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**OFFICIAL INVESTIGATION**  
**REPORT**

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**RRS DISCOVERY,  
DUNDEE  
INVESTIGATION NO 62**

**SATURDAY 19 OCTOBER 2013**

**OFFICIAL INVESTIGATION REPORT INTO ALLEGED HAUNTINGS**  
**RRS DISCOVERY, DISCOVERY POINT, DUNDEE.**



## **INVESTIGATION TEAM**

**INVESTIGATIONS OFFICER -**  
**TEAM LEADER/ FIRST AIDER -**  
**TEAM LEADER -**  
**TEAM LEADER -**  
**INVESTIGATION SUPPORT -**  
**INVESTIGATION SUPPORT -**  
**INVESTIGATORS -**

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**JOAN GREEN**  
**VERENA SAILER**  
**BARRY McCRACKEN**  
**BILL GREEN**  
**LYNN ROBERTSON**  
**MARCO PIVA**  
**STEPHANIE MACDONALD**  
**LISA BOWELL**  
**ANDY GLANVILLE**  
**FORBES INGLIS**  
**KIA McCRACKEN**  
**SOLVEIG DITTRICH-PIVA**  
**ALISON SETON**  
**JAMES HANLEY**  
**SCOTT FAMILY**

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Investigative Night Visit to **RRS Discovery**, Saturday 19 October 2013.

Owners and Occupants: **Dundee Heritage Trust.**

**Address:       Discovery Point  
                  Discovery Quay  
                  Dundee  
                  DD1 4XA**

**GHOST CLUB INVESTIGATION SCHEDULE:**

**17:45 hrs - Arrive at RRS Discovery Staff Carpark.**

**18:00hrs - Board Ship**

**18:15 hrs - Equipment placed by Investigators.**

**19:15 hrs - Briefing by Joan Green.**

**19:25 hrs - Investigation teams make way to first location.**

**NB: PLEASE REFER TO THE GHOST ROTA BELOW TO SEE THE TEAM YOU ARE IN AND THE PARTICULAR LOCATION YOU ARE IN FOR EACH TIMED VIGIL. THE INFORMATION BELOW IS JUST A SCHEDULE TO SHOW THE TIMINGS.**

**Rota of Investigators / Experiments**

**Investigation at RRS DISCOVERY - DUNDEE**

**Saturday 19 OCTOBER 2013**

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Please also refer to your **GHOST CLUB INVESTIGATION SCHEDULE:**

**RRS DISCOVERY  
INVESTIGATION TEAMS ROTA OF 10 VIGILS  
ALL EQUIPMENT WHICH IS OWNED BY INVESTIGATORS MUST BE BROUGHT TO  
INVESTIGATION.**

**BATTERY EQUIPMENT ONLY, ALL ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT MUST BE PAT TESTED.**

**SOFT SHOES ESSENTIAL DURING INVESTIGATION.**

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**Investigations Officer: Derek Green**

**Team Leaders: Derek Green (Discovery Co-ordinator)  
                  Joan Green  
                  Verena Sailer  
                  Barry McCracken**

**Admin Support Stephanie MacDonald**

**Investigation Support: Bill Green & Lynn Robertson**

**Guests: Scott Family**

Responsibility of Team Leader is to ensure that Group vigils run to time.

## INVESTIGATION TEAMS ROTA OF 10 VIGILS

### TEAM 1

Derek Green (Investigations Officer)  
Lynn Robertson  
Bill Green  
Stephanie MacDonald

### TEAM 2

Joan Green (Team Leader)  
Lisa Howell  
Andy Glanville  
Forbes Inglis

### TEAM 3

Verena Sailer (Team Leader)  
Alison Seton  
James Hanley

### TEAM 4

Barry McCracken (Team Leader)  
Kia McCracken  
Solveig Dittrich-Piva  
Marco Piva

### BASE AREA: EDUCATION ROOM LOWER DECK

<u>Vigil</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Time Allocation</u>	<u>Team Number</u>
1	19:35 - 20:00 hrs	Wardroom	25 Minutes	1
		Fo'c'sle	25 Minutes	2
		Bridge	25 Minutes	3
		Main Deck Stern	25 Minutes	4

### BRIDGE – DECK OBSERVATION.

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2	20:05 - 20:30 hrs	Bridge	25 Minutes	1
		Main Deck Stern	25 Minutes	2
		Fo'c'sle	25 Minutes	3
		Wardroom	25 Minutes	4

### BRIDGE – DECK OBSERVATION.

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3	20:35 - 21:00 hrs	Fo'c'sle	25 Minutes	1
		Wardroom	25 Minutes	2
		Main Deck Stern	25 Minutes	3
		Bridge	25 Minutes	4

### BRIDGE – DECK OBSERVATION.

### GROUP 3 PART VIGIL – SILENT

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4	21:05 - 21:30 hrs	Main Deck Stern	25 Minutes	1
		Bridge	25 Minutes	2
		Wardroom	25 Minutes	3
		Fo'c'sle	25 Minutes	4

### BRIDGE – DECK OBSERVATION.

**TEAM 1 – MAIN DECK STERN – PART SILENT VIGIL  
TEAM 3 – WARDROOM - SILENT VIGIL**

**TEAM 1 – SET TRIGGER OBJECTS IN MAIN DECK STERN.  
TEAM 1 – SET EVP RECORDER RUNNING  
TEAM 3 – SET TRIGGER OBJECTS ON WARDROOM TABLE - CARDS**

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**21:30 - 21:55 hrs    BREAK                      25 Minutes**

