

Some Antarctic Sites in and around Dundee

As of today—4 April—we have a full complement: Rob Stephenson, Wendy Driver, Bob Burton, Jill & Antony Bowring, David Wilson, David Yelverton, Michael Smith, Judy Skelton, Cathy Cooper, Ian Cumming, Mary Royds Cleveland, Sandy Macklin and Falcon Scott.

For those who are interested and whose schedules permit, we will meet at the Queen's Hotel between Noon and 1:00 pm on Saturday and from there go to Broughty Ferry Castle Museum. There might be other Antarctic stops in Dundee if time permits. On Sunday, foot and mouth permitting, we hope to do an excursion to Glen Prosen. This schedule is somewhat tentative; more definite details by e-mail or contact us at The Shaftesbury Hotel on Saturday morning.

Queen's Hotel

“Immediately after the launch a luncheon was given in the Queen's Hotel to a very large company, including most, if not all, of the arctic whaling captains at present in Dundee.” Located at **160 Nethergate**, Dundee. Tel: 01382 322515. Who knows, there might be something there commemorating the event. This is where those interested will meet between noon and 1 pm on Saturday. If you don't see us it's probably means we're in the bar!

House of James Caird (or site of)

We're trying to locate this. So far, no luck.

Caird and Marryat Halls

“The City Square complex comprising the Caird and Marryat Halls, the Council Chambers and various offices and commercial properties, was Dundee's first piece of formal civic planning. Just before the First World War, local jute baron Sir James Key Caird of Ashton Jute Works offered to fund a new City Hall and Concert hall for Dundee. Construction of the Caird Hall began in 1914 and was completed in 1922. The colonnade was gifted by Caird's sister, Mrs Marryat, supposedly to compensate the city for the loss of The Pillars. the two wings either side of the hall were erected in 1930-1, with the city chambers on the western side and offices on the eastern.”

Ashton Jute Works

“On Annfield Road and the Craigie Mill is on the Arbroath Road. Both works are closed.”

Caird Park

“...Caird Park in the north of the city.”

Panmure Shipyard

“The Panmure Shipyard where *Discovery* was built in 1900 is part of the City Quay only minutes by car from Discovery Point worth a walk round. Stewart (Hackle Makers) occupy what where the Panmure Shipyard offices.”

McManus Galleries, Dundee

“The McManus Galleries contain the story of Dundee through exhibitions, a costume gallery, the victorian gallery, and more! It is also home to the city's art gallery.

Open: Mondays 11 am to 5 pm. Tuesday to Saturday 10 am to 5 pm” (perhaps 4 pm).

Thought to open on Sunday 12.30 to 4 pm.

“... Duncan's diary which is in McManus Galleries.” Wendy’s checked with them and it doesn’t look easy to arrange a viewing on the diary.

Broughty Ferry Castle Museum.

“Broughty Castle Museum in Broughty Ferry on the eastern side of the city holds a fine collection of artefacts with a nautical theme. The displays cover the whaling industry, seashore and - naturally - the military history associated with the castle.

Open: Mondays 11 am to 1 pm, 2pm to 5 pm. Tuesday to Thursday 10 am to 1 pm, 2 pm to 5 pm. Friday Closed. Saturday 10 am to 1 pm, 2 pm to 5 pm. Sundays (July to September only) 2 pm to 5 pm”

Wendy Driver: “At Broughty there is a small Wilson watercolour owned by Duncan (unsigned) painted on a packing case, a model of the *Terra Nova*, carpenter’s box from the *Terra Nova* (1910), some pictures etc of Harry MacKay, Duncan’s and Sharpe’s polar medal and maybe some other small items. Open on Saturdays from 10 am to 4 pm and Sundays from 12.30 to 4 pm.”

Harry Mackay’s grave, Tayport

“Captain Henry Duncan Mackay was master of the *Terra Nova* when sent out in 1903-04 to assist the *Morning* in relief of Scott’s first expedition. At the end of the 1890s he [Harry Mackay] moved from Dundee to Tayport, the new residential district on the other side of the Tay. There he lived for some years in a pleasant detached house overlooking the river where he could see the shipping arriving at the docks and sailing. He died on November 9, 1925, at the age of 71, and was buried at Tayport, where a grey polished granite stone marks his grave.” (A. G. E. Jones, Polar Portraits, p. 171.)

Scott/Wilson Memorial at Glen Prosen

“Like Glen Clova, Glen Prosen has a narrow, twisty road on the western side. And like Clova, the eastern road is a real drivers’ road—sweeping from bend to bend. As you approach the end of the Glen at Dykehead, look out for the cairn to Edward Adrian Wilson and Robert Falcon Scott—the antarctic explorers. Wilson lived in Glen Prosen, and it was there that Captain Scott planned his Antarctic expeditions. The cairn is in remembrance of the two men who died together on the ‘great ice barrier’, March 1912.”

“The widow of Reginald Smith (Smith-Elder, Scott’s publisher) commissioned Mrs Watts to design the fountain. It was carved in red sandstone. The inscription reads: “Given into the care | of the people of Cortachy | for them to hold in remembrance | Robert Falcon Scott and | Edward Adrian Wilson | who knew this glen. They reached |

the South Pole on 17th January, 1912, and died together on the Great Ice Barrier, March 1912. “For the journey is done and the summit attained and the barriers fall.” “

Bungalow associated with Scott and Wilson.

“Scott and Wilson planned the second expedition at this bungalow owned by the publisher Reginald Smith. There’s also a Cherry-Garrard connection: This is where he first met Dr. Wilson.

Just beyond the hotel at Dykehead, you leave the Clova road and branch left for Glen Prosen. The Bungalow comes in sight almost immediately afterwards.”

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