## Virtually Shackleton 2021.





<u>Saturday October 30<sup>th</sup>.</u> Free event, register on **www.ShackletonMuseum.com** 

Preliminary schedule V3. Subject to change. All times GMT+1.

Time	Speaker	Topic
10.00	Opening	Opening of VS2021
10.20 – 11.20	Jan Chojecki	John Quiller Rowett and the Quest
11:30 – 12:00	Jo Woolf	Sir Ernest Shackleton at the Royal Scottish Geographical Society
12:10 – 12:30	Jean de Pomereu Meredith Hooper	Frank Hurley's <i>Endurance</i> Photographs: Preservation and Printing
12:40 – 13:00	Brad Borkan David Hirzel	Book Launch – Audacious Goals, Remarkable Results
13:10 – 13:30	Angelina Foster	Printmaking at the Sign of the Penguins
14:00 – 14:50	Bob Headland	The non-Existent Islands of the Southern Ocean
15:00 – 15:20	Alan Noake	Shackleton's Scouts
15:30 – 15:50	Jonathan Hal Reynolds	Shackleton's Endurance Diary
16:00 – 16:40	Sinead Moriarty	Representing Ernest Shackleton in literature for children
16:50 – 17:30	Isobel Williams John Dudeney	Sir Clements Markham: Both Loveable and Malignant
17:40 – 18:20	Seb Coulthard	The James Caird
18:40 – 20:00	O'Brien's	Virtual Pint in O'Briens!
20:00 – 21:10	Film	Southwards on Quest

During intervals, we will be running video clips submitted by attendees and friends of Virtually Shackleton.

## **Speaker Biographies:**



**Brad Borkan** has always been fascinated with how people and businesses can make better decisions. With a graduate degree in Decision Sciences, Brad is a Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society. He has presented at business and Antarctic conferences, appeared on US-based cable TV, and on numerous historical and business-focused podcasts. Brad's expertise lies in the themes of leadership, teamwork, and winning against the odds.



**Dr Jan Chojecki** is the grandson of John Quiller Rowett, who financed the Shackleton-Rowett (Quest) Expedition of 1921-22. He has a degree and PhD in Natural Sciences and has spent his career working in public sector technology transfer. In his hobby role of family archivist, he has published the WW1 letters of his great uncle in "We Are All Flourishing - the Letters and Diary of Captain Walter JJ Coats MC, 1914-1919"

(Helion 2016) and currently he publishes a web blog on the Quest expedition at <a href="http://www.questchronicle.org.uk/">http://www.questchronicle.org.uk/</a> and on Twitter at <a href="https://twitter.com/QuestChronicle">https://twitter.com/QuestChronicle</a>

**Seb Coulthard** was born in London, raised in Quito, Ecuador, and completed his higher education in England. He is an award-winning sailor, engineer and adventurer with 15 years service in the Royal Navy (retired 2016).

In 2013, Seb joined Shackleton Epic Expedition, the most audacious and faithful re-enactment of the celebrated 830 mile boat journey undertaken by Sir Ernest Shackleton aboard the James Caird lifeboat from Elephant Island to South Georgia. Afterwards, he commissioned the build of the most accurate seaworthy replica of the James Caird. Future plans are for this boat to form part of the Shackleton Museum in Athy. Seb is Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society, and a joint Royal Yachting Association and Union Internationale Motonautique powerboat world record holder.

Dr Jean de Pomereu's Antarctic work is multifaceted. It comprises historical research, photography, publishing, curating and science reporting. As co-editor with Salto Ulbeek Publishers, Jean has overseen the publication and exhibiting of the first platinum-palladium prints and portfolios made from the original negatives of Frank Hurley, Herbert Ponting and Captain Scott. Jean's own photographic work has been widely exhibited and his historical research centers on two separate but intertwined questions: one is the visual culture of Antarctica, the

other is the scientific and political history of the ice sheets. Jean is an Associate of the Scott Polar Research Institute and is about to start a EU funded Marie Curie Individual Fellowship at SPRI.



