



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

September 2024

Dear BHMWA Members & Friends

In September, the Centre was buzzing with joy and laughter as over 100 participants joined us for the Mid-Autumn Festival celebrations across two delightful events. A heartfelt thank you to our dedicated staff and volunteers for creating such a memorable experience for everyone who attended. We appreciate your feedback and, resources permitting, will strive to organize future festive celebrations on Saturdays to better accommodate your schedules.



Farewell to Milky Wong, Aug 24



Trip to Horniman Museum, Aug 24



Mid-Autumn Celebration, Sep 24

Starting in October, we are excited to launch a special program to commemorate the Association’s 40th anniversary. This milestone provides an opportunity to reflect on our rich history and evolution since November 1984. Initially, our mission focused on assisting early-wave Chinese immigrants in accessing public services. Today, we aim to foster a warm and supportive community that enhances social integration and promotes mental wellness and health. These events, which are themed around “Working Together for a Stronger Community”, will continue to the end of February. Bring your friends and family to join us in celebrating our past achievements while working towards a brighter, more inclusive future!

We are pleased to announce that the Association’s financial accounts for 2024 have been completed and independently examined. Despite the ongoing challenges of post-COVID impacts and high living costs, we are heartened by the increasing engagement in our services, with new members joining each year since August 2021. The Association’s operating deficit for the year ending March 31, 2024, was £40,317. Further details and updates on our achievements and future plans will be shared at the upcoming Annual General Meeting (AGM).

Where the money came from:		What the money was spent on:	
Donations	10,826	Staff costs & premises costs	68,027
Grants	16,543	Expenses on activities	23,770
Charitable activities	25,442	Consultancy fee	10,000
Investment income	5,923	Governance costs & office expenses	2,943
Other income	5,689	Total Expenditure	£104,740
Total Income	£64,423	2023/24 Operating Deficit =	£40,317

We would like to remind our members that your membership is due for renewal in January. We value your continued support and look forward to another fantastic year together.

Invitation to AGM of Association Members

Saturday, 1 March 2025 at the BHMWA Centre

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1:00pm Lunch
1.30pm Annual report 2024 & development update
1:45pm Entertainment and group activities

R.S.V.P. 17 February

Association Membership

- Renewal Date:** January 2025
Membership Fee: £12
What to Bring: old membership card

To our wonderful donors and volunteers, we are truly grateful for your generosity. Your contributions have made possible numerous important projects and improvements over the past 18 months, positively impacting the lives of those who use our services.

Bishop RO Hall Legacy Fund	M K Monument	Tang Yung	Yuet Lan Hui
Sin Family in memory of King	M E N Leslie	Theresa Hui	Monita Chan
Peter & Hazel Chong	June Brook	Mandy Kwok	Kwan Tai Wong
Li Family in memory of W C Li	Lam Ting Luk Lam	William Lee	Hui Sum Yap
Philip & Joyce Kan	Penny Robbins	Shirley Ng	Mrs Man
Estate of late W C Li	Redwood Fryxell	Ching Wan Liu	Betty Mclaurin
Tom and Valerie Cummins	Sau Chun Chan	Florence Lam	Pierrette Bolton
Chinese Ministry SMITF	Rosamond A Brown	Kevin Chan	Lisa Su
Mr & Mrs Ho Yin Chow	Dr Pang Han Ng	Martin Lee	Y C Chan
Winnie W H Chow	Angela Anggiansah	Arthur Tam	Teresa Ng
Judith and Ronald Lo	Ken & Milky Wong	Siu Ngan Ng	Sandra Ng
Revd Dr Sam Wells	Cdr Alastair Anson	Wai Chan	Janet Tang
St Martin-in-the-Fields	Eliza Kwong	Lily Wong	Debbie Bondi
St Martin-in-the-Fields Trust	Eugene Ling	Albert Lam	Revd Paul Lau
The Connection at St Martins	Bob Demming	Diana Monger	Ivy Yau
Chinese Welfare Trust	Alice Chan	Ming Hee Chan	Stewart Bush
Greater London Authority	CZSA UK	Craig Norman	Mei Ping Ling
Volunteers of Food Project	A Platt Kitchen	S.C. Wong	Bronya Yim
殷琦侃中醫師	中醫藥研究所	LCCO Ltd	Anonymous

Names are not in any order

In this tough economic climate, your ongoing support is especially appreciated. We value every contribution, whether it be a monetary or in-kind donation, or volunteering for frontline or administrative activities.

Very best wishes
 Alice Chan, Chair of BHMWA Council

40th Anniversary Programme: Celebrating a journey of Impact and Togetherness

Join us as we commemorate 40 years of dedicated community service with a series of meaningful and fun packed activities:

Brain Rover Workshops: Enhance Mental Health with Cognitive Workouts

Tutors: Gary and Nikki

Date & time: Tuesdays, 11.15am – 2.30pm on 15 Oct, 22 Oct, 29 Oct, 5 Nov, 12 Nov and 19 Nov 2024

Fee: £18 for 6 sessions (including tea and biscuits)

Limited to 12 participants. Registration is required.



Join us for the fun-filled events with delicious food and interesting games.

Don't miss out on the excitement!

Birthday Party (Oct to Dec)

Date & Time: Friday, 4 October at 12:30pm

Fee: £8.50 each; guests £9.50

Christmas Party (Friday)

Date & Time: Friday, 6 Dec at 12:30pm

Fee: £12 each; guests £13



Christmas Party (Saturday)

Date & Time: Saturday, 14 Dec at 12:30pm

Fee: £12 each; guests £13

Celebration of Chinese New Year & Birthdays in Jan - Mar (Friday)

Date & Time: Friday, 31 Jan at 12:30pm

Fee: £12 each; guests £13

Celebration of Chinese New Year (Saturday)

Date & Time: Saturday, 8 Feb at 12:30pm

Fee: £12 each; guests £13

Christmas Line Dance Social

Tutor: Mr. Stewart Bush

Date & Time: Tuesday, 10 Dec 12 noon – 2pm

Fee: £8 each



Christmas Closure

24 Dec 2024 – 1 Jan 2025



Resume on Thursday, 2 Jan 2025

Chinese Painting Workshop

Tutor: Mr William Cai

Date & Time: Tuesday, 4 February 2025, 1.30pm – 3.30pm

Free session. Registration is required.



