

# ArcticQuest 2026

## Kent Scouts Arctic Research Expedition 2026

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### Wine and Dine with Our Patron

#### Louis Rudd MBE - 7th Dec 2024

The ArcticQuest team cordially invite you to join us at our black tie dinner on 7th December 2024, set in the picturesque location at the London Beach Hotel in Tenterden.

Enjoy drinks and a three course menu which will surely tickle those taste buds with tantalizing flavours, whilst soaking in the sights that the 120 acre parkland has to offer.

Through good food and company, it promises to be a memorable night, followed by quest speakers starting the evenings entertainment and fundraising activities.

This wonderful night of fun can be all yours for just £50 and all proceeds will go directly towards the Kent Scouts ArcticQuest2026 Polar Research Project.



This is our big group fundraiser for 2024 so please support it if you can and help to spread the word. Advance booking is now live but tickets are limited, so early booking is advised to avoid disappointment.

Book your tickets by scanning the QR code or by visiting

<https://www.cognitofrms.com/SpectuliseLtd/ArcticQuestDinnerWithGuestSpeakerLouisRuddMBE>



Book your tickets here.



## New Team Members



**Tim O'Brine ,  
Tonbridge  
Group Lead Volunteer Land Scouts , Assistant Volunteer Sea Scouts**

Participating in the ArcticQuest2026 Expedition is a profound personal and professional aspiration. The untouched wilderness and extreme environments of the polar regions have always inspired me, especially as a marine biologist eager to explore the oceans' mysteries. The anticipated unforgettable experience lies in the silence of these remote areas, where nature's voice prevails. Additionally, the opportunity to actively contribute to meaningful research projects, such as investigating microplastics in the Arctic Circle and conducting plankton sampling, aligns perfectly with my commitment to making a lasting impact on our understanding of these critical ecosystems.



**Alan Noake MBE ,  
Nomadic**

Alan is County Lead Volunteer (Global Projects) for Kent Scouts. He is married to wife Andrea, no kids, lives on a canal narrowboat, tutors mathematics part time and is an experienced ICT consultant. He was a World Scout Jamboree Unit Leader in 2007 and was one of the leaders on the Kent Scouts Expedition to South Africa in 2009. He was the project leader for the Kent Scouts Ghana2018, Zanzibar2023 and Kenya24 global projects. He also conceived of and led the Kent Scouts REQUEST2021 Antarctic Research Project. In 2023 he received an MBE for his services to young people in Kent through Scouting. When he is not Scouting or working, he loves spending time with family & friends, is passionate about international travel and fanatical about all things to do with Antarctica. He is responsible for the administration of the ArcticQuest2026 project team and is coordinating their group fundraising efforts.



**David Wright ,  
Strood**

David has been involved as an adult in Scouting for nearly 50 years and is currently Kent Scouts Assistant County Commissioner for international projects. He is also an Explorer Scout Leader with the 38th and 40th Strood Explorer Sea Scout Unit.

"I have worked on many international camps and expeditions both in and outside of the UK, including the Kent Scouts Kilimanjaro expedition and Request 2021 (The Kent Scouts Antarctica project). As well as being involved in getting Kent Scouts out on the water or up in the hills I have also found time for my own trips up into the Arctic. I very much looking forward to working more closely with the rest of the team as we move towards an exciting combination of land and sea exploration."



**Toby Gardner ,  
Thanet**

Seeing the voyages these pioneers completed almost 100 years seeing this first hand gives you a huge appreciation of the epic nature of their achievements. Also as a keen photographer i would aim to capture the majesty of this beautiful part of the world, this would then form part of a presentation that could be delivered to youth organisations and adults alike to promote interest both in adventure, wildlife and climate change



## Fun and Fundraising

### Reindeer Making Workshop

In November, the members of the Arctic Quest team set up a stand at Buckmore Park Scout campsite annual reindeer making workshop. The event was attended by members from scouting and the general public.

The weather was dry and not too cold for a November weekend, so we were able to have the stand outside on the main activity route. This location placed us in front of circa 800 people attending the event and we were able to share what the Arctic Quest expedition was about and more importantly how they could help raise funds by buying badges or Christmas raffle tickets for a chance to win a Christmas hamper.



### Christmas Fair at Lower Grange Farm

In December the team was invited to put on a stall display at Lower Grange Farm, the home of Kent Scouts, as part of their Christmas fair.

We split ourselves into two groups with some of the team selling hot turkey and pork rolls, whilst other team members set themselves up in the global tent, raising awareness about the expedition with items to sell and talking to visitors on the day.

