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FESTIVAL

CHINESE NEW YEAR 2023

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POPBEB Wish Everyone a Happy Chinese New Year!

Lanterns · Shop Decorations · New Year Show & Carnival

HISTORY OF CHINESE NEW YEAR

Chinese New Year is also known as the Spring Festival or the Lunar New Year. The festival celebrates the beginning of a new year on the traditional lunisolar Chinese calendar.

Back in the days, China and other Asian countries within Sino-sphere heavily relied on agriculture. Therefore, people from those countries discovered and followed the lunisolar calendar to decide when to plant and harvest to maximise yield.

They divide a year into twenty-four solar terms, and 'Lichun' is the first day of the spring term. Hence it is the date of the Chinese New Year. Nevertheless, the CNY festival is also a celebration of marking the end of the winter term and the beginning of the spring season. Traditionally activities would usually start from Chinese New Year's Eve until the 7th day of the Chinese New Year.

Having said that, as human society improves, nowadays, people no longer heavily rely on the lunisolar calendar for agriculture and the Chinese New Year has been transformed into a festival of family "Reunion and Bringing Happiness" and joy to the people around you.

Throughout the decades, more Chinese people migrated to different parts of the world and established their communities overseas (e.g., Chinatown and Chinese organisations). The CNY has become a well-known festival across the globe. Big cities like New York, London, Sydney, Paris etc. will have celebrations every year, including performances like the Lion and Dragon Parades and hanging Chinese Lanterns across the streets.



ZODIAC CALENDAR

											
RAT	OX	TIGER	RABBIT	DRAGON	SNAKE	HORSE	GOAT	MONKEY	ROOSETER	DOG	PIG
2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031
2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
1984	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995
1972	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983
1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968	1969	1970	1971
1948	1949	1950	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955	1956	1957	1958	1959
1937	1938	1938	1939	1940	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945	1946	1947
1924	1925	1926	1927	1928	1929	1930	1931	1932	1933	1934	1935
1912	1913	1914	1915	1916	1917	1918	1919	1920	1921	1922	1923
1900	1901	1902	1903	1904	1905	1906	1907	1908	1909	1910	1911



LANCASHIRE CHINA ASSOCIATION

After receiving more feedback from the businesses in the area, we would like to continue to support the Lancaster and the Lancashire communities by creating a new organisation, Lancashire China Association. This organisation aims to connect more Chinese and Lancashire businesses, helping more people and companies to develop more cultural and commercial exchanges between Lancashire and China. Stay tuned!



WHO ARE WE?

Hello everyone,

We are POPBER! We wish you a happy Chinese New Year!
新年快乐!

We are Percy and Josh. We graduated from Lancaster University two years ago and decided to stay in this energetic city.

After spending five years in this city, we started to fall in love with the community here. People here have a strong community spirit. During the pandemic, we decided to take video interviews for different local shops for free to let people know more about Lancaster and promote their businesses. We have published around 100 videos online. We used our abilities to help them when needed.

We aim to help the Lancaster community develop positively and grow the economy together. This city has a strong community and great potential. All we need to do is make more people know about it. We believe Lancaster will be better if everyone in the city is willing to take a further step to improve here.



WHY ARE WE ORGANISING THE CHINESE NEW YEAR?

Lancaster is a multicultural city, and many people from different backgrounds live here. We are trying to celebrate the most important Chinese festival with everyone in the city. The festival allowed us to celebrate the New Year in the Chinese style.

We are trying to share the Chinese culture with everyone in the city with Chinese food and performances that some people love. Also, we are trying to create a vibe and atmosphere in the town to let the Asian community feel at home in Lancaster.

Our festival is family-friendly, and we hope that the children will understand more about different cultures through the festival and they learn how to respect other cultures around the world.

We can't wait to see you at the festival soon! Wish you a happy Chinese New Year! 新年快乐!



