

LORD MOUNTEVANS BY JEFFREY EVANS



Our guest speaker at our Annual Farewell Dinner this year will be The Lord Mountevans, grandson of Edward (Teddy) Evans, the Antarctic explorer who accompanied Scott on both his expeditions.

During his tenure as Lord Mayor of London he made contact with the Society to arrange a meeting to coincide with a visit to Cardiff and we met for breakfast at St David's Hotel.

Lord Mountevans is a keen historian and very proud of his grandfather's close association with Scott and the

City of Cardiff and immediately accepted my invitation to be our guest and speaker at this year's Annual Dinner at the Royal Hotel on 13th June.

We very much look forward to welcoming him and to his address.

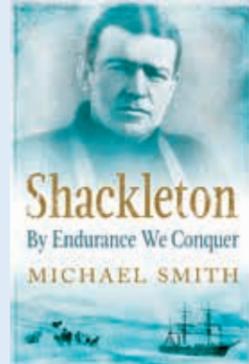
SHACKLETON "BY ENDURANCE WE CONQUER"

Ernest Shackleton is one of history's great explorers, an extraordinary character who pioneered the path to the South Pole over 100 years ago and became a dominant figure in Antarctic discovery.

A charismatic personality, his incredible adventures on four expeditions have captivated generations and inspired a dynamic, modern following in business leadership. None more so than the Endurance mission, where Shackleton's commanding presence saved the lives of his crew when their ship was crushed by ice and they were turned out on to the savage frozen landscape.

But Shackleton was a flawed character whose chaotic private life, marked by romantic affairs, unfulfilled ambitions, overwhelming debts and failed business ventures, contrasted with his celebrity status as a leading explorer.

Drawing on extensive research of original diaries and personal correspondence, Michael Smith's definitive biography brings a fresh perspective to our understanding of this complex man and the heroic age of polar exploration.



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SPRING NEWSLETTER 2017

CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

Here we are nearly three months post Trump and still managing to put on a brave face – unlike Melania who hasn't managed a smile yet and still seems very reluctant to hold Donald's hand. It's all gone wrong for her as she thought she'd just fallen for a billionaire.

We're quite chipper in the Society as well, with some good events coming up which you can read about in this issue. There may be a change of location for the Birthday Lunch on 6th June this year so I'll advise you by email of the location in a few weeks time.

Many of you will have read of the proposed planning application submitted on behalf of Associated British Ports (ABP), who own the land around the Bay, part of which is to be built on in a project called Dolffin Quay. This major residential and retail development will occupy much of the land opposite and adjacent to the Norwegian Church and you can Google this if you want to see what it will look like. The Society's concern is that the Scott Memorial has to be relocated (by "only a few metres" they say) and we had a meeting in January with the architects and project management company to discuss this. My own view is that this seems a sensitively designed development but the biggest worry is the extent to which adequate car parking plans are included in the submission. The developers say that the orientation and location of the re-sited monument will still reflect the exact point of departure of SS Terra Nova. We're keeping in touch with relevant parties as the planning application moves forward.

We have invited a representative of the Developers to come and hold a Q&A session at the Birthday Lunch and will let you know what we have arranged.

I hope to see you at our Spring Lunch

and as many of our other events as you can manage this year.

Best wishes

Julian Rosser

CHAIRMAN

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NEWS

2005 AWARD WINNER OLLY HICKS TRIUMPHS AGAIN



In the late 17th Century there were reports of strange visitors appearing off the Northern Isles of Scotland. One made landfall, they spoke a language no one could interpret and died just three days later.

The artefacts preserved in a Scottish museum include hunting implements, and the remains of a skin covered kayak. There is only one question that needs to be answered. Could these visitors have been Inuit tribes people from Greenland?

Inspired by this story Olly Hicks and George Bullard made history in making the first known journey from Greenland to Scotland.

Paddling a modified 6.8 metre Inuk Duo sea kayak, the 1,200 mile journey involved three extended ocean crossings, 12 nights at sea - including six

consecutive nights - and paddling a minimum of 16 hours per day, including a final push of 36 hours to make it to the Scottish mainland.

