

Dear Association member

10th July 2014

The whole rationale behind the weekend's events was to set in train plans for how the 'Exmouth' and her crew will be remembered into the future. The affiliation set up with the town's local sea cadet corps, along with our strong links to the Wick St Fergus Church of Scotland, will ensure that the name of HMS Exmouth is remembered down the decades when we are no longer here to speak it.

As always, we received the highest level of welcome from our friends in Wick and the events included an evening with the cadets where a presentation was given detailing the events surrounding the ship. The cadets then carried out an evolution in front of the assembled audience, and very good it was too. Our association presented the cadets with a number of mementos which included a scale model of the ship, the ships crest on a plaque and a copy of 'Froggys' book, 'Laugh & Sigh'. The official signing of the Affiliation document then took place which put the seal on our commitment to together remember the ship and her crew.

On the Sunday morning we all assembled at 'Exmouth House' where the Lord Lieutenant unveiled a brass plaque at the foot of the cherry tree. The occasion was accompanied by the sounds of the bagpipes which certainly added to the whole event. It was then back to the church where the Rev. John Nugent gave a memorable sermon constantly referencing the ship and her crew, it was very moving. The memorial trophy was also officially handed over to the cadets for their safe keeping.

After a delicious Sunday lunch in a local hotel, it was down to the harbour to witness the cadets and their instructors giving a demonstration of boatmanship, I must say the inclement weather did not dampen the spirits. Sue Eastwood then bade farewell on our behalf and we all departed from Wick safe in the knowledge that our weekend was a complete success.

The intention is to put more photos on our website in the very near future, please log onto www.hms-exmouth1940.co.uk. Thank you and best wishes,



The Affiliation Document.



Cadet receives Memorial Trophy.



'Exmouth House' service.