

Scottish Section Luncheon

Date: Friday 7th December 2012

Location: Saigon, Saigon, 14 South St. Andrew Street, Edinburgh EH2 2AZ

Time: 12pm for 1pm



Those of you who have attended these lunches before are aware that this is an informal lunch and that it will be a chance to meet up with old friends.

Society Women's Group Christmas Lunch

Date: Thursday 6th December 2012

Location: The Fox Club, 46 Clarges Street, London W1J 7ER



Carrie was born and spent her childhood in Beijing at the height of the Cultural Revolution, moving with her family to Hong Kong when she was 12. She lived and worked there until the early 1990's when she re-located to London, was married and had children.

Carrie has wide-spread Sino-British business experience (having worked in PR at luxury hotels such as The Mandarin Oriental and media sectors in Hong Kong). After she moved to the UK, she started her own consultancy encompassing an education and recruitment. In 2007 she established the Mandarin Consultant (www.mandarinconsultant.com) to provide cross-border market entry assistance, head-hunting and recruitment of bilingual Chinese, together with cross-cultural training for UK-based companies.

Over the last few years, Mandarin Consultant has helped a number of companies including leading professional firms to recruit their bilingual Chinese staff. It has also helped hundreds of UK based Chinese job seekers to realise their career goals in the West. Her master-classes in business-oriented etiquette (for Chinese into Britain and vice versa) have become very popular.

In a recent Channel Four documentary - a Tale of Two Chinas - and in an extensive article in the Mail on Sunday's You magazine, Carrie's traumatic childhood in the Cultural Revolution was made public. Although she has mixed feelings about the airing of such a painful period, the positive response and support the film and the article has generated has encouraged her to be more open about this part of her upbringing. Carrie is now happy to share her life story with others, especially those who may have suffered a similar experience, to encourage them to deal with their past and to move on and live a fulfilled life.

Jobs in Hong Kong Seminar



Date: Tuesday 13th November 2012

Location: Standard Chartered Bank, 1 Basinghall Avenue, London EC2V 5DD

Time: 6.00pm Seminar 7.45pm Networking Reception

The aim of this seminar will be to inform those who are considering work in Hong Kong, or gaining work experience there, about the location, its attractions, regulatory, recreational and domestic situations and also about the opportunities in certain key sectors. Among those taking part will be representatives from British Chamber of Commerce in Hong Kong, Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office, Hong Kong Trade Development Council, China Britain Business Council and others with long experience of working there.

A reception will follow. Great thanks are due to Standard Chartered Bank. This is a free event. Further details will be sent to those who have registered.

Hong Kong Society Annual Dinner

Speaker: The Lord Wilson of Tillyorn, KT, GCMG

Date: Wednesday 17th October 2012

Venue: Hotel Russell, 1-8 Russell Square, Bloomsbury, London WC1B 5BE



The Guest of Honour at our Annual Dinner will be The Lord Wilson of Tillyorn, our President, who, with Lady Wilson, has been hugely supportive of the Society over many years. Lord Wilson's connection with Hong Kong goes back a long way: he is an alumnus of its University and it culminated in his Governship from 1987 to 1992. The Dinner will be a chance for all members to demonstrate great thanks and appreciation for a very distinguished career, much of it devoted to Hong Kong.

After the dinner, there will be a 10 minute piano recital by Hong Kong born Mary Wu in honour of our President. Hailed as 'one of the most gifted pianists of her generation' for her 'musical variety, profundity and sensitivity' by Vlado Perlemuter, Mary Wu is also praised by the late Yehudi Menuhin as having 'a captivating poetical quality to her playing'. A 2003 'Top Ten Outstanding Young Person in Hong Kong', Wu has won the Chappell Gold Medal of RCM, first prize at the Royal Overseas League Competition and the Mozart Bicentenary Competition of Asia, and the 2010 ADC Hong Kong Best Artist (Music) Award.

A Conversation with Lord Wei

Date: Wednesday 10th October 2012

Venue: Committee Room 4A, The House of Lords

Time: 6.00pm – 8.00pm



Lord Wei, Chairman of the All-Party Parliamentary Group for East Asia Business and Chairman of the Hong Kong sub group of the All-Party Parliamentary China Group has agreed to talk, in the House of Lords, to our younger members about social entrepreneurship and his forthcoming leadership programme. This will be a very informal session with plenty of time for questions and discussions.

Supper after the discussion with Lord Wei

Date: Wednesday 10th October

Venue: Zen China Restaurant, County Hall, Riverside Building, Queens Walk, Westminster Bridge Road, London SE1 7PB

We have arranged an informal supper for those attending the discussion with Lord Wei at Zen China Restaurant, which is only a short walk from the House of Lords.

