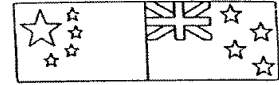


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NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be held on **Friday 11 June at 7.30pm at the Hastings District Council Chambers in Lyndon Road.**

In early May, **Dave Bromwich** spent twelve days in **Tibet** with Hawke's Bay member **Matthew Griffiths**, now living in China. He will talk about their trip to **Lhasa** and out west through **Gyantse** and **Shigatse** as far as **Everest** Base Camp, and give some observations and impressions of lives of people on the high plateau.



All are welcome, bring a friend.

Dates for Branch Monthly Meetings for 2010:

The Executive has agreed that meetings will not be held on Good Friday or the Friday before Queen's Birthday.

July 2	October 1
August 6	November 5
September 3	December 3

Subscriptions are now due: Individual \$20, Family and Educational Institute \$30 and Corporate \$50.

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Tom Paramore, Treasurer, 1001 Miro Street, Mahora, Hastings 4120

Thank you to everyone who has already paid.

LAST MEETING 7th May:

The movie ***Two Women in Red Scarves*** was a charming insight into rural life in a mountain village in North East China. After much hardship and laughter the four young people finally found true love.

Our **Branch library** now has over 90 DVDs of feature films and documentaries, and is available at meetings for **members only** to sign out on loan for a month. See Mike Earle when you come.



NATIONAL CONFERENCE 29 – 30th May held in Hamilton:

"Thank you Hamilton Conference Committee

What a great Conference you organised for us and what great speakers and entertainers we all experienced. Everyone has been full of praise for your organisation, the food and hospitality and of course the banquet. Thanks very much for all your hard work and you must be very pleased with the outcome.

People have been telling me that there was a real buzz of optimism after the Conference for the future of the Society and the forum you provided certainly gave us that. What with one branch coming out of recess (Dunedin) and another possibility (New Plymouth), it certainly gives us much optimism as to the future of the Society.

Kind regards, Eric Livingstone, National President"



Left: Bill Willmott, Isobel Thompson and Xu Fenghua from Youxie.

Right: Chen Xiyao playing the Gu Zheng



Bottom Left: An enjoyable banquet.

Bottom Right: The new National Executive including Branch Presidents.



Harry van den Berg from the Hamilton Branch took lots of wonderful photos and has put them on Youtube. Click below to have a look.

Photo Report part 1 of the National Conference of the NZCFS

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oTA9Oh4eKRY>

Photo Report part 2 of the National Conference of the NZCFS

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BTvgUbxc8dE>

Photo Report part 3 of the National Conference of the NZCFS

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qLF4rObq00A>

Poverty Alleviation Projects in Guangxi

NZCFS and Hawke's Bay Branch have supported two projects in **Dongshan Yao Township in Quanzhou County**, two hours north of Guilin.

Sally Russell visited in April as part of our on-going relationship with the **Quanzhou Women's Federation**. In 2007 we supported the training of 400 key women farmers in tomato and chilli production, in pig husbandry and in a longer-term tree crop *sanmu* a Chinese medicine. The report after one year showed that the quality and production of both tomatoes and chilli had improved but their income did not increase as the roading was in a poor state after a winter of unexpected heavy snow. In the 2009 season the quality of the crops was still high and tomatoes were getting 2 RMB/jin (1/2 kg) compared to the 0.2 RMB/jin the year before so everyone was pleased. The Yao women do not necessarily speak Mandarin and the trained women Sally spoke to say they passed on their knowledge in the fields and that people come to them for advice.

The local township leader **Ms Tang Xiaoling** is a supporter of the work of the Women's Federation and she reported that they had spent 14 million RMB on road repairs and also put information on the township website advising potential buyers when the tomato and chilli crops were ready and the approximate production levels. Several buyers came from Guangdong directly to Dongshan and so the villagers did not have to worry about marketing.



From Left: Farmers Feng Jian Ying has two school age sons; Pan Fa Lan and Feng Yan Chun with two young daughters discuss their life. They said when they went to school there was no discussion of health but now more is taught.

The second project held in 2009 held training sessions for 100 women in **women's health issues**, sanitation, maternal childcare and health, HIV/Aids and other sexually transmitted disease prevention and aspects of family law. The women were selected as key women in their villages, with more education and fluency in Mandarin as well as Yao. The training also included healthcare checks and on going visits by the Women's Federation.

In **Shang Tang** village after the training **Feng Jian Ying (above left)** called a meeting of her immediate neighbours to discuss cleaning up the paths outside their homes. The next stage is a firm commitment of money and/or labour so that a start may be made on putting in proper paved tracks. After rain the cows bring back mud and the rocky paths are too difficult to clean.

The **Yao women in Dongshan villages** still wear traditional dress for special occasions such as Sally's visit, and the older women still wear the headscarf every day.

Fang Yan Chun is weaving one of their long belts, this one decorated for a wedding.





Welcome home **Kevin Watkins**. Next year is the **30th anniversary of the Hastings Guilin Sister City relationship** and Kevin recently visited Guilin to discuss ideas for celebrating this in Hastings in March 2011. Watch this space.

He then had two days at the **Shanghai Expo** and only covered about half the huge stimulating exciting site. The highlight of **the New Zealand Pavilion** is the garden outside from the bush to a vegetable garden, and the Kapa Haka shows, which people can watch while in the line waiting to get in. **Hawke's Bay** is the focus of a week in August with different days highlighting our food and wine, other manufacturing and tourism. **Mayor Lawrence Yule** will be representing Hastings, Napier and the Regional Council and says that all the region's Sister-Cities were delighted to be asked and will meet with him there. As part of the day promoting tourism it is hoped that the wedding dress made for the Guilin couple married at the Osthmanthus Garden, will be worn again at the Expo.



Maps of Tibet - Tibet is a land we all know about – but which Tibet? This map gives the current boundary but historically Tibet has reached as far as Beijing and at times China has reached as far as Lhasa.

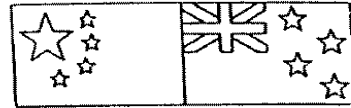


- Tibet Autonomous Region within the People's Republic of China
- Historic Tibet as claimed by Tibetan exile groups
- Tibetan areas as designated by the People's Republic of China
- Chinese-controlled areas claimed by India as part of Aksai Chin
- Indian administrated areas claimed by China as part of Tibet
- Other areas historically within Tibetan cultural sphere



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HB Branch invites you to add a donation to the Dr Don McKenzie Memorial Fund for Poverty Alleviation Projects in Guangxi, and directly help rural women in Guangxi to improve their living conditions.

YES I would like to make a contribution to the Dr Don McKenzie Memorial Fund. Please find my donation of

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