

This edition of the Newsletter appears to be something of a bumper issue. We have several new members who are all very welcome and we have included an article on Lyemun Barracks contributed by Alan Robertson. It's good to see the camp has now been officially recognised as a Holiday Village - this was always suspected by those serving in less pleasant surroundings in Hong Kong.

Thank you to all of you who have provided addresses for names in the 'Where Are They Now?' list. In every case we try to make contact using the addresses you give us. If you don't see the names added to those who receive this newsletter it means that we haven't had any response.

In conclusion, Kay and I want to thank those of you who wrote in congratulating us on our marriage. We are very grateful for this. If it is true that a second marriage is the triumph of hope over experience, then this one has got off to a pretty good start. Thank you.

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NEWS OF MEMBERS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

Neal ANDERSON [FAO mid 80s] is now a Lieutenant Colonel and is currently a Senior Observer Controller at the Army Combat Maneuver Training Center in Germany. He will attend Army War College this summer, followed perhaps by another FAO assignment. Neal sends news of Mark O'NEILL, now also a Lieutenant Colonel, who is currently at War College and who will move to Brigade Command in Hawaii in the summer. Neal can be contacted on E-mail at 5ans@compuserve.com if you have this facility.

John and Judy ASHTON [FCO Early 80s and Staff] are now back in UK following the handover of Hong Kong to China last summer. John's final job in Hong Kong was Deputy Political Advisor to the last governor, Chris Patten; since relocating to Britain John has been a Visiting Fellow at Green College at Radcliffe Observatory of Oxford University, doing research into global warming, and in May became Head of the Science Energy Environment Department. It was good to talk to Judy on the telephone in January 1998.

Geoff BABB [FAO mid 80s] has left the Army and is now a member of the teaching staff at the US Army's Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. Geoff works in the Department of Joint and Multinational Operations which covers national security policy and strategy down to the function and operations of Joint Task Forces. In addition, he has built an elective called China: Military Art, Wars and Revolutions, and the People's Liberation Army. As well as all this, Geoff has completed a Master's degree in East Asian Languages and Cultures at the University of Kansas and is now in a doctoral programme in East Asian History. Geoff can be contacted on E-mail at mbabb@lvnworth.com [Home] or babbj@leav-emh.army.mil [Office].

Ian BARROW [Cantonese late 70s] is still working with the Army as a civilian, and has spent much time in Bosnia.

John BORDWELL [FAO mid 80s] sent a note early in the New Year. He is now a Lieutenant Colonel working in Washington DC.

Brian BUNKER [Mandarin late 80s] is still living and working in Hong Kong but has left his job with China Distillers and is now Sales Director for Moen/Fortune Brands of bathroom furniture, with responsibility for sales throughout SE Asia and the Pacific.

Mike BYRNES [FAO mid 80s] has retired from the Army in the rank of Brigadier General. His final assignment was Defense Attaché at the US Embassy in Beijing.

Mrs. Alice Chang [Mrs. ZHANG] [Staff] is still teaching in Hong Kong but has travelled extensively during the past year with trips to the UK, Canada and Taiwan, as well as a 9 day excursion along the Yangtse River [Changjiang]. It was good to talk to her on the telephone during her UK visit; unfortunately we did not have the opportunity to see each other.

Mrs. CHENG Ya Lan [Mrs. ZHONG] [Staff] intended to retire in 1997, but the teacher hired by Rick's College in Rexburg, Idaho to replace her was unable to start work, so the College asked her to stay on. Not only is she continuing to teach the Chinese course she designed in 1993, she is now also teaching a course in Russian. The Chinese course had 7 students during its first year; now there are 40 enrolled. Mrs. Zhong hopes to leave this summer and plans a visit to Los Angeles to see Mr. James Wong Kwokwei, as well as travelling to South Africa and Britain. Pictured is Mrs. Zhong with the Chinese dance troupe from Shantou, Guangdong Province, which took part in the Idaho International Folk Dance Festival.



