



Reminiscing Dr. Arthur Hinton, Former Principal of QES

Our Beloved Principal, Teacher, Mentor and Role Model

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Dr. Arthur Hinton's Memorial Trip Album Book 2 of 4

The Journey - May 1 - May 12, 2023

The United Kingdom (Wolverhampton, Wales, and Peak District)

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Chapter 1. Planning for the AH 2023 Memorial Trip



The Trip Plan

May 01-03 : Wolverhampton, with Barons Court Hotel as "base camp."

May 03-08 : Wales with a hotel in Cardiff as "base camp."

May 08-12 : Peak District, with Moor Grange Farm as "base camp."

May 12-26 : Post Trip - Scandinavia and Baltic Sea cruise on P&O Britannia (no. B312)

We set the dates for our trip in September 2022. Lo and behold, in December 2022 King Charles announced that his coronation ceremony will be held on May 6, 2023, smack in the middle of our trip. "Queen Elizabeth" still carries a lot of weight. He must have wanted alumni of QES in UK for his coronation. But that introduced complications to our trip.

Challenges

Planning trips overseas present many challenges. Online data, photos, maps, info, and recommendations are no substitute for personal experience. Photos could be deceiving. Businesses we worked with did not use WhatsApp for calls; we had to make international calls for voice calls. British practices, terms, and accent are foreign to us. A major barrier was not having a British credit card. 正如中史周公老師的 Chinglish: “No credit card no 傾.”

We were very lucky to have expert assistance. Brenda Hon 韓建芬師姐 (61FA), Amy Cheng 鄭綺艷師姐 (66FA) and Ling Barrett 李潤玲師妹 (73FA) volunteered to help us.

Brenda 師姐 a global banker by profession served as our group’s global banker.

When it comes to money, 她真是黃大仙有求必應。She has bank accounts in UK, Hong Kong, and U.S. She knows the local landscape and business practices. She could make local calls. She understands the British accent; James could attest that is no easy feat for us foreigners. She is accessible 24 x 7 at two of the largest financial centers, New York and London. In fact, surprise, surprise, I was able to reach her in both cities on the same day! I talked to her before she boarded the flight to New York and after she landed there. How amazing! Whatever we needed, we got immediately without exorbitant transaction fees. If not for her, we would not have been able to secure bookings for transportation and lodging. If we needed money, it was only “a Brenda away!” She also offered to help us exchange obsolete British currency through her bank account. We took advantage of that. What a blessing!

Planning the Wales trip presented unique challenges because King Charles’ coronation was smack in the middle of our stay in Cardiff. The event calendars and holiday schedules would not be released until much later, but we needed to plan our tour programs and book transportation way ahead of time. We were most grateful to Amy 師姐, a leader in the travel industry, for sharing with us her trip experience and maps in Wales, providing a lot of good ideas, advices and options, and most important of all, connecting us with local tour experts to help plan the Wales trip.

We appreciate very much 師妹 Ling's exceptional support while taking care of her family. As a resident of Portugal for some years, she provided a lot of information about planning side trips there. That information will be useful for future trips. Her attention to details was amazing. She also gave us a lot of ideas and insights on planning our trip in England where she lived for a long time. She assisted us on a wide range of topics: vacation homes, transportation options, cruises, low-cost fares for airlines and trains, weather conditions, tips on packing for unpredictable weathers, and even opera houses and choirs worth visiting and attending.

鄧師兄 and Tsoi Sir worked tirelessly to develop and refine the master plan, resolve route conflicts and priorities, source transportation, map daily routes, and implement a fair process to assign rooms at the Farmhouse.

Tsoi Sir also negotiated with Barons Court Hotel, negotiated transportation for Hong Kong travelers, selected menu for dinner at The Queens, coordinated dinner at Tai Pan restaurant, etc. etc. etc. Some of these tasks were extremely complex due to domino effects on other parts of the program. But the most daunting task was to serve as the accountant for the group, dealing in multiple currencies.

這邊廂是威風凜凜的總裁，一家之主，那邊廂是埋頭苦幹的會計師，幹事，及太極師傅。

Tsoi Sir 及師姐 set up various WhatsApp groups and coordinated logistics for the flights, land, and cruises for the Hong Kong group as well as members who joined the group at the port. They were like shepherds guiding and guarding us like little lambs, 凝聚 QES 的精神朝氣 (出自 Jenny 師妹). They took care of questions big and small (like what gowns to bring onboard for Captain's Night 🤗). We all appreciate the thoughtful travel gifts from 師姐. She is always full of great ideas.

