



2022-2023

THE SECOND MEETING of the season—the **900th Meeting** of the Club—will be held in the Massachusetts Room of the Harvard Club on **Wednesday, November 9, 2022** (*Note: Tuesday being election day, the meeting has been changed to Wednesday.*) A special menu (*see over*) has been prepared. A keepsake publication and a commemorative gift will be provided to each attendee. There will be an open bar with *hors d'oeuvres* during the cocktail hour and wine at the dinner table. The reception will convene at 6:00 p.m., dinner at 6:45 p.m., and the meeting will begin about 8:00 p.m. The price is \$86 each for members and guests. Please respond by email—rsvp@harvardtravellersclub.org—only if you are coming to the dinner. (Important: in your email specify your choice of entrée for yourself and all guests by name.) Reservations should be made before 9 a.m. on the preceding Friday, November 4. Members who fail to attend without canceling their reservations prior to the above deadline may be liable for the dinner charge.

ENIGMAS OF THE SOUTHERN OCEAN: THE NON-EXISTENT ISLANDS WITH ERNEST SHACKLETON'S EXPLORATIONS

OF THE MANY fascinating obscurities of the frigid oceans are the assortment of small isolated islands charted throughout them. In the south the Peri-Antarctic islands are well known, indeed Shackleton termed one of the largest, South Georgia, the *Gateway to the Antarctic*. However, a similar number of other islands, now known to be non-existent, have also appeared on charts. Expeditions, sealers and whalers all reported many such islands. This evening we will learn of these: their 'discovery,' investigation, and ultimate expungement. One of the various objects of Shackleton's several expeditions was the investigation of their existence.

Our speaker at this historic meeting of the Harvard Travellers Club will give us an account of his long years of research on this interesting subject and some of the surprising conclusions. In the centenary of Shackleton's death at the Antarctic gateway the lecture will conclude with news of the latest developments in the story of his explorations.

Robert K. Headland was for many years the Archivist and Curator at SCOTT POLAR RESEARCH INSTITUTE at the University of Cambridge, the world's premier polar research center. He continues as a Senior Institute Associate, his main field of interest being historical geography. He's a member of both the Arctic Club and the Antarctic Club (UK) and has been decorated with the Polar Medal (1984).

Previous to his time at SPRI he worked for BAS, the British Antarctic Survey. While at BAS he was stationed on South Georgia and was held captive there by invading Argentine forces during the Falkland Islands War. He has travelled extensively in both north and south polar regions and elsewhere. He's considered by many as the world's leading expert on both polar regions.

He is the author of several well-regarded books including *A Chronology of Antarctic Exploration* (Quaritch, 2009) and *The Island of South Georgia* (Cambridge University Press, 1984), and many papers on the geography and history of these regions.





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Maine Lobster Bisque

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Harvard Club White Wine

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Caprese Salad

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Filet Mignon

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Panko Crusted Cod Loin, Fine Herb Lemon Butter Sauce

Herb Risotto

Roasted Asparagus

Roasted Baby Carrots

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Harvard Club Red and White Wine

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Duet of Petite Chocolate Cake and Vanilla Crème Brûlée  
with Fresh Berries

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Coffee, Tea, Decaffeinated Coffee