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DATE: Saturday - October **26**th

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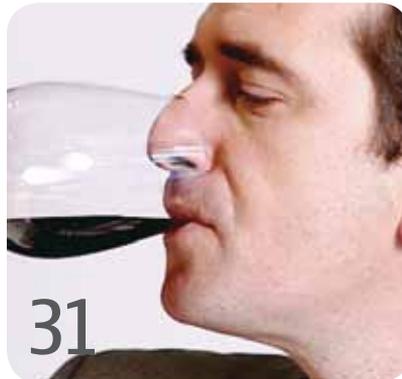
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## LETTER FROM THE EDITOR:

All,

October! How did this year go so fast?!?! October is a great time, the National Day holiday is always a great time: Halloween, the leaves changing color, holidays right around the corner, the movie When Harry Met Sally...this could be one of my favorite months. The Xi'an weather is usually pretty good, I can finally stop sweating and I get to hide my not so great physique behind baggier clothing and get ready for the upcoming Movember...yes this month is great, and though I actually write this at the end of September I already feel the excitement of the month...I can't wait.

It seems that as I get older and my time in Xi'an gets longer I seem to start realizing the importance of the little things. I don't mean stressing over everything, (maybe this magazine would be better if I did stress a little more) that is something that I trained myself not to do a while ago. What I mean are the small everyday things that I used to take for granted but lately they seem brighter and more relevant to me somehow.

A great song at the right moment riding into work, a good conversation with friends, a quiet dinner with my wife, a coffee at a corner cafe watching the world pass by, these are all things that I can and do experience on a weekly basis yet they never really entered my mind as "important". Yes I enjoyed them all very much but I never really lived for them. They never quite seemed as important as the next big trip or next Xianease issue.

How many of us are like that and for how long? Do we all just have a collective gene that makes us look from peak to peak in life and ignore the rest? How many missed opportunities have we all had to have a truly meaningful experience because we didn't think it mattered or we were too focused on a larger issue?

In the same vein as this are phones, I'm not going to go into a whole CK Lewis-esq diatribe about how phones are ruining modern interactions but I am going to say that I have noticed that all of us spend way too much time on phones and not where we actually are. Can you put down your phone and not look at it for two hours...can I? Maybe even take the next step and turn it off?

This October let's try to be HERE more, to stop looking back, stop waiting for the next big thing, and stop staring at our phones - take the moment as it should be taken as a non-repeating individual instance that has all the potential to make you as happy and fulfilled as any of the largest plans you've ever made.

Sincerely,

The Editor-in-Chief



## Pub Quiz

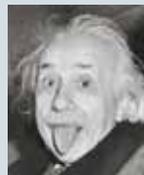
If you missed the September pub quiz you missed out, the busy Belgian Bar once again threw open its doors and folks filed in one after another looking for some great trivia and tasty beer...and they weren't disappointed. Trivia Master Phil served up an array of head scratchers that had the crowd talking and thinking. The winners with only 20 out of 25 questions correct were **Your Mom's Athletic** and got the 3 liters of Amber Waves of Grain. The competition is getting good so why not head out and try your hand...you never know what you're going to get!

Date: **October 23rd**

Time: 9:30pm

Place: The Belgian Bar  
南门顺城南路中段69号  
#69 shun cheng nan lu

Put your thinking caps on and come on down for some great food and tricky trivia!



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Your comments and letters are welcome.



## OCT 11



### Concert

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Time: 8:30pm-11:00pm

Location: Aperture Club  
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## OCT 12



### Concert

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Time: 8:30pm-10:30pm

Location: Aperture Club  
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### 2013第三届COSPLAY西部盛典

Time: 9:00am-5:00pm

Location: Qujiang International Convention and Exhibition Center, Yanta District, Xi'an.  
西安 雁塔区 曲江国际会展中心

Tickets: 30-35 RMB



## OCT 30



### Concert

李云迪中国钢琴梦音乐会  
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### Wine Club



Time for all events: 7:00 pm

Date: Oct 17th French Corner (Friday)

Date: Oct 25th Wine Tasting (Tuesday)

Date: Oct 31st French Corner (Saturday)

Address for all events:

Gao Xin Hi-Tech B-2405 高新银座B座2405

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## OCTOBER 23

### Wine Club



Wine in French Touch

Time: 8:00pm Location: Belgian Bar

Wine Club Phone: 029-62276317-8001



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Match: 3:00pm - 7:00pm (every Sunday)

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After the match we have dinner and sometimes out to KTV

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## OCTOBER 12, 26 Saturday

### Toastmasters

**Date:** October 12th **Time:** 2:30pm

**Location:** SIT on Shida Road



**Date:** October 26th **Time:** 2:30pm

**Location:** Sofitel Habana Bar (索菲特) 东新街319号

Get all the information at: [www.xatmc.org](http://www.xatmc.org)

## OCTOBER 16 Wednesday

### Queen OR King of the Table Pool Tourney

**Time:** 8:00pm **Location:** Helen's Bar

King of the Table will be the third Wednesday of every month.

### Ladies Lunch

**Time:** October 16th, 12:30pm

**Address:** Manager Yi Du ,Room 1702 ,Jingdong Unit ,Building No.2 of Qujiang Soho ,in the west of Qujiang Culture Mansion ,5th Yan'nan Road ,Yanta District 曲江新区雁南五路.曲江文化大厦西侧.曲江SOHO.2号楼京东单元1702室

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## OCTOBER 18 Friday

### Photography Club

**Time:** 2:00pm

**Meet** the Muslim Quarter entrance next to the Drum Tower McDonald's



## OCTOBER 19 Saturday

### Hash House Harriers

**Time:** Meet at 4:00 pm run at 4:30 pm

**Meeting at:** Just Inside the South Gate

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## OCTOBER 20 Sunday

### Xi'an Book Club Readers Meeting

**Time:** 2:00pm - 5:00pm

**Venue:** Echo Park Book Bar (Hui Yin Gong Yuan), No.15th(in the yard beside TIME COFFEE), Defu alley, South Gate (南门里, 德福巷15号院内, 回音公园书吧( 孺子庙北侧, 粉巷南侧, 时光咖啡旁边院内))

**Book:** Catcher in the Rye by J.D.Salinger

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## OCTOBER 23 Wednesday

### Belgian Bar and Xianease Monthly Pub Quiz

Beer and Trivia

What more could you ask for?

**Time:** 9:30pm **Location:** Belgian Bar



## OCTOBER 26 Saturday

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# Restaurant Reviews



## JANE'S GARDEN 简的花园

Article By *Lee Bunting*

I BEG YOUR PARDON? I NEVER PROMISED YOU A JANE'S GARDEN



Shopping always brings on an appetite for me so when my wife suggested taking a trip to Vivo City to check if there were any sales I knew exactly where I wanted to go after following her around for a couple of hours. Situated on the 8th floor of a building just behind Vivo City, Jane's Garden has been open for 3 months and has its own lift service on the outside of the building. Upon entering we noticed that Jane's Garden takes up the whole of the 8th floor of the building, to say it was a big place would be an understatement. It has a multitude of rooms to choose to eat, drink and party in. The rooms range from a coffee room (mmmm), a smoking room (for smokers), a reading room (shhhh), private dining rooms (for big business lunches) an outdoor seating area (for views of the city) and even a cinema! The cinema has lots of comfy chairs and can be booked in advance, so if you need to see an illegally downloaded sporting event you could bring it down here to watch with your friends. We spoke to Jane (the owner) and she told us that the restaurant is open from 11am til midnight and they are looking to open it until 00:30am sometime in the future. They have a monthly party night for you to go along and get down to the funky music. It is mostly busy Friday and Saturday nights.

We were shown to our seat, which was in a window, and given the menu. Jane's Garden is really well decorated and has such a homely feel about it. Some of the waiters speak English and Leaf, our server, couldn't do enough for us. As we checked out the menu we were given a cold corona and the wife had a juice, both were great. The menu is mainly a western style menu, it mainly focuses on steaks of which there are in an abundance and are imported from the good old US of A. It also has differing types of menu packages incorporating the steaks with starters, desserts and drinks at a cheaper price. We decided

on a salad, hash browns, soup, mushrooms and 2 steaks. As we waited we felt relaxed and listened to the delightful music that was being played, we thought that Jane's Garden would definitely be the setting for our next date night sometime in 2030. With that the food came, we got the salad, the hash browns, the soup and the mushrooms. Being as we were ravenous we demolished the lot without even realizing the steak had yet to arrive. Once the plates were empty the staff took them away, still no steak. We waited a little longer and low and behold they both came in the middle of our plates. I am not sure what part of the world you are from but usually steaks come with sides, it turned out we had already eaten ours! The steaks, albeit lonely, were 'melt in the mouth' delicious! We ordered some French fries to help them out and it was heaven! For pudding we had a couple of coffees which put us, well me anyway, on the way to endure more walking around shops.

