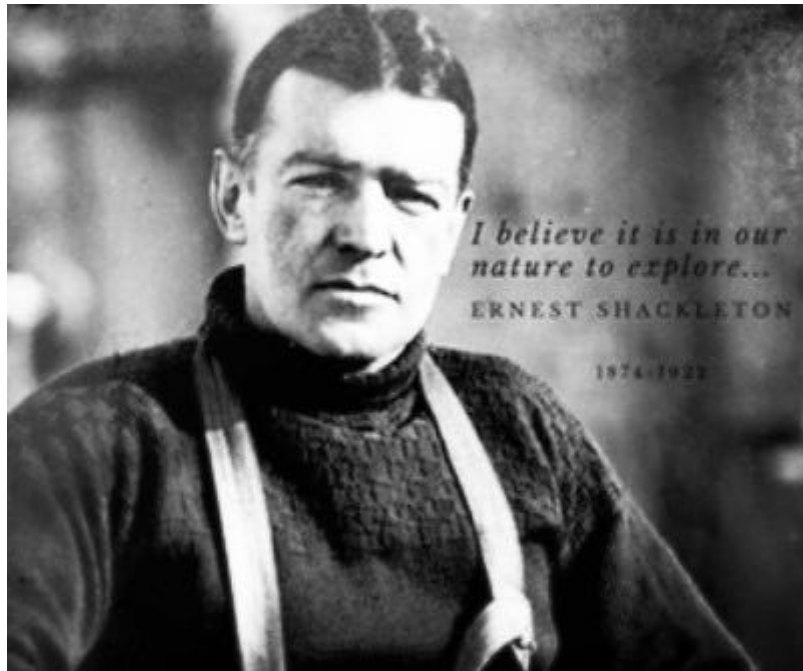


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Dear fellow voyagers,

Besides wishing you a very Happy New Year, we wanted to take a moment to reflect. As many of you know, the 5th of January marked the day that a great polar man died:

Sir Ernest Henry Shackleton CVO OBE FRGS (1874 -1922)

Shackleton is a man who has inspired many of us to take on great challenges and adventures, and whose spirit has certainly been integral to our company, Ice Tracks. Both Sir Ernest Shackleton and Frank Wild have been the cornerstone of Ice Tracks. It would be true to say that had I not embarked on my first voyage to Antarctica in 2005 to research Wild then I would not have met Caro.

It was on this voyage, 10 years ago, that the seed of our company was first planted and we have much to be grateful for, in particular having had the opportunity to share with so many of you the magic of the Arctic and Antarctica.

Many of us have had the privilege of toasting these two polar giants at their gravesides. I recently returned from a very moving trip to Grytviken, South Georgia

where I had the honour of [interring Henry Worsley's](#) ashes with his family on the slope that rises high above the cemetery - [an unprecedented privilege](#).

Frank Wild said of Shackleton, "An ideal resting place this for the great explorer who felt, more than most men, the glamour of such surroundings", and this is certainly true of Henry.

It had snowed throughout the night before our arrival and the whaling station had never looked more picturesque and yet haunting. We had a young violinist play for us in the church and many of you would have recognised our [beautiful readings](#). Max Worsley stood in the same spot as his father and read, "Sonnet for Sir Ernest."

I would like to share some photos, taken by Roger Pimenta, of this very special day - one of many on this 18-day voyage including the phenomena of more than a 150 humpback whales travelling South to the feeding grounds as we turned north in the Drake Passage!

Looking forward to reconnecting with many of you as we gather for the Arctic in September for the *Friends of Scott Polar Research Institute* [Greenland and Baffin Island](#) fund raiser (it also promises to be a hair raiser!). We would love you to join us for this special reunion!

Happy New Year from the Ice Tracks Team.

Never stop exploring!

Angie and CARO







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