



SUBMARINERS ASSOCIATION BARROW-IN-FURNESS BRANCH NEWS LETTER



THE AUGUST WORD



The car is packed, the overnight hotel booked, the Cairn Ryan to Larne fast ferry awaits for us to set sail tomorrow, and Memsab is asking me how much longer I am going to be, as a consequence the following words are going to be very brief. So I will start by offering my apology for not being around for our August meeting, or any Welfare Duties for the next week or so.

As Chairman I received on behalf of the branch a personal letter of thanks from our National President Sir James Perowne K.B.E. he congratulated the team that had been responsible for the smooth organisation of the National Draw and said that there were some valuable lessons that could be learnt at National Level for the running of future National Raffle Ticket Draws. He and his wife Nicola were delighted in being invited to attend our annual Bar-Be-Cue, and they thoroughly enjoyed them selves. In all it could be summed up as the whole event being a rousing success, so a well done needs to be said for all those who worked so hard behind the scene.

It could be said that our impending visit to the Antrim Coast with three ex Army guys (one being my brother in law) and their wives could be my dry run for next years National Conference in Bangor. But I suspect that the next nine days are going to be any thing but dry, but I will try my very best to keep the submariner flag flying in the face of such company and surrounded by a sea of Guinness. Thought for the Month Yesterday Pat I sat in our garden and watched the Annual Swarm of

Flying Ants, it started by massive ant activity at the base of our potted Cordyline (there has been an ants nest in the roots of the plant, for more years than I can remember). Suddenly as if on Cue all the flying ants came out of the nest and started climbing up the trunk and out onto the leaves in single file and when they reached the tip of the leaf, launched themselves into flight. For me it was reminiscent of those Tom and Jerry cartoons we used to watch (Well I did). When ants would march in single file, and in step, and carrying some object above their heads. And then realized that the same process was happening at the same time in other ant's nests in my garden, and Pat and I contemplated what was the triggering action for such events to happen year in and year out and all at the same time. Then it all got too difficult so we poured another glass of cold Rose' wine. For all those members going on holiday before we meet up in September have a good one!!!

Regards Jonsey

A Message from your friendly and generous acting local Treasurer.



Your branch committee and I have to admit that there has not been a formal audit of the branch funds either for the AGM in March 2008 or since Mick Mailey relinquished his role as treasurer while he deals with personal matters and we all support him in that and offer our support however and whenever it may be needed.

Having temporarily accepted the books on behalf of the branch I can however confirm to you all as an independent that the accounts are indeed as healthy as reported and the books in excellent order as to be expected.

The creation of a new role of

Membership Secretary has eased the burden of the treasurer's role significantly and we have to thank Ted Budgen for standing in to help develop and fulfil that new role at least until our AGM in March 2009. Many thanks Ted.

Our ranks have swollen to an all time high of 173 with yet more new members and one or two rejoining members hovering on the horizon. From that long list we have now only around 20 who have for some reason been unable to pay their subscriptions for 2008 who, although a small percentage of our membership are encouraged to settle up asap. Don't worry if you are not sure if you have paid or not I will send out a letter in the next week or so (if you have not already received it) just to jog your memory.

Good news, I have spoken fairly recently with Mick Mailey and have his agreement that I let you all know that with your consent he will soon be willing to take back the books and continue supporting the branch in his role as treasurer. Note this will be on the proviso that the new role of membership secretary remains in place.

If anyone of the members is interested in the new role of membership secretary please let it be known and discuss with myself and Ted Budgen at any / all the meetings left until the next AGM and then volunteer your services.

I can not go into the actual state of the branch accounts as the news letter is widely and also electronically distributed and these figures should rightly remain discrete to you the membership only.

