

KENT SCOUTS

REQUEST

1921-2021

CUB VERSION - SCOUTS' OWN

for SHACKLETON & SHACKLETON'S SCOUTS

WELCOME (READ BY CUB LEADER):

(Acknowledge any dignitaries or special guests.)

This Scouts' Own was first held at Gilwell Park (UK Scouting HQ) at 11am on Sunday 5th September 2021 when a commemorative plaque to Scout's Marr & Mooney was officially unveiled. The intention is then to pass on, share and hold the Scouts' Own with fellow Scouts around the world all along the original route of *Quest's* 1921-1922 voyage exactly one hundred years after *Quest* arrived at each location. This will include the Antarctic peninsula using a facsimile of the commemorative plaque. After returning from Antarctica the REQUEST2021 team plan to hold a final reunion Scouts' Own ceremony at Fordel Firs (Scottish Scouting HQ) in 2022 where a replica commemorative plaque will also be installed.

The idea is that each boxed section be read out aloud by a different attendee or at least held up by 10 volunteers to spell out S-H-A-C-K-L-E-T-O-N. When printing pages 1-11 front pages and pages 12 -22 back pages.



1. Commemorative Plaques: The inscription on the plaques reads as follows... *“Remember James William Slessor Marr 1902-1965 and Norman Erland Mooney 1905-1945 who took part in the 1921 Shackleton’s Quest Expedition.”*

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2. The Shackleton-Rowett Expedition

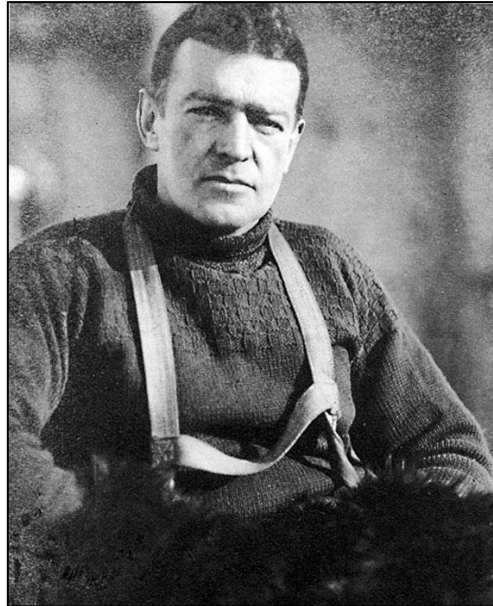
The Shackleton-Rowett Expedition of 1921-1922 was funded by Shackleton's school friend - John Quiller Rowett. In September 1921, the expedition sailed on the ship *Quest* with plans to survey the islands and navigation routes of the southern oceans. On 5th January 1922, upon arrival at the island of South Georgia, Sir Ernest Shackleton, who was in ill health, died on board *Quest*.



3. “The Boss – As I knew him.”

An extract from ‘The Book of the Quest’ (1929)

Sir Ernest Shackleton had a great admiration for the Boy Scout movement, so much so, that he took two Scouts, Marr and Mooney, with us on the last expedition on “The Quest”. Sir Ernest was one of the greatest Englishmen that the world has ever seen, and we lost our best friend when he went. “He played the Game.”



4. Scouts Marr & Mooney

The Shackleton-Rowett expedition was the first polar expedition to involve scouts. Following nationwide recruitment, Scouts Norman Mooney and James Marr were selected to join the crew of *Quest*.

Mooney, from Orkney, was badly affected by seasickness and returned home from Madeira a few weeks into the voyage.

James Marr, from Aberdeen, went on to become a marine biologist and polar explorer in his own right publishing a detailed work on the natural history of Antarctic krill.



5. ReQuest2021

The Kent Scouts ReQuest2021 Antarctic Research Project marks the centenary of the Shackleton-Rowett Expedition. A team of ten scouts from Kent and Scotland explore the waters and islands of the Antarctic during January 2022. In keeping with the spirit of the original expedition, ReQuest2021 is carrying out research projects with themes of Peace, Heritage and Environment and aims to leave a lasting legacy to inspire young people to explore the world around them.



The project itself has ten objectives shown on the back of these cards: -

- 01 VOYAGE**
- 02 PROJECTS**
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- 05 OUTREACH**
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6. Ten to the power of three

The project can be summed up as 10^3 (“Ten to the power of three”)

- **10** Scouting Ambassadors (8 from Kent & two from Scotland) sailing on a tall ship to Antarctica.
- **100** years after the original Shackleton-Rowett ‘Quest’ expedition back in 1921.
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7. Shackleton's Last Diary Entry

Ernest Shackleton died of heart failure in the early hours of the morning on the 5 January 1922. This last diary entry recalls his thoughts as the ship approached South Georgia.

