

ReQuest2021 UPDATE

KENT SCOUTS ANTARCTICA RESEARCH PROJECT 2021

SAILING THROUGH ANTARCTIC WATERS AND MAKING SCOUTING HISTORY...

In the Winter of 2021/22 a select team of Scouts will be sailing on the Bark Europa Tall Ship from South America to Port Lockroy in Antarctica.

Exactly 100 years after two Scouts sailed on Shackleton's final Quest Expedition the project's objectives will be: -

* To participate as members of the crew on the Barque Europa on a voyage to Antarctica in the Winter '21/'22.

* For each of the participants to carry out an Antarctic research project and present the results upon return.

* To visit Port Lockroy base that was established by Scout James Marr and fly a Scout flag on Antarctica.

* To unveil an expedition plaque dedicated to Marr & Mooney at Gilwell Park and Port Lockroy in Antarctica.

* To involve the younger sections in join-in educational fun activities in the form of Antarctica In An Ice Box.



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MEET OUR FOUR FANTASTIC ANTARCTIC YOUTH AMBASSADORS...!

Selection Weekend, Bewl Water, April 2019

After five years of careful planning for the Kent Scouts ReQuest2021 Expedition to Antarctica the steering committee selected our four final Youth Ambassadors. Eighteen keen applicants had to undergo a rigorous selection process including producing a video, team building challenges, hiking, mental puzzles, sailing, cooking, origami, creative game development and a tough panel interview.

The four from Kent who successfully made it through and were selected were: -

- Darcey Holmes from Thanet District
- Lucy Morgan from Tonbridge District
- Genevieve Scullion from Dover District
- George Stonor from Faversham District



BARK EUROPA Type: 3-masted steel barque

Tonnage: 303 GT **Length:** 39.8 m (131 ft) **Height:** 33 m (108 ft)

Sail plan: 30 sails (incl. 6 studding sails; 1,250 m² (13,500 sq ft) sail area

Speed: 13 knots (24 km/h; 15 mph)



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Our Antarctic Research Projects

Lucy Morgan's

CLIMATE CHANGE

Writing a blog about climate change, based around questions people have. Also running Guide/Scout meetings on the topic. Plus she will be running a fundraising event related to climate change.

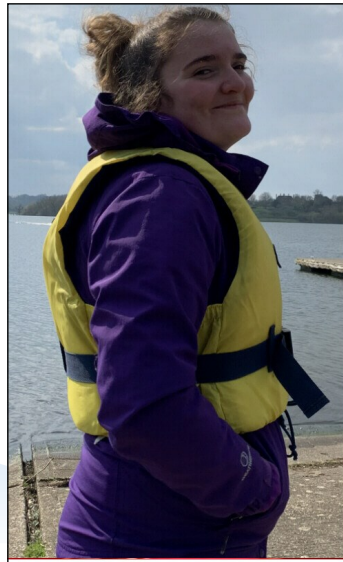


Lucy Morgan, Tonbridge

Genevieve Scullion's

PHYSIOLOGICAL EXPERIMENT

The physical effects of different temperatures on body functions. With the help of the members of the expedition, she will be able to measure the effect of varying temperatures on lung function, heart rate/ blood pressure and reactions.



Genevieve Scullion, Dover

George Stonor's

3D ICEBERG SIMULATION

A study into the movement of icebergs after they have detached from the ice shelf. This would involve understanding the different forces acting on the ice - such as sea currents, winds and gravity - and their resultant effects.



George Stonor, Faversham

Darcey Holmes's

PHOTOGRAPHY & ART

Capturing, using photography, a historical journey in contrast with 100 years ago. Using art to convey the overwhelming effects of human activity and climate change on Antarctica's landscape and wildlife.

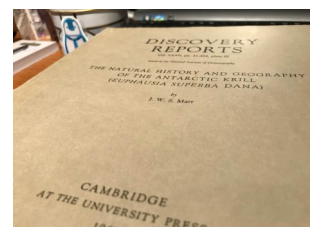


Darcey Holmes, Thanet



AS A JOINT TEAM PROJECT IT IS ALSO PROPOSED THAT WE FOLLOW IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF SCOUT MARR WHO LATER WENT ON TO PRODUCE "THE NATURAL HISTORY AND GEOGRAPHY OF THE ANTARCTIC KRILL (1962)" DISCOVERY REPORT - CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY PRESS.

