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On Friday October 19th over 70 members and visitors enjoyed a most interesting and informative talk by Kim Salkeld on Life in Government House. An administrative officer with the Hong Kong Government since 1980, Kim served as Deputy Private Secretary to the Governor, Chris Patten, between 1993 and 1997. He gave a very entertaining account of life behind the scenes in Government House and the considerable number of staff required to run it. Apart from the Private Office staff of private secretary, aide de camp, housekeeper, personal assistant and social secretary, there were gardeners, bodyguards, policemen, drivers and stewards, some of whom lived on the grounds. Government House has been considerably altered from the original, which was designed by Charles Cleverly in the 1850s. There was no office for the Governor in the original house and the ballroom was added at the turn of the century. The proportions of the rooms today are exactly the same as Cleverly's design. The main alteration the Japanese effected was the construction of the tower. Kim gave a very vivid account of a day in the life of Government House when he worked there. A member asked about the rumour of a tunnel from Government House to Lower Albert Road, which was supposedly built in the 1930s. Some believe that the tunnel went through to the underground command center in Victoria Barracks. Kim thought there was still a tunnel under Garden Road to Murray Building car park. At one time it was thought there were some of Chinnery's paintings hidden in the basement of the house, but they were never found and were probably sunk on a ship going back to Japan. Of the 28 Governors of Hong Kong, 25 lived there. Kim recommended the book "The Story of Government House" by Katherine Mattock for more information about its history.

Cesar Guillen Nunez gave an interesting lecture on Friday 26th October concerning the facade of St Paul's "Madre de Deus" Church in Macao and comparing it with several other examples from Iberia and Goa. The façade is in the form of a "Retable" - an elaborately carved wooden altarpiece. Retable-facades, carved in stone, appeared on late Gothic churches in Iberia at the end of the fifteenth century but appear to have no counterpart elsewhere in Europe.

The façade of St Paul's was built between 1620 and 1627, largely by Japanese Christian exiles and local craftsmen. A statue of St. Francis Borgia, who was beatified in 1624, is included. Looking from the entrance level upwards, the four colonnaded tiers tell a theology starting with the world, faith and hope, via the Jesuit saints to the Virgin with the Infant Jesus, and surmounted by a bronze dove representing the Holy Spirit.

Cesar showed comparisons with the Jesuit churches in India, the Cathedral in Velha Goa, and the façade of the Jesuit Collegiate Church, Diu. He also showed examples of secular facades such as the Arch of Triumph motif on the Arch of the Viceroy in Goa and in the Portal of the Episcopal Church of Damio. The talk was illustrated with slides.

On 10th November 2001, nearly 50 enthusiastic members and guests gathered at Tung Chung MTR station on Lantau Island en route to see Hong Kong's famous pink dolphins. Dr Lindsay Porter, a locally-based dolphin expert associated with the World Wide Fund for Nature and the University of Hong Kong, led the group to a pier a 10-minute walk away where we boarded the boat in great anticipation. Fortunately the weather was fine and sea fairly smooth. We were not disappointed! At three different spots between Lantau Island and Castle Peak, dolphins were sighted, including at least one mother and her calf. Thanks to Dr Porter's fascinating flow of information, everyone gained a great deal from this trip. This was the second such trip organized by the Society (the first being in May 1998) and another one in the future is a possibility because of its popularity.

A dinner combined with book launch for a former President of the RASHKB, Dr. James Hayes, was held in the Hughes Room of the Foreign Correspondents' Club on 16th November. Members and guests were treated to a talk by James on a number of themes drawn from his book, 'South China Village Culture'. He maintains that the 'Chineseness' of China was essentially rooted in the villages, and that is as true for Guangdong province as elsewhere. Oxford University Press, the publisher, had arranged to have the book on display, and members who bought copies were able to have them signed by the author.

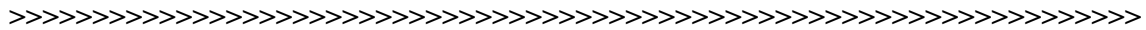
On Friday 7th December our Immediate Past President Dr. Dan Waters gave a fascinating talk on Hong Kong in the 1950s and 1960s. For those members who missed it, this lecture has been placed on the following web site www.phillipbruce.com. Dan's talk clearly conveyed the deep interest and compassion he has felt for Hong Kong since he arrived in 1954. His talk vividly described life in those days, and he illustrated his talk with slides of Hong Kong scenes during that time, when you could park your car (for free) in the middle of the main road! One of the most interesting slides was of an elaborate bamboo construction seen on the outside of a house from an upper floor to ground level, built to enable a coffin to be taken down to the street without going through the house, which was considered unlucky. We look forward to further talks from Dr. Waters on this very interesting and nostalgic period in Hong Kong's history.

