

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

March 2024

Dear BHMWA Members & Friends

Welcome to spring, and hopefully to warmer and drier weather. Since spring is a time for renewal, I've been reflecting on what makes this community special as well as the commitments and efforts required to keep it welcoming. Our shared goal of improving the future for Londoners, especially the people of Chinese heritage, is at the core of all we do. We care about those who may find themselves isolated, marginalised, and possibly experiencing language barrier and other difficulties. We are grateful for your involvement and continuous support for our community service.

Fifty members came to the Association's 2023 Annual General Meeting (AGM) in January. Even though the attendance was smaller than it was prior to COVID, those who were able to come would have agreed that the day was jam-packed with delicious food and entertaining activities. The Chinese New Year celebration in February attracted the same level of interest.



2023 AGM on 27 January 2024

Beginning in April, more activities to promote social connection, enhance brain health and improve general well-being, will be launched. We are excited about the opportunity to collaborate with the Chinese Welfare Trust on the promotion campaign for NHS cancer screening programmes. By serving as a focus group, we hope to make a valuable contribution towards the creation of promotional materials in the Chinese language. Work has also begun on a new initiative aimed at the recently arrived BN(O) visa holders seeking integration into the UK. The extent of this development will largely depend on our ability to secure external funding.

As always, we appreciate your ideas on how to make the Centre a welcoming and safe space for everybody.

Very best wishes Alice Chan, Chair of BHMWA Council



Chinese New Year 2024

Food Project 2024

Email: enquiry@bhmwa.com

Special Events at the Community Centre



Tutor: Mr. Stewart Bush Date & Time: Tuesday 7 May 2024, 12noon – 2pm Fee: £8 each for members and guests

Line Dance Social

Dragon Boat Festival

Date & Time: Friday 7 June at 12:30pm Fee: £12 each; guests pay £13



Birthday Party (Jul to Sep)

Date & Time: Friday 5 July at 12:30pm Fee: £8.50 each; guests pay £9.50

Chat-after-Lunch Presenter: Revd Paul Lau Topic: The impact of nature on humans Date & time: Friday, 7 June at 1:15pm A day out to Leeds Castle, Kent Date: Wednesday 28 August Admission: £38 (adult); £25 (Age 3-15) Travel cost: To be confirmed.

Health Talks at the Community Centre



NHS Cancer Screening Programme Promotion

Presenter: Chinese Welfare Trust **Date & time:** Friday 12 April 2024 at 1.15pm

TCM Health Talk 1

Presenter: Dr Qikan Yin Topic: Enhancing health and longevity using Taiji (太極) self-cultivation techniques Date & time: Friday 24 May at 1:15pm

TCM Health Talk 2

Presenter: Dr Vivian Zeqing Lu Topic: Summer Solstice (夏至) of the traditional Chinese calendar Date & time: Friday 21 June at 1:15pm

Fundraising Sale of Chinese Buns and Dumplings

Baked Bun (4 choices of fillings)

Cost: £3.50 each **Pre-order** before Thursday for collection on Friday of the same week.



Glutinous Rice Dumpling (糯米雞)

Cost: £4.50 each **Pre-order** to confirm the collection date.



Zongzi (粽子)

Pork & salted egg filling: £6.50 each Red bean paste filling: £4 each

Pre-order to confirm the collection date on either May 16th, 17th, 23rd or 24th.

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Regular Activities at the Community Centre



Chinese Painting for Beginners Tutor: Mr. T M Chan Date & Time: Tuesdays, 1pm – 3pm Fee: £13 per session; guests pay £14

Yoga for Everyone (two classes)

Tutor: Ms. Lynn Mok Date & time: Saturdays, 10am – 11am (Class A); 11:10am – 12:10pm (Class B) Fee: £5 per session; guests pay £6



Latin Dance Workshop

Tutor: Ms. Janet TangDate & Time: To be confirmedFee: £4 per session



Line Dancing Tutor: Mr. Stewart Bush Date & Time: Tuesdays, 12 noon – 1pm Fee: £4 per session

Sketching & Watercolour

Tutor: Mr. David Dai Date & Time: Thursdays, 2:15pm – 4:15pm from 6 June Fee: £15 per session



Chinese Calligraphy

Tutor: Mr. S C Yau Date & Time: Thursdays, 12:30pm – 2pm Fee: £13 per session





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



Date & Time: Fridays, 12:30pm Fee: £6.50 per lunch; guests pay £7.50

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.

Chinese Mandarin (Pǔtōnghuà) Tutor: Edith Lau Date & Time: Thursdays, 1:30pm – 2:45pm Fee: £30 for 10 sessions



English Buddy Scheme (online)

Are you interested in improving your English-speaking skills by having one-onone conversations with a native speaker? Suitable for learners with intermediate or above proficiency in English.

Dates & Time: To be arranged by the tutor and the tutee.

Fee: £35 for 4 sessions

Food for Our New Home

The project, which was successfully finished in February, provided 684 meals and 468 food packets to 250 participants over the course of 14 events.

Thank you to everyone involved and for the financial support from the Greater London Authority.

Opening Hours

11am to 4pm, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays 10am to 3pm, Saturdays

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