

AREA 4 DISPLAY. HMS COLLINGWOOD OPEN DAY Sat 1st June 2019

Area 4 was once again invited to put on their display of models at the Annual H.M.S Collingwood Open Day and Inter Service Field Gun Competition Day.

Once again we were requested to display in the Marlborough building.

On arrival we were met by Chief Petty Officer Stuart Miller (NAVY OP TRG-MWS WE WETU WPNRN5) and a detail of Ratings who had been allocated to help transport our equipment and models to our display location.

We set up on the provided tables plus our some of our own supplied by Charles Davis as the display was larger than anticipated. We also used our new SWA table covers, which made a big visual difference to our presentation by having all matching covers for the entire display.

We had some 22 models of warships ranging from WW1 to the Present Day. We did not have as many visitors to the stand during the day However we did received lots of compliments on the size and quality of models.

During the day we were visited by Lt Commander Nick Cross and other Officers with their consorts.

We had lots of conversations with serving and past members of the Royal Navy which always adds that extra interest for us.

We received a thank you from the organisers and the offer of attending again next year, with the confirmation that we would be relocated to a less security sensitive area.

SWA Members taking part were Charles Davis, John Hawley, Andrea Reith, Ken Winter, Geoff Young and Myself.

David Reith