



Guildford Travel Club

50 years of travel for travel's sake

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FROM THE CHAIRMAN

What a wonderful evening our President, John Pilkington, gave us last month to really get our 50th Anniversary season underway. John very much enjoyed his visit and was full of praise for the Club which he finds "always so warm and welcoming - and of course now growing in size thanks to your energetic Committee!" We are fortunate to have an excellent and enthusiastic team at the helm whose skills have contributed to a steady increase in membership which now stands at 133 and rising each week. We were pleased to welcome 18 visitors to our last meeting with audiences totals so far this season of 111 and 103. John's talk followed Lee's Farmer's trek along the Namib-Naukluft Trail in Namibia and as I write we very much look forward to welcoming Felicity Aston MBE FRGS, Polar explorer, scientist and author to speak to us on 'Alone in Antarctica' on Tuesday 3rd November.

Please read the notice below about how to obtain tickets for our 50th Anniversary Event on 19th April 2016 and be sure to reserve your ticket when booking opens on 1st December.

Janet Parsons



MEMBERS' SOCIAL EVENING

Our Social this autumn is a must for your diary! **Ben & Elizabeth Baker**, former Committee members of GTC, take us on one of their 'Travels of Exploration' to try to cover **Ethiopia** in three weeks. This will follow a photo quiz by Harry & Jean Wickens and a shared buffet.

Please sign the list to let us know what food you will bring along—either savoury or sweet. You are welcome to bring wine and we'll provide glasses, plates and coffee.

Do come and enjoy the first of our talks on Ethiopia this season—from rock-cut churches to the Omo Valley tribes.

LOOKING AHEAD

1 December Elephant Complex— John Gimlette

John travels through Sri Lanka, home to 5,800 wild elephants and an island rich in culture.



15 December Cycling to the Ashes— Oli Broom

Ride 16,000 miles with Oli through 23 countries to Brisbane—all for cricket!



05 January Secret Siberia— Paul Whittle

Paul takes the train from Vladivostok to Lake Baikal—one of the world's great journeys.

RAFFLE

Also on 5th January
Donations of prizes would be very welcome to support our new charity NERA

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**30% off any Bradt Guide during this season
for GTC Members ONLY**
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50TH ANNIVERSARY

**Admission on 19 April 2016 will be by
TICKET ONLY**

Members must register for their free ticket
between 1st December and 19th January

at the Welcome Desk or by email to
info@guildfordtravelclub.org.uk

Tickets will be on sale to non-members from
31st January. Price £15.00

CHARITY FOR THE YEAR

Given the catastrophic earthquake in Nepal earlier this year the Committee has decided to support the
Nepal Earthquake Recovery Appeal 2015 (NERA)

NERA is overseen by The Bulldog Trust and donations will be directed towards small, grassroots projects to support Nepal's recovery.

