



The Old Gregorian E-Newsletter October 2010

News

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- **The Abbot led** a Downside delegation to concelebrate and hear Pontifical Mass at Crofton Park, Birmingham. For details click [here](#).
- **Dom Philip Jebb (B 52)** will celebrate his Diamond Jubilee of Monastic Clothing on Friday 1st October. We send him our most sincere congratulations.
- **2010 Edition of *The Old Gregorian* magazine** will very soon be published. To secure your copy please complete the attached application.
- **Downside Wanderers Ties** - new & up to date Wanderers ties in 100% woven silk - £25 including P&P can be obtained from [Anthony Pontifex \(S 60\)](#).
- **OG London Drinks & Dinner** (6 October) at the East India Club. Dinner is sold out but **there is still room for those who want to attend drinks only.** 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) or just book on line for drinks by clicking [here](#) and scrolling down.
- **OG Madrid Weekend** (21-24 October). Dinner will be on 22 October. Programme attached.

Quick Reference Calendar

2010

- 6 Oct – OG London Drinks & Dinner
- 21 – 24 Oct – OG Madrid Weekend
- 23 – 24 Oct – Old Benedictines weekend in Brazil
- 25 Oct – OG/OW Dinner in Hong Kong
- 4 Nov – OG Dinner in New York
- 6 Nov – OG Lunch in San Francisco
- 25 Nov – Dubai OG Dinner
- 4 Dec – OG/OA Bangkok Dinner
- 13 Dec – Carol Service in Chelsea

2011

- 6 Mar – Bath OG Lunch
- 21-24 Apr – Easter Retreat
- 7 May – Inaugural OG Day at Downside
- Autumn – Malta Dinner
- Autumn – London Drinks and Dinner

- Contact [James Scanlan](#) (S 86).
- **Annual Old Benedictines' Brazil Weekend** (23-24 October) at Visconde de Mauá-RJ/MG. Contact [Alan Morgan](#) (S 59).
 - **OG Dinner in Hong Kong** (1900 for 2000 on 25 Oct) at The Hong Kong Club, 1 Jackson Road. (The entry in the recently distributed OG "fixture card" is not correct when it states that this is an OG/OA event.) The dinner will be attended by Gordon Pearce (current Housemaster of Smythe and Director of Marketing & Admissions) and Anastasia Hatvany (School Registrar). Please contact [Justin McLennan](#) to book your place.
 - **USA Reunions with Abbot Aidan Bellenger, Dinner in New York or lunch in California.**
New York - Thursday 4 November, dinner at the Harvard Club where guests will be welcome. Please contact [Patrick Russell](#) (U 68). **San Francisco** - Saturday 6 November. Lunch round the pool at Marc Vallancey's (R 78) home in Los Gatos, families will be welcome. Please contact [Marc Vallancey](#).
 - **Dubai OG Dinner** (25 November). **PLEASE NOTE NEW DATE.** Contact the organiser, [John Spiller](#) (R 70) to book in for this.
 - **OG/OA Bangkok Dinner** (4 December). Contact [Nick Pelly](#) (R 67) to book your place.
 - **The Downside Chamber Choir** will be singing at a Carol Service at the Holy Redeemer in Chelsea on Monday 13th December at 6.00pm. All will be welcome.
 - **OG Lunch in Bath** (1200 on 6 March) at the Bath

& Country Club. Contact [Patrick Magee](#) (R 71) to register an interest/book your place. More details later but this gives people time to attend Mass at Downside, if they want, and drive into Bath for lunch.

- **2011 Easter Retreat and Reunion** (21-24 April). One for the diary; booking forms will be distributed later.
- **Inaugural OG Day at Downside** (7 May 2011). *Please make a note in your diary.* Details will emerge but this day will include a family barbecue, cricket and tennis matches. Contact the [OG Office at Downside](#) to register your interest.
- **Malta Weekend** (Autumn 2011). Warning order.
- **Justin Hansen (S 78)**, by the time you read this, should have completed his 240 mile kayak journey from Manchester to London to raise awareness of his condition. Justin has a stoma, is on TPN, and will be connected to his intravenous nutrition at all times during this 20 day trip. Please have a look at the [OG website](#) for more detail and please also be generous in your support Intestinal Failure Research by clicking [here](#) or going to the relevant attachment (Gutless Kayaking).
- **Paintings by Maurice Forsyth-Grant (S 82)** and others will be exhibited until 2 Oct at Royal Opera Arcade Gallery, 30 Royal Opera Arcade, Pall Mall, SW1Y 4UY (opposite Institute of Directors) nearest tubes, Piccadilly Circus and Charing Cross. Click [here](#) and scroll down for a preview.
- **Ben Knowles (R.86)** is still looking for crew for the Downside boat to sail in the [Arrow Trophy](#)

[Sailing Regatta](#) in Cowes on 9 -11 October. The event is for alumni of UK schools and includes several of Downside's neighbours. Eight crew members have been rallied but one more is required. Please contact [Ben](#) if you would like to participate.

- **Ben Stenning (S 93)**, despite much advice to the contrary, seems determined to take part in a rowing race across the Indian Ocean in a 20 ft boat in April 2011 which is a biennial event organised by [Woodvale](#). The 3,100 nautical mile race from Geraldton, Western Australia to Port Louis, Mauritius should take between 100-110 days. Have a look at [Ben's website](#) and please contact [Ben and his rowing companion](#) if you can help sponsor him.
- **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 was received during September:
 - **Tom Keen (C 50)**
 - **Colin Edwards (C 50)**
 - **Mike O'Hagan (S 53)**
 - **David Flanagan (R 57)**
 - **John Worstall (B 57) who died some years ago**
 - **Tim Hegarty (C 65)**
 - **Edward Hickman (C 89)**

Please pray for them and those they have left behind.

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