

**China Narrow Gauge 2 Tour
Henan and Heliongjiang
Random General Shots**



Easy to recognise the tour members by their distinctive silhouettes: (Left-Right) Rod, John, Cliff, Graham, Nigel, Mike and Paul outside our hotel in the Wanda Plaza, Jixi.



Previous page: the group with the staff of the barbecue restaurant in Hegang we visited both nights we were there - Nigel, Cliff, Mike, John, Rod & Graham.



Getting ready for Tomb Sweeping Day 5 April - brightly coloured flowers, ghost money and...



...pineapples, to place on the tombs.



A daurian redstart - seen through the bus window.



Hegang People's Theatre opposite our hotel at night.



A large statue on the outskirts of Hegang that celebrates the cranes which overwinter in Japan and Korea and return to Hegang in the summer. They are the national bird of Japan and appear on the Japanese ¥10,000 note.



Night view of our restaurant near Beijing Airport.



Darkness falls in Beijing as we exit Beijing West Station.



Attractive tiles in a house abandoned due to coal mine subsidence near the Yujian Railway, Henan. It would have been interesting to see the lower section but this was obscured by cattle feed.



Blossom in front of a doorway decorated with Chinese New Year signs near the Yujian Railway, Hunan. I don't think this is magnolia but what is it?



Close up of house decorations along the Yujian Railway in Henan
Double happiness tiles (either side of door)
Twin dragons (above door)
(and in Chinese characters below)
The lucky star shines bright (literal translation)
(or)
Best of luck in the year to come (alternative translation)

John Raby
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