

Anniversary Reunion Weekend at Plas Newydd

19th-21st July 2024

2024 marks 50 years since Conway paid off on 12th July 1974, 60 years since the New Block formally opened in 1964, 70 years since the Camp opened in 1954 and 85 years since the shore establishment opened at Plas Newydd in 1949. To celebrate those four anniversaries, the club is pleased to invite OCs, partners and their families to a special anniversary reunion weekend, staying full board in the Conway Centre. This is a once in a lifetime opportunity for free access to all the places and buildings you remember so well. The Centre is normally full to capacity with 16K children visiting each year but there was just one weekend free when we could book the whole place and so get unfettered access. We will be accommodated on all four floors of the New Block, and in the Captain Superintendent's House, The Headmaster's House, the Galley House and two post-Conway buildings, all of which have been converted into smaller bedrooms.

To prompt memories, there will be a photo display along the dormitory block ground floor corridor, covering the years of those attending, at least 1,600-2,000 photos. There will be space for you to display your own memorabilia and photos so please bring items with you.

Rig of the Day will be casual throughout but jacket and tie for Saturday drinks and dinner, please.

There will be a pay bar both evenings and a number of free self-service tea and coffee lounges. All meals, except Saturday night, will be self-service on the mess deck seated at our original mess tables. There will be a choice of courses and vegetarian etc options.

Programme

- ☞ Check in Friday afternoon from 2pm, free parking on the Parade Deck. Welcome tea and coffee.
- ☞ Friday evening dinner at 6.30pm, followed by a short presentation about the Conway Centre and socialising time grouped vaguely by Camp years (54-64), Hewitt years (64-68) and Lord years (68-74).
- ☞ At 10am on Saturday morning Alfie Windsor (64-68) will give a one hour illustrated talk on the loss of the Ship.
- ☞ At 11am we'll gather with The Friends of HMS Conway Trustees, Conway Centre/National Trust (NT) staff and local dignitaries for the formal opening of two new permanent Conway displays organised by The Friends. One display, on our old Quarterdeck, will comprise a large display case of Conway artefacts and a cased model of the Ship. The other will be Back Stage and consist of about 35' of wall-mounted illustrated information boards about Conway and her Cadets, Ship's company photos, paintings of the Ship and a wall of QB Oars. If you have a QB oar you'd like to donate to that wall please contact Alfie on 07703 599220 or alfie@hmsconway.org
- ☞ Following a finger buffet reception with wine, Saturday afternoon is free for you to wander and reminisce around all your old haunts; the New Block, Kelvin Block, dock, seamanship room, the camp mess deck/old chapel hut, the new chapel building, the QB woods and the site of the Camp. The NT will provide organised tours of the House and the Nelson Block. You can see the Conway memorial window and there will be short, free boats trips, basically to view and photo the House from the water. Our old canteen is being refurbished so may not be available but we hope to have a simple café on the old House messdeck.
- ☞ On Saturday evening there will be a drinks reception and a gala dinner but no speeches!
- ☞ After breakfast on Sunday there will be time for term, team and group photos before we depart.



Commemorative Booklet

A special commemorative booklet will be available. It will be 40 A4 pages, describe our time at Plas Newydd and contain a mix of period and modern photos. It costs £10 and is available by pre-order only using the booking form opposite.

Accommodation

The Conway Centre is a children's outdoor activities centre, not a 4* hotel so please set your expectations accordingly. Bedrooms and facilities are basic and small but clean, food is wholesome but simple. We can accommodate up to 132 people in twin and single rooms and a few small dormitories that will be used as twins unless you get a group together to share a dorm. Thirty-four rooms are ensuite, five have adjoining private facilities ie not fully ensuite, and 58 other rooms share facilities but many of them have their own washbasin. Shared facilities will be limited to two or three couples or up to six men so that we don't have too many people competing for heads and showers. As a last resort, up to four couples might share our old central dorm washrooms now segregated, each with four showers, four heads and 20 basins. We will allocate twin, single and dorm room types in that order and also by ensuite, private facilities and shared facilities. Allocation will be on a first come, first served basis, so book NOW! For simplicity, we are charging a standard rate pp for all rooms.

Costs

The charge for the full weekend is £220pp including VAT, full board (gala dinner on Saturday), two drinks receptions, boat trip, NT House tour, teas and coffees and parking. If you want to attend just on Saturday, the cost is £15pp for the lunch, NT tour and boat trip, and £35pp for the evening drinks reception and dinner.

Questions?

Contact Alfie on 07703 599220 or alfie@hmsconway.org

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BOOKING FORM - ANNIVERSARY REUNION @ THE CONWAY CENTRE 19 - 21 JULY 2024

If you are attending for the whole weeknd please complete sections 1 to 7 and 9.

If you are attending only on Saturday ignore sections 4 and 5.

Please send your completed form to: **OC Reunion, 2 Lyndhurst Bungalows, Bradford on Avon , Wilts, BA15 1DX**

1. YOUR NAME:

2. PHONE NUMBER:

3. EMAIL ADDRESS:

4. ROOM CHOICE	TICK ONE
I must have ensuite facilities	<input type="checkbox"/>
I prefer ensuite facilities but am prepared to share ablutions	<input type="checkbox"/>
I will organise a group to share a small dorm	<input type="checkbox"/>

	No. OF PEOPLE	COST PP	ENTER TOTAL COST
5. NUMBER OF GUESTS		£220	

6. SPECIAL DIETARY NEEDS	No. OF PEOPLE	ANY SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS?
Vegetarian		
Vegan		

7. COMMEMORATIVE BOOKLET	No. OF BOOKS	COST EACH	ENTER TOTAL COST
I want to order one or more booklet		£10	

8. SATURDAY ONLY i.e. NO BEDROOMS	No. OF PEOPLE	COST PP	ENTER TOTAL COST
Daytime activities including lunch, NT tour and boat trip		£15	
Evening drinks reception and dinner		£35	

MY TOTAL COST

9. PAYMENT	TICK ONE
I enclose a cheque payable to the Conway Club	<input type="checkbox"/>
I have paid by bank transfer to 40-34-12, 71537946 using "CC" and my name and initials as reference	<input type="checkbox"/>