On Saturday, 8th December a special lecture and video/slide presentation was arranged by Council members Tim Ko and Jason Wordie, to commemorate the 60th anniversary of the Japanese invasion in 1941. This took place at the Museum of Coastal Defence in Shau Kei Wan (a must to visit for those members who haven't yet done so). Tim had recently acquired from the Imperial

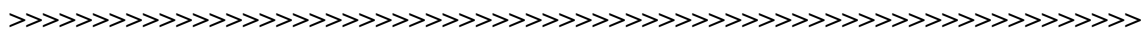
War Museum in London, part of a rare propaganda film produced by the Japanese in 1942, showing scenes from the battle for Hong Kong which included the Japanese troops arriving over the Chinese border. It was eerie to see columns of Japanese troops and tanks in Tai Po Road! Tim also showed us a wonderful collection of photographs taken during the battle for Hong Kong.

Jason gave an interesting talk on his research on the KHVDC VAD nurses, which will form the basis of a future book on this subject. He showed us some slides of old photographs of the nurses in their uniforms, their medals and permits etc. which he had been given by the nurses themselves. Both Jason and Tim stressed the urgency in interviewing more people who lived in Hong Kong during the occupation, while there is still time; they also felt the Government should do much more to commemorate this historic and tragic period in our history.

FUTURE ACTIVITIES



Friday 18 th January	City Hall Lecture	Life in the Pearl River Delta during the era of the Canton Trade
Friday, 1 st February	City Hall Lecture	Lady McDonald and the Empress Dowager, Summer 1900
Friday, 8 th February	City Hall Lecture	Humanizing the Boxers
8 th – 19 th February	Overseas Visit	12-day visit to Bhutan
Saturday, 23 rd February	Local Visit	Cultural Relics of the Great Wall Exhibition at the Museum of History
Friday, March 15 th	City Hall Lecture	South China and the Pearl River Delta in Western Maps
Friday, March 22 nd	AGM and Dinner	AGM and Dinner at Hong Kong Club
28 th March to 2 nd April	Overseas Visit	Visit to Xian



City Hall Lecture

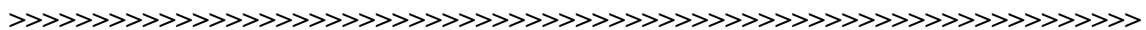
Friday, 18th January

Daily Life in the Pearl River Delta during the era of the Canton Trade

- Speaker :** Paul A. Van Dyke
- Time :** 6:15 p.m.
- Venue :** Extension Activities Room, 8th Floor, City Hall High Block, Edinburgh Place, Central
- Cost :** The lecture is free and open to the public.
- Booking :** No booking is required.

There is much useful information available in the Dutch, Danish, Swedish, and American archives on daily life in the Pearl River Delta that is not available from any other language sources. These documents contain highly detailed information about many of the people who lived in the region, especially the Chinese. By combining this data with other information from the English, Chinese, and Portuguese documents, it is now possible to reconstruct the daily lives of many of the individuals who lived and worked in the Pearl River Delta during the era of the Canton trade, roughly the period from the mid 18th to the mid 19th century.

Paul A. Van Dyke has a Ph.D. in history from the University of Southern California. His dissertation is entitled "Port Canton and the Pearl River Delta, 1690-1845." Dr. Van Dyke has done extensive research in archives throughout Europe, the US, Macau, and Hong Kong, and has published numerous articles about China's maritime and trade history. He is presently working as an in-house researcher at the Macau Sino-Latin Foundation, and is also attached to the newly established Institute for Macau-Hong Kong Studies at the Macau Millennium College. Dr. Van Dyke teaches a course in history at the University of Macau, as well as working with the Macau Historical Archives in a project translating 18th century Dutch documents from Macau and Canton into English.