Society Women's Group Autumn Lunch

Speaker: Fionnuala Halligan

Date: Tuesday 9th October 2012

Venue: Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office, 6 Grafton Street, London W1S 4EQ



The guest speaker at the Autumn lunch is Fionnuala Halligan – well-known for the celebrity interviews she conducted for many years at the South China Morning Post. She started working for the SCMP in the 90s and was variously feature writer and editor of its Keeping Posted and TV and Entertainment Times sections until she took over the full-time position of the paper's lead Film Critic in 1991. In that capacity, she interviewed many famous international, regional and local film stars include Brad Pitt, Angelina Jolie, Tom Cruise, John Woo, Chow Yun-Fatt, Jet Li, Jackie Chan, Maggie Cheung and many more. After marrying a financier she moved to Europe and was based in Madrid, where she was a senior writer for Hello! magazine and freelanced for CNBC Asia,

International Herald Tribune, Vogue, and was Bureau Chief for Variety and Screen International. In 2004 she moved to London with her husband and two sons and continues to write for Screen International and a variety of quality publications. She will publish her book 'Film Craft' on legendary film designers later this year.

The Women's Group lunch will be staged in a new, more informal format with our guest speaker responding to questions in a Q & A session over a light but delicious Asian-influenced buffet lunch – prepared by celebrity chef, Claire Caminada, author of best-selling cook book, Claire's Kitchen – accompanied by quality wines from Goedhuis & Co. Wines. We would like to acknowledge and thank the HKETO for their support of this event.

Hong Kong Society Supper in West Sussex

Speaker: Clinton Leeks

Date: Tuesday 25th September 2012

Venue: The Noah's Ark Inn, The Green, Lurgashall, West Sussex GU28 9ET

Time: 7.00pm for 7.30pm

The Society has taken a 40-seat private room in this highly recommended pub. The food is said to be very good. A two course supper will be served; the price does not include drinks but does include coffee.

Polo at Ham Polo Club

Date: Sunday 8th July 2012

Venue: Ham Polo Club, Petersham Road, Richmond, Surrey, TW10 7AH

Time: 12.30pm - 6.00pm (Polo starts at 1.30pm and departure time is entirely optional)



The Chairman of Ham Polo Club, who is also a member of The Hong Kong Society, has suggested that members might enjoy a day watching this spectacular game. Only eight miles from Hyde Park Corner, Ham is the last remaining polo club in Greater London. Founded in 1926; it has an established and distinguished reputation for excellent playing and social facilities combined with a relaxed family atmosphere.

We plan to organise the day at two levels; one for those who want to have a family, self-catering, relatively cheap day out and another level for those who want to spend the day in comfort, sipping enjoyable drinks, eating a good lunch and watching the polo from comfortable seats in a special enclosure.

The Chinese Landscape at Kew, Walking Tour of the Gardens & Tea

Date: Tuesday 10th July 2012

Location: Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, Richmond, Surrey TW9 3AB

Time: 1.00pm - 2.30pm Tour. 2.30pm - 3.15pm Tea



Kew's landscape in London is heavily influenced by China. Some of the most spectacular trees at Kew come from China, including the mume tree, the ginkgo, and the handkerchief tree. One of Kew's iconic buildings is a Chinese Pagoda and there is much more to see. Our guide will be Ray Townsend (Manager of Woody Collections) who is immensely experienced and will give a truly memorable tour. Members will be welcome to stay on after tea until the gardens close at 6.00pm.

Hong Kong Society Women's Group Summer Lunch

Guest Speaker: Xue Xinran (薛欣然)

Date: Wednesday 27th June 2012

Venue: The RAF Club, 128 Piccadilly, London W1J 7PY



We are delighted to announce that the guest speaker at the Hong Kong Society Women's Group summer lunch is Xue Xinran. Xinran is a columnist for the Guardian newspaper and the best-selling author of 'The Good Women of China'; 'Sky Burial'; 'What The Chinese Don't Eat'; 'Miss Chopsticks'; 'China Witness' and 'Message from an Unknown Chinese Mother'. Her first book, 'The Good Women of China', is an inspirational memoir relating many of the life stories she heard while hosting her ground-breaking radio show "Words on the Night Breeze" in China. The book was first

published in Britain in 2002 and has subsequently been translated into over thirty languages. Xinran's fifth book, 'China Witness: Voices from a Silent Generation' was published here in October 2008 and is based on twenty years of interviews conducted by Xinran with members of the last two generations in China. She hopes it will "restore a real modern history of China, from real people after most of the historical evidence was destroyed in the Culture Revolution". She followed this in February 2010, with the publication of 'Message from an Unknown Chinese Mother', a collection of heartbreaking stories from Chinese mothers who have lost or had to abandon children.

