



THE PLYMOUTH VETERAN

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Welcome to the 76th edition: The journal is not only for the officers of Associations but also Associations members so we ask you to give it as wide a distribution as possible to members and anyone else you think might be interested. Articles for consideration for inclusion will be most welcome. Please submit in word format. Basil Downing - Waite *Chairman/Editor* bazval@btinternet.com 01752 771983

HMS Broadsword, Coventry & Active.

Photo taken of Broadsword, Coventry and Active personnel on Mon 25 May 2020 laying a wreath at Falklands Memorial, Belvedere, Memorial Garden Plymouth Hoe in memory of HMS Coventry on behalf of HMS Broadsword Association.

Photo comments below (Ranks as in 1982)

Photo, with the lady and dogs, is with. L-R Alan Barry (CCY), Dicky Davies (L/S(R)), Jane Bassett (Nee Dobson) whose brother AWEM(R) John K Dobson sadly lost his life on HMS



Korean War 70th Anniversary . I was stimulated to arrange a small but important event by a letter that appeared in the evening Herald from a lady who asked us to “**Don’t let Korean War become forgotten**”. She pointed out that it was the first and only war to be fought under the Flag of the United Nations where millions died including 1,106 of our UK comrades, some who still lie in the cemetery in Busan, Korea. May they rest in Peace? I thank the Lady in question for that prudent reminder giving us this opportunity to make sure that the 70th Anniversary was not forgotten and we paid our respects.

The event held at the Belvedere garden on Thursday 25th June. There were Standards in attendance and Bugler for the Last Post. The Lord Mayor Cllr Christopher Mavin attended and laid a wreath on behalf of the citizens of Plymouth. Veteran Peter Clark recited the Korean Exultation and laid a wreath on behalf of Korean Veterans and Cllr. Pauline Murphy as its President laid a wreath on behalf of the Federation. Tribute crosses were also laid by Betty De-Lar and Pamela Clarke who had both lost relatives in the conflict.

The Lord Mayor in closing gave a few words saying how important it is that events such as these are not forgotten each year.



The Lord Mayor lays a wreath and pays his Respects on behalf of the the Citizens of Plymouth



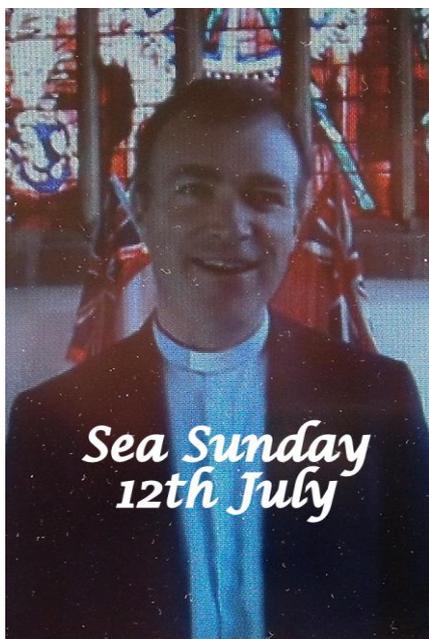
Lord Mayor Closing words 70th Anniversary of start of Korean War 25th June 1950-1953



Korean Veteran Vernon Cook R.N. with the Lord Mayor



Sea Sunday. This annual event at St Andrews Church was unable to be held with a live congregation but Reverend Joe Dent the vicar of St Andrews and also the Chaplain of The Federation had mounted the White and the Red Ensigns at the Altar to mark this particular Sunday and included the words of the 93rd Psalm that he thought appropriate. Joe holds the Sunday service on line every Sunday. If you would like to view it just Google St. Andrews Sunday Service on YouTube



