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GENERAL ITEMS

- ✚ Very many congratulations to **Emma Brash (Hon OG, widow of Dickie, whom many of you will remember, mother of the late Dominic Brash (Ra 73) and House Mistress at Manor House 1970-80)**. **Emma, who turned 100 on 13 October**, has attended daily Mass in the Abbey Church for more than 50 years.
- ✚ **Downside Abbey - An Architectural History** edited by Abbot Aidan is a truly the most informative book with outstanding illustrations of all Downside's buildings and worth much more than the special offer price of £35. Click [here](#) to buy your copy on line especially as Christmas is just over the horizon after which, the offer will end and the price rise to £45 (still wonderful value). The official launch of the book will be at the Downside Pastoral centre on 26th November.
- ✚ **London Drinks & Dinner** (17 November) at The East India Club. Book now by clicking [here](#). There are just seven seats left so you need to act swiftly if you want to attend this event.
- ✚ **Singapore Dinner** (17 November). Please contact [Ben de Haldevang \(U 84\)](#) to book your place.
- ✚ **Perth Western Australia Dinner** (23 November at the Royal Perth Yacht Club). Please contact **Ben Knowles (R 86)** if you would like to attend.
- ✚ **Dubai OG Dinner** (24 November) is being organised this year by [Cosimo de Piro \(C 90\)](#) and [Julian Sutch \(R 96\)](#). Click on either to book your place.
- ✚ **The Downside Mixed Chamber Choir** will be performing Byrd's Mass for 5 Voices in Westminster Cathedral on Saturday 26 November at 1800.
- ✚ **The President and Committee of OGRFC** invite players and supporters to its annual general meeting and social (2 December at 1800 in the Private room upstairs at The Antelope, 22, Eaton Terrace, London, SW1W 8EZ). Warning: Singing of the school song and participation in the annual juniors v veterans boat race will be compulsory. Dress - Jacket & Tie. £10.00 will be collected at the door charge for food. RSVP : Facebook - "OG Rugby & Friends" - please join and / or email [Ben Jennings](#).
- ✚ **OG Bangkok Dinner**. This is tentatively planned for sometime around 3 December 2011. Please contact [Nick Pelly \(R 67\)](#) to register an interest.
- ✚ **OG Day at Downside (12 May 2012)**. Please make a note in your diary.
- ✚ **Ullathorne 1972 & 1974 Joint Reunion London Dinner (date in July 2012 to be announced)**. To register an interest please contact [Patrick Rea \(U 75\)](#).
- ✚ **An OG Dinner in Germany** is in the early planning stage. Please contact [Nikolaus Roggendorf \(R 09\)](#) to register an interest.
- ✚ **Benedict Jennings (R 05)** is running the Sponsorship & Advertising for the forthcoming White Knight's Ball, in aid of the OMV and its major fundraiser, with Sponsors and Advertising forming a large part of the money raised. Another major section is the Auction Prizes, which this year will be run by **Marius Graham-Watson (S 04)**. Lourdes is still OMV's largest single activity, but this year it has also run pilgrimages to Lebanon and Malta (arranged by

- Anton' de Piro (C 04)**). Would anyone who may be willing to place an advert in the ball programme, donate a prize, or simply help by making a donation please contact **Benedict Jennings**.
- ✝ **Simon Halliday (S 77)**, who organised the first Help4Heroes rugby match at Twickenham featuring his team and the Rest-of-the-World in 2008, is organising "Help4Heroes 2" on 3 December 2011. This time teams representing the Northern and Southern Hemispheres will play each other, also at Twickenham. It will feature world class players and coaches and will be broadcast on Sky television. Simon hopes to better the £1.4 million the first match raised. Flier attached.
- ✝ **Dumle Kogbara (Ra 84)** will direct *Lady Eros* (25 & 26 November at 1930) London Sketch Club, 7 Dilke Street, Chelsea, London SW3 4JE. Music-Drama Vignettes... from Mozart/Da, Ponte, Strauss/Hofmannsthal, Verdi/Boito, Shakespeare. Scenes from: *Così fan tutte*, *Le Nozze di Figaro*, *Don Giovanni*, *Der Rosenkavalier*, *Arabella*, *Otello*, *Falstaff*. Tickets: £35 (incl Wine). For Tickets please click [here](#) or email: events@humanitas-culture.com, or call: 07838-968097.
- ✝ A darkly comic play by **Peter Briffa (R 79)**, directed by Paul Blinkhorn about blackmail, murder and growing old gracefully ends 5th November at The Old Red Lion Theatre, London EC1V 4NJ. For details, click [here](#).
- ✝ **Robbie Gibbons (B10)** and his younger brother Ben (still at Downside) – **grandsons (not sons as previously stated) of Robert Gibbons (B 54) and sons of Nigel Gibbons (B 83)** - have recently established a duet of solo pipers looking to provide their expertise in piping at any event. Such events include: weddings, funerals, Burns nights and any other social events you feel would benefit from their ability whether it be one or both of the brothers. For more detail, click [here](#).
- ✝ **Victoria Harrison (daughter of Robert Prendergast (S 59))** wonders if any children of OG's or young OGs for that matter would like to come to London for 8-12 weeks from January 2012 to be an au pair. If so, please contact [Victoria](#) for more detail.
- ✝ **Mark Kennedy (S 92)**, who has suffered renal failure and been given a kidney transplant, appeals in the attachment. Please read it and help if you can.
- ✝ **2012 London Marathon (22 April 2012)**. If you would like to run to **help raise funds for the Downside Fisher Youth Club**, details of how you can do this are attached.
- ✝ **Michael Callender (C 56)** has just completed his second book titled *Leopard on a Razor Wire*, about his 40 years in South Africa - the "Wild South" as he terms this controversial land and others on 'The Dark Continent'. He risked losing his life on several occasions, including a buffalo goring and drowning in a kayak race in a notorious wild river known as the Duzi. The Benedictine monks of Downside are given full praise in his book, as indeed the school itself, for the indomitable spirit which they instilled in the boys to deal with the vicissitudes of life. Click [here](#) to buy your copy or contact Michael [direct](#) by e-mail or telephone 0033 (0)490 720566.
- ✝ **2011 Edition of The Old Gregorian Magazine is now available**. First copies have been distributed. This can be ordered via the school's [online shop](#). It is a first class read and all profits go towards an annual bursary at Downside.
- ✝ **Please pray for Michael Larsen (S 55)** whose cancer has spread to his brain and he is therefore desperately in need of our prayers.

DIARY DATES

- ✝ 17 Nov – London Drinks and Dinner
- ✝ 17 Nov – Singapore Dinner
- ✝ 23 Nov – Perth WA Dinner
- ✝ 24 Nov – Dubai Dinner
- ✝ 3 Dec – Possible Bangkok Dinner
- ✝ 12 May 2012 – OG Day at Downside

DEATHS WITHIN THE GREGORIAN FAMILY

✝ **Deaths.** The death of the following member of the Gregorian Family was reported during October:

1. **Charles Butterfield (S 29)** who died in 2008

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