



The Old Gregorian E-Newsletter April 2011

News

- The announcement of the death of James **Löderer (Ra 85)** in last month's issue was incorrect. James is alive and well and living in Vienna. **Many apologies to James.**
- **OG RFC vs Old Shirburnians (3 April at 1400) Battersea Park, London. Supporters vital! Please try to be there.**
- **Downside Wanderers Cricket Club** will hold their AGM at the Antelope Tavern, 22 Eaton Terrace, SW1W 8EZ, on **Tuesday 5 April, starting at 18.45.** Fixture Card attached.
- **Halford Hewitt Cup.** The OGGs has been drawn against Hurstpierpoint in the 1st round. The **match begins at 14.25 on Thursday 7 April at Royal Cinque Ports Golf Club, Deal.** *Spectators will be very welcome.* Subsequent rounds take place over the following three days with the final on Sunday afternoon. Click [here](#) to see the tournament website.
- **Buenos Aires Weekend for Alumni of English Catholic Schools** (9-10 April in Buenos Aires.) All, *including itinerant gap year OGs*, are most welcome, as are wives/husbands. Cocktails followed by dinner at the Hurlingham Club on the Saturday night, then Mass and an *asado* (barbecue)

Contact the [Editor](#)

Quick Reference Calendar

2011

- 3 Apr – OGRFC vs Old Shirburnians
- 5 Apr – DWCC AGM
- 7 Apr – DWCC Halford Hewitt
- 9-10 Apr – Weekend gathering in BA
- 21-24 Apr – Easter Retreat
- 5 May – Desmond Gregory Memorial Dinner
- 7 May – Inaugural OG Day at Downside
- 10 Jun – Scottish Dinner
- 22-23 Oct – Brazil weekend
- 29-30 Oct – Malta Weekend
- 17 Nov – London Drinks and Dinner

at Pyers Griffith's house (B 79) on the Sunday.
Contact [Hugo Lesser](#) (C 92) for more info. To
book a place click [here](#).

- **Downside Fisher Club Annual Boxing Dinner**
(13 April). Click [here](#) and scroll down for the
details.
- **Easter Retreat and Reunion** (21-24 April).
Booking forms attached in case you need it or to
book your place on line, click [here](#).
- **Peter Jenkins (U 67)**, a retired diplomat who
represented the British Government at the World
Trade Organisation in Geneva from 1996 to 2001,
will briefly review the theory and history of trade
liberalisation, and then attempt to answer the
question: does free trade do more good than harm?
- from a Christian standpoint, **in the Gasquet Hall
at 1930 on 28 April**.
- **Robert Jenkins (B 71)** is organising a **Dinner in
memory of Desmond Gregory (Hon OG)** on 5
May (NB change of date) in London at which
[Dominic Lieven](#) (R 69) will speak. Please contact
[Robert](#) for more detail and to book your seat.
- **Inaugural OG Day at Downside** (7 May). Details
are in the attached invitation. Don't miss your
chance; book early on-line by clicking [here](#). This
should be a great day out for the family. Click [here](#)
to see a list of those who have already booked –
now approaching 100. The swimming pool
(qualified life guard in attendance) will be available
and there will be sports/art activities too.
- **OG/OA/OW City Mass at St Mary Moorfields**
(13 May at 1305). This combined gathering of

Benedictine *alumni* at Mass and afterwards for lunch is now an annual event. Book your place by contacting [Fr Peter Newby](#) (B 75). Cost £20 for lunch payable at the door.

- **OG Scottish Dinner** (10 June) at the [Royal Hotel Comrie](#). Please contact [Patrick Lambert](#) (R 77) for more details.
- **Old Benedictines' Brazil Weekend** (22-23 October). Details later.
- **Malta Weekend** (29-30 October). Details later. Enquiries to [Clement de Piro](#) (C 91).
- **London Drinks & Dinner** (17 November) at The East India Club. A date for your diary.
- **OG Golfing Society and Downside Wanderers' Fixtures** can be found on the OG Website. Click [here](#) for OGGS and [here](#) for DWCC.
- For the fifth year, **Jason Courthope-Boas (S 93) will be organising the Menorca Rugby Sevens (14-15 May)**, all are welcome and can always play for the Barbarians team... Please contact [Jason](#).
- **Sebastian Jones (C 96)** is organising a charity cricket tournament on 11 June at the cricket ground at Chiswick House in aid of [CLIC Sargent](#) who have provided huge support to, *inter alia*, Tom Fysh (C 96) and his wife, whose 2 year old daughter Isabella had been diagnosed with leukaemia. Four teams will each be captained by an OG, Rupert Jones (Ra 95), Laurence Jones (C 99), James Duffield (C 96) and Tom Fysh. The day will begin at 1200. There will be no charge for entry but a donation of £10 for adults and £5 for children is suggested. For those who are unable to

attend and who would like to donate to this worthy cause, go to the [JustGiving page](#). Corporate sponsorship is also offered; those interested please contact [Sebastian](#).

- **David Pryce (S 93)** will be running in the London Marathon in order to raise funds for the Downside-Fisher Youth Club and asks: “Sponsor me not because of all the early morning training runs in the cold, the dark, and the rain, but because the Downside-Fisher Youth Club is genuinely worthwhile.” Click [here](#) for his JustGiving page.
- **Ben Stenning (S 99)** is now in Australia making final preparations to row across the Indian Ocean. This is a biennial event organised by [Woodvale](#). The 3,100 nautical miles from Geraldton, Western Australia to Port Louis, Mauritius should take between 100 - 110 days. The two boat race starts on 17 April. Please contact [Ben and his rowing companion](#) if you can help sponsor him. His blog – click [here](#). To follow his progress, click [here](#).
- **Edmund Addington (S 01)** is part of a team of wounded servicemen driving a horse-drawn replica WW1 carriage 1000 miles from Land's End to John O'Groats travelling non-stop to raise money for Help for Heroes. To find out more and to donate on line, please click [here](#).
- **For OGs who went to Moor Park prep school: Celebration of the life of Anne Henderson - Saturday 25 June:** Join Derek and all of us at Moor Park for a day to enjoy the Summer and remember Anne. Memorial Mass to celebrate the life of Anne Henderson will be celebrated by **Fr**

George (John) Bowen (B 74), old boy of Moor Park. There will be a buffet lunch, cricket match, tea and bbq supper. OMPs and their families are most welcome to attend. Contact [James Duffield](#) (C 96) for both events.

- **Announcements – Engagements et al** – visit the [OG website](#) and let the [Development 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 March:
 - **Derek Starkie (R 43)**
 - **Bertie Grattan-Bellew (R 55)**

Please pray for them and those they have left behind.



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