



## PATRONS

*In alphabetical order. Full details at  
[www.antarctic-circle.org/patrons.htm](http://www.antarctic-circle.org/patrons.htm)*

**Robin Back** *Chairman, The Friends of Scott  
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**Kit Bowen** *CA, FCCA Markham relation*

**Antony Bowring** *Secretary, Transglobe  
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**Mary Royds Cleveland** *Polar descendant*

**Professor Julian Dowdeswell** *Director, Scott  
Polar Research Institute, and Professor, Physical  
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**David Dowdles** *Headmaster, Markham College*

**Alderman The Hon Jeffrey Evans**  
*Polar descendant*

**Sir Ranulph Fiennes Bt. OBE** *Explorer,  
adventurer, writer*

**Philippa Foster Back** *OBE Chairman,  
UK Antarctic Heritage Trust*

**Peter Fuchs** *Trustee, The Fuchs Foundation*

**Dr Rita Gardner** *CBE Director and Secretary,  
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**H.E. Ricardo V. Luna** *The Ambassador of Peru  
to the United Kingdom of Great Britain & Northern  
Ireland*

**Freddy Markham** *FRGS Markham descendant*

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Dear Ms Wardle,

IT IS MY PLEASURE—in order to advance the nomination of Sir Clements Markham's house at 21 Eccleston Square, London, for receipt of a BLUE PLAQUE—to submit to English Heritage the enclosed packet of information.

This packet contains all the relevant contents of the website established for this campaign

[www.antarctic-circle.org/markhamplaque.htm](http://www.antarctic-circle.org/markhamplaque.htm)

It also contains all the letters and e-mails sent in support of the nomination. (The originals of actual letters received have been included separately.)

Many persons and organizations have taken an interest in this effort. I feel confident that the activities and accomplishments of Markham warrant the honor of a Blue Plaque for the house he lived in for nearly 60 years. During that long time 21 Eccleston Square saw many famous men and women as guests and visitors. History was indeed made within its walls.

We are now in the centenary of Captain Scott's *Last Expedition* and many events associated with that endeavor have taken place in the past few months or are planned to occur over the next two years. Sir Clements was directly involved in that and in Captain Scott's *Discovery* expedition and this anniversary period seems an appropriate time for the honor of a Blue Plaque to be extended.

**Michael Palin** *President, Royal Geographical Society with IBG*

**Professor Will Ryan** *President, The Hakluyt Society*

**Lt Cmdr Julian Salisbury** *Chairman, Captain Scott Society*

**Dafila Scott** *Granddaughter of Captain Robert Falcon Scott*

**Falcon Scott** *Grandson of Captain Robert Falcon Scott*

**The Earl of Selborne** *KBE FRS  
Past President, Royal Geographical Society*

**Jonathan Shackleton** *FRGS  
Polar descendant, Antarctic travellers, author*

**Dr Ann Savours Shirley** *FRGS  
Polar historian and author*

**Judy Skelton** *Polar descendant, polar historian and author*

**Nicola Starks** *Granddaughter of Captain Robert Falcon Scott*

**Will Steger** *President and Founder, Will Steger Foundation*

**Dr Charles Swithinbank** *FRGS Emeritus  
Associate, Scott Polar Research Institute*

**Frank Taaffe & Seamus Taaffe** *Organizers, annual Shackleton Autumn School, Athy Co. Kildare*

**Sarah Tyacke** *CB Former Chief Executive, The National Archives; Trustee and Former President, the Hakluyt Society*

**Professor David W.H. Walton** *Emeritus  
Fellow, British Antarctic Survey*

**Nigel Watson** *Executive Director,  
NZ Antarctic Heritage Trust*

**Dr Edward L. Widmer** *Director and Librarian, The John Carter Brown Library; President, American Friends of The Hakluyt Society*

**Dr David M. Wilson** *Greatnephew of Dr E.A. Wilson; polar traveller and author*

The distinguished Patrons listed here all have agreed to be associated with this campaign and join me in urging English Heritage to pass affirmatively on this nomination. Their letters and those of many others point out Sir Clements diverse interests and numerous achievements over a long lifetime.

With kind regards,



Robert B. Stephenson FRGS

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