



The Old Gregorian E-Newsletter January 2010

News

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- **Happy New Year** to all of you
- **Many congratulations to Frank Quinlan** - he left Downside in 1930 before houses had been established – who was 100 years old on 23rd December 2009. *Ad multos annos*
- **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 for any OGs connected with "the media". Please contact organiser [Mike Dewar](#) (C 59)
- **Easter Retreat at Downside** (1-4 April). Dates for your diary. Application forms will come with *The Raven*
- **OG Paris Reunion** (29 May). Mass at the Madeleine at 1215 for 1230 followed by lunch and, for those with sufficient stamina, informal dinner later. More details will emerge. Meanwhile please contact [Philip Morris](#) (R 79) the organiser
- **OG Reunion in York** (4 or 18 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

Quick Reference Calendar

2010

- 12 Mar – OG tie/brooch/pendant/pashmina day
- 24 March – OG Media London Lunch
- 1 – 4 Apr – EASTER RETREAT
- Late Spring – OG Bath Reunion (provisional)
- 29 May – OG Paris Reunion Lunch
- 4 or 18 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

East India Club. Details later, but contact [Dom James Hood](#) (B 72)

- **OG Madrid Weekend** (21-24 October). Dinner will be on 22 October. Programme will emerge later. Contact [James Scanlan](#) (S 86)
- **Annual Old Benedictines' Brazil Weekend** (23-24 October). Contact [Alan Morgan](#) (S 59)
- **OG Golfing Society 2010 Fixtures** are shown on the [OG section of the Downside website](#)
- **Michael Liddell (B84)** will be giving a piano recital on Sunday 7th February at The Theatre, Chipping Norton at 1500. The programme will include music by Beethoven (Sonata No 12 in A flat), Schubert (Sonata in C, the "Reliquie") and Chopin (Waltzes Op 64, Nocturnes Op 48, two early Polonaises and Ballade No 3. [More detail](#)
- **Tom Jackson (S 55)** (one time Dom Tom) has now had two books published, *Darwin's Error: The Poet Who Died* and *Rehumanising Sex: The Poets and Your Love Life*. He has two more coming out in early 2010, *Six Months in the Inner Life* and *The Tree of Tremendousness*. Information about and extracts from these books can be found on his [website](#). If anybody felt moved to add a comment after any of the extracts, Tom would be grateful as he wants to get conversations going. He has also started a forum on climate change at www.focusonourfuture.org.uk and, again, contributions would be appreciated.
- **Ollie Ratcliffe (R 92)** would like to hear from all OG's who are in any way connected with sports. They may be professional players, sponsors,

retailers etc. Please contact [Ollie](#)

- **Anthony Dickson (U 84)** is sailing 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
- **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](#)
- The irrepressible **Dumle Kogbara (Ra 84)** will be producing Transfigured Night - Music, Poetry, a Female Voice, Love, Transcendence with Songs by Schoenberg, Berg, Debussy, Faure, Marx, Strauss “in an intimate salon” followed by an evening of drinks in an exclusive bar until 0200 on Saturday **23rd January at 2000**. (Doors Open 1900) at 1901 Arts Club, 7 Exton Street, London SE1 8UE. Tickets: £20 www.ticketsource.co.uk/1901artsclub or call 020 7620 3055 or 07838 968 097. Also *Vignettes of Love* - songs and operatic moments of romance also produced by Dumle at The Hoxton Apprentice Restaurant, 16 Hoxton Square, London N1 6NT on Monday **8th February** - 1830 for 1900. £45 per person including welcome drink and 2 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!

- **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
- **Raleigh Addington** has helped set up a charity named *Tickets for Troops*. Please have a look at its [website](#) and, if you feel able to, support this great idea
- **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 December:**
 - **Peter Webber (one time Head of the Physics)**
 - **Michael Feeny (Hon Member)**

Please NB: This means that Michael Feeny (C58) reported last month has NOT died.

Please pray for them and those they have left behind

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