**SHORT BREAK DUE TO TIME**

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**5            22:00 - 22:25 hrs    Wardroom            25 Minutes            1&2  
   Main Deck Stern    25 Minutes            3&4**

**EXPERIMENT – WARDROOM COMMUNICATION CIRCLE & SPIRIT BOX  
EXPERIMENT – MAIN DECK STERN – AUTOMATIC HANDWRITING EXPERIMENT**

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**6            22:30 - 22:55 hrs    Main Deck Stern    25 Minutes            1&2  
   Wardroom            25 Minutes            3&4**

**EXPERIMENT – WARDROOM COMMUNICATION CIRCLE & SPIRIT BOX  
EXPERIMENT – MAIN DECK STERN – RESPONSE EXPERIMENT**

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**7            23:00 - 23:25 hrs    Galley                      25 Minutes            1&2  
   Fo’c’sle                      25 Minutes            3&4**

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**8            23:30 - 00:00 hrs    Galley                      25 Minutes            3&4  
   Fo’c’sle                      25 Minutes            1&2**

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**9            00:05 – 00:30 hrs    To be Decided  
10          00:35 – 01:00 hrs    To be Decided**

**Temperature Monitors will be placed in the following locations:**

**WARDROOM  
GALLEY**

**Beam Barriers will be placed in the following location:**

**WARDROOM**

**Trigger Objects**

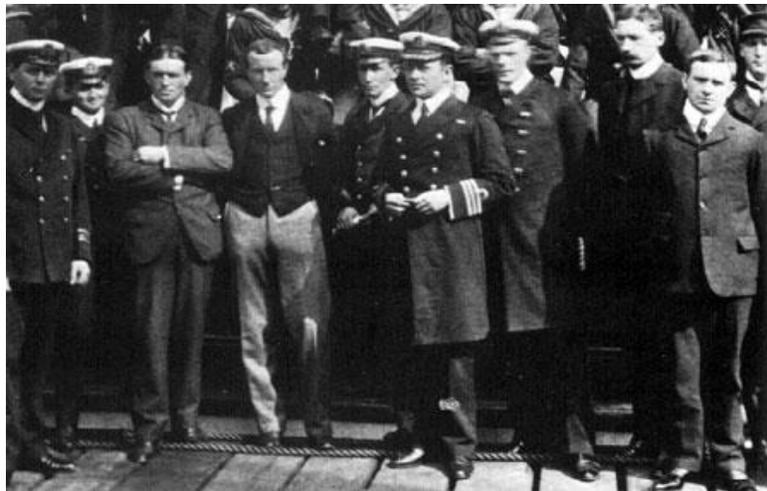
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## HISTORY

At the beginning of the 20th Century Antarctica was still an uncharted wilderness. Exploration was a daunting task, involving a long voyage through remote and tempestuous seas just to reach the continent. The 1901 British National Antarctic Expedition was the vision of Sir Clements Markham, President of the Royal Geographical Society. Naturally cautious, Markham saw the aims of the expedition as purely scientific. Being the first to reach the South Pole was never one of the objectives. By 1900 Markham had raised the necessary funds, now all he needed was a ship, and a man to lead the expedition.

### **The Ship**

As a major whaling centre Dundee's shipyards had long experience of constructing ships robust enough to travel through the Arctic pack ice. It was this expertise that Markham harnessed to build RRS Discovery, the first vessel to be constructed specifically for scientific research. While the design was based on the great Dundee whalers, there were some modifications to be made. Magnetic surveys were to be an important part of the scientific work of the expedition. To be sure of complete accuracy an exclusion zone round the magnetic observatory was created, with no iron or steel allowed within 30 feet of the area.



Left to right: Lt. Armitage, Lt. Mulock, Lt. Shackleton, Dr. Wilson, Lt. Skelton, Capt. Scott, Lt. Royds, Dr. Koettlitz, Mr. Bernacchi and Mr. Ferrar on board the *Discovery*

### **Captain Robert Falcon Scott RN**

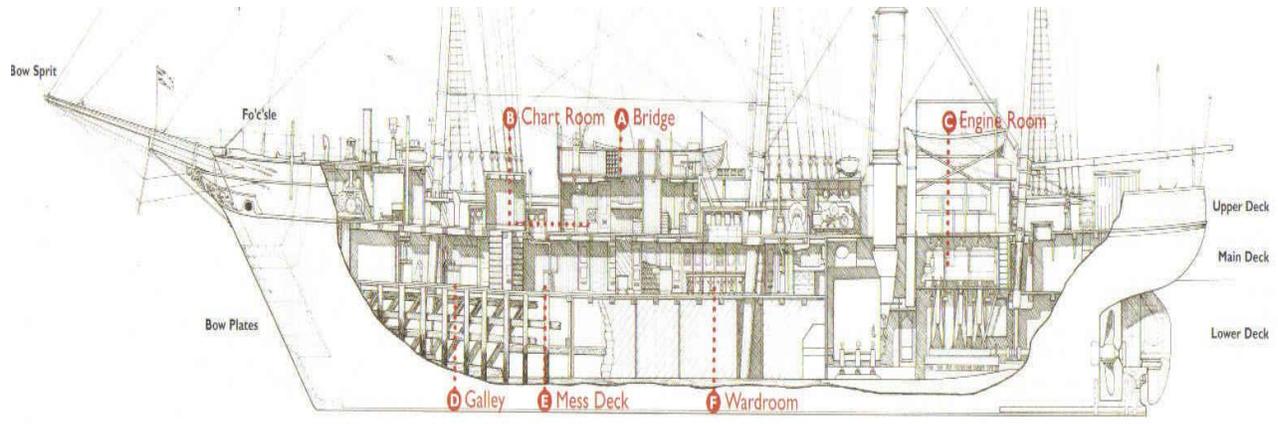
As leader of the expedition Markham wanted "a naval officer in the regular line... young and a good sailor with experience of ships under sail. He must have imagination and enthusiasm... be calm, yet quick and decisive in action." His search ended with a young naval officer he had first encountered twelve years earlier, Lieutenant Robert Falcon Scott. Devon born, Scott had joined the navy at thirteen. Following a chance reunion with Markham, Scott applied for the post of expedition leader. He was appointed in June 1900 and promoted to Commander RN at the age of just 33. Though a rather shy man he was also steady, strong and, as later events were to prove, immensely courageous.

