

From the Area Padre's Weekly Service

Last Thursday we said farewell to two of our shipmates, one at Weymouth Crematorium, the other at East Devon Crematorium



At Weymouth, ALVP Charles Thompson BEM MSM, (better known as 'Charles H',) member of RNA Portland Branch.

He will be remembered for his forthright manner, his chuckling good humour and dedication to the RNA both with Portland Branch and Number 4 Area.

In Weymouth, Shipmates lined the streets for Charles H with the RNA Area 4 and RNA Portland Branch standards leading his coffin up to the chapel entrance where they came to the dip as his coffin and the family entered. When I was chaplain at Portland Naval Base in the mid 90's, Charles H was a great help to me with my work with the Family Centre, and I was sad that I could not be with the June, his wife, family and the Shipmates for the occasion

Geoffrey Walsh