

Once again we thank Mr. Kim Chan for the beautiful commemorative postage stamps from Canada which he has supplied in celebration of the Year of the Dog. You should find one inside your copy of the newsletter.

On the centre pages you will find our first attempt at putting some colour into the newsletter. Getting this organised is one of the reasons why we are coming out rather late this time. We hope to be back on track for the next issue in Autumn.

Sadly, we have two deaths to report in this issue. Mr. Tse Hau Loong, a former teacher of Cantonese at the school, passed away in Vancouver in November 2005. We extend our sympathy to Mrs. Tse and the family in their loss. We also record the passing of John Field, a British Army student of Mandarin in the late 1960s, whose death notice in the UK Daily Telegraph was spotted by Alan Robertson and who will be remembered by his contemporaries in the early days of the school.

Please see inside the back cover for important details of the offer from John Prince for help in obtaining accommodation at reduced rates in Hong Kong for those who intend to be at the reunion in November 2007. When planning your dates, please bear in mind that the focal point will be a Chinese dinner on the evening of Saturday 17th November, 2007. Please get in touch with John soon if you would like to take advantage of his help.

NEWS OF MEMBERS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

Jay ALLEN (FAO mid 80s) continues to teach US history at Yeshivat Rambam in Baltimore, Maryland. In his spare time he is a member of the consistory at his local church in Emmitsburg.

Geoff BABB (FAO mid 80s) is still an instructor at the US Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth and will soon move to a new building (to be named the Lewis and Clark Building) within the complex.

Geoff BURDEN (Cantonese late 60s) has now retired and does part-time work driving a minibus taking handicapped children to and from their special needs school in the Midlands of England. He and Mary intend visiting relatives in Australia very soon.

Mike BYRNES (FAO mid 80s) left China in mid-June, bringing to a close 24 years of living and working in the Middle Kingdom, seven with the US Embassy. He has joined Marie in Rhode Island where they have opened a Chinese antique shop. Visit www.oldechinatrader.com to view some great furniture and other items.

Mr. Kim CHAN Kwok-Kin (Staff) has once again provided beautiful commemorative Chinese New Year stamps from Canada at considerable expense, in sufficient quantities for inclusion with each copy of the newsletter distributed. We appreciate his generosity. During the past year he has visited Gansu Province with World Vision (Canada) and Ningxia A.R. with EMAS (Evangelical Medical Aid Society) of Canada. Both are charities doing valuable work in China and we have reported Kim's trips several times over the years. Kim has also provided a report on his World Vision visit to Yunnan Province in 2004. Lack of space precludes its inclusion this time but we hope to feature it in the autumn edition of the newsletter.

Mrs. CHEN Shu Fong (Staff) has sent greetings to everybody from Australia, where she continues to live in a suburb of Sydney.

Mrs. CHENG Ya Lan (Mrs. Zhong) (Staff) visited Mexico in October last year with her son Larry, a resident of Cape Town, South Africa. Before that she had returned to Rexburg, Idaho where she was again involved with the International Dance Festival. The Chinese team last year was from Beijing, performing the regional folk dances of South West China. Our irrepressible Mrs Zhong is pictured with the troupe (third from left, front row) in our picture spread on the centre pages.

Jim CHILTON (FAO mid 80s) has recently become a grandfather for the second time. The picture in our centre pages shows Jim with family in a birthday photograph taken last year. He continues to work for the **Child Support Enforcement Agency** in the State of Missouri and enjoys weekends fishing and portrait painting.

Miss Vicky CHU Wai Chin (Staff) visited her mother in Hong Kong at Easter last year and found the city much changed. Vicky continues to teach Chinese at Durham University in UK and frequently sees Caroline MATTHEWS (Mason) (Mandarin mid 70s).

Sheena CONNELLY (Mandarin early 90s) has left the teaching profession and has started a new career in real estate at home in Australia. Sheena returned to Melbourne last year after living and working in Indonesia for more than three years.

Brian CONNOR (Mandarin late 80s) has given up his old job with Capital One and is currently investigating opportunities in Qatar as well as in the south of England. He is in regular touch with Kevin DOYLE (Mandarin late 70s) and had a long telephone conversation last year with Rufus ORME (Mandarin late 80s).

Lea DUNN (O'Reardon) (Mandarin mid 80s) is now back in Australia after a spell in London where husband Steve was the Army Attache at the Australian High Commission. Lea has obtained a part-time job as Co-ordination Officer for courses run by the Army at the Australian Defence Forces Academy campus. She and Steve look set to be in Canberra for the next four years.