鄧師兄 had the challenging tasks of negotiating transportations for the large group and the Transatlantic group, as well as developing the daily schedules, the routes and the programs with a lot of unknowns: the weather, the terrains, the traffic conditions, reputation of the transportation companies, supply/demand pricing, and the coronation programs. Nancy 師姐 was the MVP (Most Valuable Player) on the Tang Team, supporting 鄧師兄 in whatever and whenever he needed.

I, on the other hand, had a lot of fun (and fear of the unknown) looking for quality and cost effective lodging in a foreign country that:

- Could accommodate an ever-changing number of potential participants
- Was big enough to accommodate cooking and serving large group meals
- Had enough bedrooms and bathrooms to accommodate an unconfirmed number of single, double, male and female occupants

Due to a large number of tourists attending King Charles' Coronation activities, we had to make a deposit in early December for our trip in May based on photos and descriptions. 真是有點誠惶誠恐，隔山買牛，及相睇的感覺，怕會貨不對版。

Planning is truly a global team effort. QES trained us well. Our team worked seamlessly!

The proof is in the pudding. And the test of the pudding is in the eating! Execution of the plan depended on teamwork, initiatives, flexibility, and esprit de corps which we found in abundance among group members.



Chapter 2. All Routes Led to The Nine Ladies Stone Circle (暱稱九姑娘) at The Peak District

Being a veteran Team Leader, Tsoi Sir formed a subgroup to address HK members' information and logistics needs. While HK members were preparing for their trip, on April 16, 2023, 鄧師兄, Nancy 師姐, Frank and I traveled on a slow boat to England.

We took the Transatlantic Cruise instead of flying to avoid flight problems, coronation traffic to London, and jet lag. Our group trip started on May 1, 2023. The 14-day Princess Regal Cruise from Fort Lauderdale, Florida to Southampton, England arriving there on April 30, 2023 was perfect.

It was a most pleasant trip. Our sea days were packed with activities. 師姐 Nancy's aunt and 5 friends happened to be on the same cruise. We explored the ports, had dinners, and watched the shows together.

All eating and no exercise made us dull and clumsy. We were delighted to learn that 鄧師兄 and Nancy 師姐 are experts in 八段錦 and convinced them to hold a daily class. 鄧師兄 focused on the technical details. Nancy 師姐 reinforced the sequence of the movements and provided tips on memorizing them; this is critical for us seniors. Passengers were envious that we had private lessons. Some even suggested adding Tai Chi and 八段錦 to the cruise program. What a Great Idea!

You may see The Tangs on your future cruises teaching 八段錦.



On April 15, 2023, the HK Group held a Pre-Trip Tea Party at Taste Well.



漫渡汪洋往英倫 (出自 Emporor)

On April 18, 2023, the Canada/US Group had dinner at the Sabatini Trattoria on The Princess Cruise.



船上巧遇 Nancy 師姐六位親友，
鄧師兄及 Nancy 師姐每天在教堂
教授我們八段錦，羨煞船客！

Chapter 3. Arrived Southampton with Tai Pan On our Mind

April 30, 2023

London was 6 hours ahead of Fort Lauderdale time. The ship moved forward one hour at a time over 6 days. We got off the cruise on April 30, 2023 well-rested, well-fed, and without jet lag. When our driver picked us up, we had “Tai Pan and Dim Sum on Our Mind.” We always have room for great Chinese food. 😊😊😊



在 Southampton 下船, 請司機飛車送我們到英國首屈一指的中菜食肆「大班飯店」體驗「大班式」的享受。

「大班」位於 Milton Keynes 一個繁榮的娛樂中心，店主 Thomas Yam (我們暱稱任老闆) 是伊中65FA畢業生 (與 Nancy 師姐同屆)，是銀行家兼食家，他經營有道，管理手法高超，精心挑選廚師，待員工至厚，有二十多年愉快的合作經驗，食物品質佳，色，式，香，味皆精，真是顧客福氣，所以客似雲來!

