



# Guildford Travel Club

*travel for travel's sake*

## From the Chairman

I hope you are all enjoying the current season of talks and it was good to have our President, David Edwards, with us again last month. David is pleased to continue his association with the Club as he becomes Vice-President in April when we look forward to welcoming Leon McCarron as the new President of Guildford Travel Club.

April will herald a new phase for the Club—with a new President and a new Chairman-elect—Tom Garside, and it will be exciting for me to see what changes might evolve in the future.

This will be my last newsletter as Chairman. When I took over in April 2013 we averaged 68 members attending talks, excluding visitors and had a membership of 108. Last season members attending had increased to 110 with a membership of 189 and yes we tipped the scales with 138 members and 22 visitors when Catherine opened our current season.

It has been tremendously encouraging to see GTC growing, not only in numbers but in its reputation locally, and especially among the speaker community. This is due to the changes which the Committee has made over recent years—the hugely successful coloured brochure, much wider publicity with interesting articles about the Club in local publications—and with increased membership has come scope for our Programme Secretaries to be able to book good speakers.

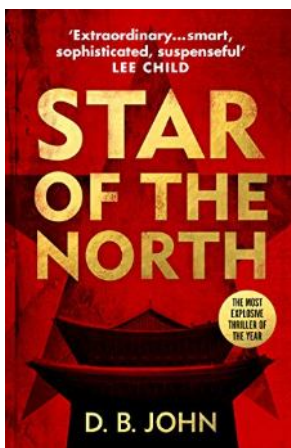
David told me of a thriving club in Wells which has regrettably had to close because no-one was willing to join the Committee. This seems to be a trend as people's lives become more and more busy. We're very fortunate here in Guildford to have an excellent group of skilled Committee members whom I know put in a great deal of their time behind the scenes.

I've greatly enjoyed my time as Chairman and look forward to sitting back and seeing someone else do the votes of thanks!

Enjoy some great speakers over the rest of the season

Best wishes *Janet*

## A good read .....



"An explosive thriller set in north Korea" which tells the compelling story of a young American woman who disappears without trace from a South Korean island.

The CIA enlist her twin sister to infiltrate the regime which places her own life in extreme danger. The plot interweaves with insights into the lives of ordinary citizens.

A page-turner set in a country that has frequently been in the headlines over the past year and takes us back to the talk we had at GTC in 2016.

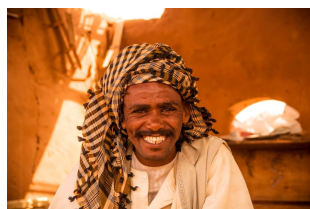
## Talks Feb-April 2019



**Jenny Bowen**  
**19th February**  
**A Journey through Southern Africa**  
 Jenny will recount some quirky tales as she travels through Botswana, Namibia and the Kingdom of Swaziland



**Paul Goldstein**  
**5th March**  
**Jaguars and other Big Cats**  
 Come and see how closely Paul has come to taking the 'purrfect' image of the big cats he has been following for the last 25 years. Expect an outspoken and lavishly illustrated talk



**Charlie Walker**  
**19th March**  
**Through Sand and Snow**  
 Join Charlie on an epic journey through Europe, Asia and Africa and hear tales of frostbite in Tibet, suspected espionage in Iran and mistaken identity in Rwanda.



**Jonny Bealby**  
**2nd April**  
**Journey into the Hindu Kush**  
 Ever considered visiting N Pakistan? Jonny will persuade you it is once again an exciting and relatively accessible region with a harsh natural beauty and warm friendly people

## GTC AGM & Sharon Collins Tanzania: Three Ways Tuesday 16th April



Do come along to the AGM followed by a talk by one of our members, Sharon Collins, on her safari and trip to Zanzibar followed by a gruelling trek up Africa's highest mountain, Kilimanjaro

## Members' Slide Evening Saturday 23rd February @ 8.00 pm Onslow Village Hall



Please join us for our second Members' Slide Evening in aid of our charity Mercy Ships

Programme of talks:

Tom Garside—Norway—Fjords in the Sun  
 Dave Williamson—From Lhasa to Kathmandu by Bike  
 Mark Randall—Easter Island

**REFRESHMENT BREAK**—Bar open throughout the evening

Audrey Olley—Bears in Katmai Wilderness Park Alaska  
 Chris Beynon—Swedish Lapland

## GTC Committee

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