Pat FARR (Mike was a student of Mandarin in the late 60s) has begun her travels from her home in Scotland, her first stop being Taiwan. Thanks to Alan ROBERTSON we are again in touch with her and she can be contacted at her new e-mail address at patfarr02@hotmail.com if you would like to get in touch.

Students of Mandarin in the late 60s will remember **John FIELD**, an officer in the Royal Corps of Transport of the British Army. He was a contemporary of Mike FARR, Paddy ASHDOWN, Mike SIMPSON, Beth BLUEMAN and a private soldier of the Gordon Highlanders in N2. Sadly, John's death was recorded in the Daily Telegraph in UK last month; we are very grateful to Alan ROBERTSON for seeing the notice and for passing on the information, after doing some research into the subject.

Brian FINCH (Mandarin late 60s) has moved from London and is now living in the sunny southwest of England. His e-mail address has changed to bfinch@tiscali.co.uk and this is now also the address of his company, Eastbridge Associates.

Brian GOPSDLL (Mandarin mid 80s) is now settled in the south of England with his family. He travels daily to London where he is Head of Resources at the Royal College of Speech and Language Therapists. Pictured in our colour section are Brian with wife Sophie (left) and Sophie with the two girls, Michelle and Patricia.

John GROVES (Cantonese early 70s) has finally retired from his job with British Nuclear Security but is still living in the southwest of England. His son Nick graduated from the Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst two years ago and is now with his regiment in Cyprus.

It was a pleasure to see **Bill GUEST** (Cantonese early 70s and Mandarin mid 70s) in Guernsey for a British Army Intelligence Corps reunion at the end of March this year. Bill's continuing kidney problem means that he has to undergo regular dialysis, but he is keeping well generally and hopes to be able to get a kidney transplant soon.

Mr. HO Pui Kei (Staff) has been in touch from Hong Kong to say how much he enjoys the newsletter. He sends greetings to all readers.

Bill HOUSE (Mandarin late 80s) is still working with the police in southeast England and his work has recently been recognised by promotion and a move to become a head of a department.

Mrs. HUANG Leung Ling Hsiao (Staff) has sent greetings from Hong Kong where she says she is enjoying a peaceful existence with her family. Her eldest grandson is now seven years old.

Miss Marie LAM Fuk-Kuen (Staff) was also in touch at Chinese New Year with greetings to all our readers from herself, Mrs. KOT Mei Yuk (Ah Mei), and Mrs. HAU Mei Ling (Ah Ling).

Jon LAMB (Mandarin late 80s) has been in touch to say that he has moved house to the eastern part of England.

Kevin LAU (Staff) is still living and working in the London area and sends greetings to all.

Mrs. Sara LEE (Miss Siu) (Staff) visited Hong Kong last year with husband Jimmy and while there had dinner at the Kowloon Cricket Club with Mrs. JIANG Lin Lin and Mrs. Lorraine POON. Our picture shows the three ladies, all looking just as beautiful as we remember them. See the centre pages.

Shaun LEWIS (Mandarin mid 80s) has been extremely busy with his retail business in the north of England but still gives of his time as a Community First Responder for the local Ambulance Service and gets called out on average three times per week. He has recently applied to become a Justice of the Peace.

Willy LUI (Staff) regularly sends beautiful Chinese calendars with views of Hong Kong and this year was no exception. His catering business in the south of England continues to prosper.

Normand MABLHOT (Mandarin late 60s) has returned to Canada after more than three years in the New York metropolitan area and is now living in Quebec.

John McARTHUR (FCO Course mid 80s) enjoys the newsletter and has e-mailed to say so. As reported in the last issue, he is now New Zealand Ambassador in Tokyo. He says that this post was preceded by 18 months of intensive Japanese language training at the Foreign Services Institute in Yokohama.

Kevin McMAHON (Cantonese mid 70s) is looking forward to the Hong Kong reunion in 2007 and is already planning a 'run ashore' with David SYME (Mandarin late 70s).

After many years it was a delight to hear from **Tom MITCHELL** (FAO late 80s) who has moved from Washington D.C. on leaving the US Army and is now living in Washington State where he has opened a UPS store and enjoys the fishing and golf.

Jumbo PARTRIDGE (FCO Admin Officer mid 80s) and wife Paula have been in frequent touch from their home in Australia. After many years putting up with the heat in the Queensland summers, Jumbo has finally got around to having air-conditioning installed.

