

## Oxford University Exploration Club Hilary 2024 Week 2



### Week 2 Meeting: Expedition Essentials

In our first meeting of the term, we would like to open the floor to you! The committee will be running a workshop-style event for your projects, lending our expertise to anyone who is putting together or preparing for an expedition and calling on the collective knowledge of our membership. This informal event will be a chance to have focused feedback from the entire club on ideas and questions you may have. Even if you are not putting together a project, come along and help out! This is sure to be educational for everyone.

After the meeting, we will retire to The King's Arms for a wind-down.

When: Jan 23, 19:30

Where: Queen's College Main Entrance, High Street  
(<https://what3words.com/fuels.field.aims>)



### Adventure Training with OUEC

Our Chairman has been putting together an overnight trip to North Wales for our members to learn and share outdoor skills. This trip will take place at the end of week 6 (24-25 Feb). We will be camping, cooking, navigating, and enjoying our time outdoors. Any experience level is welcome. The expected price for OUEC members is around £20 (including insurance coverage); petrol and food costs are not included.

Explorers will travel to and from Wales by car (do let us know if you can drive).

More details to follow shortly. Places will be limited.

When: Feb 24-25 (Saturday and Sunday Week 6)

Price: tbd



### Save the Date!

We're hard at work drafting a full term card. For now, here are some key dates to be aware of.

Queen's College  
Tuesdays at 7.30pm  
(\*Week 5's event will start at 7.00pm)

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## Upcoming Grant Deadlines

The Oxford University Expedition Grant deadline might be over, but that doesn't mean there's not heaps of funding out there! We have compiled a list of upcoming grant deadlines (dates correct as of 12 January 2024). Please note that the Exploration Club does not play any role in the application or selection process. Please refer to the Grant Body's website for full details.

1. Explorers Club (<https://www.explorers.org/grants/>)
  - a. Discovery Expedition Grant – Pre-Application open now, no deadline published. Decision made in 30-45 days after submission.
2. National Geographic Society (<https://www.nationalgeographic.org/society/grants-and-investments/>)
  - a. Level I & Level II – 11.59 pm (Eastern Timezone) on 11 April 2024. Funding decisions in September 2024.
3. Royal Geographical Society (<https://www.rgs.org/in-the-field/grants/student-grants>)
  - a. Monica Cole – 3 February 2024
  - b. Henrietta Hutton - 3 February 2024
  - c. Geographical Fieldwork Grants – 15 February 2024
  - d. Frederick Soddy Postgraduate Award - 3 February 2024
4. 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.

- a. Sir Charles Blois Explorer Award for Science & Adventure
  - b. Elodie Sandford Explorer Award for Amateur Photography
  - c. Judith Heath Explorer Award for Botany & Research
  - d. Neville Shulman Explorer Award for Expedition Filmmaking
  - e. O'Hea Explorer Award for Occupational & Environmental Health
  - f. SES Explorer Award for Inspirational & Scientific Trailblazing
5. Harvard Travellers Club Permanent Fund (<https://www.travellersfund.org/>) - end of February, decisions made in April 2024.
  6. Captain Scott Society (<https://captainscottsociety.com/>) - end of March 2024.
  7. 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 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!



## Reviews

We hope you've had a wonderful and restful holiday! However, if you need some adventure content to kickback and relax to, we've compiled a few recommendations from our members.

Do you have a book, film, series, or podcast that you would recommend to explorers? Send a short review to our Media Officer, Michael Murphy ([m.w.murphy2015@gmail.com](mailto:m.w.murphy2015@gmail.com)), to have it included in our next newsletter!



### **The Wild Places by Robert MacFarlane**

Review by Michael Murphy

Adventure readers will be very familiar with Robert MacFarlane's name, and it's high time he showed up in one of our newsletters. In [The Wild Places](#), MacFarlane sets out to answer the question– 'are there still untouched, wild places?' As explorers, many of whom work in measuring, countering, or preventing human damage to the environment, this simple question is at the back of our minds too. How far must we go in order to find "The Wild"? When are we off the map? Where be the dragons?

MacFarlane's whimsical personality shines through, as he begins the book by climbing a tree and, shortly after, with some fence climbing in the middle, sails a boat to a remote island on a whim—and this is just in the first several pages!



## 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 tomorrow!

Matthew Buckley, Chairman

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