

FUTURE EVENTS

CHRISTMAS LUNCH



JOIN US FOR CHRISTMAS LUNCH AT THE PENARTH MASONIC HALL ON FRIDAY 16TH DECEMBER 2022

FOR A SPARKLING WINE RECEPTION INCLUDING ANTARCTIC BLUE 12.30 TO 13.30

THIS WILL BE FOLLOWED BY A THREE COURSE LUNCH OF YOUR CHOICE TAKEN FROM THE TABLE D' HOTE MENU SUPPLIED WITH THIS NEWSLETTER.

MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO BRING GUESTS AND INTRODUCE THEM TO THE SOCIETY AT ONE OF ITS LIVELIEST ANNUAL EVENTS.

THE MENU OPTIONS ARE INCLUDED WITH THIS NEWSLETTER PLEASE ENSURE ALL LISTED ON YOUR BOOKING SHEET HAVE NUMBERED THEIR MENU CHOICE

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THE BRITISH MAKALU EXPEDITION

Makalu is the world's fifth highest peak rising to 27,765 feet (8,463 meters). This beautiful and impressive massif is situated just 14 miles east of Everest in the Khumbu region of the Himalayas.

Its size alone is impressive, but its perfect pyramid structure with four sharp ridges makes this mountain all the more spectacular.

It is interesting to note that the summit ridge is the demarcation point indicating the border between Nepal on the Southern side and Tibet to the North.

Makalu has proved to be a challenging climb, as only five of its first sixteen attempts were successful.

Prior to its first ascent in 1955, it was admired and studied by several Everest expeditions, but like a lot of other giants in the Khumbu region, it was not attempted until the summit of Everest was first ascended in 1953.

Based on this history Nick Mason (an early

Scott Society Expedition Secretary) decided to lead a British attempt on the summit in 1992.

This is when our long standing Secretary Matthew Salisbury comes in to the story. He was invited to join the team and was appointed Base Camp Manager

To celebrate the thirtieth anniversary of this British Expedition we have prevailed upon Mathew to present his recollections of his time in the Himalayas.

As base camp manager he was in charge of logistics and cash; 2.5 million Rupees worth.



In the photo above, Matthew is claiming the highest ever pay parade at Advanced Base Camp, 18,000 feet above the surface of the Indian Ocean. Also in the photo are Lieutenant Commander Sandy Simpson and Sub Lieutenant Martin Steer, all serving in HMS Cambria.

The expedition lasted three months and whilst it did not include a British first summit, the exercise achieved a great many of its objectives.

We cordially invite members and guests to enjoy Matthew's recollections at our Autumn Dinner in the Cardiff and County Club on Friday 14th October.

Booking details included with this newsletter.

THE REVEREND JOHN HENRY LEWIS ROWLANDS - CHAPLAIN TO THE CAPTAIN SCOTT SOCIETY

It is with great sadness we report the passing of our chaplain John Rowlands. John joined the society not long after his arrival in Cardiff and was pleased to accept the role of chaplain. He composed a "Grace" * for the society and was happy to bless the start of a great many functions both formal and informal.

For many years the society Christmas Lunch was preceded by a service of Nine Lessons and Carols at his St. Mary's Church.

Following this morning event JR would enjoy mingling with society members at

the pre lunch reception, delivering grace at the start of lunch and even imparting an ecclesiastical anecdote during the afternoon.

Following his retirement in 2017 he still enjoyed time spent at one or other of our annual events, his wry sense of humour will be much missed.

John was born in Myrddin Crescent, Carmarthen, on November 16th 1947. After primary school he attended Queen Elizabeth grammar school, Carmarthen. He became a student at St. David's College, Lampeter from 1965 till 1968, gaining a degree in history. John then moved to Magdalen College, Cambridge where he gained a degree in theology.

In 1972 he was ordained and became a curate in Aberystwyth until 1976. That year he married Catryn and started as a chaplain in St. David's College, Lampeter. His work with students continued when in 1979 he became director of academic studies at St. Michael's Theological college, Llandaff.