Ken PICKLES (Mandarin early 80s) is still in Moldova working for the Organisation for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE) and is likely to be there for some time. The organisation is trying to get a package of Arms Control and Confidence and Security Building Measures agreed between the Moldovans and the Transdnistrians but it is hard work. Ken visited Russia, Ukraine and Austria during 2005.

John PRINCE (Cantonese late 60s) has been in touch from France, where he now lives, in connection with the Hong Kong reunion in 2007. ***See inside back cover for important details.*** We are very grateful to John for his help in obtaining accommodation at reduced rates in what is an expensive city.



Mrs. Zhong with dance troupe



Jim Chilton and family



The school block in Lyemun Barracks



Mr. Tse (with striped tie) on USS Enterprise in 1976



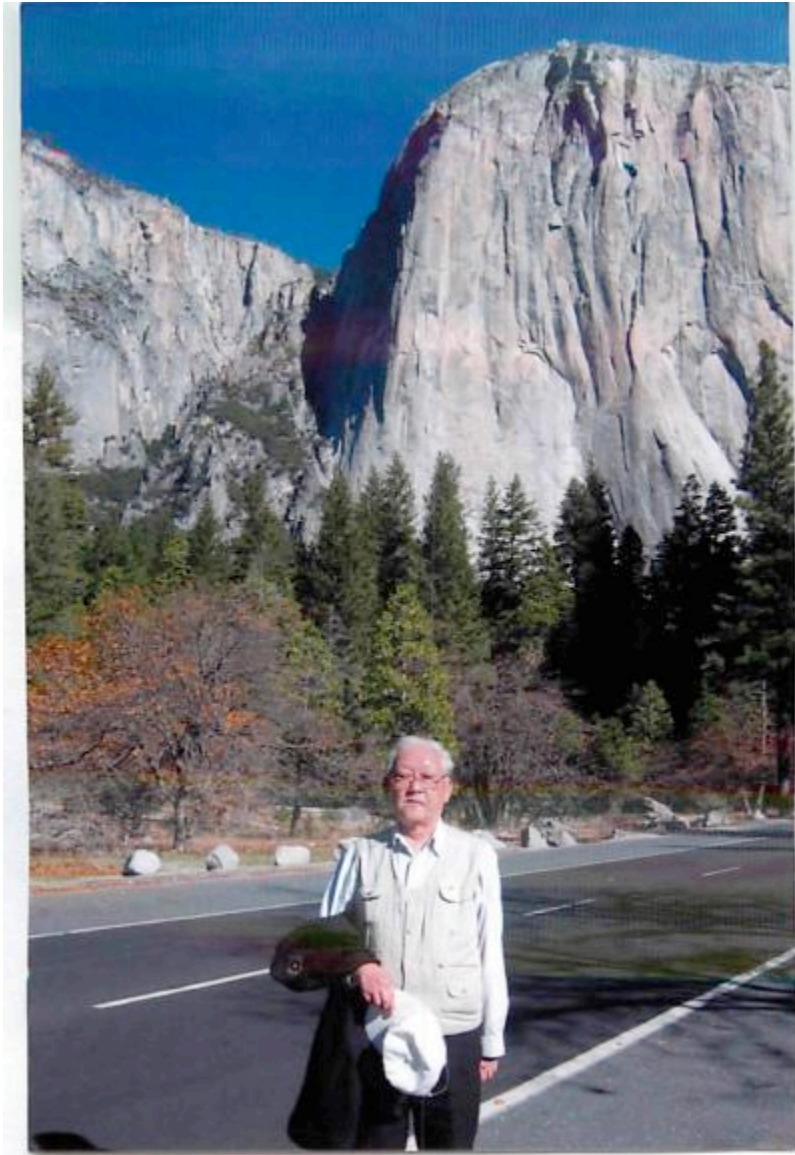
Mesdames Lee, Poon and Jiang



Brian & Sophie Gopsill



Sophie Gopsill with the girls



Mr. Wong in Yosemite National Park

Paul STOKES (Mandarin mid 80s) is now working as a lawyer in the legal department of the Hong Kong & Shanghai Banking Corporation (HSBC) in Birmingham, England. His e-mail address is paul@stokesl.wanadoo.co.uk if you would like to contact him.

David SYME (Mandarin late 70s) has been in touch with greetings from Scotland.

Mr. TANG Pong (Staff) has sent greetings to everyone from San Jose in California.

