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New Collections
The Scientific Exploration Society film collection is now housed in our film vault. The Society was the brainchild of Lt-Col Blashford-Snell whose vision was to enable young people from all countries to participate in adventurous, scientific and voluntary aid projects.

Operation Drake and Operation Raleigh circumnavigated the world in tall ships with participants opting in for a section of each tour.

Some Young Explorers followed the route from coast to coast of the Conquistador Balboa in Panama. For example, see www.huntleyarchives.com/film/49229 or www.huntleyarchives.com/film/49234

Others took part in forest canopy ecology studies working with zoologists and ornithologists in the Alia River. Blashford-Snell led a group to the gold mines of Cana near the Colombian border. One part of the expedition sought World War II crashed aircraft in the forests of Papua New Guinea.

We are accessioning the collection into the Huntley Film Archives holdings and are making films available to view via the website. They can be found by searching for the phrase ‘Young Explorers’ in the Keywords field.

More Films Online
We have now digitised more than 12,000 films and these may be viewed on the website. Take a look at www.huntleyarchives.com