City Hall Lecture

Friday, 1st February

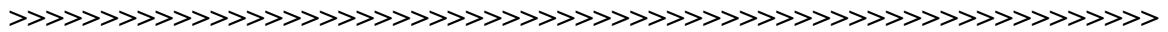
Lady McDonald and the Empress Dowager, Summer 1900

- Speaker :** Susanna Hoe
- Time :** 6:15 p.m.
- Venue :** Extension Activities Room, 8th Floor, City Hall High Block, Edinburgh Place, Central
- Cost :** The lecture is free and open to the public.
- Booking :** No booking is required.

What happened in the summer of 1900 is well known as The Siege of Peking. Not such common knowledge is that in December 1898 and again in February 1902, soon after the Empress Dowager returned from exile, the wives of Europe's diplomats had unprecedented audiences with her. Susanna Hoe will assess the significance of relations between the foreign diplomatic wives and the woman often blamed for the troubles of 1900.

Susanna Hoe lived in Hong Kong between 1987 and 1997. During that time she started to explore relations between Western women and China, starting with *The Private Life of Old Hong*

Kong: *Western Women in the British Colony 1841-1941*. Her latest book, the fourth in this exploration, is *Women at the Siege, Peking 1900*. She is now working on the next volume in Oxford.



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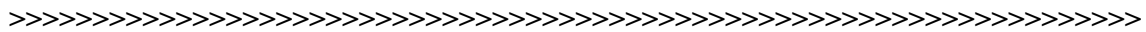
Friday, 8th February

Humanizing the Boxers

- Speaker :** Paul A. Cohen
- Time :** 6:15 p.m.
- Venue :** Extension Activities Room, 8th Floor, City Hall High Block, Edinburgh Place, Central
- Cost :** The lecture is free and open to the public.
- Booking :** No booking is required.

Ever since their uprising of 1899-1900 in North China, the Boxers have been exoticised, caricatured, demonised, and apotheosised in both China and the West. When we dig down beneath the layers of myth, however, we find that these young men weren't really all that anomalous, that they not only shared cultural characteristics with other Chinese but also were actuated by many of the same emotions that have driven human beings in other parts of the world when faced with comparable circumstances. The talk, which will be accompanied by visuals, will accent this human side of the Boxers.

Paul A. Cohen is Edith Stix Wasserman Professor of Asian Studies and History, Emeritus, Wellesley College, and an associate of the Fairbank Center for East Asian Research, Harvard University. His books include *China and Christianity: The Missionary Movement and the Growth of Chinese Antiforeignism, 1860-1870* (1963), *Between Tradition and Modernity: Wang T'ao and Reform in Late Ch'ing China* (1974), *Discovering History in China: American Historical Writing on the Recent Chinese Past* (1984), and *History in Three Keys: The Boxers as Event, Experience, and Myth* (1997). *History in Three Keys* was the winner of the 1997 New England Historical Association Book Award and the American Historical Association's 1997 John K. Fairbank Prize in East Asian History. Cohen's work has been translated into Chinese, Japanese, and Korean. He is currently doing research on the theme of national humiliation in twentieth-century China.



Overseas Visit

08-19 February 2002

RAS Study trip to Bhutan 8-19 February

With an unusually large turnout of 31 members with some non-members, applications to join have now closed and final payment of the cost has been requested by 15 December. Most of the group will go together to Bangkok on Friday 08 February 2002 evening and return on Tuesday 19 February evening, allowing 10 days/9 nights in the mountains. Members who for whatever reason wished to go but were unable to, may wish to follow current events in the kingdom through the weekly newspaper Kuensel's web page at: <http://www.kuenselonline.com>, which has further links. Further details will be sent to participants by email around mid-January when the organiser, Dr Brian Shaw, returns from Bhutan.

Local Visit

Saturday, 23rd February

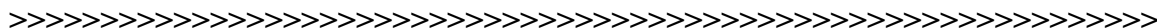
**The Great Wall : Gems of Cultural Relics of the Nomadic Tribes
Guided tour of this special exhibition at the Museum of History**

Jointly presented by the Hong Kong Museum of History and the Capital Museum in Beijing, this thematic exhibition displays some 120 cultural relics from the regions along the Great Wall, dating from the Spring and Autumn Period and the Warring States Period to the Ming Dynasty. The historical, geographical and cultural characteristics of the regions along the Great Wall and the construction of the Great Wall in different dynasties will be introduced in the exhibition. The interaction of farming culture and nomadic culture residing along the Great Wall in different dynasties will also be interpreted. The exhibition features the weapons used by the ancient nomads and other relics depicting the economics, art, religion and cultural interaction at different periods, showing the diversity of “Great Wall” culture.