John Houlding



Social Secretary's Dit



Hi folks, Well the annual BBQ at the Vickerstown Institute escaped the worst of the weather (just) and what a great night it turned out to be, the National draw was smoothly negotiated and I believe we received good feedback from the National Committee and we even had a couple of winners from our branch!! It was an extremely well attended event and I am sure the Institute themselves received a much needed boost to their funds. Brigham and his team done an exceptional job of producing the BBQ for over 200 people and my thanks to him and his boys. Also thanks are due to Alan West for running the Rum barrel and every one who helped me selling the raffle tickets and other jobs, once again Billy Daniels and Brian Wadeson (Shindig) produced the good nights entertainment. I always say this but the support on the raffle was outstanding and I intend to organize a charity donation on some of the raffle takings once discussed with the committee. Thank you for your support and I look forward to a good response for Ladies night in November.

Brewery Run

August is always a fairly quiet month socially for the branch with people taking holidays etc.. but we have a couple of small social events happening this month. The first being a brewery visit to Hawkshead brewery on the 8th August, the minibus will be picking up at 13:30 at the Harbour and head for the visit at Staveley near Kendal for 15:00. I will phone around to all those that expressed an interest to confirm that you are still going, in the coming week. As I said last month if there are more that want to go I can always organize another trip.

Quiz Night

I will be holding a quiz night on Tuesday 26th August in the Harbour starting at 20:00 usual for mat, with hopefully a small buffet

at half time, so bring your friends and I hope to see all the regulars there plus some new faces.

Well that's about it from the social scene for another month, I won't be able to make the August meeting due to work commitments so I will see those going on the Brewery run on the 8th and hopefully more of you at the Quiz.

Next big upcoming events will be Trafalgar dinner followed by Ladies night in November. List will be out in September.

BLACKPOOL VETERANS WEEK

The recent Blackpool Veterans Week culminated in the third annual National Veterans Day Parade and Ceremonies on 27th June 2008 with other Veterans Day events being celebrated in Cities and Towns up and down the UK. There was also a large gathering marking the day in London's Trafalgar Square.

The Blackpool event was the first Veterans Day event to be attended by a member of the Royal Family, as Her Royal Highness the Duchess of Cornwall joined the celebrations.

The Blackpool events included an Aero GP, where veteran pilots competed in acrobatic competitions, and a Veterans Badge Challenge in which veterans completed tasks such as abseiling down Blackpool Tower, and diving to the bottom of a shark tank to retrieve their badges. Night time parachute drops and exhibitions of military vehicles also formed part of the series of events.



The Duchess of Cornwall takes part in the National Veterans day events in Blackpool

[Picture: Stuart Bingham]

The Minister for Veterans, Derek Twigg and Chief of the General Staff, General Sir Richard Dannatt were in Blackpool. Gen Dannatt said: "I am glad that today in Blackpool and right across the country, people are recognising and celebrating the achievements of our veterans and the contribution that they have made while serving and subsequently to their communities.

"Veterans Day has now become an established part of the calendar and I would like to pay tribute to all those in Blackpool, as well as throughout the country, who have organised events to honour the millions of men and women who have served the United Kingdom over the years."

PERKS OF BEING OVER 50

- 1) Kidnappers are not very interested in you.
- 2) In a hostage situation you are likely to be released first.
- 3) No one expects you to run anywhere.
- 4) People call at 9 pm and ask 'Did I wake you????'
- 5) People no longer view you as a hypochondriac.
- 6) There is nothing left to learn the hard way.
- 7) Things you buy now won't wear out.
- 8) You can eat supper at 4 pm.
- 9) You can live without sex but not your glasses.
- 10) You get into heated arguments about pension plans.
- 11) You no longer think of speed limits as a challenge.
- 12) You quit trying to hold your stomach in no matter who walks into the room.
- 13) You sing along with the music in lifts.
- 14) Your eyes won't get much worse.
- 15) Your joints are more accurate meteorologists than the national weather forecast.
- 16) Your secrets are safe with your friends because they can't remember them either.
- 17) Your supply of brain cells is finally down to manageable size.
- 18) You can't remember who sent you this list.
- 19) you can't remember who sent you this list.
- 20) And you notice these are all in 'Big Print' for your convenience.