我们的初衷

春节，是每一个身在他乡的游子最难割舍的眷恋，我们一群在海外的年轻人想让在英国求学打拼的游子们在万里之外也能感受到浓浓年味，我们用年轻人的方式讲述春节故事，在英国西北部小镇兰卡斯特营造红红火火，喜庆热闹的春节氛围，唤起海外华人的旧时回忆，努力给在异国他乡的朋友们带来久违的归属感。

每当过年，有华人的地方用故乡的方式点燃萦绕心中的相思，虽在异国他乡，我们骨子里仍流淌着我们民族的文化基因和中华民族独特的风情血脉。我们排除万难，我们将传统的春节活动注入年轻的活力，用创新的方式给大家呈现精彩纷呈，别出心裁，横贯东西的视听盛宴。

当然，再精彩的活动也少不了大家的参与，我们在此真诚的邀请大家在这个共同的节日欢聚一堂，参与到我们的春节活动中来，天涯同根华夏情，四海同庆中国年！



一群兰卡斯特的年轻人 上
王帆, 瞿筱筱, 徐文清, 吴亦霖, 王悦祎, 梁永恩, 李诺希

WORDS FROM OUR SUPPORTERS



LANCASTER CITY COUNCIL

Last year's first Lancaster Chinese New year festival was entertaining, educational and really lit up January for us in the city. I am looking forward to finding out more of the wealth of Chinese history and culture which lies behind what we understand of China and our many Chinese communities today. Last year the Chinese community of the north west brought its expertise and amazing enthusiasm to Lancaster and we were privileged to have it. I hope we will have the opportunity to experience an even greater range of cultural events this year and that the dragon dances again! Many, many thanks to Popber for making it happen.

— Caroline Jackson (Councillor)



Lancaster University

This year will be my first experience of Chinese New Year in Lancaster but a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the culture, heritage and diversity of our local community. We want our international students and local residents to feel welcomed and to experience a strong sense of belonging, whilst we enthusiastically embrace our differences, discovering and experiencing new festivals of celebrations which we can all enjoy as global citizens.

— Sarah Kemp (Pro Vice-Chancellor Engagement)



Confucius Institute
LANCASTER

Lunar New Year is the most important festival for the Chinese community. Lancaster University Confucius Institute is organizing and supporting a series of events on campus and in the region of Lancashire and Cumbria to celebrate Lunar New Year. 2023 will be the year of the rabbit. Rabbit symbolizes mercy, elegance, and beauty. People who are born in the year of the rabbit are often considered to be calm and peaceful.

I wish everyone peace, happiness and luck in the year of the rabbit.

— Professor Jinghan Zeng (Director)



LANCASTER

Chinese New Year had generally come and gone for most of us in Lancaster.

Percy and Josh changed that in 2022. They have their own inimitable way, which draws people to them, and this support came out in mass for the spectacular displays and performances that illuminated the City. What made this even greater was the learning that came with the Art. The audience was given a wonderful insight into the history and traditions.

— Paul Cusimano (founder)



LANCASTER

This is our 15th year in Lancaster, and Lancaster is our home now. Chinese New Year is the most significant festival in our family. We serve many Asian students in the city and welcome everyone to our city. The Festival made us feel like we went back to our home town. We are so glad that we can celebrate with everyone in the city. The Asian community in Lancaster appreciates it very much, and we hope it will continue every year.

- Alice Wong (owner)



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My company and I are excited to celebrate the 2nd Chinese New Year Festival in Lancaster, organized by POPBER. We enjoyed the success and joy it brought to Lancaster last year, and we are delighted that the festival continues. Chinese New Year is always a special festival for our key trading partners and us as it represents a new start in the upcoming year and is also a time to share happiness and blessing with our family and friends.

Happy Chinese New Year and Gong Xi Fa Chai to everyone!