Meeting place and time : Lobby of Hong Kong Museum of History (proceed to piazza level by taking the escalator adjacent to the Science Museum)

Time : 2:00 p.m. sharp.

Cost : \$30 Members, \$50 non-members. Open to members and guests.



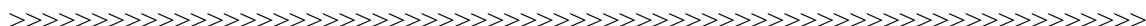
Overseas Visit

28th March to 2nd April 2002

Visit to Xi’an

Xi’an, formerly known as Chang’an, was one of the old capitals of China and the starting point of the legendary Silk Road, which linked China with the West. The proposed visit would, apart from visiting the “must sees” such as the Terra Cotta warriors, mosque, Shaanxi Provincial Museum, Han and Tang dynasty tombs, etc., also cover recent archaeological discoveries and places and sites of historical interest inaccessible to ordinary tourists. The focus will be on cultural interflow between East and West in medieval times. We hope to arrange a visit to the Nestorian Da Qin Christian Monastery Church recently discovered. The site includes an entire 7-storey Tang dynasty pagoda. The Da Qin has yielded the earliest known Christian statues in metropolitan China, representing a unique Tang period fusion of traditional Chinese art with classical western art. The church dates to as early as 650AD and the pagoda was built in 780AD. The Government are keen to enable a full international excavation of the site and the creation of an adjacent museum and research center to explore the Asian links between the West and China. The site has been put forward as a candidate for UNESCO World Heritage Site status.

Our trip is scheduled to cover the Easter weekend plus one extra day. We will fly (by China NW Airlines) on Thursday evening 28th March and return in the late afternoon of Tuesday 2nd April. We will stay in a 5-star hotel. Further information will be given in our February newsletter.



RAS BUSINESS

Dr. Gerald Hugh Choa

We are sorry to have to record the passing of Dr. Gerald Hugh Choa, a founding Life Member of RASHKB in 1960. Dr. Choa served in a number of important posts including Director of the Government Medical and Health Department and later as Founding Dean of the Faculty of Medicine of the Chinese University. Several generations of his family have lived in Hong Kong.

He specialised in medical history and made distinguished contributions with his research and writing. These included the revised version of his book, *The Life and Times of Sir Kai Ho Kai, A Prominent Figure in Nineteenth Century Hong Kong*, Chinese University Press. This book was reviewed in the RASHKB Journal, volume 38, 1998-99. He also played an active part in the founding and running of the Hong Kong Museum of Medical Sciences.

May he rest in peace.

The Tyndareus Stone and Plaque

The Tyndareus Stone and Plaque, which up until 1993 was situated in the small sitting-out garden in the saddle between Victoria Peak and High West, is now displayed outside the National Army Museum, in Chelsea, London. More information about this boulder and plaque, in memory of the soldiers of the 25th Battalion of the Middlesex Regiment whose troopship was sunk in 1917, may be obtained from Dr. Solomon Bard's book, *In Search of the Past: A Guide to the Antiquities of Hong Kong*, the Urban Council (1988), page 59. Or contact Dr. Dan Waters on (T) 2858 1858.

Dan Waters' book *Faces of Hong Kong : An Old Hand's Reflections*

Robert Nield mentioned Dan Waters' book in his introduction to Dan's talk at City Hall on 7th December. If you are interested in buying a copy, it is available at Page One in Times Square, Causeway Bay. Any difficulty, please contact Dan on 2858 1858.

Foreign Devils : Expatriates in Hong Kong by May Holdsworth. We are delighted to announce the recent publication of May's book.

Throughout Hong Kong's history, local people have dreaded, misunderstood, loved, and laughed at the foreigners in their midst. At first they found those strangers threatening and called them 'foreign devils', but today the term *fan gweilo* or simply *gweilo* is more often uttered in a neutral, ironic, or even an affectionate way.

Based on interviews and memoirs, *Foreign Devils* presents a picture of the lives of expatriates in Hong Kong. Their recollections — candid, quizzical, touching, serious, and not so serious — are concerned as much with the great events and dramas of the day as with the delights and annoyances of ordinary life. Each found his or her own way of engaging with the place — the Governor agonizing over decisions for the future Special Administrative Region no less than the single mother of adopted Chinese babies. They are all participants in the story of modern Hong Kong, and the historical panorama would have been much less colourful without their commitment, talents, humour, and even, occasionally, their skulduggery.

