

## **The southern Chinese Window on the World England - United Kingdom Portsmouth Chinese Association**

### **Sincere pure heart, earnest patriotic**

Portsmouth Chinese Association, the predecessor patriotic movie will be in Portsmouth. In 1964, the Chinese make a living in Portsmouth, because of the language barrier, the spiritual food is relatively scarce. Chinese youth group headed by Mr. Li Ping, borrowed from the embassy made film movies and projectors, organize local Chinese view, to relieve the overseas Chinese homesickness, make up the cultural life of emptiness.

### **Create associations, the establishment of Chinese schools**

After a year of preparation, June 30, 1980, to Li, Tim Lee and Lai Rongmao headed by Mr. session predecessors announced that the Association was founded, named "Portsmouth Chinese Association and prepare the constitution. Positioning the Association for charities, and love for the motherland, for the benefit of all local Chinese community for the purpose.

The same year the Association founded the the Portsmouth Chinese School, Chinese children learn their mother tongue, the base of the motherland's cultural heritage. Chinese school students from the initial two classes of more than 50 students were divided into Kindergarten 3 and toddlers low class, to the more than 160 people, divided into two series Mandarin classes and Cantonese classes, were low from early childhood classes to university matriculation to a total of 17 classes. Hampshire Community Language Service funding, the government leased school classrooms each year to provide free teacher training for teachers. Sessions of school principals and the Association is also actively raise funds, organize a variety of extra-curricular activities, such as Chinese dance, martial arts, table tennis, calligraphy and Chinese painting, now organizing the band and choir.

### **Work together to raise funds home buyers clubs, obligations dedication promotions lunch for the elderly**

June 1992, to Li, Mr. Pan Guoan, led by a group of old Chinese are enthusiastic fund-raising for the Association to acquire a property in Portsmouth North End street, owners for Portsmouth Chinese Association, and finally With their own clubs. Subsequently at the 1994 Association to discuss cooperation with the Portsmouth Social Welfare Department, jointly opened Tuesday concessionary Chinese lunch, a local Chinese elderly togetherness, communicate and enjoy Chinese cuisine at the same time, to secure that they should be entitled to social welfare. With dinner the increase of the elderly held for six years in the clubhouse Tuesday the concessionary lunch in 2001 moved to the present address "Friendship House", by a single Chinese gradually expanded to the old people of the city's favorite lunch, until today.

Today's "Friendship House the concessionary lunch club" Chinese TV every Tuesday from 10:00 am Front elderly the upstairs gathering tai chi teams, the downstairs tea and preferential Chinese lunch, the Chinese magazine books, newspapers, and monthly once free haircuts, ophthalmologist home once a year to do the NHS publicly-funded eye examinations and wear debugging glasses. Every Tuesday after lunch, old people or chat, or reading the newspaper, and more excitedly opened the card table playing cards until 17:00 fun dispersed.

### **Maximize the community interests, the founder of the elderly apartments designed specifically for the Chinese**

Due to the language barrier, the diligent work of the Chinese in the United Kingdom is relatively missed many benefits and facilities provided by the British government. With the early overseas Chinese lived in Britain gradually entering retirement age, the Chinese pension planning imminent. Worry about lifting for the protection of the rights and interests of overseas Chinese citizens, the elderly, the Association is responsible for running in between the the Portsmouth municipal government of the Housing Department and the Housing Association, co-founded exclusively designed for the Chinese "Friendship House" (Friendship House) Chinese elderly apartment .

"Friendship Tower in Portsmouth Southsea grand opening on March 4, 2001, is hereby vested in the Guinness partnership configuration bilingual staff, a total of 34 sets of self-contained apartments, the points one bedroom and twin-size unit of life facilities, each unit installed SOS rope straight through management center, and the allocation of public entertainment areas, as well as the economic room for friends and relatives came to visit Check stay. Enjoying their later years in the center of the Chinese elders week by the Welfare Department to provide specialized personnel to purchase daily necessities for the elderly with limited mobility, organizations the elderly fitness walking exercise, and the elderly spontaneously organized food will, tai chi teams, mahjong tiles Bureau Club, every Tuesday elderly lunch "with the city's elderly Chinese celebrations with the Department enjoyable.

### **Services for the Chinese community, actively integrate into mainstream society**

Hygiene knowledge and Ordinance assessment, since the British government enacted the diet practitioners must pass to be certified induction regulations Portsmouth Chinese Association annually organizes regular basic food hygiene course, hire professional teachers to provide translation services for the Chinese restaurant workers provide a great convenience. In addition, joint Hampshire Fire Department held a fire safety lectures and visit the fire brigade and free training courses fire safety identification of personnel, and the issuance of certificates.

Association have jointly Portsmouth provincial government, many of the Chinese culture and arts section of the public was invited adjacent areas around government officials and local residents held in the town hall, cultural

exchanges, and building bridges; mayor and held several charity dinner, to raise money for the purchase of medical equipment for the local hospital.