WE WOULD LIKE TO CREATE SOME KIND OF ONGOING SCOUTING BASED RESEARCH PROJECT TO CONTINUE MARR'S LEGACY AND HIGHLIGHT THE IMPORTANCE OF KRILL TO THE ANTARCTIC FOOD CHAIN AND ECOSYSTEM.



Alan Noake's

THE SOUNDS OF ANTARCTICA

Recording an entire "soundscape" podcast of Antarctica – the various sounds of the ship, icebergs, wildlife and weather. As well as one-to-one interviews with participants, crew, scientists and tourists. The project aim is to produce a complete audio record of the project.

Cathy Mummery's

MOTION SICKNESS STUDY

The physiological causes of motion sickness and then whilst on Bark Europa look into the various treatments and how effective they are on individuals - shop bought medications, natural remedies and common sense remedies (watching the horizon, fresh air etc.)

Laura Bernard's

PHOTOGRAPHIC RECORD

Document, through pictures, the physical and psychological effects of fellow explorers throughout the journey to and from Antarctica.

Capturing the highs and lows of the entire experience.

Matt Wood's

ELECTRICITY GENERATION

Carry out first hand research on how electricity is generated and stored in the research bases on Antarctica.

We all know that global warming is happening, and one of the key issues contributing to this is the way we (humans) generate and use electricity.

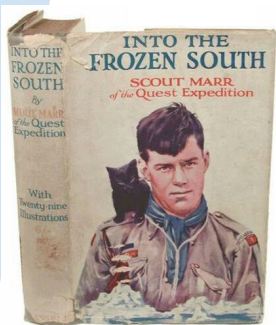
INTO THE FROZEN SOUTH - BY SCOUT MARR

Shackleton's Scouts



"Imagine how my heart leaped when the news was told! Here was romance personified. I think that any youth of my age would have felt with me that all the adventure books ever written were but tame affairs as compared with what the future promised. We were to follow in the footsteps of brave men who had dared much; of men who had died because of their love of perilous adventure. Anything might happen; imagination filled in the coming years with pictures that set the mind alive with delight."

*(James Marr,
Into The Frozen
South, 1923)*



"Stumbling across this book and reading those inspirational words above sparked off the whole idea for ReQuest2021. I had a dream that exactly 100 year's later we might send scouts on a research expedition back to Antarctica and raise awareness of the two Scouts who sailed with Shackleton on the 1921 Quest Expedition."

*(Alan Noake,
Project Leader)*

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So, who exactly were Shackleton's Scouts? Well, to begin with they were both Scottish patrol leaders - James Marr from the 1st City of Aberdeen Scout Group and Norman Mooney from the 2nd Orkney Scout Group.

The older of the two, James William Slessor Marr (1902–1965) was born on the 9th December 1902 at Cushnie, Auchterless, Aberdeenshire. Marr was the second son of John George Marr, a farmer, formerly of Coynachie, Aberdeenshire; and Georgina Sutherland Slessor. He first attended Aberdeen Grammar School and then went on to study at Aberdeen University from 1919. Marr became a Doctor of Science (DSc) and completed a Master's degree (MA). In 1919 Marr was awarded the scout silver cross and the bronze medal of the Royal Humane Society for saving bathers from drowning.

The younger scout, Norman Erlend Mooney (1905 -1945) was born in Kirkwall, Orkney in 1905 three years after the marriage of his father John Mooney (1862-1950) to his mother Isabella Jane Mooney nee Barron (1871-1945) while they were living at 53 Victoria Street, Kirkwall.

Regrettably, from the outset the Quest did not have an easy voyage, encountering heavy gales as they left England which continued throughout the first leg of the journey through the Bay of Biscay to Lisbon.

