



Welcome to the twenty fourth edition of the Journal. I hope you enjoy this edition. The journal is not only for the officers of Associations but also Association members so we ask you to give it as wide a distribution as possible to members and anyone else you think might be interested.

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Editorial Note. It does not seem like two years since I started writing the Journal for the Federation, which just shows that time flies when you are having fun which it has been most of the time. A few times it has felt like a mill stone around my neck usually when I have not had the time because of other factors. I know what Journalists feel like now you always have to be looking for the next story and hoping that something interesting is going to turn up and usually it does but often you can't do justice to a particular item because of space and time constraints.

In the last edition I include a photograph of a standard bearer with the item on the funeral of Tony Bird but I have since discovered that this was not Tony as I was lead to believe so sorry for the confusion.

FEDERATION JOURNAL'S 2ND ANNIVERSARY

I thought when Richard suggested he produce a monthly Journal that along with all his other duties as secretary he may be taking on too much but here we are 2 years later and he has never failed to do so BZ! (Well Done) Richard 24 produced and every one a delight. The journal with its wide distribution, not only to the Federation but to the wider public has made a big contribution towards the profile of the Federation and it's work. Richard continually needs articles so we must continue to give him the support he needs to fill the pages and get the word of our Associations out there. Thanks to all those who have contributed in the past and please continue to do so, he will welcome anything as long as it is related to an Associations event, Let us make sure Richard gets enough material for another 12 copies.

Basil Downing-Waite. Federation Chairman.

DIARY OF EVENTS FOR 2014

The Diary for 2014 has now been sent out to Federation Delegates. Please bear in mind that we are only publishing the information as we have received it and you should check with the organisers of a particular event to make sure it is taking place on the date we have given. Here are the dates for the coming month.

SEPTEMBER

- Wed 3** **1100 Merchant Navy Day-Barbican Mayflower Steps**
STANDARDS REQUESTED: ASSEMBLE 1030
- Sat 6** **1030 HMS ORION Association wreath laying at the Naval War Memorial Plymouth Hoe. STANDARDS REQUESTED: ASSEMBLE 1000**
- The HMS ORION Association Standard will be laid up at the Church of St Nicholas, HMS DRAKE, on Sunday 7 Sept during the 1030 Service.*
- Thur 11-Sun 14** **National Heritage Open Days**
- Sun 14** **1100 Battle of Britain Memorial Day Service -Minster Church of St Andrew, Plymouth. STANDARDS REQUESTED: ASSEMBLE 1030**
- TBN** **Plymouth Ocean City Festival-Naval Base Heritage Centre Open Day. Entry by Granby Way, Devonport.**
- Sat 27** **1930 World War I Concert and Sing Song. Ford Park Cemetery Visitor Centre Cost £7. STANDARDS REQUESTED: ASSEMBLE 1900**

PAST EVENTS

DEDICATION OF THE NAVAL SERVICE MEMORIAL

I am very grateful to John Whiteman of RNA Plymouth for sending me this report and wielding his camera so efficiently.

On Friday 13th June, 20 members of Plymouth branch RNA travelled to Coventry for the RNA Annual Conference held on the 14th June. On Sunday we then travelled to the National Memorial Arboretum for the dedication of the Naval Service Memorial. The Service was conducted by Rev. Scott Brown CBE QHC BD, The Chaplain of the Fleet. The Memorial was unveiled by HRH Prince Michael of Kent GCVO, who was accompanied by HRH Princess Michael of Kent, and dedicated by Admiral Sir George Zambellas KCB DSC ADC DL.

The service and dedication was accompanied by the Royal Marine Band CTCRM, RNR Queens Colour Guard, Contingents from HMS Collingwood and HMS Sultan, the RNA National Standard and National Standards of fellow Associations as well as 138 Branch Standards. Other VIPs included - Right Honourable Mark Francois, Minister of State for the



Graham Fulcher with the Plymouth RNA Standard and another Standard bearer in front of the Memorial

Armed Forces, Vice Admiral David Steel CBE ADC, The Lord Lieutenant for Staffordshire Mr. Ian Dudson CBE CSU, Vice Admiral John McAnally CB LVO (RNA National President) and Shipmate Chris Dovey (National Chairman).

Several thousand attended the ceremony from RNA members, their families, RBL, various Naval Associations, Ex-Services Associations and members of the public. The weather was kind to us, being overcast and not too hot ensuring the whole day was a huge success.

If there are any members who have never been to the Arboretum, it is highly recommended and extremely emotional.

Note: The colours on the Naval Service Memorial represent The Sand of the Shore, the blue of the 5 Oceans and the Red Blood Spilled.

The Saltash RNA also paraded there standard as did the local branch of the RFAA.



