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With 'Thanks to David Pleming for his permission to publish this amazing collage.

DEAR OLD MICHAELIAN,

Welcome to the annual publication of the 2014 OMA Newsletter and, on behalf of our President Simon Pott, Chairman Bob Hill and all OMA Committee Members, we wish you a belated Happy New Year. Your Association has much to feel proud having successfully organized and managed the most amazing Diamond Anniversary OMA Reunion weekend towards the end of October 2013. The support for the Association continues to excite all of us and every year we attract new interest to the ranks of the Association either as a direct result of our extremely successful OMA Web Site (www.oma.org) or by means of word of mouth. Long may this support continue.

To those Members who are receiving a copy of our annual Newsletter for the first time, the purpose is to engage with our Members until publication of 'The Mitre' during June. It is also an opportunity to look forward towards the publication of 'The Mitre' and encourage as much input as possible from our Members as well as providing a reminder of dates for the forthcoming OMA Reunion weekend in Hunstanton towards the end of next October.

Within the next few pages we will attempt to re-create the sense of achievement that was felt by everyone last October recognizing the high numbers of Members, together with their respective partners, who helped to make the Diamond Anniversary Reunion weekend such a success.

Best wishes to you all for 2014

John Wallington, OMA Editor



The Committee

Without even a thought of sparing the blushes of our friends and fellow Old Michaelian's who make up the OMA Committee, we publish this photograph, taken by David Pleming, of happy smiling faces! The OMA Committee.

Everyone of our Committee Members has a responsibility within the Committee and you may be assured that the success of the Association is all due to the hard work and dedication of everyone who serves as a Committee Member. Everyone in the photograph is teetotal so you are all invited to offer them

a pint or three the next time you meet!!

The Association is always seeking new Members to take up the challenge and become a Committee Member so, if you can commit to two Committee Meetings each year and become an active member of the Committee, our Chairman Bob Hill will be delighted to hear from you.

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CONTRIBUTIONS TO 'THE MITRE'

Over a number of years, Old Michaelian's have consistently contributed to the contents of 'The Mitre' providing some interesting and amusing memories of time spent at St. Michael's School, the diverse number of people (both staff and fellow pupils) who have become life-long friends, individual memories of certain events (together with the consequences) and much, much more besides. The Association has always and consistently encouraged contributions from the Members and, boy, have you contributed with great passion and style. Some articles have been brief and to the point while others resemble a short book! Not that we are complaining, all contributions are accepted as read and become part of the annual publication.

So, if you do have a story to tell, a memory that needs reviving and/or simply a tale that needs to be shared with everyone, jot the details down and send it directly to The Editor making sure that it arrives no later than the end of April 2014. In advance......THANK YOU.

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OMA DIAMOND ANNIVERSARY REUNION 2013

A full report on the extraordinary OMA Diamond Anniversary Reunion that took place towards the end of October 2013 in Hunstanton will feature as a main article within the forthcoming 'Mitre' this coming June. It is so important to recognize the fact that the prime reason why the Association enjoyed such a successful Reunion weekend last October was mainly the magnificent support and attendance by Old Michaelian's along with their respective partners.

We know that our President Simon Pott, Chairman Bob Hill and all Association Committee Members would want to say a huge:

THANK YOU

We all remain stunned at the extraordinary travelling achieved by some of our Members specifically to ensure that they were in Hunstanton during the weekend of 26/27 October 2013. We were joined by Members from America, Canada, Europe and Australia......and not forgetting the Isle of Wight!!

We do appreciate that, due to a number of reasons, not everyone was able to attend the Reunion weekend and 'The Mitre' will set out to attempt to recreate the finer details of the Reunion weekend.

Due to the unprecedented success of the Anniversary Reunion Dinner Raffle, it was decided to donate part of these takings to the Ingoldisthorpe Church Restoration Fund. The Reunion Eucharist on the Sunday morning was probably one of the highlights of the whole weekend.

All of the detail will be fully documented within 'The Mitre' this year but if your taste buds have been excited a tad and you would like to examine the photographic evidence, as professionally produced by David Pleming, check out the OMA Web Site:

www.oma.org

2014 OMA Reunion Weekend

Okay! Time to open those brand new diaries and turn to October 2014. The dates for the next OMA Reunion Weekend will be......

25/26 October 2014

Where?

Le Strange Arms Hotel Hunstanton

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Finally.....England may have (temporarily) lost The Ashes but there is always time for a bit of a giggle!!

Bought some 'rocket salad leaves' yesterday but it went off before I could eat it.

A mate of mine recently admitted to being addicted to brake fluid. When I quizzed him, he reckoned he could stop at any time.

My daughter asked me for a pet spider for her birthday so I popped into a local Pet Shop who wanted me to pay £70!!! Sod that, I can buy it cheaper off the web.

Statistically, 6 out of 7 dwarves are not Happy.

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