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With the holiday season just around the corner, a number of Scholars were able to enjoy some Christmas festivities at the end of the Michaelmas Term. This came courtesy of the China Oxford Scholarship Fund's International Chairman Timothy Beardson and his wife Clair who hosted a dinner and lunch for the Scholars at their beautiful country home near Oxford. Scholars Huan Qi, Siqi Liu, Min Yao, Yutang Jin, Qiong Lu, Peiyu Chen, Xuan Wang and Yudong Liu were able to meet with the Beardsons and their guests over a splendid festive meal. Timothy and Clair have been hosting these gatherings for a number of years. These dinner and lunch parties are particularly meaningful for the Scholars who are away from their families and will be staying in Oxford over the Christmas holiday period. Tim and Clair will be welcoming two more parties of Scholars later this month.



Oxford High Street in Winter
by scholar Chiang Yee (1903-1977)
in his book *The Silent Traveller in Oxford*
which was published in 1944

Welcome 2015 Scholars



L-R Prof. William Swadling, Yuge Ma, Boyang Zhu and Chiao Jiang



Friends of the China Oxford Scholarship Fund had the chance to meet the 2015 Scholars at the start of the Michaelmas term. The reception on the 22nd October was at Christ Church's Presentation Room in the Blue Boar Quad. A number of previous China Oxford Scholars still at Oxford attended to provide a warm welcome to the new group of Scholars and we thrilled our youngest supporter, Boyang Zhu, was there with her mum, COSF Scholar Yuge Ma.

COSF Oxford Awards Panel Chairman Prof. Derek Siveter spoke briefly to welcome the new Scholars and wish them all the very best with their studies while current COSF Scholar Guowei Tao passed on some great tips and advice to the new Scholars. Guowei even offered to arrange social activities that include a mega hotpot-dumpling get together! Prof. William Swadling (Reader of Law at Brasenose College), Prof. Andrew Briggs (Department of Materials), Prof. Michael Wooldridge (Department of Computer Science), Richard Tur (emeritus professor of law) and long-time supporter Peter Sunderland were some of the guests who were on hand to meet the new Scholars.

COSF thanks Christ Church for kindly supporting our Scholars by providing the venue. Photos of the welcome reception are available online at www.flickr.com/photos/chinaoxfordscholarshipfund.



Time Out for Tea

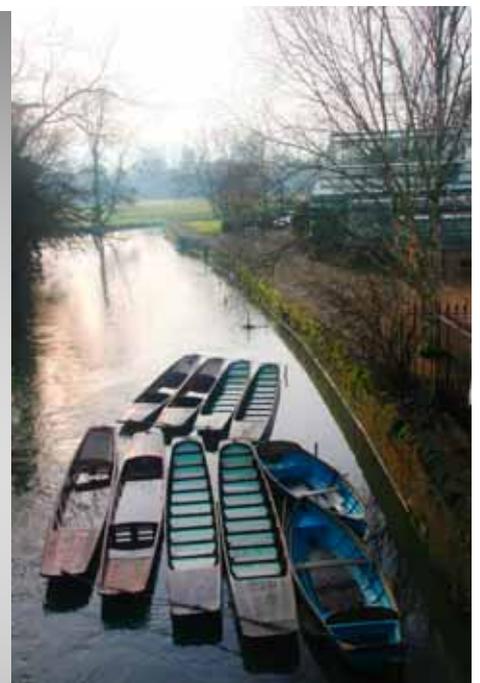


2015 Scholars enjoy a traditional British afternoon tea in Oxfordshire

The start of the Michaelmas Term is usually a hectic time for newcomers. However, the 2015 China Oxford Scholars had the chance to take a break from their busy schedules to experience a very traditional afternoon tea at the home of COSF supporters Jens and Felicity Tholstrup.

The Tholstrups kindly co-hosted this autumn afternoon gathering at their home in Oxfordshire with Araceli Keelan, a sponsor of the Brian Keelan Award in Humanities. Araceli has been organising these informal afternoon tea parties as well as other activities for COSF Scholars since 2008.

Some of the activities include dinner and lunch gatherings as well as evenings at the opera or at the theatre. As ever, the China Oxford Scholarship Fund is grateful for this kind of pastoral care being offered to the new Scholars.



