



The Old Gregorian E-Newsletter March 2010 (Revised)

News

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- This e-newsletter comes earlier than usual because the editor will be in The Cape from 27th February for a fortnight
- **Adam Zamoyski (R 66) lecture at Downside** (3 March at 1930) on the Development of Christianity in Poland. 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 please contact the [editor](#)
- **The Downside Wanderers Cricket Club AGM** (18 March) at the Antelope Tavern, 22 Eaton Terrace, SW1W 8EZ at 1830 in the upstairs bar. Any OGs interested in supporting the club will be most welcome
- **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 £40 per head. Fr Abbot will be there too. Please contact organiser [Mike Dewar](#) (C 59) without delay
- **Easter Retreat at Downside** (1-4 April). Dates for your diary. Application forms were sent out with *The Raven* – another is attached
- **Downside Girls' Chamber Choir** (8 May at 1830)

Quick Reference Calendar

- 3 Mar – Adam Zamoyski lectures at Downside
- 12 Mar – OG tie/brooch/pendant/pashmina day
- 18 Mar – DWCC AGM
- 24 March – OG Media London Lunch
- 1 – 4 Apr – EASTER RETREAT
- 8 May – Latin Mass at Downside
- 8 May- Girls' Chamber Choir in Chelsea
- 14 May – OG/OA/OW City Mass
- 29 May – OG Paris Reunion Lunch
- 4 Jun – OG Reunion in York
- 10 Jun – Edinburgh Dinner
- 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

will be singing at Mass at the Holy Redeemer Chelsea. There will be drinks and nibbles afterwards for parents and OGs who attend

- **Latin Mass will be celebrated by Dom Boniface (8 May at 1100)** in Downside Abbey Church. Abbot Aidan will preach
- **OG/OA/OW City Mass & Lunch** (14 May at 1305) at St Mary Moorfields. Abbot Aidan is planning to be there. 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. Dom Boniface is planning to attend from Downside. Please contact [Philip Morris](#) (R 79) the organiser
- **OG Reunion Dinner in York** (4 June – 1900 for 2000) at St Williams College, 5 College Street. Wives, husbands et al very welcome too. Abbot Aidan and Dom Antony Sutch are planning to attend. Please contact organiser [Michael Warrington](#) (C 55) (*this link has changed*) or telephone 01765-689065
- **OG Edinburgh Dinner** (10 June) – details later. Please contact [Rory Maclachlan](#) (Ra 76) to book your seat
- **OG London Drinks & Dinner** (6 October) at the East India Club. Details were sent out with *The Downside Diary*. *Among the usual team from the school/monastery, this year Alan Molloy will be*

there to celebrate 40 years at Downside. 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](#)
- **Patrick Rea (U75)** asks: "please help our armed services' veterans beat military post-traumatic stress. Patrick is Trustee of new [charity](#) is asking for donations of just £1 [on-line](#). The symptoms of military PTSD range from nightmares and substance abuse, to family breakdown and suicide. Over 300 Falklands veterans have committed suicide; more than were killed in the fighting in 1982. Over 20,000 ex-servicemen are in jail or on probation. One in four homeless people is a former member of the armed services"
- **Luke Siese (B 07)** will be running the London Marathon on 25 April to raise funds for the Teenage Cancer Trust. Please support him if can by clicking [here](#) which will take you to his "giving" page
- **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

- **Ed Roffe Silvester (B 02)** will be raising money for the Downside Fisher Youth Club by competing in his first [Ironman](#) in Nice on 27th June. This triathlon will include a 2.4 mile swim in the Mediterranean, a 112 mile bike ride - described as "unforgettable, sensational, scenic, hilly and arguably one of the greatest Ironman challenges" - then a 26.2 mile run (a marathon). Another great effort. Please support Ed by going to his [JustGiving page](#) which is the easiest way to donate.
- **Patrick Alexander (C 99)** is looking for work in Hong Kong or, possibly, Saigon or Bangkok. If you might be able to help, please contact [Patrick](#) who will send you his CV
- **Tom Jackson (S 56)** has produced another book

titled *The Tree of Tremendousness*. Have a look at more detail by clicking [here](#)

- **Rocketeer** (including three OGs – Hugh Carter (B 99), his brother Benedict (B 01) and Tom Heaven (C 01)) are releasing their debut single *Troubadours* on iTunes on 1st March. The launch party will be in the Grand Hall at the [Cobden Club](#) on Thursday 4th March (Flyer attached)
- **Edward Tambling (B 06)**, who has just been appointed organ scholar at Westminster Abbey, is looking for accommodation in London starting in September 2010. A room in a house/flat would be ideal. If anyone can help, please contact [Edward](#)
- **Have a look at the new Parish Centre at Downside [on-line](#)**. If you are visiting Downside, please call there
- **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. No news of the death of any member of the Gregorian family was reported during February**

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