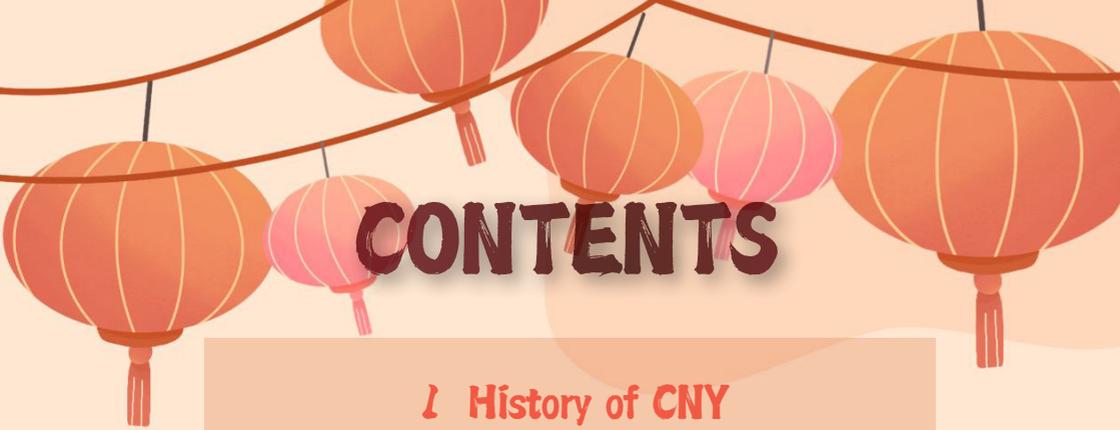
- Jim Welsh (Managing Director)



BID
LANCASTER
BUSINESS
IMPROVEMENT

Lancaster BID is proud to support Chinese New Year celebrations in the city centre. The lanterns bring colour to the city centre after the Christmas Lights have come down and help to encourage visitors into the city to support local businesses. Lancaster has a growing number of Chinese businesses which add to our wealth of unique and independent establishments which make sure that Lancaster has something to offer for everyone. Love Local, Love Lancaster!

— Tony Johnson (Manager)



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FESTIVAL

CHINESE NEW YEAR 2023

Chinese New Year verity show

Time: 26th Jan Thursday 18:30-21:00

Location: Lancaster Grand Theatre

Ticket info:



Chinese New Year Carnival

Time: 29th JAN Sunday 10:00-17:00

Location: Market Square & Lancaster city centre

Performance: Lion and dragon parade, Chinese dance, Kungfu, traditional Music performance, singings, magic, different workshops and stores



POP-UP PERFORMANCE



Pop-up performances in the **ST NICHOLAS ARCADES** shopping centre starting from 1 pm.

There will be...

- Chinese Models Catwalk with traditional dress up
- Traditional Chinese Music performances
- Singing performances
- Magic performance



Lancaster City Museum Chinese New Year exhibition & Chinese papercut activities

We cooperate on exhibition and Chinese papercut activities with Lancaster City Museum but all of the activities would be free entry.

Chinese New Year exhibition:

26th January – 12th February

Family-friendly Chinese papercut activities

28th January – 29th January 11:00 – 16:00

Address: Lancaster City Museum, Market Street, LA1 1HT



variety show

CHINESE NEW YEAR

PERFORMANCE

PRICE

Singings

Adults £ 10

Chinese Dance

Students £ 8

Chinese musical instrument

Children £ 5

Puppets performance



HAPPY
CHINESE
NEW
YEAR



EVENTS ON SUNDAY



Lion dance and parade

12:00 - 12:15 Market Square (Wake Up)
12:15 - 13:00 Across the streets (Parade)
15:00 Around the city



Drum performances

14:35-14:40
14:45-14:55



Chinese Music Performances

13:15 - 13:35



Kung Fu demonstration

13:45-14:05



Singing performances

12:30-12:45 (Children)
12:45-13:00
15:10 - 15:30
16:00-16:20



Chinese Dance Performance

14:30 - 14:35 Performance
14:40 - 14:45 Performance
15:35 - 15:55 Dance workshop
16:20 - 16:30 Performance



Lancaster University
Confucius Institute
兰卡斯特大学孔子学院



身体健康

Wish everyone the best of health!

Lancaster
University



学业有成

Wish every student academic success!

BID

LANCASTER
BUSINESS
IMPROVEMENT
DISTRICT

财源广进

Wish you success in business!



DUCHY OF LANCASTER

万事如意

May you get everything you wish for!



