

THE MITRE

2017



EDITORIAL



John Wallington

It is with enormous pleasure that I welcome you all to 'The 2017 Mitre' for the benefit of Old Michaelians all over the World.

My name is John Wallington and I attended St. Michael's School from 1957 'til 1962. I have always been involved in some way with the Old Michaelian Association over the years and it remains a real pleasure to combine the responsibilities of both Association Editor and Association Chairman continuing to work closely with

our President, Simon Pott and a truly amazing group of Old Michaelians who are the official OMA Committee.

Similar to previous publications, we have much to report upon and the front photograph, professionally generated by our very own David Pleming, provides all our Readers with a reminder of the OMA Anniversary Reunion weekend that took place in Hunstanton towards the end of October 2016 and recognising the 70th Anniversary of the Founding of St. Michael's School. And a huge project that is currently on-going restoring the East Window at Ingoldisthorpe Parish Church. Both these events will be fully covered within the following pages of 'The Mitre'.

The Association continues to feed off the remarkable continuing success of the OMA Web Site and space will be found within this publication to say a few words about the Web Site and our Web Site Editor **Bill Cullin**.

So, I invite you to sit back and absorb the contents of this latest publication representing all Old Michaelian's, both ex-pupils and ex-staff, all over the World and whilst doing so I send my very best wishes to you all and truly hope we may be able to welcome you to Hunstanton towards the end of October as we all celebrate another OMA Reunion weekend.

John Wallington

OMA Mitre Editor

BEAUTIFUL ENGLISH LANGUAGE!



I called an old school friend the other day and asked him what he was doing. He said.....

“I am working on an ‘Aqua-thermal treatment of ceramics, aluminium and steel under a constrained environment”

I was very impressed.

I enquired further only to learn that my old school friend was washing dishes with hot water.....under strict supervision from his Wife!!

REVIEWING THE 2016 OMA ANNIVERSARY REUNION WEEKEND

There is always much excitement when we reach the month of October each year in the knowledge that all that needs to be prepared and organised for the forthcoming OMA Reunion weekend is done and dusted and all we need to do is welcome the many Old Michaelians to the shores of Hunstanton for yet another fabulous and successful weekend.

The people who are responsible for attending to all of this vital work is the OMA Committee who work extremely hard, from late April onwards, making sure that every 't' is crossed and every 'i' dotted. Some years require extra effort on behalf of the Committee due to some event and/or an anniversary and, without doubt, 2016 was one of those years that required additional preparation because the Association was celebrating the **70th Anniversary of the Founding of St. Michael's School by the late Headmaster Roger Pott.**

First, we needed to have a clear idea of how many Old Michaelian's, together with their Partners, may wish to attend. Then, a co-ordinated plan to attract as many OM's to add the event into their diaries and attend. That was firmly the responsibility of the Committee and how they responded to this task.....was simply magnificent.

Secondly, it is always important to start communications with the Le Strange Arms Hotel Management as soon as possible and we rely 100% on the professionalism and expert knowledge of **Bob Hill** to complete this essential work on behalf of the Association.

Thirdly, as was the case in 2016, we recognise the fact that a relevant anniversary will be acknowledged and that it is likely that a larger number of Old Michaelians and their partners will be attending the Reunion weekend in Hunstanton towards the end of October. So, there is much discussion directly with our President **Simon Pott** to ensure that we have catered for the right mix of events during the weekend and, furthermore, make sure that that mix will satisfy the majority, if not all, of our guests.

So, on Saturday 29th October 2016 we welcomed to the Le Strange Arms Hotel at Old Hunstanton an expected assembly of approximately 70+ guests, their partners, friends and many more besides. We were delighted to welcome back to Hunstanton, and to help us all enjoy the whole of our Anniversary Reunion weekend, some "old" friends and it is always a pleasure to welcome back to NW Norfolk friends representing the OMAA and so being able to meet up with **Les Roberts** and exchange memories about Old Michaelians living in Australia and New Zealand was a real delight.

