

# OLD MICHAELIAN ASSOCIATION



**NEWSLETTER 2019**



## **A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL.**

My name is John Wallington and, as Editor for the Old Michaelian Association, it is my pleasure to, once again, guide you through the 2019 OMA Newsletter. Our Association has seen some changes over the last year and within this Newsletter we want to take this opportunity to reflect on some of these changes and look towards the future for the OMA.

We will also be looking forward to the publication of the 2019 'Mitre' and I can promise you all that, once again, we will be able to produce another "Blockbuster!!"

Of course, we must all remember and reflect on the fact that 50 years ago St Michael's School closed its doors for the very last time and we can only imagine the sadness that was experienced by everyone concerned and with special thoughts for the Headmaster, and his family, who dreamed a dream and developed an idea that blossomed into an institution in NW Norfolk and, as part of that institution, we must all feel proud of the fact that, as Old Michaelians, we have our memories (some more painful than others) and we continue to be part of the Old Michaelian Association that continues to knit us all together. That emotion must generate a sense of responsibility to all Old Michaelians to do everything possible to continue to support the Old Michaelian Association for the future.

The next OMA Reunion weekend will be taking place at the Heacham Manor Hotel over the weekend of:

**26/27 OCTOBER 2019**

Please make a note in your diaries NOW and make your reservations and arrangements to attend and be part of a very enjoyable weekend.

Best Wishes

John Wallington  
OMA Editor (Mitre)

# **2018 OMA REUNION WEEKEND**

**27 & 28 OCTOBER 2018**



The OMA Reunion weekend in 2018 took place at a new venue for the OMA at Heacham Manor Hotel. The choice of this alternative venue was the responsibility of our Chairman, Ian Dupont and the OMA Committee and much time and effort was given to ensure that we made the right choice.

Without a doubt, the choice was proved to be the right one. 2018 proved to be one the best OMA Reunion weekends for a very long time and thanks must be directed to the Management and staff of the Heacham Manor Hotel for their part in securing yet another successful OMA Reunion weekend in NW Norfolk. Before any of our Readers shout “FOUL,” let us very quickly say that Ian Dupont and the whole of the OMA Committee are totally aware of some of the shortcomings that were encountered during our weekend. These have already been discussed with the Heacham Manor Hotel Management and we are assured that our forthcoming 2019 Reunion weekend will be again very successful. Ruth Chilvers would like to express a huge ‘THANK YOU’ to all OMs and their partners who stuck firmly to the new procedure of sending menu choices together with cheque by the published cut-off date. That helped enormously in the administration between the OMA and the Heacham Manor Hotel.

We conducted a very robust and businesslike AGM on Saturday 27 October and when ‘The Mitre’ is published later this year we will be able to confirm that anonymous very generous donations have been provided enabling the Association to start the process of publishing a Book of St Michael’s School memories, stories and many photographs. In addition, we will be able to report that another very generous donation has been offered to the Old Michaelian Association covering all future printing and mailing costs for the distribution of both the OMA Newsletter and ‘The Mitre’ to those OMs who are unable to receive these publications via email.

## **PREVIEW OF 2019 'MITRE'**

- Contents of the 2018 OMA AGM
- Full coverage of the magnificent 2018 OMA Reunion Weekend
- Overview of the Heacham Manor Hotel
- Details of the 2019 OMA Golf Trophy Challenge
- Full details of the OMA 2019 Reunion weekend programme
  1. including: General timings
  2. Booking Form
  3. Dinner Menus
  4. Procedure for making your reservation(s)
- Details of relevant discussions during the Spring OMA Committee Meeting
- It is always very sad to report on the passing of fellow OMs and this will be reported on with due respect.
- News of other OM meetings
- Update on our dear colleague Rachel Golby
- News of a mini-invasion from Australia!

Over a considerable number of years the Association has attempted to share important and interesting news items with you, the Members and this has been done with enormous co-operation from all of you. But.....there is always room for more! So, why not tell us all about your own memories and experiences at St. Michael's School and share all of this with ALL our Members in 'The Mitre'?

If you do have something to offer for publication, please send your articles/photographs directly to:

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