Mrs. CHEN Shu Fong [Staff] has sent greetings from Australia, where she now lives. She says she will never forget the happy times she enjoyed at CLS.

Jim CHILTON [FAO mid 80s] has moved house and is now living in a more central part of West Plains, Missouri. He is still working for the State but is spending time expanding his portrait painting business.

Sheena CONNELLY [Mandarin late 80s] is still at University in Melbourne, Australia, and has spent a year studying Indonesian. She has started on Korean this year. As well as this, she tries to use as much Chinese as possible when opportunities arise.

Brian CONNOR [Mandarin late 80s] is still based in UK with The Security Consortium Limited and has been involved with contracts in Hong Kong, China and Malaysia. He has sent news of several former members of CLS.

John CORBETT [FAO late 80s] is still working at the US Consulate in Hong Kong.

Andy DAVIS [Mandarin early 70s] is still working for the UK Atomic Energy Authority in Oxfordshire, England. It was good to see Andy at a Singapore Dawn watchers party in Warwick at Easter this year. The photograph shows Andy and your unworthy editor well into the swing of things.



Stan DUDZIAK [Mandarin late 80s] has joined us from New South Wales, Australia, where he is working as a consultant in the field of private investigations and security. Stan retired from the Royal Hong Kong Police after 19 years service, where his final two years were as Chief Inspector of the Anti Illegal Immigration Control Centre at Police Headquarters in Arsenal Street. He will be well known to many British Army students of CLS who worked with him.

Leonora DUNN [Lea O'Reardon] [Mandarin mid 80s] has moved to Sydney where husband Stephen has taken up a staff appointment at Land Headquarters in Victoria Barracks.

Karl EIKENBERRY [FAO LNO mid 80s] has been promoted to Brigadier General and has replaced Mike Byrnes as the US Defense Attaché in Beijing. He has regular contact with **Kim WINFIELD**, who is the British Defence Attaché.

Dave ELLIS [Cantonese early 70s] is still living in Michigan, but ceased working for his previous employer a year ago and has been writing a book. He is now looking for a publisher. Dave's E-mail address has also changed to ai.guide@miningco.com and he is keen to communicate by this means.

Bill GRAHAM [Mandarin late 70s] is still serving in the Army and is currently a Lieutenant Colonel on loan service in Oman, where he is likely to be until the summer of 1999. He and his family plan to visit Australia and Thailand this year. Bill has contact with **Ian CORSIE** and **Mick HUGHES**, and hopes to see **Tom WASHBURN** when in Thailand.

John GROVES [Cantonese early 70s] has been promoted and is now Head of the Operations Division of the Directorate of Civil Nuclear Security in Britain. During the past twelve months his work has taken him all over Britain, as well as visits to Bulgaria, Romania, Hungary, Austria and the Czech Republic.

Bill GUEST [Cantonese early 70s and Mandarin mid 70s] has been in touch. He is still living in London and we had hoped to meet at the Singapore Dawnwatchers party attended by **Andy DAVIS**. Unfortunately Bill was not able to get there.

Kelly HICKS [FAO late 80s] is now a Lieutenant Colonel and is working at the US Consulate in Hong Kong where he took over from **Terry KLAPAKIS**. He has been in touch with **Brian BUNKER**, **Dave KITCHING**, **John HARKEY** and **David GRAY**. His E-mail address is kellyhicks@hotmail.com.

Mike JENKINS [Mandarin mid 70s] has joined us from the Midlands in England. A member of the Royal Engineers, Mike learnt Cantonese at the School of Oriental and African Studies at London University and at the University of Hong Kong from 1953-1955, qualifying as an Interpreter [1st Class]. He subsequently studied Mandarin at CLS before being assigned to Beijing in January 1977 as Defence Attaché at the British Embassy. Mike left Beijing in 1980, and after retiring from the Army in the rank of Colonel, was employed in the Ministry of Defence until 1986, during which period he obtained a BA in Chinese, working in his spare time. Mike remembers **Bill GUEST** and **Alan NASH** from his time in Beijing.

