



The Old Gregorian E-Newsletter February 2010

News

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- **We add our congratulations** to the latest batch of six OGs who have recently been offered places at Oxford and Cambridge Universities. For more detail click [here](#)
- **OG Tie/Brooch/Pendant/Pashmina Day** (12 March – 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](#)
- **OG Media London Lunch** (24 March at 1230) at Piccolino's in Heddon Street (off Regent Street) for any OGs connected with “the media” – cost £60 per head. Fr Abbot will be there too. Please contact organiser [Mike Dewar](#) (C 59)
- **Easter Retreat at Downside** (1-4 April). Dates for your diary. Application forms were sent out with *The Raven* – another is attached
- **OG/OA/OW City Mass & Lunch** (14 May at 1305) at St Mary Moorfields. Contact [Fr Peter Newby](#) (B 75)
- **OG Paris Reunion** (29 May – NB Late May Bank Holiday weekend in UK). Mass at the Madeleine at 1215 for 1230 followed by lunch at [Cercle Interallié](#) – 5 minutes walk from the Madeleine - and, for those with sufficient stamina, informal dinner later. Please contact [Philip Morris](#) (R 79) the organiser

Quick Reference Calendar

- 12 Mar – OG tie/brooch/pendant/pashmina day
- 24 March – OG Media London Lunch
- 1 – 4 Apr – EASTER RETREAT
- 14 May – OG/OA/OW City Mass
- 29 May – OG Paris Reunion Lunch
- May or June – OG Edinburgh Dinner
- 4 Jun – OG Reunion in York
- 6 Oct – OG London Drinks & Dinner
- 21 – 24 Oct – OG Madrid Weekend
- 23 – 24 Oct – Old Benedictines weekend in Brazil
- 4 Dec – OG/OA Bangkok Dinner

- **OG Edinburgh Dinner** (May or June tbd) – details later. Please contact [Rory Maclachlan](#) (Ra 76) to register an interest
- **OG Reunion in York** (4 June). Details later. Meanwhile to register an interest, please contact [Michael Warrington](#) (C 55) (*this link has changed*)
- **OG London Drinks & Dinner** (6 October) at the East India Club. Details were sent out with *The Downside Diary*. Contact [Dom James Hood](#) (B 72)
- **OG Madrid Weekend** (21-24 October). Dinner will be on 22 October. Programme will emerge later but bare details were sent out with *The Downside Diary*. Contact [James Scanlan](#) (S 86)
- **Annual Old Benedictines' Brazil Weekend** (23-24 October). Contact [Alan Morgan](#) (S 59)
- **OG/OA Bangkok Dinner** (4 December). More details will be published in due course. Meanwhile contact [Nick Pelly](#) (R 67) to register an interest/book a seat
- **OG Golfing Society 2010 Fixtures** are shown on the [OG section of the Downside website](#)
- **Literary Agent needed.** Gerald Walsh-Waring (R 52) is looking for a literary agent for a first time author. He writes: “Anything written by me will be a challenge to sell! But on the off chance that this is a *Best Seller* - I would like to offer it first to someone starting out in his/her career.” Please contact [Gerald](#)
- **Dumle Kogbara (Ra 84)** will be producing *Vignettes of Love* - songs and operatic moments of romance at The Hoxton Apprentice Restaurant, 16 Hoxton Square, London N1 6NT on Monday 8th

February - 1830 for 1900. £45 per person including welcoming drink and two course gourmet meal. For tickets please e-mail

laura@trainingforlife.org or call 020 7749 2826.

The Hoxton Apprentice is a very special restaurant, as well as being a high quality commercially run restaurant which trains the long term unemployed, the ex homeless and those that have found life tough for various reasons to have sustainable employment in the hospitality industry. So, along with a pre Valentine evening of great food, good company and beautiful music, you can assuage your social conscience as well!

- **Annual Downside Fisher Boxing Club Dinner** (21 April at 1830) at the Brewery, Chiswell Street in the City of London. This "black tie" event is a display of amateur boxing at its very best and is an excellent way of supporting a charity that has been active in a deprived area of London for over a century. A welcoming drink will be followed by a three course meal. There will be the boxers' parade prior to eight bouts of three rounds. The evening will end with a charity auction in aid of Downside Fisher Youth Club. In the past many distinguished businesses have used the occasion for corporate entertaining, but many individuals also attended this event as a social occasion with colleagues or friends. Lloyd Honeyghan, former member of the club and world champion, will be Guest of Honour and the President, the Abbot of Downside, will also be attending. If you are able to attend or better still organise a table for the evening, please complete

the attached form.

- **2009 edition of *The Old Gregorian*** – doesn't go out of date until the next one comes out in September 2010! Application attached
- **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 January:
 - Michael Ritchie (R 29)
 - C H Ley (S 47)
 - John Roche (R-Ra 61)
 - Vincent Hetreed (Ra 67)
 - Rick Steele (U 83)

Please pray for them and those they have left behind

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