

OMA Newsletter

February 2011

My Dear Old Michaelian's

First, may I offer you all a Very Happy New Year.

Secondly, I have been preparing this publication in my mind for the last two months and I was certain that I would be taking this opportunity to 'make hay' with all of our many friends down in Australia about the thumping they took during the recent Ashes series.

However, events have now overtaken those initial thoughts and I know that every Old Michaelian throughout the World would want to join with me by saying to everyone in Queensland and especially those people living in Brisbane, how devastated and sad we all are at the unprecedented loss of human life, the total destruction of whole communities and the sheer tragedy the recent flooding has caused.

*Let me at this point send a message to all Australian communities but especially to everyone in Queensland on behalf of our President, Chairman, committee Members and all Old Michaelian's. **"The OMA is praying extremely hard for you all at this time and we will continue to pray for you all during these very difficult times until such time that life is allowed to resume back to some sort of normality. We understand the depth of sorrow that exists at this time and you all will remain in our thoughts and prayers for a very long time"**.*

It seems that these days it is almost impossible to pick up a Newspaper or listen to News bulletins without being made aware of yet another disaster and/or tragedy somewhere in the World. Only this week we have seen for ourselves the awful reports from Brazil and the mud slides that have been responsible for the loss of so many lives. Equally, I would ask you all to keep the people of Brazil in your prayers as well.

The Old Michaelian 2011 Newsletter will provide you all with matters arising out of the 2010 OMA Reunion weekend, the AGM and the magnificent time we all had at the Reunion Dinner on Saturday 30 October. I will attempt to put a smile on your faces as well and if you are a UK resident, after surviving the coldest winter (so far) for over 30 years, believe me, we need something to smile about.

I hope you thoroughly enjoy the contents of this Newsletter and may I remind you all that there is still time for contributions to the next Multi-page 'Mitre' that will be delivered to you towards the end of June 2011.

Best Wishes

John Wallington, Editor

The OMA MitreWhat to expect

Once again, you will be pleased to hear that 'The Mitre' is well on track for 2011 and we will be publishing another block buster annual publication for your interest.

We will be reporting back to you on one of the most successful OMA Reunion Weekend's in 2010 that I can remember. Yes, it is true that numbers were slightly down but that seemed to just produce an even higher sense of occasion, greater comradeship and great fun had by everyone. All of this will be fully reported within 'The Mitre'

It was with great sadness that the Association reluctantly accepted the resignations from the OMA Committee of Rachel Golby and Louise Taylor and, when 'The Mitre' is published, this will enable us all to reflect on the magnificent work that both Rachel and Louise contributed to the Association over many years service.

At long last we have heard from Bill Kelly! I did not know Bill personally since I had already finished my 'education' at St Michael's by the time Bill started teaching at Hunstanton but I do know that many ex-pupils have often enquired about his whereabouts and I will be publishing a copy of a letter we have received during 2010. It is hoped that we may be able to persuade Bill to join us all in Hunstanton this coming October for our next Reunion. If I can also persuade Bill to part with an up to date photograph of himself for publication in 'The Mitre', I will do so.

Lots of additional articles have been already submitted by Old Michaelian's for 'The Mitre' but there is still plenty of room for more if you suddenly feel the urge to put pen to paper and share that story with everyone.

The Association is now in contact with the Old Boys Association representing ex-pupils who attended King George VI Grammar School at Kings Lynn. Tim Valentine contacted me last year, as a direct result of finding our Association Web Site, and the Old Michaelian Association has already made a contribution to the Old Lennensian Association Newsletter. I am very pleased to tell you all that a similar article has been submitted by Tim Valentine for submission into 'The Mitre'. The relationship that existed between St Michael's School and King George VI Grammar School was mainly sporting and it is also true to say that in most cases we took a real thumping!

I will also be providing all of the necessary detail you will require for the forthcoming OMA Reunion Weekend next October in Hunstanton and, I know I speak for everyone associated with the management of the Association when I say, that we really do hope that as many Old Michaelian's as possible will be able to find the time to join us all in Hunstanton over the weekend of

29/30 OCTOBER 2011

Let me try & put a smile on your face!

OK! Let's go.....

Two men are out fishing at their favourite fishing hole, just fishing quietly and drinking a few beers.

Almost silently, so as not to scare off the fish, Bob says,

"I think I'm going to divorce my wife – she hasn't spoken to me on over two months".

Walter continues slowly sipping his beer, then thoughtfully he says,

"You had better think it over – women like that are hard to find".



You will love these!

I don't exercise! It makes my coffee spill.

At my Age, 'Getting Any' means sleep!