One of the association of traditional celebration of the Eleventh National Day, this time of year gathered in the local Chinese and Adjacent Areas, take this to express the the emigrés the patriotism, the common wish of the motherland's rising prosperity; Chinese New Year joy year after year as overseas Chinese countries into the local mainstream culture, modern countries many mainstream schools, trading companies, and will occasion organized by the China week and to celebrate the Chinese New Year, Portsmouth Chinese Association held the annual Spring Festival Gala ticket sales last year amounted to thousands of sheets. Not only the Chinese celebrate their own festival, has become the "Spring Festival" get-together of all communities in Portsmouth. In addition, during the Chinese traditional festivals, the Association will organize all kinds of activities, joint community of Overseas Chinese and the local school Chinese students together to celebrate the gathering sustenance wanderer homesick. Organized by the Ministry of Women's Dragon Boat Festival dumplings bazaar for Chinese schools and Song and Dance Ensemble money raised thousands of pounds; Kara Ok Grand Prix of Mid-Autumn Festival, attracted not only the enthusiastic participation of local university students, as well as the performances of British humor of the guy who climax repeatedly, laughter, accompanied with a Mid-Autumn moon, we enjoy the same hometown affection, friendship and warmth.

### **Is a song and dance ensemble singing and dancing, sing the British show of beautiful China**

Portsmouth Chinese Association Dance Troupe, founded in November 2006, members of Portsmouth in England and its surrounding areas overseas Chinese and Chinese brigade British dance teacher Zhang Zhao came out of the Beijing Dance School, and in 2008 went to Guangzhou Jinan University of Chinese dance talent teaching training. His spare time perennial adhere to basic training and rehearsing various styles of Chinese folk dance, not only to participate in a variety of local and British Chinese community and group performances, and frequently is invited to participate in the British local government and commercial organizations, institutions, and various cultural and recreational activities of the community, won unanimous acclaim. Dance "hometown of Beijing" and "hats dance was a dance team to win a Grand Prix All England District of 2008 CCTV (China Central Television) dance dance champion; a" Tibetan Plateau "to win back the championship concert of two Gold Cup. Classical dance "Tage" this year is sending on behalf of the British competition sponsored by the Overseas Chinese Affairs Office of the State Council this year in Shenzhen, "Global Chinese Chinese Talent (dance) contest, wish our sisters in the upcoming tournament taking to England's fresh air, than to make a success, setting another pen small brilliant.

**Drinking thinking springs did not forget his homeland, and actively promote the Sino-British exchanges**

2004 Portsmouth Chinese Association held a charity gala to raise money to finance the construction of the "Project Hope" primary schools in China's Inner Mongolia Xing'an League Zhalaiteqi; participate in 2005 contributed to the Tanggu of Tianjin Dagu Fort Ancient Bell's return to the motherland; in 2010, the Portsmouth municipal government in recognition of Portsmouth Chinese Association for the selfless dedication of local communities decide each year in China's major festivals, such as New Year's Day, Chinese New Year, Hong Kong's return to the anniversary of the National Day, the return of Macao Chinese national flag, Hong Kong, as well as the regional flag of the Macao special Administrative Region of the anniversary of the City Hall Square in Portsmouth liter. As a Chinese living overseas, see the blue sky of England raised the flag of China, our hearts for themselves, take huge pride for the motherland.

**Heritage Association spirit of the past with the future, and carried forward into the modern elements**

Portsmouth Chinese Association since its inception over 32 anniversary history, after the efforts of their predecessors from all walks of life and extraordinary achievements. When either the 16th session of the Executive Committee led to Cai Runquan president, currently has more than 300 members, 21 of the Executive Committee of the Executive Committee, to serve the whole community of the local Chinese, as a bridge of communication between the government and the Chinese will continue to be for the Chinese fight best interests to improve the social status of their dedication. Cai Runquan president, open-minded, informal talent without geographical concepts restrictions, composed with two doctors, accountants and universities educated leadership team, the old and the new combination, nexus. Took office in August of this year so far, established a website (still under construction), and make full use of modern communication tools, the work of the association's communication and publicity channels by postal communication change into an e-mail and website updates. Synchronous computer training centers are being contacted to apply for government-sponsored computer training courses, computer literacy training in the Chinese community.

### **Upcoming events**

- 2012 12 16, 2009, the Ministry of Welfare and Chinese school jointly organized the "Christmas with the Party";
- In 2013, the Ministry of Culture and Sport and the Ministry of Women jointly organized by Strafford Olympic Village and Westfield Shopping Centre is a day trip;
- 2013, 10, 2009, the Chinese New Year Spring Festival Gala.

For details, please pay attention to the the subsequent PCA notice posted in the local Chinese firm and "Friendship House" Association web:

[www.portsmouthchinese.org.uk](http://www.portsmouthchinese.org.uk)

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