HRH Prince Michael of Kent GCVO accompanied by HRH Princess Michael of Kent with Shipmate Chris Dovey National chairman



The Standard lined up at the start of the Dedication

COMMEMORATION OF THE START OF WORLD WAR 1

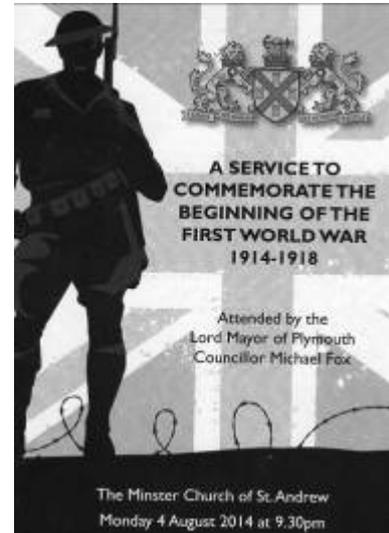
On Monday the 4th August Plymouth commemorated the start of WW1 with a service in St Andrew's Church and then a parade to the War Memorial on the Hoe, here is our Chairman's report.

What a great event Plymouth put on to mark the start of WW1. A moving service in St Andrews with the Church packed to the brim.

On completion of the service a candle lit procession that included literally hundreds of people wound its way up to the Hoe to form up in front of the Royal Navy War Memorial in the company of the Lord Mayor and other dignitaries.

At 11pm a single cannon shot was fired to mark the hour that WW1 started. Following a 2 minutes silence the last post was sounded and Standards dipped.

Plymouth can be proud of the response from their citizens that supported their determination to mark the event that had such a massive impact on our history. As Chairman of the Federation I was proud to be there and witness the significant contribution made by the Federation with the display of the Associations Standards at both the Church and the Memorial under the control of our Parade Marshall. BZ (Well done) all round.



Basil Downing-Waite Federation Chairman

VJ DAY PLYMOUTH



Supporters around the Rowan Tree



Dave Hutson on the right with the buglers next to the Rowan tree

VJ Day on the 15th August began with a gathering of Widows, Children, Grandchildren, other family members and friends of the Servicemen and Civilians held in captivity by the Japanese in the years 1942 to 1945. They met at the Rowan Tree and Memorial outside St Andrew's Church in Plymouth to remember those who returned and those who remain in the Far East with known or no known graves. We were supported by the Chairman of the Plymouth Federation of Ex Service Associations, Mr Basil Downing-Waite and representatives of the HMS Ganges and Royal Marine Associations. Following a short service of

commemoration two buglers of the Royal Marines, one retired and the other a Royal Marine Cadet Force, Bugler Major sounded the Last Post followed by two minutes silence and the Reveille. After the service the regular supporters of FEPOW and COFEPOW retired to the Whitsand Bay Hotel for the annual VJ Day Lunch. This year will see our Rowan Tree replaced with another in preparation for the 70th Anniversary of Victory over Japan in August 2015.

Burma Star Commemoration of VJ-Day

I know that this event took place on the 22nd but unfortunately I have not had a report, if anyone can provide a write up and photos I would be most grateful.

FUNDRAISING DINNER



FRIDAY 31ST OCTOBER 2014

FUNDRAISING DINNER

3 Course Meal (menu choice) Dancing

Live Entertainment "Low Profile"

Enjoy the sounds of upbeat and fun duo "Low Profile". Singing the songs of the 50's, 60's, 70's and Present Day.

Helping to Raise Awareness and Fundraising for The Federation Of Plymouth & District Ex-Services Association Please join us for a fundraising event to help raise funds for Veterans In Need and the Remembrance Festival, Plymouth Pavilions

Raffles Prizes Donated by Generous Companies

Star Prize



Dress Code: Smart No Jeans or Trainers

Royal Navy, Royal Marines, Army, RAF, Merchant Navy, RNLI Associations

Please Contact either:

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FREE HOTEL UNDERGROUND PARKING



Betty and Lisa are organising this event so please contact them with your menu choices and payments. The next Federation meeting would be a good time for Delegates to buy tickets.

Starter

No. 1 Tomato & Basil Soup

No. 2 Chicken Liver Parfait

Served with fruit chutney & toasted Bloomer Bread

Mains

No. 1 Pork Loin Medallions

Bramley Apple & Sage compote served with
Roast Gravy

No.2 Chicken Supreme

Wild mushroom & parsley sauce

No.3 Nut Roast Cutlet v

With a spiced plum sauce accompanied by
roasted baby vegetables

All served with Roast Potatoes & Vegetables

Desserts

No.1 Steamed Sponge Toffee Pudding

Accompanied with Butterscotch sauce

No.2 Chefs Profiteroles Covered in lashings of
Chocolate sauce

Menu choice to be given please at the time of

Ticket Purchase

THE CLARION CHOIR

The Clarion Choir will be resuming practices on Tuesday Sept 2nd at the church rooms of Crownhill Methodist Church 7. 30 pm. Ex servicemen are invited to pop in and listen or join in as and when. As I mentioned earlier in the year at one of your meetings we are looking especially to grow our numbers from the ex servicemen in the city as our centenary year looms. By way of recognition we have been asked to take part in the Cornwall International Male Choir Festival next year April 29th - May 1st, a great opportunity to be part of this prestigious event.

For more details contact Hon Sec Darrell Jago 01752 266434 or myself 01752 843565 or email me : william.ryan621@btinternet.com

We are of course ready to help at any event planned by the Confederation or the individual associations by way of entertainment or who may be looking to raise funds.

I could always do with more contributions so please send me a photo and a few words about what your Association has been doing.