



Brits Abroad

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Annual Report 2012-2013

Annual General Meeting

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On the Bund Shanghai

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Living in a foreign country can be very daunting and having an expat group such as Brits Abroad can make your life so much easier. Brits Abroad members once again have made it an extraordinary year; and we had much to celebrate. The Golden Jubilee of Her Majesty the Queen was celebrated in the wonderful surrounds of the Waldorf Astoria; the 2012 Olympics was our theme for the Annual Red, White and Blue Ball which was held at the Peace Hotel raising funds for clean water for schools; The Irishman pub once again held our Quiz night supporting The Renewal Centre; breast cancer patients were supplied with information booklets with funds from our Breast Cancer Pink Lunch; books and stationary gifts were part of our superb Christmas Lunch and Breakfast with Santa; glorious hats were worn at Ascots Ladies Day lunch and both ladies and gentleman sported moustaches for Movember to help a cataract operation for one gentleman within the Renewal Centre. This is just a small sample of our events and many, many thanks to all our sponsors, without whom many of these functions would not be possible.

An amazing total of 212,747 rmb was raised for our charities.

None of this would be possible without the incredible support of our members so a huge Thank You on behalf of all those people whose lives we have enriched.

Of course, behind Brits Abroad there are people who give up their time tirelessly to arrange events, coordinate enquires, ensure all the funds are correctly distributed and support those feeling 'wobbly' about living in Shanghai. Without them Brits Abroad could not function so may I personally Thank You on behalf of Brits Abroad members.

Suzanne Bloor – President, Brits Abroad Shanghai

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Treasurer - Bernie Thompson Assistant Treasurer Amelia Krause

TREASURY FIGURES: as at 1st March 2013

Cash In Hand	27,613.87
Bank Account	71,229.52
Total	98,843.39

Community Outreach Income 2012 – 2013

Raffles	17,620
Mahjong group	8,470
Books	585
Walks	3,440
Excess from Global Health	2,966
Top-Up from Brits Abroad Funds	6,662
Others	8,689
Total	48,432

On Going Fundraising		One -Off Projects	
Charity	Donation	Charity	Donation
Josephine Charles	4,000	Global Health Foundation (Red, White & Blue Ball)	112,000
Shanghai Sunrise (2 students)	6,000	October Breast Cancer Lunch (Fudan Breast Cancer Unit)	11,000
Operation Smile	3,000	November Quiz (The Renewal Centre)	24,130
Shining star Tks & Gifts for Xmas Breakfast	1,358	Movember - DID (proceeds to support Cataract operation)	6,685
Rotary Club (The Gift of Life Fund)	1,000	Christmas Lunch Raffle Shining Star (cornea implant)	10,500
Eden Jewellery	3,974		
Red Envelopes (3 students)	3,000		
Sunshine Angels	2,000		
Starfish Orphanage	3,000		
Stepping Stones	5,000		
Baobei Orphanage	5,000		
Olivia's Place	2,500		
Morning Tears	2,500		
World Academy Village Project	3,100		
The Mercy Fund	3,000		
TOTAL	48,432		164,315

GRAND TOTAL 212,747RMB

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Many thanks for our sponsors of the Red, White and Blue Ball 2012

Studio188 donated 13,000
Gladstone Morgan donated 10,000
Sandler Consulting donated 9,436
Sino Health donated 3,000
Costa Coffee donated 1,870

Global Health Foundation receiving the cheque for 112,000 rmb



To enjoy all the fun from 2012 please go to the link below:-

www.britsabroadshanghai.com/Documents/2012_Ball_News.pdf

Membership Team – Angela Allot, Anne Bradshaw

Welcoming New Members and ensuring all their details where up to date; Total family memberships for 2012 was 266. The Puxi v Pudong members battle always kept our committee's interest!



