

THE DIAMOND JUBILEE DINNER

THE 1970 "Conway" Club Annual General Meeting and Dinner, on the occasion of the Diamond Jubilee of the Club, were held at the Strand Hotel in Liverpool, on 6th June, 1970.

The President, Captain E. Hewitt, R.D., R.N.R., took the chair at the meeting. Captain R. J. B. Dunning and Mr. F. H. Heggs were elected Vice-Presidents, and the remainder of the officers and committee were re-elected *en bloc*.

About sixty sat down to an excellent dinner at which the official guests were: the Lord Mayor of Liverpool; Cdr. J. D. Baker, R.N., Royal Naval Liaison Officer; Lt.-Cdr. Alan Brown, R.D., R.N.R.; Mr. S. G. Fowler, M.B.E., of the New Zealand Shipping Co. and Chairman of the "Conway" Board of Governors; Mr. W. L. S. Harrison, Secretary of the M.M.S.A. and former Hon. Secretary of the "Conway" Committee of Management; Sir John Nicholson, C.I.E., President of the Chamber of Shipping, Chairman of Ocean Fleets and a former Chairman of the "Conway" Management Committee; Mr. E. A. Jenkins, O.B.E., Manager of the Anchor Line; and Acting Chief Cadet Captain J. B. Harbord.

A telegram of loyal greetings was sent to Her Majesty The Queen, and her gracious reply was read to the company, as was a telegram of congratulations from the Old Pangbourne Association for the Diamond Jubilee.

Captain Hewitt proposed the Loyal Toast, and then proposed a toast to The Guests. He spoke of the first Club dinner which was held in this city under the Presidency of Sir Hamilton Goold Adams, who was to become Governor of Queensland. One of the members then present was Warrington Baden Powell, O.C., elder brother of the Chief Scout, who had been a cadet in the first "Conway". He referred to our long association with Liverpool, and said how happy we were to entertain the Lord Mayor and went on to say something of each of the other guests.

In his reply, the Lord Mayor, Councillor Ian Levin, LL.B., touching upon Liverpool's and Britain's con-

cern with the sea and shipping, emphasised our reliance upon them, and then proposed a toast to "The Sea Services". Mr. Fowler rose to reply to this toast and said that the country still depended upon institutions such as the "Conway", that the great majority of her cadets still followed a seafaring career. He mentioned the new Marine Science course, and the present developments and building programme. He showed us Charles Wyllie's painting (mentioned elsewhere in this edition) and noted that in the picture "Conway" was out in front and it was her intention to make every effort to stay there!

Cadet Captain J. B. Harbord then rose to propose the toast of The "Conway". He said: "It has been said of Diamond Jubilee celebrations that they are no more than the expression of surprise of those concerned that the institution has managed to survive for sixty years. Of course, there is a grain of truth in this view, and doubts must have arisen in some minds at certain times over the past sixty years whether 'Conway', and therefore this Club, were going to continue against harsh difficulties.

"But the sixtieth birthday of an institution means much more than an occasion for cynical surprise. This celebration is the expression of a sense of achievement. It means that we have existed for sixty years preserving the same ideals, the same *raison d'être* with which the enterprise began. So this day marks the achievement and also affords the occasion to look back and survey our course. The last twelve months in 'Conway' have been primarily concerned with settling down under the new management and the process of change is still going on. We have good reason to look back with pride, but we must also look forward with faith that 'Conway', revived under the new structure, will carry on the training of men competent in many fields. Therefore I ask you to rise and drink to the past as well as the future. Gentlemen, 'The 'Conway'."

As he said down the whole company rose to the toast and then broke spontaneously into the "Conway" Song.

After a little time for yarning the party broke up, having enjoyed a very pleasant evening. It should be mentioned that this was, we believe, the first occasion when a father and two sons, all Old Boys, have been present together—Captain H. Lawrence, H. P. M. Lawrence and R. J. Lawrence.

Official guests were: The Lord Mayor of Liverpool, Commander J. D. Baker, R.N., Lt.-Cdr. Alan Brown, R.D., R.N.R., S. G. Fowler, M.B.E., W. L. S. Harrison, Esq., Sir John Nicholson, B.T., C.I.E., J. A. Taylor, Esq., Cadet Captain J. B. Harbord.

Members attending, with "Conway" dates:

Captain H. Lawrence	.. .. .	1912-15
Captain F. M. Wilkes	.. .. .	1915-16
Captain R. J. B. Dunning	.. .. .	1917-19
Captain E. Hewitt, R.D., R.N.R.	.. .. .	1919-21
Captain F. A. Brown	.. .. .	1919-21
Captain Digby Jones, O.B.E.	.. .. .	1920-22
W. W. Mortimer, Esq., M.B.E.	.. .. .	1920-22
Lieut. Commander C. E. Hall, R.D., R.N.R.	.. .. .	1921-23
Captain J. H. Wright, R.D., R.N.R.	.. .. .	1921-23
G. G. Franklin, Esq.	.. .. .	1922-24
F. H. Heggs, Esq.	.. .. .	1922-24
Lieut. Cdr. J. Brooke Smith, R.N.R.	.. .. .	1925-27
A. E. Smith, Esq.	.. .. .	1925-26
R. Tregenza, Esq.	.. .. .	1925-27
G. R. Cockram, Esq.	.. .. .	1926-28
Commander J. C. Mansell, R.N.	.. .. .	1926-28
Captain J. F. Pugh	.. .. .	1926-27
S. K. Richardson, Esq.	.. .. .	1928-31

K. J. Roscoe, Esq.	.. .. .	1938-40
H. P. M. Lawrence, Esq.	.. .. .	1940-41
G. M. Stocks, Esq., A.R.I.C.S.	.. .. .	1940-43
D. C. McGill, Esq.	.. .. .	1940-42
J. E. Hodgson, Esq.	.. .. .	1940-43
Lieut.-Cdr. N. Kirkwood, R.N.	.. .. .	1940-42
R. J. Lawrence, Esq.	.. .. .	1942-43
Captain B. J. McAree	.. .. .	1942-44
Captain D. F. B. Perfect, T.D.	.. .. .	1943-44
D. G. Fletcher-Rogers, Esq.	.. .. .	1943-45
J. Haraj, Esq.	.. .. .	1946-47
N. A. H. Saddington, Esq.	.. .. .	1946-48
Commander A. D. Braithwaite, R.D., R.N.R.	.. .. .	1947-49
G. Pow, Esq.	.. .. .	1947-49
Captain E. V. Inch	.. .. .	1947-49
W. E. Kirkbride, Esq.	.. .. .	1948-49
B. A. Townsend, Esq.	.. .. .	1950-51
Captain D. A. Lambell	.. .. .	1950-52
P. H. Daniel, Esq.	.. .. .	1951-53
Lieutenant D. A. Holbert, R.N.R.	.. .. .	1953-55
J. M. Pugh, Esq.	.. .. .	1956-58
W. T. Lloyd Jones, Esq.	.. .. .	1957-59
W. G. Cook, Esq.	.. .. .	1959-61
S. K. Johnston, Esq.	.. .. .	1962-66
P. J. H. Scott, Esq.	.. .. .	1962-65
and other guests of individual members.		
Staff Member; Wing-Cdr. T. E. W. Browne, M.A., M.Sc., A.R.I.C.	.. .. .	1934-64
Non-member guests:		
T. G. Wilson, Esq.	.. .. .	1951-53
P. Dickie, Esq.	.. .. .	1962-66