



# ANGLO - KOREAN SOCIETY

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Joint Presidents: H.E. The Ambassador of the Republic of Korea, Choo Kyu Ho  
Dr. Robert Hawley CBE

Chairman: Warwick Morris

## From the Chairman

Dear Members

A symposium recently held by the British Association of Korean Studies (BAKS) provided a rare opportunity to hear first-hand the experiences of some eight academics, former diplomats and journalists who lived and worked in the Republic of Korea between the 1950s and the late 1980s. Their accounts were a striking reminder of the huge changes wrought over the decades, and vividly underlined the contrast between the dreadful situation immediately following the Korean War and the ROK's emergence less than 40 years later as a democracy, major economic power and host of the 1988 Olympics.

We were fortunate to experience similar contrasts during our Society's own programme of activities in 2011, reported in more detail elsewhere in our newsletters. In April we were treated to a remarkable presentation, with excellent colour slides, by Dr John Cornes who with his wife worked for the Quakers in the medical field, in very difficult circumstances, in Kunsan in the mid 1950s. It was a most revealing and moving evening, especially I think for our younger Korean members. We were extremely sad to learn a few weeks ago of Dr Cornes' death, in his mid 80s.

In contrasting vein, our members were briefed and entertained at the fine London headquarters of two major British investors in present-day Korea, Diageo and Standard Chartered Bank. These gave members an excellent idea of the range of business being done currently between the two countries and how Korea is seen as a place in which to do business in the 21st century. It is to be hoped that the entry into effect on 1 July 2011 of the EU-Korea Free Trade Agreement (FTA) will see the early removal of remaining obstacles to trade and investment between the ROK and Britain, resulting in a further increase in business in the years to come.

As 2012 approaches your dedicated Committee is endeavouring to come up once again with an entertaining and instructive programme of activities. I hope these will include a guided walk, several Korean Dining evenings, talks, perhaps a film, the Annual Dinner and, we hope, something related to Korea's participation in the London 2012 Olympics. We are also considering whether the Society can do a bit more outreach, perhaps by stepping up our bursary scheme, or/and making one or two more charitable donations to relevant causes. This is something on which not just our members but also our sponsors, especially Samsung Electronics and Diageo, may have views. I was delighted that during 2011 we gained nearly 30 new members, the life-blood of any Society, but I hope you will all spread the word about the AKS so we continue to attract new blood.

Once again, we are indebted to the Korean Cultural Centre and its enthusiastic team for their support throughout 2011, and to HE The ROK Ambassador for his personal involvement, especially for hosting such an enjoyable Chuseok reception at his Residence and for speaking at our annual dinner.

I wish all of you and your families a happy Christmas,  
and a peaceful and healthy New Year. See you in 2012!



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# PAST EVENTS

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## Annual Dinner

Almost 100 members of the Society and their guests met at the House of Lords on 14 October for drinks in the ornate Peers' Guest Room followed by a fine dinner in the grand surroundings of the Peers' Dining Room. Nearly half of those present took advantage of the opportunity beforehand to do a fascinating guided tour of both Houses of Parliament. The evening was kindly hosted once again by Baroness Perry, a member of the All-Party Britain-Republic of Korea Parliamentary Group and we were graced with two Guests of Honour: HE The Ambassador of the Republic of Korea Mr Choo Kyu Ho and the Rt Hon Lord Howell of Guildford, FCO Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs in the Lords since May 2010.



Madame Choo, Chairman Warwick Morris, Guests of Honour Lord Howell and Ambassador Choo, and our Host, Baroness Perry

After warm words of welcome from Baroness Perry, the Society's Chairman Warwick Morris welcomed all those present especially the two Guests of Honour. He made particular mention of Ambassador Choo's wife, the Society's Joint President Robert Hawley and his wife, the Director of the Saatchi Gallery Nigel Hurst and his wife, General Mike Swindells, President of the BKVA, a former Lord Mayor of London Sir Paul Newall and Lady Newall, and Jan Stuart, Head of the Asian Department at the British Museum. He was pleased to see also representatives of the FCO and the Korean Embassy. He expressed especially warm thanks to Andrew Griffiths, Vice President of Samsung Electronics UK, accompanied by his wife Ruth, for renewing Samsung Electronics' generous sponsorship of the Society. Diageo had also just confirmed that they too would continue their sponsorship, and he hoped Hyundai would take note and follow suit!

