

JOURNEY SOUTH WITH CHRIS WATSON BY MIKE HARDING

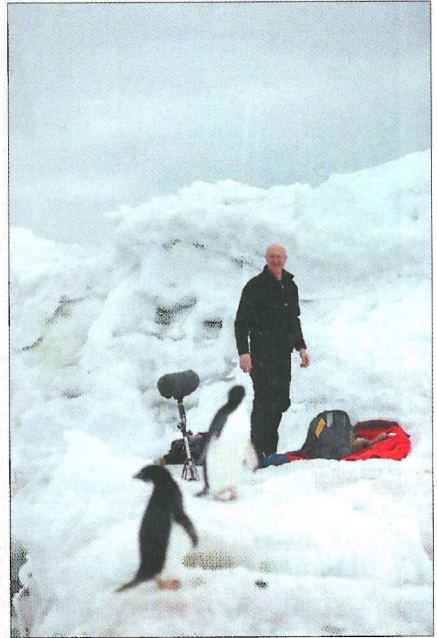
Exactly one year ago, I wrote an article here about listening to nature. The sounds of the dawn chorus, the trill of the blackbird and the song thrush with their poetic repeat of phrases. In the piece I referred to Chris Watson, the award-winning wildlife sound recordist, Sir David Attenborough's go to man. Chris was involved recently in Apple TV's Earthsounds and Sky TV's The Secret World of Sound. He frequently appears on BBC Radio 4's Broadcasting House, Great Lives and Tweet of the Day.

Who could have imagined a year later, in aid of the Save Felpham Post Office Campaign, Chris would offer to come to the village and talk about his adventures, especially the journey he made to Antarctica with Sir David for the BBC's The Frozen Planet?

During A **JOURNEY SOUTH WITH CHRIS WATSON** – Tuesday 11 June, 7pm, St Mary's Centre, Felpham PO22 7NU, Chris will present this amazing Antarctica trip, with images and sounds from that unique and miraculous landscape. You can explore his work at – www.chriswatson.net. Tickets, £12/£5 for students 18 or under, from the Post Office or our website: friendsoffelpham.org.

Here in Felpham, we have been listening to you and how you would feel if we were to lose the Post Office. A selection of quotes from residents, societies, charities, small businesses and tradespeople: "It would be a huge loss to Felpham should the Post Office close and will have an enormous negative impact on the remaining businesses". "We need to save it to keep the village alive." "It provides vital services to our residents." "With banks closing down all around us, residents and businesses would sorely miss this facility, isolating people even further." "Our Post Office is the hub of our village and without it our village would lose much of its community spirit." "We use the Post Office for all our banking needs and product deliveries, good luck and hopefully Felpham Village can save you", "It's the hub for meeting each other and much, much more. We can't afford to let the Post Office go. WE MUST FIGHT TO KEEP IT!?"

If you would like to donate, or get the latest Campaign updates, go to our website – friendsoffelpham.org. AND SEE YOU AT A JOURNEY SOUTH WITH CHRIS WATSON.



Felpham Community College presented a £1000 cheque from proceeds of their talent show to the Save Felpham Village Post Office Campaign. Photo by Georgina Chester.