Negotiating Arctic Sea ice, surviving, cooking and sleeping in the boat they crossed the notorious 'Devil's Dance Floor' between Iceland and the Faroe Islands before embarking on the final leg to Scotland.

Both Olly Hicks and George Bullard have impressive expedition records.

In 2005 Olly became the youngest man to row the Atlantic at just 23. George holds the record for the longest unsupported polar journey at 1,374 miles.

We take pride in the fact that Olly was our 2005 award winner and is still pursuing an indomitable Spirit of Adventure.

NICHOLS P FOSTER MBE TAKES COMMAND OF HMS SCOTT



See letter of introduction from Commander Nick Foster and our secretary's reply on the back page.

LETTER FROM HMS SCOTT WITH MATTHEW SALISBURY'S REPLY



Navy Command,
5th February 2017

Dear Lieutenant Commander Salisbury,

I wanted to write and introduce myself as the new Commanding Officer of HMS SCOTT.

I am now in my second week on board having taken over from Karen Dalton-Fyfe in January. Karen has now returned to the UK to a shore appointment in Devonport and I have come straight from training courses and a very short appointment in Navy Command Headquarters. Prior to that I was at sea as executive officer in HMS Enterprise.

Originally from Yorkshire, I moved to the south coast in 1986 to complete A level studies and I am now settled there with my wife and daughters.

As a graduate with a Marine Biology and Oceanography degree and a Masters in Underwater technology, It was not surprise that on joining the Navy I specialised in Hydrography and Meteorology.

To be in the position I am in now selected for command of SCOTT it is a real privilege and career highlight for me and after a couple of weeks at sea that sense of privilege has only been reinforced as I have got to know the Ships Company.

Given the size of the ship, we have a relatively small number of people on

board, however, what we lack in numbers we more than make up for in enthusiasm and working with a young and driven team is an absolute pleasure.

SCOTT's programme, as you may already know, typically features deployment to the Mediterranean during the winter and then into the Atlantic during the summer period. We are now nearing the end of our winter tasking and will shortly return to the UK for a short maintenance period.

I am hopeful that later in the year I may be granted approval for conduct a port visit, in support of our Sponsor and Affiliates, although this remains to be confirmed.

I place considerable value in these relationships as with us spending so much of the year deployed away they represent a key link for all of us on board with home. Similarly, I found that when we are able to engage in mutual events they often prove very rewarding for members of the ships company or the ship as a whole. I know that you have been in touch during the year with Lieutenant Mark Butcher, my Operations Officer and I hope that you will have received a copy of our periodic newsletter, the Penguin Post. I would be grateful if you could keep Mark and hence the ship apprised of any events or activities of the Association that you believe would be in our mutual interest. I look forward to hearing from you and hope, in the not too distant future, to find an opportunity for us to meet in person.

Yours aye,

Nicholas Foster

N.P. Foster MBE

Commander Royal Navy, Commanding Officer

Dear Commander Foster,

Thank you so much for your most informative letter. We in the Captain Scott Society follow the exploits of our chummy ship with great interest and a little envy. The amount of work that HMS SCOTT achieves in a given year is most impressive and illustrates well how substantially our sea going Royal Navy is committed.

I am pleased to say that I am going to get some sea time too shortly. I am joining the P and O ship Arcadia in Auckland in six days time. It is part of Arcadia's world cruise. My wife and I shall be on board for thirty days ending up in Hong Kong. We are visiting Australia, Papua New Guinea, Japan, South Korea and Shanghai on route. I suppose the advantage of going as a fare paying passenger is that we do not get any middles and do not have to fall in for entering and leaving harbour. However it can get a bit tedious.

However, I shall return to reality on 15th March and when you return to Devonport, will look forward to arranging a meeting with you.

With very best wishes to you for a most successful command and to you all.

Yours aye

Matthew Salisbury

Secretary to the C.S.S.



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SCOTTIES VENTURE INTO THE LAND OF AMUNDSEN



Mike Tarver, Julian Salisbury and Jack Wright will be travelling to Oslo to attend the third South Pole symposium organised by The Antarctic Circle.

The three day symposium begins on the 12th May and has registered delegates from all over the world.

The event co-ordinator is none other than Rob Stephenson an American and long standing member of the C.S.S.