## ALLEGED ACTIVITY

Alleged phenomena centres on different areas of the ship. There have been sightings of an apparition on the main deck. Other phenomena includes footsteps, loud bangs and feelings of uneasiness.

# Ghost Club Investigation notes

## Official Report compiled by Derek Green from notes of the Investigators



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The following information has been taken from the notes of the investigators present and where possible notes have been copied verbatim and listed by location.

### **PRIOR TO DISCOVERY INVESTIGATION.**

#### **ANDY GLANVILLE**

At 19:13 hrs in the Base Room Andy clairaudiently heard a voice saying "So you're here again". Andy replied "Is that OK.". The reply from that was "Of course!"

#### **LISA BOWELL**

"At 19:35 hrs before the Investigation started, I was in the Wardroom. I sat in the chair facing Barnes' cabin door. I saw a figure poke his head around the corner in that cabin and look out at me as if wondering what I was doing there. This happened twice, one straight after the other. He would have been sitting on the settee that was in the room."

#### **MARCO PIVA**

"18:02 hrs, passing the Chart Room, I saw clear movement, I looked back again but nobody was there. At 18:59 hrs, as Joan was going out on the deck from the stairs near the Wardroom, she asks "Is it raining?". Behind her and very clearly I heard a voice saying "No". At the same time Derek was doing a tour of the ship but was near the Fo'c'sle. Base Room at 19:20 hrs, I was just walking in and had the impression of a yellow dog run across the room from left to right."

## **OFFICIAL INVESTIGATION REPORT**



**The Wardroom on Board RRS Discovery**

### **VIGIL ONE**

**LOCATION: RRS DISCOVERY – WARDROOM**

**TIME: 19:40 HRS**

**INVESTIGATORS: TEAM 1**

**OUTSIDE WEATHER CONDITIONS: WET**

Heading towards the Wardroom, Lynn got as far as the medical Sick bay and saw a clear flash of light. She felt quite apprehensive and then had the feeling that she was swaying. Lynn turned around and got to the top of the stair at the kitchen and saw the same flash again. Lynn was then aware of a male presence. Rather sharp features around 5ft 7 in height and wearing a cook's outfit. He was in a hurry to get past Lynn and she felt quite anxious.

Derek addressed spirit and Lynn placed herself in the Shackleton Cabin and she connected with a gentleman called Alasdair McMillan. This man had two different colours of eyes. His left eye was blue and his right eye was green. He was bringing Lynn's attention to a significant scar on his forearm from a previous injury that had not been well treated. He then gave Lynn some information about a piece of equipment. He was not pleased about it and was getting quite fractious. He then told Lynn he had to go back and get his jacket on so he could discuss it further. At that point a noise seemed to come from a box which was the speaker in the roof. No abnormal readings in EMF were picked up. Derek asked out again and Lynn said the time period was easily the 1900's and then Lynn was aware of being shown two ornate boxes of cigars which were brought in along with a decanter of dark liquid and they were both laid down on the table by two seamen. First seaman seemed to be of a higher rank of a Naval Officer with a uniform of the time. Lynn then said that Alasdair had come back and was showing her an unrolled parchment. Not writing but what looked like a chart or graph of something. He seemed pleased about this and was brandishing it as he was shouting out the name Barrington and was addressing someone. Lynn then commented that

four of five males all congregated round the parchment and were having a discussion. One gent had a very ornate ring on the pinkie finger of his right hand. He was proudly showing it to Lynn and it was embossed as if it could be used as a stamp or seal to do with authentication. The cigars and the decanter were being stared at by the five men. These men were all in smart clothing, jackets were not fastened and they were slightly dishevelled but still smart. A large battered and well used book which looked like a ledger was then brought to the table. The book had beautiful handwriting in it as if a lot of care had been taken. Falcon then sensed a presence both in Royds' and Barne's cabins. When Falcon entered both rooms he did state that he felt the energies disappearing. Also in the experiment room, Falcon noted that he slightly felt a presence. Falcon then went into his Grandfather's Cabin and took some time in there quietly to say his goodbyes to his Grandfather.

Stephanie noted that at 19:40 hrs, she was thinking of the name Albion but was not given an association with the name. At 19:50 hrs, Stephanie became aware of a ginger cat and at 19:51 hrs, as Lynn was giving a communication, Stephanie said she could hear faint whispering near to Skelton's Cabin. As she leaned in towards the door to hear better, she looked down the Wardroom and could see the light from the Sick bay break as though something had walked in front of it. Derek and Stephanie then both investigated and they both agreed that the only way that this anomaly could have occurred was if someone had walked into the Sick bay from the Galley area.

