

# ReQuest2021 UPDATE

KENT SCOUTS ANTARCTIC RESEARCH PROJECT 2021



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## TOWER BRIDGE EVENT

Friday 17th September 2021. A date for your diary? The team plan to sail under Tower Bridge exactly 100 years after Shackleton's *Quest*. If you are free that day then we invite you to come along and spectate. The more the merrier - replicating history! Scouting members in uniform please.



## THE RESEARCH VOYAGE

The ReQuest2021 Antarctic Research Project Team of ten will be sailing on the Bark Europa from Ushuaia in Argentina to Port Lockroy in Antarctica from 1st to 23rd January 2022. Eight from Kent and two from Scotland each undertaking a project.

## PROJECT NOW 85% FUNDED

At the time of going to print the project was 85% funded. We have one more large fundraising event planned for Sunday 1st August 2021. A team of five dressed in penguin suits are going to run the London Landmarks Half Marathon for us. Any additional funds raised once the core project is fully funded will go to our legacy objective for supporting future Scout polar research.



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FREEMASONS OF  
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**EAST & WEST KENT FREEMASONS  
BECOME OUR FIRST EMPEROR  
PENGUIN SPONSOR**

The ReQuest2021 project is delighted that the Freemasons of East & West Kent have donated £5,000 to become our first Emperor Penguin Sponsor.

Sir Ernest Shackleton himself was a Freemason, a member of Navy Lodge. Sharing the same values as Scouting, Freemasonry provides a framework for personal development and service to others. Although not a Freemason, Baden-Powell recognised the parallels with Scouting. He wrote, "Our [ie, the Scouts] principles are closely allied with those of the Freemason, being those of Brotherhood and Service."

Tony Harvey, a Kent Queen's Scout and Freemason, said, "This is another example of collaboration between our two great organisations, one which will have a lasting impact on the lives of so many young people."

Tony is providing the expedition's Union Flag. He explains, "Freemasons provided the flagpole on B-P's campsite on Brownsea Island and I replace the flag every year. So, I am delighted to gift to the expedition a Union Flag that for one year flew over B-P's campsite."

To find out about Freemasonry in East Kent visit <https://eastkentfreemasons.org/> and in West Kent visit

<https://westkentmasons.org.uk/>





# THE JAMES CAIRD ROW-A-THON

A PARTNERSHIP PROJECT



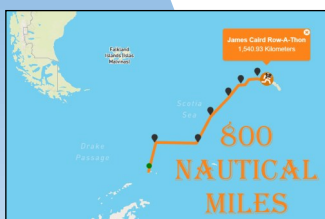
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JAMES CAIRD  
SOCIETY**

SHACKLETON'S LEADERSHIP IN ACTION

Our sponsored Row-A-Thon launched with two high profile rowing machines either side of Shackleton's famous James Caird lifeboat and lots of other rowers participating simultaneously on rowing machines all over the world. The aim was to clock up 1500 kilometres (the equivalent of 800 nautical miles or 933 miles!) – the amazing distance covered by Sir Ernest Shackleton and five of his men on the Endurance expedition's incredible boat journey. They took 17 days to row from Elephant Island to the island of South Georgia so we set ourselves the challenge of completing the distance in the same timescale.



## WE DID IT!

800 nautical miles (1500km) in 17 days - precisely the same distance covered by Sir Ernest Shackleton and his men in the James Caird Lifeboat 105 years ago. A massive thanks to all our fantastic rowers with a special mention for Chris Barrow and the Oratory School for their exceptional support. At the time of publication the row has raised a grand total of **£1167.23** so far. We are immensely grateful to both the James Caird Society and to Dulwich College for letting us hold the launch in the James Caird Hall.

**DONATE:** <https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/Team/ReQuest2021RowAThonTeam>

### THE ROWING CONTINUES... CIRCUMNAVIGATING ANTARCTICA!

The rowers have now set themselves a new seemingly 'impossible' challenge to row a total of 22,000 Km by Christmas Day 2021.



# JOHN QUILLER ROWETT 1876-1924

Born in 1876, in Rangoon, into a family originally from Polperro, Cornwall, John Quiller Rowett was the owner of successful London-based wine and spirits businesses Rowett, Leakey & Co and Rowett, Legge & Co. He was also a thoughtful philanthropist, supporting many good causes including medical research, working men's clubs in Cornwall and endowing the Rowett Institute, Aberdeen, for research in animal and human health. At school at Dulwich College, Rowett had known Ernest Shackleton. Rowett encountered Shackleton again in 1911, and allowed him to use his offices in Eastcheap, London as a base. In 1921 when he agreed to finance Shackleton's latest venture, on *Quest*, Rowett insisted the expedition should be equipped and staffed to carry out worthwhile scientific research.

In October 1924, after illness (he had had tuberculosis as a young man) and with mounting business difficulties, Rowett was found dead at his London home. The coroner returned a verdict of suicide. He left behind his wife Helen ("Ellie") Coats, the daughter of Glasgow lawyer John Jackson Coats, and three young children, Helen, John and Caroline.

*Article contributed by Jan Chojewski, John Quiller Rowett's Grandson, whom we are pleased to say has recently joined the ReQuest2021 Steering Committee.*



Sir Ernest Shackleton and John Quiller Rowett, aboard *Quest*, RYS, August 1921.

## QUEST CHRONICLE

**Quest Chronicle** is an (almost) day by day account of the Shackleton-Rowett (Quest) Expedition 1921-1922. **READ THE BLOG:** [www.questchronicle.org.uk](http://www.questchronicle.org.uk)  
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## ANTARCTICA IN AN ICEBOX

Our 5th project objective is 'To involve the younger sections (Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Rainbows, Brownies & Guides) in join-in educational fun activities in the form of *Antarctica In An Ice Box*.' During April 2021 the first 22 iceboxes were distributed to the 22 Districts in Kent. The Penguin USB stick is jam packed full of resources about Antarctica, wildlife and the environment. It is also available for others to purchase on eBay for £10 + P&P and create their own box. [<https://www.ebay.co.uk/itm/265110718140>]



Please post your photos of Shackleton The Penguin in interesting scenarios and locations with the hash tag **#ReQuest2021** When they are in stock you can order your very own Shackleton on eBay for £25 + P&P. [<https://www.ebay.co.uk/itm/265110692443>]

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<http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/fund/ReQuest2021>

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<http://www.request2021.org.uk>



# We'd just like to say...

# THANK YOU VERY MUCH!

TO EVERYONE WHO HAS SPONSORED OUR PROJECT SO FAR...



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### EAST & WEST KENT

### FREEMASONS

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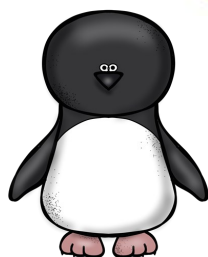
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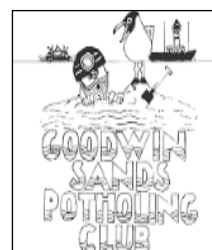
Hannah Morley / John Hunt / Old Ruyman Masonic Lodge

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1st Larkfield Scout Group



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Chinstrap [£20+] and

Macaroni [£50+] Sponsors!



"THANK  
YOU FOR  
YOUR  
SUPPORT!"

- Shackleton.

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Donate online now at:-

<http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/fund/ReQuest2021>

