

# **OLD MICHAELIAN ASSOCIATION**

**REPRESENTING ALL FORMER PUPILS, STAFF AND THOSE  
ASSOCIATED WITH**

**ST. MICHAELS SCHOOL**

**INGOLDISTHORPE & HUNSTANTON**



**70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Founding of**

**St. Michaels School**

**Ingoldisthorpe & Hunstanton**

**1946 – 2016**

**WELCOME** to the 2016 publication of the annual Old Michaelian Association Newsletter. My name is John Wallington and I am proud and delighted to present this Newsletter as your Association Editor and Association Chairman. For those of you who may be new to the workings of the Old Michaelian Association, we always attempt to publish a Newsletter during the first couple of months of each year and this enables the Association to maintain communication with our many Members all over the World and ensure that new Members and lapsed Members are made aware of future events and news relevant to the school.

The Association has successfully celebrated many landmarks and anniversaries during its time and I am pleased to announce that 2016 will be another year when there is good cause to celebrate and the Association will be using this Newsletter, together with the publication of 'The Mitre', to recognise the 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Founding of St. Michaels School.

The main event for the Association will be the annual OMA Reunion weekend to be held at the Le Strange Arms Hotel, Old Hunstanton, over the weekend of 29 & 30 October 2016 and all former pupils, former staff members and everyone associated with the school is invited.

Full details of events during the Reunion weekend will be published in 'The Mitre' later this year and advance details published here in the OMA Newsletter will enable everyone to plan accordingly so that accommodation and journey planning can be arranged.

Between now and the end of October all Association Committee Members will be working tirelessly to make certain that the OMA Reunion weekend is a huge success recognising as we do the work undertaken by the late Headmaster as his dream became reality and St. Michaels School was born. Accommodation in the Old Hunstanton area is limited so you are advised to seek suitable accommodation for the weekend of 29 & 30 October 2016 as soon as possible.

The telephone number for the Le Strange Arms Hotel is: 01485 534411



## **NEWS FROM THE OMA**

The OMA held its annual Reunion weekend on 24/25 October 2015 at the Le Strange Arms Hotel, Old Hunstanton and we were all delighted to welcome so many Old Michaelians and their partners to this event again.



Our President, Simon Pott, and his charming wife Jenny made us all very welcome and the members of the Committee carried out an incredible amount of hard work to ensure that every guest was looked after in the customary

Old Michaelian manner.

Over 50 people met at the Le Strange Arms Hotel on the Saturday evening to enjoy a the fabulous annual OMA Reunion weekend Dinner served to our tables by a very enthusiastic and professional Hotel staff.

We were delighted to be joined this year by two new Old Michaelians, together with their respective partners, namely Robert Laming (1963 – 1965) and Paul Joyner (1963 – 1966) and we are assured that both Robert and Paul will be joining us all in Hunstanton towards the end of October for our Anniversary Reunion weekend. It was also our pleasure to welcome back Richard Johnson (1947 – 1957) to our annual Reunion weekend. Richard joined the school in 1947 and we all very much hope that Richard will be joined by many of his ex-school friends who may have joined the school at a similar time, to help us celebrate the 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Founding of St. Michaels School.

### **Association Web Site [www.oma.org.uk](http://www.oma.org.uk)**

Thanks to the continuing work that our Association Web Site Manager, Bill Cullin, carry's out on behalf of the OMA, the Association continues to make headway and attract a healthy number of new enquiries from ex-pupils and ex-members of staff on a regular basis.

I know that I speak for our President, Simon Pott, and all OMA Committee Members when I say that one of the most satisfying aspects of being part of the Association is by responding to enquiries made by Old Michaelians who have made contact with the Association having been unaware of its existence nor the continuing work it is involved with. We have already mentioned Richard Johnson and Paul Joyner in this regard.

Just before Christmas (2015) the Association was contacted by Geoff Preston, a former member of staff at St. Michaels and it is hoped we may be able to provide some more up to date details from Geoff, in time for publication of 'The Mitre' and hopefully invite him to join us all in Hunstanton for our Anniversary Reunion weekend. If any of you have any memories and stories that can be published relating to the time Geoff Preston spent at the school, please send them to me as soon as possible in time for inclusion into 'The Mitre'. Thanks.

We will be providing a fuller report on the 2015 OMA Reunion weekend in 'The Mitre' a little later this year and this would be a proper opportunity to say a huge 'Thank you' to everyone who travelled across to NW Norfolk and help us make the occasion so enjoyable and successful.

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## HAIRCUT

A teenage boy had just  
and asked his father  
family car.

His father said he would  
"You bring your school  
study the Bible and get

discuss the matter further". The boy thought over the offer and considered it to be fair and they agreed on the deal.

After six weeks his father said to his son, "Son, I have seen a remarkable improvement with your school grades and I know you have been studying the Bible but I am disappointed you have not had a hair cut".

Quick as mustard the son replied, "I know Dad but Jesus had long hair and so did Moses so why can't I?"

His father replied, "Did you ever notice that Jesus and Moses always walked everywhere?"



passed his driving test  
when he could drive the

make a deal with his son.  
grades up from 'C' to 'B',  
your hair cut and we will



## **THE MITRE**

Hot on the heels of this 2016 OMA Newsletter will be 'The Mitre' and we can promise you another WHOPPER of a publication to inform, make you laugh and excite! Well, what else would you ever expect!

The emphasis this year will be concentrating on the forthcoming Anniversary OMA Reunion weekend in Hunstanton towards the end of October. We do not want any Old Michaelian ex-pupils, former members if staff and those associated with the school during its time to miss out on this very relevant and important event. We are expecting a full compliment of Old Michaelians, together with their partners, to join us in Hunstanton, attend the AGM on the Saturday afternoon, join us all in the Palace Suite of the Le Strange Arms Hotel in the evening for, what can only be described as a really fun evening with plenty of surprises. On the Sunday morning we will all gather at Ingoldisthorpe Church for our annual Reunion Eucharist and we are expecting to fill the church this year. This will be a fitting way of finalising a wonderful weekend in NW Norfolk and 'The Mitre' will provide you with all the additional detail you may require. And.....if that were not enough, many of us 'skip' down to the Rose & Crown in Snettisham for a very scrummy Sunday lunch before setting off back home.

'The Mitre' will also provide an opportunity for you, the Members, to contribute to the content and we sincerely trust you will as you always have. It is always sad to report of the passing of Old Michaelians in 'The Mitre' and, as always, we attempt to inform and provide as much detail as possible. We have three OM's who have sadly died during the past year and, just before Christmas 2015, it was brought to our attention that a former school teacher had sadly died. All the detail will be published within 'The Mitre'. The continuing success of the Association is very much down to you, the Members, and the enormous dedication and hard work administered by the OMA Committee Members. 'The Mitre' is also reliant on the contributions offered by you, the Members. Please submit whatever you think is appropriate and send it directly to our Association Editor, John Wallington via his email address: [hinckleytowers@btinternet.com](mailto:hinckleytowers@btinternet.com) or direct to his home address: 14 Squires Green, Burbage, Leicestershire LE10 2SY

Thanks



**AN INVITATION TO YOU TO ATTEND  
70<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS  
AT  
LE STRANGE ARMS HOTEL  
OLD HUNSTANTON**

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**29 & 30 OCTOBER 2016**