

### *Celebration and reunion aboard HMS Victory*

The Trust is planning a celebration at the Historic Dockyard Portsmouth on Saturday 23 June 2018 to give supporters an opportunity to see the newly cast Southern Monument before it is despatched to the Falkland Islands later in the year, to replace the original monument which is showing signs of corrosion. The celebration will also provide an opportunity for the voyagers on *South 2015: an Antarctic Voyage to Remember* to get together once again following the two previous successful gatherings. The new monument is on show in the Historic Dockyard, home to a statue to Captain Scott as well as to the National Museum of the Royal Navy.



The Antarctic Monument at the National Museum for the Royal Navy, Portsmouth. Photo Brian Dorsett-Bailey

We are keen to gauge the level of support for this event and have prepared two options.

*Gold Package* includes a day ticket to all the Museum's exhibitions including the Mary Rose, HMS Warrior, Nelson's Victory, and the WWII submarine HMS Alliance and the special exhibition *Woman and the Royal Navy*, a visit to the Antarctic Monument, an hour long harbour boat tour and a private guided tour of HMS Victory ending with bubbly in the iconic Admiral Nelson's cabin. This will be followed by a three-course meal with more bubbly and wine. Cost of the *Gold Package* will be £150. We will need at least 50 supporters to make the reception aboard HMS Victory viable due to the fixed cost of that event.

*Silver Package* includes all the above except the reception in Admiral Nelson's Cabin on HMS Victory. The *Silver Package* cost will be £120.

Please send an email to Brian Dorsett-Bailey if you can by Wednesday 21 February indicating without commitment whether you would prefer the *Gold Package* or the *Silver Package* or are unable to join us. [briand\\_b@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:briand_b@hotmail.co.uk)

### *Replacement Southern Monument*

The replacement Southern Monument has now been completed and is sited just inside the main gates of the Historic Dockyard. This is a public area of the dock and anyone will be able to walk in to see it. The stainless steel needle has been recast using higher specification steel and improved methods. It has been polished and affixed to a new bronze plinth. It will be exposed for six months to a marine environment in order to test its resistance to corrosion. It is hoped to ship the monument out to the Falklands in the Autumn of next year.

### *Premiere of Trust film at RGS*

The film '*South 2015: a Voyage to Remember*' produced by the Trust was premiered at the Royal Geographical Society on 14 June 2017 to an audience of some 250. The film follows the voyage of Antarctic veterans, families and supporters to attend the dedication of the Southern Antarctic Monument in February 2015 in the Falklands where those "who lost their lives in Antarctica in pursuit of science to benefit us all" lived, worked and perished. It covers the creation of the Antarctic Memorial in St Paul's Cathedral, the Antarctic Monument at the Scott Polar Research Institute, Cambridge and its Southern counterpart on the waterfront in Stanley, Falkland Islands.

Trust Ambassador Felicity Aston MBE introduced the film by video from Iceland. She celebrated the day in her own way by giving birth to an 8.8lbs boy that same day.

After the film John Killingbeck spoke movingly about the importance of the film in commemorating those who had lost their lives in Antarctica and the director Graham Morris, who flew in from New Zealand for the Premiere, was able to answer questions from the audience.

Copies of the film are available for £10 (a reduction of £5 on the launch price) This includes postage and packing. Please contact Brian Dorsett-Bailey [briand\\_b@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:briand_b@hotmail.co.uk)

### *Arabian North Pole Expedition 2018*

Trust Ambassador Felicity Aston's ardour for polar exploration has not dimmed as she is in the final stages of organising the Women's Euro-Arabian North Pole Expedition 2018. An international team of women from across Europe and the Middle East will be setting out in March to ski the last degree to the North Pole. The core purpose of the expedition is to foster greater dialogue and understanding between women from Western and Arabian cultures and inspire all women to reach beyond the expectation of others to fulfil their own ultimate life ambition.

## Maintaining the Northern Monument

Earlier this year, the Trustees decided that the northern part of the Antarctic Monument in the grounds of the Scott Polar Research Institute in Cambridge had suffered the effects of weather and was in need of some repair.

In March it was removed and transported to a site in Kent where it was taken apart and sanded back to bare wood, gaps and splits cleaned out and filled with resin and tapered oak wedges in-filled where required. These were sanded back and it was given three coats of West System epoxy resin which was sanded again to give a key for the varnish. It was then given six coats of "Le Tonkinios" varnish, the top coat mixed with Gelomat to give a satin finish. Some slight modifications were carried out to ease the flow of rainwater off the oak.

Whilst at the works, the steel base was removed and transported to the works of Artisan Engineering, where new lifting lugs were added. The base was then recoated, the dedication plaque renewed and a new plaque added, which showed the connection of the sculpture to its counterpart in Stanley.

The monument was then re-assembled and transported back to Cambridge at the end of August.



Trustees Brian Dorsett-Bailey, Ken Gibson, Rod Rhys Jones and Dick Harbour outside the SPRI. Photo: Julian Paren

## BBC Future website

Martha Henriques is researching the deaths of scientists in the Antarctic for an article for BBC Future. BBC Future is an on-line resource which provides more information about science. Its mission statement is "Making you smarter every day." The website states "BBC Future was born because you told us you wanted more in-depth coverage of science, health and technology – so we aim to provide expert analysis and features about the big ideas shaping the world, and the new insights challenging what we think we know about ourselves. You can find it at [bbc.co.uk/future](http://bbc.co.uk/future)

Martha interviewed Rod Rhys Jones and Brian Dorsett-Bailey in November. We understand that there will be a feature about Antarctica published on the website later this year.

## Memorial Point

Following initiatives by the Trust the Antarctic Place Names Committee has designated a point on the Western end of Lemaire Island, Gerlache Strait as Memorial Point. It is a significant navigational feature that does not currently have a UK name, and is a conspicuous feature on the route often taken by ships on their way to Port Lockroy. It is at 64°48'45"S, 63°01'40"W and is named "to commemorate all those British personnel who died whilst working in Antarctica and who have not been commemorated individually."



Memorial Point on the tip of Lemaire Island

The name will be added to the British Antarctic Territory Gazetteer and is available for use on all maps, charts and in all publications. The Trust will be promoting the background story to shipping and tour companies working in the Antarctic.

The Trust will continue in its efforts to get all those who lost their lives but have no place named after them in British Antarctic Territory to be recognized. They are: John Anderson, Robert Atkinson, John Coll, Arthur Farrant, Roger Hargreaves, Ambrose Morgan, Kevin Ocicleton, Michael Walker, Graham Whitfield, Dai Wild, and John Wilson. Both Wild and Wilson have features named after them in the Norwegian sector.

## Downing College Archives

A research student from Downing College, working at the Scott Polar Research Institute, noticed the much viewed image of Jeremy Bailey talking to an emperor penguin in 1965. He mentioned this to the archivist at the college, (where Jeremy was a post graduate student) and subsequently it now appears on the Downing College Archive page on Facebook with a brief entry about him, and a link to our website.

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