



# SUBMARINERS ASSOCIATION BARROW-IN-FURNESS BRANCH NEWS LETTER



## THE JULY WORD



I once worked with a Commissioning Engineer who's stock answer whenever asked how long a particular defect would take to repair was – "My best estimate will be about two minutes to repair, however it could take three days to actually pinpoint it". I have now been without computer access to the Internet in excess of six weeks. Currently I am on my second router and the BT Broadband Engineer has visited my house twice. I have given my screen name: telephone number: first line of my home address: my mothers middle name: to so many AOL diagnostic operatives both in Ireland and the Indian sub continent, that I now feel entitled to be on their Christmas card list, yet I am still no nearer to a satisfactory solution.

The experience has taught me how just how integral the services of my PC access to the pages of the World Wide Web, and my contacts via the e-mail system, have become in helping me keep all plates spinning. I realized that remaining a Luddite by not being able to use the full potential for my mobile telephone to gain access to the Internet has exacerbated the situation - (but as of yet I have never ever sent a text message, and my grandchildren despair of me). Having shared with you last month how disaster had struck when I lost most of my back up files, I am now on the torturous

time consuming path of file recovery, and some tasks have inevitably been put on the back burner. But the monthly pressure for the Chairman/ Chaplain contributions, like rent demands are relentless, so here I am back at the keyboard. By the time that this article goes to press you all will have heard the sad news that Peter Weeks one of our longest serving members peacefully crossed the bar during the evening of Monday 25th June, but more of that in the Chaplains contribution. Given the current state of the weather and the unexpected widespread flooding it has caused, I trust that our British summer will have sorted itself in time for our annual barbecue, otherwise the rig of the day will not be outrageously coloured shirts, but flippers and snorkel masks. That's enough burling from me, so until next month I am signing off.

Regards Jonsey



## THE CHAPLAIN



On the morning of Monday 25th June I received a telephone call from Steven Pratt the son-in-law of Peter Weeks, to tell me that Peter was seriously ill and not expected to recover from the course of medication that was keeping him pain free, and in a deep sleep. Peter as we all know was not only a man who served in submarines for almost all of his Royal Naval career, but was a life long supporter of

initially the Submariners Old Comrade Association and latterly Submariners Association since leaving the submarine service in 1965. Steven told me, that when Peter realized that perhaps the cancer was going to overwhelm him, he gathered his family to talk about funeral arrangements. He requested that not only should I conduct the service, but also that as many as possible Branch Members and other Submariner friends be in attendance to support Pam and her family on a day that by its very nature will be a difficult one. I now find myself in a position that is both an honour, yet also an awesome task, designing a service that gives both support for the family in their loss, whilst at the same time honouring a long serving submariner.

I will end with a copy of the chapter heading and a quote by Admiral Sir Reginald Bacon in the book Submarine Action by Paul Kemp which reads as follows:

### Life In A Steel Tube

"I will end by giving you an expression of opinion about life in general in submarines. I always feel it is a strange thing to like, but if you do like it, which most do who take it up, you like it very much indeed".

Thoughts and Prayers

Alan Lay Chaplain



## Social Scene



Hi folks! I believe that the Astute launch week end and Falklands 25th commemorations went very well, I missed most of it myself as I was working at the weekend, no doubt there will be some reports by other branch officers elsewhere in the newsletter.

Our next Social event is the annual BBQ on the 7th July at 19:30, I am afraid the list has closed prior to this newsletter so that Brigham can have final numbers to cater for. For this event we have a party of nine visiting from the Manchester branch, possibly some from Morecambe and Bob Sheriff and friends from North of the border. If you haven't already paid me can you get the money to me before the event if possible as I have to pay Brigham for the catering. I hope all those that are attending have a great night and make our guests very welcome, don't forget to bring a raffle prize if possible! Full report will be with you next month.

Social events on the horizon are: A quiz night for mid August (probably 14th), Trafalgar ball in October and Ladies night dinner in November. Please get your names down early for the social events, at one stage I didn't think that we were going to have enough to make the BBQ viable, it makes a big difference to the planning of events if I know numbers early.

