

[OUEC] Week 3 Newsletter

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Oxford University Exploration Club Hilary 2024 Week 3



There will be no OUEC event this week, but see below for an OUMC talk on Wednesday (for our mountain enthusiasts...)

OUMC (Mountaineering) Event: Franco Cookson Chasing the Impossible Tour

You may know Franco from his recent FA of "the hardest slab route in the world", his time on the dawn wall with Siebe Vanhee, his feature in the Britrock film "Fall Theory" with Tom Pearce or the subject of the talk: his recent sailing adventure to Mirror Wall, Greenland, with Ben Ditto, Nico Favresse and Sean Villanueva O'Driscoll.

The talk is open to the public, so please share the ticketing link, and there's various discounts for OUMC members, students and groups.

<https://fixr.co/event/franco-cookson-chasing-the-impossible-tour-tickets-643414670?ref=oumc>

*This event is organised by OUMC. Tickets can be found above.

Where: School of Geography and The Environment

When: Wednesday 31st January, 19:15



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 will be ticketed (tickets will be released later this week)

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



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 later this week. Places will be limited.

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



Save the Date!

Here are some key dates to be aware of.

All events are open to the public and tickets can be purchased before the event.

Sign up to our mailing list here:

OUEC Membership entitles you to free entry to all the talks and workshops throughout the year.

Become a member here:

Oxford University Exploration Club

Week of Term	Date	Event	Speaker
Week 2	23-Jan-24	Masterclass: Expedition Essentials	OUEC Committee
Week 5*	13-Feb-24	Crossing the Atlantic: the fastest unsupported solo female rower	Kiko Matthews
Week 6	20-Feb-24	Biodiversity Net Gain	Heather Needham
Week 7	27-Feb-24	Masterclass: Expedition Welfare	Catherine Crasham
Week 8	5-Mar-24	Masterclass: Expedition Filmmaking	Sophie Carlarne

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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), to have it included in our next newsletter!



Wilderness with Simon Reeves

Review by Michael Murphy

There is a hesitancy in professional exploration circles to admit our interest in easily digestible adventure media made for a public audience. However, as a counterpoint, how many of us were inspired to take up our current fields of interest by Sir David Attenborough or Dame Jane Goodall? Science communication is a vital part of any expedition. While Attenborough and Goodall leave some oversized boots to fill, I think Simon Reeves may be up to the task.

Reeves has been a travel television presenter since 2001, and a conservationist since 2006. Although he's written several books, created heaps of TV specials, and even a few awards, it is his most recent series that finally caught my attention. In "Wilderness" Reeves takes viewers to four unique, remote locations. Yes, some of it seems staged and an all too familiar dramatic score gives the series an "edgy" vibe casual consumers of edutainment, but it is Reeves' own sincerity that sells the show. Whatever happens in post, you can see his excitement, respect, and humility when he interacts with communities and environments. In one hand, he has the genuine wonder of a child discovering the world for the first time, while in the other, the honest care that he has is evident in his every interaction.

"Wilderness with Simon Reeves" is available on [BBC iPlayer](#), along with a library of his other works.



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!



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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