Secretary's Dit



Well wasn't that a busy month! The **Submariners Association** 'National Draw' weekend which was combined with our

Annual Barbeque on the 5th of July has come and gone.

This was preceded by a Meet and Greet for our many visitors at the RBL on Friday 4th July which a good number of you attended with your ladies and I hope enjoyed yourselves!. On Saturday morning, with the help of the Yard and HMS ASTUTE we managed a tour of HMS ASTUTE for the National Committee hosted by the Commanding Officer Mike Walliker. Whilst the National Committee spent the afternoon at the Lisdoonie for a Committee Meeting visitors and members enjoyed themselves spinning dits at the Harbour.

The National Draw and Barbeque opened as if on cue with claps of thunder and a downpour which, luckily, was not prolonged and didn't seem to phase Brigham and his team of chefs at all although it caused a bit of a panic for the Branch Committee. The Draw went off smoothly and all the prizes were drawn and the lucky winners have been advised. There were two from the Barrow Branch.

You will be interested to know that the Branch Managed to sell £1,220 pounds worth of Tickets and, as a result over the Branch Funds have benefited by just over £400.

All in all a very successful weekend and, as Alan Jones has told you in his Chairman's Dit a very nice thank you letter has been received from Admiral Perowne.

Those of you who have been to the RBL will see that we have made a good start with getting the Memorabilia transferred from the Harbour and up on the wall in the Concert Room its beginning to look more like home now -the result of two visits to the Harbour and two Saturday Mornings at the RBL.

There is still more work to do and

we will be calling for volunteers again soon to assist with the next stage. We know we have various duplicate items crests etc and, if the Harbour are happy we will be able to leave some of these duplicates on the wall there for when we hold our smaller events at our old haunt.

On Friday 25th July a smaller party than expected travelled to Morecambe for an evening of entertainment by Shep Woolley hosted by the Morecambe Bay RNA and the Morecambe Branch of the Submariners Association. A good evening was had by all and, as usual, there was a magnificent buffet laid on by the Morecambe team it was just a pity that more Branch Members couldn't make it. However there was also a 'Meet and Greet' for seventeen visitors from the Essex Branch at the Harbour hosted by Terry Spurling on the same evening. Arrangements were made for the visitors to tour HMS ONYX on Saturday morning and thanks are due to John Houlding, Alan Pillifent and Mick Lacey for helping out for the ONYX arrangements. Our visitors also saw the SHC Paintings Collection, the Dock Museum and some also visited the Roa Island Lifeboat Station - thanks also due to Joyce Tull for this part of the weekend. I hear there was also a Dinner Time Session at the Harbour on Saturday.

Now back to Branch business again

As reported last month John Houlding is still 'Holding the Fort' as the Treasurer and Ted Budgen and me are managing the Membership Secretary duties until permanent replacements can be found. Ted has said he will continue with Membership until the next AGM but not afterwards. We are also short on the Welfare Committee Volunteers to help out on the Committee are welcome to help us fill the vacant posts so if you can help out even if it's only on a temporary basis come on and give us a hand.

The Submariners Association DVD is now available from the Secretary. It only costs £10.00 £11 if you want me to post it to you. Cash is fine or Cheques (made out to the Submariners

Association) to me if you want a copy! Some of the DVDs are also being sold via the Submarine Museum at Gosport. So come on get your money out the DVD runs for about 48 minutes and I have been getting good reports on the content.

The next Main SA Event is now the Annual Reunion in October (the first weekend in the month) at the Britannia Hotel in Nottingham. Don't forget your outstanding Balance of your payments should have been with Dave Barlow by the end of July! After that it will be the 2009 National Council Conference is being hosted by the Northern Ireland Branch. A list has been circulated and a good response has been forthcoming.

All those travelling should have received details of the Hotels and accommodation arrangements but you do need to book for yourselves! You will also need to make your own travel arrangements but keep the Northern Ireland Branch informed of how and when you are travelling and where you are staying!

