



SUBMARINERS ASSOCIATION BARROW-IN-FURNESS BRANCH NEWS LETTER



March Word



Combined Chairman and Chaplain Ditt March 2007

Time for putting pen to paper time is upon me again it seems that it was only yesterday that I was rushing around to meet last months deadline. In my defence I had almost completed a draft report earlier mid month when I suffered big time computer and printer problems. The printer looks like it will be going the path of recycling, and yes I had also fallen into the age-old trap of not having much stuff backed up. So try as I may I am struggling to recover lost data. There is now no other course than to now reinvent the wheel, and write up previous work all over again. As of yet there have been no replies to the submarine teaser question I set last month, but the bottle of wine is still on offer for the nearest written answer sent to me before our March meeting.

I will however give two late clues:

- (1) the BBC programme "Building the Impossible"
- (2) Cornelius Drebbel a Dutch inventor.



The church has now moved into the Forty Day season of Lent the traditional time of Reflection: and Self Denial:

I will tell the tale of one of my granddaughters at a tender Primary School age who had been encouraged by the school, as act of self denial to give up chocolate for Lent. Thinking she could do a deal because she loves chocolate so much, declared to her mother that it was her intention to give up eating cauliflower for Lent, until her mother pointed out that she did not like or eat cauliflower at the best of time.



A request to end with: the Committee would appreciate any more ideas from our members of any special and unique celebratory events that the Branch can undertake to celebrate both our 45th and

50th anniversaries. I know that these events seem a long way off but it is surprising how quickly they are upon you, just like the monthly deadlines for newsletter articles. Have I learnt anything from my computer failure and lack of back up facilities, probably not, it's happened before, and will probably happen again.

Regards Jonsey

Gentlemen

It came as a greate shock to me and my colleagues at the Evening mail to learn that one of our best Photographers Denis Sharp died suddenly on the 19th Feb, he took the picture below of HMS Vengeance off south Walney in 1999, it hangs on many an office wall and is one of the best pictures taken durng the Trident build program

Ben Britten



Social scene for March



Our first Social event of the year saw 30 members friends and partners travelling to the Park House Hotel Blackpool for the Valentines week end. We all arrived on the Friday afternoon and after the confusion I caused by having a wrong name on the list (Sorry Derek), we had a couple of pints before getting ready for dinner. After dinner we were entertained in the ballroom by the cabaret. Saturday was spent by most of the ladies shopping with their partners carrying the bags and the afternoon watching the Rugby. Saturday night was much like Friday night, although the entertainer was better and we were treated to entertainment in the bar by an enthusiastic accordion player from north of the border. On the whole it was a welcome break and enjoyable but could have been improved if more people staying at the hotel had joined in at the evening entertainment. It was nice to meet up with Derek Johns and his wife Karen who live in Workington and is a distant member; we hope to see them at other socials if they can make it. Please give me your feed back on the week end so that we can improve this event for next year.

Quiz Night 21st March

I have had to change the date of the quiz night from the 13th March to Wednesday 21st March. It is will take place at the Harbour hotel starting around 20:00, no need to book with me just turn up on the night, it's a fun night enjoyed by all.

Annual Dinner & Dance

The Annual Dinner and Dance is on April 14th at the Lisdoonie Hotel. Billy Daniels duo Shindig will be providing the entertainment. I have again attached the proposed menu to this news letter along with a table list. If you wish to attend and want to fill a table or are not bothered

which table you are on please complete the form and return to me by post, at the February / March meetings or via e mail. Please get your names in as soon as possible as I need to know all bookings by April 1st. Cost per head will be £23.00 to include Drink on arrival, three course meal and wine plus entertainment. If you haven't been to one of these events before, give this one a try, it's good food, good entertainment and good company!!

Preparations are now underway for organising the branch 45th Anniversary celebrations. I have provisionally booked the Grasmere suite at Forum 28 for the dinner on 26th April 2008. This venue was booked because we envisage around 200 people attending and it can cope with these numbers. I have seen sample menus which look very good and are reasonably priced. I am looking to book top entertainment for the evening. The event is being subsidised by raffles at meetings and functions, and selling items at car boot sales, so if you have any fund raising ideas let the committee know, this will reduce the cost of tickets for members on the day.