Well that's all for this month, see you at the BBQ!

Colin Hutchinson

Social Secretary



MATELOT  
DANCING IN A BAR.

So there's this Matelot dancing around a bar. He spots (unbelievably) a nice looking bird in the corner. He asks her if she'd like a drink to which she

replies, "To be honest do you just fancy taking me home?" So he takes her home and get's invited in, she asks, "Do you mind me asking, but are you a sailor?"

At this point he knows he has blown it but tells her that he is indeed a sailor "Oh that's great, my granddaddy was a sailor - you're the first one I've ever met! Do you smoke?"

Well Jack's over the moon and he answers yes whereby she goes out into the kitchen and brings out 100 Blue Liners!

"You can have these if you like, I don't smoke and they've been in the cupboard for ages! Do you drink?" Well Jack asks for a lager but she comes back with a bottle of Pussers Rum. At this point he looks up to the heaven and thanks the God of Jack for this goldmine! "Do you mind if I slip into something more comfortable" she asks to Jack's delight. When she returns she is wearing a see through nightie with every ship, past and present on the hem. Jack can't believe his luck now, then she purrs at him "Do you want to come through to the bedroom and play a little game?" Jack replies:-

"I don't bloody believe it - you've got UCKERS as well!?"

## The BBQ

It is almost barbeque season. Therefore it is important to refresh your memory on the etiquette of this sublime outdoor cooking as it is the only type of cooking a real man will do, probably because there is an element of danger involved. When a man volunteers to do the BBQ the following chain of events are put into motion:

Routine

- 1) The woman buys the food.
- 2) The woman makes the salad,

prepares the vegetables and makes dessert.

3) The woman prepares the meat for cooking, places it on a tray along with the necessary cooking utensils and sauces and takes it to the man who is lounging beside the grill-beer in hand.

Here comes the important part:

4) THE MAN PLACES THE MEAT ON THE GRILL.

More routine...

5) The woman goes inside to organise the plates and cutlery.

6) The woman comes out to tell the man that the meat is burning. He thanks her and asks if she will bring another beer while he deals with the situation.

Important again:

7) THE MAN TAKES THE MEAT OFF THE GRILL AND HANDS IT TO THE WOMAN.

More routine...

8) The woman prepares the plates, salad, bread, utensils, napkins, sauces and brings them to the table.

9) After eating, the woman clears the table and does the dishes.

And most important of all:

10) Everyone PRAISES the MAN and THANKS HIM for his cooking efforts.

11) The man asks the woman how she enjoyed "her night off" and, upon seeing her annoyed reaction, concludes that there's just no pleasing some women!!!



## Secretary's Dit



Well as expected the beginning of June was quite hectic starting with the Branch Meeting which was attended by 40 Branch Members and one visitor. The visitor was the Commanding Officer of HMS ASTUTE Commander Mike Walliker who was introduced to the Members and then gave the Branch a very interesting update on the current status of the Submarine Flotilla. Did you know that the 300th consecutive Deterrent Patrol was presently being conducted? I must admit that I didn't – no-one seems to have made any fuss about it but as we've always been called the Silent Service I suppose we should have realised that Submariners just get on with the job in hand without any bother. I understand from what Mike Walliker said that there will be some form of recognition of this occasion on the Submarine's arrival back off Patrol but even then most Members of the Crew will only be interested in getting back alongside and off to see the family and friends.

The 'Roll Out' of the new HMS ASTUTE took place as advertised on Friday 8th June. The 'Naming' was conducted by Camilla, Duchess of Cornwall and everyone that I have spoken to thinks that the Ceremonial side went very well. Certainly I think that BAE 'Pushed the Boat Out' in more ways than one. Twenty seven ex-HMS ASTUTE's were invited to the Roll Out, out of the ninety odd we have in the Submariners Association and this included two Barrow Branch Members Brian Downie and Terry Pyne. Some, unfortunately, had to drop out owing to poor health. Also three members of the SA National Committee (including Dave Barlow and myself) and the SA National Patron Lord Boyce also attended. The SA National President was unable to attend for family reasons.