### **VIGIL ONE**

**LOCATION: RRS DISCOVERY – FO'C'SLE**

**TIME: 19:40 HRS**

**INVESTIGATORS: TEAM 2**

The group remained silent for a short while to feel the atmosphere then Joan asked out for a response in any way that spirit could show themselves. Jane quickly became aware of a male energy standing at her back and it made Jane feel quite unnerved. As Jane said this, Lisa sensed the name Charles with the energy. Lisa saw him with a black peaked cap and a cream Arran style jumper and he had a black moustache and very high cheek bones. Andy said his chair was starting to shake and Andy sensed the name MacAlister. At 19:45 hrs, Joan noted seeing some shadows moving at the top of the ladder just at the trap door opening. Joan went to the bottom of the ladder but nobody was there. All this time, Jane was still sensing the same man and she now felt that his hand was on her shoulder to calm her down. Lisa said the man was quite mild mannered and gentle but did look tough. He was not like that and was very soft spoken. Lisa added that he smoked a pipe. Andy asked if this was the same gentleman that he had spoken with the last time he was on Discovery in the area of the Fo'c'sle. Andy also asked if the male recognised him. Lisa then added it was not the same man and Andy did not get any kind of reply. Jane then moved her chair position but still felt that this man was standing behind her. Lisa said she then sensed what looked like a very primitive set of green waterproof clothing. Lisa then said she had an image of very rough seas. Jane then commented that she was starting to feel more at ease but was still aware of the man with his hand on her shoulder.

Andy and Lisa both felt that the man liked Jane's energy and that he may be interested in going with them to the next vigil. Lisa then added that she could sense more information about the man and said she could see him doing manual work and that he was around 35 years of age. He worked mainly below decks and she could see that he was drenched in water. Andy then added that he had been experiencing a feeling earlier of being washed overboard. Lisa then said there was a connection to South America and Andy added the Falklands. Andy then stated he could sense a mass of green water coming towards him. Both Andy and Lisa said it was not clear as to whether this man had any family. Andy asked this man if he was a visitor to the ship or was he on board all the time. The answer was that he was residual. At 19:58 hrs, Joan heard a definite sound of movement at the top of the ladder and Joan went up the ladder to check and nobody was in the toilet area or on the deck. Joan then returned and addressed spirit and said that another group would be coming into the same area.

### **VIGIL ONE**

**LOCATION: RRS DISCOVERY - THE BRIDGE (OBSERVATION)**

**TIME: 19:40 HRS**

**INVESTIGATORS: TEAM 3**

Verena heard a bang followed by footsteps. She then checked and noted that it had been Tam the Night Watchman.

## **VIGIL ONE**

**LOCATION: RRS DISCOVERY - THE MAIN DECK STERN**

**TIME: 19:40 HRS**

**INVESTIGATORS: TEAM 4**



- 19.35 Noise from metal ramp as security/handyman left boat, followed by squeak of gate.
- 19.39 Security walked across mid deck then back off boat.
- 19.40 Marco has thoughts of Christmas
- 19.42 Barry feeling motion of a boat at sea
- 19.54 Kia feeling 'off balance'
- 19.55 Kia trod on chain on deck creating loud rattle
- 19.55 Kia has feeling of needing to find shelter

At 19:51 hrs, Marco noted "The Boss wants us to go to the Wardroom."

## **VIGIL TWO**

**LOCATION: RRS DISCOVERY - THE BRIDGE (OBSERVATION)**

**TIME: 20:00 HRS**

**INVESTIGATORS: TEAM 1**

This was mainly a look out vigil. The team were looking down at fo'c'sle and Derek could hear banging sounds coming from that area. Lynn and Stephanie went to investigate but could find no reason as group 3 were doing a silent vigil.

## **VIGIL TWO**

**LOCATION: RRS DISCOVERY – MAIN DECK STERN**

**TIME: 20:05 HRS**

**INVESTIGATORS: TEAM 2**

After a few minutes of silence and at 20:10 hrs, Andy noted seeing right at the back past the dummy, something scurrying but it was too big for a rat and Andy was sure he could see a black cat. At the same time Joan said nothing but had noted that she seen something that she could only describe as a black creature, possibly a cat on the port side against the hull. Lisa also mentioned a cat and Lucy Scott verified that there had been a black cat on board Discovery. Andy then asked for spirit to show themselves again or do something and Forbes and Lisa both felt cold air moving towards them. At this point Jane became aware of someone standing on her left side but she said it was

not the same person from the Fo'c'sle. The person felt quite small and she felt it may have been a young boy around four foot in height. Jane felt strongly that he was pulling at her arm because he wanted to show her something, possibly to do with an accident. At 20:17 hrs, Lisa sensed some kind of steam pipe eruption in the Engine room, not serious but possibly caused by valves and the boy knew all about it. Lisa said there were no injuries but she could see a large amount of steam bursting out. Jane said that she felt the boy was trying to say to her "Can I show you this missus." Jane felt he may have been an Orphan. Lisa then sensed the name Ralph but it was not clear if the name was connected to the boy. Lisa could sense the boy with brown hair, quite thin and with a pleasant face, his hair was not too short and Lisa added that he may have seen Jane as a Mother figure.

At 20:25 hrs, Andy could see what looked like small intermittent lights in the shadows near the stern. As the team started to pass the coal pit, Jane sensed that the boy was not pulling on her arm anymore. Joan then heard her name being called out. Joan asked if anyone had spoken but nobody on the team had.

## **VIGIL TWO**

**LOCATION: RRS DISCOVERY - THE FO'C'SLE**

**TIME: 20:15 HRS**

**INVESTIGATORS: TEAM 3**

At 20:16 hrs, the team heard footsteps but when challenged there was no reply. This could have been Ed Feeney coming on board the ship.