Other OM's who made the trip to NW Norfolk for our special weekend from many miles away was **Michael Barnes** from the USA, **Martin Coats** from Canada and **Timothy Jackson and his wife Sylvia** from their home in southern Spain.

We were also delighted to welcome **Geoff Preston** who joined the teaching staff at St. Michael's School in 1962.

The Association conducted a very well attended AGM during the afternoon of Saturday 29 October 2016 during which our President, **Simon Pott**, took the opportunity to congratulate the whole of the OMA Committee for the enormous hard work that had been achieved during the year preparing for the OMA Anniversary Reunion weekend. During the AGM a proposal was placed before the Members to elect **Michael Shellock** onto the OMA Committee and I am pleased to report that this proposal was accepted and we are delighted to welcome Michael back as a member of the OMA Committee.

The AGM was the perfect opportunity for our Chairman **John Wallington**, to announce to the AGM that a request had been received directly from the Rector of St. Michael and All Angels Parish Church, Ingoldisthorpe asking if the Association would consider donating the offertory collection made at the OMA Anniversary Reunion Eucharist on the Sunday at St. Michael's Church to the East Window Repair Fund. This was fully discussed during the AGM and our Chairman was able to explain briefly the extent of the repair that was necessary and the urgency for the repair. The AGM voted unanimously to donate the whole of the collection directly to the Fund. Furthermore, it was proposed that there should be made available the opportunity for OM's attending the OMA Reunion Dinner on the Saturday, but who may not be able to attend the Eucharist on the Sunday, to make their own contribution and this was duly proposed and accepted.

We are delighted to report that, as a direct result of the huge generosity by all Old Michaelian's, together with their partners, the Association was able to contribute a massive **£700** towards the St. Michael's Church East Window Repair Fund.



Our OMA Anniversary Reunion weekend was aptly concluded with our Annual Reunion Eucharist at St. Michael's Church Ingoldisthorpe and we were blessed with leadership from **David Ratcliff, Jonathan Russell and Roger Wikeley**. We have already offered our sincere thanks to them all but an additional **'THANKYOU'** is very worthy.

This was truly a very successful and highly enjoyable weekend and we all hope this may encourage Old Michaelian's from all over the World to consider joining us all in NW Norfolk towards the end of October each year for our Reunion weekend.



My Story of how I went to St. Michael's



Like it or not, The strand by which we are all inextricably linked is

St. Michael's School.

A pretty unique experience, yes, but not necessarily one that everyone enjoyed. However, despite this, I believe that most, if not all of us, had "happy" times at the school, but perhaps individual circumstances about how and WHY each of us was sent away to be schooled at St. Michael's has had an impact on us – to some,

negatively, but to most, I believe it was positive!

We were boarding and day pupils sharing a common place of learning that our parents chose to send us (with the best of intent I am sure) but it may not have been the right or ideal place for some. Most thrived, some didn't. Circumstances and geography made the difference and we all, undoubtedly, benefitted from the amazing freedom we were able to enjoy at the school.

*St. Michael's had its faults but, overall and in different ways, **Roger Pott and St. Michael's School** did provide for us all as individuals something that was quite special – **AND IT GAVE US THAT SPECIAL BOND!***

So, how did I end up at St. Michael's School, Ingoldisthorpe?

My father was ordained a priest in 1939 and in 1942 decided to go to British Guiana, now Guyana, in South America, to serve the church there. My mother, then his fiancée joined him there in 1946 and they were married and I arrived on the scene in 1948 and in 1954 my brother Christopher joined me. In April 1959 we returned back to England ostensibly "on leave" for 3 months and we remained here. We did not return to Guiana because my father had become aware of rising anti-British feelings and had considered not returning there for this reason and to protect his family. He had already informed his Archbishop and our family friend, **Alan Knight**, (who visited St. Michael's School during my time at the school) said that my father might not return ever to Guiana. He was subsequently proved to be right!

