



SANDOWN TOWN COUNCIL

Press Release

SANDOWN REMEMBERS

Reverend Mark Williams led a service to commemorate the memory of Petty Officer William Charles Wyke, who was killed when the ship he served on, HMS Beverly, was sunk by a German U-Boat on 11 April 1943, 80 years ago.

Petty Officer Wyke, was the son of William Enoch and Edith Ellen Wyke, and married to Bessie Amy Wyke, the parents of Yaverland resident Bill Wyke, who was a baby at the time, and has since fundraised for the war memorial located in the Broadway Centre car park.

Sandown Mayor Paddy Lightfoot said 'We are very mindful of the stories and sacrifices made by all those named on Sandown's War Memorial, as well as those across the country, with the story of Bill's dad being particularly poignant.'

Reverend Williams added 'It is important to ensure that we will remember those that gave their todays so that we could have our tomorrows, and today's service reflects the debt of gratitude we owe to those that have perished in conflicts serving their country'.

Sandown Town Councillors joined with Bill and members of his family at Sandown's War memorial, for the service.

Bill concluded 'When I look back I always think of what my mother went through losing her Husband, and what we went through losing a Father that never had the opportunity to see me growing up.'



Pictures of Bill Wyke next to Sandown War Memorial, and with Cllr Paul Brading, Cllr Heather Humby, Rev Williams, & Mayor Paddy Lightfoot.