



# SHS Expeditions

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From : Mr Philip Renold, Chairman.

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To: S.H.S. Shareholders,  
Board Members  
Executive Officers  
Assistant Leaders  
Older Members

Dear S.H.S. Members,

You may well be aware that for some years now the S.H.S. has been experiencing considerable difficulty in recruiting sufficient members. As a result we have cut the number of expeditions from six in 1982 to only four thereafter. Despite a very much improved brochure and a more extensive recruitment campaign we still find ourselves in the position of not being able to fill our expeditions. From a financial viewpoint the Board has decided that although we can easily stand the heavy financial loss which we anticipate in 1986 that the time has come for the S.H.S. (founded in 1962) to either change radically or to close down.

The possible reasons for this sad situation are many and varied but in essence we appear to be marketing a 'product' which now faces severe competition from other quarters and which is simply no longer in demand. As a result the Board has decided not to plan any expeditions for 1987 at present.

We are asking YOU to produce concrete proposals for the future of the S.H.S., and the willingness to put them into operation. These ideas need not be confined to the Hebrides, to expeditions exclusively for young people or to the summer months. We can offer a great deal of experience and expertise, a considerable amount of expedition equipment and financial reserves of some thousands of pounds. What we want from you is clearly defined, detailed and costed proposals to be submitted to Sue Gartside, our Administrative Director, by 1st September for circulation to the Directors. These proposals will be considered at the Board Meeting to be held at the Civil Service Club, 13-15, Great Scotland Yard, London SW1A 2HJ on Sunday 28th September (11am). Proposers are invited to present their ideas personally. The Board will then make recommendations to the Shareholders to be considered at an Extraordinary General Meeting to be held .at the Civil Service Club on Saturday 25th October (11.30am). One alternative will be liquidation.

It may be of value to proposers to contact some of the Directors before submitting formal proposals. Below you will find a list of their names, addresses and telephone numbers.

On a personal note I am resigning as Chairman of the S.H.S. as from 1st July after 21 years of involvement. In early August I will be moving to West Germany to take up a post at the Frankfurt International School. If valid proposals are forthcoming I will however be attending the Board Meeting on 28th September.

Finally, can I please emphasise that all four main expeditions this summer WILL be running as planned as will the Annual Reunion. They will of course be of the usual high S.H.S. standard.

Yours faithfully,

P.N.Renold,  
Chairman.

DIRECTORS\*

C.Armitage & R.Pitts  
Mark Bankes  
Jonothan Bletcher  
Sue & Ian Gartside  
Graham Kramer  
Steve Paynter  
Jo Walker  
Rob McDermott  
Richard Young,

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