



Guildford Travel Club

50 years of travel for travel's sake

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FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Over the summer I've been looking through the archives of the Club and learnt that the inaugural meeting of Guildford Travel Club took place on 5th October 1966 at St Saviour's Hall with a Wine Tasting and films of France. Even at that early stage of the Club's history the membership was 85 with an average attendance of 115!

On 19th April next year we celebrate our 50th Anniversary with a special evening where you'll be able to see displays of the Club's activities over the past 50 years, enjoy drinks and canapés whilst you share memories of your favourite speakers and enjoy a talk from best-selling travel writer, Rory MacLean on a country that doesn't exist—Transnistria, a self-declared state in south east Europe. We're delighted that our President, John Pilkington, will be joining us for the evening and interestingly John is visiting the Eastern bloc countries, including Transnistria, as I write this Newsletter.

We'll be hosting some really exciting talks and speakers during the season—Felicity Aston MBE, Hilary Bradt MBE, Leon McCarron, Kev Reynolds and of course John himself on 20th October. I hope this will encourage you to renew your membership without delay and we look forward to welcoming you to the first meeting on Tuesday 6th October.

PS Our thanks to Jean Wickens, one of our members, for submitting the stunning image for our new brochure cover.

Janet Parsons

GTC COMMITTEE 2015-2016

Chairman	Janet Parsons
Vice Chair/Membership Secretary	Jenny Allan
Treasurer	Colin Rumary
Programme Secretary	Graham Wilson
Hall Manager	Chris Brier
Assistant Hall Manager	Andrew Luyten
IT Support	Chris Beynon
Volunteer Co-ordinator	Julia Hilton
Publicity Secretary	Rosie Spalding
Minutes Secretary	Gillian Appleton

We welcome our two new Committee members -
Julia Hilton and Gillian Appleton

Autumn 2015 Programme

06 October

Lee Farmer FRGS—
Hiking the Toughest Trek in South Africa

Lee has led teams in many wild mountainous regions of the world. In 2014 he led a small team on the Namib-Naukluft Trail - 120km through a vast area of desert and mountains in the south west of Namibia.

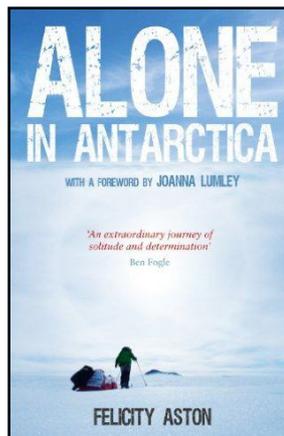


20 October

John Pilkington—
A Balkan Adventure
We join John on his walk from Trieste to Istanbul—through Albania, Macedonia and Bulgaria's Pirin and Rhodope Mountains & finally the Bosphorus—where Europe gives way to Asia.
Don't miss one of the season's highlights!

03 November

Felicity Aston MBE—
Alone in Antarctica
Explorer, speaker and author, Felicity is the first woman in the world to cross Antarctica alone.

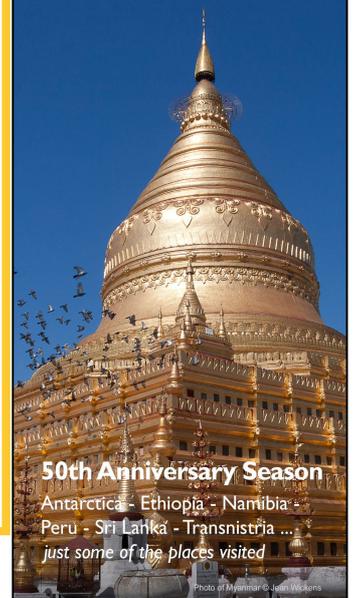


Members' evenings

Have you enjoyed some interesting travels over the past year or so?

If so, why not share your photos with Club members?

Have a word with Janet or Colin and we'll be happy to book the small hall here at Onslow Village for you to host an evening—or you may prefer to hold it in your own home.



50th Anniversary Season

Antarctica - Ethiopia - Namibia - Peru - Sri Lanka - Transnistria ...
just some of the places visited

50th Anniversary

Admission will be by TICKET ONLY

These will be free of charge to members and we'll let you know how to obtain your ticket and the cut-off date.

After that any remaining tickets will be sold.

Information will be given out at Club Evenings and sent out to all members.

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