



# Guildford Travel Club

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## FROM THE CHAIRMAN

*The Club has experienced a somewhat challenging start to the new season with the unexpected resignation of our Programme Secretary and Kev Reynolds having to cancel his opening talk due to illness. Talks on the Himalayas are always popular and we very much hope that Kev will be able to visit the Club to present his talk at some future date. Our warmest thanks to Paul Whittle for stepping in at such short notice. We have also welcomed a new speaker, Oliver Gilkes from Andante Travels, who spoke about Albania and his excavations in a relatively unknown country. I am very pleased to report an increase in membership of the Club due to a lot of energy being put into publicity and we look forward to an interesting and successful season.*

*Janet Parsons*



## MEMBERS SOCIAL EVENING - Tuesday 18 November

Our Social this year follows the theme of 'The Many Faces of Africa'. We start with a photo quiz compiled by Harry & Jean Wickens followed by a shared buffet and you are welcome to bring your own drinks. Do please sign up to let us know what food you will bring along—either savoury or sweet. We will provide plates, glasses and coffee.

I will be talking about my visit to Northern Tunisia earlier this year—a diverse and beautiful country where some of the finest classical sites in the world lie undisturbed amongst fields of wild flowers. We journey to World Heritage sites, visit Carthage and the wonderful mosaics in the Bardo Museum in Tunis, see life in the small poverty-stricken towns and end our journey at the Great Mosque in the Holy City of Kairouan. Do come along and get to know your fellow travellers!

### \*\*\* COMMITTEE VACANCIES \*\*\*

#### HELP URGENTLY NEEDED

The Club's immediate priority is to fill the vacant **PROGRAMME SECRETARY** role and the Committee would welcome hearing from any member who has an interest in helping us to put together the Club's programme for our 50th Anniversary season.

We have a database of speakers and the role involves researching and contacting speakers—old and new—and putting together a varied and interesting programme.

We are creating a second administrative role which will involve sending out emails to speakers and providing support to the Programme Secretary.

The Committee cannot take on these tasks indefinitely in addition to their current roles and **we would ask every member to please consider if you could help to ensure that Guildford Travel Club has a programme next season.**

If you'd like more information please speak to me at the next meeting, phone on 01428 605817 or email [parsonsjan@btinternet.com](mailto:parsonsjan@btinternet.com)

Thank you very much

**Janet Parsons**



David Shepherd  
Wildlife Foundation  
[www.davidshepherd.org](http://www.davidshepherd.org)

Our charity for the year is the **David Shepherd Wildlife Foundation** and we will be holding a raffle on 2nd December. We would welcome donations of prizes to support DSWF.

### Looking ahead

#### 4 November

**Tony Escritt**—*Images of Borneo*

A look at the character of the country, its landscapes and wildlife.

#### 2 December

**Chris Bradley**—*Ancient Persia & Modern Iran*

We visit the sites & ancient monuments of Persia.

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## MEMBERS EVENING

**Thursday 27 November  
8.00 pm**

Justin Mansley will be presenting 'A Voyage in Search of the Northern Lights' at the DSWF Gallery, Kings Road, Shalford. Tickets at the door £5 and donations for drinks. Please sign the list at a Club evening to reserve a place.

#### 16 December

**Diana Darke**—*Eastern Turkey*

Diana, a widely-respected author, journalist and Middle East expert, explores this little-known region.

