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Message from your President, Helen Tinsley

Since our last Newsletter in January 2021 we have said farewell, with some relief, to the Lunar Year of the Rat after a stormy year full of challenges and welcomed the Lunar New Year of the Ox. May this New Year bring you all health, happiness and prosperity.

From a health perspective, Hong Kong has been fortunate in managing to limit much of the impact of Covid-19 infections, at the cost of some restrictions to our daily lives, severely reduced travel and within our community a fair amount of economic pain. However, compared with many parts of the world where some populations have sustained significant loss of life and health since the start of this pandemic over a year ago, in Hong Kong at the time of writing we have seen <11,000 infections with < 200 deaths. Rapid testing is easily accessible, with effective and safe vaccinations being made available here in the very near future.

Despite all the inevitable constraints imposed in reducing risk of Covid-19 infection, over the past couple of months we have continued with a wide range of virtual visits and talks via Zoom, most of us now becoming used to this technology which allows our listeners and speakers to link up globally with wonderful ease. We have had two virtual visits to museums with expert guides, one to HKU's UMAG and their exhibition of author Eileen Chang's time there as a student, and another to Canada's Museum of Vancouver exhibition 'A Seat at the Table', with vivid stories of Chinese immigration to British Columbia. A couple of talks, linked to recent publications, took us through photos of old Hong Kong, with expert guidance from David Bellis and an artist's take on photos of 1986 Beijing with Patrick Dransfield. From his home base in Bristol, Professor Robert Bickers introduced us to some of the history of Swire in China, drawn from his recent book on that remarkable company, which is so deeply embedded in Hong Kong's wellbeing. Mark O'Neill over the course of two lectures, based on his books, shared with us two little known stories of Chinese labourers' important role during WW1, in France and Belgium, as well as Tsarist/ revolutionary Russia.

We have also benefited greatly from the generosity of RASBJ in opening up their talks to our members. I particularly enjoyed their tribute to Ezra Vogel, the great Harvard based Sinologist and advisor to Presidents who passed away recently. With the global importance of US - China -Asia relationships, it was refreshing to hear of his long life's work in developing and maintaining communication and cross-cultural relationships. Locally, HKIKON also kindly opened to our members their recent seminar, with wide ranging discussions and expert speakers, on issues related to the 'hot topic' of preservation of the Bishop Hill water reservoir site, an elegant and previously hidden feat of Edwardian engineering.

I thank the members of our Activities Committee and other RAS members for all their assistance in helping to set up and support these past events, as well as those events you can look forward to in the coming two months. Please take a look at the events we have planned which we hope you will enjoy. Our RASHK AGM is now fixed for Tuesday 20th April 2021 – this may be either a Zoom or face-to face event depending on the Covid-19 constraints around that time.

We have been receiving feedback over the past few months that some of the books of the Hong Kong Studies Series which we highlight in our Newsletters are no longer available. Most of these publications were supported by the Ride Fund and its Trustees. I have to thank RASHK member Veronica Pearson for all her help in systematically reviewing the access to and availability of > 30 book titles in this series. Details can be seen later in this Newsletter.

Stay well and best wishes to you all. As always, your comments and feedback on our RASHK events and functions are most welcome.

Helen Tinsley
March 2021

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NOTE FOR ONLINE LECTURES

The RASHK hosts online lectures over the Zoom application, downloadable on computer at <https://zoom.us/> or smartphone from any app store.

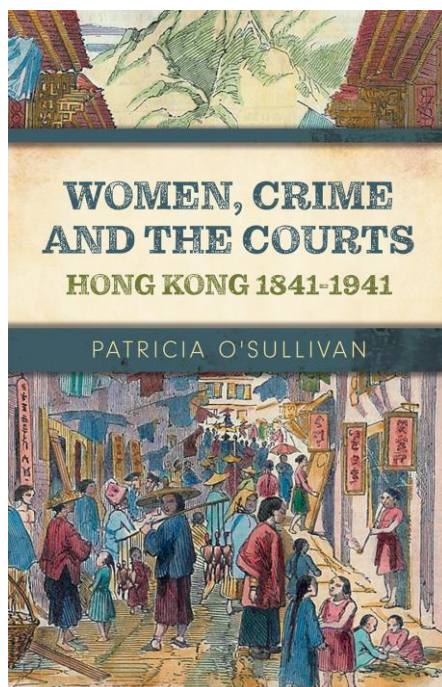
Specific details to access the Zoom calls that we will be using will be circulated via correspondence Emails prior to each online lecture.