4th January 1922

At last after 16 days of turmoil and anxiety on a peaceful sunshining day we came to anchor in Grytviken. How familiar the coast seemed as we passed down. We saw with full interest the places we struggled over after the boat journey. Now we must speed all we can but the prospect is not too bright for labour is scarce. The old smell of dead whale permeates everything. It is a strange and curious place.

A wonderful evening

'In the darkening twilight I saw
a lone star hover: gem like above the bay'

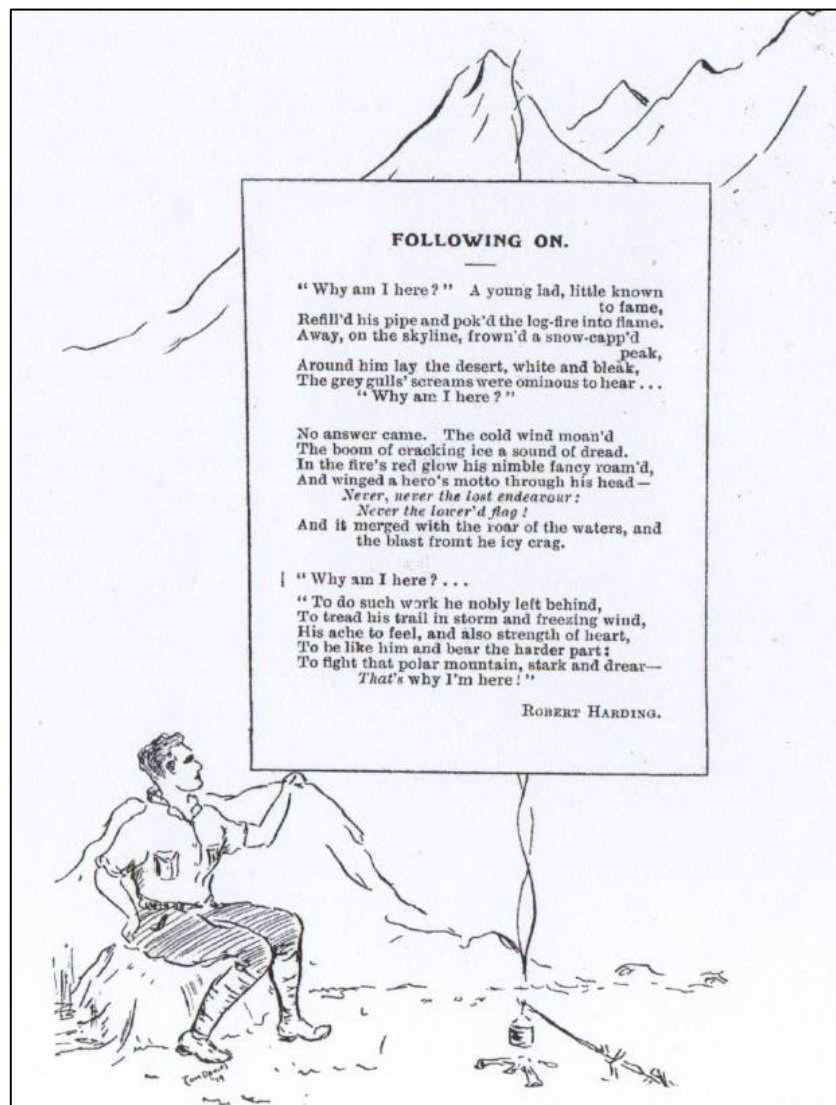


**8. "Following On" – extract from a poem by Robert Harding
from 'The Book of the Quest' (1929)**

Why am I here? ...

**"To do such work he nobly left behind,
To tread his trail in storm and freezing wind,
His ache to feel, and also strength of heart,
To be like him and bear the harder part:
To fight that polar mountain, stark and drear -
That's why I'm here!"**

Robert Harding



9. "Nothing is impossible"

Baden-Powell's introduction in 'The Book of the Quest' (1929) "Nothing is impossible"

Nothing is impossible if we set our minds to it.

Twenty-one years ago there were twenty-five Scouts in the world. If anyone had said: "Well go on and raise two millions of them distributed in every country over the globe" one would have said: "No thank you - Impossible."

But the Jamboree this year will show that the Impossible has been attained, in the short space of twenty-one years.

The Scout should be taught to kick the IM from the word IMpossible.

