

Thames Valley Network



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Study Day



# Polar Exploration – from Past to Present

Including scientific, political and climate change effects

Benson Parish Hall, Sunnyside, Benson, Wallingford, OX10 6LZ  
Tuesday, 4<sup>th</sup> September 2018

We are very fortunate in having three exceptional speakers:

**Alex Hibbert** is the world record-holding polar traveller who has skied further on an unsupported Arctic journey than anyone in history. He is also an author\* and photographer. see [www.alexhibbert.com](http://www.alexhibbert.com)

**Lt. Commander John Ash** (RN retired) is from the Scott Polar Research Institute in Cambridge and will talk about the Royal Navy's role in Arctic waters including a virtual tour of a nuclear submarine. He will also address the concepts of Arctic exploration and the consequences of climate change.

**Richard Shackleton** is a relative of the famous explorer and will give us a personal insight into his ancestor's exploits in the Antarctic.

## Provisional Programme

10.00 am Registration and coffee

10.30 **Sir Earnest Shackleton** – the unlikely hero. Speaker: Richard Shackleton

BREAK

11.45 **The Arctic, Submarines and Security: Science and Risk of a Warming Environment**  
Speaker: John Ash

LUNCH

2.00 pm **Exploring Arctic Frontiers in a Changed Climate.** John Ash concludes his presentation with a lecture on concepts of Arctic exploration and the consequences of climate change.

BREAK

2.45 **The Long Haul** – Alex Hibbert (\*Afterwards Alex is happy to sign copies of his books *The Long Haul* and *Maybe* which are available direct from his website.)

4.00 CLOSE

**The Study Day Fee is £15.00.** (£17 for non TVN members) This includes coffee / tea & biscuits on arrival and a buffet lunch. Please advise if you have any dietary allergies or require vegetarian or vegan options.

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