In August 2004 Xinran set up 'The Mothers' Bridge of Love' (MBL). MBL reaches out to Chinese children in all corners of the world; by creating a bridge of understanding between China and the West and between adoptive culture and birth culture, MBL ultimately wants to help bridge the huge poverty gap which still exists in many parts of China. The MBL book for adoptive families, 'Mother's Bridge of Love', came third in TIME magazine's list of the top ten children's books of 2007.

Scottish Section Luncheon

Date: Friday 25th May 2012

Time: 12.00 for 1.00pm

Venue: The Royal Overseas League, 100 Princes Street, Edinburgh

Speakers: Clinton Leeks, OBE, JP (Chairman, The Hong Kong Society)

Those of you who have attended these lunches before are aware that this is an informal lunch and that it will be a chance to meet up with old friends. Our speaker for this occasion will be Clinton Leeks, OBE, JP.

Clinton is Chairman of the Hong Kong Society. He held several Senior Positions in Hong Kong Government and, more recently, was a Director of The Crossrail Project in London. He will speak about his experiences dealing with the Vietnamese Boat People in Hong Kong as well as the future direction of The Hong Kong Society in the UK. Some of you will remember his excellent previous talk to our Members. We are delighted to welcome him back.

This should prove to be a very interesting and relevant meeting and it is hoped as many members as possible can attend.

A Seminar and Celebration Lunch – A Celebration of The Centenary of Hong Kong University

Date: Tuesday 15 May 2012

Venue: Drapers' Hall, Throgmorton Avenue, London EC2N 2DQ

Speakers:

Seminar – Professors Lap Chee Tsui (Vice Chancellor, HKU)

Johannes Chan (Dean, Faculty of Law)

Richard Y C Wong (Philip Wong Kennedy Wong Professor in Political Economy, HKU)

Lunch – The Lord Wilson of Tillyorn (President, Hong Kong Association)

The Baroness Dunn (Chairman, The Hong Kong Association)

Professor Lap Chee Tsui (Vice Chancellor, HKU)

The University of Hong Kong ("HKU") is celebrating its centenary this year. A seminar, on the interplay between China and the West, a subject which is familiar at HKU with its long history of collaborations with UK institutions, will be followed by a celebratory lunch organised with the Hong Kong Association.

Two short talks, on the latest constitutional and economic developments in China, will be led by distinguished academics from HKU. The lunch will follow in the Livery Hall itself and will be addressed by Lord Wilson of Tillyorn, Professor Lap-Chee Tsui, Vice Chancellor & President of HKU, and by The Baroness Dunn, the Chairman of Hong Kong Association.

The lunch was supported by John Swire & Sons and Li & Fung Group.

Society Spring Chinese Dim Sum Lunch

Date: 25th April 2012

Time: 12.00pm Cash-bar 1.00pm Lunch

Venue: Imperial China Restaurant, White Bear Yard, 25 Lisle Street, London WC2H 7BA

Cost: £26 Members & Guests / £31 non-Members

We plan a relaxed lunch in a private room of the Imperial China Restaurant. Please do come, meet friends and enjoy a good Chinese meal.

Society Annual Lecture – Life Interned in Stanley Camp

Date: 25th April 2012

Time: 5.45pm Cash-bar 6.30pm Lecture

Venue: East India Club, St. James's Square, London

Cost: £12 Members & Guests / £15 non-Members

Guest Speaker: Dr Bernice Archer and Mr Bill Macauley



When the Japanese invaded Hong Kong in 1941, allied civilians were interned in Stanley Camp. Some nationalities, including the Americans, were repatriated, but the British remained there in very unpleasant conditions until the Royal Navy returned in 1945. In this lecture, which will be joined by a number of those who were in the camp as children, Bill Macauley, who was interned aged nearly 16 and who assumed an organising role as a 'quartermaster' of an accommodation block, will describe conditions, the way of life and the routine: food was scarce, discipline strong, punishments harsh and guards unpleasant but there are good memories as well as bad. The scene will be set by Dr Bernice Archer, a historian who has written extensively about the Asian POW and internment camps of that time and who will describe the context and setting up of the camp and how it came to be where it was.

The talk will last for a total of 45 minutes and there will then be plenty of opportunity for discussion and also participation by others who were there.

