

Mrs Joyce Adams (aged 89) is from Whitstable. She and her husband, Harold, served in the Royal Navy.



*This is their story told by Mrs Adams...*



"Harold and I both served in the Royal Navy as Writers (clerks). Harold joined the Navy when he was 18 and he just loved the life – serving between 1937 and 1959. He was on HMS Vindictive, and although the boat was damaged I was not aware of anyone losing their life.

Harold and I got married in March 1940 (whilst he was on leave) and I joined the Navy in 1942, but had to leave in 1943 as I became pregnant.

After leaving the Royal Navy we both worked at Kimberly Clark until retiring to a caravan at Seasalter. When Harold developed Alzheimers, he moved to a care home on Whitstable seafront – where the view of the sea gave him great pleasure.

It was in 1997 that I first approached the Royal British Legion for help. I had fallen in the bath and they were able to provide me with a bath seat. They have since been able to also provide me with an electric scooter which has helped me to lead an independent life.

Unfortunately most of my old friends have gone before me, but I like where I live in an Alms House. We are all old, we love to get out in the gardens whenever the weather is favourable. I'm blessed with family and have five grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren. My family are very good and I go on holiday with them. They recently took me to Malta so I could see where my husband was stationed – families weren't allowed to go when he was in the Forces, and the commissions were for two and half years!

This help from the Royal British Legion has made me completely independent – which a really valuable gift. I am able to get into town and do my shopping and I'm also able to visit friends.

I would encourage people to support the Royal British Legion because of the wonderful practical support available to the Armed Services and their families."