

Overseas Alumnae Newsletter (Oct 2019)



(左起) 前任校長李石玉如、Miss Jenkins 及關翰章校長

英國之旅

今年七月是英華遷回羅便臣道校舍後的第一個暑假。當遷校事宜安頓後，我決定走一趟饒有意義的英國之旅。非常感恩的是：前任校長李石玉如女士 ('72)、周小鳳副校長 ('82) 和謝淑珍老師分別由不同地方來英倫共聚。

與 Miss Jenkins 相見歡

我們先拜訪於 1967 年至 1972 年在本校擔任校長的鄭美蓮女士 (Miss Evelyn Jenkins)。我的心情非常激動，因為探訪 Miss Jenkins 一直是我上任校長以來的心願！她是倫敦傳道會派來女英華而唯一仍然在世的傳教士校長！我們送上問候與祝福，並為她慶祝八十九歲生日。切蛋糕之餘，卻不能忘記此一歷史時刻——英華三位校長難得同場，服務英華由 1967 年到現時為止，橫跨超過五十年！尤其感恩的是 Miss Jenkins 健康良好，我們一同分享舊日的時光。她看見自己年輕時的舊照，禁不住驚歎；當看見新校舍的照片時，更是連聲驚呼，心情異常興奮。

向 Miss Silcocks 致敬

接著，一行四人訪尋前校長蕭覺真女士 (Miss Vera Silcocks) 的墓地，墓園環境清幽寧靜。我們在墓園中植樹紀念，在撒骨灰處設置紀念牌。Miss

Silcocks 在 1927 年開始服務英華，並於 1939 年獲委任為「代校長」，戰後於 1947 年至 1967 年擔任校長。我們代表學校和校友獻花、祈禱，向這位為香港的女子教育、為英華女校奉獻一生的傳教士致以最崇高的敬意。



在訪尋墓地的過程中，由駕駛經驗豐富的石校長駕車，再加上谷歌地圖的幫助，但我們仍然錯過了路口，需多次迴轉拐彎才能到達目的地。其實人生路何嘗不是這樣！有了目標，也不會一蹴即至，往往峰迴路轉，多拐彎路才得柳暗花明。因此，既有清晰的目標，又能信靠天父導航，相信總會找到出路，達成所願。

探訪 Mrs Mogford 及校友

此行，我們還探訪了 Mrs Mogford。她於 1977 年至 1979 年在本校任教英文科，是一位深受同學愛戴的老師。最後，我們更聯絡了十多位在英國倫敦的校友，不同年紀的英華女兒共聚一堂，但願能在英國成立校友會分會，大家「身遠心莫離」！

校長 關翰章



(左起) 謝淑珍老師、周小鳳副校長、關翰章校長、Mrs Mogford 及前校長李石玉如



在倫敦與校友歡聚



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MISS EVELYN JENKINS

鄭美蓮校長近況

六七十年代的英華同學想起鄭美蓮校長(Miss Evelyn Jenkins)，一定忘不了她的優雅氣質，她的英語帶著濃濃的牛津腔，她的手指在鋼琴琴鍵上流動飛舞，她自信的講道講課……都是那年代的學生欽羨這牛津女碩士的理由。

我和我班的嚴麗冰(Carol Bannister) (她與李石玉如校長('72)介紹年青有為的居英校友韋穎怡(Christina Wei)('93)同行)分別在今年三月底和六月初在英國探望過鄭校長。她雖然行動不便，但算很健康，年近九十，面色紅潤，風采優雅，住在自己老家中。鄭校長依然關心英華的近況，三月時我們午餐後看了臉書上新校平頂禮的片段，又聽了英華詩班的精華演出。我看到她為迎接我的悉心打扮，決定為大家拍張照片報告。六月時Carol和Christina跟鄭校長午餐，又播了好些由關翰章校長提供的英華重建校舍的錄影片，鄭校長極感興趣，並且問了來訪的學生很多問題，可說是功力深厚，寶刀未老啊！

陸明 ('67)



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From left:
Winnie, Miss Jenkins and Angela

Our Visit and Lunch with Oxonian Headmistress Miss Evelyn Jenkins

After reading Winnie's story on her visit to Miss Jenkins in May 2017, I too had an urge to go to see her. Winnie got consent from Miss Jenkins for another visit on October 20 and we went together. I am sure many of you wish you were there with us, so let me walk you through the time we spent with our beloved Headmistress.

