

## **Oxford University Exploration Club Michaelmas Week 6**



### **Week 6 Meeting: The Echidna in the Cyclops Mountains James Kempton**

1961: a Dutch botanist discovers a bizarre new animal in the Cyclops Mountains of New Guinea. The mammal lays eggs and looks like a cross between anteater, mole, and hedgehog. Attenborough's long-beaked echidna is not seen by scientists again.

2023: James leads an international coalition of scientists to rediscover it. His talk will chart Expedition Cyclops from inception to end.

We saw the preview at the Royal Geographical Society last weekend, before the full results could be announced. Recently, James has been all over BBC news sharing the exciting discoveries that have come from the Expedition the the Cyclops Mountains.

In the words of our chairman, “if you have other plans, reschedule.”

When: Nov 14, 19:30

Where: Queen’s College

Cost: Free to members, £5 for non-members



## Join our WhatsApp Group!

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

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



## Oxford University Expedition Council Grants

### DEADLINE: NOVEMBER 15

The Oxford University Expeditions Council Grants are upon us. The deadline for submission is Wednesday Week 6 (Nov 15). Definitely join the WhatsApp group above to receive regular reminders and discuss applications with past grant winners. Here are some additional resources:

[Oxford University Expedition Council](#)

[OUEC Expedition Planning](#)

[RGS Expedition Planning](#)

[RGS Expedition Planning Handbook \(on PDF\)](#)



## Explorer' Club Grants

(External)

The Explorer's Club has opened its annual grant applications with awards ranging from \$1,500 to \$10,000 USD. These are extremely prestigious grants with a network of exploring peers behind them, ensuring that the funds come with mentorship and partnership opportunities for the future. Be quick though, most deadlines are mid to late November!

Additionally, the Explorer's Club convenes a panel of non-members to comment on grant selection. If you're *not* looking to apply but would like some experience reviewing grant applications, get in contact with them. A summary of awards has been sent as an attachment to this newsletter, but you can find more information [[HERE](#)].



## Welfare

Throughout Michaelmas Term, a focus for the committee has been on Welfare. Exploration is not easy, and it comes with many risks. Within the club, we do our absolute best to create a welcoming and safe place for everyone to come together and share our passion for adventure, knowledge, and teamwork.

However, we can't always control what happens outside of the club, especially in the remote places where expeditions tend to take place. To that end, we have created a new [Welfare Page](#) to provide a direct path to discreet and serious help, whether the issue is inside or outside the club.

Irina will be taking the mantle of Welfare Officer, and you can reach her at: [irina-petra.husti-radulet@queens.ox.ac.uk](mailto:irina-petra.husti-radulet@queens.ox.ac.uk)



## **Look Ahead: Week 7**

### **The Atlas of Beauty**

### **Mihaela Noroc**

For the past 9 years, Mihaela Noroc has been traveling the world, photographing women, and listening to their stories. Mihaela dreams of making The Atlas of Beauty a lifelong project that promotes the beautiful side of humanity and brings a contribution, no matter how small, to a better world.

You can find more information about The Atlas of Beauty [[HERE](#)]



## **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.



## Survey of Interests for Hillary Term

We would like to put together outings for Hillary Term. As you will see, there are a variety of topics that we could organize. It would be very helpful if anyone interested could fill out this form: [Link](#)



## 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 the members, new and old. We look forward to seeing you next Tuesday!

Michael Murphy, Social Media Secretary

On behalf of...

Matthew Buckley, Chairman

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