

Perhaps it is the fact that we are now on-line with an e-mail address which has contributed to the very large volume of material received for inclusion in this edition. Apart from the e-mails, we have also received an unusually large number of contributions and photographs, for which we thank you sincerely.

Kim Chan has once again provided beautiful Lunar New Year stamps issued by the postal authorities in Canada to commemorate the Year of the Ram. Kim supplies one stamp for every reader (around 150) and given the high face value of each stamp it is easy to calculate that Kim provides these at considerable personal expense. We thank him once again for his generosity and the true CLS spirit his contribution represents.

Please see inside the back cover for preliminary details of an idea put forward by Kim Chan, supported by Kevin McMahon, for a reunion of former staff and students. It would be useful to have some feedback from you on the idea.

Finally, we welcome Jez TIPPETT and Mark VICTORSON to **our** mailing list. We hope that they find the newsletter interesting. As always, we are disappointed when newsletters are returned to us marked 'gone away'. Please try to remember to let us know if you change your address.

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NEWS OF MEMBERS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

Mrs. Lisa AHNERT (Staff) has moved house but is still living in Dallas, Texas. Her e-mail address is ahnert@sbcglobal.net if you would like to make contact.

Jay ALLEN (FAO mid 80s) has been in touch with the sad news of the death of his father Charles, a World War II veteran of the US Army Air Corps who served in Kunming, Chungking, India and North Africa. Staff and students in the mid-80s may recall that Jay's mother died in Hong Kong during a visit at that time and Charles never forgot the kindness and sympathy shown to him by CLS personnel. We extend our sympathy to Jay and his family at this time.

Mrs. Judy ASHTON (GAO) (Staff) has called to comment on the remarks featured in the Autumn 2002 newsletter concerning the quality of Chinese language training provision currently made available to British military personnel. Judy suggests that perhaps the quality of the students may also be a significant factor in the achievement levels obtained, which is a very pertinent point. We are pleased to report that her back is now very much better.

Geoff BABB (FAO mid 80s) is still teaching at the US Army Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas and this year has been involved with a new Joint Operations curriculum, part of a significant change in the education programme for Army majors. Featured below is the Babb family at Christmas 2002.



John BORDWELL (FAO mid 80s) is currently the US Army Attache in Singapore, also accredited as US Defense Attache in Brunei, in the rank of Colonel. He does much travelling in the region and is enjoying the job. He can be contacted at bordwell@starhub.net.sg by e-mail. We thank John for providing information on a couple of people in the Where Are They Now? list.

John BRENT (Mandarin mid 80s) left the Army in 2000 and is now working for the National Health Service in York, in the north of England. His e-mail address is brent770@yahoo.com if you wish to contact him.

Tony BROWNE (FCO early 70s) has for the past 3 years been the Director of the North Asia Division of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade in the New Zealand Government. He has made frequent trips to China, including accompanying the Foreign Minister to Tibet, and he also led New Zealand's first official delegation to Pyongyang, North Korea. Tony has provided news of several other former students from New Zealand and details can be found elsewhere in the newsletter. Tony can be contacted at tony.browne@mfat.govt.nz by e-mail.

Mr. Kim CHAN Kwok Kin (Ah Gin) (Staff) visited 7 European countries, including UK, during the Christmas holidays 2002. Our picture shows him in London. He has once again supplied the beautiful Lunar New Year stamps issued in Canada for the year of the Ram and we thank him for his generosity. Kim has also suggested a CLS reunion at some future date (see inside back cover).



Mrs. CHEN Shu Fong (Staff) was visited in Australia in December 2002 by Mrs. CHENG Ya Lan (Mrs. Zhong). They were close friends and colleagues at CLS but had not seen each other for 20 years. It is remarkable that they stopped talking long enough for this photograph to be taken. It shows Mr. & Mrs. Chen with Mrs. Zhong.



Mrs. CHENG Ya Lan (Mrs. Zhong) (Staff) had successful cataract surgery in August last year. Later in the year she joined a cruise visiting Australia and New Zealand (see report for Mrs. CHEN Shu Fong). We shall include a full report of this odyssey in the Autumn edition - unfortunately lack of space prevents us from including it here.

Also during the summer a cultural troupe from the Guangxi A.R. visited Rexburg, Idaho and Mrs. Zhong was again involved in liaison duties. Our picture shows six beautiful girls - we think Mrs. Zhong is probably second from left.



Jim CHILTON (FAO mid 80s) has undergone a successful medical procedure for removing blockages in the veins surrounding his heart. He and Susan became grandparents last year and our picture shows them with baby Jack, born to daughter Sarah and her husband Jarrod in Chicago, Illinois. We offer our congratulations.



