



Guildford Travel Club

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The Committee met recently, and I was elected to serve as Chairman for another year.

The remaining positions were filled by the same members as at the end of last year, with the exception of the position of Membership Secretary, which because of work commitments Ben Baker has had to relinquish. In the meantime I shall oversee this post. The full list is shown alongside.

COMMITTEE

Chairman – Robert MacAndrew

Vice-Chairman – Ben Baker

Treasurer – Roland Masset

Minutes Secretary – Jenny Powell

Membership Secretary – vacant

Programme Secretary - Celia Rust

Hall Manager - Harry Wickens

Publicity Secretary - Jean Wickens

New programme

Celia Rust has arranged another very enticing programme, two copies of which are enclosed. The new season starts on 4th October with a welcome return visit by **John Blashford-Snell**, who will give us two separate talks. The first follows the footsteps of **Colonel John Fawcett in Bolivia**, and then, after the break, he talks about the finding of an ancient waterway between **the Pacific and the Atlantic**, before the construction of the Panama Canal.

Looking ahead, up to Christmas, we shall be visiting **Swaziland** with **Mike Unwin**, crossing **Australia** with **Mike Laird** in the footsteps of the explorers Burke and Willis, cycling round **New Zealand** with **David Edwards** and crossing **Russia** by motor bike with **Nick Laing**.

We shall also be holding our **Members Social Evening** on 15th November. This will start with a quiz, and members will be asked to bring a plate of buffet food to share. The evening will continue with several short presentations given by members. Further information to follow.

Please give the extra copy to a friend or relation who might be interested in coming to our talks.

Request for help

In order to continue to operate, there is a most pressing need for help on our Club nights, as I explained at the AGM in April. We are sure that there are members who may not wish to join the Committee, but would be willing to assist with the running of the Club at our fortnightly meetings on a rota basis. The jobs are as follows:-

1. **Deputy Hall Manager(s)** – Harry Wickens urgently needs a back-up, since he is likely to be absent for a number of meetings next season. The job entails arriving at the Hall at 7pm, getting the equipment out and setting it up, dealing with any problems which may arise during the evening, and then putting everything away at the end of the evening. Suitable training will be given, and we hope to recruit a team of two or three people to share this role.
2. **Refreshments' Manager(s)** – Elizabeth Baker retired from this job at the end of last season. In order to continue offering refreshments, we need to recruit a team of several people to manage the refreshments on a rota. The person in charge for the evening needs to arrive soon after 7pm, fill up the urn and put it on, put out the cups on the trays, and get everything ready. He or she will be assisted during the interval by two volunteers with the serving of the refreshments and clearing up.
3. **Helping with refreshments** – Helping to serve the refreshments and clear up during the interval
4. **Putting out chairs** – This needs to be done between 7.00 and 7.30pm
5. **Welcome Desk** – We should like to recruit several people to share the manning of the welcome desk with one or more members of the Committee, as members arrive.
6. **Selling raffle tickets** – They need to be sold to members as they arrive between 7.30 and 8.00pm, once or twice a year

Please indicate on the Membership Renewal / Application form if you feel that you could help with any of these jobs.

I hope you are having a good summer, and enjoying some travelling, possibly to some unusual destinations. We shall look forward to welcoming you back to the Club in October.

Robert MacAndrew
Chairman