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The Politics of Travel and Exploration: with specific reference to Eastern or Chinese Turkestan, 1865-1908 is the title of the thesis submitted by Clive Hodges for his PhD, a signed copy of which he has kindly donated to the trust. It is a beautifully presented hardback volume the contents being thoroughly researched, referenced and indexed. The contribution from the trust's Ralph Patteson Cobbold collection is acknowledged as is R P Cobbold's book, also in the trust's library, Innermost Asia. Our thanks to Clive who is working with the trust on another book following the success of his *Cobbold & Kin, Life Stories from an East Anglian Family*.

Talking of **Cobbold & Kin** the review expected in the December issue of SUFFOLK magazine has been delayed but it is featured as one of Catherine Lerner's eight choices of Christmas Gifts for book lovers.

Continuing to talk of **Cobbold & Kin** the editor of the Quarterly Journal of the Suffolk Family History Society has published a lengthy review which ends as follows:

'The characters are carefully observed and well-drawn by the author who brings them to life in a most convincing and readable way.

This is a carefully researched and thoughtfully laid-out publication which is also an object lesson in how one's own research should be written-up.

The 269 illustrated pages can be simply dipped into as and when time permits or may be used as a valuable work of reference – but I suspect that many will find it quite difficult to put down and as such, at this time of year it may make an attractive and much appreciated Christmas gift.

Cobbold & Kin is published locally in well-produced hardback format by Boydell and Brewer; PO Box 9, Woodbridge, Suffolk, IP12 3DF under the ISBN 978 1 84383 954 5'

Cobbold & Kin is also available from this website; go to BOOKS FOR SALE.