



George and Jean Farebrother mark the anniversary of the bomb falling on Hiroshima

Hiroshima anniversary marked

PEACE campaigners marked the 64th anniversary of the bombing of the Japanese city of Hiroshima, despite an official event being rained off.

On August 6, 1945, an American B-29 bomber, nicknamed Enola Gay, dropped an atomic bomb on Hiroshima, devastating the city and bringing about the beginning of the end of World War Two. An estimated 140,000 people died, either instantly or within months of the blast.

Every year since the early 1980s, peace campaigners

have gathered at the Hailsham Common Pond to float lighted lanterns in commemoration of the first atomic bomb being dropped.

But this year, for the first time, heavy rain made the gathering impossible.

Undeterred, George and Jean Farebrother, of Summerheath Road, Hailsham, took a few moments the next day to mark the anniversary.

Mr Farebrother, secretary of the Eastbourne for Peace and Liberty group, said Hiroshima stood as a continuing

reminder of the devastation with which the 30,000 nuclear weapons still deployed threatens the world.

He said, "This year, we live in some hope for the future. President Obama has pledged to work seriously for the abolition of all nuclear weapons everywhere.

"Many military and political leaders have spoken out for this, too.

"Here we are adding our voices, as citizens, to this burgeoning call for freedom from the nuclear menace"