If you would like to attend an online lecture, please email membership@royalasiaticsociety.org.hk so that we can send you the link to access the Zoom lecture.

ONLINE LECTURE

Women, Crime and the Courts: Hong Kong 1841-1941

Wednesday 3rd March 2021



This is an online lecture, delivered by Patricia O’Sullivan based on her book “Women, Crime and the Courts: Hong Kong 1841-1941”.

While women were filling the magistrates courts and prisons of the British Isles during the 19th century, a female criminal in Hong Kong was a rarity. Yet, often in response to the privations of grinding poverty, some did find themselves on the wrong side of the law. Among the petty crimes that brought most of them to the dock were the more heinous ones, often with a Hong Kong flavour. Making use of what was to hand, arguments were conducted with the aid of meat choppers, and why stop at one or two chops, when 70 seems like such a nice round number? The trade in children, especially young girls, was an easy and lucrative one for women to pursue, although deemed to be kidnapping by the courts and punished accordingly. However, it is in the small offences, those that attracted a fine perhaps of twenty cents, that we learn most about the everyday lives of the women in the city in these bygone years. Not that all the women in front of the magistrates were Chinese, by any means: certain Western women were quite capable of attracting notoriety and worse.

This talk will feature these women’s stories - both the dramatic and the more modest, including some that don’t appear in the book. It will recount, too, how the British justice system tried to cope with the challenges the situation presented, and life in the small Women’s Prison, where a minority of the defendants would ‘do time’.

Speaker



Patricia O’Sullivan started researching Hong Kong’s vibrant history in 2010, initially uncovering long-forgotten family stories for *Policing Hong Kong - an Irish History*, (Blacksmith Books, Hong Kong, 2017). Based in the UK, but spending upwards of three months of the year in Hong Kong (until 2020!) she has written a number of articles on forgotten aspects of the city’s life, some of which can be found on her website, www.socialhistoryhk.com. *Women, Crime and the Courts: Hong Kong 1841-1941* was published by Blacksmith Books earlier this winter.

Programme

Speaker: Patricia O’Sullivan
Date: Wednesday, 3rd March 2021
Time: 7-8 pm Hong Kong Time
Venue: Online on Zoom
Admission: No charge, please register your attendance in advance
Booking: Please email <membership@royalasiaticsociety.org.hk> in advance to register your attendance

LOCAL VISIT

Blue Lotus Gallery: 'Portrait of Hong Kong' By Fan Ho

Sunday • 21st March 2021



Picture Credit Blue Lotus Gallery

This is a local visit to Blue Lotus Gallery, to explore the work of the photographer Fan Ho, whose work has been the subject of many of their exhibitions in the past. The Gallery Director, Sarah Greene, has kindly agreed to conduct this presentation, in person.

Fan Ho, nicknamed 'the great master', earned his fame as one of Asia's most beloved street photographers, capturing Hong Kong in the 50's and 60's.

Fan Ho's photographic career started in Shanghai at the early age of 14 when given his first Kodak Brownie for his birthday from his father. Within the first year he won his first award. In 1949, the family moved to Hong Kong where the young Fan Ho continued pursuing his love for photography. At the age of 18 he acquired his twin lens Rolleiflex with which he captured all his famous work.

Dubbed the 'Cartier-Bresson of the East', Fan Ho had the patience to wait for 'the decisive moment'; very often a collision of the unexpected, framed against a very cleverly composed background of geometrical construction and texture. He also liked to create drama and atmosphere with backlit effects or through the combination of smoke and light. His favourite locations were life on the sea or the streets, alleys and markets around dusk.

Fan Ho is a Fellow of the Photographic Society and the Royal Society of Arts in England, and an Honorary Member of the Photographic Societies of Singapore, Argentina, Brazil, Germany, France, Italy and Belgium. He most recently won a 'Life-time Achievement Award, the 2nd Global Chinese Int'l Photography Award, China, 2015' by the Chinese Photographic Society (Guangzhou).