任老闆飛無定時，有幸剛好在倫敦，Nancy 師姐面子認真大，同班份外親，任老闆架個多小時汽車來到飯店與我們見面，把茶言歡，暢談往事，陪伴我們吃了一頓豐富美味的午餐。懷舊，傳統，新式點心皆精美可口，燒鴨皮脆肉嫩，炒粉炒麵夠鑊氣。我們更拿走吃不完的食物，在 Barons Court Hotel 加熱，令我們在 Wolverhampton 也享受到頂級中國晚餐。在此再次感謝任老闆熱情款待，我們真是口福不淺。



在任老闆 (65FA) 的大班飯店吃了一頓豐富美味的
★★★★★午餐。



鄧師兄看見美味的燒鴨🦆發出
會心的微笑，任老闆則忙於
為我們點菜。😋👏



Chapter 4. First Stop - Wolverhampton



Tsoi Sir (59FA) and 鄧師兄 (61FA) Leading the Way!

May 1, 2023



Dr. Hinton moved to Wolverhampton in 2008 because this is the meeting place for the Quakers. It is located in Midlands, England with a population of 264,000. He lived at Quakers Home, Woodland Paddock, Wolverhampton.



Since Dr. Hinton moved to Wolverhampton, Chinese visitors to Wolverhampton increased by leaps and bounds. Tsoi Sir 及鄧師兄 had organized many trips there. The “official” hotel for QES alumni was the Barons Court Hotel. This quaint little hotel received high ratings and many awards. Sometimes the hotel was not big enough to accommodate all the QES alumni. We left many dancing footprints, 繞樑三日的歌聲, breadcrumbs, and fond memories there.

On May 1, 2023, we woke up early to explore the neighborhood and identify lunch options. The smell of fish and chips caught our attention. It reminded us of eating fish and chips wrapped in newspaper in Hong Kong.

The Hong Kong and London Groups arrived at Barons Court Hotel around 1 p.m. The Hong Kong group was hungry and tired from the long, red-eye flight. A quick meal of the famed Fish & Chips was the perfect choice. The Emporor treated everyone to a satisfying classic lunch. Hip Hip Hooray, Steve! Long Live the Emporor! 🙌🙌🙌🙏🙏

After lunch, it was shower and nap time! 🚿🛏



Fish & Chips - It's The Emporor's Treat. Emporor 還跳脫衣舞助慶。

咁嘅皇帝去邊度搵?



We stayed in to recover from jet lag and ordered Chinese carryout for dinner.

👉 請注意: 師姐及 Nancy 師姐甚有默契，遺傳“伊家”優良傳統，立好榜樣不浪費。皆因「一粥一飯，當思來處不易；半絲半縷，恆念物力維艱」，所以佢地一粒米都吾會噍㗎！



你有你跳舞, 我有我談天說地, 各適其式。有多位理科及週身刀高材生, 所有電腦, 電器, 電子, 電磁等等難題迎刃而解。



The Emporor led folk dancing at Barons Court Hotel - the Miserou 蛇舞，阿美族捕魚舞，Yellow Ribbon, 等等。對他而言，幾時都係“舞聲勝有聲”。

