



# Bishop Ho Ming Wah Association & Community Centre

Registered Charity No.290398

To enhance & improve the quality of life of all residents, particularly Chinese, in London

Summer Newsletter

July 2017

## From the Chairman

As we move towards the 30th anniversary of the Community Centre in 2017, we look forward as well as back. The far-sighted vision of our founding fathers and supporters who brought the charity to existence has come to represent the aspiration for this Association. To move ahead, we need to revisit our original objectives, to see to what extent they have remained relevant to what we do today and plan to do in the future. In the past 18 months we have undertaken an exercise to bring the Association's constitution in line with the current legislations.

To kick-start the 30th anniversary celebration, in January we invited our volunteers to a planning day followed by a simple, delicious lunch in China Town. In April, the 'befrienders' held a training event, sharing knowledge and experience as well as promoting the befriending service. May and June are two busy months for the fundraising sale of yummy dumplings (糰子) – thanks to the unique skills and recipe of our volunteers. Two outings to places of popular interests will be organised this year, instead of one. In the later-half of the year, many more functions are planned including fundraising lunches, training days, exhibitions and others. We are open to suggestions for events for members (and friends), to make 2017 a splendid and memorable year.

I am writing this at the beginning of June, when the figures for the financial year ending 31 March 2017 are being independently examined. Based on the forecasts we are expecting an operating deficit. This explains why we have made a difficult decision to raise the activity fees from June onwards. To protect the future of this great charity, there is no doubt that we have to find ways to generate additional income. The effect of a gift to the Association makes a difference immediately, both in terms of maintaining the existing fabric and also in the introduction of new activities.

All-in-all I sense a real 'buzz' this year for which we are grateful to all who have contributed to make this possible.

*Alice Chan*

## **\*\*\*Notice Board\*\*\***

30<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration: **Art – Clay Lanterns workshop**

**10<sup>th</sup> July** (2.15-4pm) and **23<sup>rd</sup> Aug** (10.30am-12.30pm)

Free of charge (all materials will be provided), Please register with Edith.

The art pieces will be presented in the light well on the day of AGM.

For other activities for the **30<sup>th</sup> anniversary** celebrations,  
Please contact Edith or check the notice board in the centre.  
The **Annual General Meeting** will be on **11<sup>th</sup> Nov 2017** (Saturday).

### **Bank Holiday Closure**

The centre will be **CLOSED** on Summer Bank Holiday (**Monday 28 Aug**).

### **Walking Group**

The outing will be on **19 Jul, 23 Aug** and **20 Sept**. Details are available in the Centre.

The Rice dumplings fundraising event has successfully completed. Special thanks to:  
Volunteers for making dumplings: Mrs Sau Chun Wong, Mrs Gin To Pang, Mrs Kwai Fong Ng

Friends who donated or sponsored rice dumpling ingredients,  
And those who bought rice dumplings and supported this event



Dumpling sold £2,148

Donation for ingredient £1,000

Sponsor for the event £1000

Total received £4,148 (not deducted cost)

## **Forthcoming Activities Highlights (July to Sept 2017)**

### **July**

10<sup>th</sup> Jul (Mon) 1pm

**Health talk: Infections**

Dr. Ronald Lo

24<sup>th</sup> Jul (Mon) 12.30pm

**Birthday Party (for friends having birthday in Jul, Aug and Sept)**

£8 (member), £12 (guest)

24<sup>th</sup> Jul (Mon) 1pm

**Chat after lunch: How do we face terrorist incidents**

Rev. Paul Lau & Dr.

Ronald Lo

### **August**

14<sup>th</sup> Aug (Mon) 1pm

**Chat after lunch:**

**Resources for education**

Rev. Paul Lau & Dr.

Ronald Lo

21<sup>st</sup> Aug (Mon) 1pm

**Health talk: Elderly**

**Health Care**

Dr. Li from The Institute of Chinese Medicine

### **September**

11<sup>th</sup> Sept (Mon) 1pm

**Chat after lunch:**

**Resources for care of the elderly**

Rev. Paul Lau & Dr.

Ronald Lo

18<sup>th</sup> Sept (Mon) 1pm

**Health talk: Antibiotics**

Dr. Ronald Lo

25<sup>th</sup> Sept (Mon) 1.30pm

**Move to Music**

Mrs Ruly Tsang, please register with Edith if you would like to join.

## **A Brief History**

Bishop Ho Ming Wah Association was founded in 1984, in honour of Bishop Ronald Owen Hall (1895-1975). When Bishop Hall became the Bishop of Hong Kong and Macau, the diocese covered much of the Guangdong Province of China. His Christian faith was broad and inclusive, with particular concern for the wellbeing of individuals and society through justice and compassionate welfare, with access to education for all. His sympathetic work amongst the Chinese poor and sick led to him being called 'Ho Ming Wah' (何明華) which means 'Hall who understands the Chinese'.

In 1964, whilst on home leave in the UK, Bishop Hall became aware of the problems facing many people from Hong Kong living and working here. Often working in the catering trade, and did not understand English, these people were socially disadvantaged and vulnerable to exploitation. After returning to Hong Kong he sent Revd. Shui Ying Lee to London to lead the Chinese Congregation at St Martin-in-the-Fields, thus establishing the initiative to helping and supporting the Chinese community here.

Operating from the crypt of St. Martins, a Chinese centre was formally opened on 11 November 1987. When the premises were closed for the St. Martins' renewal project for about three years, the centre activities were ran from St. Anne's Church, Soho. In October 2008, the Association moved back to St. Martins to a bigger space, equipped with a commercial standard kitchen and modern equipment. This had resulted in significant improvements to the centre activities both in terms of quantity and quality. All these were made possible because of the generous donations and grants from our supporters. Because of an increasing membership from non-Chinese groups, the centre was renamed as Community Centre in 2010.

## **Fundraising activities (Mar - May 2017)**

### **Computer repair and consultation service**

Thank you volunteers Mr Lee and Mr Tong who are experts in computers and electronic products. **£110** has been raised.

### **Knife sharpening service**

Thanks to volunteer Mr Lee for this service. We ask for a minimum donation of £1. **£10** has been raised. Members who want this service, please make sure the knives or sharp objects are well wrapped when bringing them to the centre.

**Thank you for your generosity and support. We will make good use of your donation and hope you will continue to support us.**

### **Haircutting service**

Thanks to Mrs Mak, who volunteers hair cutting service every Tuesday from 1pm at the centre. Suggested fee for hair cut is £3. **£29** has been raised.

### **Donation box £610.47**

Donation from members, which include monthly donations, seasonal donations and all regular donations. A total of **£50** has been raised.

### **Tai Chi Sword class £62; Tai Chi class £944.5.**

### Photo gallery



Group photo in front of the hotel



Group photo in front of Cardiff Castle



Rhossili Beach



Mr Chu inscribed a poem for the Cardiff trip.

Tour in forest, surrounded by birdsongs,  
fragrance of flowers, trees and grass  
Troubles disappear in the scene