TCM Health Talk by Dr Qikan Yin

Topic: The therapeutic effect of cupping

Date & Time: Friday, 28 February 2025 at 1.15pm

After the talk, participants may request individual consultations and blood pressure measurements.

Fundraising Sale of Chinese Delicacy

Glutinous Rice Dumpling (糯米雞)

Cost: £4.50 each

Pre-order to confirm collection date.



Zongzi (粽子)

Pork & salted egg filling: £6.50 each

Red beans paste filling: £4 each

Pre-order to confirm the collection date.

Regular Activities at the Community Centre

Line Dancing on Fridays

Tutor: Mr. Stewart Bush

Date & Time: Fridays, 1.30pm – 2.30pm on 18 Oct, 25 Oct, 1 Nov, 8 Nov, 15 Nov and 22 Nov

Fee: £4 per session

Line Dancing on Tuesdays

Tutor: Mr. Stewart Bush

Date & Time: Tuesdays, 12 noon – 1pm from 26 Nov

Fee: £4 per session

Yoga for Everyone (two classes)

Tutor: Ms. Lynn Mok

Date & time: Saturdays, 10am – 11am (Class A); 11:10am – 12:10pm (Class B) from 26 Oct. *No class on 5 Oct, 12 Oct and 19 Oct.*

Fee: £5 per session; guests pay £6



Sketching & Watercolour

Tutor: Mr. David Dai

Date & Time: Thursdays, 2:15pm – 4:15pm from 6 Feb

Fee: £15 per session



Chinese Calligraphy

Tutor: Mr. S C Yau

Date & Time: Thursdays, 12:30pm – 2pm

Fee: £13 per session



Regular Activities at the Community Centre (continued)



Tai Chi 18 & 24 Styles

Tutor: Ms. S C Wong

Date & Time: Thursdays and Fridays, 11am – 12 noon

Fee: £2 per session; guests pay £3

Members Support Services

Our team is most happy to offer assistance with digital skills training, IT support, translation of documents, making telephone appointments or just having a chat.

Lunch on Fridays



Date & Time: Fridays, 12:30pm

Fee: £6.50 per lunch; guests pay £7.50

Chinese Mandarin (Pǔtōnghuà)

Tutor: Edith Lau

Date & Time: Thursdays, 1:30pm – 2:45pm

Fee: £30 for 10 sessions

Online Activities (on Zoom) - advanced booking is essential

TCM Health Talk (online) by Dr Qikan Yin

Topic: TCM's Guide to seasonal eating for optimal health: winter

Date & Time: Wednesday 11 December at 1.30pm

Chat-after-Lunch (online)

Host: Revd Paul Lau & Dr Ronald Lo

Topic: Energy saving tips

Date & Time: Monday, 14 Oct at 11am

Health Talk (online)

Presenter: Dr Ronald Lo

Topic: Euthanasia

Date & Time: Monday, 9 Dec at 11am



Qigong (Online) Ma Wang Dui Dao Yin Shu (馬王堆導引術)

Tutor: Ms. Shirley Ng

Dates & Time: Sundays, 9:30 – 10:30am **Fee:** £10 for 5 sessions



Opening Hours

11am to 4pm, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays

10am to 3pm, Saturdays

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History of the Association

In the 1960s, Britain was home to about 30,000 to 40,000 Chinese residents, with over a third residing and working in London. Many came from Hong Kong and were employed in the catering industry. Due to language barriers, they faced social disadvantages and were vulnerable to exploitation.

In 1964, whilst on home leave in the UK, Bishop Ronald Owen Hall discovered a significant number of Hong Kong New Territories residents living and working in Britain. After returning to Hong Kong, he sent Revd Shui Ying Lee to London to conduct his ministry among the Chinese community at St Martin-in-the-Fields.

In 1977, Revd S Y Lee and the Chinese Congregation started raising funds to establish a Chinese social centre.

In 1984, a charity named 'Bishop Ho Ming Wah Association' was founded in honour of Bishop R O Hall.

In 1987, the Chinese Centre was opened in the crypt of St Martin-in-the-Fields, aiming to address the social needs of the Chinese community in London.

In 2008, the Association relocated to the renewed premises of St Martin-in-the-Fields. Thanks to the generous donations and grants, the new Centre featured a modern kitchen facility and state-of-art audio-visual equipment, allowing the charity to offer a boarder range of services.

In 2011, the Association was renamed 'Bishop Ho Ming Wah Association and Community Centre' to reflect that its services are open to all communities.

Bishop R. O. Hall: A Legacy of Compassion and Inclusivity

Bishop Ronald Owen Hall (1895-1975) served as the Bishop of Hong Kong and Macau from 1932 to 1966. His broad and inclusive Christian faith focus on justice, compassionate welfare, and access to education for all.

Post-World War II, Bishop Hall was pivotal in Hong Kong's recovery. He established numerous kindergartens, primary and secondary schools, and initiated programs for school meals, housing associations, night shelters, accessible health clinics and orphanages. His sympathetic work amongst the Chinese poor and sick earned him the name 'Ho Ming Wah' meaning 'Hall who understands the Chinese'. The impact of his post-war effort continues to be felt in Hong Kong today.