Over that summer we stayed with my maternal grandparents, who lived in Flitwick, Bedfordshire and I attended the local primary school. Like many of us who ended up at St. Michael's School, I flunked my 11+ exam! Seemingly, I was a late developer!

Dad then had to decide what he was going to do to earn a living and so, together with my mother, he went around England looking at numerous parishes who were seeking a priest/vicar/rector. During this time my father was offered, and he subsequently accepted, the post of Area Secretary for the SPG (the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel) covering the diocese of Norwich, St. Edmundsbury & Ipswich and Ely. He decided that Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk, would be a logical centre for his working area and the Society bought him a "company house" for his and our family's use.

Since he wasn't due to take up his post 'til the October, I was sent ahead to BSE to start school at the local secondary modern school and I stayed with a local family until my parents and brother arrived. I had an enjoyable first year and I was in the top stream (except History, for some unknown reason!) but it appeared, I still wasn't being sufficiently challenged.

It was during the following summer holidays (1960) that we went on a family day-trip to NW Norfolk and (somehow?!) we ended up in the vicinity of Heacham. My father announced that we were going to drop in to meet the vicar who he had met on his travels and who, he had learned, ran a school! So we did and we were taken over to Ingoldisthorpe to have a look around this school. **Roger Pott** drove me over to Ingoldisthorpe from Heacham in the shooting brake. How naïve of me not to realise that I was being set-up and what might be happening to me! I was asked what I thought of the school. *“Yes, its okay”*. But, apparently I wasn’t impressed that all the floors in form rooms had so many splashes of ink on the wooden floors!!

I’m not too sure what happened in the interim but at home, a couple of days later, I was asked if I would like to go to St. Michael’s School and apparently I said *“YES”*. Three weeks later I was driven up to NW Norfolk to start my education at St. Michael’s School.

Yes! I did enjoy my time at St. Michael’s School.

In addition to my studies (!) I enjoyed my sport and represented the school in football, hockey, cricket and athletics – although I don’t remember us receiving much in the way of training, tactics etc. that children get today. Nevertheless, I am grateful to all the teachers who enabled us to play and take part in sport and other activities. We all enjoyed the journeys travelling in the double-decker buses to play against schools such as Sherrardswood (near Welwyn Garden City) Burbank (near Aylsham) and Langley (southeast of Norwich).

I also enjoyed being part of the church choir and the many trips (again in the school buses). I became a member of the school Film Team and later co-headed the Team. It was great fun. I was enthusiastic and enjoyed organising the film shows, monthly socials, end of term dances and the like.

Like the majority of school pupils, I took my punishment at the end of the cane from the Headmaster on at least three occasions. This included receiving 5 strokes, along with everyone else who resided at **Gresham House** – 35 of us, over the course of ONE breakfast time. This was the result of an allegation, made by an un-named master, who alleged that unidentified boys were talking to village girls outside the boarding house and after lights-out!! Nobody owned up, so after two days the Headmaster administered caning..

Everyone knew the school rules and we were all aware of the consequences if we got caught breaking them. It hurt at the time but such actions have not affected me since – or should I say.....**I don’t think so!!** My parents entrusted my welfare to the school and **Roger Pott**, on all fronts and had no issue with the fact that I received the cane.

During the summer holidays in 1965, when I was 17 years old, I did take the opportunity to say to my parents that even though I was enjoying school, I was probably wasting their hard-earned money (and that of the church authorities who helped considerably with my school fees) in that I really wasn’t bothered about doing ‘A’ levels and I shouldn’t just for the fun of it! Since they were required to give a term’s notice, they asked me why I hadn’t told them this during the Easter holiday’s or early in summer term

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Thus, I did an extra term and I left St. Michael's School at Christmas. Before doing so, I became a senior prefect, passed my driving test that provided me with the privilege of driving some of the other school vehicles (another story for another time!!) as well as continuing to do my Geography 'A' level studies under Hattie (which I DID enjoy) to ensure I stayed in the Sixth Form in order to enjoy its benefits!