**Dr John Dudeney** joined the British Antarctic Survey in 1966 as an atmospheric scientist, rising to Base Commander at Vernadsky Station in 1968. His career took him through research roles until retirement in 2006 as Deputy Director, BAS. His experience is wide ranging including leadership, logistics, crisis management, policy making and international governance

of the Antarctic. He now lectures and publishes on a range of subjects relating to Antarctica. He is a Fellow of the Royal Astronomical Society, the Royal Geographical Society and a member of the American Geophysical Union. He has received the Polar Medal with clasp, and in 2004 was awarded an OBE for services to science. In 2020 a range of nunataks in the Sweeny Mountains was named after him.



Alan Noake is Assistant County Commissioner (Global Projects) for Kent Scouts. He is happily married to wife Andrea, no kids, lives in the sticks near Sandwich in Kent UK, tutors in maths and is an experienced ICT consultant. He was a World Scout Jamboree Unit Leader in 2007, was one of the leaders on the Kent Scouts Expedition to South Africa in 2009 and led the Kent Scouts Expedition to Ghana in 2018. When he is not

Scouting or working, he loves spending time with family & friends, is passionate about international travel and fanatical about all things to do with Antarctica! His book Shackleton's Scouts is available from <a href="https://www.ShackletonsScouts.co.uk">www.ShackletonsScouts.co.uk</a>.



Jonathan Hal Reynolds is a Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society and is the host of 'The Explorers Roundtable' podcast, which was created as a place for explorers to engage with scholars in discussions relevant to the science, history, and literature of exploration. He is also the founder of Elite Expeditions, an educational travel company partnered with *National Geographic* 

*Magazine*. He currently lives in Texas where he teaches Literature at Baylor University and writes novels for Harper Collins Publishing in NYC.



**David Hirzel** is a maritime historian and author. His passion is early Antarctic exploration, expressed in his books such as the Sailor on Ice series about Tom Crean, one of Shackleton's hardiest men. When not writing or sailing in San Francisco Bay, David pursues his career in residential architecture. David is a popular guest lecturer for Viking and other cruise lines.



Meredith Hooper was born and raised in Adelaide, Australia. She graduated in history from the University of Adelaide, then studied imperial history at Oxford. She is a member of Association of British Science Writers, Royal Institution and the British Society for the History of Science. In 2000, the National Science Foundation and the Congress of the United States awarded Hooper the Antarctica Service Medal. In 2014,

Meredith was named the Australian of the Year in the UK. A prolific author with a range of exploration related topics, she is mother of film director Tom Hooper. After seeing a 2007 reading of an unproduced play, she told her son she thought he should consider pursuing it for a film adaptation; the project became his Academy Awardwinning film, *The King's Speech*.

College Dublin's School of Politics and International Relations. She received her MA and PhD at the National Centre for Research in Children's Literature in the University of Roehampton. Her work focuses on representations of wilderness, landscape, and environment in children's literature. She was a founding editor of Roundtable a postgraduate journal

of English and Creative Writing at University of Roehampton. She has published on topics including mapping in literature for children, twentieth century Robinsonades, and food in 'Heroic Era' Antarctic children's books. Her first monograph Antarctica in British Children's Literature will be published by Routledge in 2020.



**Isobel Williams** qualified in medicine at St George's Hospital, University of London and progressed to be a Consultant Physician in Respiratory Medicine in the National Health Service. Dr Edward Wilson (who went with Scott on both his Antarctic Expeditions) had been a student at St George's some 70 years before and there were many examples of his beautiful paintings in the Medical

School. This stimulated Isobel's interest in the Antarctic which has continued throughout my career.



Jo Woolf lives in Argyll, Scotland, and is Writer in Residence at the Royal Scottish Geographical Society. Her book, 'The Great Horizon - 50 Tales of Exploration' focuses on the lives of 50 explorers and draws on original material in RSGS collections. She also writes about the history and nature of Argyll in her blog, 'The Hazel Tree'.