

ANNIVERSARY REUNION WEEKEND AT PLAS NEWYDD

19th - 21st July 2024

2024 marks 50 years since *Conway* paid off on 12th July 1974, 60 years since the New Block formally opened in 1964, 70 years since the Camp opened in 1954 and 85 years since the shore establishment opened at Plas Newydd in 1949. To celebrate all those anniversaries the club is pleased to invite OCs, partners and their families to a special anniversary reunion weekend staying full board in the *Conway* Centre, our old New Block. This is a once in a lifetime opportunity for free access to all the places and buildings you remember so well. The Centre is normally full to capacity with 16K children visiting each year but there was just this one weekend free when we could book the whole place and so get unfettered access. We will be accommodated on all 4 floors of the New Block, and in the Captain Superintendent's House, The Headmaster's House, the Galley House and two post-*Conway* buildings, all of which have been converted into small bedrooms.

To prompt memories there will be a photo display along the dormitory block ground floor corridor covering the years of those attending, at least 1,600 - 2,000 photos. There will be space for you to display your own memorabilia and photos so please bring items with you.

Rig of the Day is casual throughout but jacket/blazer and tie for Saturday drinks and dinner please.

There will be a pay bar both evenings and a number of free self-service tea and coffee lounges. All meals, except Saturday night, will be self-service on the mess deck using our original mess tables. There will be a choice of courses and vegetarian etc., options.



Programme

- Check in Friday afternoon from 2pm, free parking on the Parade Deck. Welcome tea and coffee.
- Friday evening dinner at 6.30pm will be followed by a short presentation about the *Conway* Centre and then socialising time grouped vaguely by Camp years (54-64), Hewitt years (64-68) and Lord years (68-74).
- At 10am on Saturday morning Alfie Windsor (64-68) will give a one hour illustrated talk describing the loss of the ship and the tidal and weather conditions, planning shortcomings and personal choices that caused it.
- At 11am we'll gather with The Friends of HMS *Conway* Trustees, *Conway* Centre / National Trust (NT) staff and local dignitaries for the formal opening of two new permanent *Conway* displays organised by The Friends. One display, on our old Quarterdeck, will comprise a large display case of *Conway* artefacts and a cased model of the ship. The other will be Back Stage and consist of approximately 30 large wall mounted illustrated information boards about *Conway* and her cadets, ship's company photos, paintings of the ship and a wall of QB Oars. If you have a QB oar you'd like to donate to that wall please contact Alfie on 07703 599 220 or alfie@hmsconway.org
- Following a finger buffet reception with wine, Saturday afternoon is free for you to wander and reminisce around all your old haunts; the New Block, Kelvin Block, dock, seamanship room, the camp mess deck / old chapel hut, the new chapel building, the QB woods and the site of the Camp. The NT will provide organised tours of the House and the Nelson Block. You can see the *Conway* memorial window and there will be short, free boats trips, basically to view and photo the House from the water. Our old canteen is being refurbished so may not be available but we hope to have a café on the old house messdeck.
- On Saturday evening there will be a drinks reception and a gala dinner but no speeches!

- After breakfast on Sunday there will be time for term, team and group photos before we depart.

Commemorative Booklet

A special commemorative booklet will be available. It will be 40 A4 pages, describe our time at Plas Newydd and contain a mix of period and modern photos. It costs £10 and is available by pre-order only using the booking form below.

Residential Accommodation

The *Conway Centre* is a children's outdoor activities centre not a 4* hotel so please set your expectations accordingly. Bedrooms and facilities are basic and small but clean, food is wholesome but simple. We can accommodate up to 137 people in twin and single rooms and a few small dormitories that will be used as twins unless you get a group together to share a dorm. 34 rooms are ensuite including most dorms, 5 have adjoining private facilities i.e. not fully ensuite, and 58 other rooms share facilities but many of them have their own washbasin. Shared facilities will be limited to 2 or 3 couples or up to 6 men so that we don't have too many people competing for heads and showers. As a last resort up to 4 couples might share our old central dorm washrooms now segregated and each with four showers, four heads and 20 basins. We will allocate twin, single and dorm room types in that order and also by ensuite, private facilities and shared facilities. Allocation will be on a first come, first served basis, and 45 people have already booked so book NOW! For simplicity, we are charging a standard rate pp for all rooms.

