



Guildford Travel Club

50 years of travel for travel's sake

We look forward to welcoming

Audrey Olley



29th November
MEMBERS' SOCIAL
Memories—A Life of Travel
A quiz, a BYO buffet supper then Audrey shares her travels from all over the world

Paul Goldstein



13th December
Wildlife Exposed
Through the lens from the Masai Mara to the Arctic and Antarctica—a lesson in award-winning photography!

Chris Scott



17th January 2017
Gilf Kebir—The Land of the English Patient
We travel across the Sahara desert before taking a closer look at an obscure & fascinating region of Egypt

From the Chairman

What a great start Diana Darke's visit has given to our new season and this has been echoed by your feedback. This really helps our Programme Secretaries to build up a strong database for future talks so please keep filling in the online questionnaires and you'll see the results so far overleaf.

We have a further article in this Newsletter to help you to get to know Club members. Rosie Spalding writes about her travels below.

A reminder that we welcome our new President, David Edwards, this month and he'll be speaking about living under the threat of volcanoes, notably at Pompeii and Herculaneum.

Then following Audrey's special 50th Anniversary talk at the Social Evening we welcome back highly acclaimed photographer Paul Goldstein on our 'Mince pie evening'.

Come early to get a good seat!

Janet Parsons

Guildford Travel Club beckons

Rosie Spalding—Co-Editor & Publicity Manager

As a child I dreamed of travelling, spending many happy hours drooling over maps and devouring Eric Newby's travel stories and when I came to Guildford in the late 70s Guildford Travel Club caught my attention. I enjoyed some fascinating talks here. At that time my travel experiences amounted to a backpacking Interrail trip around Europe and a summer working in Switzerland. The speakers at the Club seemed to present an intoxicating mix of travel experiences and I vowed to visit some of these exciting places myself.

Family life intervened and 25 years and many Eurocamp holidays later I had only

crossed a few countries off my bucket list. Following a health scare I decided there was no time to lose and in the last eight years I have had the good fortune to visit all the countries on my 'A list' including Cuba, Morocco, Norway and India. I brought back amazing memories from them all including dancing in downtown Havana in a tiny nightclub, being treated like royalty at the Golden Temple in Amritsar, escaping from drug barons posing as bus conductors in Chefchaouen and a stunning train journey from Trondheim to Bodo.

So on my return to the Club four years ago I felt more of a traveller my self. I have thoroughly enjoyed meeting all

An opportunity for a Club member to organise Members' Evenings

MEMBERS' EVENING CO-ORDINATOR

The Committee is keen to have more Members' Evenings and we would welcome someone willing to volunteer to take on this role which involves:

- *Encouraging Club members to show slides of their travels to a small group
- *Booking John's Hall here at Onslow Village
- *Advising members re equipment and refreshments and linking with the Committee
- *Putting out signing-up sheets

Help and support will be given. Please come and talk to Janet if you are interested.

you fellow travellers and hearing your travel stories as well as being inspired by our speakers who have helped me draw up a 'B list'. Walking across Siberia or climbing Mount Everest is not for me but I have visited Matera this summer, thanks to Janet's inspiring presentation at the last Members' Evening and Japan and more of the Balkans are on the list.



Please turn over for more news of GTC

More talks to enjoy in 2017

Jasper Winn



31st January A Winter's Walk from Munich to Paris

The realities of modern rural Europe explored on foot in a grueling 500 mile winter walk

Alan Palmer



7th February Travels in the NE Frontier Agency of India

Alan visits the Buddhist communities and mountain tribes of Arunachal Pradesh, and the headhunters of Nagaland on his travels in this rarely explored region



GTC Raffle

Our annual raffle will take place on 21st February at Chris Beynon's talk

We would very much welcome contributions of prizes - please bring these along on the evening

GTC Feedback Survey

Tom Garside

Firstly thank you for your feedback, which helps the Committee to steer the Club to provide maximum enjoyment for all. There are of course a range of opinions on each talk, but hopefully over the season the Club provides a range of talks to satisfy everyone.

The comments provided have been particularly useful to understand more about your views whether they be about the talk, coffee arrangements or suggestions for the future.

Please do keep feeding back.

The survey goes to all members after each talk. If you didn't attend a talk, the survey is still relevant as we are keen to understand whether the speaker or topic wasn't of interest. (You are now able to simply answer just that question).

A few people haven't received the survey, so if this is the case then please check your spam folder first, otherwise let me

know and I will investigate.

In summary, feedback is shown in the table below.

PS Congratulations to Catherine Moorehead for such an outstanding speaker score

Percentage of respondents rating 'Excellent' or 'Very Good'

	Topic	Photos	Speaker
Syria - View from the inside	86%	69%	90%
Just a little run around the world	43%	9%	43%
North Korea - Grenades in the schoolyard (to date)	91%	60%	96%

February 2017 Newsletter

Carol Busby, our Programme Secretary, will tell us about her exciting travels and achievements in the February issue.

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Celia Rumary

We were all very shocked and saddened to learn of Celia's recent sudden death following surgery earlier in the summer. A number of Club members attended her funeral service at Guildford Crematorium where Colin had written a wonderful tribute to Celia's life. She was an enthusiastic member of GTC and a recent Minutes Secretary. A lively character with strong opinions, Celia will be much missed.