Sources/Acknowledgements:

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Scout Marr and the Quest (<http://www.history.scoutingradio.net/marr.htm>)
by Colin (Johnny) Walker

"APPLICATIONS POURED IN! BACK IN 1921 THERE WERE A TOTAL OF 1,700 ORIGINAL APPLICANTS!"

The word was that 16-year-old Mooney would leave the ship there and return home but the plucky youngster stayed on board for the next leg to Madeira. But the seas got worse and on reaching Madeira the doctor decided that enough was enough and sent Norman home.

Shackleton himself sent Norman's parents a telegram declaring *"regret necessary action solely in boys interest, he was always willing"*.

In 1929 Mooney passed the Colonial Survey examination and received an appointment in Nigeria as a mining surveyor with the Colonial Survey Department. He married Lillias Keith in 1932 and they had two sons and a daughter. He spent the latter years of his short life working for the Colonial Office in Nigeria. He was tragically killed on 20 November 1945 at the age of 40 in a rock fall at Jos in the centre of the country.

Following the Quest Expedition James Marr went on to resume his university work at Aberdeen University in Scotland in the academic year 1923–4, graduating both with a BSc and an MA in 1925.

Marr was zoologist on the British Arctic Expedition 1925. Between June and September Marr collected plant specimens in Spitsbergen and Franz Josef Land.

In 1943 Lt. Commander Marr led a covert operation known as Operation Tabarin which established a base at Port Lockroy, a tourist ship stop today, in the Palmer Archipelago in an effort to assert control over the British Antarctic Territory. Marr organised and commanded advance parties of Falkland Is. Dependencies Survey in Graham Land region of Antarctica, 1943–45.

Marr died from emphysema and bronchopneumonia on the 29th April 1965 at Milford Chest Hospital, Busbridge, Surrey. He was survived by his wife and five (two sons and three daughters) of their six children. Marr's monumental report on Antarctic Krill (Marr, J. (1962) Natural History and Geography of the Antarctic Krill. Discovery Report 1: 33-464) remains the major reference on this vital and central component of the Antarctic food-web.

James Marr of Aberdeen had first visited Antarctica as a teenage Scout, he returned as a marine biologist, and after that he played a big part in setting up today's British Antarctic Survey.



THE REQUEST2021 LEADERSHIP TEAM

Alan Noake

Assistant County Commissioner
for Kent Scouts Global Projects.
District Commissioner for Deal,
Walmer, Sandwich & District

Alan is an experienced expedition
leader who came up with the concept.

*"For as long as I can remember it has
been my dream to visit Antarctica and
follow in Shackleton's footsteps! To go
representing Scouts is a real honour."*

Cathy Mummery

District Commissioner for Weald
Goudhurst Scout Leader

Cathy has always had a fascination with
Antarctica and Polar Explorers.

*"Antarctica, Shackleton, a sailing ship,
Scouting... everyone who knows me,
knows these are my biggest interests!
Why wouldn't I want to go? To have the
chance to go with others who have the
same passion would be fantastic."*

Laura Bernard

Explorer Scout Leader
for Folkestone and Hythe

As a farmer Laura is used to hard
work both physically and mentally.

*"This is a once in a lifetime
opportunity where I know I have the
chance to make a difference and I
realise going to Antarctica would be
rewarding on many levels."*

Matt Wood

District Network Commissioner
Assistant Explorer Scout Leader
for Malling

Matt has always been a keen sailor and
has a lifelong ambition to swim in every
ocean on the planet!

*"I'd like to go in the most sustainable
way possible and want to learn a whole
lot more about our precious planet, and
spread that message when I return!"*



Alan Noake, Deal



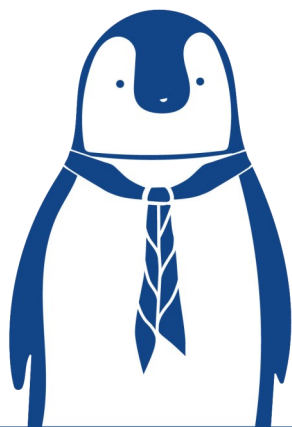
Cathy Mummery, Weald



Laura Bernard, Folkestone



Matt Wood, Malling



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YOU FOR
YOUR
SUPPORT!"

- Shackleton.

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