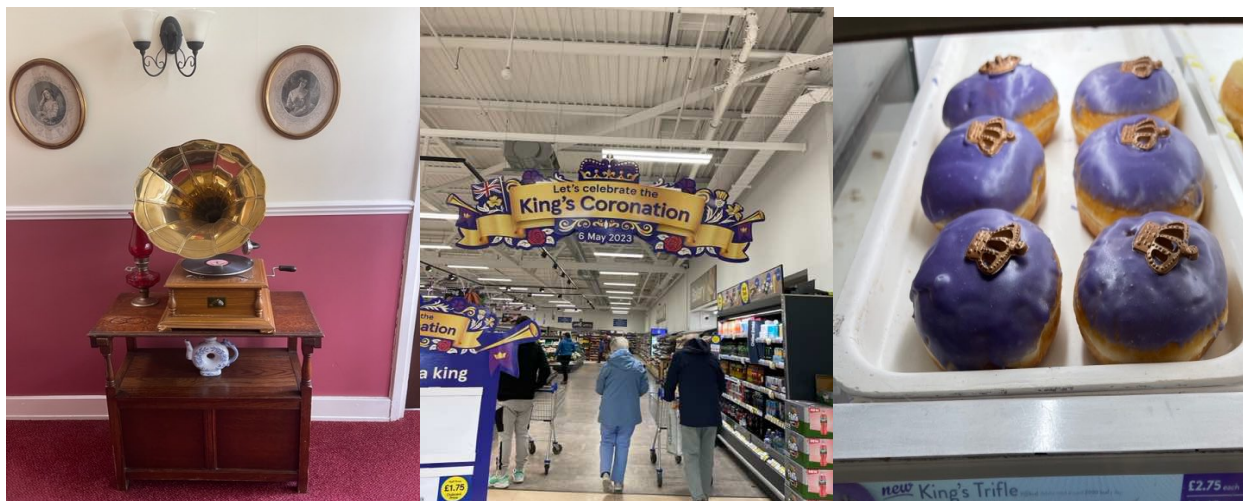
猶記得英文老師 Mr. Ho 說：如你發夢時都說英文，你的英文已達到爐火純青的境界。Emporor 的舞蹈細胞實在太勁，食飯，行行企企的姿勢都像在跳舞，可見他已走向舞仙的境界。



Sam 哥及 Ying 姐找到一個羅曼蒂克的角落。



Rita 及師姐則鍾情最受旅客歡迎的景點 - 那位高大威猛的仕衛。



留聲機是鎮店之寶之一



我們在 supermarket cafeteria 吃了一個巨無霸早餐，也感染到 King Charles Coronation 的氣氛，居然見到有葡撻供應。

May 2, 2023 再聚金滿樓 (The Queens)

我們同 Queen 真是有緣，金滿樓 (The Queens) 是校長御用的中國飯店，多年來老闆娘紅姐招待無數探訪校長的伊中舊生，替我們安排校長的生日宴會，與宴會領導人及常客如蔡 Sir，師姐，鄧師兄，Nancy 師姐，The Emporor 等等更建立多年友情，此次是我們最後在金滿樓的團體晚飯，實在有點依依不捨！





Emporor 題: 再聚金滿樓

疫後再回金滿樓，紅姐佳餚口水流，
芫茜豆腐鱸魚湯，色香味美實難求，
蒸釀豆腐百花球，清香嫩滑夠火喉，
黃金香炸基圍蝦，可口香脆確堪嘉，
懷舊芋泥香酥鴨，甘香美味堪稱甲，
梅菜扣肉香噴噴，撈飯幾乎唔夠分，
薑蔥清蒸多寶魚，魚香撲鼻無得輸，
蒜蓉粉絲蒸帶子，巧手泡製考廚師，
最受歡迎炒菜心，青蔥翠綠一百分，
滾淋蔥油白切雞，齒頰留香無得揮，
懷惻舊時同枱客，音容仍在我心間！



May 3, 2023



Us: So long, farewell to Barons Court Hotel and Keith! Cardiff, we are on our way.

Keith, Manager of Barons Court Hotel: So Long, farewell to QES alumni! Thank you for staying with us all these years.

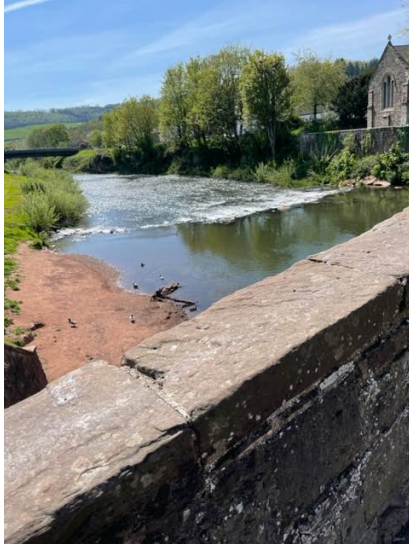
QES alumni left many treasured memories with Dr. Hinton and fellow alumni in Wolverhampton.



Chapter 5. Second Stop - Cardiff, Wales

May 3, 2023 Monmouth, Wales

We stopped at Monmouth for lunch. The strategy for feeding big groups in small town is to divide and conquer. We walked through the main street and picked what we liked. This town is catered for seniors. They serve smaller meal portions at senior prices. They have catchy ads for senior services.



