



Some we have heard from:

NP Jestico (48-49)

I was apprenticed with Royal Mail Lines in 1950 and stayed with them for over nine years, by which time I married Ann and the first of our two boys and two girls had been born. Ann and I then underwent a comprehensive training course with Whitbreads, the brewers, and became tenants of one of their houses in Kent. After eighteen years in the licensed trade, we moved to Milford-on-Sea and bought a café with B&B rooms above, in Lymington. Subsequently we owned a small hotel on Milford sea front with superb views of Christchurch Bay and the Needles, witnessing the departure and arrival of many ships, including the Falklands battle force in 1982. We then moved to Dartmouth, just below the Britannia RN College, and ran guest houses until retiring in 2009. Now we enjoy the quieter life in the Emerald Isle, near one of our daughters and two of our nine grandchildren, and so far one great-grandchild. Our main pursuits are fine wine, fine dining and travel, preferably by unusual craft, eg a converted American landing craft round the lesser-known Caribbean islands, a Greek wooden ketch and a round-the-world voyage on Bank Line's rusty old *Teignbank*, out via Panama and home via Suez, stopping off in Australia to visit our son and three of our grandchildren. *Teignbank* carried containers, and palm oil (for Walker's Crisps). Should any OCs, especially chums from '48 and '49, pass this way, they will be very welcome to visit and reminisce.

Glyn Parry (44-46)

My moment of fame came when I was coxswain of the water-boat featured on Page 38 of the last *Cadet*. I had to embark

school teachers who lived ashore in Bangor, at 8.45am for classes starting after Divisions. I then ran aground! No 2 motor boat was sent to help and then we got a tow rope around her prop. So - no school that morning!!! I didn't get the Management of Boats prize!

Sid Davies (42-43)

I feel quite inadequate when I read of the interesting and clever blokes who are OCs. Reading John Harbord's account of his job makes me realise how very different it is at sea now. The pressures are enormous and being in command is so different from, say, the old Brocklebank masters who had their own servants and competent officers and a life of comfort and leisure. I also admire John Hanbidge's achievements; Geoff Haskins' researches into notable OCs is also fascinating. Makes one realise that being an OC is something to be valued greatly.

John Bourchier (38-39)

John's daughter contacted the Club on the occasion of her father's 89th birthday last May and asked if OCs could send him a birthday card as he had often talked about his time in Conway. After his birthday party in his care home, Heather sent us this photo.

