

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 recently celebrated its 60th season, 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:
Benedict Allen FRGS

Vice President:
Phoebe Smith FRGS



Guildford Travel Club

travel for travel's sake

Membership

We welcome new members each season:

Membership: £42 per season

Student Card Holders: £21 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:

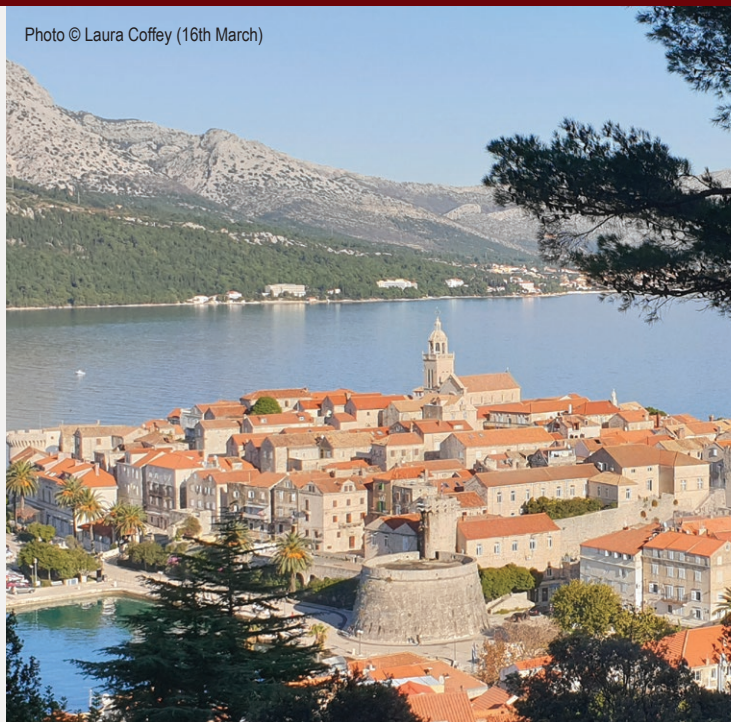
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Or contact our membership secretary:

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2026 – 2027 Season

*Siberia - Iran - Uganda - Amazon
Mongolia - Afghanistan - West Papua...*
just some of the places visited

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6th October 2026 Mark Stratton
Wallace's Grand Adventure

Mark recalls the exploits of the great evolutionary biologist Alfred Russel Wallace, tracing his travels by sea from West Papua in Indonesia to the little-known Maluku Islands.

20th October 2026 Charlie Walker
On Thin Ice: A Siberian Winter's Walk

In 2022 Charlie hiked 600km along the frozen surface of a remote Arctic river to reach indigenous peoples - horse breeders, fur trappers and reindeer herders.

3rd November 2026 Stephen Venables
In the Steps of Eric Shipton

Eric Shipton, one of the greatest mountain explorers of the twentieth century, inspired Stephen, the first Briton to climb Everest without supplementary oxygen.

17th November 2026 Tristan Gooley
The Wonderful World of Natural Navigation

Tristan takes us on solo crossings of the Atlantic in a small yacht and a light aircraft, and reveals how these journeys led to a career searching for signs in nature.

1st December 2026
Members' Evening Talks

Hear from members about their travels and adventures. Talks cover different parts of the world and many forms of travel. Great inspiration for your next trip.

15th December 2026 Stephen Powles
The Cave Elephants of Mt. Elgon

Mt Elgon is an extinct volcano straddling the Kenya Uganda border. It is home to a unique population of elephants who visit the caves to "mine" the mineral-rich rock.

5th January 2027 Jo Bradshaw
Mountains, Marathons and Movies

Over the past decade, Jo has completed the Seven Summits, the world's highest marathon and made films, discovering that the real journey begins long after the summit is reached.

19th January 2027 Benedict Allen
The Nine Times I Nearly Died

The exciting times of 'extreme explorer' Benedict from when he was chased in the Amazon by Pablo Escobar, to his latest venture with the reindeer herders of Mongolia.

2nd February 2027 Sophie Ibbotson
River Oxus: From Source to Sea

Sophie will speak about her search for the river's source in Afghanistan's Wakhan Corridor and her journeys following its course across Central Asia to the Aral Sea.

16th February 2027 Daniel Stables
A Journey Through Festivity

A journey through the vibrant tapestry of human festivity, with a series of travel narratives exploring the joy, chaos and vibrancy of celebrations across the world.

2nd March 2027 Rebecca Lowe
The Slow Road to Tehran

At the height of the Syrian War, Rebecca set off by bicycle to the Middle East, driven by a desire to learn more about this troubled region and its relationship with the West.

16th March 2027 Laura Coffey
Enchanted Islands: A Mediterranean Odyssey

Across the ages people have tried to map the fantastical lands that Odysseus visits to actual locations. Inspired by these theories, Laura set out on an odyssey of her own.

6th April 2027 John Blashford-Snell
On A Wing and A Prayer

The story of the Kota Mama VI expedition seeking a meteorite impact in the Amazon basin and the delivery of a pedal organ to a remote tribe.

20th April 2027 Andrew Hill-Smith
AGM + The Shrink in the Drink

In 2023, retired psychiatrist Andrew became only the third person to attempt an extraordinary feat: circumnavigating Britain's entire coastline in a 13-foot dinghy.



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