



# Guildford Travel Club

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## The PETER STEWART Tribute Evening

A big thank you to all of you who came to support this special evening. Judging by the complimentary comments which we have received, everybody seemed to be happy with the way in which it went. All in all, it was a fitting tribute to Peter and his work

**Paul Goldstein's** "Predator" presentation was undoubtedly the highlight of the evening, with his usual splendid pictures and his amusing and thought-provoking commentary. This tied in well with the twin aims of the evening, namely to commemorate Peter's long-standing work for the Club, and his work for the **Cheetah Conservation Fund (CCF)**.

We were pleased to welcome about 10 members of **Peter's family**, including his sister and his three children. They brought a number of his self-published travel books, most of which are available to be purchased if anybody wishes. Please contact me for further details.

We were also pleased to welcome **Abi Irving**, who does work for **CCF**, and **Amanda Bleasby**, the Operations Director of the **Friends of Conservation** wildlife charity. Both knew Peter well.

I am pleased to report that the raffle in aid of **CCF** made £340, to which will be added a donation by the Club on behalf of the membership, as mentioned in the last Newsletter.

## Looking ahead

On 30th November, we shall be pleased to welcome back **John Pilkington**, who is an old friend and past president of the Club. On his last visit he told us the story of a 450-mile Sahara journey with a camel caravan carrying salt to Timbuktu. This time he returns with **A Short Stroll through the Middle East**. Starting in Beirut, he followed a winding route through Lebanon and Syria, then crossed the Euphrates to Iraq and finally Iran. He says these countries "are in the news for all the wrong reasons", and to his surprise found families and whole communities working together to survive the harsh climate and political strife. It should be a fascinating evening.

Two weeks later, on 14th December, **John Wyatt** completes the first half of our season with a talk entitled **Cities of Vesuvius – Pompeii and Herculaneum**, concerning the devastating eruption which took place on 24th August 79AD.

### Member's Evening - A Reminder

**Bob Fisher** will be giving an illustrated account of his journey from the Channel Tunnel through the Low Countries and up to the north of Norway with a talk entitled "**Scandinavia in a Banger around a Banger**." This will take place in the meeting room at the back of Onslow Village Hall on Thursday 25th November starting at 8.00pm.