

PATRONS

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Next Meeting and AGM 7.30pm Wednesday 25th March

Plymouth Corinthian Yacht Club

Open from 6.30 for food and drink

Guest Speaker

Dr John Dudeney OBE will be talking about WS Bruce FRSE (1867-1921) the eminent Scottish scientist and explorer who was active in both the Arctic and Antarctic.

John Dudeney is the former Deputy Director of the British Antarctic Survey and has 40 years of polar experience.

Annual General Meeting

The Agenda and Minutes of the last AGM are attached.

The current Financial Statement will be available on the night.

The present Committee are all prepared to continue if desired.

You will note that we propose an increase in membership fee to £10 per year with effect from 31st March next, preferably paid by Standing Order.

(The annual fee has remained the same since the Society was formed and we need to build up a fund to purchase our own audiovisual equipment eventually.)

Other News

Frank Bickerton 1889-1954

A blue commemorative plaque has been placed on his house in Lockyer Street.

He lived in Plymouth from 1895 until 1920, was a member of the Mawson 1911-14 expedition, was involved in preparations for the Endurance expedition and subsequently travelled with Frank Wild.

Stephen Haddelsey has arranged this and will let us know when the plaque will be officially unveiled, details will be circulated to all of you.

DCPS Shackleton Blue Plaque

Our plaque is currently in the safe keeping of the City Museum. We will keep you posted on plans for a permanent location at Millbay.

S/Y Polonus

Many of you will remember the Polish boat which left Millbay with our tall ship during Shackleton 100 en route for South Georgia. She ran aground on King George Island and is now ashore there, all crew were rescued.

Her crew filmed their stay in Plymouth including an interview with Alexandra Shackleton – go to YouTube and enter ‘Yacht Polonus’ for a selection of clips.

Diary Dates

Saturday 6th June 7 for 7.30

Scott Birthday Dinner in the Hayward Room at the Duke of Cornwall Hotel. 3 course meal with wine £30, lounge suit. Booking/expression of interest to Val or Brigitte.

Please contact DOC direct and urgently if you require B&B.

We are fortunate to have **Professor Robert Clancy AM** from the University of Newcastle NSW Australia to be our after dinner speaker. He has had a distinguished career as a clinical immunologist and has been awarded the Australia Medal for services to cartography and immunology. His talk will be a personal account and is titled "Antarctica through my eyes, 55 years of passion".

His first association with the frozen continent was being chosen as one of two scouts to accompany an ANARE ship the "THALA DAN" to Macquarie Island when he was 17. He has had years of study into the health of those overwintering, made a dozen trips as a lecturer on tour ships and he is an expert on collecting maps of Antarctica. Robert's talk is guaranteed to be fascinating!

Thursday 6th August

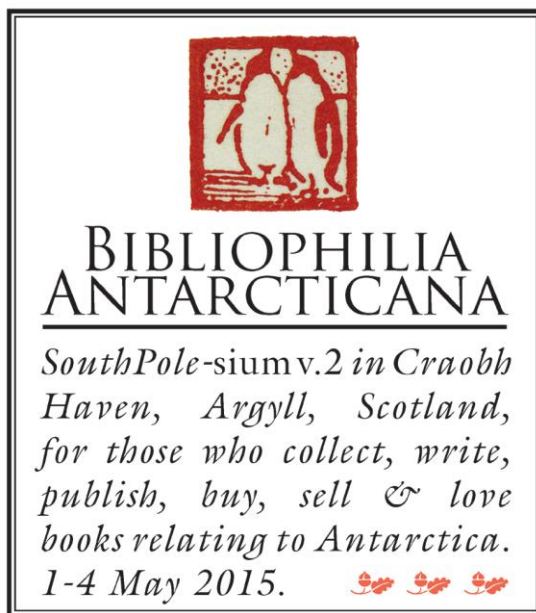
Opening of the Shackleton Room at the Duke of Cornwall, details to follow.

Thursday 15th October

Society meeting at PCYC. Speaker TBA

May Bank Holiday Weekend

Some DCPS will be heading up to Scotland in early May for this event arranged by American Rob Stephenson and Captain Scott's grandson, Falcon Scott.



Details at <http://www.antarctic-circle.org/gathering2.htm>

To express interest in attending or to ask questions e-mail

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