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Meeters and Greeters Team – Sophie Leacacos, Janet Smith, Arlene White, Julia Ravenscroft, Audry McDuff, Marga Matheny, Lesley Stirling, Susan Royce

Making sure our new members feel welcome is important to us and our Meeters and Greeters team have succeeded to do this. We have organised some orientation tours and written articles for our Newsletter to introduce different aspects of Shanghai, e.g. where to buy glasses, handicraft items, and where to have a ball gown made. We met together to learn how to use the metro system; took day trips outside of Shanghai; wandered around the flower markets; enjoyed the many museums within Shanghai and of course indulged in retail therapy at the pearl market. Members were always on hand to offer advice or suggestions on how to get the most out of living in Shanghai. We had our 'Sue Sez' feature in the Newsletter giving handy hints and tips for life in Shanghai.



Day Trip to
Sheshan



Shopping for
Pearls
At
Yu Yuan Pearl
Market

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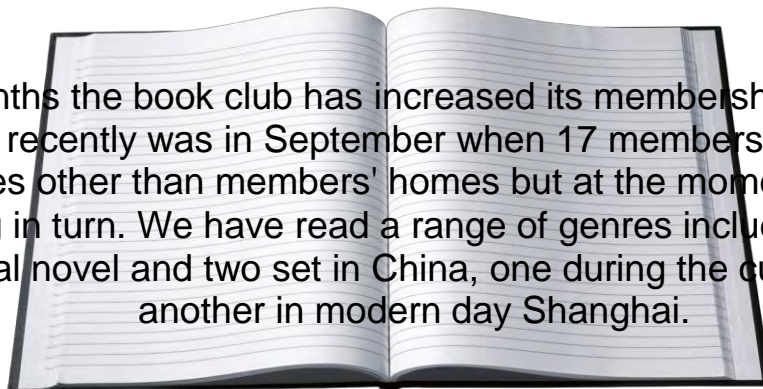
Walks Team – Helen Beales, Lynn Curran, Kate Short, Jane Sutton, Laura Limer



Walks have continued very successfully with the new team, which has seamlessly incorporated Heather Limer on many outings. Numbers have averaged around 20 per walk through the year and 2 walks have had waiting lists after reaching 30. Walks took place in every month except July and August. Each walk now collects donations from members and visitors and the team is glad to be able to contribute several hundred RMB to BA nominated charities each month. The Walks team raised 3440rmb for our charities.

Book Club Team – Kate Short

In the last 12 months the book club has increased its membership from 10 to 25. The largest meeting recently was in September when 17 members attended! We have discussed venues other than members' homes but at the moment we've decided to continue hosting in turn. We have read a range of genres including biography, teen fiction, a historical novel and two set in China, one during the cultural revolution and another in modern day Shanghai.

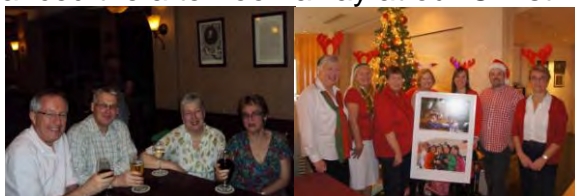


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Social Team – Sue Adams, Lisa Barker, Caz Johnstone, Amelia Krause, Catarina Johnstone, Caroline Other, Bernie Thompson, Terry Vibert, Kerry Rees, Lucy Hawkridge, Lesley Stirling, Ros Rutherford, Helen Sapsford, Ann Ritchie, Jane Riley, Theresa Ayres



The social committee was very active in organising events last year, coordinated by Sue Adams. Events including our ever popular monthly drop in drinks, where we returned to some old favourites but also many new. Our fundraising lunches included Ladies Ascot Day & Breast Cancer Pink Lunch. We also organised several cookery demos, wine tastings/cocktail making, Sunday brunches and craft workshops to name just few. We also arranged a couple of day trips, which proved popular and worth repeating. Our younger members enjoyed Breakfast with Santa and we danced the afternoon away at our Christmas Lunch.



