



Why a newsletter now?

Welcome to IBC's first newsletter. I have noticed over the years that people sign up and chat in the forum and then disappear, never to be seen again. It happens to me as well, I sign up to things and participate, after a while one forgets and never return. The aim of this is like a little reminder to folks that **Irish Born Chinese** site is pretty much alive and kicking.

How many of these letters will I get?

I would try and have these on a quarterly basis. I don't want to email people every month and end up as spam.

What will the newsletter contain?

Maybe highlights of the site so far, like a recap on the last three months. I'm all up for ideas. Let me know what you think in the IBC forum at: <http://kaykays.com/board> Anyone can contribute, and/or help with the newsletter. Again, just let me know.



What's been happening?

So here is the general low-down on what's been going on the last few months in IBC world:

- Chinese New Year brings us into the year of the **rat**. There are many events happening around the country, especially Dublin. Check out [Information for Chinese People](#) for more details on:
 - [Chinese New Year Festival official launch](#)
 - [Chinese New Year Charity Gala](#) - 5th Feb
 - [Chinese Dragon Dancing Show](#)
 - [Other events held in Dublin till 11th Feb](#)
- [New Immigrant laws proposed](#).
- [Asia Market charity gala](#).
- IBC now has [Facebook](#) and [Bebo](#) group.
- Forum see some new joiners (welcome!), [general chat](#) about [gadgets](#), films ([Chinese](#), [Western](#)), [opinions](#) on the name of Cafe Mao in Dublin (that was interesting).
- Blog highlighted [2 hand luggage ban lifted in Heathrow](#), [China's plastic bag ban come summer 2008](#). And my [experiences](#) from my recent trip to Hong Kong.
- And finally, [our first IBC meet up!](#)

Wishing everyone a happy Chinese Lunar New Year!
And it goes without saying, 恭喜發財!

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