



SPRING NEWSLETTER 2023

CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

I'm pleased to be able to announce some appointments since my last message to you. Our intrepid Expedition Secretary and Newsletter Editor, Jack Wright, has been elected as a Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society. His extensive global travels and work for us in his role of administering the Society Awards certainly merit this, so congratulations, Jack, from all of us. And the evergreen Matthew Salisbury has been elected as Vice President of the Society to mark the contribution he has made as a Founder Member and in his role as our longest serving Hon Sec. He wrote me a wonderful letter thanking me for the appointment and enclosing his book "HMS CAMBRIA –A Flagship for Wales", a wonderful history of the division since its formation in July 1947. I can thoroughly recommend it.

We're also delighted to welcome Julian Salisbury's daughter, Amy, as our new Webmaster replacing Peter Lloyd Jones who has looked after us so well since first giving us a web presence. Amy is a professional artist among her other talents so we're bound to have some interesting discussions as she seeks to refresh our PR. We're already engaged in heated debate just on the question of our logo so there'll be no more tedious committee meetings for a while.

We have made good progress in arranging a schedule of events for this year and I sent out a summary email on 13th March as this newsletter was rather delayed. If you don't receive emails from us it's because we don't have a valid email address for you so please contact our Membership Secretary, Peter Coleman, to update him. You'll see inside that we have events planned up to the end of June so far, with more to come. Do come to as many as possible as we've done well, I think, in containing costs.

With best wishes for Spring and Summer

Julian Rosser

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NEWS

A NEW VICE PRESIDENT



MATTHEW SALISBURY

Stalwart members who have been attending the Annual Dinner over the many years that the Society has been in existence, will no doubt be aware that at virtually all of those august occasions, the proceedings have been guided and controlled by the Society's Deputy Master of Protocol – the celebrated Lt Cdr Matthew Salisbury OStJ RD* RNR – always carrying out this function with aplomb, panache and a great sense of humour.

As Management Committee Secretary from the early days of the Society, he applied those qualities to his minutes, his aim being to make them an amusing and readable if not always entirely accurate exposition of the proceedings at each meeting.

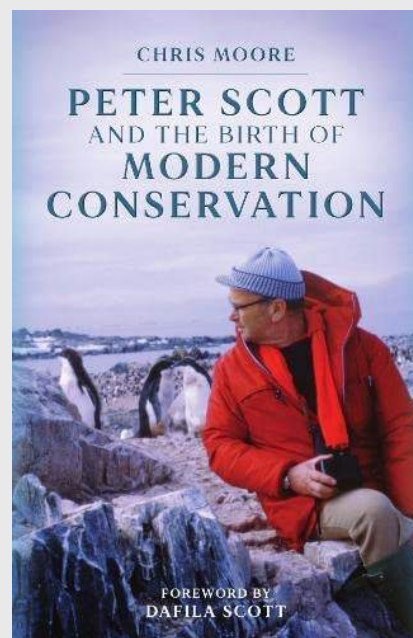
He was not however just a desk bound office holder; he also exemplified one of the main aims of the Society – to promote the

Spirit of Adventure – when he and some other Society members joined the British Makalu Expedition in 1992. Members who attended the Autumn Dinner in October will no doubt recall his colourful recollections as Base Camp Manager.

Matthew is one of three surviving founding members of the Society, the others being Capt Sir Norman Lloyd-Edwards and Col Sam Smith.

It was in consideration of Matthew's long service as Secretary and his dedicated and continuing support since its founding, that the Management Committee voted unanimously to recommend to the Society his election to Vice President at the next AGM under article 6 of the Constitution. This allows for 6 Vice Presidents. The others are Norman Lloyd-Edwards, Sam Smith, Mike Tarver, Julian Salisbury and Peter Jones.