The Branch organised a 'Meet and Greet' for the ex-ASTUTE's in the Harbour Hotel on the evening of the 'Roll Out' and this was well attended – thanks to all who managed to be there to 'Swing the Lamp'.

The sharp eyed amongst you will note that I have only reported the

'Roll Out' so far! 'Launch' did not take place on the 'Launch Weekend' for a number of reasons but, starting at about midnight on 14th June the 'lowering of the Ship Lift' started and HMS ASTUTE has now been wetted by more than a bottle of beer and a few rain showers and is safely alongside on Wet Dock Quay.

The 25th Anniversary of the end of the Falklands War was recognised on the 9th and 10th June - events being co-ordinated by the Barrow Council, BAE and the Veterans Agency. HMS EXETER and HMS LANCASTER were berthed in Buccleuch Dock either side of HMS ONYX. Both 'Skimmers' were 'Open to the Public' HMS ONYX was not. SA Members were amongst the SHC Volunteers who manned a stall by HMS ONYX selling 'Gizzits' and explaining what the SHC is trying to achieve. The sale of goods raised some £500 (approximately).

The Drumhead Parade of Associations and Ex Service Organisations and a presentation of Veterans Badges for those entitled took place on Sunday 10th June at 1300. The Parade was led by a Platoon made up of Branch Members with Ginge Cundell 'Parading' the Branch Standard. The Drum Head Service was jointly conducted by the BAE Padre and our own Alan Jones. Some seventy Veterans were presented with their badges at the Parade.

Don't forget that if you have missed out you can still claim your Veterans Badge via e mail [www.veteransagency.mod.uk](http://www.veteransagency.mod.uk) or by ringing 0800 169 22 77. One other event that weekend was on the Saturday Evening when Joe Mullen the owner of HMS ONYX -took over the 'Nines' Club for the evening for a 1940's Theme evening as a thank you for the SHC and SA Volunteers who have worked so hard on HMS ONYX. I could only attend for a few hours but I hear from others who attended that the whole evening went well. However back to Branch Business. We still need replacements for Bill Cole and Alan Hoskins on the Committee so we are looking for two Members to step forward. Its not an onerous job your commitments are one Committee Meeting per month and the Branch Meeting and, of course it would be helpful if you could assist with organising some the various Branch functions. So come on step

forward and volunteer for one of these Posts you'll be quite surprised how much you'll enjoy it especially the Monthly Committee Meeting when you can get out of the house and perhaps get a pint or two whilst doing the Branch business. Alan West has nobly volunteered for the position of 'Slops Representative' taking over the reins from Alan Hoskins.

Membership of the Branch continues to increase and a few more (including re-joiners) are expected shortly. Overall Membership is now at a high level of 157 as of the 19th June moving further onwards and upwards when the latest applications including two recently received via the website are processed.

My list of Phone Numbers, Addresses and 'e' Mail addresses for Branch Members still needs a few corrections. If you are now on 'e' mail - whether you are on the Net for the first time or if you have changed your service provider make sure you tell us as soon as possible so we have accurate and full records. Mick Mailey and myself are comparing notes to make sure our Membership Register is complete and up to date.

A re-issue of the Submariners Association Rules & Constitution (reflecting changes agreed at the 2007 National Council Conference) will be available shortly. We will be collecting our Branch allocation at the NMC Meeting which co-incides with the National Draw at Lincoln and they will be distributed - one copy to each Branch Member

The Barrow Branch is to host the 2008 National Council Conference (in March 2008) and the 2008 National Draw (in July 2008) to coincide with the 45th Anniversary of the Barrow Branch. The team of volunteers organize the Conference Weekend in March has had its first meeting chaired by John Houlding but, at the Branch Meeting in July, I will be calling for volunteers to organize the National Draw in June 2008. Remember one volunteer is worth ten 'pressed men'!

