

Commemoration plaque in St Paul's

At meetings of the Fabric Committee and the Chapter at the beginning of February the design for the plaque was approved in principle. We are now making a detailed proposal which will include samples of the materials to be used and the finishes.



Designed by the artist Graeme Wilson and the stone mason Fergus Wessel, the plaque, 1100mm diameter, is to be made of riven Welsh slate with a map of Antarctica inset in white Carrara marble. The position of South America and Southern Africa will be picked out of the surface of the slate and the latitude and longitude lines will be incised. The inscription will be cut into the smoothed periphery of the disk. Around the rim the title "British Antarctic Territory" and its motto "Research and discovery" will be cut and finished in palladium. The same metal finish will be picked out on the marble of the continent to show the area of the British Antarctic Territory.

The site of the plaque is in a North transept of the crypt just off the main aisle and half way between the tombs of Wellington and Nelson. It is across the aisle from the South Atlantic Campaign Memorial and next to the memorial to the Arctic explorer Major Frederick George Jackson, who whilst mapping Franz Joseph Land, happened upon and rescued Nansen. Importantly it is just outside the Education Centre: every child in London visits St Pauls once in their school career.

Service of dedication in St Paul's

A service of dedication will be held in St Paul's Cathedral in Spring 2011. We will keep you informed.

Fund raising event Cardiff 12 June 2010

To celebrate the departure of *SS Terra Nova* for the Antarctic from Cardiff at the beginning of June 1910 the Trust is holding a fund-raising Centenary lecture on the legacy of Captain Robert Falcon Scott.

Entitled *Heroism, Discovery, Inspiration - Captain's Scott's Legacy* we will be hearing from Dr David Wilson, an expert on the history of Antarctic exploration and the great nephew of Edward Wilson, the biologist and artist, who accompanied Scott and was lost with him on his return from the South Pole along with Bowers, Evans and Oates.

Dr Julian Paren will give us a glimpse of the contributions that British scientists have made and are still making. Many of the discoveries were foreshadowed by Scott's work. They include evidence of movement of continents, the ozone hole, how the climate and environment has varied over the last million years, and the global impact of the most recent changes to the ice.

Going to the South Pole is a huge adventure as Scott knew. It is challenging, difficult but rewarding. Felicity Aston who has spent a number of seasons in the Antarctic with the British Antarctic Survey led eight women from the Commonwealth to the South Pole late last year. She will tell us what inspired her.

Heroism, Discovery, Inspiration - Captain Scott's Legacy

Saturday 12 June 2010, 2.30 – 4.15 pm,
Reardon Smith Theatre, National Museum of Wales,
Cathay Park, Cardiff.

Tickets £10, Concessions £8, Students £5 available from:
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This is an opportunity to support the work of the Trust and at the same time spend an interesting afternoon. In the evening the BAS Club will be holding its Annual Dinner in the very room that Scott held his farewell dinner. It is anticipated that there will be other events in Cardiff over this weekend including a number of visiting naval and other ships.

Ambassadors: Felicity Aston, John Killingbeck, Paul Rose, Dr Russell Thompson

Trustees: Brian Dorsett-Bailey, Richard Harbour, Julian Paren, Roderick Rhys Jones

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Monumental sculpture in Cambridge

An application for planning permission to place the monumental sculpture in the garden of the Scott Polar Research Institute has been made to the Cambridge City Council.

The Scott Polar is planning to invest about £1.75million in creating a Polar Museum for the 21st Century in time to celebrate the Centenary of Scott reaching the South Pole in 1912, having secured £1million from the Lottery Heritage Fund.

Monumental sculpture in the Falklands

After a great deal of discussion with the Rev Richard Hines and the Council of Christ Church Cathedral, Stanley it is felt that the size of the sculpture and constricted size of the lawn in front of the Cathedral conspire to make the site unsuitable. Discussions have begun with the Falkland Islands Authority to identify a more suitable site.

BAMT ambassadors

Felicity Aston, one of our Ambassadors, led eight women from the Commonwealth to the South Pole arriving at 23:09 on 29 December 2009. It was the largest and most international women's team ever to make the 900km ski journey. Her team involved members from the Commonwealth countries of Cyprus, Ghana, India, Singapore, Brunei Darussalam, New Zealand, Jamaica and the UK – many of whom had little or no previous expedition experience – some had never seen snow. The aim of the expedition was to demonstrate the potential of greater inter-cultural understanding, raise awareness of the work and value of the modern Commonwealth and to highlight the achievements of women around the World.

Paul Rose, one of our Ambassadors, has made voice-over recordings of Captain Scott's final diaries in support of the British Library's *Turning the Pages* project. He will be making the introductory speech for the British Library premier of the iconic polar film *90 Degrees South: With Scott to the Antarctic* on 16 March at the British Library. He said of this honour that it was "the most significant and meaningful piece I have ever made."

In February Paul was giving a series of lectures, sponsored by the British Council entitled *Global Meltdown* in India and Sri Lanka. In December 2010

he will be leading a science support for climate change project in the Dry Valleys of Antarctica.

Families, Colleagues and Friends

We are now in contact with thirteen of the 27 families of those that died. They are Tom Allen (1966), John Anderson (1981), Robert Atkinson (1981), Jeremy Bailey (1965), Dennis Bell (1959), Kirsty Brown (2003), Roger Filer (1961), Geoffrey Hargreaves (1976), Neville Mann (1963), Kevin Ockleton (1982), Geoffrey Stride (1958), John Wilson (1965) and Graham Whitfield (1976).

Colleagues or friends of a further thirteen have been in touch but we are not in contact with their families. They are Arthur Farrant (1953), Ronald Napier (1956) Stanley Black (1958), Michael Green (1948), John Noel (1966), Eric Platt (1948), Alan Sharman (1959), David Statham (1958), Dai Wild (1965), Michael Walker (1976), Miles Mosley (1980), John Coll (1982) and Ambrose Morgan (1982).

We have heard nothing of Oliver Burd (1948).

We have now added two further names, Leading Seaman Reg Hodge and Able Seaman Lane who were killed whilst prepping a depth charge for seismic research on 6 December 1963, whilst serving on *HMS Protector*. We have no contact with their families.

If anyone can help in contacting these families or can provide any information please contact Brian Dorsett-Bailey. E-mail briand_b@hotmail.co.uk or ring him on 01923447422.

Web Site

We have made considerable progress with the website and now have comments and memories about each of those who did not return. We have been able to quote from Sir Vivian Fuchs' book *Of ice and men* by kind permission of Peter Fuchs.

Information is still coming in and we are adding it as it becomes available. If you have any information that you would like to add please contact Brian Dorsett Bailey or Rod Rhys Jones.

Please donate generously

We now need funds to commission the work of the plaque for St Pauls Cathedral. If you have not made a donation but would like to do so, or make a pledge (and pay later), please send a cheque or donate through the 'Giving' link on the BAMT website.

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