

[OUEC] HT24 Week 4 Newsletter

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**Oxford University Exploration Club
Hilary 2024 Week 4**

We are delighted that many of you have signed up for the Kiko Matthews event next week. Make sure to get a ticket if you have not already! Do spread the word to any of your friends who would enjoy the event!

**Week 5 Meeting: Kiko Matthews
Resilience and Rowing the Atlantic Solo**

In 2018, Kiko Matthews set a world record by becoming the fastest woman to row solo and unsupported across the Atlantic Ocean (in 49 days), after recovering from brain surgery only months earlier. Since then, she has completed an ultramarathon in Jordan and worked with local communities on beach conservation while cycling the UK coast. She will be speaking about the life skill of resilience, drawing on her personal adventures and experiences.

*This event is ticketed for all attendees:

<https://fixr.co/event/kiko-matthews-resilience-tickets-211243375>

Free for OUEC members / £5 for non-members

Where: The Queen's College, High Street Entrance

When: Tuesday 13th February. Arrive at 18:45 for a 19:00 start



Update: Adventure Training with OUEC

Due to scheduling difficulties, we have reluctantly decided to postpone this trip to the summer vacation.

We will be focusing on camping, cooking, and navigation skills in North Wales. Any experience level will be welcome. Explorers will travel by car – as usual, let us know if you are interested and are able to drive.

More details to follow.



Week 6 Meeting: Heather Needham

Darwin200: Waterfowl and American Mink at the end of the world

The University's Biodiversity Manager, Heather will share her experience from her expedition to the Cape Horn Biosphere Reserve in Chile, where she undertook research and interviews, and directed a three-part series about waterfowl and the invasive American mink. This expedition was part of the Darwin200 program where she was selected as a Darwin Leader. The Darwin200 project is training 200 conservationists from around the world to deliver conservation projects, re-tracing Charlie Darwin's famous journey on HMS Beagle two centuries ago. Heather won a Royal Geographical Society (with IBG) grant in 2019, which supported her project to install low-cost weather sensors in the Colombian Andes. She will also share her insights and experience from this expedition.

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Hilary Term Events

3. Scientific Exploration Society (<https://www.ses-explore.org/explorer-awards>)

Applications for the following grants are split into Stage 1 and Stage 2.

Stage 1 Applications - 12pm (GMT) on 14 February 2024.

- Sir Charles Blois Explorer Award for Science & Adventure
- Elodie Sandford Explorer Award for Amateur Photography
- Judith Heath Explorer Award for Botany & Research
- Neville Shulman Explorer Award for Expedition Filmmaking
- O'Hea Explorer Award for Occupational & Environmental Health
- SES Explorer Award for Inspirational & Scientific Trailblazing

4. Harvard Travellers Club Permanent Fund (<https://www.travellersfund.org/>) - end of February, decisions made in April 2024.

5. Captain Scott Society (<https://captainscottsociety.com/>) - end of March 2024.

6. Additional Grants

- Please visit this website for details and deadlines: <https://www.rgs.org/in-the-field/advice-and-training/plan-an-expedition/other-funding-sources>.



Stash Incoming!

(We promise) we will soon be taking orders for stash! Wear the recognizable OUEC badge to explorer events and expeditions around the world! Details to come, but for now, GET HYPED!



Join our WhatsApp Group!

Members can now join our WhatsApp group by clicking on the following link:

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/GpEHUcol8veLC5mrJbgLSP>



Membership

Benefits of OUEC membership include:

- Free access to all our weekly talks & workshops
- Ability to apply for Expeditions Council funding
- Subsidised OUEC stash (fleeces, jackets and hats)
- Subsidised tickets to expedition related events across the country (e.g. RGS Explore)
- Access to a range of expedition planning resources and documents
- Access to a network of explorers and Oxford alumni
- Weekly opportunities to meet different explorers who come to speak for the Club
- An opportunity to be part of one of Oxford's oldest clubs with a long history of exploring the globe

Our current prices are:

Term - £10

Year - £20

Life - £35

Find out more and register here: <https://www.ouec.co.uk/membership>. Payment can be completed in-person at an event (cash or card), or via bank transfer.



OUEC Platforms

Finally, please find all our social media platforms and website below. This is the most up-to-date listing.

[OUEC Linktree](#)

[OUEC WhatsApp Group](#)



Many thanks to all our members, new and old. We look forward to seeing you soon!

Matthew Buckley, Chairman

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