恭喜发财

Wish you a prosperous Year of the Rabbit!

St Nic.
ST NICHOLAS CATHEDRAL

一帆风顺

Wish you good luck and great success!

LANTERN SUPPORTED BY

KF ORIENTAL SUPERMARKET

📍 21 common garden st, LA1 1XD
☎️ 01524 842322



TASTE THE ORIENT

📍 33-35 penny st, LA1 1UA
☎️ 07354 676141

恒昇行
Taste the Orient®
Lancaster

AROMA CHEF

📍 30 market st, LA1 1HT
☎️ 01524 845373

川越堺
AROMA CHEF

CHINESE BUSINESS IN LANCASTER

1. CHINESE HEALTH

- 📍 6 King arcade king street, LA1 1LE
- 👍 Acupuncture, medicine, cupping, allergy & food intolerance test
- ☎ 01524 847575

8. FORTUNE STAR

- 📍 16 dalton square, LA1 1PL
- 👍 Chinese restaurant
- ☎ 01524 842828

11. SEASOUND

- 📍 8 new st, LA1 1EG
- 👍 Chinese restaurant
- ☎ 01524 383785

2. GOLDEN JADE

- 📍 91 king st, LA1 1RH
- 👍 Chinese takeaway
- ☎ 01524 66768/ 07971806537

9. TASTY WOK

- 📍 48 market st, LA1 1HS
- 👍 Chinese restaurant
- ☎ 01524 63872

12. AROMA CHEF

- 📍 30 market st, LA1 1HT
- 👍 Chinese sichuan restaurant
- ☎ 01524 845373

3. GOLDEN DRAGON

- 📍 11 george st, LA1 1XQ
- 👍 Chinese restaurant
- ☎ 01524 844966

10. EXTON HABERDASHERY

- 📍 94 st leonard's gate, LA1 1NN
- 👍 Haberdashery and clothes alteration
- ☎ 01524 383785

13. MY HOME CAFÉ

- 📍 10 gage st, LA1 1UH
- 👍 Taiwanese-hong kong style food

4. WOK EXPRESS

- 📍 60 penny st, LA1 1XF
- 👍 Chinese takeaway
- ☎ 01524 33100

5. KF ORIENTAL SUPERMARKET

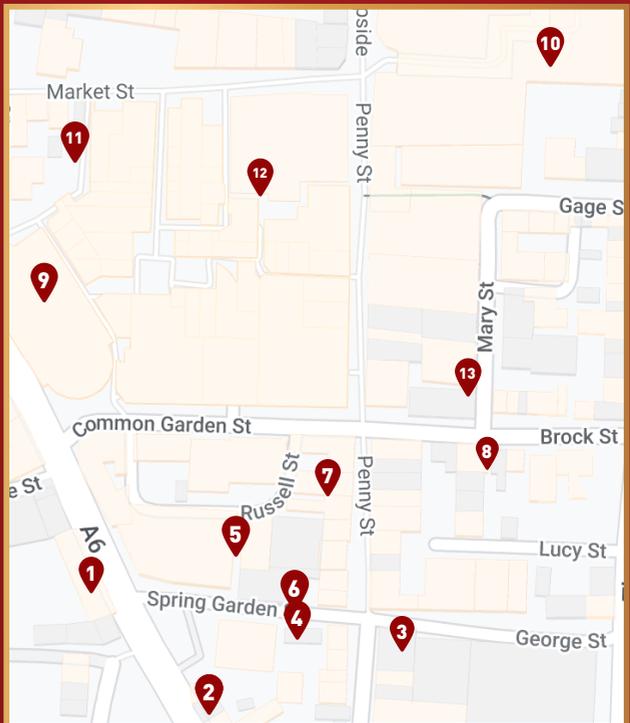
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- 👍 Chinese supermarket
- ☎ 01524 842322

6. TIAM TEA

- 📍 56 penny st, LA1 1XF
- 👍 Bubble tea
- ☎ 01524 380441

7. TASTE THE ORIENT

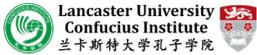
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