June Jay was invited to go along to the Boston War Memorial on Saturday, 6th June to remember the Normandy and Dunkirk Veterans and of course her Seaborne Member husband, full-time ROC Officer, Peter Jay. Peter had been a member of the Normandy Veterans Association before his untimely death.

June says that the small informal but efficient Service was attended by Les Budding (Royal Marines) aged 95 and Ernie Cavill (Army) aged 96. Both were amongst the first wave to set foot in Normandy on 6th June 1944. The Last Post was played and two minutes silence observed. The photograph shows Les Budding on the left, Ernie Cavill and a Korean veteran on the right. At the rear are June and the carer who went with Les on the cruise organised by the RBL last year.

Flowers were put on the appropriate plaques with June laying a special Normandy Cross on the Seaborne plaque which June had organised several years ago. June is wearing her husband’s medals.

(As told to Edwina Holden in conversation with June.)