**PROS:** With so many rooms your mood can choose your environment

**CONS:** The steak comes without sides, however I have been told that this is going to change

**Lee and Meme's Recommendation:** STEAK!

简的花园，一家将法式田园情调和美式乡村风格完美融合的西餐俱乐部。总面积1100平方米，有西餐区，咖啡区，雪茄区，美式乡村酒吧，书吧，私人影院，露天花园七个各具特色的独立区域。

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# KOI JAPANESE RESTAURANT

## 锦鲤餐厅

Article By *Jummy Unitas and Giselle Akal*



**K**oi Japanese Restaurant at the Sofitel on Renmin Square is a great place for dining out with a group of your friends. I say this because all of the dishes are served in shareable portions, so finishing a dish by yourself can be a challenge, especially if you want to sample more than two or three items off their menu. And, I highly suggest sampling! I felt like a kid in a candy store when I was flipping back and forth through the menu, trying to decide what to get.

We started off by ordering a sample platter of different kinds of sushi: tuna, mackerel, cod, salmon and clam, served with a small helping of roe on the side, which I think was meant to be a palate cleanser, but I couldn't be sure. The pop-squirt-salt of caviar isn't really my thing.



A basket of assorted vegetable and seafood tempura was up next. This was served with a small bowl tempura dipping sauce (flavored soy sauce was my guess) and was a little bit on the greasy side. I know, I know, tempura is deep fried, of course it's going to be oily. But I felt like a little more time on the rack or a pat down with a paper towel or something would have made the tempura a little more agreeable.

The dish I was most excited about eating was the whole grilled squid. Just ordering it off the menu was exciting because it isn't often I get to order a whole anything,

far less a whole sea creature from the deep! In my mind there was an 8mm-esque homemade movie playing of Captain Nero battling a giant squid and taking it down with a swift stroke of his spear, and then carving it up and preparing it for my table in Koi's kitchen.

Just to keep things equal opportunity, we ordered some turf to balance out the surf and had a plate of the grass-fed Australian beef. The filet was served in cubes with a beautiful au jus dipping bowl on the side, and it was I must say, an excellent piece of meat. Succulent, tender, juicy, everything you want a filet to be.

**PROS:** The steak and the squid were the best things at Koi. The preparation and presentation were divine

**CONS:** The staff was breaking down around 9:30pm so the place seems to close early. So, if you go there, you should plan to make it an early dinner

### GISELLE AND JIMMY'S RECOMMENDATION:

The Australian beef was the best thing we had that night.

根据日本禅宗的概念，Koi日式餐厅被装饰成黑、白、红三种颜色。餐厅颇具格调，除了主要的用餐区域，我们还没有安静舒适的铁板烧区域和3个榻榻米包间。餐厅的厨师们现场演绎独到的飞刀铁板厨艺，完美的将烧烤与艺术融合在一起，铁板上滋滋作响的新鲜美食，无论是神户牛肉还是鲜活海味，都会触动您的每根神经。

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# Bar Review



## WEEBLE ART CAFÉ & SHOP 不倒娃娃

Article By *Johnson Jiang*



I've always liked autumn, not only because I was born in this season, but also because autumn is an attractive time of year. Golden leaves falling, birds flying south; everything seems to come together in one beautiful scene.

Since autumn is such a great and beautiful time of year I wanted to introduce a bar that equals the beauty of the season, so I chose Weeble Art Café & Shop. It's more than just a place to have some drinks, art is also a big part of the café.

A few months ago, Weeble quietly opened its doors in the shadow of the city wall between Wenchang Gate and Heping Gate. It's a small and intimate setting that can only fit about 15 people total but the smallness and closeness of it all creates an atmosphere of individuality, as if the café is open only for you.

Not very hard to find, Weeble has a big wood covering outside the café and tiny patio that seats two; it's all quite different from their neighbors. Stepping inside the menu is printed on a long and skinny blackboard decorated not only with item names but pictures drawn daily, which I found really unique and interesting.

The few tables and couches inside are all arranged around the individual design, but don't just sit down, take a moment to look around at the paintings, sculptures, post cards, chairs, lamps, and various other eye catching things scattered over the area.

Ordering a cup of coffee you will most likely be talking with either the boss and or his girlfriend, who are also both artists. Weeble has connections with local artists and foreign artists, and many of them put their works here to sell meaning that everything you see here (even the cups) are for sale.

I don't know anything about art and design, but I know what I like and to be honest they have some good stuff that I really want to steal and take it home (it's just a thought).

Since they have put lots of attention on the art and design aspect of the café the drinks here lack variety—common coffee, various juices, domestic beer and a few kinds of imported beer are all on offer.

If you are a big fan of art and design, then head over and check out Weeble Art Café & Shop. It's one of the more interesting small cafés opened in Xi'an, that can provide refreshment and revitalization.

**PRO:** Quiet place with plenty of art and design works

**CON:** The drink selection is too simple

### JOHNSON'S RECOMMENDATION:

Having a cold beer and looking at the interesting pieces of art.

我一直都很中意秋天这个季节，不仅是因为我出生在秋季，而且秋天确实很迷人。金黄色树叶一片片的落下伴随着鸟儿的迁徙，秋天带给人的除了美，就是美。

在这样一个美丽的季节，我就来介绍一个充满艺术气息的咖啡馆——不倒娃娃，这是个和艺术有着千丝百缕关系的地方

几个月前，不倒娃娃开在了文昌门和和平门之间的顺城巷里，这是一家很小的店，坐满也就15个人左右，但在这里喝咖啡并不是主要的，交流艺术和设计才是这的主打。

不倒娃娃并不难找，在这段顺城巷里他们门前的镂空木架装饰很显眼。步入大门，右边是一个又高又窄的黑板，黑板上全是这里饮品的名字和饮品大概样子的素描，这些写意的素描把饮品描述的有声有色。

店里的几张桌椅和各种各样的艺术品交错重叠，进来后，你需要的不只是5分钟来扫视满屋子的艺术设计品，大到台灯，小到咖啡杯，每样东西都值得细细查看。

点上一杯咖啡，与老板静静地聊上一会，这里原来是一个艺术设计交流的地方，设计师们把他们的作品都放在这里，你能在这看到的大多数东西甚至连店内的桌椅都是可以买卖的。我对艺术一直没有太多的见解，但我却对这里的一些东西颇有兴趣，甚至有搞几件回家的想法。

由于将大部分精力都放在了艺术品上，这的饮品种类也就相对少了许多，咖啡和国产啤酒以及几款比利时的进口啤酒是你在这里唯一的选择。

如果你是一个艺术迷的话，来这里和老板及其他的设计师们聊聊彼此的创意，交流下生活岂不是一件美哉的事情。

**优点:** 安静的环境及大量艺术品的展示。

**缺点:** 饮品选择相对单一。

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## GRILLED FISH WITH COLD TOMATO SAUCE 冷番茄酱烤鱼



### Need 用料：

- 5 Tomatoes ( 番茄 )
- 30 Black Olives ( 黑橄榄 )
- 10 g Herb mix ( 香草混合 )  
(Rosemary <迷迭香>, Chive <细香葱>, Parsley <欧芹>, Coriander <芫荽>, Basil <罗勒>, Marjoram <牛至>)
- Olive Oil ( 橄榄油 )
- Fish (any kind you like)  
( 鱼 <任选> )
- Salt and Pepper 盐和胡椒粉

### Preparation 做法：

- 1) *Deseed the tomatoes and cut them into cubes*  
把番茄切成立方体
- 2) *Cut the olives in quarters, and cut into small strips*  
把黑橄榄切成小条状
- 3) *Chop all herbs for the herb mix*  
香草混合物全部切碎混合
- 4) *Combine all ingredients and season with salt and pepper*  
把所有材料放在一起用盐和胡椒调味做酱汁
- 5) *Mix very gently, so that the tomatoes are not mashed*  
混合搅拌时要轻轻的，以免番茄碎掉
- 6) *Season the fish with the herb mix.*  
用香草混合物把鱼调味
- 7) *Grill the fish with the flesh side down first until golden brown then flip it to the skin side (Ensure the fish is well done)*  
烤鱼先将有肉的一面烤至金黄色再翻面烤制有皮的那一面
- 8) *Arrange on a plate, spoon the sauce over.*  
鱼放置盘中，把酱汁浇上去即可

### \*Chef Radi's Handy Tip 厨师提示：

*Perch, Pangasius or Sole are all good fish for this but you can choose any white fish with firm meat.*  
鲈鱼，鲶鱼都是很好的选择。你可以尽管选择自己喜欢的鱼类。

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# THYME RISOTTO

## 百里香饭



### Need 用料:

- 350 g Risotto Rice (意大利调味米)
- 50 ml Olive Oil (橄榄油)
- 50 g Onion (chopped) (洋葱切碎)
- 10 g Garlic (chopped) (洋葱切碎)
- Thyme (chopped) (百里香切碎)
- 50 g Parmesan Cheese (意大利调干酪) (grated or thinly sliced) (搓碎或薄片)
- 700 ml Vegetable Stock (蔬菜汤)
- 50 ml White wine (白酒)

### Preparation 做法:

- 1) Put the chopped onion and garlic into a pan over low heat and fry slowly in olive oil until they are shiny  
平底锅中用橄榄油小火慢慢的炒切碎的洋葱和大蒜直到色泽出来
- 2) Add the risotto rice and fry it as well slowly on low heat until it is shiny as well  
把调味米加入锅中小火慢慢一起炒
- 3) Add the white wine and vegetable stock and bring to a boil  
加入白酒和蔬菜汤直到煮沸
- 4) Set it aside on very low heat for about 15 minutes, stirring occasionally  
小火慢煮15分钟，时不时搅拌下
- 5) If the mixture gets too dry add vegetable stock as necessary  
如果煮的太干可适当加入蔬菜汁
- 6) In the last 5 minutes add the thyme  
最后5分钟的时候加入百里香
- 7) Before serving add the cheese and if necessary add more vegetable stock to make it creamy  
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# XI'AN TOP 5

## HAIRY CRAB RESTAURANTS

You might not know but October in China is a veritable feast of crustacean goodness, this is the month that the Hairy Crabs mature and find themselves ready for kitchens all over the country – and Xi'an is no exception. If you've seen the Styrofoam boxes with tied up crabs then you are already acquainted with these clawed wonders. The season only lasts from mid-September to the end of October so don't miss your chance for one of the least known but tastiest seasons of the year! Once again our fearless (and hungry) intern Jessica headed out into the city to give us a breakdown on the best places in town for a crabby feast.