I made many friends at St. Michael's and I continue to enjoy the friendship and comradeship of many of those who attended the school (across the whole spectrum of the time the school existed) through the Old Michaelian Association and as a recently elected member of the committee.

After leaving St. Michael's I worked at a large local Hotel in Bury St. Edmunds and then in March 1966 I accepted the offer of a job in London. The rest, as they say is history!

Michael Shellock

2017 OMA Reunion Weekend

28/29 OCTOBER

**LE STRANGE ARMS
OLD HUNSTANTON**

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

SIMON POTT



Simon Pott

The Mitre Editor, who is currently also Chairman of the OMA, has asked me to write a few words for this latest OMA publication and I start by indicating a theme that I have used before.....

'Your Headmaster would be truly astonished'

More than 70 years after he founded St. Michael's School (1946) and, perhaps more extraordinarily, nearly 50 years after the school closed (1969), the

OMA and OMAA continue to flourish and every year we find friends who join our ranks as Members of the Association.

We have published many times the thrill that is expressed by ex-pupils of St. Michael's who come across the whereabouts and existence of the Old Michaelian Association usually by chance via our Web Site and are able to exchange memories and make contact once again with these friends/colleagues who are given the opportunity to commit to sharing memories and to join us all in Old Hunstanton each October for our annual OMA Reunion weekend.

Before I finish, let me take time to mention every member of the OMA Committee who each find time to energise many OM's who attend the Reunion weekends. The willingness of the Committee is infectious and their energy, enthusiasm and enterprise each year demonstrates what can be achieved through hard work and dedication.

Please do commit to attending the next OMA Reunion weekend in Old Hunstanton over the weekend of 28/29 October 2017 and help to place an enormous smile over the faces of the OMA Committee.

Thank you.

Simon

OMA WEB SITE

Let us take a moment to remind ourselves of the OMA Web Site address:

WWW.OMA.ORG.UK

There is a member of the OMA Committee that deserves special mention. Within Simon's article he makes mention of how dedicated and focused every member of our OMA Committee is in ensuring that nothing becomes too difficult to achieve and that fact along has been very apparent throughout the life of the Association.

The OMA Web Site has been managed and cared for by our very own **Bill Cullin** for many years to a very high standard that has resulted in a very high rate of success.



William Cullin

We continue to rely on Bill and, in return, Bill ensures that the Web Site is kept tidy, relevant and available to anyone who may come across this vital link to the Old Michaelian Association.

We owe an enormous amount of thanks to Bill who quietly goes about his work and provides to all Old Michaelians throughout the World the means of keeping up to speed relating to all matters relevant to the OMA and also to make contact with the Association at any time.

Here is a typical example of how Old Michaelians can keep in contact and make a contribution to an on-going debate relevant to the school:

Hello,

I was a pupil – along with my sister from 1950 'til 1956 when I left St. Michael's School to attend King Edward VII Grammar School.

I remember some Teachers that are not on your list.

Miss Arnold who taught Latin and English from 1950 'til 1953. She lodged with us in Heacham.

Miss Pat Matthews who taught Music from 1950 'til 1954

Mr Harry Cox who taught Maths, English and Games.

Miss Aarons – an Australian lady who only stayed for a short time.

I left Heacham in 1981 when I married Anita in Nottingham. We have two daughters and three Grandchildren and we have lived in Spain since 2006.

I remember Timothy Tooke who passed away recently.

If I am ever in the UK at OMA Reunion time I will try my very best to join you all.

Best Regards Michael Charles Prentice

NEWS FROM PAUL ATKINS

'The responsibilities of OMA Mitre Editor presents many rewards and, as I have said many times before, we simply love to hear from ALL Old Michaelian's from all over the World who come across the Association sometimes by chance and sometimes by some chance meeting with another OM. It is also a delight for me when we are able to publish a response from an OM who receives our publications each year and gains enormous pleasure from reading the contents.

Such is the case of PAUL ATKINS who started at St. Michael's School in 1950 and is now retired and living in the beautiful Norfolk seaside town of Sheringham. Here is what Paul has to say'.