Well that's my lot for this month over to the rest of the Committee for their contributions. See you all at the next Branch Meeting on Tuesday 3rd July at the Harbour at the usual time of 2000.



## BRANCH RULES



**This is the forth article explaining various branch rules for those who are interested**

In the first article (March edition) I covered Rule 3 membership and in the April edition I covered Rule 5 subscriptions and included the gist of rule 7 covering branch funds.

I then missed a month and covered quite a lot in the June edition including Rule 4 Officials of the branch and Rule 11 Management of the branch (though I inadvertently called it rule 7) thankfully no-one has picked me up on that. In that article I also covered rule 9 regarding the branch delegate to Conference.

The committee and I welcome any comments or suggestions regarding the branch rules you don't have to wait for the AGM to make proposals for change its just that changes can only be formally approved at the AGM.

### So what is left to discuss?

#### Rules 1 & 2

**1) Name of the branch : The Barrow-in-Furness Branch of the Submariners Association.**

**2) Object of the branch to promote friendship and comradeship, and help whenever and wherever needed within the branch and to support the aims and objectives of the Submariners Association. I don't think there is any need for explanation here.**

#### Rules 6 and 8

##### 6) Meetings

**The Branch shall meet on the first Tuesday of each month at**

**2000 hours at a venue agreed by the branch. The exception to this shall be that the branch holds an Annual General Meeting on the first Tuesday in April each year starting at 1930 hours.**

**NB 1. All matters to be discussed at the AGM, including nominations for election shall be in the hands of the secretary by the February branch meeting and notified to the branch in advance of the AGM.**

**NB 2. The Chairman may call an "extra-ordinary" meeting, by notice in writing to all branch members on any matter considered**

**i) important and in the interests of the branch**

**ii) outside the scope of the responsibilities of the branch committee and which would be outwith the interests of the branch to be held until the next planned AGM.**

#### 8) Voting

**Any matter brought before the branch, which is deemed to require a vote, shall be decided by a simple majority from the members attending that meeting. This also applies to matters raised as proposals for the branch AGM and matters proposed for the Conference of the National Council of the Association. The results of all votes shall be formerly recorded (For /Against/ Abstentions). Postal or proxy votes shall not be considered as non-attendees can not be party to any debate on such matters. All matters decided by vote shall be bounded by a three year moratorium not to be introduced again for that period. The application of the three year rule shall follow the guidance of clause 6(d) of the Association Rules and Constitution.**

Once again there is little to clarify under these two rules, hopefully we are all agreed that the format of our regular meetings has been changed sufficiently to improve our adherence to rule 2 (see above) and making the meeting evening itself an enjoyable one.

For voting we are happy with the simplistic approach that a show of hands will suffice and that a simple majority rules result is acceptable. No postal votes or ballots are necessary. (Except for the very serious case discussed at rule 13 below).

#### Rules 13, 14, & 16

**13) The branch shall not be dissolved, nor its funds divided except with the consent of a majority of not less than five sixths of the members taking part in a ballot arranged for this purpose.**

**14) Rules – The rules of the branch cannot be changed or altered except by successful vote at an A.G.M. (or at any specially convened extraordinary meeting of the branch).**

**16) These Rules of the Barrow in Furness branch shall not supersede or in any way contravene the Rules and Constitution of the Submariners Association.**

Fairly straight forward I suggest.

In all these cases which I have not sought to clarify further please feel free to either ask questions and/or make comment so that we can follow policy of continual improvement, and changing with the times.

This to my reckoning leaves Rule 10 Welfare; Rule 12 Branch Official Functions and Rule 15 Guidelines to cover any difficult situation prompting consideration of disciplinary action.

I will try and cover all three of these in the August edition of the News Letter and will additionally respond to any proposals for change received by myself and/or the committee.