Nine years later John became warden of the college. He stayed in this role until 1997 when he became rector of Whitchurch. As well as his pastoral work John was also responsible for overseeing the work and development of his curates. During his time in Cardiff he was chaplain of the Captain Scott society and took great enjoyment in attending the various functions. In 2017 he retired to New Quay, Ceredigion where he was able to indulge his love of reading. John was also an avid sports fan, whether it was tennis, rugby or cricket.

He leaves his wife Catryn and children Parri, Sara and Elena.

* Grace

For Captain Scott and the Spirit of Adventure;
for the memory of those who died striving for the Antarctic goal;
for our Society, its aims and endeavours;
for this food and all His mercies.

Thank God
Amen



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CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

It's not just the Emperor Penguins that are under threat now. We're facing increasingly uncertain times and the escalating cost of food and alcohol is forcing the Society to explore new venues and event formats to try to offer value for money. The cost of the Annual Dinner this year pushed the ticket price up to £79 and we made a deficit on this even though numbers were not too bad. Next year will be even more challenging so your committee will be looking at this with a rather jaundiced eye.

You'll see from this newsletter (as usual produced by Jack Wright, to whom we all owe a glass of port) that the Autumn Dinner and Xmas Lunch have been booked and application forms are enclosed. Can I encourage you to respond quickly as it's very difficult for us to plan events when stragglers try to jump aboard just a few days before the event. You know who you are !! We came close to cancelling the Annual Dinner for this reason and I'm sure that had you known the pressure we were under you'd have been very willing to commit earlier.

Some very sad news is in this issue. Our Chaplain, dear friend and great supporter the Rev Chancellor John Rowlands has passed away – thankfully peacefully. Our warmest wishes are extended to his family. We had been told that there would be a memorial service in Cardiff in August or September so quite a number of the Society took the decision to miss the funeral in Newquay and attend the memorial. Sadly, but understandably, this has been cancelled.

Our quest for new members continues with our new streamlined application process now in place. Do please encourage friends and family to join as Memsec, Peter Coleman, is eager to issue his new forms !!

Enjoy the rest of this superb British summer.

Best wishes

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NEWS

NEW IRISH RESEARCH VESSEL - TOM CREAN - ARRIVES IN GALWAY



TOM CREAN - IRISH RESEARCH VESSEL

18th July 2022: Ireland's newest research vessel the RV Tom Crean has arrived in Irish waters and is currently docked in the Port of Galway before embarking on its first survey towards the end of July and then making its way to Dingle in advance of its official commissioning due to take place in Autumn 2022. Ireland's latest marine research vessel has been named the RV Tom Crean, after the renowned seaman and explorer from Kerry who undertook three ground-breaking expeditions to the Antarctic in the early years of the 20th Century.

The RV Tom Crean which will be based in Galway after its commissioning will enable the Marine Institute to continue to lead and support vital scientific surveys that contribute to Ireland's position as a leader in marine science. The research vessel will carry out a wide range of marine research activities including expanded fisheries surveys, seabed mapping and marine spatial planning, climate change related research, environmental monitoring, deep water surveys, and support increased research in the Atlantic Ocean.

Paul Connolly, CEO of the Marine Institute speaking about the vessel's arrival into Irish waters said: "This has been an extremely successful project with the vessel arriving on budget and on time into Irish shores. We are delighted that Galway, is the vessel's first stop in Irish waters ahead of its official launch and commissioning due to take place in Dingle, Kerry in Autumn. The

new vessel will be used by the Marine Institute, other state agencies and universities to undertake critical work to support fisheries assessment, offshore renewable energy, marine spatial planning, marine protected areas and addressing the challenges of climate change. After the official commissioning, the RV Tom Crean will be based in Galway, and it will greatly enhance our capacity to undertake collaborative research and acquire the data and knowledge essential to sustainably manage our ocean resources."

HMS SCOTT SCANNING OCEANS



Survey ship HMS Scott is on course to break her record scanning the oceans after just the first four weeks of a 15-month deployment. The unique Plymouth-based ship – the fifth largest vessel to fly the White Ensign – has scanned and plotted data covering an area roughly the size of Portugal... or roughly a quarter of the ocean covered during her previous record-breaking patrol.

HMS Scott specialises in deep ocean survey work – reaching parts other vessels cannot – with the emphasis currently on updating data, charts and the general understanding of the mid-Atlantic to assist Royal Navy and NATO operations.