Mr. TSANG Chi Fan (Mr. Zeng) (Staff) has sent the great news that he has successfully completed all the requirements for the conferment of the degree of Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D) from the University of Hong Kong and on behalf of everyone associated with CLS we offer him our heartfelt congratulations on this achievement. He is to receive the certificate at a congregation in November or December this year.

The family of **Mr. TSE Hau Loong**, formerly a Senior Lecturer in Cantonese, contacted us earlier this year with the very sad news that he had passed away in Vancouver, B.C. last November, after an illness. Those of us who had the privilege of being taught by him **will** remember him with great respect and affection. He had the true educator's gift of not talking at his students but getting them to do the work by thinking for themselves and then drawing it out of them so that they achieved understanding almost without realising it. Moreover, for his students he was not only a guide in their study of the language; he also gave them some insight into what it was like to be a Hong Kong Chinese. For a picture of Mr. Tse at work with a party of Cantonese students in about 1976, please see our colour section. A wonderful man.

Nicholas WESTGARTH (FCO Course mid 80s) is still with the Foreign and Commonwealth Office but is now in London, having relocated from China. He keeps in touch with John McARTHUR, Graeme STEVENS, Ian McKENZIE and other UK/AUS/NZ contemporaries from the mid 80s. His e-mail address is NWestgarth@aol.com if you want to get in touch.

Anne WEIR (Cantonese early 80s) has written to say that she is very much looking forward to the Hong Kong reunion in 2007.

Steve WHITE (Mandarin late 80s) is still serving in the Royal Navy and is currently working in the Ministry of Defence in London.

James WONG Kwok Wei (Staff) has been in touch on several occasions, and has noted the internet information available on Karl EIKENBERRY (see Autumn 2005 issue). James says that he found it by searching 'Ministry of Defence Chinese Language School' which Karl mentions in his biographical details on the web. Last year James and Susan visited Yosemite Park in California and our picture shows him with the 'El Captain' rock formation in the background. (See colour section).

OTHER NEWS

Karl EIKENBERRY (FAO early 80s) has been seen on UK television news recently, following the deployment of British troops in some strength to Afghanistan, where Karl is the Commander of Combined Forces Command in the rank of Lieutenant General. (See the Autumn 2005 issue of this newsletter for more details). We pray that all US, British and other combined forces come to no harm in that country.

Sir Jack CATER, first head of the Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC) and sometime Chief Secretary and Acting Governor of Hong Kong, died in Guernsey in April at the of age 84, after a long struggle with Alzheimer's Disease. Obituaries appeared in UK in The Times, The Daily Telegraph and The Independent as well as in the South China Morning Post in Hong Kong. A service of thanksgiving was held at St. Martin's Church in Guernsey at which your unworthy editor represented MODCLS. A number of personnel from the London Office of the Hong Kong SAR Government attended. On the following page is the report of the service in the Guernsey Press, which had earlier published an obituary. Those of you still residing in Hong Kong may wish to know that a memorial service will be held in St. John's Cathedral on Saturday 21st October, 2006. Lady Peggy Cater and her family, together with HK Chief Executive Mr. Donald Tsang, will be attending.

Sir Jack Cater

A SERVICE of thanksgiving for the life of Sir Jack Cater, KBE, husband of Peggy, who died at the Princess Elizabeth Hospital, aged 84, was held at St Martin's Parish Church and was conducted by the Rev. C. Rye Smith.

Organist James Henderson accompanied the singing of Praise My Soul, The King Of Heaven, He Who Would Valiant Be and Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer. Canon G. Hetherington led the prayers, a Bible passage was read by Tim Antilla and a eulogy was given by Richard Cater.

The mourners were: Lady Peggy Cater, widow; Richard Cater, son; Sue Cater, daughter; Jackie Antilla, daughter; Tim Antilla, son-in-law; Jessica - Antilla, granddaughter; Rebecca Antilla, granddaughter; Alexander Cater, grandson; Sebastian Cater, grandson; John, nephew and Kate Cater.

Also present were: Colonel Richard Graham (also representing His Excellency The Lieutenant-Governor and Lady Malbon, Sir John and Lady Foley); John Luff (also representing Carole Luff); Christina Clay; David Miles (also representing Mollie Hunt); Thelma Clayton; David Hodgetts (also representing Christine Hodgetts, Andrew and Lucy Hodgetts, John and Geraldine Whittaker, Tom and Vivien Cox, John and Sandra Lees); Major" and Mrs M. Roberts (also representing Ministry of Defence Chinese Language School, Hong Kong).