Following toasts to The Queen and the President of the Republic of Korea, Lord Howell spoke after the main course. A former Secretary of State for Energy and later for Transport in the Thatcher government, his memories of Korea stretched back a considerable time. He spoke of Korea's remarkable emergence in recent years on the international stage, not just economically, hosting for example the G20, but also in cultural ways with hallyu, through its growing aid programme, and by winning the right to host major events such as the Olympics, the World Cup, the Grand Prix and, in 2018, the Winter Olympics. Ties between the two countries were close and thinking aligned on a wide range of issues, including energy and the environment, with regular high level exchanges. He welcomed the number of Koreans studying in the UK and the steady flow of investment in both directions, which he hoped would continue. He complimented the Anglo-Korean Society on playing a valuable supporting role.

Ambassador Choo endorsed Lord Howell's remarks about the strong bilateral relationship, and also praised the contribution made by the Anglo-Korean Society. He expressed the hope that the Korea-EU Free Trade Agreement which came into force in July would lead to further increases in the two countries' bilateral trade and investment. In updating the audience on the state of affairs between South and North Korea, he expressed his government's disappointment at the current attitude and behaviour of North Korea. His government would continue, with the help of others, to work for continued peace and security on the peninsula.

After dessert and coffee Chairman Warwick Morris brought the formal part of the evening to a

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close a little after 10pm. Having thanked the Host, both Guest Speakers and the catering team, he expressed his pleasure at the wide range of people present, both in age and in terms of background. For the benefit of non-members he listed some of the events run by the Society over the past year and promised that 2012 would prove just as stimulating. After presenting Events Secretary Sylvia Park with a bouquet for making the evening happen, he surprised Baroness Perry by presenting her too with flowers and leading those present in a decidedly merry rendering of Happy Birthday for the following day.

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## Chuseok Celebration - 15 September

We don't really need an excuse to bring our members together, but as Chuseok is the biggest festival in the Korean calendar it seemed like a very good idea to celebrate it together.

We are most grateful to His Excellency the Korean Ambassador and his wife for hosting the event for the Anglo-Korean Society at their elegant residence in Palace Gate, Kensington.

Chuseok is a celebration of many things, particularly a good harvest and family, so it was very appropriate at a time when many Koreans visit their hometowns that the Society should come together at the home of the most senior Korean in the UK.



Ambassador Choo with Madame Choo, welcoming AKS member Neil Sarsfield to their Residence

Some 50 members attended with a number of guests who were duly invited to join the Society, we hope that they all become members! Upon arrival we were greeted by Ambassador Choo Kyu Ho and Madame Choo, before being treated to pre-dinner drinks. These included both makoli and soju for the brave or those who just missed being back in Korea.

The Ambassador then gave a welcoming speech, reminding us of the meaning of Chuseok and the ties between our two countries which grow stronger each year. Our chairman, Warwick Morris, responded briefly, saving his words for the end of the evening.

Whilst a number of us chatted, renewed old friendships or made new ones others descended on a gargantuan Korean buffet which had been laid on in our honour. Traditional Korean food including bulgogi, kalbi, jeon, chapchae, kimbap and all manner of salads and kimchi awaited our members who attacked it with relish. Many people were seen visiting it several times and the meal was rounded off with traditional rice cakes.

We then returned to the main reception room for the entertainment which had been arranged by Sylvia Park. Ms Jung Ji Eun had a variety of Kayagum (Korean traditional Harps) and played a number of traditional pieces with great skill. She then introduced her 9 year old student, Dayena Song, who played both a solo and a duet. The finale was a splendid rendition of Arirang, to which many sang along, those who didn't know the words just hummed. There were a few moist eyes and wistful looks as it drew to a close and enthusiastic applause followed.

To round off the enjoyable evening Warwick Morris thanked all those involved. He praised the food and the delightful music and expressed his gratitude to the Ambassador and his wife for opening their home to us at this auspicious time. In doing so he presented them with a gift of traditional English biscuits as a token of our appreciation for a wonderful evening.

*Chris Hollands*

## "Kings, Queens, Clubs and Knaves" - a guided walk around Westminster

16 June 2011 - it was meant to be a lovely summer's evening, strolling around Westminster learning about its Royal past. Instead we battled with the wind and rain, umbrellas up, then down and up again. Thankfully our experienced guide, Sue King, knew of a few sheltered spots where she could regale us with her interesting mix of history and anecdotes.

A group of 15 intrepid walkers met opposite the statue of George III at the bottom of Haymarket. We later learnt that Charlotte, wife of George III, was 'fertile as a turtle', as together they produced 9 sons and 6 daughters.



