Expeditioners' Dinner - 31st May 2014

'A journey of a thousand miles begins with the first step.' Tao 64

There will be many Old Framlinghamians out there who have a taste for adventure and travel. They will include those who have taken part in one or more of the College's 'Journeys of Self-Discovery' and those who have enjoyed adventures of their own. It may also include friends and partners and those who rightly assume that it is never too late to see the world and who have heard rumours of a forthcoming Old Framlinghamians' Expedition.

Since 1997 more than 250 expeditioners have taken part in one of the College's 'Journeys of Self-Discovery' to far flung places of the world including Bolivia, Nepal, Tibet, China, Peru, Namibia, Venezuela, Chile and Borneo. Mountains have been climbed; deserts crossed; rivers navigated; jungles explored; sights seen and experiences shared. All involved will remember the noise, smell and bustle of cities such as La Paz, Santiago and Kathmandu. All who went will remember trekking in spectacular settings and the strong sense of camaraderie that is acquired along the way. The aim throughout was to be immersed in different cultures and embark on adventures and challenges that would enable the expeditioners to look at the way they live their own lives in a different way when they leave school. I am sure our personal memories will remain a significant part of our lives.

I think it is time for any like-minded Old Framlinghamians with a passion for travel to meet under the same roof to share tales, meet old friends, make new friends and learn about an exciting Old Framlinghamians' expedition that I am planning with my father, the original expedition founder, to North Africa. This takes the form of an 8 day challenge starting in the bustling markets of Marrakech and moving to the spectacular, barren, soaring, High Atlas Mountain peaks for a trek through Berber homelands to the summit of Mt.Toubkal (4,167m). Afterwards we will relax in the idyllic, fortified, medieval coastal town of Essaouira. We intend to depart as soon as term ends in summer 2015 and have the expedition priced at £1,195.

On the 31st May 2014 we will be holding an Expeditioners' Dinner at the College in the Headmaster Porter Theatre at 7.15pm for 7.45pm. Dress will be lounge suits or equivalent. It will have a similar buffet style to the successful October Suffolk Suppers of late. Slide shows, speeches and music will all have an expedition theme in what promises to be a memorable evening. Carriages must be set for midnight. Tickets cost just £15 each and should be made payable to The Society of Old Framlinghamians and sent to me at the address below or they can be paid for by electronic transfer:

Payment reference: Exped

Bank Account details are: Bank: HSBC, Sort Code: 40 05 30, Account: 0149 4252

Places will be allocated on a 'first come first served' basis. We can cater for a minimum of 80 guests and a maximum of 200 guests so please hurry to avoid disappointment and please make sure that I receive all payment as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely,

Lewis Myers-Allen (R 2007-2012) – (Borneo 2011)

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