PETER SCOTT BOOK



Sir Peter Scott, the society's first president was a remarkable man who led an extraordinary life. Writer, artist, broadcaster, conservationist, sportsman; in any one of his chosen fields he would have been remembered as someone who made a difference. That he excelled in all of these

is perhaps the main reason why his life remains an inspiration to others more than thirty years after his death. To his chosen fields, Peter brought a restless energy, boundless enthusiasm, integrity and determination to succeed.

This new biography charts his life, from the young boy who grew up in the shadow of the tragic death of his famous father to the co-founder of the World Wildlife Fund and a major international figure in wildlife conservation. Along the way he became a passionate wildfowler, an internationally renowned artist, Olympic medal winner, wartime hero, British national glider champion and popular broadcaster who was heavily involved in the development of natural history programmes at the BBC.

The book draws in part upon previously unpublished letters and papers discovered in his home during preparations to open it to the public, and casts a new light on some of the events that helped change a passionate hunter of wild geese into the most fervent champion for their survival.

With the current crisis of global warming and the threat of mass extinction of wildlife across the globe, Peter's story is a vivid reminder of the challenges we face and of what we stand to lose.

Chris Moore's book published October 2022 and available from all good bookshops

TREASURER REPORT

The "Sources and Application of Funds" situation reported in Autumn Newsletter remains on a knife edge although there are signs of an improvement. The losses on events have been reversed and hopefully this will extend into 2023. For the time being therefore, annual subscriptions will be held at £25. A big thank you to those members who continued with their standing orders throughout the past few troubled years. Enquiries have been received from a number of members about the acceptability of BACs payments for events. These are fine providing an appropriate payment reference is used. e.g. Spring Lunch.

Julian Salisbury

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MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S REPORT

Since my last report I am pleased to welcome new members Helen Joy and Andy Cole.

We have sadly lost two life members in Brian Thorpe and John Cosslett (obituaries page 4)

Our membership is currently stable but once again we do invite applicants to

check out our streamlined membership route on the website www.captainscottsociety.com and click on the Membership tab.

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EXPEDITION SECRETARY'S REPORT



EXPLORING LYCLAN TOMBS, TURKEY

The Society adventure awards continue to attract attention from individuals and organisations.

The Vivian Fuchs Youth award has generated 42 enquiries and the Spirit of Adventure award 19 of which 6 in each category will go forward for adjudication on the 4th April.

Last year's senior award winner Jack Hampton has confirmed he will be at our Spring Lunch to present his expedition report entitled Paddling the Margins.

The Autumn newsletter described Jack's amazing canoe journey along the western seaboard of Canada and we are sure members and guests will enjoy this event.

Having now been Expedition Secretary for eleven years and reading hundreds of applications, I still enjoy checking out the geographical destinations included. To expand my knowledge and enjoyment of geography I have recently been accepted as a Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society and thanks go to two dear friends who encouraged me to do so.

I now look forward to hooking up with members of the C.S.S. who live in and around London at Kensington Gore home of the RGS.

Jack Wright

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REPORTS OF PAST EVENTS

AUTUMN DINNER IN COUNTY CLUB

FRIDAY 4TH OCTOBER 2022

The Cardiff and County Club proved to be an excellent venue for our autumn dinner. Members and guests mingled enjoying a sparkling wine reception that extended from the roaring fire of the entrance hall and into the lounge bar.

The three course dinner was served with the clubs usual aplomb and thanks go to Maria and her staff.

This was then followed by Matthew Salisbury's Recollections of the British Makalu Expedition 1992 celebrating the 30th anniversary of this uniquely British adventure. Matthew as base camp commander described the equipment and supplies associated with the base camp and the sheer logistics of getting a large team up into the Makalu range, feeding them and paying the porters.

Matthew revealed that his trusty ice axe did see action, albeit producing ice for the gin and tonic.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH

FRIDAY 16TH DECEMBER 2022

Penarth Masonic Hall saw over seventy members with guests enjoy the seasonal three course lunch. Numbers were swollen by David Murphy's party or should that be harem, the table certainly enjoyed themselves.