Miss Vicky CHU Wai Chin (Staff) has sent greetings from the north of England where she is a lecturer in Chinese at the University of Durham.

Sheena CONNELLY (Mandarin early 90s) is now living permanently in Bali, Indonesia, and plans to open a bar/cafe in Gili Trawangan, an island off Lombok. Bali's economy suffered a severe blow from the terrorist attack on a night club, but this has not diverted Sheena from her plan to open "The Montana Reggae Cafe". E-mail her at sheenaec7@hotmail.com to let her know when you'll call in for a drink.

Ian CORSIE (Mandarin late 60s) is now on the UK Board of the Jian Hua Foundation, a Hong Kong-based organisation which places Christian professionals in work in China. There are many opportunities, especially for teachers but also in other fields. If you are interested or if you have any suitable candidates in mind, please contact Ian by e-mail at iancorsie@bigfoot.com. We look forward to seeing Ian and Joy in Guernsey in August.

Lea DUNN (O'Reardon) (Mandarin mid 80s) is now living in London where husband Steve is Army Attache at the Australian High Commission. They have done much travelling since moving to Europe and spent Christmas in Austria. You can contact Lea at dunns4@telstra.com by e-mail.

Brian GOPSILL (Mandarin mid 80s) is still in Naples, Italy, at NATO's Southern Command Headquarters. He and Sophie are seeing as much of Italy as they can before his naval career comes to an end in about a year's time.

Bill GUEST (Cantonese early 70s and Mandarin mid 70s) met Al HORNE (Cantonese late 60s) at a Remembrance Sunday parade in London in November 2002. Bill says that Al and his wife Mary are now living in retirement in Devon, England.

Kelly HICKS (FAO late 80s) is still living and working in Hong Kong where he is with Goldman Sachs in the field of Enterprise Technology. He has regular contact with Brian BUNKER (Mandarin late 80s) and saw Chris BOULTON (Mandarin late 80s) by accident in Singapore last year.

Dave KITCHING (Cantonese late 60s and Mandarin late 80s) and Joanne have been busy buying a second property in Spain and are now eyeing a third, so if you're thinking of moving to the Valencia area, do it quickly before there's nothing left. Dave can be contacted at david.joanne@wanadoo.es if you'd like advice on moving to Spain.

Bob (Kevin) LAU (Staff) sends greetings to all former staff and students from his home near London.

Miss Marie LAM Fuk Kuen (Staff) has sent numerous e-mails, as well as a beautiful theme postcard from Hong Kong, with greetings from herself and Mrs. KOT Mei Yuk (Ah Mei) and Mrs. **HAU** Mei Ling (Ah Ling).

Mrs. Sara LEE (Miss SIU) (Staff) has been in touch from Richardson, Texas and has sent this delightful family photograph of herself with Jimmy and the two girls Grace and Michelle.



Shaun LEWIS (Mandarin mid 80s) has been putting in much hard work expanding his business, which now includes an espresso bar in one of his shops where the coffee is so popular that one customer even comes in by helicopter. Shaun's experience as a Flight Deck Officer in the Royal Navy has been useful here. Check out Dunscar Wine, Dine and Floral Design at www.dunscardirect.com to see what is available at his shops.

Derek (Willie) LUI (Staff) has once again sent beautiful Chinese calendars for 2003 and is still operating a successful take-away food business in the south of England.

Normand MAILHOT (Mandarin late 60s) completed his assignment as Canadian ambassador to Cambodia in July 2002. During his farewell meeting, King Sihanouk bestowed on him the rank of Commander of the Royal Order of Sahametrei for his contributions to the economic development of the kingdom. On leaving Cambodia, Normand retired from the Canadian Foreign Service and now lives in New York where he has worked as a consultant on some international projects and is involved with the Greenwich Village Chamber of Commerce.

Kevin McMAHON (Cantonese mid 70s) has been in touch from the north of England, where he now lives, and has also mentioned the subject of a reunion (see inside back page).

Claire MILNES, widow of Tim MILNES (Cantonese late 60s) is continuing to work hard on her Diploma course in Counselling, but has still found time to spend three weeks in New Zealand with son Rob and his wife and she later enjoyed a cruise around part of Britain's coastline from Dundee in Scotland to Portland in Dorset.

Alan NASH (Mandarin early 70s) and wife Janet are still finding parts of the English Lake District they haven't walked over before; their book 'Church Walks in North Nottinghamshire' was published in April last year and they have two more in the pipeline. In addition to this, both are very active in local community affairs.