Sue King and her attentive followers

Our route led us along Pall Mall where we were given the low-down on the Gentlemen's Clubs: their philosophy, the food, the qualifications for membership and who founded them.

On to St James's Square with King William III on his horse and the story of the molehill, then the potted history of the growth of Westminster from 1066 onwards as the nobility moved out of the City. Henry VIII and his wives, and the dismantling of the monasteries gave us our next history lesson as we learnt about parks, palaces and abbeys. Many of us were unaware that St James's Palace became the official residence of the Sovereign after the Palace of Whitehall burned down at the end of the 1600s during William III's reign, and is still so today, hence Ambassadors being accredited to the Court of St James.

Next we nipped through Crown Passage, past the Red Lion, reputed to have an underground passage connecting it to Nell Gwynne's house in Pall Mall for the convenience of Charles II. Gone was the puritan period of Cromwell, in Charles's reign we had licensed theatres with women on the stage. Charles II produced 16 illegitimate children, all given titles, and from them have descended many of today's notables, including Lady Diana Spencer and Samantha Cameron.



Round the corner to the ancient shops in St. James's Street with their Royal Warrants, and a look at St James Palace, now mainly occupied by royal offices, but still playing an important ceremonial function, including the daily changing of the guard in Friary Court and the proclamation of a new Sovereign. Across the road past Marlborough House where Edward Prince of Wales lived (he of many mistresses

and also many famous descendents) and out onto The Mall. The story of Buckingham House being turned into a Palace, Queen Victoria being the first Sovereign to live there, and how John Nash was sacked for exceeding his budget, brought our journey to an end, appropriately in front of the statue of Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother and the statue of her husband King George VI.

With our heads buzzing with facts we retired, not as planned to Wheelers Wine Bar as their kitchens were closed, but to the somewhat more modern Prezzo on Northumberland Avenue for pasta and wine and a very convivial end to the evening.

Our thanks as ever to Blue Badge Guide and AKS member Sue King for her excellent tour, packed with information but always entertaining. If only history lessons at school had been so enjoyable!

Cathy Kim

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## Whisky Tasting at Diageo

On Wednesday 13 July those of us with a taste for the 'water of life' descended on Diageo's London headquarters in St James's Square. Approximately 40 members and their guests participated in this very informative and enjoyable evening. On arrival we were greeted with glasses of champagne accompanied by excellent canapés and a chance to meet new members and renew old acquaintances.

Our chairman, Warwick Morris, introduced our hosts: Ian Wright (Corporate Relations Director), Peter Smith (Head of UK Government Affairs) and Peter Butler (Public Affairs Manager). Ian Wright provided an overview of Diageo's global business and the key growth market of Korea then handed over to Peter Smith who led us through the delights and complexities of three contrasting styles of whisky:



Cameronbridge: a grain whisky, fermented in American oak

Royal Lochnagar: a single malt, fermented in European oak

Windsor 17 year old: Diageo's largest single export, specially created for the Korean market, 40% grain whisky, 60% single malt.

The evening concluded with a raffle of a bottle of Windsor 21 year old, one of only two which exist outside Korea. This was won by a delighted Chris Hollands.

Sir Stephen Brown thanked Peter Smith on behalf of the Society for his fascinating insights into the world of whisky manufacture, and also expressed our appreciation to Diageo for making us so welcome. Diageo have been generous sponsors of the Anglo-Korean Society since 2008, a relationship we look forward to continuing.

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## Film Show

Although we had an enjoyable film show and Korean supper involving around 30 members and guests on 15 November, we regret that we were not able to show the film which had been advertised. We will plan to show *The Arch of Enlightenment* in the course of 2012.

### Footnote:

We are pleased to announce that Scott Wightman, about to take up his post as British Ambassador to the ROK, and his wife Anne, have been made Honorary Members of the Society. Anne joined us for the film show evening, which she found interesting and enlightening. We wish the Wightmans an enjoyable posting in Seoul.



The buffet was up to scratch!



Our President Bob Hawley and his wife Pamela enjoy the tasty food at Arang.

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## AKS Diners

Those of us who enjoy Korean food and lively conversation with fellow members continued to meet during 2011 at AKS Diners gatherings. In March and June we frequented Woo Jung, a friendly restaurant that has been very supportive of the AKS. In September Sylvia introduced us to a new location, Arang, a restaurant not far from Piccadilly Circus. This was an instant success with tasty food and comfortable surroundings, we will be going there again in February next year.

