



### David Antony Redman (53-55)

David Redman, who Crossed the Bar in July, had been diagnosed in 2010 with a re-emergence of the cancer which he thought had been successfully neutered in 2008. He was given a life-expectancy of 12 to 18 months, but, eschewing any further therapy, he determined to live his remaining life in full, seeking as ever the positives. Five weeks later, he married for the second time, and for the next three and a half years, encouraged and supported by his wife Shirley and close-knit family, managed his condition as an example and inspiration to all.

Born in Morecombe in 1937, David attended Lancaster Royal Grammar School, before entering Conway in 1953, determined on a MN career. He was a friendly, thoughtful and popular member of his term and Hold Division, and whilst professing, as most did in their first term, to have felt the caress of the rope's end (the 'teaser'), he was always cheerful in adversity, and ever ready to help others. Records of October 1953 indicate such breath-taking misdemeanors as 'walking on deck in bare feet' and 'watching dancing class instead of doing deckwork', tame by comparison with others, but the cause of much amusement in later life. He graduated in July 1955, proud of the Ship and his training, and convinced that hard work and application were the way forward, as he subsequently proved.

He spent his apprenticeship with the South American Saint Line, trading largely to South America, and on obtaining his 2nd Mate's Certificate in 1958, joined Furness/Prince Line Group to widen his geographical experience. 1963-64 rewarded him with both his Master's Certificate, and marriage to Valerie, a happy partnership, blessed with births of Julia and Andrew, but sadly shortened by Val's death in 2004.

Marriage prompted David to seek shore employment, and in 1964, he began work as a computer programmer, soon to be promoted to Computer Operations Manager. In 1966, he moved to IBM as a systems engineer where he became responsible for installing Lloyds Bank's first national banking terminal system, followed by the development of the world's first on-line cash dispenser *Cashpoint*, subsequently sold to Lloyds. A successful move to IBM United States followed in 1973, and after appointment as IBM's Banking Operations Manager for Europe, Middle East and Africa in 1977, he became Senior Marketing Manager, handling IBM's UK relationship with Visa, Access, TSB Group, and the Bank of England. He retired in 1990, to spend more time with Valerie and their family in which he took great pride.

David summed up his life by saying that there was very little he would change, and that he would depart this life happy with the richness of his experience, and chances embraced. He will be sorely missed by Shirley his wife, his daughter Julia and son Andrew from his first marriage, and his much-loved five grandchildren.

*John Perry (53-55)*