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Website Team – Phillip Crispin



The Brits Abroad website provides member information for Events, Book Club, Shanghai Gems, Walks, Discounts, Useful Links, With Thanks To, Membership and Community Outreach, and allows members to sign up for events. And a weekly email is sent to members about events and other information for members. Both the website and the emails have been maintained without problems over the last year and neither has undergone much change. We received good feedback about the emails and website.

Mahjong Team – Bernie Thompson, Karen Carrington



The Mahjong group meets every Monday afternoon and continues to be a popular event. New members are encouraged to join and many of our regulars with this friendly group are happy to instruct them in learning to play this interesting game. Raising in 2012 8470rmb for the charity pot.

The Wire and The Newsletter Team – Sue McGuire, Caroline Other, Hannah Mulryan, Anne Barlow, Debbie Tenby, Jane Sutton, Sophie Leacacos

To keep our members up to date we produce a quarterly magazine called The Newsletter; showing past events with many super photographs showing Brits Abroad members enjoying themselves. The Newsletter also holds valuable information for our members; how to get help and from where.

The Wire is our electronic monthly information e-publication which advises members on the forthcoming events. It also has a funny photo slot which has over the past twelve months has featured some outstanding pictures that, is it fair to say, can only be seen here in Shanghai.

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Community Outreach Team - Hannah Mulryan, Jan Dallison, Janet Smith, Andrea Conner, Sue Smith

2012/2013 has been an outstanding year for our contributions and donations to a range of charitable causes. As always, we could not have achieved this without the continued generosity from our members and friends. We started the year by donating funds from our charity pot to four well-deserved organisations: *The Renewal Center*, a homeless shelter, where the money was used to encourage women and children to visit the centre; *LifeLine Shanghai* used the funds to support their Youth Link programme; *Operation Smile* were able to fund cleft lip and palate operations for three children; and *Morning Tears* were able to teach the girls in their three Homes some life lessons about becoming a woman. We continue our sponsorship of three students Amber, Li Yingan and Gu Donyan through *Josephine Charles Foundation* and *Shanghai Sunrise*. Our Red, White & Blue Ball 2012 was an enormous success raising a record amount which has been donated to *Global Health & Education Foundation*. We have funded the installation and maintenance of water purification units in two rural schools in Guanxi Province, in addition to sponsoring the education of 14 students (seven from each school) during their three years of education. Our annual Breast Cancer Awareness lunch in October was highly successful raising vital funds to support patients of the Breast Cancer Unit at *Fudan Cancer Hospital*. November's annual charity quiz night was a winning night not just for the winning team but the chosen charity as well! *The Renewal Center* was delighted to receive funds to help kick-start their Women's Refuge Project – helping homeless women in Shanghai. We also donated funds from our inaugural Movember Drop in Drinks to *The Renewal Center*, which will go towards medical projects. For our Christmas lunch we once again supported *Eden Ministry* by purchasing jewellery as gifts for our members, as well as raising funds for *Shining Star Home* – a foster home for blind orphans – through our raffle. For our Breakfast with Santa event we sponsored the attendance of six children from *Shining Star Home*, granting them their Christmas wish to meet Santa! Finally, through our various items collected during the year, we have been able to donate much-needed stationery gifts to migrant school children via *Roots & Shoots* (at our Breakfast with Santa), give a variety of children's books to the *World Academy for the Future of Women Village Literacy Reading Programme* (at our Christmas Lunch), and provide *Shining Star Home* with cleaning products to last them at least a year!

TOTAL RAISED FOR 2012-2013
212,747 RMB

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THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR FUNDRAISING ACHIEVEMENTS
IN 2012-2013

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PUBLIC RELATIONS: Katy Gow,
Terry Vibert

Once again, we attended the Shanghai Expat Show in September. Several members assisted in setting up our stall and helping to promote our organisation. Contacts were made with other organisations, charities, schools and businesses.

Breakfast with Brits – Gina Joyce, Julia Ravenscroft,

Breakfast with Brits was a gathering of Brits members at the wonderful Paulanner location overlooking the Bund and the river. We enjoyed scrumptious breakfasts sitting out in the sunshine.



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