

2009

OMA Newsletter Editorial

Dear Fellow Member.....

Someone said to me quite recently, *'Where does the time go to?'* and that is exactly my feelings as I begin to knit together yet another OMA Newsletter.

Before I go any further, on behalf of our President, Chair and all Committee Members, may

I wish you all a belated **Happy New Year 2009**

I know that I made similar comments in my Editorial last year, and I make no apologies for stating again, that the Association is in extremely good shape and everyone involved within the OMA Committee works very hard to ensure that the Association will remain healthy and vibrant for many years to come.

The OMA has a change in Management. At the AGM last October, Ian Dupont stepped down as Chair in favour of Geraldine Ellison who was unanimously elected as Chair of the Association. I am sure that all Members will join with me in congratulating Geraldine with this appointment and wish her Good Luck for the future.

2009 promises to be another challenging year for the Old Michaelian Association and we are already planning a 'Humdinger' of a Reunion next October in Hunstanton to celebrate the 100th birthday of our late Headmaster, Roger Pott. This celebration will be organised with the full blessing and support of the Pott family and I do hope that as many of you as possible will be able to make the journey from all quarters of the World and join in the fun. More information about this important event will be made available in 'The Mitre' later this year.

Speaking of which! I have already received some super contributions for 'The Mitre' this year but I also know that many of you want to contribute even more. There is still time for you to submit your contributions, no matter how small.

My very best wishes to you all and I look forward to meeting with many of you again at the OMA Reunion weekend on 24/25 October 2009.

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2008 OMA Reunion Weekend

I am sure that all Members appreciate and understand the huge amount of work and effort that is necessary by all OMA Committee Members to ensure that each and every OMA Reunion Weekend is a total success and thoroughly enjoyed by every Member and partner each year.

2008 was no exception and once again we were all exhausted but proud of the way the whole weekend was organised and produced. As in previous years, I will be reporting more fully on the Reunion Weekend in

'The Mitre' later this year, but in order to create a little mouth watering and expectation I can reveal that we were all delighted to welcome **Jonathan Russell** and his lovely wife **Monica** back to Hunstanton for the 2008 OMA Reunion weekend. Not only that, but we were also delighted to welcome **John Brogden** all the way from Australia, **Michael Barnes** from California and **Martin Coats** from Canada. And if that was not enough, we welcomed back to Hunstanton our very own **Judy Cornwell** and her husband **John** to help us make the whole Reunion weekend another huge success.

As I said earlier, a more fuller report on the 2008 Reunion weekend will be published in the forthcoming 'Mitre' later this year.



Is this a way to treat a Woman?

A husband and wife were half way through a round of golf and putting on the 9th Green when suddenly the lady collapsed to the ground suffering from a suspected heart attack.

"Help me dear" she groaned to her husband.

He quickly found his mobile and dialled 999 and after a brief conversation picked up his putter and lined up his stroke again. His wife picked up her head off the green and stared at him in disbelief.

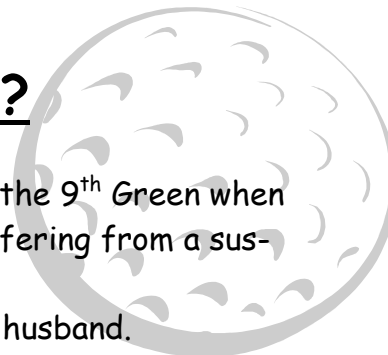
"I'm dying over here and all you can think about is your blessed golf!"

"Don't worry dear," says the husband calmly, *"They found a Doctor on the 2nd Hole and he is coming to help you."*

"Well, how long will he take to get here?" she asks him feebly.

"No time at all, my dear," says the husband,

"Everyone has agreed to let him play through!"



The OMA Web Site

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What would we do without the OMA Web Site? Before I started to write this short article, I decided to have another peep at the Site and study the content of messages written and contained within the Visitor Section. Without a doubt, 2008 has been another very successful year for the OMA Web Site and has been responsible for putting ten (10) Old Michaelian's back in touch with our Association from all over the World. I am sure you will all join with me in placing on record a huge 'THANKYOU' to our OMA Web Site Editor, **Bill Cullin**, for all of the hard work he devotes to the Association. I spoke 'on-line' with Bill soon into the New Year and he very modestly remarked that ".....the Web Site is Self Perpetuating....." Well, I can understand where Bill is coming from in this respect but it still requires the skill and knowledge to manage the Web Site professionally.

During 2008 we heard from the following Old Michaelian's via the Web Site:

<u>Name</u>	<u>School Years</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>School Years</u>
Stuart Marsh	1965 - 1966	Anthony Toller	1954 - 1956
Elaine Clarke	1961 - 1965	Jens Andersen	1964 - 1968
Ian Hammond	1959 - 1965	Dominique Engel	1960 - 1961
Margaret Forman	?	Hilary Russell	1946 - 1955
Ian Durston	1959 - 1965		
Michael Barnes	1957 - 1959		

On behalf of our President, Chair, Committee Members and all OMA Members, "Welcome to you all"

A Message from the OMA Treasurer/Membership Secretary

Thank you to all Members who responded promptly to the subscription renewal forms sent out in Nov. '08. To those of you who have not yet done so, could you **please** do so as soon as possible thus saving the task of sending reminder letters. This would be greatly appreciated.

For the last few years it has been my pleasure to receive bookings for the Reunion Dinner. 2009 is to be a special occasion and the Committee are expecting it to be well attended. For this function we have a limit on numbers that must be adhered to. Consequently, all bookings will be numbered as they are received. It is therefore important they are sent directly to me.

For those Members who live outside of the UK, an email will suffice with payment on the day. I look forward to seeing many of you at the next OMA Reunion. Thank you.

Ruth Chilvers (email: m.chilvers@virgin.net)

'A woman once said, "I never knew what real happiness was until I got married, by which time, it was too late!"

A Message from our Chairman

*At the Old Michaelian Association AGM on 25 October 2008, **Ian Dupont** retired after four years of enthusiastic and dedicated service as our OMA Chairman.*

Thank you Ian.

Thank
You!



To my surprise, I was elected to be the new Chairman of the Association. For once I was lost for words!! It is a great honour and privilege. I will endeavour to serve the Association to the best of my ability.

*This year, 2009, would have been the 100th Birthday of our respected late Headmaster, **Roger Percival Pott**. It is a special centenary and the Officers and Committee of your Association intend to mark this by celebrating at the next OMA Reunion weekend in October. With this in mind, I really do hope you will make a concerted effort to attend and help us make it a memorable weekend. We look forward to meeting old friends to celebrate the Old Michaelian traditions and the enigma that makes us unique people achieving our own individual goals along the way. So, no excuses, please do join us all in October. I will look forward to welcoming you.*

*See you then
Geraldine*

Pupil name: Geraldine Faith Moorhouse (1952 – 1957)

**OMA Reunion weekend on
24/25 October 2009.**