Tony JUDGE [Mandarin early 80s] left the Army in 1993 and worked for some time in Cyprus teaching Information Technology courses. He later applied for a job as Security Manager at the British/American Tobacco factory in Southampton, England, but was offered instead the job he is now doing - Security Manager for BAT [Asia - Pacific North], based in Hong Kong. Since returning to Hong Kong Tony has been visited by **Ian LIVERMORE** and had a very brief encounter on an escalator in a MTR station with **Mr. Ho Pui Kei**.

Dave KITCHING [Cantonese late 60s and Mandarin late 80s] is in regular contact from Hong Kong where he is working on the details of a project for a teaching course of Cantonese for foreigners, as well as teaching English to Hong Kong Chinese students part-time at Hong Kong University in the evenings. **Richard BOOKER** is the Director of these English courses. Dave has spent some time in Australia during the past year and also visited Britain during the winter. As well as all this, he has had published 'The Ultimate Challenge Trivia Quiz Collection' which should be in a book shop near you.

Sara LEE [Sara SIU] [Staff] spent much time travelling with husband Jimmy in 1997. In April they visited South America and in the summer made trips to Hawaii and Mexico. The highlight of the year was the trip back to Hong Kong and East China where she was particularly impressed by the changes in Shanghai. While in Hong Kong she had lunch with several former colleagues and also had a very brief encounter with **Dave KITCHING** on an escalator in a MTR station. The picture shows her [second from right] with [left to right] **Mrs. Lorraine POON**, **Mrs. LEUNG Ling Hsiao** and **Mrs. JIANG Lin Lin**. **Mrs. Alice ZHANG** had left just before the photo was taken.



Shaun LEWIS [Mandarin late 80s] has left the Royal Navy and is now Head of Logistics for Europe at Goldman Sachs International in London. Shaun is enjoying his new job and has the prospect of taking some responsibility for Asian business; he is therefore looking forward to a Hong Kong visit. His E-mail address is: shaun.lewis@gs.com if you have the facility to contact him in this way.

Greg MAN [FAO mid 80s] has retired from the US Army and is living in Washington DC. At one time he was in North Korea on the POW/MIA team.

Caroline MASON [FCO early 70s] wrote to me from Durham, England almost two years ago and somehow her letter got buried and has only this year come to the surface. Caroline worked with **Alastair MACLEAN** in Wellington, New Zealand at the NZ Translation Centre after a long spell teaching at Durham University. In 1996 she was back in Durham working as a freelance teacher/translator of Chinese and we would be delighted to learn her current address.

Kevin McMAHON [Cantonese mid 70s] is still working in Yorkshire, England, but is still looking for a post which involves Chinese. He spent Christmas 1997 in Hong Kong, playing golf at Fanling; at the time the Hong Kong Stock Market was in depression and there were very few tourists in the City, but on the whole he found that not much had changed.

Tom MITCHELL [FAO late 80s] is now Chief of the China Division at the Defense Intelligence Agency in Washington DC. He is still studying in the evenings for a teacher's certificate at George Washington University and hopes to become a teacher when he leaves the Army.

Alan NASH [Mandarin early 70s] is still living in Lincoln, England but has moved house. He and Jan are still very busy with local activities in spite of having retired. Lincoln is 'twinned' with Tangshan and Alan has had to do more interpreting work with visiting delegations, including some very technical vocabulary at a potato crisps factory.

Joe NORTHROP [FAO late 80s] retired from the US Army last year and is now living near Austin, Texas. He has a small ranch and manages a company that restores old Jaguar cars [mostly E-types]. You can check Joe's Website at www.classicjaguar.com if you are interested. Last summer Joe stopped off to see Mrs. ZHONG in Rexburg, Idaho and found her as effervescent as ever.

Terry PARR [Cantonese late 70s] remained in Hong Kong for a tour of duty after leaving CLS and then retired from the Army. Following a spell in business with a small industrial group, Terry obtained a post with the Norfolk County Council in England, planning the integrated response to major emergencies. Fortunately his work remains untested. Terry would be happy to organise an informal supper if there is enough interest among members living in the East Anglia region. His telephone number is 01953 882047.

