



The Old Gregorian E-Newsletter November 2009

News

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- **Well done Charles Sandy (C 85) for helping to co-ordinate the Annual OG/OA London Property Lunch** (2 October, Lansdowne Club, London). [More detail](#)
- **Annual OG London Drinks & Dinner** (7 October) at the East India Club. The largest turnout for many years. Well done the Development Office at Downside and all those who bullied their year members to attend. [More detail](#)
- **Another well done!** To Ben Knowles (R 86) for putting together an OG crew to sail in *The Arrow Trophy Regatta*. [More detail](#)
- **And another well done to Alan Morgan (S 59)** for organising yet another annual gathering of “Old Benedictines” in Brazil (see below) 24/25 October. Alan is holding the rugger ball; other OGs are James Windham-Bellord (C 92) & Peter Doyle (B 56)

Quick Reference Calendar

2009

- 5 Nov – Abbot’s Forum Lecture
- 14 Nov – Dublin Dinner
- 19 Nov – Dubai OG Dinner
- 21 Nov – Benedictine Schools’ London Concert
- 28 Nov – OG/OA Bangkok Dinner
- 4 Dec – Abbot’s Forum Lecture
- 9 Dec – Day of Recollection
- 11 Dec – OGRFC AGM

2010

- Late Spring – Paris reunion
- Autumn – Madrid Weekend
- Autumn – London Drinks & Dinner



- **OG Dublin Dinner** (14 November) at the Kildare Street Club after Mass at 1800 at Clarendon Street Church. Contact [Vince Barrett](#) (Ra 87) – details and application form attached. This is filling up very well indeed: don't miss out
- **Annual Dubai OG Dinner** (19 November). Contact [John Spiller](#) (R 70) without delay
- **Benedictine Schools' Concert** (21 November at 1930) at Westminster Central Hall, London where a joint choir from Downside, Ampleforth, Worth, Glenstal and St Benedict's Ealing will perform *Mozart's Requiem*. Tickets £5, contact the [OG Office at Downside](#)
- **OG/OA Bangkok Dinner** (28 November). Contact organiser [Nick Pelly](#) (R 67), again without delay
- **Day of Reflection 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** (11 December at 1900 – NB

date change) at the Antelope Tavern, 22-24 Eaton Terrace, Chelsea, London SW1W 8EZ. Contact [Zak Attar](#) (C 89)

- **Proposed OG Media Lunch** (Spring 2010) for anyone connected with “the media”. Please register your interest by contacting [Mike Dewar](#) (C 59)
- **OG Paris Reunion** (Late Spring 2010). Details will emerge. Meanwhile please register your interest with [Philip Morris](#) (R 79)
- **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. If you are one of those, please contact [Christopher](#) who will arrange hospitality tickets, book flights and accommodation (in official FIFA hotels) and can even organise activities for you out there
- **Jules Silk (B 05)** will be taking part in the Sydney Marathon to raise money for "Kidney Health Australia". He will be running with a friend whose father has recently been given a kidney transplant. Please support Jules by clicking [here](#)
- **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 which involves gap year students spending 6 months in the country to help the underprivileged while learning about the Middle East. Click [here](#) for more information
- **2009 edition of *The Old Gregorian*** – this is an

excellent bumper edition under its new editor!

Application attached

- **Chess Players** needed to visit **The Downside Fisher Youth Club**, Bermondsey on Monday or Thursday evenings to play chess with a young member named Stephanie (18) who recently wrote: ““Chess is good; it helps keep my brain working, and it’s something to do. It’s always fun to put myself to the challenge, and I get to meet new people. I started playing last September when I was in prison. You had the choice of either playing Monopoly or Chess, and I decided to try out chess. I lost my first game, but I went back until I got better. After I got out (of prison), I was looking for a place in the area to play. I walked into Fisher and I saw a man sitting and playing chess so I showed him what I’ve got and he helped me improve as well; chess has helped me to keep out of prison. I now teach other young people to help them stay out of trouble.” There are others in similar need too. Anyone is who can help please contact Chairman of the Club, [Chris Dick](#) (C53)
- **Abbot’s Forum Lectures in the St Bede Centre at 1930: 5 November** – Dr Stella Fletcher on Cardinal Wolsey; **4 December** – First David Knowles Memorial Lecture – Professor Sarah Foot on Monastification in England before the Conquest. Contact [Jane Vines](#)
- **Other Downside Events this term.** Please see the attachment *What’s on at Downside*
- **Announcements – Engagements et al** – visit the OG [website](#)

- **Please pray for Ben Faller (B 38)** who is not at all well
- **Please also pray for George Friendship (S 57)** whose wife writes: “George is really very poorly. He has not been out of the home since May. It is not so much his physical state as his mental state. It is like someone with Alzheimer’s and he can get very aggressive. The tumour is obviously getting a lot bigger. He has had two trips to hospital for four weeks but they just sort his infections and drugs then send him back to the home.”
- **And also please keep Thomas Page (S 77) and Edmund Addington (S 01)** on your prayer list (see October E-Newsletter)
- **Announcements – Deaths. News of the death of the following members of the Gregorian family were reported during October:**
 - **Michael Hendry (C 49)**
 - **Gordon Ferguson (R-Ra 60)**

Please pray for them and those they have left behind



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