The ship underwent a £7.5 million revamp in Falmouth to prepare her for her mission, before she sailed in early July. She's due to return to the UK in the autumn of 2023, although her crew rotate regularly to sustain the long-term operation.

After four productive weeks at sea, the ship sailed into Santa Cruz, Tenerife, to swap crew. HMS Scott was the first Royal Navy vessel in more than five years to visit the holiday island, receiving a warm welcome from both Spanish naval and local authorities.

INTREPID KAYAKER COMPLETES PADDLING THE MARGINS VOYAGE



Jack Hampton has completed his kayak voyage of 1,200 miles from Ketchikan, Alaska to Seattle in an effort to document the people and places he encountered. Jack is the founder of Paddling the Margins project and together with his support team in the UK and Canada has fulfilled his objectives and very nearly exactly as programmed.

The name of the project reflects the remote communities and people who are often overlooked, and captures their diverse perspective.

For several years, Jack worked to build a network of environmentalists, first nations representatives, paddlers and members of the off-grid community across the Pacific Northwest. This group serves as the experts and subjects in the documentary project.

According to the project's website, Paddling the Margins project looks to investigate the experiences of marginal groups living at the edge of North American society and geography, under the threat of climate change and habitat destruction.

Jack is a filmmaker and recorded interviews with people who live along the coastline to gain perspective and provide a voice for their worries, hopes and challenges.

"I was inspired by the resilience of many of the people I met who live off the grid," he said.

The harsh realities of living remotely was a sharp contrast from the romanticized version of off-grid living seen in some media.

It's tough and it's completely predicated on the skills these people have,"

The journey featured a few support paddlers, but only Jack completed the entire journey, paddling solo for hundreds of miles.

He was able to pack and power his film-making equipment novel lithium iron phosphate batteries. They provided the expedition twice the run time and half the weight of standard lead acid batteries. They completely powered everything he needed during the 92-day paddle.

TEENAGER COMPLETES HONDURAN RAINFOREST EXPEDITION



17 year old Fraser Venn recently returned from his Honduran Rainforest Expedition. Having travelled solo to Honduras he met up with a team from Operation Wallacea in San Pedro before trekking to the rainforest.

Whilst in the rainforest he took part in a number conservation driven surveys, which included mist netting bats and birds; identifying different species of frogs and lizards.

The fieldwork took Fraser deep into the cloud rainforest working with a group of fellow biologists and he hopes to remain in contact with these new friends.

Fraser is committed to complete his report to the society as soon as possible.

TREASURER REPORT

Those stalwart members who attended the AGM in May will recall some perhaps mixed messages about the state of the Society's finances. On the one hand, the capital situation in terms of money in the bank looks pretty robust. Looking at the revenue account situation however, the picture is not so rosy. In simple terms the Society's annual income is unlikely to cover current expenditure. The statement of Sources and Application of funds presented at the AGM indicated deficits between 600 and 900 pounds.

One solution might be to increase annual subscriptions but the Committee is reluctant to take this step preferring to cut costs by ensuring that our events are self funding and by increasing income via a membership drive. Hopefully we will have steadied the ship by the next AGM.

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MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S REPORT

Since the last edition of the Newsletter I am delighted to report that the following have joined the Society:-

Graham Ager, Gary Bagstaff, Major James Campbell, Derek Knox and Jim Pirrie.

A warm welcome to you; we look forward to seeing them at forthcoming events.

During this period, sadly we lost The Rev Chancellor John Rowlands; his obituary appears elsewhere in this newsletter.

The Treasurer report makes mention of our recruitment drive and we are encouraging members to invite guests to our forthcoming events.

A good number of guests go on to apply for membership and at £25 per year and our new streamlined membership route it is a simple procedure.

Check out Membership on www.captainscottsociety.com

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EXPEDITION SECRETARY'S REPORT



Our adventure awards continue to attract submissions from far and wide and it was a pleasure to receive applications following our two year hiatus with the pandemic.

This year we received 32 submissions for the senior award with a short list of six going forward to adjudication.

The youth award generated 34 submissions and a shortlist of 6 went forward to adjudication.