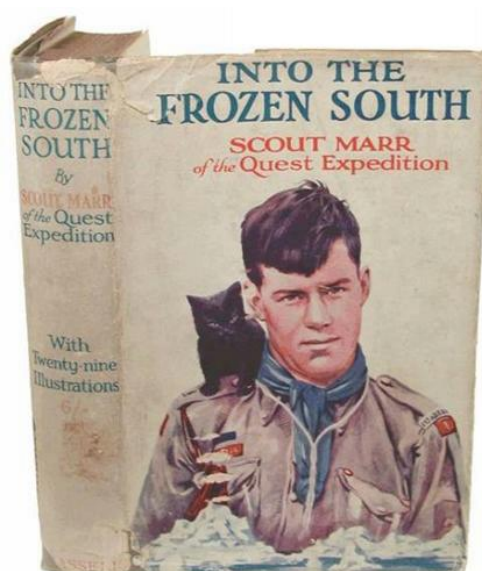


Baden-Powell with the Duke of Connaught
opening the 3rd World Jamboree
at Arrowe Park, Birkenhead,
England, 1929.

10. Extract from 'Into The Frozen South'

Let's finish with a reading of the final words from Marr's 1923 book 'Into The Frozen South':

"Inspiring of all my memories there is that of the lonely cross outlined against the whirling drive of the South Georgian sleet, the sign which remains to tell of the great spirit that led us forth and died, yet lives again, as a magnet to draw the brave away from the sleek comforts of life into that outer world of daring where men may gaze in awe upon the wonders of the Lord."



You can continue to follow the progress of the Kent Scouts ReQuest2021 Antarctica Project on...

