

Brash ice and mashed potatoes

The first fund-raising event of 2009 in support of the King's Lynn Norfolk Boat Trust will be on **Tuesday March 31** at the Green Quay on Lynn's South Quay.

It has a strong Antarctic flavour. Ken Hill, one of the supporters of the project to get the Norfolk boat Baden Powell back in the water, will be showing the film he took during his stay in the Antarctic as a radio operator in 1956/57. Now more than fifty years old, the film has been transferred to DVD from the 8mm colour original, shot without sound on a clockwork cine camera.

An introduction has been added – recorded while Ken was travelling on the tall ship Earl of Pembroke on its voyage from Cornwall to King's Lynn in 2007 for the Vancouver Festival – and a commentary. Music by Ken's son Samuel accompanies the action.

The Antarctic fifty years ago was the scene of national rivalries, when the UK, Argentina and Chile were all claiming sovereignty of a huge slice of the continent including the Antarctic Peninsula, south of South America. It was also a time when husky dogs were used for sledge journeys by survey parties. Now the Antarctic Treaty designates the Antarctic a scientific resource open to all, and huskies, as non-natives, are no longer allowed in.

Ken's film records huskies, seals and penguins as well as human activities at the Hope Bay base on the Antarctic Peninsula where he lived for 14 months.

The evening starts at 6.30pm with a typical Hope Bay supper, based on menus Ken noted down in the extensive diary he kept during his stay. The potatoes won't be reconstituted from the dehydrated form which Ken got used to cooking and eating. Nor will there be penguin eggs or sealmeat on the menu, as there was fifty years ago.

The 40-minute film begins at 7.30pm, so there will be plenty of time for questions afterwards.

A series of other events is planned through the year to raise money to get the Baden Powell back in the water, some with a very direct connection with the river and the Wash.

Tickets for **A Season in Antarctica** are available from Tim Clayton's jewellery shop, KL **772329**. Antarctic Supper and film tickets cost £12, and there is limited seating capacity. The Green Quay is licenced, and there will be Argentine wine – enjoyed occasionally at Hope Bay through trading supplies with a nearby Argentine military base.

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