



Guildford Travel Club

50 years of travel for travel's sake

We look forward to welcoming...

Felicity Ashton MBE



3rd October Pole of Cold

Felicity travels more than 35,000km across Scandinavia and Siberia in the middle of winter to find the coldest inhabited place in the world.

Chris Forse



**17th October
Thirty Years' Travel in China**
Chris charts the growth of China, the unique landscapes and its people and culture in a remarkable series.

Martin Pailthorpe



**7th November
From One Extreme to Another**
Martin, a TV Producer, reveals the logistics, dangers and rewards of filming in some of the most challenging environments on earth.

From the Chairman

The Committee is pleased to enclose a copy of our exciting new programme for the 2017/2018 season. We have a great mix of some of our most popular speakers returning, together with new speakers who regularly tour the country giving talks. As the Club attracts more visitors and its reputation continues to grow we are able to bring some of the top names in the adventure travel world to Guildford.

We welcome Sharon Collins to the Newsletter team with Rosie Spalding and myself and it's good to have new ideas emerging from our discussions. In this edition we have the first of our book reviews on page 2 focusing on North Korea, a country much in the news. We also have a new format for our profiles of Club members and Tom Garside, our Assistant Hall Manager and Feedback guru, answers questions about his travels.

We would like to encourage more of you to show slides of your travels and plan to experiment with a new format for Members' Evenings this season. Just 10 slides per member is all that's required and I'll say more at the first Club evening. Of course if you'd like to give a full evening that is still very welcome.

I hope that you will renew your membership and encourage friends and neighbours to come along to the Club and look forward to seeing you for Felicity Aston's talk on 3rd October.

Janet Parsons

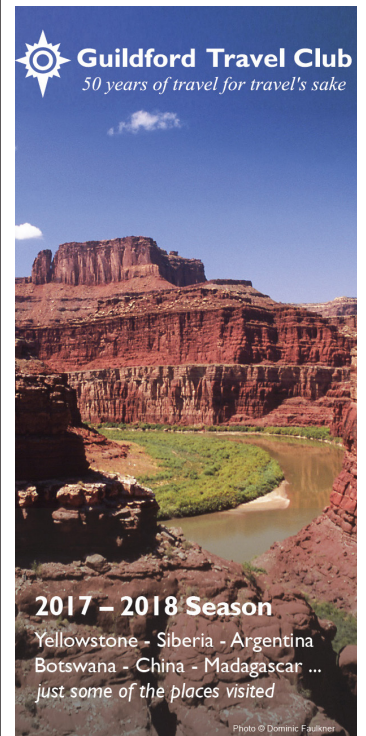
News of our speakers

David Edwards - GTC President

At the AGM I mentioned David's visit to Mt Etna and the neighbouring volcanic islands this summer, preceded by a trip to Hawaii, which he describes as "one of the most intriguing places on the planet". David has also been busy planning new talks and the photo shows an image from his new talk for 2018 'Dolomites: the killing mountains'. Watch this space for news of future dates for this talk and also 'Hawaii: tropical paradise, surfing, conflict, and volcanoes'.



2017 - 2018 Season Brochure



Catherine Moorehead has been in touch with us and will open next season to tell us about her recent "quite unusual trip" travelling alone with a driver across Northern Iran. Not to be missed! Catherine reports that most electronic equipment on London flights from Istanbul-Ataturk Airport is being temporarily confiscated for the flight. It can be reclaimed in a separate queue next to the baggage carousel at Heathrow.

Diana Darke - keep in touch with Diana's blog on Syria on <https://dianadarke.com/>

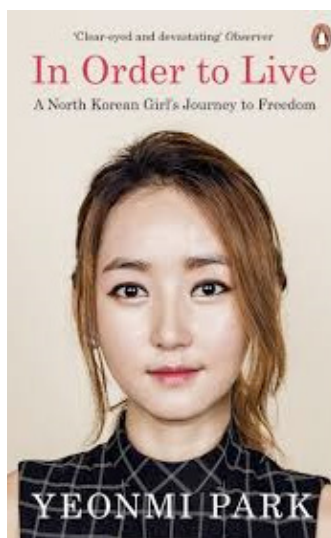
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Turn over for more news of GTC...



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Local talk

Janet Parsons will be presenting 'Prague & Mozart's Travels' at Guildford Institute on Wednesday 4th October @ 2.45 pm. Free for members & non-Members. Booking essential on 01483 562 142



Roland Masset

It was with great sadness that we learnt of Roland's death from cancer in February this year. Roland was a former Treasurer of Guildford Travel Club and a keen traveller himself.

Cycling was one of his passions and he completed the London-Edinburgh-London Classic non-stop cycle race in his 70s. Some achievement! A number of Club members attended a service to celebrate Roland's life at St Mary's, West Horsley and the church filled to capacity was a fitting tribute to the affection in which he was held. We'll remember Roland as a cheerful, courteous and popular member of the Club.

Book review - Rosie Spalding

What travel books have you been reading recently? We are introducing a travel book review section and hope you enjoy it. I have started the ball rolling by recommending an enthralling book by a North Korean teenager who defected to South Korea via a circuitous and dangerous route. It will particularly resonate with anyone who came to Catherine Moorehead's presentation on North Korea last season. We hope that club members will contribute further travel book reviews. They do not have to be connected with the season's talks. Please send your reviews (150 words) together with an image of the book cover, to sharon.leigh74@ntlworld.com.

One review will be included in each newsletter.

In Order to Live' by Yeonmi Park

Penguin (2015) ISBN 978-0-241-97303-5

The harrowing story of a teenage girl's escape from North Korea. The clarity of Yeonmi's writing immediately transports the reader to the harsh realities of daily life in North Korea in the 1990s and the dangers facing those who try to leave. Yeonmi gives a vivid account of her escape across the frozen Yalu River and her heart-breaking experiences of being trafficked by gang masters in China. She takes a terrifying journey across the Gobi Desert into

Mongolia, following the stars for direction. She describes her arrival in South Korea, and the difficulties she encounters integrating into this society, with humanity and courage.

Yeonmi has now become a human rights activist and outspoken critic of North Korea.

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2015/mar/15/park-yeon-mi-north-korea-defector>

Also recommended: 'Nothing to Envy' by Barbara Demick. Los Angeles Times journalist tells the stories of 100 North Korean defectors. Winner of the 2010 Samuel Johnson Prize for non-fiction.

Meet a member - Tom Garside, our Assistant Hall Manager

When did your interest in travel begin?

My early experiences of travel included going cycle touring each summer with a friend exploring East Anglia, Yorkshire, Wales and Ireland, staying at youth hostels. We covered many miles and saw some beautiful parts of the country, although occasionally through driving rain!

Where was your first foreign travel experience?

I travelled with my parents when I was young, however my first big trip was to go overlanding across Africa post university. We travelled from Kenya down to (eventually)

South Africa and saw rural life, wildlife and the landscapes. We were lucky enough to climb Mount Kilimanjaro, which was incredible.

Where to next?

The next trip we are planning is a family trip to Costa Rica, next summer. We are looking forward to seeing the lush rainforest, volcanos and hopefully turtles.

Your preferred type of holiday?

As a family, we like to do a little of everything from camping, to city breaks, to resorts in the sun, to long-haul adventures, so planning holidays can be a

challenge.

Your favourite place?

My father introduced us to the Lake District many years ago, so most years we visit for some fell walking. A beautiful place especially if you get off the beaten track.

What would you never travel without?

An iPhone charger is essential.



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- Refreshments
- Chairs

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