小橋、流水、人家



The Main Street



Where Locals Meet



Local food or Chinese?

Anywhere worldwide, even in small towns you can always find Chinese food.



A Senior - Friendly Town



“Here today, Hear tomorrow!” This is music to seniors’ ears.



師姐 waved to King Charles III:
Your Majesty, I am fondly known
as 師姐. I am an alumnus of QES,
the school that bears your mother’s
name.

King Charles III smiled: The
Honorable 師姐, Welcome to
England. Mother was very proud of
QES. I am at your service.

May 3, 2023 Caerleon, Wales

We made another stop (and signed the visitors' register below) at The **National Roman Legion Museum** (Welsh: *Amgueddfa'r Llenig Rufeinig Cymru*) in Caerllion. It is one of three Roman sites in Caerleon, along with the Baths museum and the open-air ruins of the amphitheatre and barracks.

The National Roman Legion Museum lies inside what remains of the fortress and contains many artefacts from the period of Isca Augusta of Legio II Augusta, from Roman currency to uniforms.





好學不倦的師兄們



The Most Complete Roman Amphitheater in Britain.



The only remains of a Roman legionary barracks on view anywhere in Europe at Prysg Field.



Section of The Roman Fortress. They Came. They Saw. They Conquered.



Wood sculptures in a garden hidden behind an alley.



Time stood still. Phone booths and mailboxes are still operational.
The mailmen still deliver mails using the red trollies.

Park Inn by Radisson at the Cardiff City Center

We checked into the hotel at 4:00 p.m. We were delighted to meet 4 more team members: Brenda 師姐, 鄭醫師, Bang Bang 師兄及夫人 Sunny.

The hotel is centrally located at the City Center, within walking distance to the Cardiff Castle, the Cardiff Market, the Civic Center of government buildings, the National Museum of Wales, Museum of Welsh history, St. David's Hall, Principality Stadium, Cardiff International Arena, the Cardiff Bay, shopping malls and restaurants. Cars travel around in circles; walking is more direct as you can cut through the circles.



蔡 Sir 埋頭苦幹圖

Hotel lobby was our meeting point. Rain or shine.

While we were busy greeting new members, talking about where to go, what to do, where to eat dinner, Tsoi Sir sat quietly monitoring the budget and cashflow, determining how much to collect, thinking about contingency plans for rainy weather. etc., etc. No wonder his hair turned snowy white on this trip.

Dinner at the Good World



Emporor's cousin Mei Ling a Cardiff citizen booked dinner for us at The Good World, next to the Casino. We simply told the taxi drivers to take us to the Casino. With an entourage of 18 people, the drivers thought that we were big gamblers from China.

As luck would have it, there is a Costco next-door. So we bought food for our stay at the Farmhouse.



他鄉遇故知, 份外親切。

May 4, 2023 The Cardiff Market

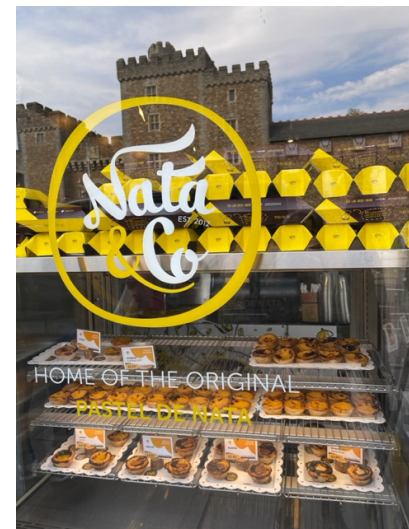




The Cardiff Market opened in May 1891 is a Victorian indoor market. The market consists of two levels. Merchants offer a variety of fresh produce, meat and fishes, baked goods, cooked food, various delicacies and some durable goods.

Specialty Shops

We were surrounded by shopping malls: the Capitol Shopping Centre, Queen Arcade, St. David's Shopping Center and specialty stores like the ones below. Portuguese tarts (Pastel de Nata) must be very popular in UK, here we meet again!



The Cardiff Castle

Cardiff Castle is one of Wales' leading heritage attractions and a site of international significance. It's Romanesque walls and fairytale towers is 2,000 years old. It is unusual to build a major city around a historic Castle. We had a brief visit today as we will return to the Castle to experience the festivities on May 6, 2023, King Charles' Coronation Day.