The pre lunch reception kept the Chairman and Expedition secretary busy popping corks of bubbly and trying to blend the Antarctic Blue to ensure its tincture matched the recipe bestowed by John Cosslett

Following lunch the chairman prevailed upon Julian Salisbury to render "the joke" for the ladies and when this went down well further stories were aired ensuring festivities continued well into late afternoon.

An appreciation collection was held for the staff and the chairman thanked one and all and wished everyone a very Merry Christmas.

FUTURE EVENTS

THE CAPTAIN SCOTT SOCIETY SPRING LUNCH

FRIDAY 14TH APRIL 2023
AT
LLANISHEN GOLF CLUB,
CARDIFF, CF 14 9UD

GUEST SPEAKER -
JACK HAMPTON WINNER OF
THE SPIRIT OF ADVENTURE
AWARD 2022 WILL PRESENT



DRINKS RECEPTION AT 12:30
HOURS FOLLOWED BY A
THREE COURSE LUNCH

NOTE MENU CHOICES
INCLUDED IN THE BOOKING
FORM COPIES OF WHICH
ALREADY EMAILED
TO MEMBERS.

TICKET £37.00

WINES CAN BE PURCHASED
FROM THE BAR

DRESS CODE: JACKET & TIE

EARLY BOOKING ADVISED AND
NO LATER THAN THE 31ST
MARCH N.B. IN ORDER TO KEEP
ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS DOWN,
NO TICKETS WILL BE ISSUED.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

UNITED SERVICES MESS
WHARTON STREET CARDIFF

12 NOON THURSDAY 11TH MAY 2023

Members are invited to convene in the lounge prior to the Annual General Meeting which will be held in the Windsor Room..

Officers of the committee will deliver their annual reports and seek re-election.

A finger buffet with wine will be served in the function and those attending are welcome to enjoy the facilities of the lounge afterwards.

CAPTAIN SCOTT'S BIRTHDAY CEREMONY

Members are invited to meet at the Scott 100 Memorial at 12 noon on Tuesday 6th June.



The Captain Scott Society Birthday Prayer will be read by Lt. Cmdr. Julian Salisbury.

Following the brief ceremony the party will walk to the Cote Restaurant in Mermaid Quay where Lunch can be taken from the Table d'hôte Menu or a la Carte Menu.

Those with a memory of Cardiff Docks and Tiger Bay are invited to then transfer to The Packet public house to drink beer, study old photographs and reminisce of days gone by.



ANNUAL FAREWELL DINNER

CELEBRATING THE DEPARTURE
OF THE RYS TERRA NOVA
FROM CARDIFF ON THE 15TH
JUNE 1910

18:30 FOR 19:00
FRIDAY 16TH JUNE 2023
AT
THE CARDIFF AND COUNTY
CLUB



TICKET £69.00

INCLUDES SEVEN COURSE
REPLICA DINNER, CAVA
RECEPTION AND PORT.

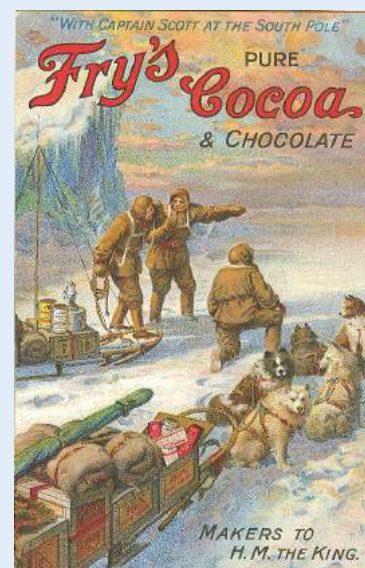
TABLE WINES MAY BE
ORDERED AT THE BAR

RIG: SERVICE MESS DRESS
OR BLACK TIE
WITH DECORATIONS.

SEE SEPERATE BOOKING
FORM FOR DETAILS.