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## East Asian Friendship Charity Event

On 4 October the Second East Asian Friendship event, which the AKS contributed towards, took place in the splendid historic church of St. Lawrence Jewry, located in the ancient Guildhall Yard right in the heart of the City of London. The concert was introduced by the Vicar and included a varied and interesting repertoire of classical music by young performers from Korea, Japan and China.

Miss Grace Yeo (Korea) performed an excellent programme of piano music by Chopin, and Ravel, this was followed by Miss Yuko Tomonago (Japan) who played Japanese harp music. This provided a delightful and unusual addition to the programme.

After the interval, Zizhou Zhang (China), only 16 years old, describing each piece in turn, delivered an excellent performance of dramatic music by Beethoven, Chopin, Liszt and Rachmaninoff, as well as a delightful Chinese piece entitled 'Colourful Clouds Chasing the Moon' by Ren Guang.

An outstanding evening, which raised over £1000 for the London Mayor's Charity appeal, and I am sure we shall hear more from these young musicians in the future.

*Peter Poole*

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## Global Korea Lecture Series: "Scorched Earth, Black Snow"

Having introduced Andrew Salmon and his work to the KCC last year, we were delighted the Centre immediately put him on its programme for this year when he became available to talk about his new book, "Scorched Earth, Black Snow", an account of the role of British and Australian troops in the early part of the Korean War. The event was held on 21 June.

The auditorium at the KCC was packed as the event was oversubscribed, indeed, the hall was so full people had to sit on the floor to accommodate some of the veterans.

Andrew took to the floor with an energy and vigour which was to last all evening. It was "jackets off" straight away and into the detail – from the initial orders in Hong Kong, through the embarkation of troops and their arrival in a country nobody was familiar with. Andrew took us on a swift but precise tour of the Korean war from June to December 1950 including all the important actions during that time.

A memorable and illuminating evening for all—we wish Andrew well with his new work.



Andrew Salmon signing copies of his book

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## FUTURE EVENTS

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### Annual General Meeting

This will be held in late February or March. Details of the date and venue will be sent to all members in January.

### AKS Dinners

Our first informal gathering of the new year will be held on Tuesday 7 February 2012 at Arang Restaurant in Golden Square, London W1F 9HZ. Look out for a reminder after Christmas.

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# Seoul Connection

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## The Foreigners' Cemetery at Yanghwajin, Seoul

*Peter Underwood, August 2011*

On a grassy knoll at Yanghwajin, near an old ferry crossing on the Han River in southwest Seoul, John W. Heron was laid to rest on 9 July 1890. Honouring treaties with Western nations, the Royal Korean government allocated this small plot of land as a Foreigners' Cemetery. Westerners who came to Korea in the 19th century travelled long distances in less than comfortable circumstances to give their all for a people that they hardly knew. Yet, the vast majority of foreigners who came to Korea fell in love with this inhospitable and primitive land. The gravestones that now lie in the Foreigners' Cemetery are testament to the bond that arose between many of Her Majesty's subjects and a people so full of love and awe at the devotion of perfect strangers to their well-being.

One particularly memorable figure was Henry Bencraft Joly, the British vice-consul at Chemulp'o who passed away in 1898. His grave is marked with a particularly ornate headstone but his hospitality while on earth was apparently less inspiring according to intrepid British author and world traveller Isabella Bird Bishop who was seemingly denied accommodation at the consul when she visited Korea in 1896. Henry's wife, Clara Agnew Wilken Joly (1928) and daughter Lillian Agnes Joly Whitman (1968) later joined him at the cemetery in "perfect peace".



The ornate headstone of Henry Bencraft Joly

Probably the most prominent (and colourful) citizen of the British Isles interred at the cemetery is Ernest T. Bethell. He first came to Korea in 1904 as correspondent of the London Daily News to cover the Russo-Japanese War, and remained in Korea engaging in many pro-Korean endeavours. He started the first English language newspaper in 1904, Korea Times (unrelated to the current paper of the same name), which immediately folded. A year later he formed the Taehan Maeil Shinbo with strong anti-Japanese bias. Bethell was sentenced for anti-government activities in 1908 and deported to Shanghai. He returned to Seoul a short time later saying, "My fight for Korea is heaven-ordained" but passed away on 1 May 1909 (reportedly of 'excessive drinking'). Unfortunately, his paper was confiscated by the colonial government in 1910 after annexation and became its official mouthpiece.