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### Shanghai Garden Restaurant – 上海花园餐厅

Address/地址: 1F Shanggai Office, 2# Zhu Que Street, Bei Lin Qu (碑林区朱雀大街北端2号上海办事处1楼(近友谊西路))  
Phone/电话: 029-87882492

Since this restaurant is right under the local Shanghai government office, it serves Authentic Shanghai food just as expected. Every dish is delicately prepared, but a bit small in my opinion. If you've been in a real Shanghai restaurant, you couldn't tell the difference. Authentic crabs take a very prominent role in Shanghai food, especially in this season, so don't miss them!



PRICE:  
¥70

2

### Corner Restaurant – 角落私房菜

Address/地址: 403Room 18# Building Du Shi Yin Xiang, Ke Ji Road, Gao Xin Qu (高新区科技路西口都市印象Solo街区18号楼403室(华润万家正对面))  
Phone/电话: 029-68558205 Hours: 11:00 am - 11:00 pm

This is home style cuisine located in a residential area which might be a bit hard to discover on your own. Not a lot of people know about this place, but it is well worth the trip. Once you get there you'll shake off your tiredness and enjoy your time with friends sitting on the terrace and tasting delicious crabs (besides crabs they have a ton of tasty dishes waiting for you!).



PRICE:  
¥70

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### Xi Duo Wu International Seafood Cafeteria – 喜多屋国际海鲜料理

Address/地址: 7F Yin Tai Zhong Huan Square, 48# Western Avenue, Bei Lin Qu (碑林区西大街48号银泰中环广场7楼(近竹笆市))  
Phone/电话: 029-85258800

Hours: 12:00 am - 3:00 pm 6:00 pm - 10:00 pm

This place has a huge selection of seafood to satisfy your desires but specialize in king crabs and fresh oysters. This is a busy and popular restaurant so some items might run out or become available depending on demand. And most likely you won't want to go there on the weekends because it is PACKED. If it's possible try weekdays, because the smaller crowd will spare you more room to gorge yourselves.



PRICE:  
¥100  
¥200

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**Rui Cheng Chinese Restaurant – 瑞成中国餐厅**

Address/地址: 5# Gao Xin 2nd Road, Gao Xin Qu (高新区高新二路5号(近光德路))

Phone/电话: 029-88275555

PRICE:  
¥100

This restaurant offers food prepared in a variety of different regional styles, such as Shan, Chuan, Xiang and so forth. With a thick and diverse menu, there is almost an infinite number of choices for you try from all over China. The service here is fairly good, even if you show up with a big group. Keep in mind that this place is a bit pricy but it's definitely worth it.



5

**Xu Ji Seafood Restaurant – 徐记海鲜酒楼**

Address/地址: 1F Ya Mei Wei Bo Square, 395# Western South 2nd Ring, Yan Ta Qu (雁塔区南二环西段395号亚美伟博广场1楼(近丰庆公园))

Phone/电话: 029-62869688

PRICE:  
¥140

The hairy crabs here are said to be specially supplied from Yang Cheng Lake, a famous place for producing the best hairy crabs (would that make them more hairy you think?). Undoubtedly, the seafood is fresh, tasty, and served in dedicate dishes with amazing garnishes. How tasty is it exactly? Have a nice family adventure here, and tell me what you think!

**\*Eating hairy crabs does has some rules you should know;**

1. Never ever eat crabs that were dead or sick before being cooked
2. Only eat cooked crabs, not raw
3. Eat with vinegar or ginger, but not with persimmon or eggplant
4. Don't eat too much, even if they are soooooo delicious!



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# FUPING POTTERY ART VILLAGE



Article by *XIANEASE*





Often the case of what's advertised and what's delivered is a difference of magnitude of a fast food menu and the resulting paper wrapped "burger". While this issue is something that we all deal with (sometimes on a daily basis) it's never really something that we get used to. Grand images and flowery words leave a dry disappointed taste in our collective mouths when we discover that yet again Photoshop and a thesaurus were aptly used in place of quality.

Expectations is a difficult master, when met nothing positive happens, but if let down even a little bit an avalanche of emotion can surge forward and destroy an entire setting in a blink of an eye. That is why when expectations are exceeded it is such a big deal, (Alternatively you could just keep your expectations low and be pleasantly surprised ALL THE TIME...but then what would you complain about?) and for us the Fuping Pottery Art Village in Fuping exceeded ours greatly.

Located in (no kidding) Fuping home of Xi Jinping's Father this world renowned ceramic center attracts artists from all over the world but very few tourists. It's only been opened since 2010 but they already have over 10000 artistic pieces from over 600 artists from over 50 countries...in other words there is a lot to see. In fact they have 11 galleries divided by country or region, each one with a unique layout and feel.

Yes most of the displays are pottery and ceramic related, and it's easy to dismiss this with a "seen one pot you've seen them all" statement and trundle off to download the latest episode of Hannibal (a truly terrifying TV series) but to do that would leave you missing out on one of the best places that Xianease has chanced to visit in a long time...and none of us are really into pottery either.

The first thing to realize is that the art here isn't actually all that many vases and pots, it's a lot more installation and contemporary than that with a new display around every corner, and that's the second thing that makes this place so interesting...the corners...the entire buildings actually - almost each



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gallery is in its own building, and each building is designed with open light spaces, curves, nooks, crannies, and niches that even if empty would be an interesting enough adventure to explore.

The entire complex, some 10,000 SQM or so is well landscaped in a park like atmosphere so that as you walk between galleries there is a flow of art that meshes outside and in. The end of one gallery doesn't mean the abrupt startling of the senses - that means that even for those NOT-in-the-know time seems to fly as you are immersed in the setting in its entirety.

Every year they choose an additional artist from around the world to come to the village several times a year to work and create on the premises. They are usually world renown ceramic artists and they work in the open where you can watch and interact with them. Currently they have invited a woman from India who is in the midst of making Terra Cotta Warriors in a traditional Indian style.

One of the great things about the art here is that it is all done by artists that have created their pieces while staying in the village, so each piece is a reflection of the emotions and feelings of the artist in the very spot you are viewing their piece - there is something connecting about that, almost an emotional string through time that brings you closer to the piece and its creator. Each artist also has a write-up hanging on the wall by their collection written in the artists own hand about the theme or imagery they wanted to convey in the pieces.

It's something to note that though they host artists from around the world at different times many of the artists have similar themes. While the implementation of these themes may vary in its transposition into clay the thread is similar. An interesting thought about the thread of humanity in all of us no matter where we are from...or maybe all this art is making us wax poetical about esoteric nonsense.

At some point you just might take a step back and say to yourself (or others), "Ok I've seen me some art...now what?" and that's a fair question to ask as well - it takes about two hours to get there so it should be more than just a brief walk around right? Well they also have one of the most relaxing and peaceful coffee shops we've been to. We didn't try any

of the coffee so there is no judgment on that but for the setting alone (they have rocking chairs!) we would put up with instant coffee. The prices aren't expensive (RMB 20 for a coffee of normal size) and they offer a few small treats and tea as well.

Let's say all the pottery and amazing buildings have put you in the mood to try your hand at it, don't worry about that because they have you covered here too. Just across from the guest artist studio they have an open studio for the young and old alike, it's RMB 40 for 90 minutes at the wheel or to free form with clay. If you end up making an amazing piece you can get it fired for about RMB 10 - so go ahead and remake that ashtray for dear old Dad (who knows maybe this one he won't hide in the cupboard).

If you're there a bit longer they also have two larger restaurants on site, that although don't come close to the amazing atmosphere of the coffee shop, they do serve up inexpensive meals that will fill you up.

The thing to take away from all the extraneous features of the village is that unlike other attractions that dig you with admission, then dig you with concessions this place is more about the art and the presentation than about an expensive coke.

Expectations are funny things, and though as a rule lower is better it's always nice when you can breathe a sigh of contentment. When not only do you feel the experience justifies the price but when you feel it's an actual value beyond the money paid. Though it's been said that Xi'an has a dearth of artistic expressionism maybe the times are changing and soon Photoshop won't be needed, the thesaurus retired and expectations will finally be met and even exceeded.

