

## “Under the Flag of Love” - A report on Tibet Flag raising event in Milton Keynes

[6 April 2017]: 14 Tibetan Terriers joined the flagbearers running or walking with the Tibetan flag around the beautiful setting of Willen Lake, Milton Keynes.

This followed the annual raising of the Tibetan National flag, now in its 4th year, at the Nipponzan Myohoji Buddhist Temple by the Mayor of Milton Keynes, Cllr Steve Coventry.

The Mayor was joined by the Mayoress; Chonpel Tsering, Representative of His Holiness the Dalai Lama (The Office of Tibet, London); Kunchok Nyima (a Tibetan living in the UK) and Venerable Lama Rigzin. Lee James Billingham sang his own powerful composition, 'Under the Flag of Love'.

The annual day started with speeches by the invited guests and special Buddhist prayers by Lama Rigzin.

Mr Chonpel Tsering thanked the Mayor and Mayoress and the many friends and supporters for their support. He said that it was important for Tibetans in Tibet to have the British public support.

After the flag run, guests were able to chat over refreshments and watched "A Mother's Son", produced by London-based Tibetan filmmaker, Nawang Anja-Tsang.

Catherine Mostyn Scott, who organised the annual event, said, "I'm really delighted that the day was so well attended and there was such a friendly and generous atmosphere. I'm indebted to all who came, and especially to the Rev Sister Maruta who so generously lets us have the use of this beautiful Temple."

We at the Tibet Society wish to thank Catherine for her wonderful personal initiative for making the Tibetan National flag-raising event happen year on year. This certainly helps to raise awareness of the Tibetan plight and expose China's wrong policies in Tibet to the British public.

The Tibet Society was founded exactly 58 years ago by sympathetic individual British citizens just like Catherine, who undertook personal initiative to highlight the Tibetan plight and the China's illegal occupation of Tibet.

(Note: This report was submitted by Catherine Mostyn Scott. Catherine is a very committed Tibet supporter, who organises annual Tibet Flag raising event in Milton Keynes. She attends the 'Weekly Tibet Vigil' outside the Chinese Embassy at least once a month.)