Mel PETRBE [Mandarin early 80s] is still working for Swire Beverages in Hong Kong and was able to see **Judy and John ASHTON** before they returned to Britain after the Handover last year. He has also seen **Mrs. JIANG Lin Lin** who has further developed her great knowledge of teas. Mel's job has taken him to many parts of China; using technical vocabulary constantly in his dealings with government officials and businessmen has expanded the Mandarin he learnt at CLS. His wife, Diana, who is a lawyer, was recently admitted to the Supreme Court in Hong Kong and is continuing to practise in the SAR. On a recent visit to Beijing Mel and Diana stayed with **Kim WINFIELD** and family and they see Kim in Hong Kong from time to time.

Ken PICKLES [Mandarin late 80s] is still serving in the British Army and is in Herford, Germany as OC of the Army Education Centre. **Jonathan SALES** is just down the road from him in Paderborn, but is due to serve his final term with the Army in Northern Ireland this year.

James RAND [Cantonese and Mandarin late 60s] has joined us from Thailand, where he now lives. After leaving the Army, James worked in commerce and industry with a number of companies in Singapore, Thailand and China, specialising in textiles, agricultural machinery and aircraft components at various times from 1975 to 1990. In 1992 he went to Vladivostok as Project Manager - Russia for a US government manufacturing company, responsible for building three large garment factories. Living in the Russian Far East was an experience in 1992/93! James returned to Thailand on completion of the work, but is now again working in China, where he is Managing Director of a European-Chinese joint venture manufacturing company in Shenyang. The company has three factories making transmissions, transformers and furnaces, with 1,380 employees. In total, he has worked in mainland China for six and a half years since leaving the Army; his current contract allows him six trips per year back to his home in Thailand.

Kevin RICE [FAO mid 80s] is now a Colonel and has been assigned to the US Embassy in Beijing as the Army Attache.

Mick ROBERTS [Cantonese mid 70s] and Kay at last decided to get married and the event took place in brilliant winter sunshine on 14th February this year.

Alan ROBERTSON [Mandarin late 60s, Cantonese mid 70s] has again been extremely active and resourceful in tracking down many of those whose names have appeared in the 'Where Are They Now?' section and we are very grateful for his efforts. Alan has also contributed an article, printed elsewhere in this issue, which will be of great interest to all those with fond memories of the tranquility of Lyemun Barracks.

Simon RODWELL [Mandarin early 70s] is still living in the East of England and has provided the names and addresses of many former members of CLS. Where possible, we have tried to contact these but in many cases unfortunately their names have to remain in the 'Where Are They Now?' section.

Neal SEALOCK [FAO mid 80s] is enjoying his job as a Brigade Commander at Fort Rucker, Alabama. He and Donna send greetings to all former classmates at CLS.

Willie ST. MAUR SHEIL [Cantonese mid 80s] decided to leave the firm in the South of England where he had been working for two years and is now in business as an independent financial consultant. The past year has been eventful in many respects, with daughter Miranda getting married and visits from son David, who lives on Lamma Island, Hong Kong, and daughter Katie, from Australia. On 30th June last year Willie and Maggie joined 2,500 other old Hong Kong hands at a huge party at Sandown Park to mark the handover of Hong Kong to China.

Paul STOKES [Mandarin mid 80s] has qualified as a lawyer and is now working at Lincoln's Inn Fields in London.

Alan SYKES [Cantonese late 60s] has made a good recovery from the stroke he suffered earlier last year but still has some difficulty walking. He has been elected President of the Leeds University Students' Association in London and is a supporter of that other CLS - the City of London Symphonia.

David SYME [Mandarin late 70s] is now back in uniform with the Specialist Linguist Unit of the Territorial Army. After a course in Serbo-Croat, David is enjoying a six month tour of duty in Bosnia. He has been in contact with **Bill McCABE** who did Cantonese at Hong Kong University but will be known to many former students of CLS, and John GRIEVE who was at CLS in the late 80s. David was hoping to see Mike BYRNES in London at the end of last year.