The panel met on the 5th April and after careful consideration The Sir Vivian Fuchs award went to 16 year old Fraser Venn for his Honduran Rainforest Expedition.

This application stood out for its self contained logistics and objectives, far too many of the submissions received are based on adventure package deals.

The Spirit of Adventure award went to Jack Hampton and his Paddling the Margins team; a 1,200 mile adventure in traditional sea kayaks from Ketchikan Alaska to Seattle and engaging with indigenous people en-route.

As this expedition started prior to our annual dinner and award presentation in June we were pleased to invite Imogen Barnett of the team to receive the award.

Since receiving the awards both expeditions have been completed and Fraser Venn is in the process of completing his report whilst Jack Hampton and his team are editing the footage taken for a film being released later in the year.

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REPORTS OF PAST EVENTS

SPRING LUNCH & SPIRIT OF ADVENTURE PRESENTATION



Our 2022 programme got off to flying start on Friday 8th April with a return visit to the Penarth Masonic Hall.

Members and guests enjoyed a sparkling wine reception in the lounge bar whilst our Expedition Secretary wrestled with the audio visual set up for our guest speaker.

As the P.M.H. offers an extensive menu we were pleased to offer choice in all three courses. Those attending attested to the quality of the meals. Our thanks go to chef Tim and his wife.

Following the lunch our guest speaker Philip Beale was introduced as the 2019 winner of the Spirit of Adventure award.

Philip went on to describe the Phoenicians before Columbus Expedition he had conceived and the historical background associated with this amazing navigational and cultural project.

Members will probably recall updates we have included in previous newsletters and it did seem like a long delay in welcoming Philip back for his report, but the wait was not in vain.

A lively question and answer session eventually had to be curtailed to enable Philip to sign copies of his latest book Atlantic B.C.

When asked "Why B.C." he replied it could be any of three things; Before Christ, Before Columbus or Before Covid.

At which point we let him slip away to catch his train, his holdall a lot lighter than when he arrived laden with books.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 38th Annual General Meeting was convened in the United Services Mess on Monday 9th May

There had not been an AGM since 2019 due to the pandemic, therefore a declaration of officers was presented to those attending and there were no changes to report.

The Chairman, Treasurer, Membership Secretary and Expedition Secretary delivered reports based on the events that had taken place in late 2021.

The chairman Sir Norman Lloyd Edwards thanked the committee and drew the meeting to a close.

A light buffet was served for those attending with several members rounding off the evening at the bar.

ANNUAL FAREWELL DINNER

The annual farewell dinner was celebrated on Friday the 10th June this year. A total of thirty four members and guests enjoyed a sparkling wine reception in the Captain Scott Room of the Royal Hotel.

Dinner was served from 7.00pm and was accompanied by the Lovell-Jones ensemble, tunes old and new played gently as the diners enjoyed the five course meal. The menu has been somewhat streamlined since Captain Scott, his officers and scientists sat down in this very room back in 1910.

Following the removal of stoppers, port decanters were passed, glasses filled and Master of Protocol, Matthew Salisbury called for the loyal toast, a toast to our guests and then introduced our top table guests.

Imogen Barnett received the Spirit of Adventure award as a member of the Paddling the Margins Expedition and delivered a short speech describing the teams objectives in Canada.

Following this our guest speaker Joe O'Farrell took to the floor and delivered a carefully considered speech on the "Heroic Age of Polar Exploration" and the positive and negative aspects of the reportage at the time, subsequent

biographies and even some of the myths that have been displaced by modern writers.

Joe then toasted members and guests of the Captain Scott Society, drawing the dinner to a close.

Overnight guests and several members adjourned to the lounge bar to round off the evening with a night cap.



GUEST SPEAKERS IMOGEN BARNETT AND JOE O'FARRELL FLANKED BY MEMBERS

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AUTUMN GALA DINNER



FRIDAY 14TH OCTOBER 2022
AT
THE CARDIFF & COUNTY CLUB
18.30 FOR 19.30

SPARKLING WINE RECEPTION
AT 18.30 FOLLOWED BY A
THREE COURSE DINNER

TICKET £49.00
WINES AVAILABLE FROM THE
BAR

SPEAKER -
MATTHEW SALISBURY
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