## **VIGIL TWO**

**LOCATION: RRS DISCOVERY - THE WARDROOM**

**TIME: 20:05 HRS**

**INVESTIGATORS: TEAM 4**

- 20.06 Accidentally moved group photo on the table
- 20.11 Marco called out to spirit
- 20.11 Message came through on radio from adjacent room "hello, hello can anybody hear me..." further comment about 3 o'clock tomorrow.
- 20.13 Single knock heard
- 20.14 Steps heard from above (this was Ed Feeney coming on board ship)
- 20.14 Barry set up voice recorder
- 20.14 Bang sound heard from above, stern
- 20.17 Sound from next room, towards sickbay as if something had been dropped
- 20.19 Sounds of someone starting to come down the stairs, but no one came down
- 20.23 Radio beeped twice
- 20.24 Beeping sounds outside room, possibly a camera.

## **VIGIL THREE**

**LOCATION: RRS DISCOVERY - THE FO'C'SLE**

**TIME: 20:35 HRS**

**INVESTIGATORS: TEAM 1**

Stephanie opened the vigil by asking out. At 20:40 hrs, noises were heard coming from the main deck. Derek checked this out and saw Tam above the Fo'c'sle and then he went away.

Stephanie started talking about the previous investigations in an attempt to encourage spirit to respond. Stephanie then knocked and Derek asked her to knock a few times as he was starting to feel a change in the atmosphere. The team then heard strange gurgling sounds and it was suggested that it maybe rain or was coming from the toilets above. Lynn then sensed a dog or dogs. Derek asked out for some movement and Lynn sensed a male presence, small and with a deformity. Lynn said the person scuttled about in the area just to keep out of the away. Lynn was

then shown the image of the ship sitting at the quayside and bags of something were being passed off the side of the ship and this looked suspicious. There was then a sound from the toilet which Derek said sounded like an automatic spray. Ed confirmed that there was one in the toilet. Lynn then said that she was smelling smoke or matches. Ed confirmed that the crew would have smoked here and would have used candles as this had been their sleeping quarters. While Lynn was standing near the bow of the Fo'c'sle, Ed stated that he was seeing small lights in the same area as Lynn was. Lynn then added that she felt people would have been brought to this area for possible punishment. Stephanie then said that she could see the red "rescue" bag swinging back and forward very slowly. The rest of the team observed this as well. Around the "Rescue" bag were other jackets and rope. None of these were moving. Falcon went over and stopped the bag and everybody looked around but no reason could be found.

### **VIGIL THREE**

#### **LOCATION: RRS DISCOVERY - THE WARDROOM**

**TIME: 20:35 HRS**

**INVESTIGATORS: TEAM 2**

Again after a few moments of silence in the Wardroom, Andy became aware of someone behind him and addressing spirit, he asked who it was. At first no communication came through then Lisa said that this presence was curious and gave the name Benjamin. Andy noted at the same time that for some reason he wanted to say Brother. At 20:40 the team noted noises but it was thought to be another group or Tam. Lisa described Andy's communicator as a bit over weight, a bushy beard and a gravelly voice. Lisa said that he was saying no sail no more and Andy noted the name Jack. Andy then said that he was sensing a presence by the door of the Wardroom and he asked the presence to knock. There did seem to be a faint knock heard by the team. Andy asked if the energy resided on board but he felt the answer was no to this question. Jane then commented that she felt someone was standing behind her and she felt the energy had come from Shackleton's cabin which was behind her. Jane felt that the energy was very dismissive towards what the group were saying. Jane then added that she felt another different energy come in behind her and this man had one arm resting on the Wardroom table. He was smoking a pipe but was making Jane feel slightly intimidated and he was not sure if the group should have been sitting in the Wardroom. There was a lot of business to be done. By way of explanation the group discussed why they were on board the ship and he seemed to be happier with the answer. Andy then looked down the table towards the mirror at the bottom and said he was sure he could see someone else sitting at the table where the wooden column covered the main mast. Both Jane and Lisa then commented they felt a presence behind Jane and to her left slightly between Jane and Andy. Jane and Lisa both said that they felt the team were all in the way as there was important work to be done. Lisa said that she felt the man that was behind Jane was in command but he would rather let others speak. He was quite silent and Lisa thought it may have been Capt Scott. There was a very strong sense of pride coming from this man as the team spoke about the family connection. Jane felt that as the team were discussing this the man became less hostile towards Lisa.

Lisa then added that she felt the spirit behind Jane had now moved to the left and was behind Lucy and Jane. The man seemed to be taking an interest in studying Lucy quite closely. The energy was quite strong and Lisa commented that this was because Lucy was family.

### **VIGIL THREE**

#### **LOCATION: RRS DISCOVERY – THE MAIN DECK STERN**

**TIME: 20:35 HRS**

**INVESTIGATORS: TEAM 3**

Alison noted what sounded like a bell ringing twice. (Group 4 noted they had rung the bell twice.)

### **VIGIL THREE**

#### **LOCATION: RRS DISCOVERY - THE BRIDGE (OBSERVATION)**

**TIME: 20:35 HRS**

**INVESTIGATORS: TEAM 4**

20.35 Barry rang bell (2 rings)

20.35 Security shut door to store room on deck loudly

- 20.38 Discovered that stepping on the boards in front of the ship's wheel causes loud knocking noise  
20.41-20.57 Team agreed that noises heard at bow area attributed to security in building on left (when facing land), who were shutting office doors.  
20.46 Kia - sensed people were coming out of Fo'c'sle area, but no-one showed

#### **VIGIL FOUR**

**LOCATION: RRS DISCOVERY – THE MAIN DECK STERN**

**TIME: 21:10 HRS**

**INVESTIGATORS: TEAM 1**

21:10 hrs, Derek asked out for a response. Lynn said that she had the strong impression that this area of the ship was at one time used to store stolen goods. Three taps were heard from the area of the fake coal. The team then moved to the Boiler room area and Derek sensed a man with a staring right eye along with a condition of headaches. The impression was that he was a fire/stoker man in the Boiler room. The accident to his eyes was caused by hot ash. Derek now had the name Bartholomew and the date 1908. Lynn said that she saw a light about one foot square looking almost like a window but it was in fact on the side of the hull. Derek also noted seeing this but did not say. Derek then put on the spirit box to try and receive communication. The following questions were asked:-

Is there a Male presence here?  
Do you recognise the name Bartholomew?  
Do you recognise Ed? if so please say hello!  
Can you talk to me?  
Can you say Yes?