Papers, books and articles on Antarctica will be presented and seminars will take place in the FRAM museum together with a gala dinner on the deck of Amundsen's ship.

Excursions to various key sites associated with Amundsen voyages will be sandwiched either side of the main event.

Your editor looks forward to relating his experiences in the next newsletter.

RRS DISCOVERY MAST DONATION



The Royal Research Ship (RRS) Discovery is one of Britain's most important historic ships, and is registered as part of the UK's National Historic Fleet. She was one of the last wooden three-masted sailing ships to be built in Britain and is the only example of this type to survive, a unique record of Dundee's proud shipbuilding past, and renowned worldwide for her Antarctic exploration heritage.

Built in 1900 for Captain Robert Falcon Scott's first Antarctic expedition, the RRS Discovery was the first ship to be specifically designed for scientific research and for work in the polar regions, and incorporates a number of unique design features.

As her custodians, Dundee Heritage Trust always seeks to conserve the ship to the very highest standards to reflect its international importance.

Following a marine survey essential repair and conservation work to her masts, spars and bowsprit together with the rigging is now underway.

This work commenced on the 31st October 2016 and is anticipated to be completed by June 2017.

The Captain Scott Society recently donated £100 to the project fund.

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY REPORT

Gentleman, I am pleased to report that our ranks continue to grow with membership currently standing at 186.

If you know of someone who you feel would be suitable to join our Society and who would support our events please contact me and I will issue the required paperwork.

All membership applications must be supported by a member of the committee and are then processed following election of candidates at one of our monthly meetings.

We have a stock of society ties as follows:

Neck tie polyester,	price £12.00
Neck tie silk,	price £18.00
Bow tie silk (untied)	price £12.50
Bow tie silk (tied)	price £12.50

Should you wish to purchase any of these items please contact me via email: paul.gallone@btinternet.com

Yours in the Spirit of Adventure,

Paul Gallone

EXPEDITION SECRETARY REPORT

2016 AWARDS

Our 2016 award winners have successfully completed their expeditions and have submitted excellent reports.

Fuchs Youth Award winner Susanna Kenney and her team showed a great deal of determination in achieving their objectives. Their programme had to be adapted when local boat owners and scuba equipment agents turned out to be less than scrupulous.

However, the young team persevered and came out on top in the end, completing their Mtwara Diving Expedition in Tanzania and reporting upon the regions marine biodiversity.

Our Spirit of Adventure award winning team completed their Djenghi-Djer horseback expedition in Kyrgyzstan completing a good number of first ascents in the mountain region.

The decision to travel using horses as the mode of transport proved challenging on several occasions but the team managed not to lose any of their equine friends.

Team leader Struan Chisholm will present the teams report at our A.G.M. on Thursday 18th May 2017.

2017 AWARDS

Submissions for this years awards are once again high in number and the process of short-listing is underway.

The adjudication panel will be meeting on the 11th April to select this year's winners.

Jack Wright

REPORTS OF PAST EVENTS

AUTUMN GALA EVENT

25 members together 29 guests tested their satellite navigation systems and managed to arrive at the Cardiff Bay Yacht Club in time for the Bucks Fizz reception.

One or two late arrivals attested to the lack of signage associated with the ever evolving road network in Cardiff Bay.

This led to a certain amount of teasing and suggestions that good old fashioned map and a compass should never be written off...

No such problems for our guest speaker Dr Isobel Williams who was there with her husband to greet the earliest arrivals having set up her audio visuals.

The chairman took a great deal of pleasure in introducing Isobel and even had the temerity to suggest he had proposed she write a book on his hero William Spiers Bruce.

Isobel gave an illuminating presentation on Spiers and his Scotia Expedition of 1902 and the enduring importance of his meteorological work.

Questions revolving around Sir Clements Markham and the lack of Polar medals awarded the Scotia Expedition made for some interesting debate in the closing stages.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH

There were 42 members and 20 guests attending this years Christmas Lunch at the USM.

Once again John Cosslett ensured any winter chill was quickly thawed with his Antarctic Blue. There was plenty of Prosecco and even orange juice for those with a more delicate palate.

The reception bowled along as members and their guests mingled in the Windsor Room and lunch started around 1330.

It was good to have our chaplain in attendance following his recent ailment.