"Once again, thank you for the invitation to come to this landmark date in our calendar. Unfortunately, I shall not be able to attend although I would love to be there. Due to my physical disability, I would be more of a liability than an asset. My time at St. Michael's was a great preparation for life in general and although it took some time to gain the necessary academic qualifications I needed, I benefitted from the general ambiance of the school and spending time with my fellow pupils. It all seems a long time ago. All of my education I received at St. Michael's was good and I would not have missed it for the World.

I remember being taken in 1951 to the Festival of Britain as part of the school choir. Others may remember that the Headmaster dressed us in yellow blazers and caps for the occasion. I think that the staff were not thrilled with the colour and something like 30/40 boys milling around London dressed in yellow was something to behold! By the end of the week the colour had turned to a off-yellow!! However, we sang at the Festival Church, just across the road from the Royal Festival Hall. Another trip to London occurred in 1953 to celebrate the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II. We camped all night in the Mall and it poured with rain. We were given sandwiches which became very soggy!!

I send my very best wishes to you all. I hope that the Anniversary Reunion weekend last October in Old Hunstanton was a huge success.

Paul Atkins

IN MEMORY



IAN GOURLAY

Ian passed away in February 2017.

As a Day Pupil, Ian attended St. Michael's School between 1960 – 1966

The Association wishes to offer to all of Ian's family and friends our sincere condolences.

THESE SHOULD CAUSE YOU TO THINK!

- I read that 4,153,237 people got married last year. Not to cause any trouble but shouldn't that be an even number?
- A recent study has found that women who carry a little extra weight, live longer than the men who mention it.
- Did you know that Dolphins are so smart that within a few weeks of captivity they can train people to stand on the very edge of the pool and throw them fish?
- Money talks.....but all mine ever says is 'Goodbye'.
- You are not fat.....just easier to see.
- The Pharmacist asked me the date of my birthday again today. I'm certain she is planning to buy me a present.
- Money can't buy happiness, but it keeps the children in touch!!

A MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAIRMAN



John Wallington

It is with enormous pleasure that I present for you the 2017 publication of 'The Mitre' and, as always, I really do hope you find the contents interesting and informative.

Before I go any further, please accept my sincere apologies, as 'Mitre' Editor, for the delay, this year, in publishing this Mag due entirely to a house move that Angela and I have made recently and my inability to calculate exactly how long it would take for our Solicitors to carry out the simplest of tasks! Hey Ho!

Once again, we have been blessed with some wonderful input for 'The Mitre' again this year and long may that continue.

This is the last year I will be representing the Old Michaelian Association as your Chairman and there are a huge bungle of Thanks that I want to offload and this does seem to be the most appropriate time to carry out this duty.

First, I would like to thank all of you, the Members, who continue to support the Association and have said to me on many occasions that we simply must not allow the Association to die. Well, given the continuing support we receive each and every year from the Members who still flood into Old Hunstanton each October and attend the annual OMA Reunion weekend with us all at the Le Strange Arms Hotel, there is every prospect that the Association will continue so long as there is continuing support. 'The Mitre' is the vehicle that continues to support that opinion and as long as I have breath in my body, and the Association require me to do so, I will continue to steer this 'old ship' as Mitre Editor. Secondly, I would like to thank our President, **Simon Pott** along with all of the wonderful OMA Committee who have been so supportive and hard working people you would ever wish to work with. Thank you all.

The next OMA Reunion weekend will be taking place at the Le Strange Arms Hotel, Old Hunstanton over the weekend of **28/29 OCTOBER 2017**. Please come along and join us all. You will be made very welcome.

BELIZE AND A SIDE TRIP TO GUATEMALA

'From time to time I receive fascinating and interesting articles from OMA Members of their account of a recent holiday made to unusual and unique places. This account from Michael Barnes will, I am sure, cause your own imagination to work overtime!'



