

Seaham Harbour U3A May 2025



All the monthly meetings at Seaham Harbour are very eagerly anticipated by our members but our most recent meeting, in May this year was really rather special. The main focus of the meeting was on the 80th anniversary of VE day. On arrival at our meeting place, the Masonic Hall on the seafront in Seaham, we found a hall bedecked with red, white and blue. Our members also reflected these colours in their chosen apparel for the meeting. Our speaker, Paul Barwick,

reflected the wartime theme with his fascinating talk about Nancy Wake, the White Mouse, an intrepid Second World War spy.



Malcolm, our chair, led the meeting very skilfully and introduced Jane Flowers, one of our members, who was wearing her father's medal, Chevalier de la Legion D'Honneur. This was wonderfully appropriate to the meeting and was presented to Jane's father in June 2014 by the French Minister of the Interior for his role in the Normandy landings in 1944 as a 19 year old.

We also sang with vigour to remember those who fought and died that we might live. It was a very memorable meeting, wonderfully celebrated by the members of Seaham Harbour U3A!

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