Programme

Speaker: Sarah Greene
Date: Sunday, 21st March 2021
Time: 11am – 12.30pm
Venue: Blue Lotus Gallery, G/F 28 Pound Lane, Sheung Wan Hong Kong.
Admission: RAS Members \$100; Non-Members / Guests \$150
Booking: Please email <membership@royalasiaticsociety.org.hk> in advance to register your attendance

LOCAL VISIT

WW2 Burials and Medal History in Stanley Military Cemetery

Saturday • 27th March 2021



George Cross, courtesy Martin Heyes

Details

A leading military historian once suggested that Stanley Military Cemetery ranks unique in that it is probably the only cemetery which is the resting place of no fewer than five holders of the George Cross.

The latter ranks alongside the Victoria Cross in the British Commonwealth's gallantry awards system, and is awarded "for acts of the greatest heroism or for most conspicuous courage in circumstances of extreme danger not in the face of the enemy."

All citizens of the British Commonwealth are eligible for the honour and it can be awarded posthumously. It was instituted in September 1940 by H.M. King George VI at the height of the London blitz, when there was a strong desire to reward the many acts of civilian courage being displayed.

All five recipients of the George Cross who are buried in Stanley Cemetery received their awards posthumously. They all fought during the 1941 battle for Hong Kong; were taken prisoner upon the surrender of the British on Christmas Day and during the subsequent occupation worked for the resistance against Japanese interests.

All five men, (four military officers and one senior member of the Hong Kong Colonial Government), were cruelly tortured before execution.

During the course of our visit to the cemetery we will visit each of the graves of these brave men and recount their stories. We will also take the opportunity to visit some other graves of interest in Stanley cemetery, of both military personnel and civilians, who died during those dark days of the Japanese Occupation of Hong Kong.



Speaker

Martin Heyes was brought up near Liverpool in the United Kingdom. Upon completion of secondary education he entered the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst from where he was commissioned in the British Army, serving primarily in the U.K. and Germany.

Martin joined the Royal Hong Kong Police in late 1975 with whom he served until retirement, following which he worked in the private security sector in Hong Kong.

Martin has always maintained a keen interest in the 1941 battle for Hong Kong and subsequent Japanese Occupation.

He originally worked for the Hong Kong Tourism Board conducting walks of the (then) newly-opened Wong Nai Chong Trail, and in more recent years has worked for local tour company Walk Hong Kong for whom he currently conducts tours of a number of Hong Kong's WW2 wartime sites.

Martin is married and lives in a New Territories village near Kam Tin.

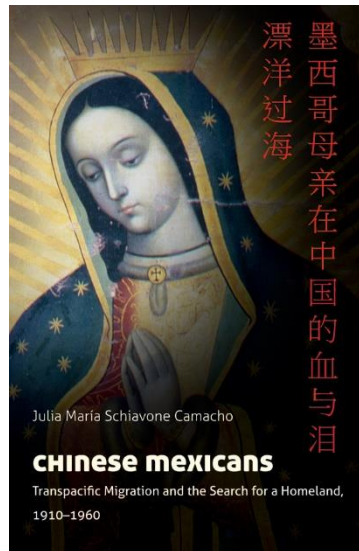
Programme

Speaker: Martin Heyes
Date: Saturday, 27th March 2021
Time: Meet at 10am, visit starts when group is assembled
Venue: Stanley Cemetery, meet outside Pacific Coffee opposite the Stanley Police Station
Admission: RAS Members \$100; Non-members \$150
Booking: Please email <membership@royalasiaticsociety.org.hk> in advance to reserve your place and pay at the door

ONLINE LECTURE

Chinese Latinos in Twentieth-Century Hong Kong and Macau

Saturday • 17th April 2021



At the turn of the twentieth century, a wave of Chinese men made their way to the northern Mexican border state of Sonora to work and live. The ties, and families, which these Mexicans and Chinese created led to the formation of a new cultural identity: Chinese Mexican. During the tumult of the Mexican Revolution of 1910, however, anti-Chinese sentiment ultimately led to mass expulsion of these people. Julia María Schiavone Camacho follows the community through the mid-twentieth century, across borders and oceans, to show how they fought for their place as Mexicans, both in Mexico and abroad.