目光一致，有商有量，聯羣結隊，真是旅行團的好榜樣。



Wales Millennium Center



CREU GWIR FEL GWYDR O FFWRNAIS AWEN

The Wales Millennium Centre, opened in 2004 is an arts center in the Cardiff Bay area. It comprises one large theatre and two smaller halls. It houses the national orchestra and opera, dance, theatre and literature companies.

Inscribed on the front of the entrance are two poetic lines, written by Welsh poet Gwyneth Lewis:

The Welsh version is “**Creu Gwir Fel Gwydr O Ffwrnais Awen,**” (Translation: 'Creating truth like glass from inspiration's furnace'.)

The English is “**In These Stones Horizons Sing.**”

In Gwyneth Lewis' own words¹:

"I wrote the words to reflect the cultural ambition of the Centre. They draw both on Wales's industrial past and the institution's location in Cardiff Bay, once the greatest coal port in the world. Each letter is six-foot tall and formed of stained glass, set in glass-reinforced gypsum.

I wanted the words to reflect the architecture of the building. Its copper dome reminded me of the furnaces from Wales's industrial heritage and also Ceridwen's cauldron, from which the early poet Taliesin received his inspiration ('awen')...

The windows out of which the words are made suggest to me an ideal of poetry: that it should be clear enough to let light in and out of a building, offering enough a distinctively local view of the world; it should speak a truth which is transparent, beautifully crafted but also fragile and, therefore, doubly precious.

... The strata of the slate frontage of the WMC reminded me of the horizons just beyond Penarth Head. The sea ... the means by which the Welsh export their best to the world and the route by which the world comes to Cardiff. The stones inside the theatre literally sing with opera, musicals and orchestral music, and I wanted to convey the sense of an international space created by the art of music."

On April 30, 2005 Wales Appoints Its First National Poet, Gwyneth Lewis, author of the world's biggest poem (the Wales Millennium Centre bi-lingual inscription), NESTA fellow (National Endowment for Science, Technology and the Arts), author of six books of poems in two languages, a Book of the Year winner, librettist, sailor, and probably Wales' best known poet since R S Thomas. ²

¹ Gwyneth Lewis – Biography - Wales Millennium Centre
http://www.gwynethlewis.com/biog_millenniumcentre.shtml

² Press Release - Academi, 30 April, 2005, Wales Appoints Its First National Poet
http://www.gwynethlewis.com/content/news_poetwales.ssi



We ran into A Beauty and A Beast carrying a gun. Enquiring minds wanted to know! It turned out that the Beast was the main character in a film; the actress dressed up to promote the film. Jenny and 珊姐 demanded to have a photo with the gunman. The ones without the gun won!



Ivor Novello
(David Ivor Davies)

Composer. Playwright.
Actor.

1893 - 1951



Glamorous Night
Careless Rapture Crest
of the Wave
The Dancing Years
King's Rhapsody
Perchance to Dream

Musicals by Ivor
Novello



👉 In This City Was Born
A King
Who Gave His People Dreams and
Songs To Sing

👉 Keep The Home Fires Burning
I Can Give You The Starlight
My Dearest Dear
Love Is My Reason
We'll Gather Lilacs
Some Day My Heart Will Awake



St. Fagans National Museum of History

The museum was founded in 1946 and opened to the public in 1948. It is an open-air museum in Cardiff chronicling the historical lifestyle, culture, and architecture of the Welsh people. It consists of more than forty re-erected buildings from various locations in Wales and is set in the grounds of St Fagans Castle. We saw interesting cone-shaped pigsty and well-built cockpit to enjoy cock fights. Below are some sample photos of the museum. We were impressed with the quality and designs of the buildings and furniture. The museum is very well-maintained. Descriptions of all the tourist attractions were in Welsh and English.









Caerphilly Castle

It is a medieval fortification in Caerphilly in South Wales. The castle was constructed in the 13th century. Surrounded by extensive artificial lakes – considered by historian Allen Brown to be "the most elaborate water defences in all Britain" – it occupies around 30 acres (12 ha) and is the largest castle in Wales and the second-largest castle in the United Kingdom after Windsor Castle. (Source: Wikipedia)

