



The Old Gregorian E-Newsletter December 2009

News

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- **Happy Christmas** – this is the last opportunity for the editor to wish you all a Very Happy Christmas
- **OG Dublin Dinner** (14 November) at the Kildare Street Club - well done Vince Barratt (Ra 80) who organised the event which attracted many more than last time. [More detail](#)
- **Annual Dubai OG Dinner** (19 November). Many thanks to John Spiller (R 70) for organizing this dinner yet again, to Jan de Haldevang (S 79) for setting it up in the first place and Peter McElwaine (S 74) and his wife for hosting it this year. [Read more](#)
- **OG/OA Bangkok Dinner** (28 November). More thanks are due to Nick Pelly (R 67) and Peter Lucas (S 65) for organizing this one which was the first of its kind. Details will appear soon on the [OG website](#)
- **Day of Recollection at Downside** (9 December 1000) led by Dom Michael Clothier (U 63) in the St Bede Centre at Downside. Details from, [Jane Vines](#), Director of Development at Downside
- **AGM of the OGRFC** (12 December at 1900) at the [Antelope Tavern, 22-24 Eaton Terrace, London SW1W 8EZ](#). A warm welcome to all - drinks and nibbles and a bit of a 'ho ho jolly' in a private bar upstairs. £10 per head cover charge. Dress - Jacket and tie, smart casual. This will become an annual

Quick Reference Calendar

2009

- 4 Dec – Abbot's Forum Lecture
- 9 Dec – Day of Recollection
- 12 Dec – OGRFC AGM

2010

- 12 Mar – OG tie et al day
- 1 – 4 Apr – EASTER RETREAT
- Spring – OG Media London Lunch
- Late Spring – OG Bath Reunion (provisional)
- 29 May – OG Paris Reunion Lunch
- 4 or 18 Jun – OG Reunion in York (provisional)
- 6 Oct – OG London Drinks & Dinner
- 21 – 24 Oct – OG Madrid Weekend

jolly so we invite all ages and generations and hope to have a few rugger names there from the past.

Contact [Zak Attar](#) (C 89)

- **OG Tie/Brooch/Pendant/Pashmina Day** (12 March 2010 – Feast of St Gregory at Downside). Please wear your OG tie/brooch/pendant and report any encounters. If you need a new excellent value OG tie/brooch/pendant/pashmina contact the [editor](#)
- **Easter Retreat at Downside** (1-4 April 2010). Dates for your diary. Application forms will come with *The Raven*
- **OG Media London Lunch** (Spring 2010) for anyone connected with “the media”. Please contact [Mike Dewar](#) (C 59)
- **OG Paris Reunion** (29 May 2010). Mass at the Madeleine at 12:15 for 12:30 followed by lunch and informal dinner for those with sufficient stamina. More details will emerge. Meanwhile please contact [Philip Morris](#) (R 79)
- **OG Reunion in York** (4 or 18 June). This is in the early planning stage. Details later. Meanwhile to register an interest, please contact [Michael Warrington](#) (C 55)
- **OG London Dinner** (6 October 2010) at the East India Club. Details later, contact [Dom James Hood](#) (B 72)
- **OG Madrid Weekend** (21-24 October 2010). Dinner will be on 22 October. Programme will emerge later. Contact [James Scanlan](#) (S 86)
- **Anthony Dickson (U 84)** is about to sail across the Atlantic with four others in a 43 ft catamaran to raise funds for the Jubilee Sailing Trust which exists to

give disabled people the chance to sail in a tall ship,
Please click [here](#) to donate

- **Christopher Travis (R 05)**, employed by Sports Marketing company Dentsu Sports based in London, is *inter alia*, a sales agent for corporate hospitality during the forthcoming 2010 FIFA World Cup in South Africa. He proposes to assemble interested OGs for this series. Contact [Christopher](#) who will arrange hospitality tickets, book flights and accommodation (in official FIFA hotels) and can even organize activities for you out there
- **Felix zu Salm Salm (C 00)**, a member of the youth of the Order of Malta, is helping with an international project titled *Caravan* in The Lebanon involving gap year students spending six months in the country to help the underprivileged while learning about the Middle East. Click [here](#) for more information
- **Jamie Thompson (S 98)**, with others, will be raising money for his old regiment, the Welsh Guards by running in a number of long distance races in the UAE. Please donate via their [JustGiving page](#)
- **Freddie Norton (S 03)** has spent the last month or so growing a moustache to raise funds for [The Prostate Cancer Charity](#). Please support the cause by clicking [here](#) (if you can face the sight of Freddie with a moustache!)
- **Danny Brennan (S 89 - below)** completed the New York Marathon in 4hrs 30mins in aid of The Bobby Moore Fund (part of Cancer UK). If anyone would

like to sponsor him please click [here](#)



- **Chris Manfield (U 85)** is planning at the end of January to complete a charity ski descent equivalent to twice the height of Mt Everest on behalf of underprivileged teenagers from the East End. Please support Chris by clicking [here](#)
- **London Marathon 2010.** If you would like to support the Downside Fisher club by running this race, please see details in the attachment titled London Marathon places
- **Dumle Kogbara (Ra 84)** will be producing *Scenes from a Transfigured Night* - music, poetry, a female voice, love, transcendence - songs by Debussy, Faure, Bachelet, Marx, Strauss in an intimate salon: Thursday 10 & 17 December 2009 at 5pm 1901 Arts Club, 7 Exton Street, London SE1 8UE. Tickets:

£10/8. Click [here](#) or call +44 (0)20 7620 3055 or +44 (0) 7838 968 097

- **2009 edition of *The Old Gregorian*** – don't miss out! Application attached
- **History Office at Downside** – have a look by clicking [here](#)
- **Abbot's Forum Lecture in the St Bede Centre at 1930: 4 December** – First David Knowles Memorial Lecture – Professor Sarah Foot on Monasticism in England before the Conquest. Contact [Jane Vines](#)
- **Other Downside Events this term.** Please see the attachment *What's on at Downside*
- **Please pray for Michael Kane Taylor (S 51)** who is not at all well; also wheelchair bound **Angus Nicol (B 89)** who has a genetic condition called AMN causing lesions to the myelin sheath of his spinal cord and failure of his adrenal gland
- **Announcements – Engagements et al** – visit the [OG website](#) and let the [OG Office at Downside](#) have details of events in your life
- **Deaths. News of the deaths of the following members of the Gregorian family were reported during November:**
 - **Ben Faller (B 38)**
 - **P J Kelly (S 40)**
 - **Michael Feeny (C 58) who died in 2007**
 - **Peter Cumming-Lathey (R 59)**
 - **Francis Butler (C 61)**
 - **Thomas Page (S 77)**

Please pray for them and those they have left behind

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