This potpourri of reminiscences offers an authentic record of a period which saw expatriates change from being part of a dominant and privileged clique into a diffuse presence in a cosmopolitan city. It will delight anyone who has ever met, known, or been a foreign devil, as well as everyone who has ever visited Hong Kong.

Oxford University Press. Retail price: HK\$185.

May Holdsworth is a Council member of the RAS. Born in Shanghai, she grew up in Malaysia and lives in Hong Kong. She was educated in England and is the author of several books including two on the Forbidden City.

Another RAS member, Denis Bray, has recently written a very interesting memoir of his childhood in China and Hong Kong and his subsequent Government service here from 1950 to 1985. It is also the story of Hong Kong's emergence from the aftermath of WWII and its development into one of the major cities in Asia. Titled *Hong Kong Metamorphosis*, the book is published by Hong Kong University Press.

RAS members know Dr Verner Bickley well for his joint talks with his wife, Gillian. Now his highly enjoyable and interesting new book, *Searching for Frederick and Adventures along the Way*, is available, published by Asia 2000. Members will be pleased to see references and information about the RAS as well as to the work of Honorary Life Vice-President, Revd Carl Smith.

Searching for Frederick will appeal to the general reader as a light-hearted and partly autobiographical diary of travels in the present and into the past. But it is more than that. It is also a survival manual and a practical guide to processes of biographical research and language education. As such, it will be of value to those interested in education and to historians (including family historians) and those interested in issues of language choice and language use. For over a decade, the "search" took place in archives, record offices, libraries and other repositories in Hong Kong, London, Cambridge (England) and Scotland, as well as in people's memories. The subject was the Hon. Dr Frederick Stewart, a Scot of modest origins, destined to become the founder of Hong Kong Government Education and the Head of the Hong Kong Civil Service. The book tells the story of a ten-year hunt for information about Stewart, a man who earned "the universal respect of all classes and races of the (Hong Kong) population."

"Verner Bickley writes in a mostly light-hearted vein, with a gentle humour. The book is peopled with astrologers, landladies, hoteliers and others and takes the reader on a trail after Stewart, with many diversions including the Knights Templar, Culloden, whisky distilleries, 'Seven Deadly Sin Cocktails' and advice never to whistle in a stone frigate." (Sir James Hodge —Foreword).

Verner Bickley, MBE, Ph.D., was born in England and educated at the University of London. After naval service in South Asia, he was appointed to the Colonial Service as an Education Officer in Singapore. Later, he held senior positions in Burma, Indonesia, Japan, Hawaii and Saudi Arabia. He has had extensive radio and television experience and is the author of more than twenty textbooks and articles on international education, language and culture.

From 1983 to 1992, Verner Bickley served in Hong Kong as Assistant Director of Education and Director of the Government's Institute of Language in Education. He is currently an Honorary Research Fellow of the University of Hong Kong's Centre of Asian Studies and Chairman of the Executive Committee of the newly-launched English-Speaking Union in Hong Kong.
Price: HK\$195/US\$23 including postage within Hong Kong.

Available from local Hong Kong bookshops.

On-line ordering from <<http://www.paddyfield.com.hk/authors/vernerbickley/>> (HK\$ cheques and credit card payments are both possible.)

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News of the RAS Volunteers from Bill Greaves

We had no actual site visits last month but many suggestions for future trips. On the short list of visits is old Spitfire Hanger at Diamond Hill – this 1930's structure will have to be moved as it is in the way of a large housing development scheduled for commencement next year. The best idea to date is that it could form a nucleus for an Aviation Museum preferably near Chek Lap Kok airport. But this requires land to be donated by the Airport Authority, which will not be an easy task. Also on the same site, for good measure, is a Japanese WW II pillbox and a film star's house from the 1950's.

Ping Shan Police Station, Yuen Long is to be preserved and converted to an information centre for the Ping Shan Heritage Trail. This should be well worth a visit to check its possibilities and also to walk around the proposed expanded trail to give our 'expert input' to the scheme. The trail is now to include the Tat Tak Communal Hall, after major repair and restoration. - this was the local HQ for resistance against the British in 1898.

