

Heritage Report for Snippets – by Edwina Holden

The Heritage Team have continued to be busy during the last period, not least replying to enquiries through the Heritage website, collecting memorabilia and logging in the archive.

Aborfield Post will have the plaque in the form of a boulder, giving the site of the underground Post which the developers found while excavating for a new road, they are to pay for the plaque.

Members visited the Dymchurch plaque whilst at Dover and were pleased with the quality. They had a tour of the Martello Tower, being on the roof where the Post was positioned was atmospheric.

During the weekend of 24/25/26 May the Team were at the 1940s event at Dover Castle. Situated on the cliff top proved to be a challenge with the wind. We were pleased to welcome Paul Wakefield of Newhaven Fort, he was very knowledgeable about the Post Instrument and frequently had a large audience.

During the weekend of 22/23 June Jenny was flying the flag for Heritage at the Weston Super Mare air show with the help of No 12 Group members. She also took part in the Parade together with No 12 Group members.

The National Veterans weekend this year was at Salisbury, organised by an Events Company. We were again delighted to have Elaine and Mike Norris from Preston with us. On Saturday 29, during the Veterans weekend, the usual Parade was held in the streets of Salisbury. The National Standard was carried by Edward Baker, the No 12 Group Standard by Chris Shire with the Association being further represented in the Parade by Jenny, John Shere and Trish Shire. The contingent had to meet at 0630 for the 1030 Parade, water and sausage baps were available at the beginning but nothing was arranged for their comfort at the end. Our intrepid volunteers had to take the park n' ride to reach us, a journey of 45 minutes in a hot bus. We look forward to the 2020 event which will be held at Scarborough, they will go back to the original format of the Council being responsible for the organisation.

Jenny and members of No 12 Group took the display to RIAT as usual, as we know, this is another event which means a great deal of effort is expended because with the very high value of instruments they cannot be left overnight in the marquee.

This year we have a second Heritage trophy in the form of a silver cup on a black plinth: 'The Michael Richards Memorial Trophy' a full time Officer of the Corps. It was awarded in Cardiff in 1952 and never again. It was offered to Heritage by the son of Michael Richards and he is delighted it will be used. It does seem such a shame for it to be in the archive and not used to recognise the considerable efforts by members to preserve our heritage.

The reports from Cheryl in Scotland and Paddy in Northern Ireland are appended.