Tracing transnational geography, Schiavone Camacho explores how these men and women developed a strong sense of Mexican national identity while living abroad--in the United States, briefly, and then in southeast Asia where they created a hybrid community and taught their children about the Mexican homeland. Schiavone Camacho also addresses how Mexican women challenged their legal status after being stripped of Mexican citizenship because they married Chinese men. After repatriation in the 1930s-1960s, Chinese Mexican men and women, who had left Mexico with strong regional identities, now claimed national cultural belonging and Mexican identity in ways they had not before.

The Speaker

Julia María Schiavone Camacho is a historian and the author of *Chinese Mexicans: Transpacific Migration and the Search for a Homeland, 1910-1960* (University of North Carolina Press, 2012). She teaches history at Goshen College. As a historical fiction writer, Julia has published short stories in *The Florida Review*, *The Coachella Review Blog*, and *The Hopper*, and her work has been nominated for Best of the Net Anthology. She lives with her husband in the Midwestern US. Find her at: <https://JuliaSchiavoneCamacho.com/>.



Programme

Speaker: Julia María Schiavone Camacho
Date: Saturday, 17th April 2021
Time: 10am – 11am Hong Kong Time
Venue: Online on Zoom, please sign up to receive the link
Admission: No charge, please register your attendance in advance
Booking: Please email <membership@royalasiaticsociety.org.hk> in advance to register your attendance

GUIDED VISIT

VISIT TO ISLAND HOUSE AND GARDENS, TAI PO

Saturday • 24 April 2021 (TBC)



Details

Built in 1906 on a small islet called Yuen Chau Tsai, near the head of Tolo Harbour, and connected to the mainland by a causeway, Island House served as the residence for the first British Police Magistrate appointed in 1898.

It was also the official residence of the North District Officer and the residences of District Commissioners for the New Territories. Island House had been resided in by a total of 15 District Commissioners since 1949. The last resident of the Island House was Sir David Akers-Jones, who became the Chief Secretary of Hong Kong in 1985.

The two-storey building with open verandahs is a classic example of colonial architecture in the early 20th century.

Island House was declared a monument in 1983.

The House and garden are now the Island House Conservation Studies Centre of WWF HK.

The Guide

RAS member **Sally Bunker** has been acting as a consultant renovating the gardens following damage from typhoon Mangkhut. She will take a party from RASHK around the gardens and the house, and give a presentation about the gardens and their restoration.

Born 1949; growing up in Kent, Sally has had a lifelong interest in the botanical world.

Coming to Hong Kong in 1979, she further developed her interest in the natural environment and the artistic representation of flora.

She was awarded a Fellowship of the UK Society of Botanical Artists, and worked along with HK University School of Botanical Sciences, producing the book “Portraits of Trees of Hong Kong and Southern China”, which combines being a fine-art book, a scientific textbook, and a very readable insight into the amazing biodiversity and beauty which we have here in HK. Sally is now pursuing other artistic and botanical projects.

Living on Lantau, she is the founder of the South Lantau United Gardeners (SLUGs).



Programme

- Guide:** Mrs Sally Bunker, *SBA Fellow*
Date: Saturday, 24 April 2021 (TBC)
Time: 09.45 am – 12 noon, Hong Kong Time
Venue: Meet at Tai Po MTR station taxi rank at 0945 – we will take taxis to Island House from there (very short distance).
Admission: Members \$100, non-members \$150
Booking: Please email <rbunker@netvigator.com> in advance to register your attendance (Places limited – please book early!)

LOCAL VISIT

Visit to Yuen Tun Civil Aid Services Camp, Yuen Tun Old Village & Airport Core Programme Exhibition Centre at Homi Villa

Friday • 7th May 2021



The RAS has been fortunate to arrange a visit to the Yuen Tun Civil Aid Services Camp within Tai Lam Country Park. Within the camp site are excellent CAS facilities including extensive outdoor areas, the restored stone houses of Yuen Tun Old Village and four plaques of historical interest including a plaque to commemorate the opening of the camp by the Governor Sir Murray MacLehose in 1977.

The Hong Kong Civil Aid Services was formed in 1952 by the government of Hong Kong and modelled after Civil Aid agencies in the United Kingdom. The CAS provides assistance to the government's regular emergency forces during disasters, mountain search and rescue, flood rescue, countryside fire protection duties and conducts training activities.