So that's it for this month.  
**All the best**

**John Houlding**

**Vice Chairman**



## What's in A Name

By Barrie Downer  
**ASTUTE Class Submarines**  
 Nos. 4, 5 & 6

In 2007 it was announced that the names of the 4th, 5th and 6th ASTUTE Class Submarines were to be HMS AUDACIOUS, HMS AGAMEMNON and HMS ANSON. It is noticeable that none of these names have been used previously for Submarines all having most recently been the names of Battle Ships or projected Aircraft Carriers. Some details of previous Ships with these names are as follows:

### HMS AUDACIOUS (Battle Ship)

The last HMS AUDACIOUS to be 'Commissioned' into the Royal Navy was one of four 'King George V' Class Battle Ships ordered in the 1910 Naval Estimates and the four were KING GEORGE V, HMS CENTURION, HMS AJAX and HMS AUDACIOUS. HMS AUDACIOUS was built by Cammell Laird at Birkenhead and was 'Laid Down' in February 1911, 'Launched' in Sep 1912 and was 'Completed' in 1913 - being 'Commissioned' on 21st October 1913.

These Battle Ships were of 23,000 tons displacement (25,500 tons full load) and had a length overall of 597 feet eight inches (555 feet between perpendiculars), a beam of 89 feet and a mean draught of 27 feet 6 inches (maximum draught 30 feet 10 inches). The complement was in excess of 800 (and varied between 812 and 849) depending on the Ship. Armament included 10 x 13.5 inch guns in five x Twin Turrets, 16 x 4 inch guns (2 x Twin and 12 x Singles) and 2 x 21 inch Torpedo Tubes (submerged). Armour included a 12 inch lower belt, a 9 inch middle belt and an 8 inch upper belt. They were coal fired ships with Yarrow boilers, and Parsons Turbines developing 27,000 shaft horsepower giving 21 knots full speed (designed). On 'Completion' HMS AUDACIOUS (Captain Cecil F Dampier, Royal Navy) and her sister Ships were

'Commissioned' into the 2nd Battle Squadron of the Grand Fleet. HMS AUDACIOUS completed a 'refit' in September 1914 and re-joined the Grand Fleet in October 1914 - based at Lough Swilly in Ireland. The 2nd Battle Squadron was detailed to carry out 'Target Practice' on 27th October 1914 using two targets obtained from Lamlash. The Squadron left Loch-na-Keal on the evening of 26th October to rendezvous at 55° 45'N 08°30'W at daylight. At 0900 on 27th October HMS AUDACIOUS was preparing for practice and whilst turning, struck a mine in position 55°34'N 08°30'W. The mine damage resulted in flooding of the Port Engine Room and partial Flooding of the Central Engine Room. HMS AUDACIOUS was taken in tow by the SS OLYMPIC (Captain Haddock) but owing to the weather the tow cables kept breaking and, at 1915 the crew were taken off. At 2100 there was an internal explosion and HMS AUDACIOUS sank. Debris from AUDACIOUS killed one Petty Officer on HMS LIVERPOOL the only casualty of the sinking.

### HMS AUDACIOUS (projected Aircraft Carrier)

The most recent intended use of this name was for the 'Ark Royal' Class Fleet Carrier HMS AUDACIOUS. HMS AUDACIOUS was one of a projected Class of four Fleet Aircraft Carriers ordered in 1942 to be named HMS AFRICA, HMS AUDACIOUS, HMS EAGLE (II) and HMS ARK ROYAL. Of these HMS AFRICA and HMS EAGLE were cancelled and construction of the other two was placed on hold to allow effort to be put into more important construction but was restarted towards the end of the War. Of the remaining two HMS AUDACIOUS was renamed as HMS EAGLE (III). HMS AUDACIOUS/ HMS EAGLE (III) was ordered from the Belfast Yard of Harland and Wolff and was 'Laid Down' on 24th October 1942, 'Launched' on 19th March 1946 and 'Completed' on 1st October 1951. HMS EAGLE (ex AUDACIOUS) was 'Paid Off' in 1972 and was 'broken up' for scrap from 1979.

