

Holiday Greetings 2022 and Best Wishes for 2023



The annual polar event in Athy, Ireland, was on again this October. Here's the banquet at the Green Barn.

I spent Thanksgiving at Sally & Steve's in Providence, RI



Lots of work on the Meetinghouse Tower., all finished now. Polar friends gather in Mystic CT in early November and the Buxton Family Association meets at Cathedral of the Pines.



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I sit here at RiverMead in Peterborough with the electricity finally back on after a good 24 hours in the dark. Heavy snow on Friday into Saturday. What can you do in the dark when you don't want to open the fridge to get ice for a nice cocktail, the temperature is dropping, you can't read, the computer is down and no TV. Only option is to go to bed which is what I did. Now heavily rested I'm intent on getting my Christmas Greetings started and finished on Sunday. ¶ It's been another year coping yet again with Covid, with the flu, and a total hip replacement in April. Still not back to 100% but improving slowly. ¶ Much of my time in 2022 has been spent overseeing work on the Tower of the Jaffrey Meetinghouse, a nearly \$200K project involving renovation and replacement inside, outside and high up to the top of the spire. ¶ The other big project—still underway—is producing the



RiverMead has some interesting one-day excursions: I went to Worcester on a beautiful day for a Worcester Red Sox game; they sadly lost in the last inning. (Another ball game excursion was to Manchester and the Fisher Cats. They lost, too.)



And I enjoyed a visit to the Currier Museum in Manchester which included touring the two Frank Lloyd Wright houses in New



Hampshire. Above left is the Zimmerman house. Another trip took me to the Clark Institute in Williamstown, MA. Greatly expanded since I was last there years ago. The books are attractive to view but not easy to access.



After years of work the Park Theatre in downtown Jaffrey finally opened. It's quite impressive. You can check it out at <https://theparktheatre.org>



I had a hip replaced in April and was comfortably recuperating in the RiverMead health center about 6 hours later!



Here's I am napping with my new friend at Jonathan & Daphne Shackleton's Lakeview House in Mullagh, Co. Cavan, Ireland.

commemorative program booklet for Jaffrey's 250th anniversary which will be celebrated throughout 2023. It should be at the printer close to the end of December. ¶ We tried hard to pull off a 5th SouthPole-*sium*, this time in San Francisco in June. Mostly because of Covid concerns, the attendance just wasn't there so we had to cancel it. SouthPole-*sium* v.4, held in Dublin in 2019, will probably be the last one. ¶ A memorable event in 2022 was the 900th meeting of the Harvard Travellers Club, an organization I've been closely associated with for 40 or so years. This was quite a gala affair in November at the Harvard Club featuring as speaker my friend & colleague

Bob Headland, retired archivist of the Scott Polar Research Institute in Cambridge, UK. ¶ Other than a trip to Ireland and the UK in October-November, I've stayed pretty much at home, not venturing outside of New England. Thanksgiving was in Providence at Sally & Steve's; Christmas will be in Hingham at Bob & Sandy's. I'm thinking about a Road Scholar trip to southern Spain or Sicily or Crete in the Spring or Fall. ¶ I still have my Antarctic library in Jaffrey which I go to most afternoons. And still involved with lots of projects and organizations in Jaffrey. And so regards and holiday greetings for another year.

Bob