93rd Psalm

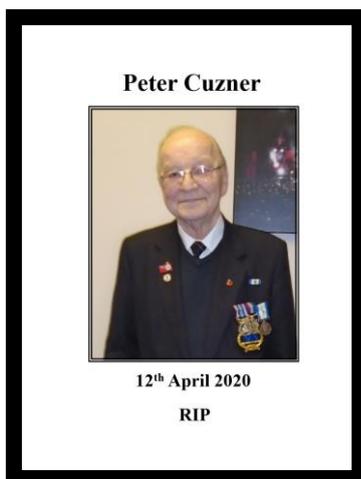
The Lord reigneth, he is clothed with majesty; the Lord is clothed with strength ,
 wherewith he hath girded himself: the world also is stablished, that it cannot be moved.
 Thy throne is established of old:
 thou art from everlasting.
 The floods have lifted up, O Lord,
 the floods have lifted up their voice;
 the floods lift up their waves.
 The Lord on high is mightier than the noise of many waters, yea, than the mighty waves of the sea.
 Thy testimonies are very sure: holiness becometh thine house,
 O Lord, for ever.

Ode to a Royal Navy Field Gunner: I went out yesterday feeling good and in the space of an hour I felt awful, it lasted a couple or so hours and then I was OK again. It happens quite oft, is it normal at my tender age?

The Royal Navy and Ageing
 Did Field Gun and sport do this to me
 Old injuries and knocks, with none pain free
 Just think we did all this for pride and fun
 For Devonport and that awesome gun
 Now my body copes less as I get old
 One minute I'm hot and the next I'm cold
 I get aches and pains, there is no warning
 Feel well at night and then yuk in the morning
 Can this be part of getting old
 Will more unpleasant feelings unfold
 Not too long ago I felt so good
 Is the ageing process misunderstood?
 Do I need to adjust to my body's whim?
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 If they are then my head is so unkind
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 On better days my head can do a full run
 Although a little slow now I am 81
 Those were the days furious and fast
 Now dedicated to lifelong memories past
 But never forgotten or the friends we made
 In all three crews albeit, now a little greyed
 To have performed in the world's greatest sport
 And emulate one of the greatest battles ever fought
 Our place in history of valour and passionate pride
 When all eighteen on each other relied
 I raise a glass and more in toast
 As I tell this tale in noisy boast.

Peter Cuzner: After a long illness bravely fought Peter sadly died on April 12th. Despite ill health Peter carried on as the Federation Treasurer having done the job diligently for many years. Unfortunately due to the Covid-19 virus Peter's funeral was held with only limited family members in attendance. There will be a memorial event at a later date giving the Federation the opportunity to pay their respects this loyal member who is sadly missed.



Remembrance Festival. As people are aware the Federation is the annual event totally subsidised and organised by the Federation for the people of Plymouth & District. Our secretary Roger, Fund Raiser Lisa, Neville our PRO and I have attended a meeting with Col. Jon Creswell the Festival Director and other interested parties to discuss this year's Festival. At this stage there are several uncertainties with regard to restrictions with covid 19. It has been decided to continue with the planning and a final decision will be made in early October. All will depend on the circumstances at the time.

Proposed Events but no certainty.

August: Saturday 15th V J Day 75th Anniversary St. Andrews Minster Church Seated by - No later than 11:00 a.m please.. Everyone welcome. **Requested standards only** (Saturday 15th Burma Star TBA.)

September. Thursday 3rd 11.00 Merchant Navy Day, Sea Farers memorial The Hoe **Standards muster 1030**

Sunday TBA Battle of Britain memorial Service, The Minster Church of St Andrew, Plymouth. **Standards muster**

October. TBA Captain Henry VC Fordpark 11.00 **Standards muster 1030**

November: Friday 6th. 19.00 Co

Friday 6th. 19.00 Remembrance Festival Plymouth Pavilions,

Sunday 8th 11.00 Remembrance Sunday. The Hoe **Standards muster 1000**

FEPOW Rowan Tree Service at 15:00.

December: Operation Frankton. North Cornwall Memorial. Organised by the Royal Marines Association. TBA.

Friday 18th TBA The Lord Mayor's Carol Service The Minster Church of St Andrew, Plymouth.

Thursday 31st 11.00 Hinkley VC.Ford Park Cemetery Organised by the Royal Naval Association. **Standards muster 1030**

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*In conclusion as Chairman of The Federation I urge you all to continue
follow the rules, stay safe and keep your spirits up.*