### HMS AGAMEMNON (Battle Ship)

HMS AGAMEMNON was one of a Class of two Lord Nelson Class 'Pre-Dreadnought' Battle Ships ordered in the 1904/05 Naval Estimates. The two were HMS LORD NELSON and HMS A G A M E M N O N . H M S AGAMEMNON was ordered from the Beardmore Yard on the Clyde and was 'Laid Down' in October 1904, was 'Launched' in June 1906 and was completed in 1907.

The Ships displaced 16,500 tons and had a length at the waterline of 435 feet (length overall 445 feet), a beam of 79 feet 6 inches and a mean draught of 27 feet. The complement was 865 Officers and Ratings. Armament included 4 x 12 inch guns in two x Twin Turrets, 10 x 9.2 inch guns (4 x Twin and 2 x Singles), 15 x 12 pdr and 16 x 3 pdr. There were 5 x 21 inch Torpedo Tubes (submerged) with 4 x broadside tubes and 1 x stern. Armour included a 12 inch belt amidships, a 6 inch forward belt and a 4 inch aft belt. These were coal fired ships with Yarrow boilers and Hawthorne Leslie triple expansion developing 16,750 shaft horsepower giving 18.5 knots full speed (designed). The estimated cost was £1.5 million per ship.

During WWI HMS AGAMEMNON was part of the 5th Battle Squadron of the Second Fleet of the Home Fleet. In December 1914 the Commanding Officer was Captain Herbert A S Fyler, Royal Navy and, in December 1918 the Commanding Officer was Captain F Shirley Litchfield-Speer, Royal Navy. HMS AGAMEMNON was 'Paid Off' on 20th March 1919.

### HMS ANSON (Battle Ship)

HMS ANSON was one of five 'King George V' Class Battle Ships ordered in the 1936 and 1937 Estimates. The five were HMS KING GEORGE V, HMS PRINCE OF WALES, HMS DUKE OF YORK (ex ANSON), HMS ANSON (ex JELLICOE) and HMS HOWE (ex BEATTY).

HMS ANSON (ex JELLICOE) was ordered from the Swan Hunter Yard on the Tyne and was 'Laid Down' on 20th July 1937, 'Launched' in 24th February 1940 and 'Completed' on 22nd June 1942. The name was changed to ANSON from JELLICOE in February 1940.

The Ships displaced 35,000 tons and had a length overall of 745 feet (739 feet 8 inches between perpendiculars, a beam of 103 feet and a mean draught of 27 feet 8 inches. The complement was 1,900 Officers and Ratings. Armament included 10 x 14 inch guns in 2 x Quadruple Turrets and 1 x Twin Turret, 16 x 5.25 Dual Purpose inch guns (8 x Twin) and between 64 and 88 x 2 pdr. pompoms. Additionally there were a number of 40-mm Bofors and 20-mm Oerlikons. There were no Torpedo Tubes. These were oil fired ships with Admiralty three drum boilers and Parson geared steam turbines developing 110,000 shaft horsepower giving 27 knots full speed (designed).

HMS ANSON (Captain A C G Madden, Royal Navy) – Battle Squadron No. 2 joined the British Pacific Fleet in 1945 and formed part of Task Group 111.4 (Flag of Admiral Daniel, Royal Navy). In August 1945 HMS ANSON was present at the re-occupation of Hong Kong. HMS ANSON was 'Paid Off' and scrapped at Metal Industries at Faslane from 17th December 1957.

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## Peter J Weeks



Chief Engine Room Artificer  
O/N P/MX 93559 (Po)

Peter Weeks, who 'Crossed the Bar' on Monday 25th June 2007 at the age of 81 was born on 24th Oct 1925. Having joined the Royal Navy as a 'Tiffy' he later joined, and served in, Submarines from November 1945 until September