En-route to the CAS camp we will visit the Viewpoint which was opened by Baroness Thatcher and overlooks the bridges to Lantau, before arriving at Homi Villa, built as a private residence in the 1930's by Mr. Jehangir Hormusjee Ruttonjee (J.H. Ruttonjee) (律敦治) (1880 - 1960).

Homi Villa was constructed on a dramatic promontory overlooking the Ma Wan Channel so Mr J.H. Ruttonjee could supervise the nearby construction of his company's brewery, which was the first brewery in Hong Kong. Homi Villa remained a Ruttonjee family property until 1973 when it was acquired by the Hong Kong Government and was for a time the residence of Sir Philip Haddon-Cave, the Financial Secretary. Homi Villa was converted into the Airport Core Programme Exhibition Centre (機場核心計劃展覽中心) in 1995 by the New Airport Projects Co-ordination Office. During the conversion, major internal alterations were carried out but some of the Neo-Classical colonial style exterior still remains.

Programme

- Date:** Friday, 7th May 2021 **(TBC)**
- Time:** 8.45am – 1.30pm with an optional self-pay lunch to follow
- Transport:** Meeting at 8.45am at Pier 4, Outlying Ferry Piers
Private Bus to and from Central.
There will be a small amount of walking in the CAS camp. When booking please advise if mobility assistance is required
- Lunch:** An optional self pay lunch at Nittaya Delicious Thai Restaurant in Sham Tseng. If staying for lunch, the return transport will be by public transport. Express Bus No: 962B stops in Sheung Wan, Central & Causeway Bay
- Cost:** RAS Members \$300, Non-members / Guests \$320
Optional Self-pay Lunch \$100 - \$120 / person + drinks
- Booking:** Please email membership@royalasiaticsociety.org.hk in advance to reserve your place and provide your contact phone number.
- Payment:** Post your cheque, payable to 'Royal Asiatic Society Hong Kong Branch'. to G.P.O. Box 3864, Hong Kong to be received no later than 20 April to reserve your place
- Note:** Attendees are advised to wear cool clothing, suitable shoes, bring drinking water and anti-mosquito precautions as there is a small amount of walking on paved roads or paths in the Yuen Tun CAS camp site

Annual General Meeting



The 61st RASHK Annual General Meeting (AGM) is scheduled for 6.30pm, Tues, 20th of April 2021.

This year the venue will be either Café 8 in Pier 8, above the Hong Kong Maritime Museum or over ZOOM (as in 2020), depending on the governmental restrictions on gathering at the time.

Members and guests are warmly invited to attend to hear reports from Council members on their year's work and elect Council members for the coming year. The AGM will commence at 6.30 pm with snacks and drinks available from 6pm onwards. Full details will be sent out to members separately.

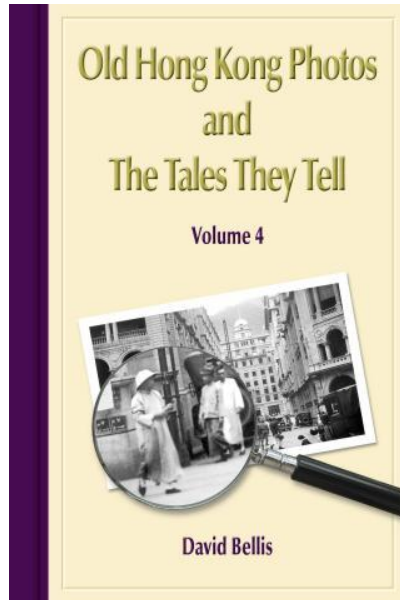
Recent Activities

Note – Audio only recordings of online events are available upon request to the RASHK Administrator Email address.

