

## Meetings

We meet on alternate Tuesdays from October to April. Doors open at 7.30pm.

Talks start at 8.00pm and finish at 10.00pm, with complimentary refreshments during the interval.

Venue: Onslow Village Hall, The Square, Wilderness Road, Guildford, GU2 7QR.

The hall is at the junction of Wilderness Road and Orchard Road. Parking is available in the hall car park and along Wilderness Road.

The programme may be changed due to circumstances beyond our control.



## The Club

The Club, which was founded in 1966, presents talks with photographs on travel by explorers, travellers, botanists, scientists, photographers, mountaineers and writers.

It has gained an excellent reputation over many years for the high quality of its speakers.

Many of our members travel extensively across the globe, and we encourage them to share their travels via short presentations at members' evenings.

*President:*  
Phoebe Smith

*Vice President:*  
Leon McCarron FRGS



# Guildford Travel Club

*travel for travel's sake*

## Membership

A limited number of new memberships is available each season.

Membership: £30 per season

Student Card Holders: £15 per season

Visitors are welcome subject to space: £7 per talk

For more information on the Club, this season's talks and a map of the venue, visit our website:

[www.guildfordtravelclub.org.uk](http://www.guildfordtravelclub.org.uk)

Or contact our membership secretary:

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## 2022 – 2023 Season

*Afghanistan - Guyana - South Georgia*

*Poland - Mongolia - Lake District...*

*just some of the places visited*

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**4th October 2022**      **John Gimlette**  
***Madagascar: The Gardens of Mars***

John, a writer and journalist, travels the world's fourth largest island, visiting remote tribes, enchanted forests, battlefields, sorcerers and an eccentric militia. Prepare to be surprised.

**18th October 2022**      **Charlie Walker**  
***Following the Line***

Charlie completed a 5,200-mile triathlon following the border between Europe and Asia, from the midwinter snowfields of the Arctic Urals to the banks of the Bosphorus in Istanbul.

**1st Nov 2022**      **Jonny Bealby & David Phillips**  
***Glorious Georgia***

Jonny will talk about this magical country in the Caucasus mountains that straddles the border between East and West. After the break David will look at the birds, mammals and plants found in Georgia's mountains, steppes and coast.

**15th November 2022**      **Sophie Ibbotson**  
***Up Close on the Silk Road***

Travel across Central Asia from the Pamir mountains to the desert sands of the Kyzylkum, exploring the natural and man-made treasures of Uzbekistan and Tajikistan.

**29th November 2022**      **Chris Forse**  
***Social + Lake District: Celebration and Warning***

Members' only evening with quiz, then Chris celebrates the Lake District's unique landscape and way of life; can it and its culture be sustained in a changing world?

**13th December 2022**      **John Beatty**  
***The Fascination of Islands***

Why are islands so compelling? John will help us answer this question tonight with his images of islands worldwide — icy, tropical, desert, flat, high and volcanic.

**17th January 2023**      **Annabel Abbs**  
***In the Footsteps of Remarkable Women***

From Texas and New Mexico to the furthest corners of Europe and Australia, join Annabel as she explains how the transformative power of walking affected the lives, writings and art of historical women.

**24th January 2023**      **Pip Stewart**  
***Life Lessons from the Amazon***

The tale of Pip's epic three-month world-first journey, following Guyana's Essequibo River from source to sea with the help of guides from the Waiwai indigenous community.

**7th February 2023**      **John Weatherburn**  
***Cycling the TransAm***

The TransAmerica Bicycle Trail was conceived to celebrate America's bicentenary. John rode the 4,300-mile route in 2015, exploring its geography, culture and history.

**21st February 2023**      **Chris Aslan Alexander**  
***Travels in Afghanistan***

Chris talks about his numerous adventures in Afghanistan, buying natural dyes, assisting textile projects and even swimming across the border river with Tajikistan.

**7th March 2023**      **Andy Browning**  
***Coconuts to the Credit Crunch***

The story of Andy's adventure, travelling over 16,000km through the heart of the African continent entirely by public transport, to surprise an old friend.

**21st March 2023**      **Mark Stratton**  
***Shackleton's South Georgia***

South Georgia is best known for Sir Ernest Shackleton. But if he could return today, he might not recognise the world's only ecosystem in recovery.

**4th April 2023**      **Nick Hunt**  
***Journey into the Strangest Lands***

A journey through landscapes out of place: arctic tundra in Scotland; primeval forest in Poland and Belarus; Europe's only desert in Spain; and the grassland steppes of Hungary.

**18th April 2023**      **Matt Nixon**  
***AGM + Members' Talks + Mongolia on Ice***

With minimal experience of ice skating, Matt took on a 100-mile skate down the frozen Lake Khovsgol in Mongolia. There were broken bones but, in hindsight, it was fun.



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