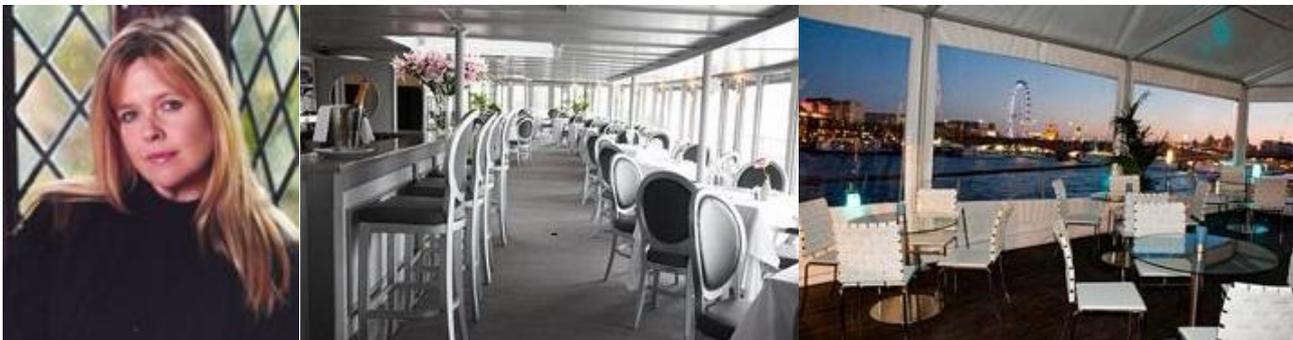
Society Women's Group Inaugural Lunch

Date: Thursday 22nd March 2012

Venue: The Yacht, Temple Pier, Victoria Embankment, London WC2R 2PN

Time: 12.00pm Drinks (cash bar on the top deck) 12.45pm Lunch (two-course repast including wine, coffee/tea and petit fours)

Guest Speaker: Kate Blewett



The guest speaker at the Society Women's Group Inaugural lunch is Kate Blewett. Kate is a multi BAFTA and Emmy award-winning documentary director who has harnessed the power of television to bring about social change. Her discovery of the conditions in China's state-run orphanages led to the making of *The Dying Rooms* – a documentary that caused global outcry, leading to governments and organisations of the world challenging the Chinese government. Since then, Kate has worked extensively in over 70 countries, unearthing stories of abuse, exploitation and neglect. Her programme include *The Dying Rooms*, *Slavery*, *The Transplant Trade*, *China's Stolen Children*, *Undercover in Tibet*, *Mum loves Drugs*, *Not Me*, and *Bulgaria's Abandoned Children*.

As a direct result of her expose, government and large corporations have been shamed into action, laws have been changed, prisons shut, institutes closed down, traffickers imprisoned, and many lives have been saved. *The Dying Rooms* was recently named the most important documentary of the last decade by the Mail on Sunday. Kate lived in Hong Kong for a decade from 1986 – 1996.

Kate will talk about the challenges she faced making the documentary and what has happened in China in the decade since it was first aired.

The Hong Kong Society's Women's Group

The aim of the Hong Kong Society Women's Group is to provide women in the UK with a history of living or working in Hong Kong – and/or an on-going interest in the city – with the opportunity to come together and network. It hopes to organise four lunches a year with interesting and relevant guest speakers, and aims to foster greater collaboration between women living and working in the UK and those in Hong Kong today.

The Yacht:

Built in 1927, this permanently moored luxury steam Yacht has been restored to its former elegance. Situated on what is known as the "Mayfair of the river" a short distance from the Houses of Parliament and where the City meets the West End, it boasts magnificent views over the river Thames.

Many distinguished guests including Heads of State, Queen Elizabeth II, Sir Winston Churchill, King Faisal of Saudi Arabia, President Brezhnev of the USSR and Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto of Pakistan have been on board when it was used as a VIP vessel by the Port of London Authority.

Society Chinese New Year Dinner

Date: 1st February 2012

Time: 6.00pm Cash-bar 7.00pm Dinner 7.45pm Lion Dance

Venue: Imperial China Restaurant, White Bear Yard, 25 Lisle Street, London WC2H 7BA



As the rabbit gives way to the dragon, the most powerful and auspicious of all zodiac animals, Chinese astrologers are pointing to a year of good luck and improved fortune. Please join us to celebrate this occasion in an authentic Hong Kong style in the heart of London China Town. The dinner will include an eight-course Chinese banquet and a fabulous lion dance. We are taking the first floor of the restaurant.