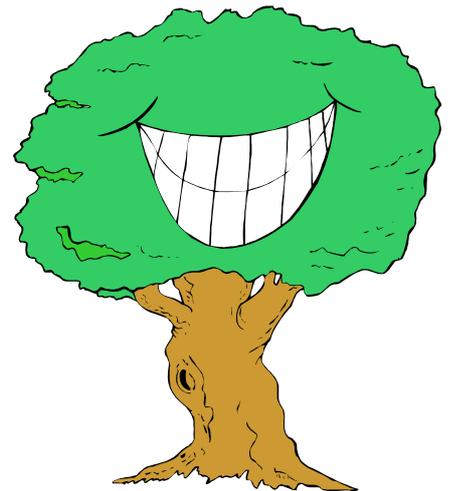
I'm Retired. I was tired yesterday – I'm tired again today

At my Age, Happy Hour is a Nap!

Goodbye Tension – Hello Pension

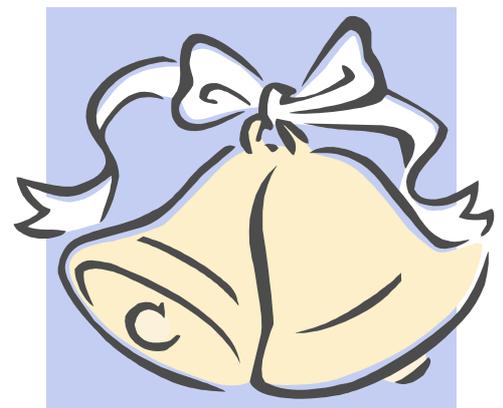
At my age, the only thing that gets hard is my arteries.

The only problem with Retirement....you never get a day off!

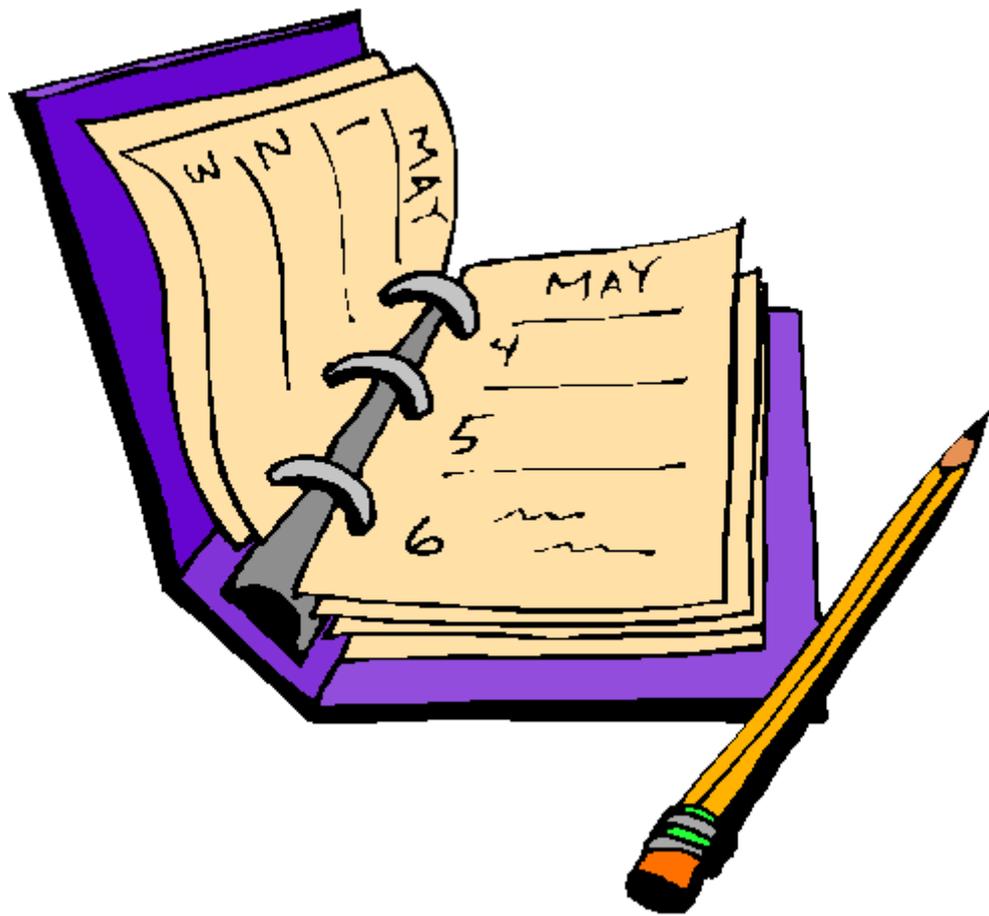


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On Christmas Day, Nicholas Cotrell proposed to Charlotte Pott, eldest Grand-daughter of Roger Pott. This came as a glorious surprise as they have been together for approximately 15 years and have two children namely Wilf (3) and Rufus (15 months). Nicholas and Charlotte are about to start building a new house and will live at Birch Park, Colchester when it is completed. They currently live at home farm house where they will continue to live for about a further year after their wedding on the 18th June 2011



**A Date for
your 2011
Diary**



The 2011 Old Michaelian Association
Reunion will be taking place over the
weekend of:

29/30 OCTOBER 2011

**Pop this date into you diary and sup-
port the Association**

Many Thanks.

**We look forward to welcoming all of you to
Hunstanton in October.**