## NAME ▼

Fuping Pottery Art Village (富平陶艺村)

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*Unfortunately there is no direct bus but it's not that difficult to get to:*

*From the North Bus Station take any Fuping bus and from the bus station take a taxi (a five minute taxi ride).*



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# HISTORICAL XI'AN - DAHUA

Article By *Phil Atkinson*

Between the time when the Dahua Textile Factory opened its doors 1936, and the rise of China's Opening Up policies, there was an age undreamed of. And unto this, the Dahua 1935 Project, destined to establish the Dahua Industrial Relics Museum near the Daming Palace National Heritage Site.

In the last two articles, we looked at the foundation of the Dahua Textile Factory and its significance in China's wartime economy, followed by its survival as an industry leader through China's turbulent 1950s, 60s, and early 70s. We left off in the late 1970s, when national economic reforms began changing the way business was done in China and, in particular, who the customers could be. As a big player in the Chinese textile industry, this made long awaited opportunities available to Dahua workers.

Policy changes were nothing new, and Dahua's employees had come to expect little more from them than a name change and some new certificates for the office walls. This



time, it was different. For the first time in decades, words like 'export' and 'international' were being tossed around as very imminent reality. Coastal cities were already starting to see foreign investments, and export shipments were getting bigger every month.

Having one of the most modern factories in the region, Dahua's employees were exceedingly optimistic, from the administration offices to the factory floor. This enthusiasm helped finance a series of major renovations to the facility that began in July, 1980. They included expansions of the housing compound and spinning workshop, and a huge new boiler room. Much of the machinery was upgraded or replaced with newer, higher-capacity equipment. New cotton mills improved the quality of the textiles being

produced, earning Dahua renewed recognition for quality and efficiency. Some of its products were even awarded by the Ministry of Foreign Trade and Economics.

In 1983, there was a complete restructuring of the administration. Though the majority of its orders were still coming from the military and it was still officially a state-owned enterprise, this restructuring was dubbed a 'corporate overhaul', another promising sign of progress.

In 1985, the affiliated 'Dahua Construction and Installation Company' was established. In 1986, the whole organization became host to a military demobilization and resettlement program. New families poured into Xi'an, necessitating a five-year expansion of the company housing facilities and supporting infrastruc-

ture. Most of the older, smaller buildings were demolished to make way for taller, higher density apartment complexes. In May, 1990, the company began publishing its internal newsletter, 'New Dahua News'. In October, cable televisions were provided to more than 1,800 of Dahua's employees and their families. 20 million RMB was invested in these expansion and development projects (a massive amount of money at the time). With well-funded competition popping up every year, this was considered a dangerously risky investment.

The new scale of operations made it the ideal enterprise for a new Shaanxi Provincial labour and wage insurance reform pilot program, and it was once again selected for management and operations reform. Over the next few years, Dahua's many departments were used to implement ever-changing production and marketing strategies. Renovations and machinery changes were constantly under way in support of new operational strategies.

These events essentially bid farewell to decades of China's fixed employment system. Under the old system, workers, once signed with an employer like Dahua, were effectively secured for life. Employment, housing, medical care, and education for the kids were all provided by the company. But not anymore.

Regular changes to all levels of Dahua's organization and operations continued through the remainder of the decade. By 2000, after a series of industry-wide adjustment and mergers, the company was now part of the Shaanxi Tang Hua Textile Group Company. Now under fully corporate leadership, corporate strategies could be implemented. To facilitate the company's listing, the entire operation was downsized to simplify management and reduce the massive cost of supporting so many affiliated communities and

redundant operations. In March, 2001, the name was changed for the last time and a listing ceremony was held for the newly dubbed 'Shaanxi Dahua Textile Co., Ltd.'.

Though operations (and provincial awards) continued for Dahua, it's parent organization, the Xi'an Tang Hua Group, did not fare so well in its other endeavours. It filed for bankruptcy in 2008 and closed its facilities, ending the Dahua factory's 72 years of operation. What's left of it is being converted into the Dahua Industrial Relics Museum and shopping arcade. Renamed "Dahua 1935" the international designers and architects have come together to produce a contemporary blend of Dahua's amazing history and modern architecture.

It's a complicated story, but so was China throughout the 20th century. Anyone who has tried to study its history knows that. What makes the Dahua Textile Company worth its own museum (and 3 months worth of Xianese articles) is that we can trace it through all of China's changes, all the way back to 1935. Through it, we see the ground-level application of Party initiatives, ideologies, and strategies; important things that are so often overshadowed by the big names, grand concepts, and national monuments.

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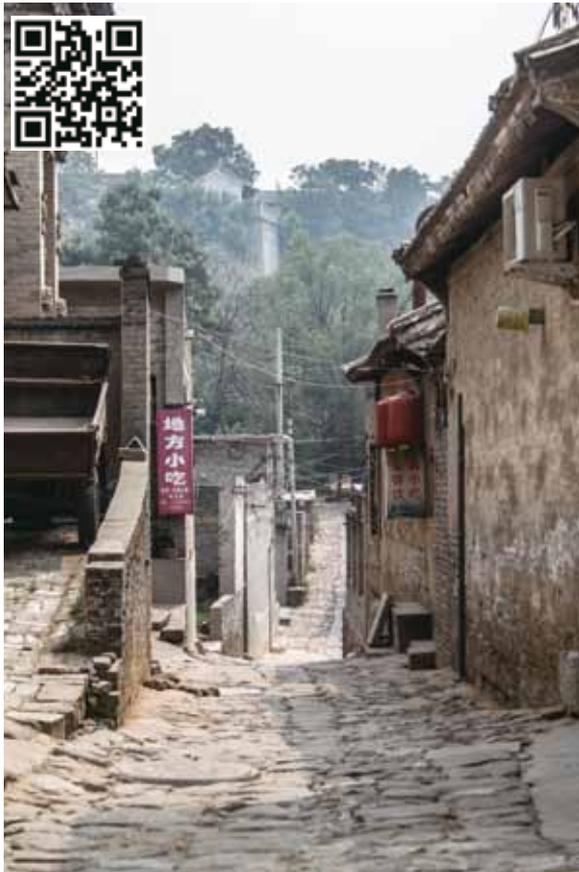
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# Rivalling Pingyao

Article by *Deborah Howard*

Looking for a weekend away? Interested in ancient Chinese lifestyle? Well, there is always Pingyao – BUT – a little closer and nowhere near as ‘touristy’ is Hancheng County, with its small village, Dangjiacun, Sima Qian’s temple and Hancheng itself.

The area is north-east of Xi’an, not far from Weinan. Dangjiacun is an easy drive and is located in a nice little valley. Cars stop at the top of the mountain and visitors can look down to see the lovely old roof lines, pagoda and into the small courtyards of the village. This is a 600-800 year old village, preserved nicely and interesting to walk through.

The majority of the population are either from the Dang or Jia families, and seem to have understood the value of preservation rather than renovation. Cobblestones cover the streets, old people sit out in the sun on huge logs, chatting and sharing fresh dates with the few tourists that pop in.

Guides are available, although not very many English speakers, so it may be worthwhile to bring a Chinese friend with you. The buildings are open to visitors, including some of the family houses. It isn’t unusual to be walking along and hear a bit of singing or erhu playing from a house just down the road.

Inscriptions on boards hung over the doorways of the houses tell of the status of the family and of their generosity or kindness. A few of the dwellings have been semi-converted into small shops where you can have your name written in beautiful, highly coloured calligraphy, or buy souvenirs. However, there is no pressure and often the salesperson or artisan is just happy to chat and show you his or her work.

Dangjiacun has a country restaurant to eat in, but if you head back to Hancheng there are many other choices of eateries.

Hancheng is also known for its old buildings, especially in ‘Old Hancheng’, but these are not being as well preserved, and seem to be rapidly being torn down and replaced with the ever-present high rises. 140 ancient architectural buildings of the Tang, Song, Ming, Yuan and Qing Dynasties (618-1911), and more than 20 of the ancient architectures of the Yuan Dynasty (1271-1368) are listed. Will they survive modernisation?

Inside Old Hancheng is a lovely temple, Confucius Temple. This one is really pleasant to spend an hour or so in, wandering through the halls and pottering in the garden.



Again, there are few tourists and so a peaceful potter is on the cards.

Sima Qian – the famous historian – was born here, and outside the city is his temple, high on an outcrop overlooking the valley. This one is a little bit of a hike, so good for the energetic visitor.

Dragon Gate is located on the Yellow River, not far from the city and it is possible in good weather to have a short boat trip to see the dam wall and reservoir. Here the Yellow River becomes the dividing line between Shanxi and Shaanxi. Yu the Great built a tunnel through the mountain to alleviate the flooding from the river, and this is why it then became called Dragon Gate.

Hancheng is a mining city, and as such can suffer some really bad smog. If it is clear, then Hancheng is definitely worth a weekend, but if the smog is bad, just a day trip is enough.

Trains leave Xi'an twice a day for Hancheng, but not at especially useful times, so driving (bus or private car) is a better option. Hancheng has a number of reasonable hotels, and restaurants serving local food (including their own style of noodles) as well as the usual food options.

Admission to Dangjiacun is 30Y, Confucius Temple 10Y and Sima Qian temple 35Y. From Hancheng it is really easier to hire a taxi for the day to cover the village, Sima Qian Temple and Dragon Gate.

