



Guildford Travel Club

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We are now well into the second half of our 45th Season, with many good evenings behind us and more to come. In particular, we shall look forward to welcoming back **John Pilkington** on February 21, who will be taking us on **A Short Stroll through the Middle East**, the talk which almost all of us missed last year because of the snow.

There will be another raffle in aid of **Disability Challengers** on the same evening (February 21). Donations of suitable items for prizes will be most welcome on the night.

Members Evening – March 15

Janet Parsons will be giving a presentation called "**Prague & Mozart's Travels**" in the small room at the back of the Onslow Village Hall on Thursday March 15 starting at 8pm.

It starts in Prague, exploring the city, and will then take us to some of the beautiful European cities which Mozart visited on his travels, with a brief history of his life.

If you would like to come, please sign down on the list which will be available at the next three Club evenings.

There will be no charge for the evening, but a small contribution will be requested to cover the cost of hiring the room.

I should like to take this opportunity to thank everybody who has helped out at Club evenings this season, managing and helping with the refreshments, putting out the chairs, manning the welcome desk and selling raffle tickets.

I should also like to record our particular thanks to Chris Brier and Tom Garside for assisting our Hall Manager, Harry Wickens, with the equipment and standing in for him on a number of occasions. Without them, we would have struggled to keep going.

This leads me on to the Committee and the future of the Club. **Please do read the most important note about this on the next page.**

Change of Programme – March 06

Unfortunately, Steve Connors has had to cancel. In his place, we have been fortunate to book **Robin Bayley**, whose talk is entitled "**2 Journeys to Mexico – A Hundred Years Apart.**" He repeats his great grandfather's journey to Mexico in the 1890s and talks about the extraordinary discovery he made when he got there.

Robert MacAndrew
Chairman

Your Club needs you!

I have decided that I am willing to continue as Chairman for one more season, if elected, but will definitely stand down after the AGM next year. By then, I shall have acted as Chairman for a total of 8 years. Before that, I served on the committee as Treasurer for 6 years.

Regrettably, our present Vice-Chairman, Ben Baker, has decided to retire from the Committee at the end of this season, due to his heavy work commitments.

Most of the other present members of the Committee have already served for many years, in one capacity or another, and none of them wish to put themselves forward to take on the role of Chairman.

We do, therefore, need to find somebody suitable to join the committee this year, with a view to taking on my role as Chairman next year. He or she would have my active support and the support of the other members of the Committee. Without such a person, the future of the Club must be in doubt.

So, please give this some careful thought. If the future of the Club matters to you, and you would consider joining the Committee, please e-mail* me, or speak to me at one of our meetings.

Robert MacAndrew
Chairman

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