

CAS Newsletter Summer 2013

Dear members,

I hope you have had a pleasant and healthy summer so far. The weather has been good and it sure makes you feel more alive.

There have been a few activities since the Spring. We went to Brighton in May. Unfortunately the weather was not so nice. And in July Andy took a party to visit the Thames flood barrier and Richmond Park. In June we celebrated the Dragon Boat festival. Our ladies have done us really proud. They made over 150 dumplings and raised a lot of money by selling them to our members. In August we had our annual BBQ at Netley. Over 80 people attended this. We indeed have had a busy and yet fun summer.

In between, there are on average over 30 people come to our drop-in centre every week. Especially on the first Wednesday of every month when we have our Birthday Club. In August we celebrated uncle Lam (Mr. Lee) 89th birthday and leung leung's 83rd birthday. There were a few others share their birthday in August too.

We have been advised by Northam Community Centre committee that the Council is selling the premises to a company called Just Centre. They will be managing the day to day running of the place. We have been promised that the rate of rent is protected and there will be no immediate rise. But we do not have a guarantee that how long before the rent is put up. We will also be required to remove all our property from the current storeroom. We have managed to negotiate a deal with the current NCC committee to rent the small office to keep all our belongings securely locked away.

Forth coming activities:

- Lora is running a workshop over three weeks in August/September. She will be showing others how to make lantern with 'red pockets'. They will be ready just in time for the Mid Autumn Festival.
- The CAS is presenting an evening with good food, karaoke and raffle draws at the Golden Palace Chinese restaurant on Tuesday 17th September. The price is £10 for members and £15 for non members. To buy the tickets you have to come to the drop-in on Wednesday or ask someone to get them for you. There will only be 150 places for the event. So hurry!!
- Wednesday 18th September – There will be no drop-in for one week. It's the day after the Mid Autumn festival celebration.

May I take this opportunity to give you advance notice on our Annual General Meeting which will take place on Wednesday 30th October at our drop-in centre. Please put this date in your diary. I will send out more details nearer the time.

I would like to end this by saying a big thank you to you for your generous donations and to our volunteers who have worked so hard to make our Wednesday drop-in such a success. So many people help out every week by cooking the food, setting and clearing up the room and doing all the washing up. I thank you.

Joe Hon (Chair)