

ABOUT ROSIE



Rosie is married to William Stancer, whose grandfather was [Sir James Wordie](#), the geologist and Chief Scientific Officer on Shackleton's 1914 trans-Antarctic expedition.

(He became the elder statesman of British polar exploration and The Wordie Shelf, on the Antarctic Peninsula, was named in his honour. Wordie also became Chairman of The Scott Polar Research Institute (SPRI) and President of the Royal Geographical Society).

Rosie's maternal grandfather, Earl Granville, was supposed to go on Scott's ill-fated 1912 expedition but they discovered he would be too tall for the tent and feared he would need extra rations. It would appear that, at 5' 3", Rosie might have inherited the genes for exploration but not height.

Rosie is a royal cousin of HM The Queen. Her great Aunt was HRH The Queen Mother.

- In 1997 Rosie took part in the McVities All Women's Penguin Polar Relay - the first all-female team to reach the North Pole. A world first for Great Britain.
- In 2000 the M&G ISA South Pole Expedition with Royal Patron HRH The Prince of Wales in aid of Special Olympics GB. Rosie and four other women became the first British women to walk unguided to the South Pole.
- 2004 Snickers South Pole Solo, hauling a sledge more than twice her body weight for over 1.000 km, Rosie reached the Pole in 43 days 23 hours, smashing all previous years' speed records by 7 days.
- 2007 Mars North Pole Solo, Rosie got significantly farther than any previous attempts by women to reach the North Pole solo, walking alone for 326 miles over 84 days across the surface of the frozen Arctic Ocean before being airlifted from the ice just 89 nautical miles short of the North Pole. Her record-breaking achievement was all the more heroic if you consider that conditions during the 2007 season were, and remain, some of the worst on record.
- 2007 is now known by scientists researching conditions on the Arctic Ocean as 'The year of the perfect storm'. With deteriorating conditions through global warming, it would seem that she achieved not just the world 'first' she aspired to, but a world 'last' - i.e. her record will stand in perpetuity.