

Oxford University Exploration Club Trinity 2024 Week 0



Welcome back, explorers!
This newsletter is absolutely packed with vital information:

Week 1 Meeting
Everest 1924
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Stash
Annual Club Dinner



Week 1 Meeting
Holly Budge
Take a Big Leap



Join us for an inspiring evening with Holly Budge, a British adventurer and mountaineer who achieved a historic skydive over Everest. She established the international non-profit "How Many Elephants," a women-led campaign focused on elephant conservation, amplifying the voices of female rangers around the world.

Where: Queen's College, High Street.

When: 23/4/2024, 19:30



Everest 1924 A Century in Review (online)*



This year marks 100 years since Sandy Irvine and George Mallory's famous Everest expedition. Irvine was a former Merton student, and the College is excited to present a group of speakers for a very special event to commemorate the 1924 expedition to Mount Everest.

*Not OUEC organised. There are limited in-person tickets still available for those with a Merton affiliation.

Where:

<https://www.merton.ox.ac.uk/event/everest-1924-century-review-symposium>

When: 27/4/2024, 14:00-18:00



Trinity Term Card

Trinity Term 2024
Shulman Auditorium, Queen's College

Please refer to our social media channels for updates:

All events are open to the public and tickets can be purchased before the event. OUEC Membership entitles you to free entry to all the talks and workshops throughout the year.

Sign up to our mailing list here: Become a member here:

Week 1 - Tue 23 Apr 2024, 19.30h
Take a Big Leap
Holly Budge
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Week 5 - Sat 25 May 2024, time TBC
Botanical Garden
Sketching in the Botanic Garden
Carla V. Fuenteslópez
Keen to bring out your creative side? Looking forward to spending more time outside and enjoying the warmer months? Join us for this botanical sketching workshop. Please bring your own sketchbook.
*Weather-dependent.

Mystery Social Walk
We won't tell you where we are going, or when - prepare to be surprised...
*Note: we will give 48 hours' notice for the walk (via our social media channels). The meeting point will be Oxford Rail Station. Members and non-members are welcome.

Week 1 - Sat 27 Apr 2024, 14.00-18.00h
Everest 1924: A Century in Review
(online)[®]
Looking back on expeditions of Chomolungma, Mother Goddess of the Earth
This year marks 100 years since Sandy Irvine and George Mallory's famous Everest expedition. Irvine was a former Merton student, and the College is excited to present a group of speakers for a very special event to commemorate the 1924 expedition to Mount Everest.
There are limited in-person tickets still available for those with a Merton affiliation. The event will also be livestreamed.
Book your ticket here!
*Not organised by OUEC.

Week 4 - Tue 14 May 2024, 19.30h
Expedition Review: West Bengal Water Project
Expedition Team
Hear from a recent OUEC expedition team about their research in Sikkim and West Bengal, areas significantly affected by climate change, to investigate water issues. Their work highlighted innovative local solutions, such as rainwater harvesting and mangrove planting, aimed at improving water resilience and agriculture.

Week 7 (Date & Time TBC)
St Hugh's College Gardens
Botanical Specimen Collection & Scientific Drawing Workshop
Carla V. Fuenteslópez
In this hands-on workshop, you'll learn how to collect botanical specimens from scratch! From trimming specimens to using a field press, and everything in between!
*Weather-dependent.

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Oxford University Exploration Club
Annual Dinner 2024
Join us on
Sunday 7 May 2024
(week 3)
for a celebration of exploration through the ages at Oxford: past, present, and future. Enjoy complimentary tolas from former expedition leaders and raise a toast to our departing expedition teams.
*Places are limited.
Sign-up will be advertised separately.



Stash, stash, stash!

At long last, be prepared to represent OUEC in the jungles, on the tundra, and in the meeting room!

Our range of OUEC-branded stash includes three wonderful items:

- Rab Cirrus Jacket (RRP £160)
- Helly Hansen Paramount Softshell Jacket (RRP £120)
- Helly Hansen Classic Wool Cuff Beanie (RRP £30)

All items will have an embroidered OUEC logo (opposite to the brand's logo) and we've only selected items that are eco-friendly. We are offering both men's and women's fit - so just pick what suits you best!

All items are available at a greatly reduced cost compared to the RRP, so snap them up before they're gone! We are even subsidising the cost of these for our lovely members (subsidy level depends on membership type).

To place an order, please fill out the online form below and make your payment (details in the form) by **Sunday 28 April 2024 (Trinity Term Week 2).**

<https://forms.gle/MqxBTXFmnHFHgQkG7>

Items will be delivered in the second half of Trinity Term. The OUEC committee will contact you once the items have been delivered to arrange a time and date for collection.



Oxford University Exploration Club Annual Dinner

Join OUEC for a celebration of exploration through the ages at Oxford: past, present, and future. Enjoy captivating tales from former expedition leaders and raise a toast to our departing expedition teams.

Mark your calendars!

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When: 7/5/2024



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 of our social media platforms and website below. This is the most up-to-date listing.

[OUEC Linktree](#)

[OUEC WhatsApp Group](#)



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

Matthew Buckley, Chairman

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