Peter THOMSON [Mandarin late 60s] left the Royal Navy and joined the Foreign Office in 1975 after a tour of duty as Naval Intelligence Officer in Hong Kong following his course at CLS. Four of the eight assignments he had with the Foreign Office were China-related, including tours of duty in Hong Kong and Beijing. His last two overseas posts before he retired were in Belize and in the Seychelles, where he was High Commissioner. Peter is now seeking re-entry into the China field on a part-time or occasional basis, but in the meantime is enjoying sailing from Poole on the south coast of England. We are grateful to **Alan ROBERTSON** for getting Peter's name off the 'Where Are They Now?' list.

Mr. **TSE Hau Loong** [Staff] has written from Vancouver, Canada, where he is enjoying good health, reading newspapers and watching television. He says he seldom plays mahjong now, which must be good news for his former opponents. He is still in touch with **Mr. LEE Mein Ven** and would be pleased to hear from former students.

Bob VAN HORN [FAO mid 80s] is working at the American Institute in Taiwan [ATT].

Richard WELKER [FAO early 80s] is still enjoying life in Australia. His daughter Jennifer is now living and working in Hong Kong. Richard and Melinda visited her in August last year and found the city unchanged.

Graeme WILLIAMS [Mandarin late 80s] left the Royal Australian Navy shortly after returning to Australia from Hong Kong, having unfortunately been diagnosed as HIV positive. The good news is that Graeme has responded well to treatment and after working as Administrative Officer for the Aids Council of New South Wales has applied for a job with Telstra, the Australian telecommunications organisation. Graeme's E-mail address is starfish@lis.net.au if you want to contact him by this means.

Mr. James **WONG Kwok Wei** [Staff] has retired for the second time and is no longer working in Shanghai. Now settled again in Los Angeles, California, James is looking for voluntary work and hopes to concentrate on writing articles for Chinese publications. The picture shows James on a visit to Las Vegas in December last year.



Mrs. WONG [LEUNG Ling Hsiao] [Staff] has sent greetings from Hong Kong. She was one of the former members of staff who enjoyed lunch with **Sara SIU** during her visit to Hong Kong and China last year.

Chris WOOD [FCO mid 80s] has moved house, although he is still living in London. The election of a new government in Britain last year has also meant a change of focus at work, although Chris is still a Private Secretary at the Department of the Environment. In spite of the pressures of a house move and a new set of responsibilities at work, Chris managed to get away in August and September for a round-the-world-trip, taking in Los Angeles, Tokyo, Hong Kong and Singapore. Chris has an E-mail address at: 01462.1277@compuserve.com if you have the means to contact him in this way.

Ch'ên Tzŭ-ang

ON A GATE-TOWER AT YU - CHOU

Where, before me, are the ages that have gone? And where,
behind me, are the coming generations? I think of heaven
and earth, without limit,, without end, And I am all alone
and my tears fall down.

登幽州台歌

陈子昂

前不见古人， 后不见来者。

念天地之悠悠， 独怆然而涕下。

LYEMUN REVISITED

by Alan Robertson

Many will remember Lyemun Barracks, perched on a hilltop above Shaukeiwan, and home to CLS from its inception in 1967 until the early 1980s when it moved to Osborn Barracks, Kowloon Tong.

Having been there at CLS [N3] in 1969-72 and again [second time round!] in 1976-77, it was not until May last year that I had a chance to see what had become of the place in the intervening twenty years. On other brief Hong Kong visits, time had not allowed for such nostalgic self-indulgence.

Alighting from the MTR at Shaukeiwan, and getting my bearings only by following the tramlines back to the foot of the hill, I toiled up Chaiwan Road, past the Salesian School, and nearly opposite the Fire Station found the steep road leading to, the sign said, Lei Yue Mun Park and Holiday Village.