Branch Visit

The planned Branch visit to the Central Lancs Branch at Leyland RAFA Club is on Wednesday 14th March. We already have several names but if you are reading this and want to join us please phone John Houlding NOW. (812593 or at work on 87 ext 5172)

We propose to leave town by 1800 latest and I will advise pick points and times when the list is complete.

Army Navy Rugby

The date is Saturday 5th May travelling Friday 4th as far as Leicester then on to Twickenham on Saturday. We will as last year be visiting the Leicester Senior Services club and will let the Leicester branch of the Submariners Association know we are there if they would like to share a tot. I am getting quotes together for costs but this basically

will depend on how many are going so the sooner you let me know the better.

I need a £20 deposit with every booking as this year for the first time I can't get sale or return on the Match Tickets.

The list is open contact me now.

Colin Hutchinson – Social Sec

FALKLANDS CAMPAIGN 25th ANNIVERSARY

June 2007 sees the 25th Anniversary of the successful Campaign to recover the Falkland Islands. Many events are being arranged around the Country to commemorate this important Anniversary. Events to mark the 25th Anniversary are planned in Barrow in Furness led by the Barrow Borough Council and BAE to coincide with the Anniversary in June and with the Launch Date of HMS ASTUTE.

Many Members of the Submariners Association will have served in the Submarines (and some in the Surface Ships) which participated in the Campaign. All of these Members will have their memories of those hectic months and some may have kept notes or diaries.

It is planned to produce a document containing the memories and records of those who served in the Falklands - planned to be available to match the date of the Barrow Commemoration.

Anyone who is able to contribute to the compilation of this document is asked to send their contribution to Barrie Downer the Secretary of the Barrow in Furness Branch of the Submariners Association on:

barrie@downer55.freeserve.co.uk or at 37, James Watt Terrace, Barrow Island, Barrow in Furness, Cumbria LA14 2TS.

Remember to include your Service Rank/Rating and Official Number at the time, which Submarine or Surface Ship, Regiment/Squadron you served on and time spent in the Operational Area and names, Rank and /or Rating of others you served with (where possible) and any other information you think is relevant.

Secretary's 'Dit'



Welcome to the March Edition of Newsletter. As ever time is flying by and its time to put pen to paper again well fingers to the keyboard all two of them fingers that is! Membership continues to increase I'm happy to report. Four applications were received in February three at the Branch Meeting and one via the Website. Those who applied at the Meeting ****, **** and Alan Waterston are all from HMS ASTUTE. The Web Site Application was from Glen Skippings who works in the Yard. We hope to see all our new Members at the March Meeting. If you haven't got your 2007 Membership Cards yet Mick Mailey has them all ready and waiting so make sure you bring your £10 notes along to the March Meeting or put them in a envelope and put it in the post or get a friend to bring it along to the Meeting. Remember Mick has to get all the National Subscriptions to the National Treasurer by March so time is tight to get your money in. And now a plea from the heart please keep us up to date with your correct Phone Numbers, Addresses and 'e' Mail addresses. As more Members are now on 'e' mail (either at home or at work or both!) and I know that several more are thinking about it - if you get on the Net for the first time or if you change your service provider or your works E Mail Address make sure you tell us as soon as possible so we have accurate and full records. Also for those who get their Newsletter by post - the right postal address will make sure you get it on time. Please remember that if you can't make it to Branch Meetings send in your apologies either by phone, e-mail or by telling some one you know is coming. It is one of the Branch Rules that you should let us know and it helps us to work out whether we need to check up to see if you are OK. The other reason is that one of the rules for Life Membership of the Branch apart from passing the retirement

age is unbroken Membership for fifteen years. Attendance Records and Apologies make it easier to track eligibility for Life Membership.