1965 and, during his career, a diesel submariner through and through, is reported to have served in the following Submarines HMS SENTINEL, HMS TAPIR, HMS TURPIN, HMS ARTEMIS, HMS AURIGA, HMS ARTFUL, HMS STURDY, HMS ANCHORITE, HMS TACITURN and HMS CACHALOT. On 2nd Nov 1965 just after leaving the Navy Peter Weeks became a Member of the Barrow in Furness Branch of the Submarine Old Comrades Association and, as such was one of our longest serving Branch Members. At that time he joined the Branch he was living in North Row in Barrow. During his time in Submarines Peter had been the Chief's Mess President in HMS DOLPHIN. He was the Secretary of the Barrow in Furness Branch for about 12 years and he was a very good friend of Norman Cloke - when Norman was the landlord at the Harbour. Peter later moved to 'Kantara' in North Road, Holme, near Carnforth and in later life he became one of our 'non attending' Members. I never had the opportunity to meet Peter but he was very proud to be a Submariner and a Member of the Barrow Branch. I hope we can all remember Peter at the July Branch Meeting on 3rd July and I know that the Branch will give him a very good send off at the Thorncliffe Crematorium on Wednesday 4th July at 1130.

Buster Brown from the Submarines Association of Canada, East (Halifax, Nova Scotia Branch to you and me) has e mailed as follows:

"It is extremely sad to hear of the passing of Barrow Member Peter Weeks. Many of us recall of his presence in Dolphin CPO Mess and because of the several boats he served in as an ERA, many of our Members perhaps sailed with him too. As a twinned Association and on behalf of our Membership, we would like to pass our sincere condolences to his family as he shall be fondly remembered."

Tex Golding the SA National Membership Secretary said:

"I remember Peter well, he was in ARTEMIS with me and also in DOLPHIN during his period of time as Mess President."

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## Bill Cole



### A Tribute

Our trip to Romania was a little different this year. Bill was the chairman of the Barrow Romania action group (brag) until his untimely death in November 2006.

We have been given a donation by an ex-trustee of the group to do something for our children in Bills name, so we decided on a trophy (The Bill Cole Trophy). It will be awarded each June to the student who has progressed the most in English during the past year. It was accepted with great delight by our school, it will now become a tradition and I hope it will carry on for many years to come.

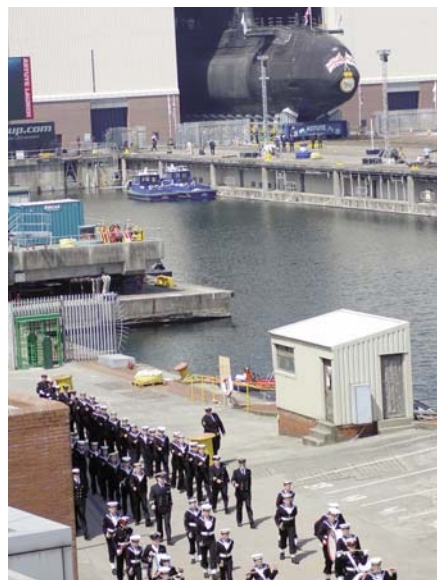
To my surprise a foundation has been started to carry on helping our children when we return to the UK and it is known as the Bill Cole project, Bill only went to Romania three times but made a big impression on the people we worked with out there.

I am very proud that the people out there will be remembering him and honouring his name.

Joan Cole



# A selection of HMS Astute Launch Pictures 8th June 2007



Pictures Courtesy of the Evening Mail

**Exeter Branch**

May 2007 M (Nobby) Grant  
Aged 83

Petty Officer Electrician

D/MX 842084

Submarine Service  
1942 to 1952

in

P512, L23, SPITEFUL,  
TRUNCHEON, TACTICIAN,  
STATESMAN, STURDY, X2,  
TEREDO, SIDON and  
SELENE

**Dolphin and Taunton  
Branches**

June 2007 David Banks  
Chief Petty Officer (MEM)  
D050450G

Aged 64

Submarine Service  
Nov 1962 to Mar 1983

in

OLYMPUS (62-63),  
TACITURN (63-66),  
TABARD (66-67),  
PORPOISE (67-69)  
RENOWN (70-80)

