

Adopted ship marks anniversary

CREWE will be the venue for a midsummer reunion of men who have served on former Royal Navy frigate *HMS Ambuscade* – the borough's adopted ship – as part of its 30th birthday celebrations.

The retiring Mayor of Crewe and Nantwich, Steve Roberts, has met Commander Peter Mosse, a former captain of the ship, and ex-helicopter controller Mark Brocklehurst, chairman of the HMS Ambuscade Association, to discuss the details of the event.

He was told that the weekend of June 18 had been chosen for the celebrations which culminate in an evening event at Crewe Alexandra FC's Gresty Road ground following a charity fire engine pull.

Mr Brocklehurst, now managing director of North West copier company the Sharples Group, said: 'Cllr Roberts was extremely interested in the details of the celebrations, particularly the fact that we are being joined by Edwin Sadler who served on the *Ambuscade's* predecessor, a World War Two destroyer.

'The whole town seems to have got involved in the celebrations with teams from the local fire, police, council and the Sea Cadets taking part in the charity fire engine pull.

'Businesses in the Crewe and Nantwich area who are clients of my company have also pulled out all the stops to make this event a huge success.'

'Our aims are to raise money for the mayor's adopted charity, strengthen the links the borough has with the Royal Navy and reunite old shipmates for a fun weekend.'

HMS Ambuscade was an



SEA TALES: Retiring mayor Steve Roberts discussing the *HMS Ambuscade* birthday celebrations with Commander Peter Mosse and Mark Brocklehurst, chairman of the HMS Ambuscade Association.

TJ090505AMBUSC-002



WELCOME HOME: Flag-waving crowds greeting *HMS Ambuscade* on its return to Devonport after serving in the Falklands conflict in 1982. 28HS9378 Amazon-class Type 21 anti-submarine frigate powered by four Rolls-Royce engines.

Weighing 3,000 tons, she had a complement of 10 officers and 170 ratings.

She took on the name of the original *Ambuscade* which was a destroyer which was scrapped in 1947.

The second *Ambuscade's* finest hour came during the Falklands conflict in 1982 when she saw service in the South Atlantic escorting ships under Argentine fire in and out of San Carlos Bay.

Although she was taken out of commission by the Royal Navy in 1993 and sold to Pakistan, the name has lived on with Crewe Sea Cadets who call their base *TS Ambuscade*.