Yet another long dit from me again this month but it's been a busy month! See you all at the August Branch Meeting on Tuesday 5th August at the Royal British Legion at 2000 don't be late and bring a Submariner friend especially if he's not a Member (yet). By the way It's the anniversary of the loss of the tot this month and, as agreed at the last meeting we will be holding 'Up Spirits' at the August Meeting so don't forget to get a lift, walk or get a taxi!

One longer range announcement is that, for the September Meeting, we are holding it as a Ladies Evening the intention is for you to invite your wives, girlfriends and partners along we will keep the business to the minimum so we can have a social evening with the ladies

We are also inviting our Army colleagues who also meet in the RBL on the same evening to join us for the social part of the evening

Barrie Downer

AUSTRALIAN SUBMARINE FIRST TO FIRE NEW HEAVYWEIGHT TORPEDO

Australian Department of Defence
24 July 2008

The Minister for Defence, the Hon. Joel Fitzgibbon MP, today congratulated the crew of the Australian submarine, HMAS Waller, for being the first submarine to successfully fire a new heavyweight torpedo that has been jointly developed by Australia and the United States (US).

The firing occurred during the Rim of the Pacific 2008 (RIMPAC 08) exercise, involving multiple navies off the coast of Hawaii between June and July.

This controlled exercise resulted in the planned sinking of a retired US warship. "This represents the first new heavyweight torpedo war shot to be fired by either Navy. Just as significant is the fact that the war shot torpedo was assembled in Australia," Mr Fitzgibbon said.

The MK 48 Mod 7 Common Broadband Advanced Sonar System (CBASS) torpedo is the latest enhancement for the MK 48. Considered the world's premier submarine-launched torpedo, the MK 48 Mod 7 represents a superior capability against both surface ships and submarines with sonar enhancements that make the torpedo an effective weapon in shallow water and in a counter-measure environment.

The development of the CBASS torpedo has been achieved under an Armaments Cooperative Program between the United States Navy (USN) and the Royal Australian Navy (RAN).

This partnership has established common requirements, interfaces, configurations and maintenance standards enabling any Australian or US submarine to load torpedoes prepared by any Australian or US torpedo maintenance facility.

This submarine partnership has also led to co-development of a

new replacement combat system, which is being progressively integrated into USN nuclear submarines and RAN diesel electric submarines.

This successful live fire exercise underscores the maturity of the joint torpedo and submarine combat system programs for the RAN and USN. "For Australia in particular, this exercise has been a successful demonstration of the ongoing capability of the Collins Class submarine,"

Mr Fitzgibbon said.

NEW MEMORIAL FOR HMS VICTORY

Work has commenced on a new memorial to Admiral Lord Nelson and those that fought and died on HMS Victory during her 34 year operational life.

The centrepiece of the new memorial will be the Nelson stone which is currently being carved onboard by renowned sculptor, Philip Chatfield.

The stone that will make up the centre of the memorial is Limestone and has been obtained from a site about 20 miles (32km) inland from Cape Trafalgar in Spain.

The stone will be mounted on oak timbers recovered from the ship during one of her refits.

The new memorial area, including the board commemorating those who lost their lives on the ship, will be consecrated on 21st June 2008 by the Second Sea Lord and the Commanding Officer. Thereafter it will be open to the public with the rest of the ship.



Second Sea Lord Vice Admiral Johns lays a wreath on the spot

where Nelson is reputed to have died, on the anniversary of the Battle of Trafalgar, 21st October 2007

[Picture: LA (Phot) Emz Tucker]

Modern research, largely conducted by the ship's curator and keeper, Peter Goodwin, has indicated that the current position which marks the spot that Nelson died is most likely to be wrong. There are a number of firm and logical reasons that would lend themselves to the fact that the Admiral actually died about 20 feet (6m) further forward on the orlop deck

Whilst it is accepted that nobody can be absolutely sure exactly where Nelson passed away, the new memorial will be more sympathetic to the most probable position, without actually saying 'this is the spot'.