As ever (and another reminder) if you can't get along because you are ill or if you know some one who is ill let us know and Dave Craven or one of the welfare team will get in contact to see if any help is needed. If you have a transport problem for getting to Branch Meetings let us know as well and we can see if another Member can give you a lift there and back. If you don't come to Branch Meetings because you have difficulty with smoky places don't forget that smoking is not allowed during the Meetings.

The April Branch Meeting on 3rd April (I have checked the Diary for the right date!) is the 2007 Annual General Meeting. One Committee post is on offer this year that of Secretary. I am willing to continue in Office if the Branch Membership wishes it but other Members have the opportunity if they want to take up the challenge. To date no other names have come forward but if you want to serve the Branch in a more direct way and wish to put yourself forward think about it get yourself a Proposer and a Secunder and we can have an election at the AGM. We also have to officially confirm the posts of Welfare Rep, Social Secretary and NMC Conference Delegate at the AGM. We also need to nominate and vote for the four Ex Officio Committee posts. Replacements are needed for the vacancies left by Bill Cole and Alan Hoskins volunteers are needed! Alan Hoskins has indicated that he would like to hand on the position of 'Slops Representative' to a willing volunteer. So there are plenty of posts on offer.

Having worn my fingers to the bone slaving over a hot keyboard I must close this report. Enjoy reading the rest of News Letter.

See you all at the Branch Meeting on the 6th March!

NATIONAL COUNCIL CONFERENCE 2007

March sees the 2007 National Council Conference this year to be hosted by the Derbyshire Branch. There are no Proposals from the Branches this year the first time anyone on the National Committee can remember this being the case! The thoughts on this are that this is either an indication from the Branches that they are all satisfied with the way the National Management Committee are steering the Submariners Association or it is an indication of a certain amount of apathy creeping in.

However there is business to do. An updated version of the Submariners Association Rules & Constitution will be presented to the 2007 National Council Conference by the National Committee for Ratification. The new version reflects changes agreed at the 2006 National Council Conference and changes required following the change from FOSM to RASM.

On the Elections for the National Committee Ted Hogben will be returned 'unopposed' for the post of National Vice Chairman. There are three Candidates for the two NMC Member posts. These are Bob Wishart (West of Scotland) currently in post, me Barrie Downer (Barrow in Furness) currently in post and Michael Brocklesby Lincoln Branch.

May the best two men win!

John Hart will be our Delegate at the National Council Conference and will represent the Branches interests and he will report back to the Branch on proceedings at the Branch Annual General Meeting. By the way the Barrow Branch has offered to hold the 2008 National Draw and this will be decided at this year's National Council Conference in Derby. If we get the Draw we will need assistance to run it so if that sort of event is something you would like to organise let us know.



BERLIN (Reuters) - The author of the German war novel "Das Boot", Lothar-Guenther Buchheim, has died, his spokeswoman said on Friday. He was 89.

An artist, art collector and director of his own museum, Buchheim will be best remembered for the 1971 novel that presented a new perspective on the Nazi era by detailing the claustrophobic life on board a war-time submarine, or "U-Boot".

In 1981, director Wolfgang Petersen turned the book into a 6-hour film, which at the time was the most expensive movie in German history.

Unlike Hollywood war films, with their stereotyped Nazi characters, Petersen portrayed the universal suffering of war and refused to glorify either those on board of their surroundings.

Buchheim used his experiences as an officer on submarines, destroyers and mine-sweepers during World War Two as the basis for several works, including "Das Boot".

Returning to Germany as the war came to an end, he made a career writing art books, including works about Expressionists Max Beckmann, Otto Mueller and Pablo Picasso.

In 2001, he opened the "Museum der Phantasie" (Museum of the Imagination) in Bernried, Bavaria, in which he displayed a collection of mainly German Expressionist paintings that he had acquired before the war when such art was seen as degenerate.