On the historic building scene – I see that old Wanchai Market is being repainted, which hopefully means it has a few more years reprieve from demolition. The old Yaumatei Cinema (notorious for its Cat. III movies – so I understand!) is to be repaired and preserved, but it desperately needs a suitable tenant.

If you hear of historic buildings under threat or need further information on the above please contact Bill on email greaves@netvigator.com

News from our "Friends" in the U.K.

Our UK Friends of the RASHKB enjoyed a recent talk by RAS member Brian Fawcett on the Chinese Labour Corps in WWI; he has an article in the forthcoming journal. For those members who may be in the U.K. in the near future, the Friends have the following programme planned, to which you are warmly invited : Saturday, 16th February 2002: Chinese New Year Lunch. 22nd-26th April 2002: Visit to Cornish gardens with an Asian connection, including the Eden Project. 25th May 2002: AGM.

For further information please contact Paul Bolding on E-mail pbolding@bigfoot.com or telephone 020 7684 5811. Our Assistant Secretary has application forms to join the Friends for any members returning to the U.K. to live.

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OF INTEREST TO MEMBERS

The Hong Kong Textile Society

Tuesday January 15: Discovering Culture Through Textiles by Sally Kahler

6:30pm reception, 7pm talk, Helena May, 35 Garden Road, Central, tel: 2522-6755.

Free admission for TSHK members, membership available at the door.

Enquiries: 92748753.

Sally will review her personal history of textile involvement, starting with her own weaving experiences and then her immersion in Indonesian textiles and her experiences with S.E. Asian, Chinese and minority textiles. Favourite cloths will be shown and a back-strap loom demonstrated.

Thursday, February 28: A Glimpse at Film Costume from Hong Kong by Edith Cheung

6:30pm reception, 7pm talk, Helena May, 35 Garden Road, Central, tel: 2522-6755.

Free admission for TSHK members, membership available at the door. Enquiries: 92748753.

Edith will introduce the work of a costume designer and discuss how textiles and clothing are used to tell a story through the medium of films, such as the Last Emperor, Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon and In the Mood for Love. In English.

The University Museum and Art Gallery, The University of Hong Kong

Past Visions of the Future - Some perspectives on the history of The University of Hong Kong

15 December 2001 to 19 March 2002

The University Museum and Art Gallery of The University of Hong Kong will celebrate the 90th anniversary of the founding of The University of Hong Kong with a special exhibition on the University's history. Founded in 1911, it was the first university in Hong Kong and served not only the local and expatriate community of the time but, as the only British university in the region, also attracted students from all over China and Southeast Asia. As Hong Kong was also the port from which many Chinese emigrants left for Europe, the United States and elsewhere, the impact of education, especially bilingual education in Hong Kong, spread far and wide.

The exhibition will celebrate the contribution that the University has made to Hong Kong through a survey of its history; from its founding as a single-building institution, based at today's Main Building, to become the broad multi-faceted campus that it is today. The exhibition will include architectural models, artefacts and photographs.

The opening hours of the Museum are daily from 9:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., and from 1:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Sundays. The Museum is closed on public and university holidays (24 Dec, 31 Jan p.m., 11 Feb p.m. and 16 Mar). Admission is free. All are welcome.

The Hong Kong Natural History Society

Membership of the Hong Kong Natural History Society is open to anyone with an interest in the Hong Kong countryside. The Society organises monthly outings, which consist of hikes in the winter months and boat trips to the remoter islands during the summer months. On January 12th a ramble is planned on Lantau Island, led by RAS Acting Hon. Secretary Peter Stuckey. The walk will be from Tai O to RAS members Bob and Sally Bunker's garden for afternoon tea. On 20th January a visit is planned to the Castle Peak area. All are welcome subject to space being available. Further details can be gained by contacting David England at E-mail dingle@hkstar.com or by telephone on 2993 3330 (office hours) or 2818 4454 (home).

The Royal Overseas League (Hong Kong Branch) are launching their Ladies Group in January. The aim of the new group is to bring ladies together from all walks of life and parts of the globe, to encourage friendship, visit new and interesting places and to meet socially. Their opening event will be a cocktail party at the Harilela home in Kowloon Tong on Thursday 17th January, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. Call Ms. Winky Bussey on 2569 1381 or email ladies@rosl.org.hk.

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