

Official Opening of New Exhibition to Celebrate the Life of Captain Lawrence Oates Announced

2012 marks the 100th anniversary of the death of Antarctic hero Captain Lawrence Oates, who accompanied Scott to the South Pole on the ill-fated 1911–12 expedition. Oates is best remembered for sacrificing his life in the hope of saving his comrades with the famous last word 'I am just going outside and may be some time' as he left the tent in a raging blizzard. His body has never been found.

The Oates Galleries at **Gilbert White's House & Garden and The Oates Collection** in Selborne, Hampshire will be officially opening a new interactive exhibition to mark the centenary and to celebrate the life of Oates, on Saturday 10th March 2012. This ambitious project has been enabled by funding from a 'Your Heritage' National Lottery Grant and match funding from the United Kingdom Antarctic Heritage Trust plus donations and fundraising.

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- 2 Gilbert White's House & Garden is an Independent Charitable Trust and Accredited Museum.
- 3 We would be very happy to accommodate any media enquiries or to accommodate filming at the house at any time. Please make contact on the above number or email address.