



Thank you for your recent Summer 2020 newsletter.

I am a member, as you know, of the “Totton” branch, and have been a member, like many others, from day one. A lovely, very friendly club!

You always like to receive news from members, and I thought mine might interest you, especially as you have asked us to create something to celebrate VE75, and mine is my story.

I am 93 years old and still proud of the fact that on VE Day, 8th May 1945, I was a serving member of the Royal Navy, and I don't think there can be many 93 year olds still alive!

What I didn't know at the time was that with the Japanese still at war with us, I was scheduled to be drafted to *HMS Golden Hind*, a shore establishment in Sydney, Australia, to join a cruiser *HMS Newfoundland*, which I still did even though the Japanese surrendered after the two atomic bombs were dropped on Hiroshima on 6th August 1945 and Nagasaki three days later on 9th August 1945.

I visited Hiroshima, and hope with all my heart that nothing like this ever happens again.

Eventually, I returned to the UK, was demobbed and returned to Civvy Street.

I hope this is of use to you.

*George Jenkins, Totton Kurling Club*