Belize is a delightful English speaking Central American country situated on the Caribbean coast. It is surrounded by Mexico to the north, Guatemala to the south and west and by the Caribbean Sea to the east. Having ex-pat friends here from Rhodesia (now called Zimbabwe) we decided to pay them a visit and check out their new home. But before doing so we wanted to visit a Mayan ruin or two. As our flight arrived very early in the morning at Belize airport, we first headed north towards the border. Be warned, there is no public transport from the airport unless you walk 20 minutes, with luggage, to the main road and flag down a bus! A Taxi will take you to town for \$25 or you can arrange a private shuttle bus to take you anywhere in the country. We contacted

'Teddy Bear Shuttle Bus (\$130) and arranged for him to drive us to San Ignacio that was approximately one and a half hours drive away. Once in the charming dusty town of San Ignacio we checked into our small second story Hotel on Burns street, washed, changed our clothes and hired a taxi for \$25 for the remainder of the day. This is the best way to visit the local Mayan ruins, as the taxi driver sat in his vehicle waiting for us as we explored Cahal Pech and Xunantunich (Stone Lady) Mayan sites. Back in San Ignacio there was still time to visit the colourful local Saturday market where, between rain showers, we found time to eat and drink many strange and wonderful things. On the recommendations of local people we visited an iguana farm and went bird spotting in the jungle. No matter where we decided to eat, every restaurant seemed to prepare wonderful local dishes prepared with heartfelt care.

For our trip to Guatemala and the Tikal National Park we decided to hire a local guide. The Boarder between Belize and Guatemalan is a very interesting place full of what looked like shady hombres with 7 o'clock shadows and big mustaches! Having said that, we felt very safe and not intimidated. Not wishing to flaunt our wealth at the border, we paid the fee to leave Belize and the entry tax to enter Guatemala and we took off towards our next adventure at the Tikal Mayan National Park.



Our guide was a student of archaeology from the University of Guatemalan, a really great guide attempting to make a little extra cash. His local knowledge of the area was amazing and during our time spent at the Tikal National Park he showed us many short cuts through the jungle that saved us hours of walking and avoiding the large groups of tourist excursions. Tikal is located in the heart of the Mayan

Biosphere Reserve and was declared Natural and Cultural Heritage Historic by UNESCO making it one of only three sites of this category in America. Our guide took us to mystical tropical forests and we climbed a number of steep Temple steps and marvelled at the vast views we experienced from the top. From some vantage points it is possible to see way across the jungle tree tops and hear the Howler monkeys calling. This is an incredibly moving place to be at sunrise or sunset.



When we decided that it was time to leave the northern border area, we decided to take the express chicken bus to Belize City for the amazing cost of just \$4 per person. No air conditioning on this transport but the windows were open and we were able to meet a bus load of fellow world travellers.

Leaving Belize we made our way across town to the Island Ferry Service that proved to be both fast and efficient to Caye Caulker. This unique island, known for its laid back environment and culture, is sprinkled with a variety of Belizean cultures including the Mestizo, Garifuna and Creole. We rented a beach house for a week and experienced local life to the full. On our doorstep were some amazing fish and marine life due to the 2nd largest barrier reef just one mile way. We really do highly recommend an adventure vacation in this part of the World but don't leave it too late. Put it onto your 'Bucket List' of things to do and.....GO!



Thanks a million Michael.

2017 OMA REUNION WEEKEND

Let's confirm for you the dates:

28/29 OCTOBER

Without a doubt, there should be no confusion about the dates! All we request is that as many of you as possible make the trip to NW Norfolk and join us all for a fun and nostalgic weekend with friends. At the back of 'The Mitre' is a Booking Form so, don't delay, turn to the last page, fill out the Booking Form and send it off NOW to Ruth Chilvers and commit yourselves to spending a wonderful weekend at Old Hunstanton.

You, of course, need to know the details and arrangements for the weekend.....so, here we go as follows:



Saturday 28 October 2017

Accommodation at the Le Strange Arms Hotel, Old Hunstanton

If you are considering booking accommodation at the Le Strange Arms Hotel over the weekend of 28/29 October 2017 may we advise you to make your reservation directly with the Hotel (**Tel: 01485 534411**) and, when doing so, make it known to the Hotel booking staff that you require the negotiated special OMA rates. If you use another Web Site on-line these special rates will not be offered to you.