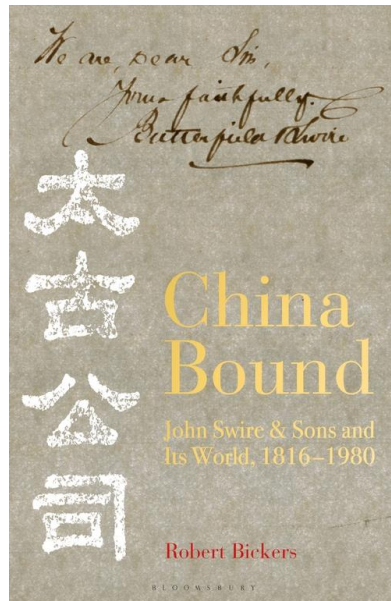
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Chinese Labour Corps in France and Belgium in WW1**



(Mark showing us a picture of his grandfather serving in the Chinese Labour Camp at that time)

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From the Tsar's Railway to the Red Army: The Experience of Chinese Labourers in
Russia During the First World War and Bolshevik Revolution**



Of General Interest

CUHK LAW – The Greater China Legal History Seminar Series 2020-21



CUHK LAW is pleased to present the “6th Year Greater China Legal History Seminar Series 2020-21” which commenced in September 2020.

The “Greater China Legal History Seminar Series” was launched in 2017. This seminar series builds upon the success of the “Chinese Customary Law Seminar Series” conducted from 2014 to 2016 covering topics such as Chinese Customary Land Law, Chinese Customary Family Law and Customary Trusts in Hong Kong. The “Greater China Legal History Seminar Series” aims to serve as a forum to discuss the historical development of a great variety of legal issues of interest in the Greater China region. The topics are in many cases the basis of the law and its application as of today and will therefore offer the opportunity to explore the respective contextual status. The seminars are conducted by experts in their respective fields, but are meant to cater to the legally interested general public. The events usually comprise presentations by one or more speakers (up to 60 minutes) followed by a Q&A session (up to 30 minutes). Each seminar is open and free of charge to all who are interested.

Anyone interested in contributing to the seminar series, please contact the organisers [Professor Lutz-Christian Wolff](#), Wei Lun Professor of Law and [Professor Steven Gallagher](#), Associate Dean (Teaching and Learning).

19 March 2021
12:30-2:00 pm

Online Seminar: [From Waqf, Ancestor Worship to the Rise of the Global Trust: A History of the Use of the Trust as a Vehicle for Wealth Transfer in Singapore \[Register now\]](#)
Speaker: Prof. Tang Hang Wu, School of Law, Singapore Management University

Website link: <https://www.law.cuhk.edu.hk/app/greater-china/>

St John's Cathedral Shop

Arrangements have been made with St John's Cathedral Bookshop for copies of RASHK journals Vols. 58 – 60 and the book 'Hong Kong Going, Gone' to be sold through the shop. It is hoped that Members will actively support this facility and encourage others to purchase Society publications from the Bookshop. Their email address is:

<bookstor@stjohnscathedral.org.hk>.



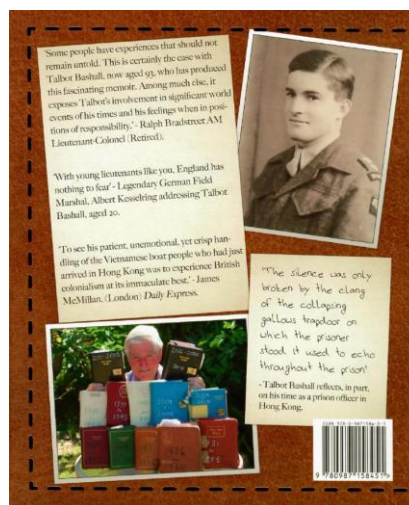
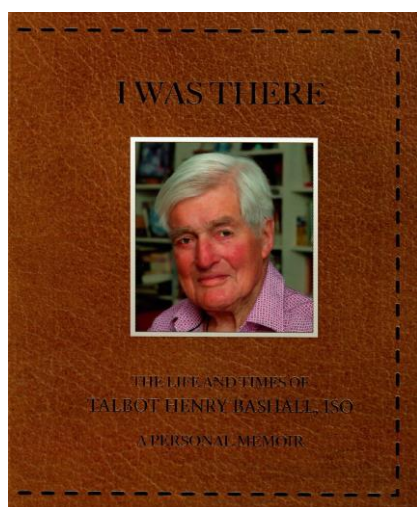
For those of you enjoyed Les Bird's past lectures 'Along the Southern Boundary' on Vietnamese Refugees (RASHK 4 March 2020, FRASHK 19 Dec 2020), this recently published book may be of interest.

Talbot Bashall was the Controller of Hong Kong's newly established Refugee Control Centre from April 1979 to November 1980.