German President Horst Koehler praised Buchheim's foresight in collecting the out-of-favour works and also his post-war efforts to rehabilitate modern art among Germans whose sense of artistic merit had been moulded by the Nazis. "Earlier than others, he recognised the value of Expressionism, compiled an important collection and finally

made it accessible to the public," Koehler said in a letter to the author's wife. Buchheim died of heart failure on Thursday evening (22nd Feb).

Golf Round up

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Please forgive the mass generated format but there are a lot of people to write to!

I am writing to let you know that a date has been set for the 4th annual golf day in aid of Cancer Research UK.

Tuesday 8th May has been booked.

It's a return to Southwick Park golf club this year, where, in the past we have enjoyed some fantastic days of golf with excellent facilities, which by the way have been upgraded.

The format for the day is as follows:

0800 - 0900 Players to be registered/**breakfast**

0900 approx 9 hole Texas scramble competition tees off
1200 - **ploughman's** lunch provided.

1300 approx 18 hole Stableford commences

On completion - **curry** with rice/chips.

On completion - award of prizes and raffle.

You may think that I am starting too early, but past experience has shown that towards the end it becomes chaos! I strongly recommend that you let me know as soon as possible if you can make the day. So as to avoid disappointment, payment in full or retainer

for your place as soon as possible would be very much appreciated. Now the interesting bit.....**COST**...The club have offered all of the above for the sum of **FIFTY FIVE POUNDS PER HEAD** which is very good value for money for a private course. This is an increase of five pounds per head but the first increase since we began four years ago. I still consider it good value.

If you would like to donate a raffle prize either personally or through your company, all the help I can get will be greatly appreciated.

Please post cheques made payable to C BEETLESTONE . Firstly it secures your place and secondly it increases funds to give to Cancer research. For 'first timers', a raffle is run where no tickets are sold.....names on a ten pound note are drawn from a hat by the Cancer Research UK representative, Hazel Bedford.

Any late cancellations will result in only a proportion of retainer/payment being refunded. This is due to the costings for prizes and catering.

Once again, your speedy response will assist myself and Adrian in all aspects of organizing the day.

If you would be interested in accommodation in the local area, send me your details and I will respond with details. The evening can be bolstered by family members if you wish. For catering purposes I would need numbers with payment. Details on request.

Please, let's make this the biggest one so far.

Yours in the name of sport and charity

Craig Beetlestone

The submarine flotilla golf championship is to be held on the 21st June at the China Fleet Club, cost £43. Ron has details of the accommodation at the China Fleet Club, if anyone is interested please give Ron Hiseman a ring.

The Vice Chair



As the Vice Chair I have taken it upon myself to try and explain the reasoning behind our branch rules.

I believe and trust that these rules are for the 'guidance' of all members and that they should not be used as laws to be bandied about meetings or to force 'points of order' or pedantic discussions.

The branch should be formed by a group of light hearted submariners out to enjoy and evening through a meeting of like minded submariners. It may help therefore if the reasoning for certain rules is better understood.

Each of my articles will have been reviewed by the branch committee before inclusion in the news letter. However that still does not make them either correct or clear so if any member has any comment, question or suggestion please feed them back to me or any member of the committee or even by writing a letter to the news editor. Your feedback is valuable and will be reviewed and responded to in every case.

Thank you
John Houlding
Vice Chairman

Branch Membership (Branch Rule 3)

(a) Full Membership - open to all qualified submariners who can demonstrate service in H.M. Submarines as defined by clause 3a of the 'Association Rules and Constitution'.

To qualify to retain "Full" membership of the Barrow-in-Furness branch, a member should have a minimum of three recorded attendances in the previous calendar year and shall have paid his subscription for the current year in accordance with 5 (b) below. For those members who are not able to attend due to work or location, a

minimum of three written (e-mail acceptable) and minuted apologies shall apply.

(b) Life membership - shall be offered to members who qualify by exceeding the retirement age of 65 AND who have been continuous members of the branch for not less than 15 years.