Another famous anti-Japanese fighter laid to rest at the cemetery is Homer B. Hulbert, an American who came to Korea in 1886 to teach English in the Royal English School. Hulbert quickly fell in love with Korea writing the first basic text books for Korean students, helping to found the YMCA and making many other efforts to help modernize Korea. He was King Kojong's envoy to Versailles and the Hague pleading for international protection for Korea from Japan. The epitaph on his grave reads: "I would rather be buried in Korea than in Westminster Abbey".

The Anglican Church purchased its own plot within Yanghwajin and is populated by many prominent contributors to Korea's development including:

*Arthur B. Turner* (1910), Bishop of Korea. Born in England 1862, he was most noted for his cricket and football skills at Oxford. He arrived in Korea in 1897 and his tenure saw the most rapid growth of the Anglican Church in Korea.

*Henry E. Charlesworth* (1904) Anglican layman who ran a school for Korean boys in Manchuria.

*Cecil Henry Noble Hodges* (1926), Anglican missionary

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*Arthur Ernest Chadwell* (1967), Anglican bishop

Six Anglican medical missionary nurses of the Community of St. Peter came to Korea in 1892, three of whom are buried at Yangwhajin:

*Elizabeth WEBSTER, S.R.N.* (1898) (leader of the team), *Lay Sister LOIS, C.S.P.* (1899), *Sister NORA, C.S.P.* (1910).

Other British Nationals include:

*John Newell* (1901), British Royal Navy

*Arthur Gorman* (1929), Standard Oil (served with Royal Dublin Fusiliers & Royal Irish Regiment in WWI)

*Beatrice Hobbs* (1934), wife of Thomas Hobbs, British & Foreign Bible Society

*Alan R. Weston* (1958) British employee of American Trading Company

*W. Gifford Cheesman*, (1985), Mining Engineer with long career in Korea and Chairman of the Seoul Club (also served with the RAF in India during WWII and whose family once owned Chilham Castle)

I feel compelled to include in our cast Joan V. Davidson Underwood (1976), born in Seoul to Scottish Businessman Henry W. Davidson and his wife, Jean McKean Davidson. Joan married Horace G. Underwood, grandson of pioneer missionary of the same name and later bore a son who authored this very article. (She is one of 8 Underwoods spanning 4 generations buried at Yanghwajin.)

The Foreigners' Cemetery was founded and cared for by the Royal Korean government for its first 20 years but its political favour has declined ever since. Under Japanese colonial rule, the cemetery was managed by the consulates of 5 Western countries: the UK, US, France, Germany and Russia. Following liberation, the Western community in Seoul stepped up to manage the cemetery under the



The Foreigners' Cemetery circa 1955

leadership of Seoul Union Church. In the late 1970s, as the city grew up around the cemetery, legal ownership suddenly became an issue. The government expropriated somewhat over 1500 square meters for civil works and needed to pay compensation. Furthermore, Seoul Union Church wanted to build its own place of worship after a century of meeting in borrowed facilities. Receiving compensation and obtaining a building permit both required legal title to the property. As legal ownership had never been at issue, little care was given to titles and deeds. The only documents available were decades old. A 1968 law requiring re-registration of all property had passed unnoticed. By the 1970s, the grace period had passed and another law prohibiting foreigners from owning land was in place. Many solutions were unsuccessfully offered for this complex legal situation until the cemetery was finally registered in the name of the newly formed Committee for the Celebration of the Hundredth Anniversary of the Church in Korea (Centennial Committee). Serendipitously, the Centennial Committee also raised funds to build a Mission Memorial Hall to serve as the worship place for Seoul Union Church. Again the cemetery resumed its role of final resting place of foreigners who died here, managed by the foreign community represented by Seoul Union Church, for a further two decades.

In 2005, a new church called the Hundredth Anniversary Church was found and claiming

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ownership of the facility (under Power of Attorney from the Centennial Committee) took management of the cemetery away from the foreign community and forced Seoul Union Church out of the Memorial Hall. The new Church blocked further burials, removed signs recording the history of the cemetery, altered memorial signs, removed headstones it found objectionable and repeatedly criticized the foreign community. A bitter conflict has been raging ever since as the foreign community tries to win back control of the cemetery both through legal proceedings and pressuring the Korean church to discipline the Hundredth Anniversary Church and the Centennial Committee.

