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Dunedin Branch

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REWI ALLEY IN SHANGHAI EXHIBITION

Watch this space... for details. Coming to Dunedin This fascinating exhibition, which has been facilitated by the Shanghai People's Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries (Youxie) in conjunction with the Shanghai Municipal Archives Bureau and the New Zealand China Friendship Society, is composed of about 80 framed photos and facsimiles of documents



signed by Rewi during his time in China, and Shanghai in particular.



The exhibition is composed of five parts: "Early Life", "Shanghai Memory", "Participation in Gung Ho Cooperative Movement", "Establishing the Bailie School" and "Days in China".

RECENTLY At our June meeting ...Branch President Paul Fawcett and the NE China Tour

We had a really enjoyable meeting. Haixin, as usual, a wonderful host, and Paul gave a really interesting talk about some of the NE China Tour - where the Godwits land, the mountain climbs, the ancient ship museum, the Confucius forest, coping with the leader responsibilities - oldest tour member 88, the food! ... too many aspects to cover all of the 21 day tour!

At the meeting it was also good to welcome Malcolm Wong from the Dunedin Shanghai Association; and Rob Duffy from Otago Boys High talking about the proposed Youth Choir trip to Shanghai next year which we are supporting with some funding applications. The combined Otago Boys/Girls High choir was recently selected to take part in the National final of the Secondary Schools "Big Sing" competition in Auckland. Member Annie Zong will be helping Rob add a Chinese song to their repertoire. We also welcomed members Craig and Liz Holmes.

A selection of Tour Photos



1 June, Day 4 Enjoying a party in our hotel in Jinan



6 June, Day 9 Visiting the Godwit landing site at the Yalu River Estuary near Dandong



8 June, Day 11 Visiting the Imperial Palace, Shenyang with Nie Guangtao, one of Rewi Alley's adopted sons



13 June, Day 13 Tour Leaders Paul Fawcett and Wang Fang at Heaven Lake, Changbaishan. (We were lucky to see the lake and on Friday 13th as well!)

Highlights from some of the participants included:

“Northern Shandong ticked all my boxes”

“Highlight for me was the visit to Kufu city. Going to the mountain to see the sunrise was good but for the weather, beyond our control. Harbin was really good to get a taste of the real thing in their winter – the ice sculptures! “

“For me the climb up 1,472 steps to the Changbaishan Basin and lake –and to touch North Korea was well worth it.”

ON LEARNING MANDARIN AND LANGUAGES – another opportunity

Following up from the successful language class earlier this year, we will be running more! Strong responses from those involved earlier this year and continuing enquiries show the demand for Mandarin language learning opportunities for those not at school or university.

The course is being led by Huang Baohua from Confucius Institute in



association with Otago University, and the teacher will be Li Min, from Beijing, an Otago University student majoring in Education. The course is run with the assistance of a number of kouyu ke (conversation helpers), and an “advanced beginners’ option is available.

The 8 weekly classes begin on Tuesday July 29 at 6pm in Burns Room 3 at the University. Interested? Contact the branch secretary, or Mandarin Course Coordinator: Kate Miller katebjb@gmail.com 027 6172 627

NEWS: A satellite office of the Confucius Institute was officially launched at the University of Otago this week.



About 100 attended, including the Chinese Ambassador and the Minister of Justice, and six members of Dunedin NZCFS!

Professor Helen Nicholson, International Pro-Vice Chancellor, gives a backgrounder here in this interview.



<http://www.dunedintv.co.nz/content/nightly-interview-helen-nicholson>

Do you follow NZCFS on Facebook?

<https://www.facebook.com/#!/NZChinaSociety?fref=nf>

This month – the link to the Wellington branch



<https://www.facebook.com/#!/NZCFSWellington>

Here is one that caught my eye from NZCFS Youth = The Shanghai “Tea Festival” scam (Travellers beware!)

<http://www.nzcfseyouth.org/tea-festivals-in-shanghai/>

Still time to enquire about joining... NZCFS China Arts Tour, October 2014



This tour will appeal to artists as well as those who are interested in gaining a deeper understanding of Chinese culture through its artistic traditions – which will include

painting, calligraphy, opera, architecture and traditional garden design.

A unique non-commercial tour that will start in Beijing and also visit the cities of Xian, Shanghai and Suzhou.

[Read more...](#)



Chinese Language Week

Last month's newsletter highlighted the launch of this concept at our national conference in May.

NZCLW will take place from 8-14 September. In its first year, Dunedin is on board. The Dunedin Chinese Garden will be hosting some activities, and our next Mandarin Language Course concludes during the week with a special activity.

Look forward to being involved with a week of events both informative and fun, showcasing Chinese art and heritage, but also offering hands-on advice and training to any New

Zealander who shows an interest in learning more.'

Watch for more in our August newsletter. Read more: <http://nzchinasociety.org.nz/16542/nz-chinese-language-week-is-launched/>

THE OTHER REWI ALLEY CONNECTION...

The latest 'Shandan Bailie School News' has been posted on NZCFS website: [<http://nzchinasociety.org.nz/17019/natalies-last-shandan-news-july-2014/>].

Natalie Bowie has just completed her stint there, and I am sure that all will congratulate her on the excellent job she has done, especially in giving us a very complete picture of life at Shandan (and the environs). We also congratulate her for her next step:

She will, starting in September, be doing a one year course of intensive Chinese language (both written and spoken) at Shanghai International Studies University. 'Intensive' means 36 hours of formal classes per week! Natalie was one of 14 to win a NZ government-funded Prime Minister's Scholarship for Asia (PMSA) this year to enable her to do this.



Natalie's youngest class (and Natalie, towards bottom-right) in front of sculpture of George Hogg and Rewi Alley, at Shandan Bailie School

AT THE DUNEDIN CHINESE GARDEN THIS MONTH – HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES



5th Jul 2014 10:00am - 20th Jul 2014 5:00pm
This time the topic is “**Adventures along the Silk Road**”. From 5th to 20th July kids of all ages can explore what it was like hundreds of years ago to travel and trade along the 7000 mile stretch of road through mountain ranges and sandy deserts, from China all the way to Europe.
and **MEET THE PANDA** ...Panda is looking forward very much to meeting lots of little (and big) people to have fun with! See you then!

PLUS July special: Steamed Chocolate Buns

Chocolate the Chinese way! We are joining Dunedin's chocolate frenzy and offering steamed chocolate buns to celebrate the carnival. Be in quick, they are really yummy and selling fast!



At home? Try these recipes:

Steamed Chocolate Bread / Mantou

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C-AGYvoP2KI> or

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zBD3DezH7xk>

(Chinese version)

FOR YOUR DIARY

* Tuesday July 29 Spring Semester
Mandarin Classes begin

NEW ZEALAND CHINA FRIENDSHIP SOCIETY

“Building New Friendships on Solid Foundations”

Learn more about the aims of
NZCFS, its history, its current projects

<http://nzchinasociety.org.nz/>

Please join. Check out our goals and activities
on the website and Contact the branch treasurer
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enquiry’ in the subject line.

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