A PERSONAL MEMOIR

I WAS THERE

Talbot Henry Bashall, ISO
19 July 1926 – 6 September 2020



Talbot spent his childhood in the English village of Ripley before and during World War II. He recalls having to run for cover when German bombers flew overhead en route to raid British air fields and cause death and massive destruction over England.

Later, as a young army lieutenant he had the considerable responsibility of guarding legendary Field Marshal Albert Kesselring in Venice. Kesselring was awaiting trial for war crimes allegedly committed in Italy in 1944 when Commander-in-Chief of German forces in the whole Mediterranean region. Talbot's detailed account of the experience brings the reader to a view that is inconsistent with the death penalty imposed on Kesselring in 1947, but subsequently commuted.

In later years, Talbot moved to Hong Kong to be a senior officer in the Hong Kong prison system; and subsequently became the commander of a force to control the colony's many street hawkers.

However, the most challenging, distressing, emotional but rewarding period of Talbot's life occurred whilst serving as a senior public servant managing the influx of Vietnamese "boat people" refugees into Hong Kong post end of the Vietnam War. He takes special pride in knowing that "not a single boat was turned away". Talbot arranged the successful third-country resettlement of tens of thousands of refugees who, unlike a great many others, were fortunate not to perish in the South China Sea.

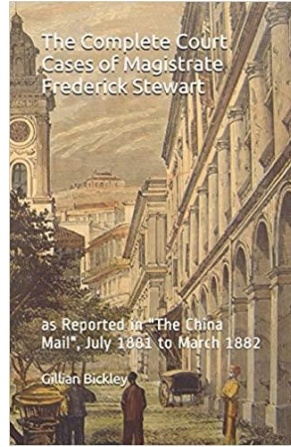
Talbot does not hold back in his criticism of the communist victors in the war for its harsh reaction to refugee boats, and the pirates whose barbarity contributed to the inhumanity suffered by so many of desperately fleeing Vietnamese. From this period, the reader is left in no doubt that underneath Talbot's cool efficiency, considered decision making and composure was a man with an unfailing compassion for those in peril and need.

Talbot's varied efforts as a public servant in Hong Kong led to him being personally presented with an Imperial Service Order (ISO) by Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II.

Upon his retirement in late 1982, after 29 years in Hong Kong, Talbot and his wife Cynthia left to settle in Perth, Australia. Both are now deceased.

His memoirs have been published and are available in soft cover only (at the moment). Enquiries should be directed to his son Paul Bashall in Australia planwest@bigpond.net.au

The Complete Court Cases of Magistrate Frederick Stewart



Gillian Bickley, long-term RASHK member and Council member, formerly a Vice-president of the Society, released on 14 February a PDF version of, "The Complete Court Cases of Magistrate Frederick Stewart as reported in *The China Mail*, July 1881 to March 1882" (available from amazon, <https://www.amazon.com/dp/9888228773>). This provides a full set of over 800 court cases. For those interested in Victorian Hong Kong, it is a rich resource for street and family life, giving glimpses of hundreds of individuals from a wide range of backgrounds, occupations and ethnicities.

Gillian's earlier, "A Magistrate's Court in nineteenth century Hong Kong: Court in Time"(2nd edition) (Amazon ID: <https://www.amazon.com/dp/9888228293>) provides very useful analysis by herself as historian, Verner Bickley as cultural commentator, Tim Hamlett as journalist, the late Geoffrey Roper as a senior policeman, Christopher Coghlan as barrister and Garry Tallentire then as magistrate, well-known in their areas, based on 120 of these cases. The earlier work has a Preface by Sir T.L. Yang and the later work has a Preface by Khemal Bokhary.

Membership Renewal

2021 Membership Renewal

Members are reminded that membership renewals were due on 1 January 2021. If you currently pay by cheque and would prefer the convenience of paying by Direct Debit, please contact the Administrator for a Direct Debit Authorization form on <membership@royalasiaticsociety.org.hk>. Those of you who pay by Standing Order are requested to please ensure that the Order is for the appropriate amount.

Annual

Hong Kong Resident - Individual / Institutional	HK\$750
Hong Kong Resident - Joint / Family	HK\$1,100
Hong Kong Resident – Student*	HK\$50

* in full time education – please enclose a photocopy of your student ID.