OXCSSA Freshers' Ball



The Oxford Chinese Students and Scholars Association (OXCSSA) hosted a successful Freshers' Ball at the Oxford Town Hall on the 11th October. The China Oxford Scholarship Fund was delighted that it had the opportunity to have a presence at the event. This came in the form of a pair of its banners placed at the entrance to the main events hall which greeted guests. Thank you to COSF Scholar Guowei Tao who certainly made this possible for us with his role as the OXCSSA's Secretary. Guowei is reading for a DPhil in Engineering Science and is at Pembroke College. We'd like to take this opportunity to congratulate Guowei on being awarded a prestigious Marie Curie Fellowship for €9,000 from the European Commission. As part of this Fellowship programme, Guowei will be doing an internship at a technology company based in Serbia for three months.

(Photo L-R COSF Scholars Yudong Liu and Guowei Tao)

Scholars' News



Shijian Li with a disabled orphan during his November visit to the Shanghai Baby's Home in Shanghai

It is always rewarding for us to learn about how COSF Scholars are giving back to the community by engaging in volunteerism and philanthropy. 2013 Scholar Shijian Li currently works for Google in London but spends his spare time doing charity work for an orphanage in Shanghai. The Shanghai Baby's Home is a non-profit organisation which helps disabled orphans, such as those born with cleft lips and palates, receive vital medical treatment. The Home also facilitates adoptions with mainly foreign families.

In his free time, Shijian translates news and developments between the Home and adoptive families overseas. He is also helping to revamp the charity's website too. "These children are abandoned by their parents but they aren't abandoned by the society. I wish that my little contribution can help them have an equal opportunity as other children. I hope my action can raise more people's attention on NGOs in China," says Shijian who earned his MSc in Computer Science and was at Green Templeton College.

If you'd like more information about the Shanghai Baby's Home, go to www.shbabyhome.org.cn and you can also check out its Facebook page too.

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Our 2010 Brian Keelan Scholar, Fangzhe Qiu, is currently a post-doctoral researcher at the National University of Ireland, also known as the Maynooth University, in Ireland. He is working on a project called 'Chronologicon Hibernicum' and it aims to pinpoint the description and the development of the Irish language. Fangzhe's study is expected to cover five years of research.

It is also exciting for us to learn that the COSF alumni network is helping scholars with shared interests to connect. Fangzhe and 2015 Scholar Chengzhi Zhang are in touch to share their notes on linguistics. Chengzhi is reading for an MPhil in Comparative Linguistics while Fangzhe earned his MPhil in Celtic Studies. "I have always been interested in the same subject and my present work consists largely of historical linguistic matters. I am extremely delighted that another Chinese student is taking up this difficult but rewarding subject," says Fangzhe.



2012 COSF Scholar Lilian Lingling Hu earned her MSc in Education and was at Lady Margaret Hall. She has been working in China at her parents' exporting and importing business. She aims to expand the business to import educational technologies such as smartboards in the Cixi Ningo area in Zhejiang Province. At the invitation of Simon Rabinovitch, the National Secretary for Rhodes Scholarships China, Lilian participated in the pre-selection process of the candidates from China who are eligible for the Rhodes Scholarships for the first time. Lillian reviewed 20 applications and conducted 10 interviews by video link. The Rhodes Scholarship China provided her training for the pre-selection process. "I am very grateful for having been awarded a COSF scholarship and I know now how much effort it is to get the sponsorships, and select candidates. I hope one day I will be financially able to give something back," says Lilian.

Pay It Forward



Scholars of the William S.D. Louey Educational Foundation converged on Beijing on the 17th October and it was for good reason. They were in the Chinese capital to celebrate the Foundation's 20th anniversary with its founder, William Louey. The event at the Ritz Carlton Hotel included family and friends of scholars as well as some excellent speeches and wonderful entertainment. The Scholars presented William with a portrait as well as a giant "Pay It Forward" art work which comprised of portraits of all those who have benefited from the generosity of the Foundation.

The Louey Scholars also unveiled their newly-established "Pay It Forward" initiative which aims to support a number of charitable causes. We are grateful that one of those causes will be to sponsor a China Oxford Award with the China Oxford Scholarship Fund where William is a Trustee in Hong Kong. Louey Scholars have raised £12,000 so far to fund a COSF award. We look forward to keeping you updated with the first recipient to benefit from the "Pay It Forward" scheme. Stay tuned!



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- Enable Scholars opportunities to showcase their academic work to the wider community at the University of Oxford.
- Allow Scholars to make meaningful connections with the international community of people who have shared interests in China involving areas such as education, culture and business.
- Enable Scholars to discover and experience cultural opportunities which have included visiting Parliament, meeting British lawmakers and industry leaders and exploring Britain's cultural heritage such as William Shakespeare's birthplace in Stratford-upon-Avon.
- Allow COSF to provide pastoral care to the community of Scholars.
- Enable our international educational initiative to scale.

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