letting business he has built up since 1979. Jeremy and his wife Maureen spend much time in Spain and France, exploring by caravan, and he has become a keen gardener. He became a grandfather in March last year.

Neal SEALOCK [FAO mid 80s] has just been promoted to Colonel and in June 1997 will move to Fort Rucker, Alabama, as Brigade Commander. This will be a change of scene from his current job on the Joint Staff at the Pentagon, where he has been involved with China issues. We were hoping to see Donna and her mother-in-law in Guernsey this Spring, but unfortunately their trip coincided with our house move. Pictured below is the family.



Don STEVENS [Mandarin mid 80s] will be moving to the Lake District in England sometime this year.

Willie ST. MAUR SHEIL [Cantonese mid 80s] has spent much time travelling recently, visiting members of his family in Ireland, France, Australia and Hong Kong. He and Maggie have also won prizes for their small flock of Jacob sheep at shows in Abergavenny, Wales and Guildford, England. Willie is still working as a financial consultant and last year became a grandfather.

Alan SYKES [Cantonese late 60s] has written again from London with the names of many former students from Lyemun days. We have tried to contact these where we can, but without good addresses most will have to appear in the 'Where are they now?' section. Incidentally, in case you ever wondered, Alan was well aware of the nickname given to him by the school. Alan has also requested that we put names to the photographs featured on the centre pages of Edition 2. We are happy to oblige - please see inside back cover of this edition.

David SYME [Mandarin mid 70s] has given up his teaching job in Edinburgh, Scotland, and is awaiting confirmation of his commission into a specialist linguist unit of the Territorial Army. Last year he [and his school] won an award for producing a Chinese course for beginners which has been accepted by the relevant examinations authority for use in Scottish schools.

Mr. TANG Pong has left Hong Kong and has now settled in San Jose, California.

Mr. TSANG Chi Fan [Mr. Zeng] has recently moved house too, but is still working at the City University of Hong Kong in Kowloon.

Mr. TSE Hau Loong has written from Vancouver. Now almost 80 years old, he remembers many former students with affection. At the end of 1996 he underwent a major operation, but thankfully he is now much better. He regrets that he is unlikely to have the opportunity to return to Hong Kong to see it as it is now.

Anne WEIR [part-time Cantonese early 90s] has built on the enthusiastic start she made at CLS and has achieved a BA [Hons] in Languages and Linguistics at York University in England, with Chinese [Standard Modern Chinese] and Hindi as her languages. Her family is justifiably proud and we salute her on this achievement.

Richard WELKER [FAO early 80s] is now assigned to Australia following a tour of duty as US DLO in Singapore. During a trip to Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea, he met up with **Gary Hogan** [now a Lt. Col.], an Australian student of Mandarin in the late 80s.

Mr. James WONG Kwok-wei is still spending much time shuttling back and forth between Shanghai and Los Angeles. He is planning to be in Hong Kong for the 1st July changeover. Always busy, Mr. Wong is currently gathering material for a newspaper article concerning the 'One country, two systems' concept.



***THE FOLLOWING PERSONS FEATURE
IN THE PHOTOGRAPHS PRINTED IN
THE CENTRE PAGES OF EDITION 2***

TOP PHOTOGRAPH

left to right [standing]:

Ah Keung [Language Lab Assistant], Mr. Chong Ching [Mandarin Lecturer], Mrs. Wong Leung Ling Hsiao [Cantonese Lecturer], Miss Marie Lam [Calligrapher/Instructor], Ah Ling and Ah Mei [Amahs].

[seated]:

Mr. Ho Pui Kei [Cantonese Lecturer] and Mr. Huang Yao Ping [Senior Lecturer, Cantonese] with your unworthy editor.

BOTTOM PHOTOGRAPH

left to right:

Mrs. Judy Ashton [Gao], Mr. Chan Pok [both Mandarin Lecturers], your unworthy editor, Mrs. Jiang Lin Lin, Mrs. Lorraine Poon [both Mandarin lecturers], Mr. Tsang Chi Fan and Mr. Tang Pong [both Senior Lecturers Mandarin].

*The photographs were taken at dinner parties in
Hong Kong in November and December 1994*