**Barrow in Furness Branch**

25th Jun 2007 Peter J Weeks  
(former Branch Secretary)

Chief Engine Room Artificer

P/MX 93559

Aged 82

Submarine Service  
Nov 1945 to Sep 1965

in

SENTINEL, TAPIR,  
TURPIN, ARTEMIS,  
AURIGA, ARTFUL,  
STURDY, ANCHORITE,  
TACITURN and  
CACHALOT

**Bury Branch**

May 2007 H (Harry) Warner  
Aged 85

Chief Petty Officer  
Coxswain

Submarine Service  
1943 to 1952

in

STONEHENGE, TEMPLAR,  
TIPTOE, SUBTLE,  
ACHERON and ALLIANCE

**Australian Branch**

June 2007 D (Rick) Fleming

Able Seaman (UW3)

P/SSX 890431

Aged 71

Submarine Service  
May 1954 to May 1960

in

THULE, TELEMACHUS,  
TAPIR, AURIGA and  
ANDREW

**Australian Branch**

June 2007 W H (Harry) Bibb

Leading Seaman (HSD)

C/JX 158219

Aged 74

Submarine Service  
1944 to 1951

in

SERAPH, SANGUINE,  
TEMPLAR, TANTIVY,  
SAGA, SENESCHAL,  
AMBUSH and SPITEFUL

**Bury Branch**

May 2007 R D (Bob) Peel  
Aged 81

Stoker 1st Class

Submarine Service

1943 to 1946

in

VOLATILE, VARNE and  
TANTIVY

**Shropshire Branch**

June 2007 Les Thorpe  
Chief Petty Officer Coxswain

P/JX 246828

Aged 90

Submarine Service  
1941 to 1965

in

PROTEUS, SUNFISH,  
SPEARHEAD, AURIGA,  
TIPTOE and  
THERMOPYLAE

**Bromley Branch**

June 2007 F (Fred) Jackson  
Petty Officer (LTO)

Aged 84

Submarine Service

1943 to 1946

in

VARANGARIAN and  
SCOTSMAN

**Non Member (Australia)**

29th May 2007

John Edward Tait

Leading Marine Engineer

D/SKX 851842

Aged 76

Submarine Service in  
ANCHORITE, AUROCHS  
and TRENCHANT

**Merseyside Branch**

May 2007G (George) Luck,  
DSM

Chief Petty Officer Coxswain

JX 156835

Aged 85

Submarine Service  
1941 to 1947

in

RORQUAL, P217, P339,  
TAURUS and AFFRAY

**Former Swindon Branch**

1st Jun 2007 George Howell  
Leading Seaman (HSD)

Aged 85

Submarine Service in TAKU,  
RORQUAL (I), VOLATILE,

ASTUTE, TOTEM,  
TRUNCHEON, AFFRAY and  
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## Members Birthdays

July 2007

M. Kirk	06/07
G. Anderson	08/07
J. Dixon	08/07
B. Downie	13/07
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C. James	23/07
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## New Member Joining in July Tim Chittenden

Tim Chittenden is the newest Member of the Barrow in Furness Branch. He is reported to have served in Submarines from 1974 to 2005. In 1975 he was at the Royal Naval College, Greenwich as a Lieutenant and then served in HMS REVENGE (Port) (75-78) as an AMEO. In 1981 he was serving at HMS VULCAN the Nuclear Reactor Test Establishment at Dounreay in Caithness. He then served in HMS WARSPITE (82-85) as the DMEO and later in HMS TALENT (87-89) as the MEO. In 1991 he was serving as a Captain in the Ministry of Defence at Bath and involved with Project ISOLUS which was concerned with the options for long term disposal of redundant Nuclear Submarines. After promotion to Rear Admiral he served as the Chief Staff Officer (Engineering) to the Commander in Chief, Fleet. After retiring from the Navy he has been busy in the BAE Shipyard as a Director in the ASTUTE Submarine Project and was directly involved in achieving the June 2007 Launch Date for HMS ASTUTE.

A warm welcome to you.