



The Old Gregorian E-Newsletter February 2011

News

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- **Allegations against monks of Downside.** Many of you will have read about recent allegations about our monks. I have attached the Head Master's letter to parents dated 13 January 2011 on this subject which will help you all to put the news into its correct perspective.
- **Downside Wanderers Cricket Club** 90th Anniversary Dinner (10 March 1900 for 1945 – Black Tie) at Armourers & Brasiers, 81 Coleman Street, City of London, EC2R 5BJ. Full details in the attached flyer. Click [here](#) to book your place on-line – **deadline for payment is 24 Feb so don't delay.**
- **OG Tie Day** (12 March). Please wear your OG tie on St Gregory's Day and let me know of any encounters with other OGs. If your OG tie has seen better days, please contact the [Editor](#) who has a stock of excellent quality ones for sale at £26 (incl P & P anywhere in the world).
- **Robert Jenkins (B 71)** is hoping to organise a **Dinner in memory of Desmond Gregory (Hon OG)** on 18 March at which [Dominic Lieven](#) (R 69) will speak. Please contact [Robert](#) for more detail.
- **OG Media Lunch** (24 March at Piccolino's

Quick Reference Calendar

2011

- 10 Mar – DWCC Dinner
- 12 Mar – OG Tie Day
- 18 Mar – Desmond Gregory Memorial Dinner
- 24 Mar – OG Media Lunch
- 9-10 Apr – Weekend gathering in BA
- 21-24 Apr – Easter Retreat
- 7 May – Inaugural OG Day at Downside
- Autumn – Malta Dinner
- 22-23 Oct – Brazil weekend
- 17 Nov – London Drinks and Dinner

Restaurant in London). For more detail, please click [here](#) or [here](#) to book your place.

- **Argentina/Chile Weekend for Alumni of English Catholic Schools** (9-10 April in Buenos Aires.) Those in Brazil, Peru, Uruguay, Paraguay and Bolivia etc are also most welcome, as are wives/husbands. Cocktails followed by dinner at the Hurlingham Club on the Saturday night, then Mass and an *asado* (barbecue) at Piers 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). Details are in the attached flyer.
- **Easter Retreat and Reunion** (21-24 April). Booking forms will, as usual, be distributed with *The Raven*, but there is one attached in case you need it. To book your place, click [here](#).
- **Inaugural OG Day at Downside** (7 May). Details are in the attached invitation. Book on-line by clicking [here](#).
- **Malta Weekend** (Autumn). Details later.
- **Old Benedictines' Brazil Weekend** (22-23 October). More detail later.
- **London Drinks & Dinner** (17 November) at The East India Club. A date for your diary.
- **OG Golfing Society**. A list of the society's 2011 fixtures in on the OG section of the Downside website. (Click [here](#) to find it.) Appropriately, the OGGS will be playing against Ampleforth on 12 March!
- **Downside Rugby**. See [OG website](#). Downside has been invited to take part in the inaugural Schools

Six Nations competition by London Scottish Rugby Club on 11th, 12th & 13th March. This coincides with the Calcutta Cup which will be played on the Sunday afternoon at Twickenham and should help to swell the crowd as this event will finish at lunchtime and be almost next door. 12 schools will take part from England (including Eton and Sherborne), Ireland, Scotland, Wales, France and Italy i.e. the Six Nations. The event will be featured in the *Telegraph* with all the usual rugby hype for the main Six Nations tournament. More details [here](#).

- **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 be 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 12.00. 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, here is the relevant link to the [JustGiving page](#). Corporate sponsorship is also offered; those interested please contact [Sebastian](#).
- **David Pryce (S 93)** will be running 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.

- **Programme of Events at Downside Abbey** for the next few months. Click [here](#) to find out more.
- **Tim Coghlan (U 65)**, with actor Timothy West, will be talking about Tom Rolt’s wonderful book *Narrow Boat Men* at the Bath Literary festival on 5 March at 1815 to 1915. Details are in the attached flyer.
- **Oliver Nias (S 2010)** – last year’s Head Boy – has just embarked on the first year of a 4 year degree in English and French at the University of Liverpool. His parents are moving to live and work in Singapore where he hopes to join them from June to September. He is looking for someone who would be willing to employ this keen and enthusiastic OG! Please contact [Oliver](#).
- **For OGs who went to Moor Park prep school:**
OMP London drinks - 17 March: The George Southwark, SE11NH, 1800 onwards. A chance to catch up with some old faces and a few young ones also. Always a relaxed and fun occasion over a pint or two. **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 death of the following member of the Gregorian family was received during January 2011:
 - **Wilfrid Sheed (B 46)**

Please pray for him and those he has left behind.

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