The charge for the full residential weekend is £220pp including VAT, full board (including gala dinner on Saturday), two drinks receptions, boat trip, NT house tour, teas and coffees and parking. Send me your completed booking form and payment as soon as possible to ensure the best choice of room(s).

Pop-Up Caravan / Motorhome Site

The Conway Centre has kindly agreed to allow us use of the lower car park (outside the dormitory block) as a pop-up caravan/campervan/motorhome site and to open the downstairs ablutions' block for their use. There are five pitches and three have already been taken.

The charge for the full residential weekend is £175pp including VAT, including a single pitch, access to a water point, use of the ground floor showers and heads, a fridge, full board (including gala dinner on Saturday), two drinks receptions, boat trip, NT house tour and teas and coffees. If you'd like a pitch please complete the special "Pop Up Motorhome Pitch" booking form below and email it to me, alfie@hmsconway.org, along with payment.

Book Your Own Accommodation

If you live locally or want to book your own accommodation that's fine. You are welcome to attend whatever parts of the event you want from Friday after diner to the Sunday morning photo opportunities. When you complete your booking form ignore sections 4 and 5.

The closest hotel is the [Carreg Bran](#) about 10 minutes' drive away.

If you want to attend on Saturday the cost is £15pp for the lunch, NT tour and boat trip, and £35pp for the evening drinks reception and dinner.

Questions?

Contact Alfie on 07703 599 220 or alfie@hmsconway.org

BOOKING FORM - ANNIVERSARY REUNION @ THE CONWAY CENTRE 19 - 21 JULY 2024

If you are attending for the whole weeknd please complete sections 1 to 7 and 9.

If you are attending only on Saturday ignore sections 4 and 5.

Please send your completed form to: **OC Reunion, 2 Lyndhurst Bungalows, Bradford on Avon , Wilts, BA15 1DX**

1. YOUR NAME:

2. PHONE NUMBER:

3. EMAIL ADDRESS:

4. ROOM CHOICE	TICK ONE
I must have ensuite facilities	
I prefer ensuite facilities but am prepared to share ablutions	
I will organise a group to share a small dorm	

	No., OF PEOPLE	COST PP	ENTER TOTAL COST
5. NUMBER OF GUESTS		£220	

6. SPECIAL DIETARY NEEDS	No., OF PEOPLE	ANY SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS?
Vegitarian		
Vegan		

7. COMMEMORATIVE BOOKLET	No., OF BOOKS	COST EACH	ENTER TOTAL COST
I want to order one or more booklet		£10	

8. SATURDAY ONLY i.e. NO BEDROOMS	No., OF PEOPLE	COST PP	ENTER TOTAL COST
Daytime activities including lunch, NT tour and boat trip		£15	
Evening drinks reception and dinner		£35	

MY TOTAL COST

9. PAYMENT	TICK ONE
I enclose a cheque payable to the Conway Club	
I have paid by bank transfer to 40-34-12, 71537946 using "CC" and my name and initials as reference	

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I require one motorhome/campervan pitch for Friday 19th to Sunday 21st July

The reduced price, compared to a bedroom, is £175pp including VAT, which includes the pitch, use of the adjacent shower/toilet block, access to a fridge and a water point, full board from Friday dinner to Sunday after breakfast (gala dinner on Saturday), unlimited teas and coffees, two drinks receptions, a NT tour of the house and a free boat trip from the dock. Regret we cannot provide electric hook-ups or Elsan disposal.

1. YOUR NAME:

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