During this there were various pieces of noise coming from the box but it did sound like local Radio Stations.

#### **VIGIL FOUR**

**LOCATION: RRS DISCOVERY – THE BRIDGE**

**TIME: 21:10 HRS**

**INVESTIGATORS: TEAM 2**

Very quiet vigil .

#### **VIGIL FOUR**

**LOCATION: RRS DISCOVERY – THE WARDROOM**

**TIME: 21:10 HRS**

**INVESTIGATORS: TEAM 3**

Alison noted hearing banging sounds, she assumed this was coming from the Boiler room area. Team 1 were not making these kinds of sounds during the vigil.

#### **VIGIL FOUR**

**LOCATION: RRS DISCOVERY – THE FO'C'SLE**

**TIME: 21:10 HRS**

**INVESTIGATORS: TEAM 4**

- 21.10-15 Temperature increased from 20 to 21 degrees.  
21.16 Temperature dropped to 19.4 degrees  
21.20 Marco hears low rumble sound as if from outside  
21.22 Marco senses a person, tall and skinny, of a certain age, wearing work clothes, possibly a painter as he has stains on his overalls. Second half of twentieth century, name Harry or Harris. This person feels

- uncomfortable in here as he is too tall.
- 21.24 Barry felt right leg getting colder
- 21.25 Barry feels like someone walked through him from right to left (ie front of ship to back)  
Has pins and needles in left arm, then only on finger tips and the feeling goes.
- 21.27 Kia's left leg feeling colder
- 21.31 General smell of burnt wood

## INVESTIGATION BREAK

### DURING THE BREAK

#### JOAN GREEN

*"During the break I was looking for Derek, could not find him and went to the Wardroom to set up the experiment of cards and dominoes. Whilst I was setting things up there was a really distinct sound from the general area of Armitage cabin. It was loud and sounded at first like scratching. I carried on and the sound became more definite, not unlike a pen nib scratching on paper. Then followed a sound like the page of a book turning, then the sound of feet or shuffling. I said in a loud voice "I have something to do and then I will be away. I'm finishing what I've come to do!!!" The next vigil after the break was very interesting as that area became one of strong focus and I found that quite significant."*

#### DEREK GREEN

*"I was looking for Joan and as I passed the first stair leading to the Sick bay, on the wall was a loud speaker. This started to crackle for no apparent reason. What followed was three very loud knocks. These knocks were rapid and were not faint. (Joan heard the knocks herself and when she saw Derek, immediately approached him regarding this.) Everyone was in the Base Room and Tam was off the ship. I went back to the Base room and asked everyone had they knocked. The answer was a definite "No! I then went up to the main deck and off the gangway. At this point Tam came back on board. I mentioned the crackling speaker and Tam confirmed that all the speakers were switched off. Tam added that the speakers were only used with sound effects. I then asked Tam about the loud bangs and he too confirmed that he had heard them but he added that he thought they had come from us. I assured Tam that we were not responsible for the knocks. Tam then verified that there was nothing switched on that could produce any sound effects on board Discovery."*



To the right just beyond the Break Glass was the area of the strange knocking.

## **VIGIL FIVE**

**LOCATION: RRS DISCOVERY - THE WARDROOM**

**TIME: 22:30 HRS**

**INVESTIGATORS: TEAMS 1 & 2**

Derek opened up the vigil and asked for spirit to try and draw close to everyone for evidence. Derek then sensed a male presence in the experiment room. A male aged about 40 yrs and with this came a sick feeling. The man had glasses resting on the edge of his nose and also suffered from dizzy spells.

The teams asked a series of questions using the spirit box to try and ascertain if spirit were around. Various questions were asked which included asking for names, dates, history and also if any spirit recognised any team members. Ed Feeney had joined the group for this vigil and wanted to use the Box. Derek passed the apparatus to Ed and let him ask the questions. Ed walked in and out of various cabins. The teams heard voices coming through the box but they were incoherent and it was reckoned that we were picking up Radio Station frequencies. Some of the team then commented that they thought they were sensing a change in the atmosphere in the direction of the Armitage cabin. Noises were also heard emanating from the Armitage cabin. During this time, Lisa said that she felt her chair was moving. The chairs were screwed to the floor but could rock slightly. At this point there was a square wooden panel which for no apparent reason shot out from its position and landed on the floor with a bang. (This piece of wood is inserted into the wooden decorative cover which is used to cover the main mast.) Joan was seated at the Wardroom table and Lynn had been standing nearby when it happened. Lynn picked up the panel and checked it then put it back but discovered in doing so that it was a very tight fit. Once it was fitted, Lynn then tried to pull the panel out again but it was done with a bit of difficulty. There could be no explanation found for this panel coming loose so easily.