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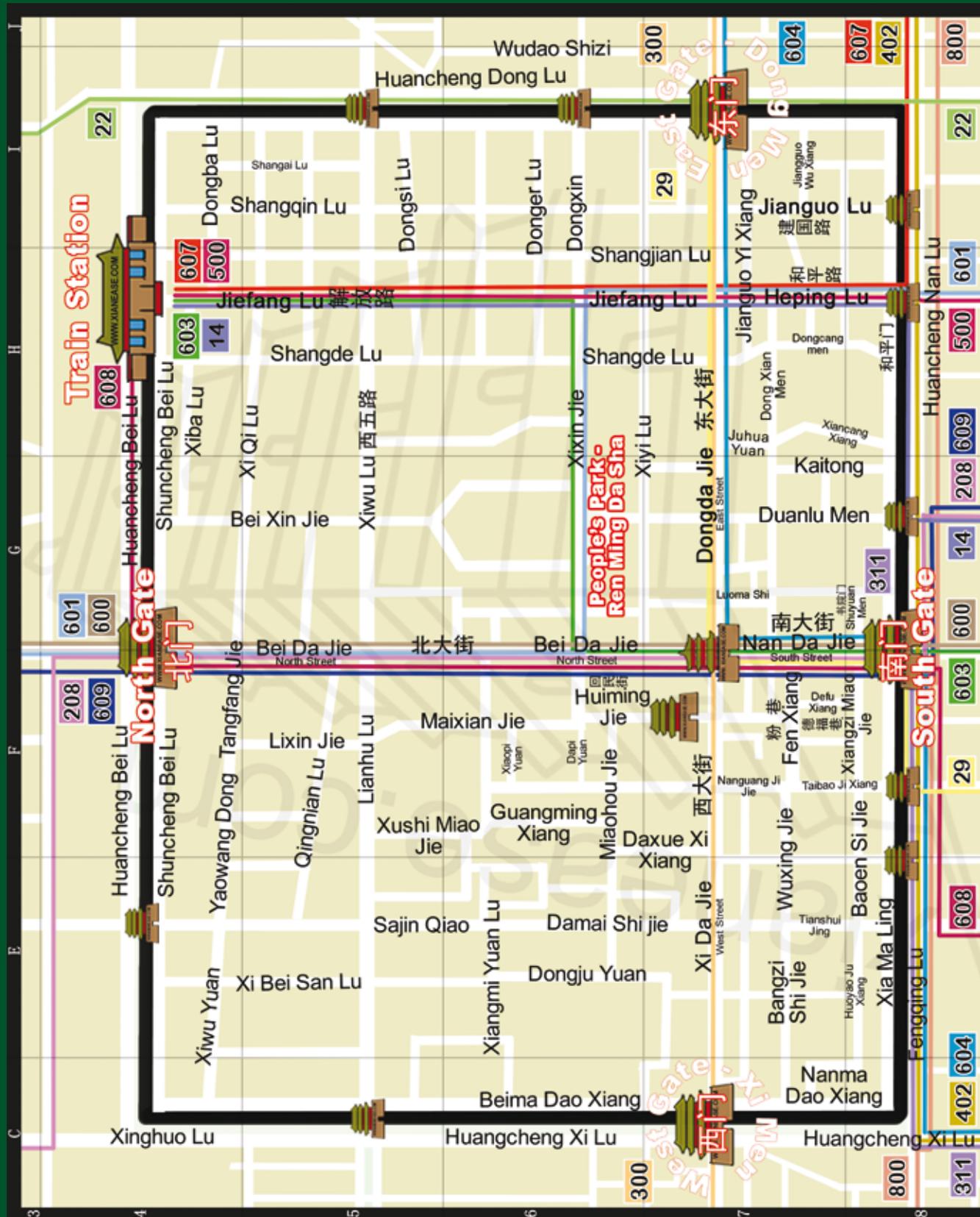
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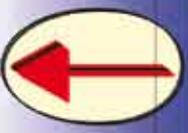


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温度、酒精、糖分、酸度、丹宁（红葡萄酒）、香味（通常与闻香中发现的味道相同）、演变（年轻，适于饮用，陈年，过期）、陈年潜力（适宜储存，适宜现饮，过期）

葡萄酒的温度十分容易感觉到，例如冰、冷、或者热。

酒精则是喉咙深处感受到的辛辣感。

甜味敏感区在舌尖，在一些特级甜味酒中我们能感受到一种平滑的感觉（比如：苏玳，蒙巴齐亚克，圣十字峰...）

酸度在舌头的两侧感受明显，并且产生唾液（在一些甜味酒中被检验出酸度的方法）

单宁存在于红葡萄酒中，口感干燥，感觉嘴巴有点“粗糙”。

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葡萄酒的演变可以从香气中检测出（果香，花香等...），比如一款年轻的葡萄酒是红色水果的香气，对于一款升华的葡萄酒它具有红色果酱的香味，而一款过期的葡萄酒则有烂水果的味道。

陈年潜力的酒可以以几个方面来评估，红葡萄酒中的单宁，红、白葡萄酒中的酸度，糖分和酒精，葡萄酒包含的这些元素越饱满，越具有陈年潜力，并且在未来其口感是非常完美的，一款葡萄酒越是年轻，以上元素的特点就越明显，越陈年，以上的元素越能更好的融合在一起，为那些愿意等待（有些20年以上）特级酒的人而准备。

祝各位品鉴愉快。

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# WINE TASTING - TASTE

Article by *windculture*

This month we will continue talking about wine tasting focusing on taste.

Properly tasting wine is composed of several steps:

First we must take a small sip of wine in the mouth, then Grumer (French word) meaning drawing in air to allow the flavors of the wine to more easily diffuse into the mouth.

This give us information on:

**Temperature** - iced, cold, hot

**Alcohol content** - hot in the back of the throat

**Sugar** - from the tip of your tongue - will feel a kind of smoothness in the liquid (some great sweet wines are Sauternes, Monbazillac, and Saint Croix du Mont)

**Acidity** - detected on the sides of the tongue and saliva (this is mainly how to detect the acidity in sweet wines)

**Tannins** - for red wines (the mouth feels dried and a little bit "rough")

**Aromas** - usually the same as we find in the nose of the wine

**Evolution** - too young, ready, old

or past

**Aging potential** - ripen, drink now, past

The actual flavors of wine are divided into six groups:

1. Floral (acacia, honey, pink etc ...)
2. Fruity (strawberry, blackcurrant, raspberry, apple, etc ...)
3. Spicy (pepper, cinnamon, etc ...)
4. Animal (butter, leather, etc ...)
5. Grass (grass, pepper, mushroom, etc ...)
6. Grilled (caramel, coffee, chocolate, etc ...)

The aging potential of a wine cannot be assessed without several aspects. Tannins (red wines), the acidity, the sugar, and the alcohol content all play a part in the potential. A wine richer in these elements can be kept longer and will age better making it taste better in the future. The younger a wine is the more obvious these elements are. The older a wine gets the more blended these elements become meaning the more drinkable it will taste (20 years in some cases).

Good degustation!

The Xi'an Wine Club by Windculture meets once a month at the Windculture Wine Studio in Gaoxin. You can find more out more about them at [www.xianease.com/wine](http://www.xianease.com/wine) or follow them on weibo: @windculture

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# Temple of the Eight Immortals (Ba Xian An)

Article by *Emma Fan*

So you yawn at the thought of making another pilgrimage to the Terracotta Warriors. You've traveled around the City Wall on those rickety bikes so much that you've developed permanent lower-back problems. And you already know how to find the best noodles on any given corner in the Muslim Quarter. You think you've seen everything this town has to offer and only dream about squeezing a few more drops out of Xi'an with a new sightseeing kick. Well, have we got the place for you: The Temple of the Eight Immortals (or Ba Xian An), just a small jaunt east of the city wall.

## The Skinny

The temple is the largest Taoist temple in Xi'an and is well-known in the Northwest China region for its impressive Taoist architecture. However, until you walk up to its gates, you will think you are in the wrong spot. The temple is nestled in a nondescript, modest section of Xi'an, up a

100 meter alley that's lined with cheap souvenir vendors, beggars, and fortune tellers. But this is not a tourist trap. Chances are you will see very few foreigners there. Once you've braved it past the chaotic flea market scene, you'll find yourself at the temple. It will cost you just 3 yuan to enter and, if you are lucky, you can catch a glimpse of Taoist monks, who still perform daily rituals at the temple to this day. There is also a musical instrument show every day at 3pm.

Once inside the grounds, be prepared to absorb a plethora of architectural and artistic wonders. As soon as you enter the gate, the majestic bell and drum towers rise on either side of you. Walk through the courtyard and enter the first hall. Inside the halls are impressive steles, fresco-like paintings, and the statues of the Eight Immortals. The highlight of the trip is the intricately-designed color statues of the immortals in the Eight Immortals Hall (the second hall of the second section). Towards the rear of the temple lies a



Chaos in the flea market leading up to the temple



Beautiful exterior of the main hall

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garden and a (delicious!) vegan restaurant.

