



FROM THE CHAIRMAN

We've enjoyed some wonderful evenings in recent weeks. I think one of the highlights has been the first visit to GTC from Diana Darke, an expert on the Middle East, and I've included a link to Diana's article on her recent visit to Damascus. <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/magazine-30494989> Last month we had record attendances for Chris Beynon's and Catherine Moorehead's talks, with new members still keen to join the Club, and then so many of you have told me how much you enjoyed Catherine's talk on Bhutan and "please will you invite her back".

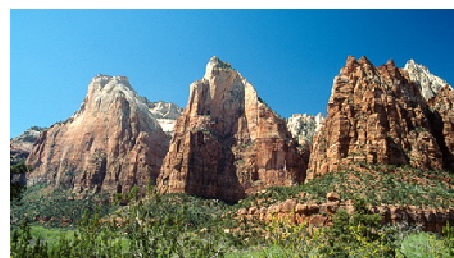
So a sneak preview into next season's programme which is being put together by our new Programme Secretary, Graham Wilson. We try to balance the talks between new faces to the Club and return visits from popular speakers and are keen to include remote and interesting parts of the world. We very much hope that Kev Reynolds will be back to full health in order to bring us his talk on 'Trekking the High Himalaya'. We'll also welcome our President, John Pilkington, on his recent Balkan Adventure. Leon McCarron and Sam Manicom will both return and Oli Broom will tell us about 'Cycling to the Ashes', a talk he has given on four continents. Watch out too for news of a special evening to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of Guildford Travel Club on **19th April 2016**.

Happy travelling

Janet Parsons

VOLUNTEERS!

Thank you to all of you who have helped with the Welcome Desk, chairs and refreshments this season. Your help is greatly appreciated. We'd like to encourage a few more volunteers to sign up for the remaining meetings please. Do see if you might be able to fill in one or two dates.



The Zion Patriachs, Utah

*** COMMITTEE VACANCY *** MINUTES SECRETARY

At the end of the season we will be sorry to lose Jenny Powell, Gillian Cameron and Celia Rumary from the Committee.

We need someone to take the Minutes of meetings and would welcome a volunteer to join us.

Please have a word with me if you are interested or would like to know more.



David Shepherd
Wildlife Foundation
www.davidsshepherd.org

NEXT RAFFLE

Tuesday 3rd February
Proceeds to
David Shepherd
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Donations of prizes on the night would be much appreciated
Thank you



EVERESTMAX The Longest Climb on Earth Dom Faulkner—3rd March 2015



Dom Faulkner makes his first visit to Guildford Travel Club to talk about one of the most ambitious and successful British expeditions in recent years.

From the lowest point on earth on the shores of the Dead Sea to the summit of Everest, the dangerous 8000km journey challenged every extreme.

Come early to be sure of a seat!

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Looking ahead

3 February
David Edwards—Utah & Arizona—*A Love Affair*
The history, beauty & culture of the American landscape.

17 February
Alex Koller—Bulgaria
Exploring unspoilt scenery & historic sites of the Balkan mountains and Danube Plains.

3 March
Dominic Faulker—**EVERESTMAX**

17 March
Alan Palmer—*On Foot through the Atlas Mountains*
Trekking desolate mountains & Berber villages in Morocco.

7 April
Harry Sargent—*The Mysteries of Japan*
A journey to the Land of the Rising Sun.

21 April AGM
& Robert MacAndrew—*China—Old and New*
Contrasting the famous sites of old China with rapid modern development.