



MEETING – 1930 hrs, Friday, 16th September 2022.
The Duke of Cornwall Hotel, Plymouth

Item No	Description	Action
1. General	<p>Some 20 members and friends attended the regular Meeting of the Society – held on the 100th Anniversary of the return of “Quest” to Plymouth.</p> <p>Our President invited those present to join with him in one minute of silent contemplation following the recent death of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II.</p> <p>He spoke of our Founder Member, Jean Scholar, who had died during August 2022. She was the grand-daughter of CPO Fred Parsons, who had sailed with Captain Scott on board “Terra Nova”. She had been a great supporter of the Society: her brother Peter was with us this evening.</p> <p>A second loyal Society member has also died in August, Mary Cleveland from the Scillies. Mary was a descendent of Lt Charles Royds of the “Discovery” Expedition. Despite the distance involved, Mary was a regular attendee at our meetings.</p> <p>We remember both Jean and Mary.</p>	
2. Apologies	<p>Apologies had been received from Dr David Wilson, Brigette Dixon, Rosie Needham and Chris Spencer.</p>	
	<p>Our Chairman, Julie Ellis, welcomed Philip van Duren from Australia who is currently engaged in research into the work of his fellow Australian, Sir Hubert Wilkins, ornithologist of the “Quest”. Our speaker has recently been with Philip, where they have been examining specimens from the “Quest” expedition at the Natural History Museum, Tring, Hertfordshire.</p> <p>Finally, she welcomed our speaker, Dr Jan Chojecki, who presented a second talk about his Grandfather, John Q Rowett. JQR had been in Plymouth exactly 100 years ago today, when “Quest” returned to Plymouth at the end of the Shackleton-Rowett Expedition.</p> <p>Jan was the keynote speaker at our “Quest100” event in September 2021, since when he has been researching his</p>	

	<p>Grandfather`s papers in order to complete a new book: <i>“The Quest Chronicle. The story of the Shackleton – Rowett Expedition”.</i></p> <p>This research formed the basis of much of his illustrated talk. So much new material has come to light over the past 12 months. Signed copies of the book, which was launched at the meeting, were available to purchase.</p> <p>Finally, Jan answered a number of questions from the audience.</p> <p>A Vote of Thanks was made by Hon Secretary, John Woodward and the meeting was closed by Chairman, Julie Ellis at 2050 hrs.</p>	
Footnotes	<p>Immediately before our meeting, Alan Noake (who also was a speaker at our “Quest100” event last year) held a “Scouts Own” service at the commemorative plaque, Millbay Dock. This marked the end of the Kent Scouts` own recent Antarctic expedition, which was inspired by the presence of Scouts Norman Mooney and James Marr on board “Quest”.</p> <p>The weekend plan had been to sail on board Sail Training Ship “Johanna Lucretia” from Plymouth this evening to Portsmouth - following the programme of “Quest” in 1922. Jan was present in Plymouth on this day and will be in Portsmouth on Sunday, 18th September, exactly as his Grandfather attended 100 years ago.</p> <p>However, in an ironic turn of events, given the many technical problems encountered on “Quest” a century ago, the engine of “Johanna Lucretia” chose the afternoon of 16th September 2022 to break down on her approach to Plymouth! The Scouts would be accommodated on board the “Johanna L” and would instead continue some nautical activities at Plymouth before driving to Portsmouth on Sunday!</p> <p style="text-align: center;">+++</p> <p>For anyone who was not present at our meeting, who may be interested in purchasing a copy of his book, Jan has advised that for the coming 2 or 3 weeks, if they will identify themselves as D&CPS members in the process of ordering from Goldcrest Books, they will honour the “on the night” price of £30.00 (a discount from £34.99) + P&P. You should contact Sarah at the publisher, by email: sarah.houldcroft@goldcrestbooks.com</p>	