## Historically Speaking

Said to have been built during the Song Dynasty (960 AD – 1279 AD), the temple was dedicated to the eight immortals revered by the Taoists. Successive dynasties have renovated and expanded the structure and grounds to what it consists of today. During the Boxer Rebellion (1899-1901), Empress Cixi Dowager and Emperor Guangxu fled Beijing during and took refuge in the temple. Today, the temple is protected and designated as a “national Key temple” by the State Council.

## Annual Events

On the 14th, 15th, and 16th day of the fourth lunar month (May 12-14, 2014), the temple hosts an annual fair. On the 9th day of the 9th lunar month (October 13, 2013), ceremonies and religious activities are held to celebrate the Double Nine Festival.

## How to get there

Taxi: Ask to go to Ba Xian An (八仙庵)

Bus: Two options —

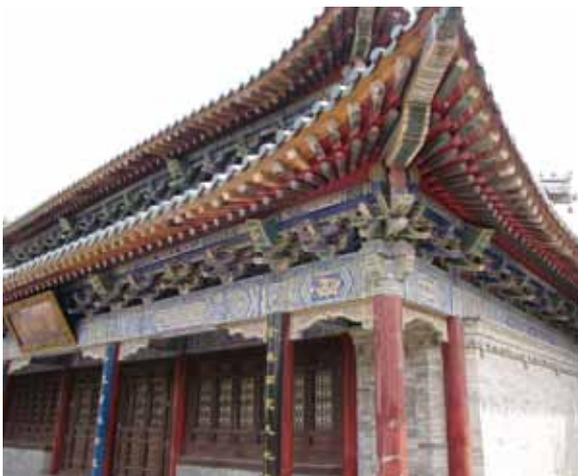
(1) Take bus no. 709 and get off at Ba Xian An Stop.

(2) Take buses no. 8, 27, 37, 43, 203, 300, 602, 604, K630, 704, 709, 721 or Tourist Bus No.10, and get off at Jishiguai Stop; walk east; turn left at Gengxin Street; turn right on Changlefang Street and walk east for 100 meters; you'll see the entrance to the alley with the vendors on your left.

Hours of operation: 9:00am to 5:00pm

Entrance fee: 3 yuan

Emma is a local Xi'an tour guide, you can learn more about her and her tours at [www.emmastours.com](http://www.emmastours.com)



Koi wishing fountain in courtyard area



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# It's Quite Safe, Now

Article by *Christian Dzadek*

Encapsulated by the damp thickness of the air and the narrow, subterranean causeways and the claustrophobic feeling that comes from being underground, I searched desperately for our tour guide's flashlight. The cool, earthen walls – boasting temperatures much cooler than the topside air – seemed to squeeze in around me, and I wondered if I'd come to the village of Zhangbi only to die underground.

"Don't worry," our tour guide said from just around a bend, "It's quite safe, now."

The final tourist stop on my journey in and around the Shanxi town of Ping Yao was the village of Zhangbi – famous for its intricate system of underground tunnels built for the military around 1300 years ago. I'd heard of the tunnels, which was why I'd included Zhangbi in my itinerary, but I was surprised to find the tunnels to be one among many significant features of this small village.

To begin with, Zhangbi stands among several low mountains, and is imbued – particularly by Daoist monks – with great spiritual significance. The entire village was built according to the twenty-eight constellations of the Chinese zodiac. The astrological elements combine into four zones: green dragon, white tiger, phoenix, and a serpent/turtle creature, and the layout of the city corresponds to

these four zones at North, South, East and West.

The area of the village is quite small, but there are numerous temples to Daoist 'deities' – by which they often mean ancestors, or people who lived and became so famous and venerated for one thing or another that they now have temples built in their honor. There's the god of war, crops, success in business. There's even a literature god inside a narrow tower which hopeful students often climb in order to ask for a favorable test score.

The Feng Shui in Zhangbi is about a lot more than the placement of furniture or the use of natural light. All the water flows a certain way, in order to attain financial blessing and favor. One particular temple was constructed in such a way that the bare light of the sun never touched the idol's back.

One cannot help walking the mud streets of Zhangbi and feeling a chill beneath the idols' eyes. Even the stray dogs seem wide-eyed and on edge.

That's Zhangbi above ground. Beneath the village lies the tunnel system of military and historical significance.

The tunnels were originally constructed approximately 1300 years ago, but they were used and expanded by several generals over the course of centuries. The outpost



was meant to be kept secret, which is one reason Zhangbi never grew to be a large town, even though important military figures took refuge and ran military drills there throughout the course of Chinese history.

The tunnels run at three distinct depths and double-back on each other in numerous places. "To confuse the enemy," our tour guide said. "Look, there is a thin place in level two. A trap for enemies who did not know to step carefully. But don't worry. It's quite safe, now."

Almost every room has multiple entrances, some of them secret. The longer passageways have hidden enclaves from which soldiers can jump out and surprise the enemy.

"See here," the tour guide pointed out. "If the enemy surprises us, we can close the gates and rain down arrows. No one would survive."

Zhangbi is remarkable in that the subterranean layout of the city mimics its outward visage. Nearly every feature of the tunnel system – from the trap doors to the crooked tunnels – seems designed for defense. Likewise, the architecture and above-ground layout is intended to cultivate spiritual protection and blessing.

The glazed roofs are beautiful and the military history is fascinating, but Zhangbi is special for a more profound reason. It is an outward representation of the Chinese value of security. While Contemporary Chinese culture may not look to old tunnels or the zodiac for protection, the notion of a secure, stable life is still highly prized. Contemporary Chinese culture builds a different sort of artifice to achieve security, but the value stands the same:

It's important to feel that things are "quite safe" now.

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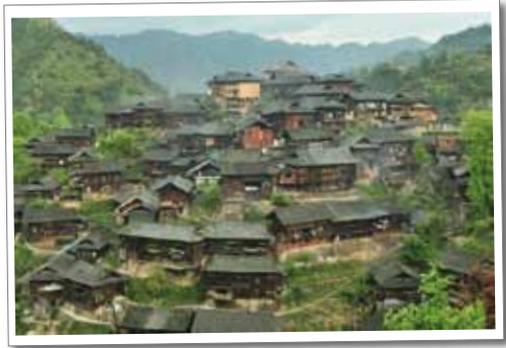
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# AT HOME IN CHINA

## 在中国的家

Article by *Carolyn*



The little school in the Miao village of NanHua was a happy place and I looked forward to the lessons I gave there twice a week. The children were as bright as new buttons. They'd never studied English before and I was the first foreigner most of them had ever spoken to. The kind headmaster gave me no books or guidelines to follow so the children and I made up our own lessons. This suited all of us perfectly. A few minutes before I was due at the school I would grab my large straw basket and fly round the house collecting things. A lump of coal, a comb, a feather, a doll, an orange, a chicken bone, a shell. And with my basket crammed I'd hurry down to the little wooden schoolroom and my waiting students.

The lessons took on a life and shape of their own. An empty floor turned out to be the most useful space for us so as soon as I arrived the children set about rearranging the room. The whole school, all three classes attended and it was much easier for everyone to feel involved if we formed a great circle 2 or even 3 deep with the desks and chairs on the periphery. With our stage clear and the children babbling enthusiastically I would draw a circle, triangle, square and oblong in chalk on the floor then sit myself in the centre with my basket. We began with the ABC song; put an end to all conversations. Then we started to play with the items; naming them, throwing them to each other, placing them in the shapes on the floor. My daughter Li Chen took it upon herself to officiate proceedings and did most of the shouting for silence or attention that was needed. The children liked this arrangement, so did I.

At first we concentrated on naming things and simply placing them in the circle or other shapes. Everyone could remember something and acting as a group they were able to remember more or less everything I taught them. When they got flummoxed Li Chen would take over. Standing on the teachers podium waving a long bamboo stick found behind the door, she'd drill them Chinese style and have them repeat the forgotten word and several others for good measure. After one month of naming and singing I began to give them more detailed instructions and although I'd choose one child to answer, the whole class would be involved calling out suggestions. "Put the chicken bone in the triangle, put the feather on the dolls head and sit the doll on the chicken bone", I'd say for example. It was interesting, although I didn't help and Li Chen was sworn to silence, even if they were wrong initially, someone somewhere would offer an alternative and they'd nearly always get it right in the end.

On occasions my classes would become so raucous the headmaster would poke his head round the door to see what all the noise was about. The uproars were usually due to energetic group discussion; "Coal is spelt with a c, not with a k like Queen, no, no, coal and queen start with c, no, no, no, queen starts with q, no k, c, q, k, c.....", and so on. At times like this Li Chen could drum the rostrum with her stick as





hard as she liked and nobody paid the slightest bit of attention. The din would rise like an orchestral climax until the headmaster's head appeared, whereupon, knowing it would be hard to get the answer out of me, the children would call him in to settle the question. The headmaster was always game for a try and sometimes got the answer right.

In the summer time I often had fewer students than in the winter as the call of the hills proved too tempting for many, Li Chen included. But I didn't begrudge their truancy; the tales of their exploits as retold by Li Chen sounded like adventures from Huck Finn. One afternoon she was with an assorted band of absconders, who settling on a field like locusts started gorging on sweet potatoes dug with difficulty using fingernails and stones. They were caught in the act by the owner who was a short, fat man who could run extremely fast. Shouting and swinging his machete he chased them all the way down the mountain to the river, where he lost them. The oldest who was 9 had to make the run with his 4 year old brother in his arms. "Why in his arms and not on his back", I asked. "He didn't have time to get him on his back, the man was very angry and his knife was very long!"



