



## The Old Gregorian E-Newsletter March 2011

### News

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- There are still 8 places available for the **Downside Wanderers 90 year Anniversary Dinner in London on Thursday 10 March**. Tickets are just £65 per person. If you would like to attend please contact the Hon Secretary, [Peter Moran](#) (R 98). **Deadline extended to this Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March.**
- **OG Tie/Brooch/Pendant/Pashmina Day** (12 March). Please wear your OG tie/brooch/pendant/pashmina 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). Brooches, pendants and pashminas are available from [the school shop](#).
- **OG Media Lunch** (24 March at Piccolino's Restaurant in London). For more detail, please click [here](#) or to book your place click [here](#). Don't delay: this is beginning to fill up.
- **OG RFC vs Old Canfordians** (27 March at 1400) Battersea Park, London. Supporters welcome.
- **Buenos Aires Weekend for Alumni of English Catholic Schools** (9-10 April in Buenos Aires.) All, including itinerant gap year OGs, are most

### Quick Reference Calendar

2011

- 10 Mar – DWCC Dinner
- 12 Mar – OG Tie/Brooch/Pendant Day
- 24 Mar – OG Media Lunch
- 27 Mar – OGRFC vs Old Canfordians
- 9-10 Apr – Weekend gathering in BA
- 17 Apr – OGRFC vs Old Shirburnians
- 21-24 Apr – Easter Retreat
- 5 May – Desmond Gregory Memorial Dinner
- 7 May – Inaugural OG Day at Downside
- 10 Jun – Scottish Dinner
- 29-30 Oct – Malta Weekend
- 22-23 Oct – Brazil weekend
- 17 Nov – London Drinks and Dinner

welcome, as are wives/husbands. Cocktails followed by dinner at the Hurlingham Club on the Saturday night, then Mass and an *asado* (barbecue) 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.
- **OG RFC vs Old Shirburnians** (17 April at 1400) Battersea Park, London. Supporters welcome.
- **Easter Retreat and Reunion** (21-24 April). Booking forms have been distributed with *The Raven*, but there is one attached in case you need it or to book your place, click [here](#).
- **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 which was distributed with *The Raven*. Don't miss your chance; book early on-line by clicking [here](#). This should be a great day out for the family too.
- **Scottish Dinner** (10 June) at the [Royal Hotel Comrie](#). Please contact [Patrick Lambert](#) (R 77) for more details.
- **Malta Weekend** (29-30 October). Details later. Enquiries to [Clement de Piro](#) (C 91).
- **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.
- **Six Nations' Schools' Rugby.** See [OG website](#). Downside has been invited to take part in the inaugural Schools Six Nations competition by London Scottish Rugby Club on 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> 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. See attachment titled *The Powder Byrne Schools 6 Nations Press Release*.
- 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](#).
- **Rocketeer, the band comprising Hugh Carter (B99), Benny Carter (B01), Tom Heaven (C01)** and a couple of others will be releasing another single on 14 March, and the promo video is currently on [YouTube](#). There will be a promotion party at the Tamesis Dock, between Vauxhall and Lambeth Bridges, on Friday 11 March from 2000. All will be welcome.
- **Jonathan Elms (S 94)** has entered Swimathon 2011, the world's biggest fundraising swim to raise money to enable Marie Curie Nurses to provide

more free care at home for people with terminal cancer and other illnesses. Please support him by clicking [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 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 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)** seen below (foreground) in the boat in which he intends 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. Please contact [Ben and his rowing companion](#) if you can help sponsor him.

- **Robert Walker (B 55)** will be giving a talk at Downside titled *A Life in Law* on 17 March at 1930 – he is, of course, a Justice of the Supreme Court of the UK. Click [here](#) for more details.
- **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 deaths of the following members of the Gregorian family was received during February 2011:
  - **David Pontifex (C 41)**
  - **Roger Berkeley (B 79)**
  - **James Löderer (Ra 85)**

**Please pray for them and those they have left behind.**

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