



Old Friends

Stan 'Speedy' Morrison (44)

During the war, an arrangement was made between Conway and Gordonstoun to increase the output of trained Cadets. In September 1943, I joined a class of about 20 at Gordonstoun, then located at Llandinham, Wales, with Capt MacIntyre in charge of all nautical training. The nautical training lasted one year. My father was Master of the *Harlaw*, owned by Aberdeen Steam Navigation Company and running mainly between Aberdeen and London, the greatest hazard being the transit of 'E Boat Alley'. Being an only son, my mother was determined to delay my getting to sea, and arranged I should stay on an extra term at Gordonstoun, resulting in my joining Conway in January 1944. I left in November to join the *Southern Prince* at Rosyth naval base.

Cdr WG Constantine RD** RNR FNI (47-48)

I was delighted to see Tony Braithwaite's article in the last *Cadet* with a photograph of many of my contemporaries celebrating his 80th birthday. I thought I would send you this photo (*right*) of me astride my 80th birthday present at the start of a fund-raising 48-mile bike ride round 30 Somerset churches and chapels, with my younger son Michael (Kelly College 1980-ish) in September 2011. For those cycling aficionados, it is a Verenti Rhigos with a carbon-fibre frame and 20 gears and goes like the wind!

When I am not tearing round on my bike, I fulfil my duties as treasurer of the local village hall committee, treasurer of the local Short Mat Bowls Club and treasurer of the Yeovil Branch RNLI. I also play tennis in a men's four every week.

I was delighted with the visit to Plas Newydd during the 150th anniversary

celebrations and unspeakably envious of the Cadets who spent their time there.

My wife Jean and I are situated only eight miles from the Fleet Air Arm Museum at Yeovilton where I have spent many interesting hours guiding people round. We also run a small B&B and are conveniently situated near 3 major schools in Bruton, namely King's School, Bruton School for Girls and Sexey's School. Our house is situated next door to the old Somerset and Dorset Railway station of Cole which is of interest to steam engine lovers.

We are only a few miles from Martock where Capt Philip Jackson (46-47) lives. We both share memories of the start of the Cross Country team in 1947 with Gus Adams (46-48) when we arranged early morning runs on Anglesey before breakfast



and came back with the Milk run. I seem to remember getting my Colours for that sport. Another of my athletic achievements was to obtain Honours in the 5-mile walk. One did anything to get off the ship! Hence membership of the Snowdon Scout Group and the Expedition weekends!

I took great pleasure in informing the Outward Bound Trust recently that we regarded the Aberdovey fortnight in our fourth term as a holiday camp. A real bed to sleep in and the food was good!