

## 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.



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## 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 FRGS

*Vice President:*  
Leon McCarron FRGS



# Guildford Travel Club

*travel for travel's sake*

## Membership

We welcome new members each season:

Membership: £38 per season

Student Card Holders: £20 per season

Visitors are welcome: £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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## 2024 – 2025 Season

*Karakalpakstan - Sweden - Uganda*

*Canada - Bolivia - Suriname...*

*just some of the places visited*

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**1st October 2024**

**Peter Payne**

***Africa along the Equator***

Peter takes us by boat, road, rail and foot, west to east across Africa within about three degrees of the equator, with rainforest, glacier-bearing mountains, savannah and wildlife.

**15th October 2024**

**Shafik Meghji**

***Crossed Off the Map***

A journey through the extreme landscapes and forgotten histories of Bolivia, Patagonia and Tierra del Fuego, from the world's largest salt flat to the southernmost city on Earth.

**29th October 2024**

**Sophie Ibbotson**

***Karakalpakstan: Central Asia's secret***

This republic in the heart of Central Asia is visited by only the most intrepid of tourists, but is an extraordinary destination with everything from desert fortresses to avant-garde art.

**19th November 2024**

**Chris Lee-Francis**

***Canada – Eastwards and Far***

Chris cycles across Canada and shows not only its incredibly varied landscapes but also the lives of the people who live there and the appeal of cycling touring in general.

**26th November 2024**

**Jan Parsons**

***Social + The Mosaic Trail***

Members' only social evening, then Jan takes us across Southern Europe to Ravenna, the capital of mosaics, seeking out awe-inspiring legacies of the Byzantine world.

**10th December 2024**

**Benedict Allen**

***Life in the Extreme***

Members' only talk. Benedict tells the true story of his remarkable life, culminating in his last dramatic expedition to Papua New Guinea - when he was thought lost.

**7th January 2025**

**Andrew Appleyard**

***Archaeological Travels in the Mediterranean***

A journey around the islands of the Med and its extensive coastline, highlighting some of the top destinations and exploring ways of seeing them on foot, bike and even kayak.

**21st January 2025**

**Jo Bradshaw**

***Success and Failure in Cold Places***

Expedition leader and mountaineer Jo takes us to her favourite cold places: Everest, Denali, Arctic Sweden and Antarctica, where a thin blue line splits success and failure.

**4th February 2025**

***Members' Evening Talks***

Members take us on trips to Panama, around Europe, to enjoy walking and wildlife in Madagascar and to see snow leopards in the Tien Shan mountains of Kyrgyzstan.

**18th Feb 2025**

**Col. John Blashford-Snell**

***The Darien Breakthrough***

The story of how a large team made the first crossing of the Darien Gap in 1972 as part of the first drive from Alaska to Cape Horn, in the newly-launched Range Rover.

**4th March 2025**

**Jenny Bowen**

***Uganda – The Pearl of Africa***

Jenny guides us through the sights and sounds of Uganda to showcase what we can see and do in this inspiring and varied country with incredible safari experiences.

**18th March 2025**

**Stephen Venables**

***Higher than the Eagle Soars***

The first Briton to climb Everest without oxygen recounts highlights from a mountaineering career spanning five decades and seven continents.

**1st April 2025**

**George Vincent**

***Suriname – South America's Hidden Gem***

Suriname, S.America's smallest independent nation, boasts the highest percentage forest cover of any country. George shows us this treasure trove for the adventurous naturalist.

**15th April 2025**

**Paul Whittle**

***AGM + America's Historic East***

Paul takes us on a wide-ranging tour of the USA's historic east, starting in Atlanta, Georgia, and heading north up the coast to finish at Ground Zero in New York.



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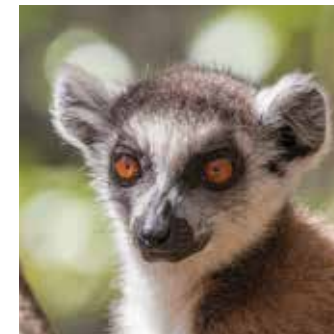
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