Linda Iles (also representing Peter and Rebecca Iles); Doris de Carteret; James Buckle, ex-ICAC, Hong Kong; Peter and Celia Hodson; Philip Kan (also representing Sir Y. K. Kan and all the Kan family); Sarah Wu, Director General HK Economic and Trade Office, London, HK SAR; Sir i Peter Le Chemffiant (also representing Jean McCathie and Commander Derek Ford); Jean Bonnel (also representing Peter and family, also Angela and Martin Nickolls); Beryl Le Gallez (also representing Pauline Clarkson).

Howard and Enid Bamforth; Liz Head, Alzheimer's Committee; Norma Gardiner; Elizabeth Tanguy (also representing Jurat Michael Tanguy); Ralph O'Toole; Helen Martin (also representing Suzanne Smith, Cathy and Jenny, and all staff and clients, the Meadows, former Occupational Therapy Department, Castel Hospital); Mr and Mrs Jamie

Kilpatrick (also representing family); Peter Bristowe; Bob McMeechan (also representing Bob McMeechan jnr and Phyllis Trump); Bill Gladstone (also representing Jane Gladstone, Fenella Gladstone and Galium Gladstone).

Paul Vaudin (also representing Robert Laurent and Perkins Trustees Ltd); Gloria and David Dudley-Owen; Joyce Scott; Renee Cowan; Jacqueline Bartlett; Jeanette Boyd (also representing Harold and Jeannie Mauger); Bonnie Briggs; Jurat Susan Mowbray (also representing Dr Michael Mowbray); Hanoi Ward including Leo, Christine, David and Etlia; Rosabella Shooobridge (also representing Peter Neville); Diana Hardie; D. Ozanne (also representing C. R. Ozanne); Peter Atkinson; Colin and Cindy de Jersey (also representing Mark and Vanessa Machon, also Eric and Pearl Le Cras).

Michael Rouget (also representing Kitty, also Sam and Laura Corbet); Tim Kilpatrick (also representing HG Asia); Dr and Mrs Moorhead; Mena (also representing Polly and Gordon Mauger); Sheri Heald Bankes; Peggy Giles (also representing Susan); Mr ' and Mrs Mac Wright; Tim Henderson (also representing Eleanor Henderson"); Pennv Beels; Finnola Rowe (also representing Camilla and Dominic); Ian Petch; Michael and Robert Rivett-Carnac; Marion Phair; Caroline Harris (also representing Jain Harris and Cherrie Sarre).

Antony Matheson; Mrs C. Tracy (also representing Charles); James and Maria Whelton; Ann Jehan (also representing Neale Jehan, Edward and Luke Jehan and the Childers family); Win Childs (also representing family); David Moore; John Leigh, Kadoorie Office, Hong Kong; Delma Ferbrache.

Flowers were from: Peg.tops; Sue, Jackie and Richard, Tim and Carolyn; Jessica, Rebecca, Alexander and Sebastian, Jennifer and Guy; The Vice Chancellor Professor Lap-Chee Tsui and members, University of Hong Kong; Jessie and George Ho and family; Bryan, Sally and family; Hong Kong Nuclear Investments Co. Ltd; Thoong Loke and Janet, Khai Meng, Siew and Sui-Lan.

Donations in lieu of flowers were to be sent to Alzheimer's Society, Guernsey Branch, Rue des Monts, Delancey, St Sampson's, GY2 4HU.

The arrangements were by Martels Funeral Services Ltd, with Peggy Ellis supervising.

REUNION 2007

As noted earlier, planning is now under way for the Reunion in November 2007. If you would like to obtain corporate rates for hotels, please note the following:

Accommodation: John Prince still has his contact through whom he can access corporate hotel rates in Hong Kong. John will co-ordinate bids for these and you are invited to contact him direct by e-mail at John.prince@wanadoo.fr if you are interested. John asks that your initial contact with him (the sooner the better) should contain the following information:

Number of persons in the party.

Approximate duration of stay.

Whether you have a preference for HK side or Kowloon.

If appropriate, a maximum *per night* cost you would not wish to exceed.

All bookings will be Bed & Breakfast terms. More information on the Reunion and a return slip, in English and Chinese, will be found in the Autumn edition.

Please note when planning your dates that the focus of the event will be a Chinese Dinner on the evening of Saturday 17th November, 2007.