Life memberships shall be offered to eligible members. Life Members shall be expected to attend a minimum of two meetings each year (this may be waived in the case of illness or remote location). Life Membership may only be rescinded at an A.G.M. For those members who take up the offer of Life membership the branch shall pay the National contribution part of their annual subscription, with the member paying the branch contribution part. (Currently £5 each part)

(c) Associate Membership The membership of the Barrow-in-Furness branch have voted not to offer associate memberships.

(d) Affiliated Membership Full members of the Submariners Association may, voluntarily "affiliate" to other branches in addition to the branch through which they are registered on National Membership List. Affiliated members of the Barrow-in-Furness branch shall be required to pay the branch portion of the annual subscription (but not the National portion) and shall be afforded voting rights on local branch issues and be eligible for election to any office within the branch.

This section is fairly straight forward and perhaps an easy place to start.

Full member

A Full member is one who can demonstrate he is an ex or still serving submariner.

He retains that 'Full' membership status by a) the necessary attendance or by provision of an apology for the minutes of meetings. AND b) by payment of

Branch and National annual subscriptions.

Note 1: The main reasoning for either 'attendance' or 'contact through apologies' is that the rest of the members and the committee can rest assured that every member is not in need of our help, OR that we are fully aware of any need for our support.

Note 2: A member who tenders an apology on behalf of an absent member at any meeting is therefore in effect advising the branch that he has personal knowledge that the member he apologizes for is well and not in need of any support.

As only three attendances or apologies are required for retention of membership it is not absolutely necessary to give apologies for every meeting you miss.

Life membership

As described above (3b) is related to Life Membership of the Barrow in Furness Branch only, not of the Submariners Association, for which annual subscriptions must still be paid. Please note the combination of qualifications requires both age (65) AND a 15 year record of 'unbroken' Full membership of the Barrow in Furness branch.

A Life member retains that status by a) the necessary attendance or by provision of apologies as above and b) by payment of his 'National' annual subscriptions.

Note 1: After such recognition of long service in the branch, a life membership can only be lapsed for good reason and then only at a branch AGM.

Note 2: The same notes for attendance and care with tendering apologies apply, probably more so, for Life members who by definition are past retirement age.

Note 3: Full Members who, unfortunately, allow their membership to be lapsed for any reason but then decide to rejoin will have a record of 'broken' or interrupted membership. This would obviously affect their eligibility for Life membership. Should they wish, individual members in this situation can approach the branch, through the committee, and offer

backdated membership subscription(s) for the absent year(s)

(Branch membership subscription fee only).

Affiliated membership

Again is only relevant to the Barrow in Furness branch and is recognized as FULL membership of the branch.

This applies to submariners who are already members of the Association through another branch but now live or work in the Barrow branch area or wish to join us for other reasons while remaining members of their 'mother' branch.

In order for such members to qualify for voting rights within the Barrow in Furness Branch and for eligibility to be nominated and elected to any branch office, they shall be offered 'Affiliated' membership which requires them to pay the Branch membership fee only.

Note: Submariners Association Membership of a Barrow in Furness branch 'Affiliated' member must be maintained by their 'mother' branch. Should that not be the case and their national membership ceases, that member should advise the branch and apply for full membership status.

HMS Talent

The Navy's potent attack submarine, HMS Talent, has rejoined the active fleet, following a £386 million upgrade.

Newly equipped with one of the most advanced sonar systems in the world and a fresh reactor core, the upgrade will ensure HMS Talent maintains her battle-winning edge and stays at the forefront of Britain's underwater capability until beyond the next decade.

Minister for Defence Procurement, Lord Drayson said:

"HMS Talent is the third of four Trafalgar class submarines to complete this vital upgrade. Work carried out on HMS Talent and her sister ships under this programme

the largest ever carried out on UK attack submarines - will ensure these vessels continue to provide us with a swift and stealthy means of delivering conventional deterrence for many years to come.'

"This submarine now has a greatly enhanced combat capability giving her unparalleled freedom to operate worldwide and her newly installed combat system has shown remarkable capability in trials."