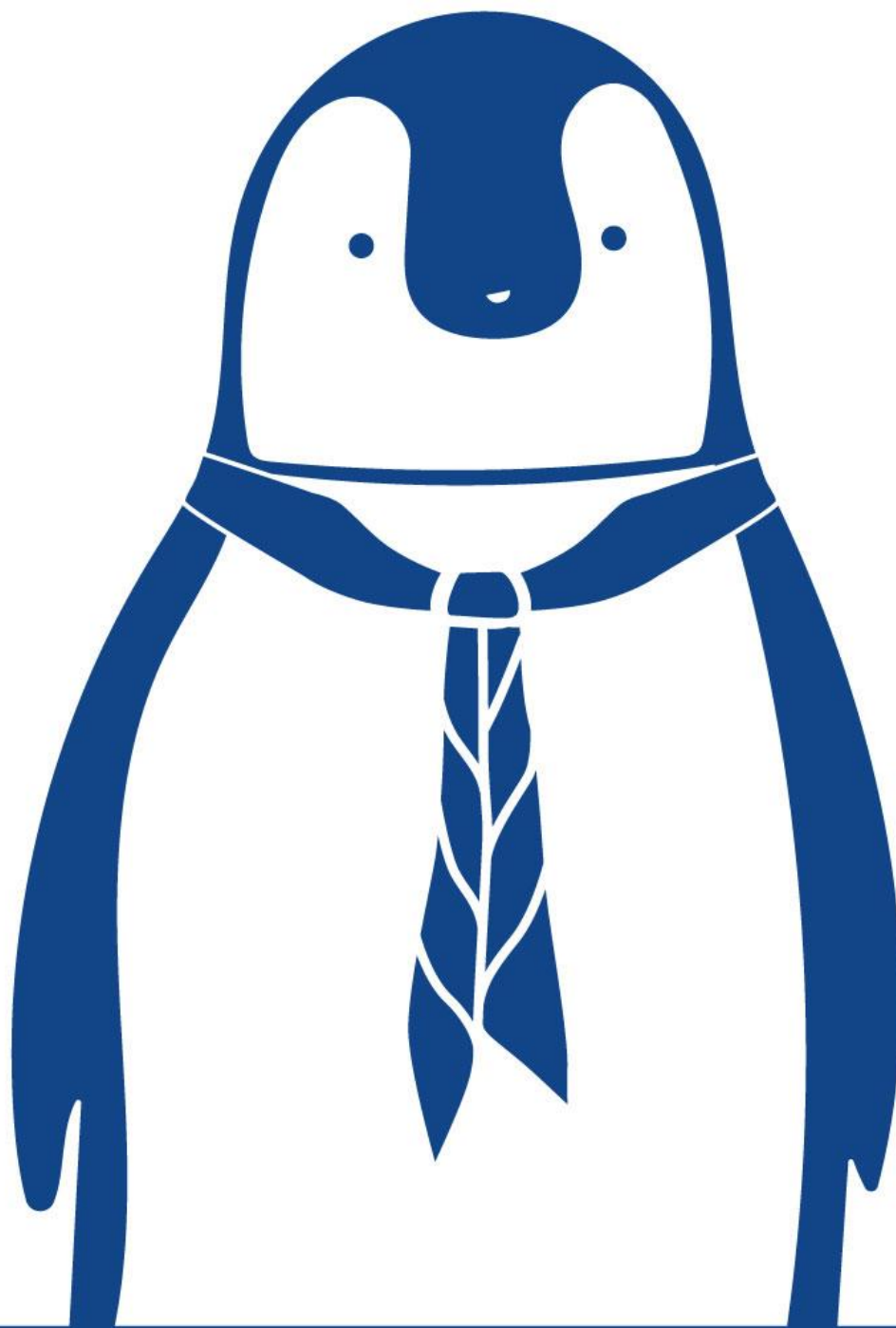
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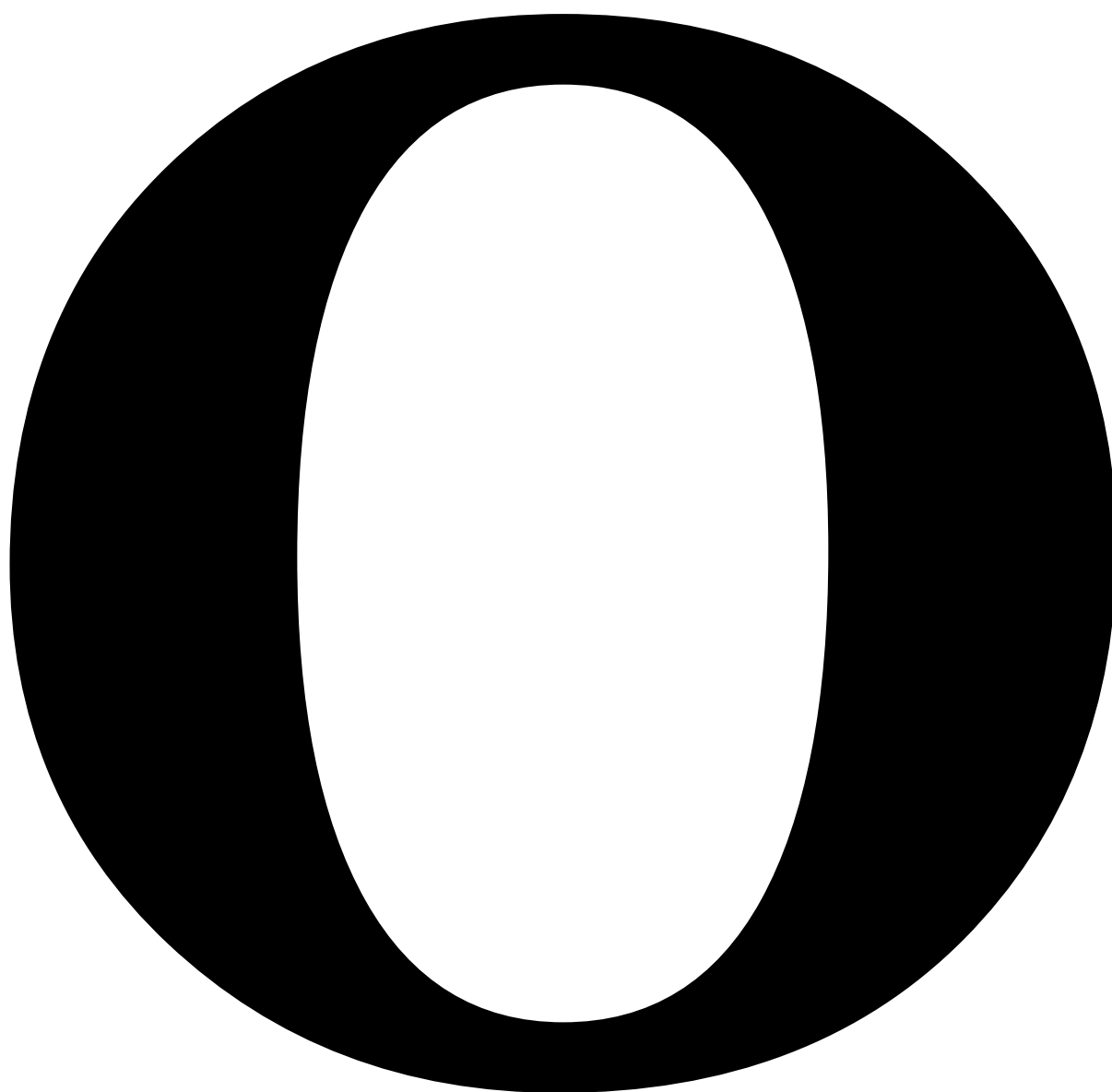
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