

# Holiday Greetings 2015 and Best Wishes for 2016



The SouthPole-sium v.2 held in May at Lunga House, Craobh Haven, Scotland. A good time was had by all. Photo: Cathy Cooper.



Enjoying fish & chips at Ocean Blue in Utica, New York, just after Thanksgiving. On my way to visit the Stams in Syracuse.



Lots of pheasants & partridges bit the dust at Jane and Michael's farm but I just watched. We had a fine lunch at the pub.



The Landmark Trust's Abbey Gatehouse in Tewkesbury, Glos., where I spent three nights in November above the arch.

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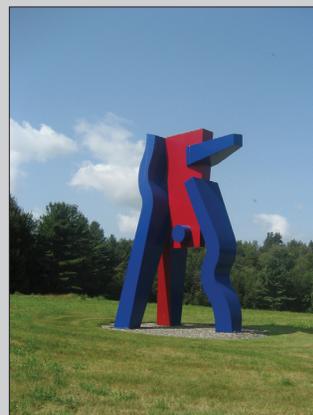
All's well in Jaffrey. Lots of snow last year; none so far this year.  TRAVELS IN 2015: To Scotland in late April to Arun the second SouthPole-sium, a gathering of 60+ polar people from around the world. Our venue was Lunga House, a lovely Scottish mansion overlooking Craobh Haven. See <https://rs41.smugmug.com/Travel/SouthPolesium-v2>. Following this some of us spent a week on the Isle of Mull enjoying trips to Iona, Fingal's Cave and the colorful Tobermory. From Scotland I flew to Spain and joined with others for a reunion of those who travelled through



Here I am in Dublin Airport in December with a friend (who excused my hand). Joe O'Farrell and I were on our way to Oslo.



The Fram Museum in Oslo where Joe and I attended a large polar gathering and scoped out Oslo for a possible SouthPole-sium v.3 in May, 2017. We enjoyed a grand 9-course dinner on the deck of the Fram for 90 people; started at 7pm; ended at 1am.



Coldhollow Sculpture Park in northern Vermont in August. It was closed but Joy & I managed to slip in.



A combined hardware/liquor store in Tobermory, Isle of Mull. Who could ask for anything more?



Julia Bradford & Gussie in Northleach in the Cotswolds. This is where stick resides!

Africa together way back in 1972-73. Then to the UK where I spent time in London, Bishop's Sutton (with the Hendersons) and Cumbria (with the Gowings). In August I enjoyed a few days in northern Vermont visiting the Rock of Ages quarries, Dartmouth classmate Ted Rossi and Nancy, and cousin Joy & Art. In October I made my now annual (10th year) trip to Ireland to attend the Shackleton Autumn School in Athy. Then a week in the UK. Only a couple of weeks later I was in Oslo for five nights checking out things for a third SouthPole-sium in

2017. See <https://rs41.smugmug.com/Travel/Oslo-2015/>  And in Jaffrey I was busy as always with historical matters and a variety of Town committees. 

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Some 2015 trip reports:  
<http://www.rs41.org/Trips/ScotlandSpain2015a.htm>  
<http://www.rs41.org/Trips/athy10a.htm>  
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