The submarine's new sonar, Sonar 2076, has the power equivalent to approximately 400 PCs and can precisely track the movement of small objects from hundreds of miles away. A good analogy for the system's performance is that if the submarine were in Winchester it would be able to track a bus going around Trafalgar Square in London.

Work on upgrading HMS Talent sustained more than 1,100 jobs at its peak, both at prime contractors DML in Her Majesty's Naval Base Devonport and subcontractors around the UK, including BAE Systems.



Missing Sub

THE whereabouts of a Barrow-built submarine sunk during the First World War has remained a mystery for nine decades.

The AE1 submarine, built by Vickers Armstrong for the Royal Australian Navy, disappeared on September 14, 1914, just three months into the war, with the loss of 35 crew members. The tragedy came the day after the submarine had helped to capture what was then German New Guinea - now Papua New Guinea.

Past searches for the missing sub have never borne fruit until last month, when a new effort was mounted by the RAN with vessels

HMAS Benalla and HMAS Shepparto.

Now, nearly 93 years after the AE1 disappeared, the Australian Navy believes it has found an object on the seabed which is almost certainly the AE1. A remotely-operated underwater vehicle will be deployed to confirm the find, thousands of miles off the coast of Papua New Guinea.

Australian Veterans Affairs Minister Bruce Billson has said he is "cautiously optimistic" an object detected by the Benalla on the sea floor is indeed the long sought-for wreckage of AE1. The AE1 was Australia's first submarine and one of two built in Barrow for the Australians. It entered service on February 28, 1914. At the outbreak of the First World War, the AE1 was sent, under the command of Lieutenant Commander Thomas Besant, RN, along with her sister AE2 to capture German New Guinea. Both boats took part in the operations leading to the occupation of the German territory, including the surrender of Rabaul on September 13, 1914. At 7am after the surrender she departed Blanche Bay, Rabaul, to patrol off Cape Gazelle with HMAS Parramatta, a River class torpedo boat destroyer. They split up during their patrols and contact with the sub was lost. No trace of her was ever found. If the AE1 has been found, the discovery is an important part of Australian - and Barrovia - maritime history. Both E-Boats built for the Australians proved unlucky, with AE2 being sunk in the Sea of Marmara in the Dardanelles on April 25, 1915. At BAE, Tony Salter-Ellis, a technical publications editor and historian for the shipyard, said if true it would be only the latest of many wrecks of Barrow boats which have been discovered around the world. He said: "There are a significant number, some of which have only been found recently." Mr Salter-Ellis said one reason more boats were being found was the growth of hobby diving. Benalla on the sea floor is indeed the long sought-for wreckage of AE1.

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Twickenham Trip Itinerary

Friday 4th May

- 13.00 Assemble at Harbour Pub
- 13.00 Depart Harbour with all refreshments embarked.
- 13.15 Pick Up at Anchor Pub Bus shelter

- 14.30 Pick Up at M6/M55 Junction 32
- 17.00 Approx arrive at Camponile Hotel Leicester
- 19.00 Depart for the Leicester Senior Services Club Suggested Rig of the Day "Blazers"
- 23:30 Thanks and depart LSSC to Hotel.

Saturday 5th May

- Breakfast at Hotel.
- 08.30 Approximately board coach and depart for Twickenham
- 12.30 approximately; arrive at Twickenham
- 17.00 Depart Twickenham as soon as exit route allows
- 00.30 Arrive Barrow after dropping off in reverse of above

Please contact me as soon as possible so I can book the match tickets in one block.

We have requested the same driver as last year. Pat.

I will approach the driver en-route to Leicester to ask about transport to the LSSC Friday evening and will add £5 per person to the total bill.

I will also get a couple bottles of Rum for the LSSC and the £5 should cover that as well.

John Houlding



Crossed the Bar

Regret to inform you all that Ron Cooper - former Barrow Branch Member and CRE of HMS DREADNOUGHT and HMS WARSPITE has crossed the Bar. Funeral details will be advised when known. I have informed the National Membership Secretary to

notify other SA Branches.