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# XI'AN AT HEART

Article by *Benjamin Greuter*

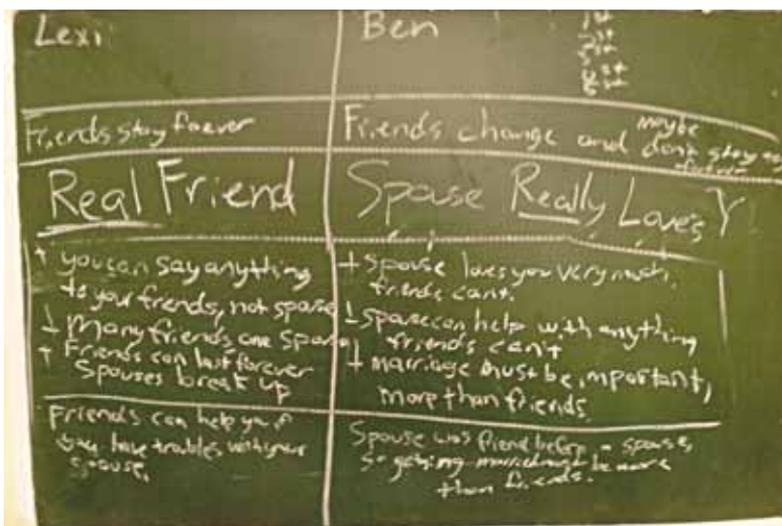
Some of you know that most vaccinations are actually an injection of a dead, dormant, or tiny live dose of whatever it is to which you wish to be immune. All of us who took our typhoid fever pills before coming were just eatin' Typhoid Fever. Mmm! Really, this is an amazing thing. The human body, when exposed to a new virus or germ, immediately begins to develop, on its own accord and without conscious direction, a means of fighting and destroying the harmful critters. I've found that this process is not something unique to the visceral world of the human body but is a microcosm of human society.

Xi'an has been injected. It has, in its turn, eaten of the filth and taint of the dumpster with the

spray painted label: "globalization," and now, at its very core, it is sick. The city, not long ago, began rocking the latest western fashion trends and luxury brands, KFC-ed every major corner, sometimes two-per-block, and its real-estate has been shooting sky high, making the already crowded streets begin to seem smaller and smaller (despite the shinier luxury cars). People everywhere know the ingredients on the Big-Mac and the exact time and location of Calvin Klein's local sale. But as you might have guessed, (or even seen for yourself if you have been in the right crowd at the right time, or if you caved in and started using WeChat, QQ, or Weibo), the city is responding. And its response is a strong,

rhythmic pulse...and it's beautiful.

One would expect the fight to start with the businessmen, entrepreneurs, or city officials, but, in fact, it's Xi'an's young adults who most strongly feel the change and notice the germ. On college campuses across the city there are art shows, music festivals, and open ultimate-frisbee games gyrating in and out of the weekend scenes. On just about every street within a few kilometers of each major college campus and each gate, north, west, east, and south, are the comfiest little hole-in-(or next-to)-the-walls for drinking, relaxing, reading Xianease, playing pool, or even watching WW-whatever-the-wrestling-show-that-every-one-watches-



ally, if you could spend the rest of your life just pursuing one goal, what would you be happy to work for until you died?" Even my middle-school students, when asked to come up with an interesting debate topic, chose, "which is more important in your life: best friend or spouse?"

Can you feel the need in those questions? Can you sense the hunger? They want beauty. They need depth. They demand meaning. Don't believe the history books. The 'reformation' is just beginning in this city. Keep your eyes peeled, and don't be afraid to use things like Xianese magazine or WeChat to find the anti-bodies purging the veins of our clogged and clotting Xi'an.

here-is-called. Shida-lu has a couple amazing nooks since it's right between the old campuses of Shaanxi-Normal and XISU, as the students call Xi'an International Studies University.

Every time I've been able to sit down with my friends and students in the college or 'first job' parts of their lives, I get the same questions: "Ben, you

studied writing, so tell us about the Beat-Movement!" "Ben, you studied philosophy, tell us what love is!" One morning, about 6 a.m., after an all-night party, one friend-of-a-friend asked me, "Ben, so, like, what do you believe is the reason to live? I mean, what's your reason for being here?" Before I could begin to answer, he continued, "Re-

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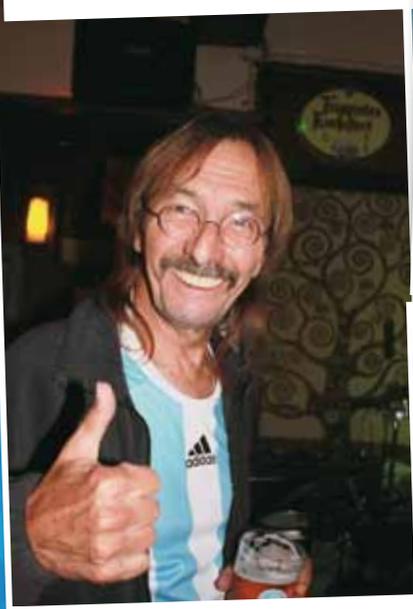
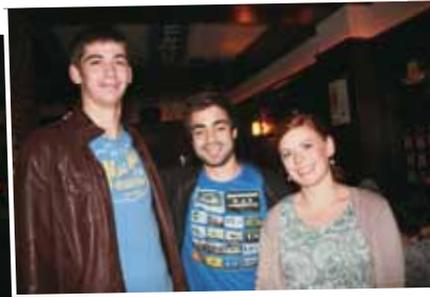
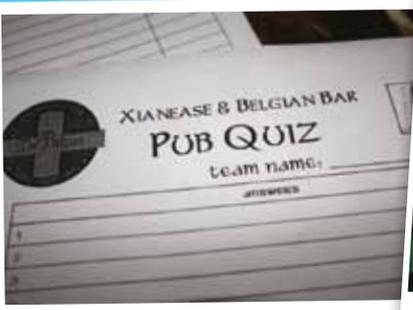
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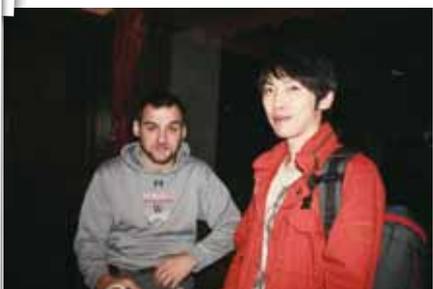
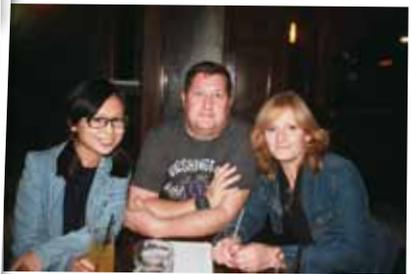
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If you missed the September pub quiz you missed out, the busy Belgian Bar once again threw open its doors and folks filed in one after another looking for some great trivia and tasty beer...and they weren't disappointed. Trivia Master Phil served up an array of head scratchers that had the crowd talking and thinking.  
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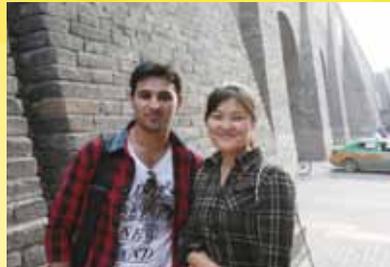
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# HASH RUN - WE'RE BAAACCCKKKK!



A long time in coming the Xi'an Hash Kennel is finally off summer break and back at it, this was the first run with the new HMFIC **LepreBrit** at the helm. It wasn't a long run but it was an interesting route that ended the way it should...with beer. They are starting up in full swing in October so come on out for a run OR walk and lots of laughs...be sure to wear the **newest** running shoes you have!



# AUTUMN PUB CRAWL



Even though the work calendar proved too complicated to the Duvel guys they still managed to get enough folks out and about for a great autumn pub crawl all around the Heping Gate area of the city center. Some really interesting new bars and cafes were discovered and great Vedett White drank, all in all it was a good time until the alarm clock rang for work the next day...





# WINE CLUB - PRIVATE WINE CLUB OPENING



Oh yeah!!! The private bar of Xi'an Wine Club is finally opening. You could enjoy the European-style moment in the bar and chat with your friends. Last month, the lucky Marie, a beautiful woman, had passed her birthday in the bar, what a wonderful night! She loved it! And for the Mid-Autumn Festival, we had a successful party there. Welcome to the bar, have fun in it, your private bar of wine in Xi'an. Head over to [www.xianease.com/wine](http://www.xianease.com/wine)



# TOASTMASTERS



Sculpting in Time, Sofitel and the Toastmasters folks once again teamed up this month for some great events to get to know new people, practice public speaking, and expand their horizons. This internationally recognized group has chapters all over the world and though the Xi'an chapter is young they are growing so check them out at [www.xianease.com/toastmasters](http://www.xianease.com/toastmasters)



# KING OR QUEEN OF THE TABLE POOL TOURNNEY



This month the crowd roared in to our final time at Demon bar and put their name in the hat to see who would walk away this month's crowned royalty. The expanded brackets meant that there was plenty of time to get to know one another ...there was even a local tour guide that wanted to show us the outside of the bar! Important lesson for the evening... **If you see a picture of yourself... DON'T pee in your pants!**





We have lots more listings online either use your smart phone and scan the QR code or go to [www.xianease.com/xiguide](http://www.xianease.com/xiguide) to check them all out!!!