CHOCOLATE FIT FOR A KING

With the coronation of King Charles III taking place on Saturday the 6th May it could be an opportunity for Fry's Chocolate to dust this off and use again.



OBITUARIES

BRIAN THORPE



The Captain Scott Society has lost a long standing, faithful and enthusiastic member of its committee. A gentleman who touched the lives of so many whether in business or socially.

He packed a lot into his life. Born in 1947 Brian spent his childhood in Radyr, attending Stanford School in the village before boarding from an early age at Mill Hill in north London.

The family moved to London, subsequently acquiring the famous Crown Inn near Henley. This encouraged Brian to pursue a career in hotel management, training at the Mayfair in Stratton Street – and providing an early introduction to the celebrity led high life which was evolving in London in the late 60's. There followed a spell at a hotel in Durban, South Africa and then management of the family's bar in Ibiza.

Much to the delight of his old friends Brian was then back in Cardiff to develop a business career, working for the Hodge Group and Phillips and Buck, managing aspects of their banking functions, but he was soon into what proved to be his forte, namely property investment and management.

Brian did appreciate life outside work. In earlier years he was a very competent squash player and skier and later enjoyed a second home on the Costa Blanca and enjoying golf in the sun.

Probably the greatest pleasure came from his boat Pastiche which he sailed for many years around West Wales, the South Coast, the Channel Islands and through the Bay of Biscay.

Another passion was the Rolls Royce in which he and his wife Liz drove down to Spain and to owners' rallies.

Brian loved company. He was a regular at the Cardiff and County Club and was one of the Greedy Boys. Whilst not a beer fan Brian enjoyed the company at Llandaff's pubs, particularly the Butcher's Arms in its heyday. In both Club and pub Brian was great company, never forgetting a name or a face.

As Expedition Secretary for a number of years he took his duties seriously and ensured the adjudication process for awards was well organised. A keen supporter of events Brian was prepared to travel all over the UK if there was some relevance to Captain Scott and the Spirit of Adventure.

(Thanks to Guy Clarke)

JOHN COSSLETT



John Stainer Cosslett will be sadly missed by the Captain Scott Society and many other organisations, institutions, societies and clubs, many of which he inaugurated.. Born in 1935 John grew up in Rumney, Cardiff and enjoyed school attending Cardiff High for Boys prior to joining the Western Mail Newspaper as a cub reporter and ultimately rising to Night Editor. John spent his entire career with this paper and spent 40 years enhancing its voice as the pulse of Welsh life and culture right up to his retirement.

During his later years John was involved in Freemasonry, the Royal British Legion, Friends of the Royal Infirmary and The Welsh Livery Guild.

Having acquired a taste for good food and wine like most journalists of his era it was only natural for him to join the Cardiff and County Club and participate in its activities.

He invented the Société des Gourmands (better known as the Greedy Boys Club) in which he organised themed lunches that included the finest delicacies and wines to be enjoyed over an extended visit to a variety of venues throughout the city. The Western Mail Survivors Society was another of his inventions and he was also a member of the Harlequins Club.

John served on the committee of the Captain Scott Society for many years and was active in the arrangement of the Annual Dinner and Christmas Lunch, at which he would concoct his infamous "Antarctic Blue" a lethal mix of deadly ingredients, which he always kept as a closely guarded secret.

He loved nothing more than promoting ideas for the society to pursue and as an avid reader of the Western Mail and Times he always had an opinion to share.

John was Librarian and Archivist for the Society, a role for which his massive library of books from the Heroic Age of Polar Exploration made him eminently suitable.

There was a large turn-out for John's funeral on the 24th March and it was a privilege to be asked to give the eulogy on behalf of all the organisations he so enjoyed.

(Editor)

NEW C.S.S WEBSITE

As mentioned in the Chairman's Message our website is being totally overhauled by Amy Salisbury. The work is almost complete and it just remains for members of the committee to approve expenditure on certain photographic licenses we wish to include.

In the meantime as a teaser the new logo could be along these lines.



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