Jumbo PARTRIDGE (FCO Admin Officer mid 80s) has had severe problems with white ants literally eating him out of house and home in Queensland, Australia. During the past year he has had to replace six of the foundation posts at his house and use chemical agents on most of the rest of the building in order to solve the problem. He is still living at the same house but the postal authorities have changed the number from 11 to 233. He and Paula are pictured below in an illustration of the change.



Mel PETRIE (Mandarin early 80s) visited Beijing, Dalian and Weihai in Spring 2002 in order to look at medium-level technology manufacturers in connection with his business. Dalian styles itself 'The Hong Kong of the North' and is achieving solid development while Weihai is a booming, vibrant ferry port producing wonderful red wine from Cabernet Sauvignon grapes. Mel has during the past year also completed his MBA with a dissertation on Chinese business practice.

Ken PICKLES (Mandarin late 80s) retired from the Army last year and now lives in Bavaria, Germany. He continues to do contract work with inspection teams in the former Soviet Union. His e-mail address is kennethpickles@yahoo.co.uk if you wish to contact him.

James RAND (Cantonese and Mandarin late 60s) is still Managing Director of a joint-venture manufacturing company in Shenyang, China, where he has been for almost 7 years. However, the company is now winding down its operations and James has applied for a new position in China.

Kevin RICE (FAO mid 80s) who is Commandant of the Defense Language Institute at Monterey, California, is due to retire from the Army in June 2003 but he and Kitty will continue to live in California. We have been in contact with Kevin by e-mail recently and we wish him well in his retirement. We also thank him for news of Karl EIKENBERRY (FAO early 80s); for details see elsewhere in this issue.

Alan ROBERTSON (Mandarin late 60s and Cantonese mid 70s) had an unexpected meeting with David SYME (Mandarin late 70s) at a military lunch in Glasgow, Scotland in December last year. Alan is in regular contact with Mr. Wong Kwok Wei (Staff) by e-mail.

Neal SEALOCK (FAO mid 80s) completed his assignment in Beijing last September and is currently at Fort Monroe in Virginia where he expects to stay for at least one year as Deputy Commanding General of the US Army ROTC Cadet Command in the rank of Brigadier General. We wish Neal and Donna every success in this new post.

David SYME (Mandarin late 70s) continues as a member of the Specialist Linguist Unit of the UK Territorial Army and this year attended a course in Ukraine and Azerbaijan (formerly parts of the Soviet Union).

Mr. TANG Pong (Staff) has sent greetings from San Jose, California where he now lives.

Jez TIPPET (Cantonese early 90s) has joined us from Northern Ireland where he has been serving with the Army since leaving Hong Kong in 1997. Jez would like to hear from former staff and students and can be contacted at JeremyOtter@aol.com He has provided news of Brian HUGHES (Cantonese early 90s), for which see elsewhere in this issue. We welcome Jez to our mailing list.

Mr. TSANG Chi Fan (Mr. Zeng) (Staff) has been in touch by e-mail from the City University of Hong Kong and we also had a long conversation by telephone on the third day of the Lunar New Year.

Mr. TSE Hau Loong (Staff) has written from Vancouver, Canada. Now 84 years of age, he has five grandchildren of whom four have already graduated from University. He enjoys life and looks forward to receiving the newsletter.

Mark VICTORSON (FAO mid 80s) has joined us from Virginia in the United States. Now retired from the Army, Mark works at the National Defense Transportation Association and is in regular contact with Karl EIKENBERRY and Richard WELKER (FAOs in 1980s). Mark's e-mail address is mark@ndtahq.com if you wish to make contact. We welcome him to our mailing list.

Richard WELKER (FAO early 80s) is still living and working in Taiwan where he represents the Northrop Grumman Corporation. He can be contacted at WELKERI@mail.northgrum.com by email.

Steve WHITE (Mandarin late 80s) has recently undergone refresher language training and was pleased to be told by his tutors that his spoken Mandarin was very good. He thanks his former teachers at CLS for this. A Commander in the Royal Navy, Steve hopes to be posted to China soon.

Mr. James WONG Kwok Wei (Staff) visited Shanghai and Hong Kong in November last year with Susan and returned to Los Angeles, California in early December. While in Hong Kong he tried to contact Mr. CHONG Ching (staff) but got no reply to his 'phone call. Mr. Wong is still undergoing treatment for the pains in his legs and must exercise regularly. Thankfully, he enjoys swimming.

Mrs. WONG, Leung Ling Hsiao (Staff) has sent greetings from Kowloon to all former staff and students of the school.