Regardless of the controversy, the Foreigners' Cemetery at Yanghwajin in Seoul still stands as a testament to the tremendous love and sacrifice of approximately 550 foreigners from 13 countries who came to Korea to serve the people of this land and perished while on Korean soil. These pioneers founded many prestigious institutions in Korea including Severance Hospital, Yonsei and Ewha Universities, Paechi and Seungshil High Schools, the Korean YMCA, the Christian Literature Society of Korea, Seoul Foreign School and countless others. The Foreigners' Cemetery at Yanghwajin embodies the very history of Korea and its interaction with the West.

*I am deeply indebted to Dr. Donald N. Clark for his authoritative history of THE SEOUL FOREIGNERS' CEMETERY AT YANGHWAJIN: AN INFORMAL HISTORY, published by Seoul Union Church, 1996.*

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## **John Selwyn Cornes: 19 September 1926 – 19 October 2011**

No one present at the KCC on 12 April this year will forget John Cornes' talk and his colour slides of South Korea in the mid-fifties. He really spoke from the heart. Nor will they forget Dr Cornes himself: a good and compassionate man who had given much of himself during a long life. Indeed, just as much as we thanked Dr Cornes for coming to us, he thanked our Korean hosts and friends for the many benefits and insights he and his wife, Jean, had gained during their time in Kunsan, from March 1954 to July 1956.



Sadly, Dr Cornes died this autumn after a brief illness following a hip replacement. The Society is saddened by this loss and expresses our sympathy to his widow, Jean, his family, and his sister, Norma Broadbridge. It was Norma who first alerted us to his material when she sought the Society's advice on taking school students to Korea for the International Biology Olympiad in 2010.

On his return to the UK in 1956, Dr Cornes settled in Bristol and a career as a pathologist, coupled with many activities on behalf of the Society of Friends. Very soon he and Jean took under his wing a young, newly married Korean student, Chung Chong-Wha. In later life CCW, as we knew him, served as Executive Secretary of the Korea Britain Society, our sister society based in Seoul. Indeed, CCW was instrumental in arranging for Dr Cornes to return to Korea and to speak at a KBS meeting hosted at the Embassy by Charles Humfrey, then British Ambassador. Our committee member Derek Marsh was Joint Executive Secretary of the KBS at the time and remembers the occasion well.

Though sorely missed his work lives on. The Embassy of the Republic of Korea has arranged the digitization of some 200 of Dr Cornes' slides and is planning to reproduce these in a commemorative book. We look forward to seeing this. It will be a fitting tribute to his memory of a place where he and Jean had a lasting impact.

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# NEWS

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## Recipients of the 2011 Anglo-Korean Society Postgraduate Bursary

### Youkyung Ju

Youkyung Ju is a PhD candidate in Korean Language Research at the department of Japan and Korea, School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), and a Korean language instructor at the Korean Cultural Centre in London.

Prior to coming to SOAS, Youkyung taught Korean to foreign students at Sogang University in Korea. Additionally, she was the lead translator for a series of Sogang Korean textbooks, levels 1A to 3B.

Youkyung earned her MSc in Applied Linguistics from the University of Edinburgh in 2005. Prior to this, she received two BAs from Sookmyung Women's University: in Korean Language and Literature, and English Language and Literature.

For her current research, Youkyung works on typological universals of relative clauses, focusing on Korean as a foreign language. She intends to use the Anglo-Korean Society Bursary for carrying out computer-assisted experiments in Korea and in the UK.



### James Pearson

James completed his BA in Chinese and Korean at the School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS) in London and in 2011/2012 will be doing the East Asian Studies MPhil at the University of Cambridge.

His research interests surround North Korean society and Sino-DPRK relations, with particular interest in what change and reform in China means for the DPRK in the 21st Century. Following work with the Canadian-based academic NGO 'East-West Coalition' that organises academic exchanges to the DPRK, James intends to use his bursary on a return trip to Pyongyang in 2012 for broader immersion and field research in North Korea itself. In the long term, James is pursuing a career in the UK Foreign and Commonwealth Office as a diplomat.



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### More scholarship news:

Roger Shepperdson recently visited AKS membership secretary Peter Poole. Roger was a recipient of the **Samsung / BKVA / Royal British Legion Scholarship** in 2001 and wanted to express his appreciation. His scholarship enabled him to study for a MA in Korean Studies at Yonsei University in Seoul for two years. He met his wife (Jiyoung) in Korea and they now have an 18 month old son. "A real and direct result from the scholarship for which I am eternally grateful, together with its objectives to foster closer relations between the two nations" Roger said.

He now works as a Regional Marketing Director in the Middle East, making his family home in Dubai.

### AKS Executive Committee

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