Commanding Officer of HMS Victory, Lieutenant Commander John Scivier said: "This is a very special project for Victory and one that both recognises advances in historical research, but also maintains the reverence of that area of the ship where not only Nelson, but many other sailors and marines lost their lives in the defence of the United Kingdom.



Philip Chatfield at work on the new Nelson memorial stone
[Picture: Jenny Parrott]

The stone looks magnificent and will be a fitting and apt memorial to perhaps the greatest naval leader this world has ever known. But the memorial is not just about the one man, it is about all the others that paid the ultimate price, both in combat and in the harsh conditions prevalent in those days."



Remember Monday petition reply

23 July 2008

We received a petition asking:

"We the undersigned petition the Prime Minister to create a new public holiday, the National Remembrance Holiday to commemorate The Fallen and our Nation, with the holiday falling on the second Monday in November each year, the day after Remembrance Sunday."

Details of Petition:

"By comparison to many other European Countries, Britain has fewer public holidays and none at all for a period of some three months between the August public holiday and Christmas. Moreover, Britain does not have a "National" day. So what better way to celebrate our Nation than to have a National Remembrance Holiday falling on the second Monday in November each year to reinforce Remembrance Sunday which falls on the second Sunday in November? Such a holiday will serve to emphasise our commemoration of The Fallen who gave their lives to save Britain and also the on-going importance of the survival of our Nation. The National Remembrance Holiday will further serve to break that period between late summer and Christmas when there is currently no public holiday."

Read the Government's response

More than 500,000 people have signed this petition, and we are grateful to you all for taking the time to do so.

Your support is a clear sign of the strength of feeling across the United Kingdom that we must do more as a country to recognise the contribution of our Armed Forces, and in particular those who have died or been injured in the service of their country.

The Government recently published The National

Recognition Study (new window), undertaken by Quentin Davies MP, which looks at the ways in which the Government, other institutions and the country as a whole can do more to recognise the service of our Armed Forces and Veterans.

One of its recommendations was the institution of a special British Armed Forces and Veterans Day, which would complement the events held around Armistice Day and Remembrance Sunday in November to commemorate those who have fallen in the service of our country.

These proposals are being given careful consideration by the Government, alongside other representations we have received to institute a new 'British Day', and as part of these deliberations, we will of course examine the case for introducing a new public holiday.

There is considerable debate amongst supporters of a new special public holiday to remember our Armed Forces and Veterans or our fallen servicemen about when in the year such a day should take place.

While there are a very large number of people - including signatories to this petition who believe the Monday after Remembrance Sunday is the best option, there are others including the Royal British Legion (new window) - who do not support that proposal, because they are concerned that a public holiday then would not be in keeping with the solemnity and special status of the Remembrance Sunday commemorations.

Quentin Davies MP has suggested holding the new day close to the current Veterans' Day at the end of June, while others have suggested holding the day to coincide with the anniversaries of the D-Day Landings in early June or of V.E. Day in early May.

We greatly appreciate your contribution to this ongoing

debate, and whatever the final outcome, we hope that all signatories to this petition will see that we have very much taken on board their desire to see much greater national recognition for our Armed Forces.

Submarine find brings closure to man who never knew uncle

The Tennessean 1 July 2008
By Colby Sledge
COOKEVILLE, Tenn.

Tom Templeton still chokes up sometimes when he talks about his uncle Samuel Artist Templeton. He never met his Uncle Sam, a native of Millersville in Sumner County, who died aboard the USS Grunion in July 1942, when the World War II submarine mysteriously sank. All Tom Templeton had were the stories of his uncle's cheer, the photos of his smile, the letters that said not to expect him home for Christmas.

Now, Tom Templeton can add a sense of closure to his collection, thanks to some of Sam Templeton crewmates' family members, who did what no one could for 65 years - find the USS Grunion. "If you had asked me some time back, I would have said it would have probably been impossible," Templeton said. "It just happened by fate that it got found."