Falcon Scott also felt drawn to the Armitage cabin sensing activity and a possible presence. Andy and Stephanie went into the cabin with the spirit box and asked a series of questions. No recorded evidence was picked up on the recording made. While in the cabin, Lynn was positioned outside and said she could see Stephanie's face beginning to change and she was becoming aged with no pallor at all. Joan then said that she could see Stephanie's face becoming sunken in and her eye sockets were totally black. One of the team at the other end of the table started talking about frost bite.

## **VIGIL FIVE**

**LOCATION: RRS DISCOVERY - THE MAIN DECK STERN**

**TIME: 22:30 HRS**

**INVESTIGATORS: TEAM 3 & 4**

Teams 3 and 4

Main Deck Stern (downstairs)

Automatic handwriting experiment

Temperature in area where Marco sat:	22.25	14.2 degrees
	22.45	10.8 degrees

22.35 General observation that the temperature is 2 degrees cooler in the outer area at bottom of stairs up to the deck, than the inner areas

Marco handwriting results – no writing only jagged line.

During the Automatic Handwriting Experiment Solveig noted that she had put the thought in her head "Make use of Marco's hand" and just after this Marco's hand started moving.

## **VIGIL SIX**

**LOCATION: RRS DISCOVERY - THE ENGINE ROOM/BOILER ROOM**

**TIME: 23:25 HRS**

**INVESTIGATORS: TEAMS 1 & 2**



Lynn said she was feeling quite sick in the area. As Lisa was descending the stairs down to the Boiler room, she saw a man in uniform standing on the lower level looking up towards her. He was youngish with lightly curly hair. While talking to Bill in the Engine room Lisa saw a photograph of the man she had seen and it was Lt. Skelton the Chief Engineer.

Another male energy was then sensed in the corner of the Boiler room near the mannequin. Falcon, Andy and Derek had all had a strange feeling around the area of the Boiler and it was felt that this energy was coming from the corner. Lynn had a strong feeling that this was possibly the disfigured man from the fo'c'sle earlier on.

## **VIGIL SIX**

**LOCATION: RRS DISCOVERY - THE WARDROOM**

**TIME: 23:25 HRS**

**INVESTIGATORS: TEAMS 3&4**

- 23.20 Temperature 19.6 degrees  
Spirit box session
- 23.45 Marco senses young man with thick eyebrows, dark hair, nose too high on his face (like a boxer's – possibly previously broken).  
This man has the respect of others.  
Hair parted like early twentieth century styles  
Mid 20s  
Junior officer  
Physically strong  
Name may start with an 'E' (unsure)
- 22.55 Barry and Marco feel colder  
Temp 19.4 degrees.

## VIGIL SEVEN

**LOCATION: RRS DISCOVERY - THE WARDROOM**

**TIME: 23:55 HRS**

**INVESTIGATORS: TEAMS 1 & 2**

Teams sat for a period in the quiet. At 00:25 hrs, Andy was sitting at the table opposite to Lynn with his back to the Shackleton cabin. Andy looked over his left shoulder and caught sight of something that he described as looking like a figure passing behind him from the area of Capt Scott's cabin. Andy described it as a dark shape of a man with a pale coloured face. This followed with sounds of movement in the same corner and also around the Armitage cabin. Then one or two of the team witnessed small flashing lights.

## VIGIL SEVEN

**LOCATION: RRS DISCOVERY - THE FO'C'SLE AND GALLEY**

**TIME: 23:55 HRS**

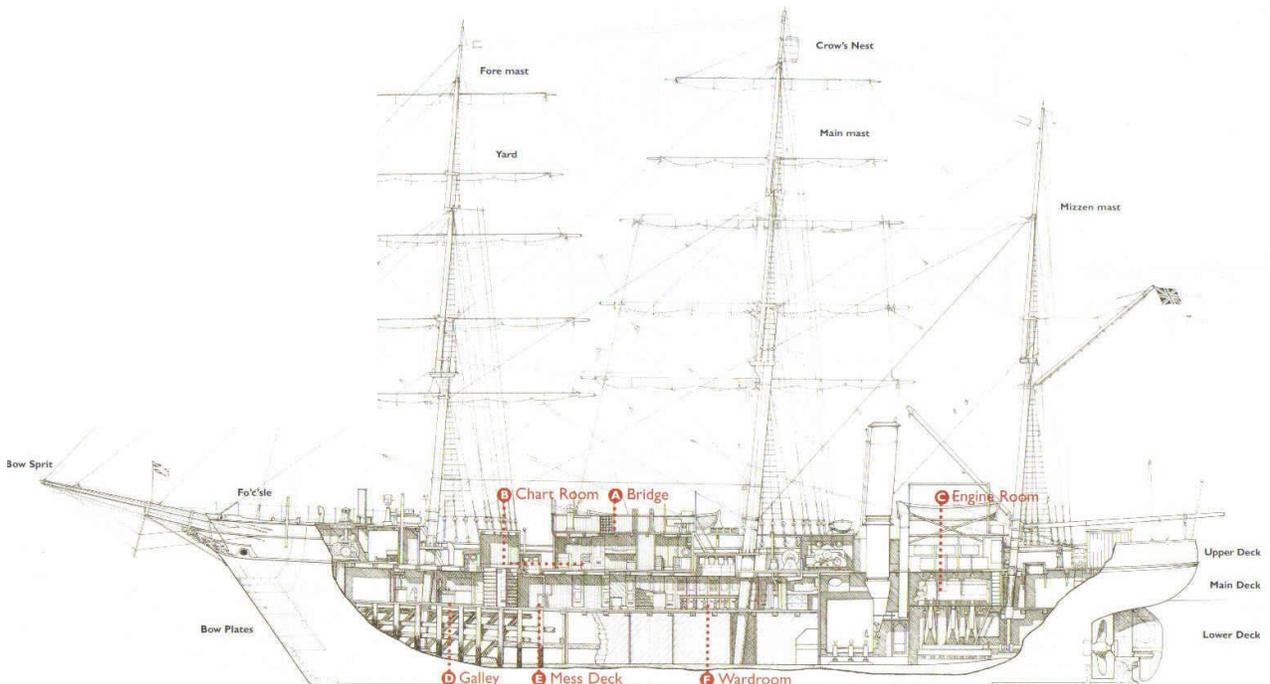
**INVESTIGATORS: TEAM 3 & 4**

Fo'c'sle and Galley – nothing to report.