Life

Life – Single	HK\$10,500
Life – Joint	HK\$15,400

Overseas

Overseas - Annual	HK\$450
Overseas - Life	HK\$6,300



Royal Asiatic Society Hong Kong Branch Membership Application Form 2021

Membership Application Form for 2021, please click [here](#).

Direct Debit Authorisation Form, please click [here](#).

Publications

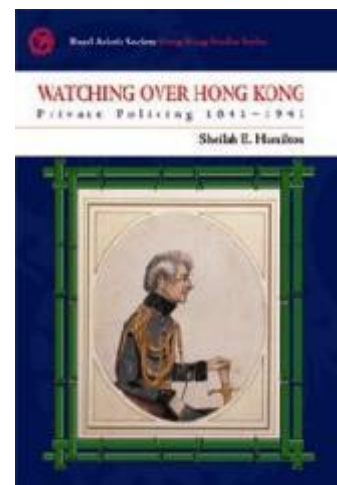
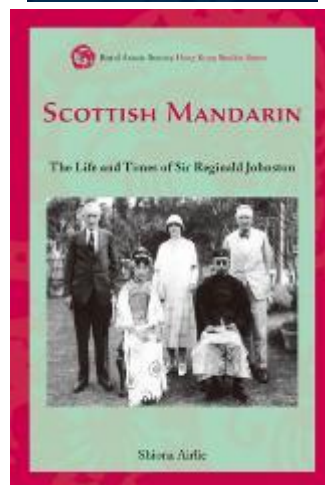
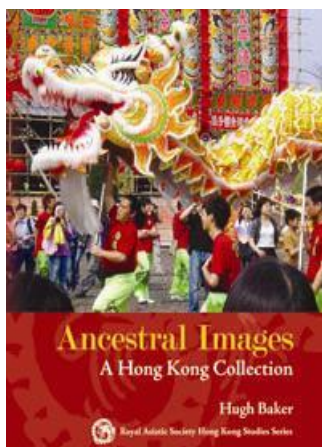
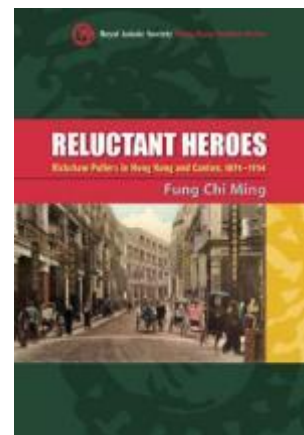
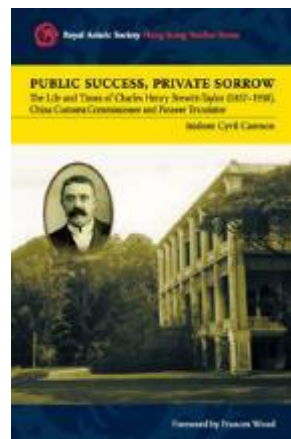
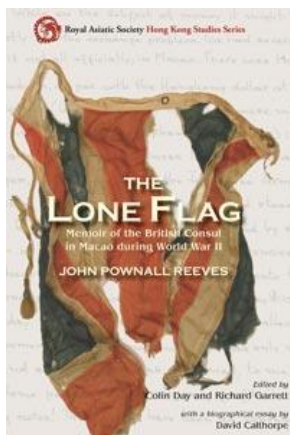
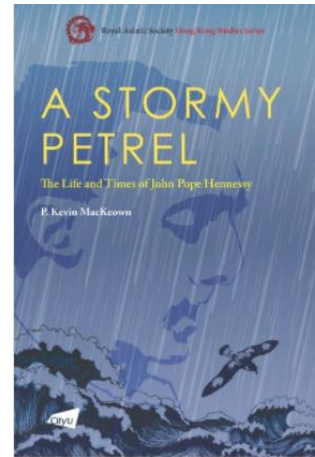
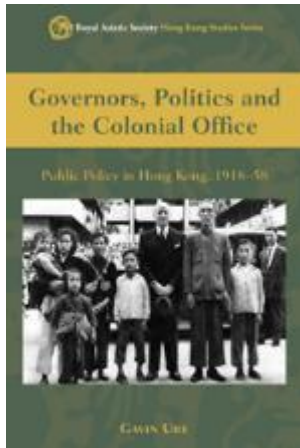
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