Entertainment



Bars

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长安北路1号1  
Phone: 029-8525 1234



Shows

**E9 Tang Dynasty Show**

Palace 唐乐宫  
Chang'an Lu, nearby the Coca-cola stadium  
长安路, 临近省体育场  
Phone: 029-8526 1633  
The show is performed by the "Tang Dynasty Song & Dance Troupe", a branch of the "Shaanxi Provincial Song & Dance Troupe".

**J7 Changan Banquet**

长安夜宴  
Changle Theatre, #17 Jinhua

South Road  
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Restaurants



Cafes



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高新区科技路金桥国际广场BC座2层  
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**E7** NanYuan Men, BeiLin District  
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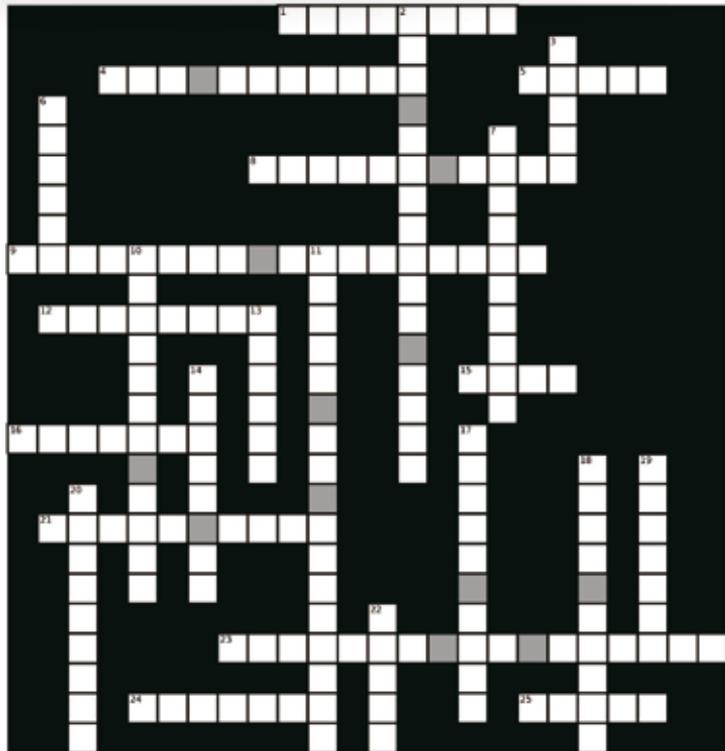
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If you missed the September pub quiz you missed out, the busy Belgian Bar once again threw open its doors and folks filed in one after another looking for some great trivia and tasty beer...and they weren't disappointed. Trivia Master Phil served up an array of head scratchers that had the crowd talking and thinking. The winners with only 20 out of 25 questions correct were **Your Mom's Athletic** and got the 3 liters of Amber Waves of Grain.

Want the answers? Head over to [www.xianease.com/trivia](http://www.xianease.com/trivia) for this month's answers



### Across

- China's first Olympic Gold Medal was won by Xu Haifeng at the 1984 Summer Olympics in Los Angeles. In which sport did he compete?
- What filmmaker was Madonna married to when she started using an English accent?
- Accounting for nearly a quarter of global beer consumption, what country is the largest beer market in the world?
- In 1982, what famous Italian actress made headlines for serving 18 months in prison for tax evasion?
- Seizing command of the ship from Captain Bligh, who led the mutiny on the Bounty in 1789?
- Before signing the embargo on Cuba into effect, then President Kennedy ordered his Press Secretary to purchase 1,200 cigars of what brand?
- King Frederick the Great of Prussia once declared, "It's disgusting to note the increase in the quantity of coffee used by my subjects. My people must drink ...", what?
- Having given a franchise to the son-in-law of the country's Prime Minister, next year McDonald's will open its first restaurant in which country?
- What character has been portrayed in film by John Cleese, Sean Connery, Kevin Costner, Douglas Fairbanks, and Errol Flynn?
- With a production cost of just over \$200 million, what was the most expensive James Bond film the series?
- Aside from enlarged codpieces, what cont Clooney in their respective Batman films?
- With which country does France share its longest European land border?

### Down

- What musical group originally consisted of Jackie, Tito, Jermaine, Marlon, and Michael?
- What country produces wine in Casablanca Valley?
- Outside of Japan, what country is home to the largest population of Japanese emigrants and their descendants?
- Which famous Belgian wheat beer is spiced with coriander and orange peel?
- What famous captain met Apollo, Genghis Khan, and Abraham Lincoln?
- The 1979 film, Apocalypse Now, is loosely based on what Joseph Conrad novel?
- What fantasy world was created by CS Lewis for a seven-novel series?
- Who was the last Roman Catholic monarch of England?
- What astronomical term replaced the less catchy, gravitationally completely collapsed object?
- What actor played Michael J. crocodile Dundee?
- In July, 2013, Toyota celebrated its 40 millionth sale of which car model?
- Until the early 1980s, what city was known as the White pearl of the Indian Ocean, and was a popular tourist destination?
- What Belgian beer gets its name from the local dialect's word for devil?

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# XIAN INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS FORUM

XIBF is the premier expatriate business association in Xian, linking senior business leaders with the wider Xi'an professional community.

XIBF was pleased to host 3 events in August and September. The August Business Lunch hosted by corporate member SwissTouches Hotels Xi'an was a silver service grand affair hosted in the hotels much vaunted State Dining Room. The group enjoyed a presentation from Maxelli Real Estate and hosted a government

representative from the city's Convention Bureau.

On Sunday September 15, a wine and fine arts event was hosted at Xi'an Art Museum. Special thanks to member Amy Gao and Jebson Wines who provided a range of excellent wines from Australia, France and California.

On Friday September 27th, the forum enjoyed its first business forum dinner at Grand Metropark Hotel with several guest speakers including the GM of ger-

man supermarket chain Metro which provided great insight into their groups vision of Xi'an and the expatriate population.



## XIBF Business Luncheon Thursday October 24th 12.30pm Hilton Hotel Xi'an

The next XIBF event is the October Business Luncheon to be hosted by member Hilton Xi'an. Cost is RMB ¥ 440 per person. If you are interested in attending, contact Raymond Faulkner on **188 0293 1703** or check the website [www.xibf.org](http://www.xibf.org) for details.



## XIBF and Xianese Halloween Party, Sheraton Xi'an Saturday October 26th from 8.00pm Until late

The annual Halloween Party is planned for Saturday October 26th. At just RMB ¥ 100 per person for a 2 hour drinks package including beer, house wines and non alcoholic drinks from 8.00pm to 10.00pm, make an effort and fancy dress the night away. Prizes for best dressed, themed venue, games and a live band will guarantee a great night. To register your interest email Raymond at [raymond.faulkner@ihg.com](mailto:raymond.faulkner@ihg.com)

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## Xi'an to Beijing

Train No.	From	Dep. Time	To	Arr. Time
T8	Xian	00:34	Beijing West	13:28
T70	Xian	01:08	Beijing West	14:36
T76	Xian	03:34	Beijing West	15:49
T42	Xian	18:42	Beijing West	06:22
Z20	Xian	20:16	Beijing West	07:17
T45/T44	Xian	20:34	Beijing West	07:40
T232	Xian	20:40	Beijing West	09:06
T56	Xian	21:22	Beijing West	09:59
T152	Xian	23:12	Beijing West	11:34

## Xi'an to Chengdu

Train No.	From	Dep. Time	To	Arr. Time
K290/K291	Xian	04:01	Chengdu	19:23
T7	Xian	05:17	Chengdu	17:58
K245/K248	Xian	06:25	Chengdu	22:10
K5	Xian	13:20	Chengdu	05:25
K696/K697	Xian	13:32	Chengdu	06:03
K676/K677	Xian	14:06	Chengdu	07:28
K879	Xian	17:30	Chengdu	11:03
K388/K385	Xian	20:05	Chengdu	11:52
K869	Xian	20:57	Chengdu	12:58

## Xi'an to Shanghai

Train No.	From	Dep. Time	To	Arr. Time
K292/K289	Xian	09:51	Shanghai	05:08
K378/K375	Xian	10:54	Shanghai	05:38
K359/K362	Xian	11:05	Shanghai	05:58
K698/K695	Xian	11:19	Shanghai	09:14
Z94/Z91	Xian	17:00	Shanghai	06:42
K559/K558	Xian	17:24	Shanghai	15:49
T140/T137	Xian	19:50	Shanghai	12:02
T166/T163	Xian	21:02	Shanghai	11:15
T118/T115	Xian	21:09	Shanghai	13:40

### Flights

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