Club Announcements

🕯 David Nutman (50-51)

It is with great sadness that, just as we go to press, we report the death, on 5th February, of Capt David Nutman (50-51), a Trustee of the Friends of HMS Conway since 2001 and its Chairman since 2006. He was President of the Conway Club from 2003-2005 and worked tirelessly on behalf of Conway for many years. He will be greatly missed and the thoughts of us all are with his wife Brenda, who has been a great support to him in his Conway work. A memorial service to celebrate his life was held on 21st February at St James Church, New Brighton, Wirral. A full obituary will be in the next edition.

New Hon Sec and New Cadet Editor

Our new Club Secretary is **David Stocks** (63-66). David (*right*) is a master mariner, attaining his ticket in 1979, and now lives in Warsash. Whilst on the Conway, David became Senior Rate for Fo'c'sle and was also Vice Captain 1st XV. He also has a Master of Philosophy degree which he obtained in 2002.

David has had two twenty-year-long careers: the first driving ships with Blue Funnel, later to become Ocean Fleets, and the second in various management positions within Sea Containers Ltd. He has now commenced a third one as a Trustee of the Sea Containers Ltd 1990 pension fund in its sixth year! Since Chapter 11, time passes,

he reports. He is also 'Boatsteerer' (Secretary, Southampton Master Mariners).

Nick Hambleton (63-66) has taken over from Matt Burrow as editor of *The Cadet* which is a very tough act to follow indeed. Here he is, the one on the right in this 1959 picture (*below right*) where he is doing his best to embarrass his brother Tim Hambleton (59-61).

He tells us:

'After I left the Ship, I became a 'middy' with Blue Funnel, later Ocean Fleets. Finally leaving in 1971 as a Third Officer, I joined P&O General Cargo Division. In 1978, I was seconded to P&O Normandy Ferries at Dover and later Southampton and Portsmouth. This was supposed to have been for only two months but I stayed in passenger ferries for the rest of my career, eventually clocking up fifteen pilotage exemption certificates.

In 1989, I joined Channel Island Ferries, becoming Master with them shortly afterwards. 2003 saw me back in Dover with Norfolk Line where I became Senior Master in 2004. Following some persuasion by Norfolk Lines management company, Meridian Marine Management, Lloft to help start a pow worture for them, operating super forries in the

I left to help start a new venture for them, operating super ferries in the western basin of the Mediterranean. I retired last year to enable me to 'pursue other interests', amongst which is building my model railway, skiing, woodwork, cooking and, with my wife Jane still working, the house work. Conway deck work and the Ship's 'sweeps' have given me the ultimate training for the latter!'