Ronald Cooper. Joined the S/M Service in 1951 as a REM, he left the S/M Service in 1969 as a CRE. He served in the following submarines:- Sea Devil (52-55) Truncheon (56-58) Artful (59-60) Dreadnought (61-64) Warspite (65-68) and Churchill (68-69).

English Humour

TOILET OUT OF ORDER.
PLEASE USE FLOOR BELOW

In a Laundromat:
AUTOMATIC WASHING
MACHINES: PLEASE
REMOVE ALL YOUR
CLOTHES WHEN THE LIGHT
GOES OUT

In a London department store:
BARGAIN BASEMENT
UPSTAIRS

In an office:
WOULD THE PERSON WHO
TOOK THE STEP LADDER
YESTERDAY PLEASE BRING
IT BACK OR FURTHER STEPS
WILL BE TAKEN

In an office:
AFTER TEA BREAK STAFF
SHOULD EMPTY THE
TEAPOT AND STAND UPSIDE
DOWN ON THE DRAINING
BOARD

Outside a second-hand shop:
WE EXCHANGE ANYTHING -
BICYCLES, WASHING
MACHINES, ETC. WHY NOT
BRING YOUR WIFE ALONG
AND GET A WONDERFUL
BARGAIN?

Notice in health food shop
window:
CLOSED DUE TO ILLNESS

Spotted in a safari park:
ELEPHANTS PLEASE STAY IN
YOUR CAR

Seen during a conference:
FOR ANYONE WHO HAS
CHILDREN AND DOESN'T
KNOW IT, THERE IS A DAY
CARE ON THE 1ST FLOOR



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Members Birthdays

March 2007

01/03	Frank Bowen
03/03	Terry Henshaw
15/03	Mike Cundall
15/03	Dave Craven
17/03	Bill Butters
17/03	Hughie Short
28/03	Jan Mead
31/03	Alan Hoskins

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If you see a picture in the editions that you would like I am happy to send you a digital copy by e-mail. May I take the opportunity to remind members that items for the April edition should be with me by the 15th of March if possible

Regards
Ben Britten



Wot. No beer?

Branch Annual Dinner Lisdoonie Hotel 2007

Menu

To start choice of:

Soup
Fruit Juice

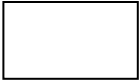
Main Course choice of:

Roast Turkey with all accompaniments
Roast Beef with all accompaniments

Full choice of Sweets
Or
Cheese and Biscuits

Tea or Coffee with Mints

Choice of Red or White wine



**SUBMARINERS ASSOCIATION -
BARROW BRANCH**



For: **ANNUAL DINNER DANCE**

Date: **SATURDAY 14th APRIL 2006**

Venue: **LISDOONIE HOTEL - Dress Lounge suits**

Cost: **£23 per person – Welcoming drink, 3 course meal, wine, live band and of course excellent company.**

Please help by completing this form to fill a round table of 10 people if possible.
If you do not mind who you are seated with just add your name to any form with vacant seats.

<i>Name:</i>	<i>No:</i>	<i>Cost:</i>	<i>Beef (B) Turkey(T)</i>	<i>WINE (R) or(W)</i>
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Veterans Forum – Barrow in Furness

- Venue:** Royal British Legion
Holker St
Barrow
- Date:** Friday 16 March 2007
- Time:** 19:00 – 21:00
- Audience Target:** Current Tri-service personnel
T/A personnel
Ex-service personnel & Veterans
- Forum:** To discuss rationale behind Veterans Day including the screening of the MoD's official DVD entitled '*Could you recognise a Veteran*'.
To discuss the services available from VA inc:
 - Advice and support for Veterans and their families
 - Resettlement advice for those leaving service
 - Medals, Badges and Service records advice
 - Pensions adviceTo discuss Veterans Day 2007 events within the region and potential events in Barrow
The forum closes with an open questions and answer session to representatives from VA, MoD and Barrow Veterans Day Events steering group.
- Attendance:** RSVP is not required. Attendees will be requested to sign visitors book for registration and health and safety purposes.
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