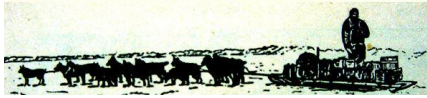


# **Devon and Cornwall Polar Society**



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## **Newsletter Spring 2014**

### **Next Meeting and AGM 7.30pm Thursday March 20th**

Plymouth Corinthian Yacht Club – open for food and drink from 6.30pm.

Agenda and AGM 2013 minutes are attached. The financial report will be available on the evening.

The present Committee is happy to continue if approved, however new blood is welcome so please let us know if you feel able to help.

Annual subscriptions of £5 for 2014-15 are due in March. Val Thorne will be pleased to receive them! Any queries to [valseaview@aol.com](mailto:valseaview@aol.com)

We are fortunate to have not one but two speakers this evening:

### **'Surgical Operations and Anecdotes from the Heroic Age of Antarctic Exploration'**

**Dr. Henry Guly MRCP.**

Henry Guly was until his recent retirement a consultant in the Accident and Emergency Department at Derriford Hospital and is a member of the DCPS. During this time he was a member of the British Antarctic Survey Medical Unit, which is responsible for training Medical Officers and paramedics for the BAS bases in Antarctica and supporting their work while down South. He became increasingly interested in the medical aspects of Antarctic exploration and has researched, published and lectured widely on the subject – including a well received lecture delivered to our Scott Centennial Symposium. His latest paper was published in the British Medical Journal in December and we can be sure of some interesting insights into this aspect of medical care from a great authority on the subject.

**‘Scott and Amundsen: What can they teach us?’  
Mr. Denis Wilkins, FRCS**

Denis Wilkins was a consultant surgeon in Plymouth until he retired in 2007. He will be known to many of you as a past Chairman of the DCPS and its current President. He has a long-standing interest in surgical training and in 2009 he wrote a short piece for the Journal of the Association of Surgeons, which drew on some lessons from this much picked over tale, These are still relevant to the training and performance of surgery or, indeed, to any other high risk activity.

**Shackleton 100 at the Duke of Cornwall August 6/7/8 2014**

Numbers are progressing well with 68 for the full package and several more booked for talks and the Dinner, so about half of the rooms in the Duke of Cornwall Hotel are taken.

Paul Davies and Committee members have been working hard to raise sponsorship. Paul has submitted an application for Heritage Lottery Funding and this will be assessed early next month.

Further applications for sponsorship and funding are necessary and will have a greater chance of success if we have more confirmed bookings.

If you intend to come but have not booked yet please either complete the application form on the DCPS website and send or email it to Paul Coslett (who is not in a rush for payment - it can follow later, possibly at the March meeting) or book directly with the Duke of Cornwall if you would like accommodation.

We expect to have a Tall Ship at Millbay and the ‘James Caird’ replica.

A draft program is on [www.devonandcornwallpolarsociety.org.uk](http://www.devonandcornwallpolarsociety.org.uk) but there will be even more in due course.

Shackleton100.org is the national website for all related events.

**Diary Dates**

July 1st Paul Davies on Shackleton at Plymouth Museum.

Next DCPS Meeting Thursday October 16th 2014.