# **The Old Ilminsterians Association**

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Dear Old Ilminsterian,

Last year we trialled a separation of the annual lunch and dinner, with the former in June and the latter in October. I’m pleased to say that the lunch was well supported with 88 members and guests attending, but the dinner was not so successful with only 30 present. This year the Committee has decided to continue with the same format for lunch in June and to change things in October, but more on that later.

Details of the day on the **Saturday 23rd June** are below. Please note the earlier time of lunch, which is due to the hotel taking a subsequent booking for a wedding reception. This means we must vacate the Ballroom by 3.00pm, hence the earlier start:

 11.30 am Church Service at St. Mary’s. All welcome.

 12.30 pm Lunch at The Shrubbery Hotel. All welcome

Attendance at the dinner has been falling for a number of years, with last year being the lowest on record. As a result, the Committee has decided to trial a member only lunch in October, to replace the Annual Dinner, in order to try to turn things around. This will take place on Saturday 20th October 2018, with the AGM before. More details will be sent nearer that date, but I would appreciate an indication of interest on the attached form, or by a quick email if that is easier.

Please note that we now have to provide final numbers to the hotel ten days before the event, so I need your replies no later than the 10th June and I am afraid there can be NO changes after as we are also being asked to pay up front.

For those whose tie is looking the worse for wear, we have a few left in stock of the newer style (navy background with Green, Red and Yellow diagonal bar) in stock.

Finally, I would again like to express our gratitude to those who so generously give money in support of the Association. With no annual subscription and a desire to keep the Re-union costs to a minimum, these donations are crucial.

I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible on the 23rd.

Regards,

Mike

Hon. Sec.

**Response by 10th June please. No changes after.**

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| Name | First Name   |
| Surname    |
| Address (change if necessary) |       |
| I would like to receive the annual letter by email in future | Email address |
| Years at school |  19 to 19 |

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| Event | No of People | Names | Cost |
| Lunch @ £16.50 each |  |  | £ |
|  Tie @ £15.00 each | Qty | £ |
| Donation |  | £ |
| Total |  | £ |
| I am interested in the October AGM and Lunch | Yes / No (delete as necessary) |
| *Cheques to “The Old Ilminsterians Association”* |

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