

Signy 75 Year Celebration 2022

Thursday 17th – Sunday 20th March 2022

Edgbaston Park Hotel & Conference Centre, Birmingham

A unique event to mark 75 years of operation of Base H, Signy Island, South Orkney Islands, Antarctica



PROGRAMME	
Thursday 17th March	
Noon onwards	Early arrivals & Hotel check-in. Mingle in bar area
6.00 – 8.15 pm	Registration & collection of Reunion bags / badges 1 st opportunity
8.30 – 9.30 pm	Zoom session, hopefully with Fids currently about to leave Base H and those in other parts of the world.
Friday 18th March	
7.30 – 9.00 am	Breakfast
8.30 – 9.30 am	Registration & collection of Reunion bags / badges 2 nd opportunity
9.45 am	Heritage walk participants meet at University Station (West gate) for train to Smethwick Galton Bridge
9.30 am onwards	Opportunity for other attendees to visit other local attractions such as Cadbury World, Think Tank, Winterbourne House & Gardens (information on possible venues in Reunion bags)
4.00 – 5.00 pm	Registration & collection of Reunion bags / badges 3 rd opportunity
6.00 pm (Don't be late!)	Participants in the "Tour of the Tiles" meet in foyer for minibus transfer to The Barton Arms, Aston (CAMRA heritage pub)
6.00 pm onwards	Other attendees mingle and dine locally
11.00 pm	"Tour of the Tiles" participants return after Thai meal at the pub
Midnight	Bar closes
Saturday 19th March	
7.30 – 9.00 am	Breakfast
8.30 – 9.30 am	Registration & collection of Reunion bags / badges 4 th opportunity
9.30 am	"Modern Signy" : a Powerpoint presentation from Derren Fox
10.15 am	"Signy – What's in a Name?" Dr Bill Block
10.45 am	"Smoko"! A Break for coffee / tea & biscuits
11.15 am	"Ten Years in the Madhouse : Signy Winters 1976 – 1987" Doug Allan
11.45 am	"Antics In, Under & On Ice" by Damien Sanders
12.15 pm	"A Botanist on Signy in the mid-70's" Dr James Fenton
1.00 pm	Buffet lunch
2.00 pm	"Signy & the Survey Today" Dame Jane Francis via Zoom
2.45 pm	"Why Wintering at Signy Ceased" Dr John Dudeney
3.30 pm	"Alien Species & Human Impacts : Signy and the wider Antarctic" Dr Jesamine Bartlett
4.15 pm	Afternoon 'Smoko!' Coffee / tea, biscuits & Base H Cake
4.30 – 5.30 pm	Zoom session, hopefully with Fids currently about to leave Base H and those in other parts of the world.
5.30 pm	Vacate Fry Room to allow tables to be set for Dinner
5.35 pm	Meet outside for Reunion group photos : Whole group, Fids only (& Year &/or Base role groups as desired)

6.00 pm	Bar open
7.30 pm	Assemble for Gala Dinner in the Fry Room
9.30 pm approx	Toasts followed by After dinner Speaker :Captain Stuart Lawrence
11.00 pm – 1.00 am	More informal chat in the Bar!
Sunday 20th March	
7.30 – 9.00 am	Breakfast
8.30 – 9.30 am	Final opportunity to collect Reunion bags.
9.30 am	Maybe a chance to view “Antartida Magica” by Pablo Taraborrelli, Bosun on the <i>Ushuaia</i> and “The Living Ice” by Jeremy Light
10.00 am – 5.00 pm	Barber Institute of Fine Arts is open (free entry)
10.30 am – 4.00 pm	Winterbourne House & Gardens is open (special free entry arranged for Signy Fids)
Noon – 5.00 pm	Lapworth Museum of Geology is open (free entry)
5.00 pm	If you haven't cleared off already...pack up and depart!