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Dear Colleague,

I suppose after the excitement of 2016, this year has been a little quieter, but hang on to your hats as 2018 promises to be a real humdinger with not one but **two** events on the Old Boys calendar.

******Annual Dinner 2018 – Saturday March 24th ******

This year's Dinner will again be held in the **Victoria Suite, The Cliffs Hotel, Queens Promenade, Blackpool. 7:30pm for 8:00pm.** Dress code as always is lounge suits.

Tickets will cost £34.00 including subs and there will be also be a half bottle of wine or non-alcoholic drink per person with the meal. The Old Boys' annual Mass will be held at the church of the English Martyrs, Highcross Road, Poulton-le-Fylde at 10 Oa.m. on Sunday 25th March 2018, the day following the Dinner by kind permission of Father Walsh, Parish Priest of English Martyrs.

There are usually refreshments in the Parish Hall after Mass and the Highcross Pub is just across the road. Besides the Cliffs Hotel itself there are many other hotels along that stretch as well as a Premier Inn at The Red Lion Hotel Bispham for those looking for overnight accommodation.

English Martyrs Highcross

The Association is forever indebted to the Parish Priest and Parishioners of the Church, which as most of you know contains many artefacts from the College Chapel including the stained-glass windows, Stations of the Cross and war memorial

******House of Lords Luncheon 14th September 2018******

Lord Tom McNally has kindly suggested that we host a luncheon again, the last one being in September 2013 and he is busy getting all the details. The estimated cost will be £80 per head and is open to Old Boys and guests. My initial poll in October prompted a great deal of interest so this promises to be another day to remember. Full details will be sent out as soon as arrangements are finalised so get saving! I look forward to hearing the wonderful sound of the chimes of Big Ben again.....

SJOBA President 2017-18.

Malcolm Crane has served us well this year and in accordance with our policy in recent years I will be inviting him to serve for a second term

Obituaries.

It is my sad duty to report that the following Old Boys passed away during 2017

Nick Sloan 65-72, Bob Nickson who attended the College in the late forties, Maurice Osman who was at St Joseph's during the 2nd World War, Michael Turner 64-71, John Devlin 55-62 Mike Forde 55-62, Julian Ward 59-66 and Geoff Beaumont.

May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen

A sincere thanks to all our supporters

As always, the Association is grateful for all who send in their subscriptions which enables us to maintain contact with as many Old Boys as possible through the website, emails and social media.

May you and your families have a wonderful Christmas and a Happy and prosperous New Year.

Garry Maddox

Hon Secretary