Venue: Le Strange Arms Hotel, Old Hunstanton

We invite you all to meet in the **Oak Bar** at lunchtime. The Hotel offers a broad lunchtime menu and an even larger broad selection of both alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages. This time also provides ample opportunity for all Old Michaelians and their partners to chat with friends and colleagues who they may not have spoken to for some time.

In the Banqueting Suite **John King** and his team of volunteers will display a magnificent collection of old photographs that have been offered to the OMA by many OM's and this will provide an opportunity to Old Michaelians to 'spot the person in the photograph!'. The photographic exhibition has been a 'must visit' for all OM's and we once again offer our sincere 'Thanks' to **John King** for managing this display and making it available throughout the duration of the Reunion weekend.

3:30pm The OMA Annual General Meeting. The AGM will begin promptly at 3:30pm in the Banqueting Suite Bar of the Le Strange Arms Hotel. On arrival each Member will be provided with all relevant papers for the meeting and we hope that as many members as possible will find the time to attend the AGM and offer relevant and supportive comment to enable the Chairman and OMA Officers to complete the important and vital debatable decisions in accordance with the existing OMA Constitution.

After the conclusion of the AGM, afternoon tea will be served and we invite all Members partners/guests to join us in the Banqueting Suite Bar.

7pm for 7:45pm The Annual OMA Reunion Dinner. We invite all OMA Members and their partners/guests to meet in the Banqueting Suite Bar for our Annual Reunion Dinner. The Management and staff of the Le Strange Arms Hotel are, once again, ready and able to look after us all with the most professional of services as we look forward to yet again a sumptuous Reunion Dinner.

The cost this year is only **£26 per person**. A truly amazing price for an amazing evening. It really will be necessary for you to decide how many Dinner reservations you will need and then turn to the back page of 'The Mitre', fill out the booking form and mail it, together with your cheque, directly to **Ruth Chilvers** so that your reservation(s) can be lodged. It really is as easy as that.

During the evening we can all look forward to a fun evening all wrapped up with additional raffles, after dinner speeches and as much reminiscing as you can cram into one evening surrounded by many friends.

Sunday 29 October 2017

11am. Our 2017 OMA Reunion weekend comes to a fitting end at the Parish church of St. Michael's Church, Ingoldisthorpe for our annual Reunion Eucharist. This is always a well supported event for all Old Michaelian's and their partners/guests and, as in previous years, since the weekend coincides with the clocks going back, you will be able to enjoy that extra hour in bed. So there should be no excuses at reaching Ingoldisthorpe by 11am!

The ladies of the OMA Committee will provide light refreshments at the rear of the church immediately after the Eucharist has ended.

Lastly.....I offer my sincere 'Thanks' to everyone who has contributed to the contents of the 2017 'Mitre'. Your input is much appreciated. Ed.



OMA 2017 REUNION DINNER BOOKING FORM

**PLEASE RESERVE ME.....NUMBER OF PLACES FOR THE
2017 OMA REUNION DINNER ON SATURDAY 28 OCTOBER.**

NAME:.....

PARTNERS NAME:.....

ADDRESS:.....

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POST CODE:.....

TEL: NO.....

EMAIL ADDRESS.....

IF POSSIBLE, PLEASE SIT ME WITH.....

WOULD YOU LIKE TO CHOOSE THE VEGGY OPTION Y/N

**I ENCLOSE MY CHEQUE (£26 per person) MADE PAYABLE TO
THE OLD MICHAELIAN ASSOCIATION. THANK YOU.**

**PLEASE SEND THIS FORM TOGETHER WITH YOUR CHEQUE
TO: RUTH CHILVERS, 85 ELLIOTT ROAD. MARCH, CAMBS
PE15 8BP**

LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU ALL AGAIN.