**END OF INVESTIGATION**

### PLAN            General Layout

- A     Bridge
- B     Chart Room
- C     Engine Room
- D     Galley
- E     Mess Deck
- F     Ward Room



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## SUMMING UP

Firstly on behalf of the Ghost Club Council, our investigation team and myself, I would like to take this opportunity to offer my sincere thanks to Ms Lisa Williamson and the Events Dept of Dundee Heritage Trust, for all their help and kindness in making this investigation possible for members of the Ghost Club.

I would also like to thank Tam, Night Watchman on board RRS Discovery for all his help on the night of the 19<sup>th</sup> October. My thanks also go to Night Watchman Ed Feeney for coming along to the investigation on his night off.

I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of myself, the Council of the Ghost Club and the Investigation Team to thank Falcon, Jane, Lucy and Charles Scott for very kindly making time to come and join us on the night. It was a memorable Investigation and we were very privileged to have some of Captain Scott's family with us.

I would like to sum up this investigation with some interest. During the course of the night there was some very interesting incidents. Some we rule out, some we could put down to accidental occurrence and some could be beyond explanation at present.

Some of the Investigation Team I do believe are what we would call sensitive. This can be broken down to either being sensitive to receiving communication as a medium or very simply sensitive to the atmosphere around them. We had both on the night and the Mediums received some good information which will now be researched and added as an addendum if required. Lynn in Vigil Four spoke about suspicious items or possible stolen goods. I would like to add that Discovery sailed under several different companies after being used by Captain Scott for his first Polar Expedition. For a few of the investigations now Marco has received information and used the name "Boss" On checking back Records the name Boss was referred to but it was the name of a dog which was on the SS Discovery. That said, it could also have been possible that some of the crew may have referred to Ernest Shackleton who on the Discovery Expedition as Boss. Shackleton was in charge of Stores on board the ship. Another possible interesting point to add is that at different time there seemed to be a pleasant atmosphere coming from the area of Captain Scott's Cabin but the complete opposite coming from the cabin facing across which belonged to Albert Armitage. It was generally believed that a rift had grown between Scott and Shackleton. In truth the difference of feelings grew between Albert Armitage and Captain Scott. It is known that a very amiable letter was written to Captain Scott by Ernest Shackleton later on. Were these feelings being picked up many years later by the Investigators?

The main interest for me on the night was the wooden panel which shot of the cover structure to hide the mast in the Wardroom. This wooden panel has been there for years and when we examined it you could see that it was not loose when in position and for it to have fallen out would have demanded a bit of strength as it was quite difficult for Lynn to put it back after it had fallen. Joan and Lynn were standing fairly close by but I must also point out that they were not standing right beside it. Also if this had been caused by vibration possibly due to people walking about it would have happened more than once.

The Spirit Box was used for the first time on board Discovery and it did not give us any credible evidence. This box is currently being used by a lot of groups and regularly on TV. Unfortunately myself and a few of the team are now not convinced at all regarding this piece of apparatus. When the box is fully in operation it scans many frequencies and the idea is that if there are any spirit voices in the ether, this box will pick them up through the scanning frequencies. The voices we picked up did sound like a radio station and at one point there was a slight blast of music. Sadly this box is not a piece of equipment I would have confidence in recommending. In some cases the MP3 player is the best to try and gather Electronic Voice Phenomenon.

During the evening, a few of the team mentioned to me a feeling of buoyancy as though the ship was afloat. This is not so, as Discovery rests on a series of stone blocks which hold her in place. The small level of water visible in the dry dock does not even rise to meet the bottom of the hull.

The Discovery is a fascinating ship with a wealth of history. Captain Scott only used the ship for its first three years. After this Discovery was used by the Hudson Bay Company, then refitted and used as a Royal Research Ship,

she also travelled again to Antarctica for an Oceanographic Expedition and she was then used for a B.A.N.Z.A.R Expedition. Finally RRS Discovery was used by the Sea Scouts and the Royal Navy Reserve. That time period is covered from 1901 – 1979 and in this time, Discovery has seen a lot of people come and go. Consequently we have to take this into account with any mediumistic evidence that was sensed by Lisa Bowell, Lynn Robertson and Marco Piva.

This was indeed another interesting investigation and again my thanks go to the Investigation Team on the night, The Scott Family and all the Staff at Discovery Point for making this investigation possible for the members of The Ghost Club Investigation Team.

Finally we have to remember that Antarctic Expeditions are very interesting from a scientific point of view and have discovered new species of animals and sea mammals. The weather conditions are also very dangerous. Great work was achieved by Captain Scott and his crew on the 1901–04 Expedition and also on the 1910–1913 Expedition, which very sadly ended with loss of life.

I would once again like to dedicate this report to Captain Robert Falcon Scott RN, Dr Edward Wilson, Lieutenant Henry Bowers, Captain Lawrence Oates and Petty Officer Edgar Evans RN who were very sadly lost on the return journey to base camp after reaching the South Pole on 17 January 1912. 102 years ago.



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