### Jambowlree 2024

February saw the team get together at Ashford bowling to take part in an international scouting event called Jambowlree 2024,

This is a ten pin bowling competition that takes place every year. Our final team score was added to other competitors to see where we placed in the world ranking. This event runs all year so we are unable to know where we currently are placed.

### Things get quizzable in Whitstable

Jenson, Nicholas, Jack (Explorers) and Mike (leader) from 2nd Whitstable Sea Scouts hosted a quiz night at Whitstable Rugby Club.

Mike gave a talk about our expedition and explained that we were following the voyage of Worsley a hundred years ago. He also talked about the project work we will be undertaking as part of the expedition objectives. Eight teams took part in the quiz, which comprised of a car brand logo picture round as well questions on topics including Arctic facts, Bohemian Rhapsody lyrics, general knowledge, body parts, musicals, sport, music lyrics and TV Bars. Other entertainments on the night included a raffle draw and a half time game of heads and tails with the winner receiving £20 as a prize.

In total the event raised just over £700 which was a great success. The team were given some excellent feedback from their supporters who expressed how much they had enjoyed the evening.

Jenson, Nicolas and Jack are planning to build on their success by hosting another quiz in the near future,



### Sweets for St George's Day

In April, Scouting groups celebrate St George's Day as the patron saint of Scouting. The occasion is often marked with groups across the country taking part in various celebration events,

Amy and Joseph from the Tunbridge Wells district put on a tuck shop for their celebrations, They sold donuts and sweet cones with the proceeds going towards ArcticQuest.



### Lambing Day at Hadlow College

With our new team member Tim on board, the ArcticQuest crew was able to procure a spot at Hadlow College's Lambing Weekend in April. We set up a number of games for members of the public to have a go at. This included a penny toss to win chocolate bars, a coin rolling and ping pong game and a sand treasure hunt. Many of our visitors also took the opportunity to have a photo with our big Worsley bear to help spread the word about ArcticQuest.

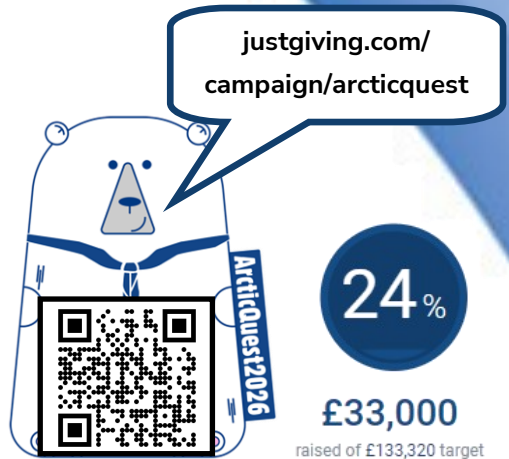


# How To Get Involved

## Become a valued patron of our cause

In the last few months, our young explorers have been continuing their efforts to raise funds for their expedition and have done an amazing job to reach almost a quarter of their target. However, we need continuing support if we are to make it all the way to the Arctic,

You can help get us there by donating to our Just Giving page, or by signing up to our newsletter as a Worsley supporter, where you will receive exclusive offers on merchandise and early ticket access to our events.



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| <b>Iron</b>   | <b>Bronze</b>   | <b>Silver</b>   | <b>Gold</b>   | <b>Platinum</b>   |
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| From £10  | From £50  | From £100   | From £250   | From £500   |

## Visit us at a fundraising event

### Hollingbourne Summer Fete

Saturday 8th June, Hollingbourne

### Group Hike

Saturday 20th July, Herne Bay to Whitstable

### Lower Grange Farm Summer Fete

Saturday 4th August, Sandling

### Dinner with Louis Rudd

Saturday 7th December, London Beach Hotel, Tenterden

### Lower Grange Farm Christmas Fayre

Saturday 14th December, Sandling

## Check out our merchandise



We have a delightful range of merchandise featuring our Worsley the Bear Mascot. Simply visit our website to discover more.

## Run, Run, Run

Are you a keen runner, or do you know someone who is?

We are looking for volunteers to run for us in the London Landmarks Half Marathon in April 25.

If you can help, we would love to hear from you.  
info@arcticquest2026.org.uk

## Become a corporate partner

The Leadership team are currently on the lookout for local businesses and organisations who are willing to offer support to us in our quest. Whether it's producing merchandise, providing equipment for research projects or opportunities to attend fundraising events, we would love to hear from you.

Contact us: info@arcticquest2026.org.uk