Also in attendance and keeping a close eye on proceedings was Peter Lloyd Jones and his feed back forms the basis of the ensuing report.

The Mulligatawny soup was the best ever, living up to its Tamil interpretation of "pepper water".

Calvados was this years choice of spirit and preceded the main course.

Pork was a change from the norm and the crackling was a challenge, few took up.

Christmas pudding was considered a poor substitute for "Lady Daphne's Delight" but the cheese-board was excellent.

Unfortunately whilst long sprigs and a top table ensure better service from our lovely waitress's it does nothing for the protocols associated with the distribution of port and a well run event.

The plaintive dinging of a glass with spoon did little to bring order to proceedings and several fines for breaking ranks prior to the loyal toast were meted out.

However, one of the guests dutifully responded with two bottles of port.

With the meal over the chaplain rose to his feet and gave an unusually spirited performance. His glee whilst reading an account of the distress of an ecclesiastical colleague, punctuated with giggles was a joy to behold.

Just before taking his leave, Wayne Warlow ensured Julian Salisbury's absence was marked with his own rendition of the "Two Nips that meet in the Shite".

The chairman rounded off the afternoon with a toast to "the society and absent friends".

The doughty few adjourned to the bar and immediately started planning how next year could be even more fun.

FUTURE EVENTS

SPRING LUNCH

LLANISHEN GOLF CLUB,
HEOL HIR, LISVANE,
CARDIFF, CF14 9UD

FRIDAY 21ST APRIL 2016
12.00 FOR 12.30

GUEST SPEAKER:
MICHAEL SMITH



WILL SPEAK ABOUT
SIR ERNEST SHACKLETON

THE SOCIETY IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THAT MICHAEL SMITH HAS ACCEPTED OUR INVITATION TO SPEAK ABOUT SIR ERNEST SHACKLETON AT THE SPRING LUNCH (SEE FLYER FOR DETAILS).

MICHAEL SMITH IS AN AUTHOR AND JOURNALIST WHO SPECIALISES IN THE HISTORY OF POLAR EXPLORATION..

MICHAEL'S FIRST BOOK, AN UNSUNG HERO - TOM CREAN ANTARCTIC SURVIVOR WAS THE SUBJECT OF A PRESENTATION TO THE CAPTAIN SCOTT SOCIETY IN 2014 AND WAS VERY WELL RECEIVED.

HIS OTHER BOOKS HAVE INCLUDED WORKS ON CAPTAIN LAWRENCE OATES, SIR JAMES WORDIE, CAPTAIN FRANCIS CROZIER, IRELAND'S ANTARCTIC EXPLORERS AND OF COURSE ERNEST SHACKLETON.

TICKET £25.00
INCLUDES A SPARKLING WINE RECEPTION ON ARRIVAL AND THREE COURSE LUNCH.

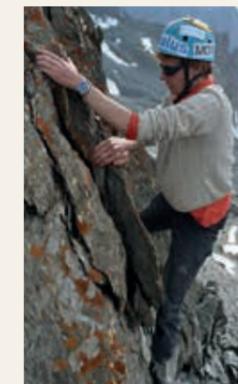
THE 34TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

UNITED SERVICES MESS
WHARTON STREET, CARDIFF

THURSDAY 18TH MAY 2017 @ 19.30

FOLLOWED BY A PRESENTATION BY

STRUAN CHISHOLM
LEADER OF THE 2016 DJENGI DJER
HORSEBACK EXPEDITION TO KYRGYZSTAN



TO ROUND OFF THE PERFECT EVENING, FREE CANAPÉS AND WINE WILL BE SERVED IN THE WINDSOR ROOM

CAPTAIN SCOTT SOCIETY BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

SCOTT 100 MEMORIAL,
NORWEGIAN CHURCH, CARDIFF BAY

TUESDAY 6TH JUNE 2017 @ 12.00 NOON



A SHORT SERVICE OF COMMEMORATION WILL BE CONDUCTED AT THE MEMORIAL.

WE WILL THEN PROCEED TO THE CARDIFF AND COUNTY CLUB FOR LUNCH, FOLLOWED BY A PRESENTATION FROM THE DEVELOPERS OF DOLFFIN QUAY.