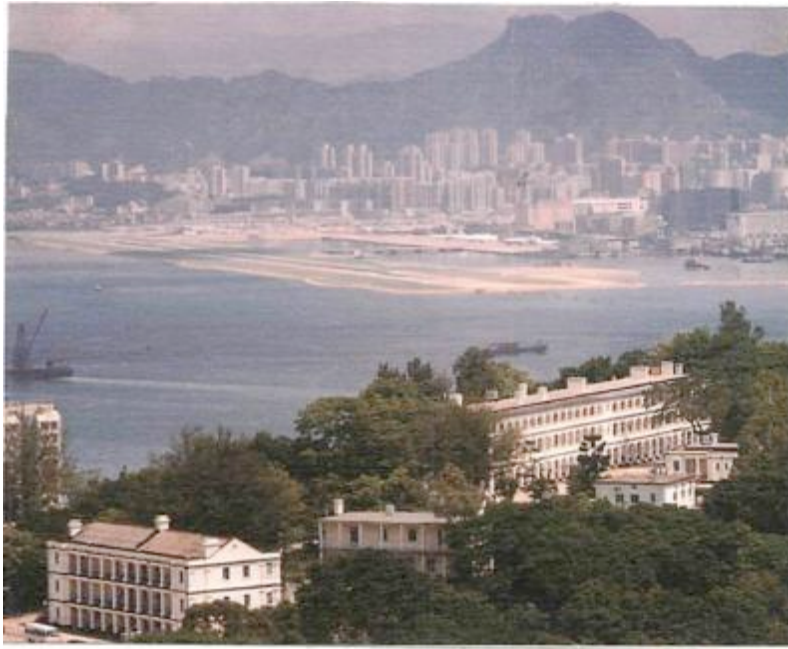
Just inside the Main Gate, manned by ubiquitous Pakistani guard, I found the Management Office, explained myself to the clearly incredulous young female Duty Manager, and spent a couple of hours exploring what is evidently a well-appointed Urban Council-run day and residential activity centre for the young people of Hong Kong, of whom there were many, playing basketball, running about, mountain biking and so forth. Well, I thought, this is one barracks our PLA friends are unlikely to be taking over!





I was delighted to find how well the buildings and grounds had been maintained, little changed in those twenty years: the old Officers' Mess [now 'Female Living Quarters'] was looking especially good. However, the view from its patio, once an unobstructed vista towards Junk Island and distant Joss House Bay, that was a shock. On the road which runs round the coastline, linking Shaukeiwan with Chaiwan, there now lies a vast estate of high-rise housing. Sad to say, the old CLS Block [pictured in Spring 1997 Newsletter], because of its distance from the main grouping of buildings, has been demolished, along with some others which lay near it.

During intermittent heavy showers, taking shelter outside what had been the RSM's Office, facing the Main Square, I deployed rusting Cantonese in conversation with an ancient sweeping-lady likewise sheltering there. It turned out that she could boast 30 years unbroken service at Lyemun and well remembered the CLS era.



Later, as I made my way back down towards Chaiwan Road, the rain had ceased. Old men were sitting on the wall, while their caged birds, hanging on low branches, filled the air with song.

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THE OLD SCHOOL TIE[S]

Terry Parr has written to say that his old CLS tie is now practically unwearable and he would like to get a new one. As far as I know, during the 25 year life of the school, there were three versions of the tie:-

The first, which was produced in the late 60s, was a very slim tie in green material with a series of red dragons repeated in a pattern down the front.

The second, which was produced in the early 80s, was a blue tie with a single red dragon and the characters _____ embroidered on it.

The third, which was produced in the late 80s, was based on the school flag and consisted of a single gold dragon embroidered on plain green material.

If any of you have an example of any of these to spare, Terry would be pleased to hear from you. His telephone number can be found in his entry in the Newsletter. In the meantime it may be a good idea to think about a fourth version - for CLS International. I have in mind a design based on a plain green background, with a single red dragon and these characters beneath [in gold].



Please let us know what you think. If there is sufficient demand, we will have them produced.