

The Old Gregorian Society Triennial Weekend in Madrid

Eighty Old Gregorians and their guests attended a black tie reception and dinner at the Royal Gran Peña Club in Madrid on Friday 18th October in the presence of Her Royal Highness the Infanta Margarita and other distinguished guests. The President of the Society, Rupert Orchard (R74) and his wife, Cecilia, presided over the occasion.

The President proposed a toast to King Felipe of Spain and Queen Elizabeth of the United Kingdom followed by a toast to Downside School and the guests of the Society, to which the Head Master gave an elegant response, with mention of Claire Murphy, a former and founding distinguished House Mistress of Isabella House, who was pleased to spend time at this event with some of her former pupils and to celebrate an important birthday. The party continued during the early hours of the Saturday morning.

Father Leo Maidlow Davis said Mass for the Society on Saturday evening in the Jesuitas Church of San Francisco de Borja in Calle Serrano, during which he gave a most stimulating sermon to the assembled company.

This successful weekend was organised by James Scanlan (S86). The next celebration will take place in three years time.

John Scanlan (S54)