Chris WOOD (FCO mid 80s) will in July this year take up his new post as Consul General in Guangzhou (Canton). His work will involve supporting British commercial interests, political and economic reporting, visa/consular issues and some cultural activity, as well as managing a staff of around 50 people. His area covers Guangxi A.R. with Fujian and Guangdong Provinces (including Hainan Island) altogether with a combined population of 200 million, with Guangdong Province alone accounting for 40% of China's exports and 10% of the national GDP. He would welcome a visit from you if you are in Guangzhou during the next three years.

OTHER NEWS

We have also received news of the following, for which we are grateful, although we have not had any direct contact with the individuals concerned:

Karl EIKENBERRY (FAO early 80s) is Chief of the US Security Assistance Office in Kabul, Afghanistan, in the rank of Major General.

Brian HUGHES (Cantonese early 90s) retired from the Army in the rank of Lieutenant Colonel and left Hong Kong prior to the handover in 1997. He is now living in the Philippines.

John McARTHUR (FCO mid 80s) is Director of the Security Policy Division of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade in the New Zealand Government. He is also New Zealand's senior official to the ASEAN Regional Forum. John was formerly NZ Consul General in Shanghai.

Tom PETERMAN (FAO late 80s) has retired from the Army and is teaching at the Asia Pacific Center for Strategic Studies in Honolulu, Hawaii.

Michelle SLADE (FCO late 80s) is Deputy Head of Mission at the New Zealand Embassy in Tokyo, Japan.

Carl WORKER (FCO mid 80s) is New Zealand Ambassador to Argentina, having been the last NZ Consul General in Hong Kong before the 1997 handover.

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GEMS OF CHINESE LITERATURE

THE GENIUS OF WINE

An old gentleman, a friend of mine, regards eternity as but a single day, and whole centuries as but an instant of time. The sun and moon are the windows of his house; the cardinal points are the boundaries of his domain. He wanders unrestrained and free; he dwells within no walls. The canopy of Heaven is his roof; his resting-place is the lap of Earth. He follows his fancy in all things. He is never for a moment without a wine-flask in one hand, a goblet in the other. His only thought is wine: he knows of naught beyond.

The intelligentsia and nobles, hearing of my friend's weakness, proceeded to tax him on the subject; and with many gestures of disapprobation, fierce scowls, and gnashing of teeth, preached him quite a sermon on the rules of propriety.

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劉伯倫

有大JRANN先生。以天地寫一朝。萬觀篇須哭。日月為扇冊。X策蠶庭衡。行無就逃。層疊…盒底。幕天席地。縱章所如。止則按尼執照。動則章程設菇。權酒是甜甜。海知其餒。有實介公子。摺紛處士。開吾風聲。錢其所以0月奮抉撥誨。怒目切齒。阪控股法。是非鋒起。先生於是持接象槽。街杯歡聲。密緝義路。社遭詣糟。無恩無慮。其樂陶陶。兀然而醉。甜甜簡而盤。靜聽不開雷鐘之聲。熟屁不觀著山之形。不覺蠡且看之切肌。利欲之感情。俯觀萬物援擾晶晶。抽江漠之戰俘諒。二叢侍倒置晶。如☒羸之X X 蛤。

When they began, the old gentleman filled himself another humper; and sitting down, quietly stroked his beard and sipped his wine by turns, until at length he lapsed into a semi-inebriate state of placid enjoyment, varied by intervals of absolute unconsciousness or of partial return to mental lucidity. His ears were beyond the reach of thunder, he could not have seen a mountain. Heat and cold existed for him no more. He knew not even the workings of his own mind. To him, the affairs of this world appeared but as so much duckweed on a river; while the two nobles at his side looked like two wasps trying to convert a caterpillar.

CLS - THE REUNION?

When Kay and I began publishing the newsletter in 1996, our aim was simply to provide a means of keeping former staff and students of the MOD Chinese Language School in touch with each other. While it was in being from 1967 to 1992, the school's 'catchment area' was literally the world and today former members of staff and students are widely dispersed in many countries.

It was for these reasons that from the outset we did not envisage that our readers would be invited to take part in any form of reunion on a regular, organised basis, unlike members of other similar alumni clubs or associations. However, the suggestion has now been made that we do get together for a one-off reunion before we are **all** overtaken by the passing years. My first thoughts are that the only really suitable location would be Hong Kong and that 2007 would be a good year being the 40th anniversary of the School's opening. If held in Hong Kong it would clearly be preferable for the event to be organised by someone living in Hong Kong.

The purpose of this is to try and assess the likely support for such a reunion. Please let us know by e-mail, telephone, fax or mail what you think of the idea. We can take things a stage further if there is sufficient interest.

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