

REUNION on Saturday 29th September 2018

Lunch is available at the Fountain Inn, Oldwood Common

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2.00 **The Annual General Meeting** will take place in the Village Hall.
Members and other former pupils and staff are welcome to attend.

2.00 **Tour** of the College for those who prefer not to attend the AGM.
Led by Nicola Walker, Head Teacher.

3.00 **Choir practice.** Members and friends are welcome to join the
visiting choir - The Hereford Church Singers, directed by John
Eden - who sing at several churches locally, including St Michael's.

4.30. **Tea** in the Village Hall for those singing in the choir at Evensong.

5.30. **Evensong** in St Michael's Church

Priest : Reverend Denis Parry, formerly a member of staff at SMC.

Organist : Robert Green, formerly assistant at Hereford Cathedral.

Director of Music : John Eden

Choir : Hereford Church Singers with members and friends of the SMCS.

Processional Hymn	Ye holy angels bright - Monk, tune 'Darwall's 148th'
Introit	Jerusalem on high - Ouseley (from 'Hagar' 1873)
Responses	Statham (former pupil, organist 1919 - 26, Fellow 1949)
Psalm 91	Psalm set for St Michael and all Angels - chant Stainer
Office Hymn	When all thy mercies - Ouseley, tune 'Contemplation'
Lesson	Daniel 12, verses 1 - 4 (as set)
Canticles	Stainer in B flat (1877) (2nd organist of SMC aged 16)
Lesson	Revelation 12, verses 7 - 12 (as set)
Anthem	I was glad - Parry, 1902 for Coronation of Edward VII
Final Hymn	O praise ye the Lord! Parry, 1894 tune 'Laudate Dominum'

6.30 **Group Photograph** outside the Church; if wet, at the Fountain Inn

7.00 for 7.30.

SMCS Annual Reunion Dinner
29th September 2018
at the Fountain Inn, Oldwood Common

Please return the Booking Form on the last page
at least one week before the dinner to Michael Hart
The Threshing House, Bockleton,
Tenbury Wells, Worcestershire WR15 8PP
enclosing a cheque for £23 to 'St Michael's College Society'

Enquiries e-mail <michaelhart@threshinghouse.entadsl.com>

Menu

Starter	Carrot and Coriander Soup Paté Smoked Salmon and Crayfish Salad
Main course	Shin of Beef in mushroom and Madeira sauce Salmon with a tomato and prawn sauce Roast Pork with crackling and apple sauce Brie, Beetroot and Walnut Wellington
Sweet course	Apple Pie and cream Raspberry & white chocolate meringue Roulade Chocolate and Bailey's Cheesecake Cheese and biscuits
	Coffee and Mints
	Port

Speaker : John Blashford-Snell

Profile of JOHN BLASHFORD-SNELL,

Did your time at St Michael's encourage your 'taste for adventure'? Forty years ago the dust cover of a book with that title called the author 'a living legend.'



The speaker after dinner at this year's reunion is one of the worlds' most recognized explorers Colonel John Blashford-Snell OBE. He has been to many of the remotest corners of the globe and has inspired numerous others.

Born in 1936, he was at St Michael's from summer 1947 until Christmas 1949, when his father was an army chaplain and they lived in Herefordshire.

The family then moved to Jersey, where he went to Victoria College and then in 1954 to Sandhurst as an officer cadet. He was commissioned into the Royal Engineers as a Second Lieutenant in 1957. Three years later he married Judith and has two daughters.

He rose to the rank of Colonel during twenty-five years of active service and expeditions.

Fifty years ago he led an Anglo-Ethiopian expedition with the first descent and exploration of the Blue Nile.

This led to the founding of the Scientific Exploration Society (SES) in 1969. It continues to initiate a worldwide programme of expeditions focusing on scientific, conservation, education and community aid projects.



He instigated Operation Drake with the patronage of HRH Prince Charles. This generated youth projects on ships circumnavigating the globe, aiming to develop self-confidence and leadership through adventure, scientific exploration and community service. In two years 414 young people took part in the round the world voyage, working on land-based projects in 16 different countries. Its flagship in 1978 was the hundred year-old brig *The Eye of*

the Wind, whose present owners moored it by Tower Bridge in May for the fortieth anniversary reunion of participants in Operation Drake.

Following the achievements of Operation Drake, the much more ambitious Operation Raleigh was established in 1984, and ran for four years until 1988. Two renovated ships - *Sir Walter Raleigh* and *Zebu* - carried 4,000 volunteers and almost 1,600 staff to take part in expeditions around the world.

The success of Operation Raleigh saw it continue on a permanent basis in 1988, with an emphasis on land-based expeditions. John Blashford-Snell directed these educational initiatives for young people until 1991.

It became Raleigh International in 1992, reflecting the growing diversity of expedition volunteers. Over 40,000 people have now been part of a programme and Raleigh continues to work with young people alongside communities living in poverty across the world.

He has led many celebrated expeditions and has published more than a dozen books about his experiences. These include several on the variety of his interests from unusual animal behaviour, mammoths in Nepal, archaeology and ancient peoples in South America, to the paranormal.



He continues to lead and inspire expeditions worldwide, recently in Mongolia, Kenya, Colombia and Burma.

He has been honoured by the Royal Geographical Society and the Explorers' Club and is an Honorary Fellow of Liverpool John Moores University.

One of his reminiscences about Katie Ashley at St Michael's is included in 'Memories' (page 42).

Reunion weekend continued : Sunday 30th September 2018

Golf

Please respond in the reply slip if you would like to play golf on the Sunday. Tim Coles will confirm whether this is at Kington.

Morning Service at St Michael's

10.00 Choral BCP Eucharist for the Patronal Festival

Emmanuel Church Choir, Sutton Coldfield
Director : Richard Mason

NB You may wish to send a photocopy of the Reunion Booking Form overleaf if you wish to keep this page in your magazine....



SMCS Annual Reunion 2018 : Booking Form

Name :

Years at SMC :

Telephone:

e-mail :

Address *(if different from that in the list of members on pages 29 - 34)*

1. Reunion Dinner : 29th September 2018

(Wives, husbands, and partners are also welcome)

Please see the menu on page 36

	<i>self</i>	<i>other</i>
Starter		
Main course		
Sweet course		

Any dietary requirements

2. Golf : *Would you like to play in a Reunion Golf Competition?*

Yes / No *(please circle)*

3. Evensong : *Would you like to sing in the Choir at Evensong?*

Yes / No *(please circle)*

Soprano Contralto Tenor Bass

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