Three's Company

On that Friday morning, my husband chauffeured me from home at Reading to Meopham. It was about a two hours' drive. We met Winnie at the train station and arrived at Miss Jenkins' home just before noon. Miss Jenkins welcomed us into the lounge. We figured out an easy way for Miss Jenkins to remember who is who, "WW" sitting by the window was Winnie. I informed her there are a few other students living in the UK. We talked freely from flowers in her back garden, the Ying Wa school redevelopment project and that we outlive the old school building at Robinson Road which was completed in the sixties to travelling and the Agawa Canyon train tour in Ontario for watching the fantastic fall colour of maples leaves

Heading to the pub

When our stomach reminded us it was lunch time, Miss Jenkins got her cane, double checked she had her glasses and door key in her handbag, and off we left for lunch. We had an easy time driving to the pub with Miss Jenkins as our Sat-Nav (Satellite Navigation). She gave clear and timely direction for signal, turns.... and parking. Miss Jenkins was nursing a bad knee. She leaned on me a little and we walked side by side into the pub.

It was very relaxing in the pub. We ordered set lunch and sandwich, and then talked of Miss Jenkins' university life at Oxford. She would never forget

having to write essay every week which was and still is tradition of the University of Oxford.



Sweet Tooth

The food was nice, parsnip soup with honey was full of flavour and chicken was tender. For dessert, we decided to go for ice cream which Miss Jenkins enjoyed the most. She picked strawberry flavour. It was locally made, very tasty and creamy, and one of the best I have ever had.

Miss Jenkins felt sleepy when returned to her home and so was I after food. We took photos, hugged and prepared to leave. She waved goodbye at the door with a warm smile. I look forward to another visit.

Tang Ngan Ling, Angela ('72)

Note from Yung Wing Yin, Winnie ('71):

After visiting Miss Jenkins twice in a few months, I have noticed that she loves ice-cream so much, even more than her lunch! Whoever goes to visit her next time should remember to get her ice-cream.

Editor's note:

Winnie visited Miss Jenkins in May 2017. Please read http://www.ywgsaa.org.hk/eng/news/document/overseas_newsletter/OAN_1709.pdf

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Miss Jenkins received a scarf from Miss Yau, and was quite happy with the chocolate and cookies

in Toronto, Miss Yau told me that she regularly received Christmas cards from Miss Jenkins up to the recent years. Since my daughter is now working in London and I go to see her once or twice a year, I asked Miss Yau for Miss Jenkins' address so that I could plan a trip to see her.

In May this year, I was able to connect with Miss

Miss Evelyn Jenkins



Miss Evelyn Jenkins was sent by the London Missionary Society to teach History and English in Ying Wa in 1956, and became Deputy Headmistress in 1962, then Headmistress in 1967 on the retirement of Miss Vera Silcocks. She was Ying Wa's fifth headmistress.

Miss Jenkins was my headmistress when I was in Form 2. She retired and returned to her native England in 1972. I am lucky to have been able to keep in touch with her after 45 years through Miss Winnie Yau Ping Wai ('59) in Toronto. During one dinner meeting with the alumnae

Jenkins and met with her. Miss Jenkins now lives in a small town outside of London called Meopham, and her home is about 20 minutes' walk from the train station. She goes to St. John the Baptist Church every Sunday and she drives there herself. The church is only a few minutes from her home.

We had lunch together in a restaurant and she drove us there. She is doing quite well considering that she is now 86. She needs a cane to walk and has limited mobility. She has only 4 to 5 hours energy and our meeting had to be limited to less than 3 hours. She spends her other hours either lying in bed reading or sleeping.

After the visit, she wrote to me and said that she looks forward to my future visits. I plan to visit her whenever I go to London again to see my daughter. Miss Jenkins does not know anything about computer, so the old-fashioned way of writing to her is still the best way. I am sure she would enjoy receiving letters from her students.

Yung Wing Yin, Winnie ('71)



Her house



Her church