The Grunion was commissioned in April 1942 for the Pacific, where it arrived headed for the Aleutian Islands for its first war patrol in July 1942. On July 30, 1942, the Grunion disappeared after reporting heavy activity near Kiska Island. None of the 70 shipmen on board, including Sam Templeton, survived.

"I remember as a boy my grandmother grieving heavily," Tom Templeton said. "She talked about him quite a bit. You could tell what she was saying was coming from hurt, because that was her baby boy."

'Fuzzy mark' is seen

The search for the Grunion began with the three sons of the submarine's commander, Mannert L. "Jim" Abele. Bruce Abele, who was 12 when his father disappeared, and brothers Brad and John weren't content to let their father's fate rest in the sea. . . But they didn't expect that their research would lead to two journeys to the Aleutians, hours of underwater footage and the discovery of the Grunion. "It's hard to measure," said Bruce, who lives in Newtonville, Mass., and likes to think of the find as "a stream of improbables."

Going off information they had culled through Internet discussion boards and years of family and historical research, the Abeles traveled to the Aleutian Islands in 2006 with sonar equipment to the location they thought might reveal the wreckage.

The first place they searched, they saw a "fuzzy mark" on the monitor that looked big enough to be the Grunion. A year later, the brothers returned with an underwater, high-definition camera and found the submarine in a mere 27 minutes. "The fact that it was located where it was supposed to be gave it more credibility than anything else," Bruce Abele said.

The vessel was mostly intact, but it had sustained damage that left the brothers wondering what had happened. There's some evidence a Japanese freighter sank the ship, but the Abeles still aren't sure how.

As the brothers began to publish what they had found, three women contacted Bruce Abele, asking if they could help find the families of the shipmen to give them the obituaries they may not have received. The women, known as the "Sub Ladies," have never met, but they work in tandem to tell the stories of the men of the Grunion across the country. "I can't begin to tell you how families will come back and say thank you," said Mary Bentz of Bethesda, Md., whose uncle

Carmine Parziale served as a torpedo man on the Grunion. "Before, everybody was in limbo. What do you say to somebody who's missing?"

More work to do

The researchers of the Grunion say they still have work to do. The U.S. Navy has still not formally recognized the wreckage as the Grunion, even though the historical community largely has. Bruce and youngest brother John Abele are working to find out exactly what happened to the submarine. Indications are the ship may have been hit by a torpedo that didn't explode, but instead disabled the ship badly enough that it sank. The Abele 's know they're also working against time: Bruce is 78, and brother Brad passed away in May from an advanced form of Parkinson's disease. "We're not there yet, let's put it that way," Bruce said. "It will be closure when we know what happened."

The family members of survivors are planning a memorial service for Columbus Day weekend in Cleveland, where Mary Bentz hopes to present newspaper articles and photographs to the families of each of the crewmen. But for Templeton, the finding of the Grunion is enough to bring the memories of his uncle flooding back - memories he can now add to the history he's living today. "I can just see him going by, throwing his hands up to the neighbors," Templeton said. "I've always had that vision in my mind. It's just something you're left with, even though I wasn't there."



Russians in landmark Baikal dive

The probes have already set world records Russian scientists say they have reached the bottom of the world's deepest body of fresh water Lake Baikal in Siberia.

However, they did not break the record for the deepest freshwater dive, as was originally reported.

The Mir-1 submarine descended 1,580m (5,184ft), organisers said, and not a record 1,680m as was earlier claimed.

The mission is part of a research project at Lake Baikal, which contains about 20% of the world's fresh water.

The lake was declared a Unesco World Heritage site in 1996. Russia's Interfax and Itar-Tass news agencies cited expedition organisers as saying that the Mir I and Mir II mini-submarines had touched the bottom of the lake.

"This is a world record for a submarine diving in fresh water," Interfax quoted an organiser as saying.

However, it was later confirmed that the dive did not go as deep as first thought.

"There was no record... We'll try again," expedition leader Artur Chilingarov, a Russian parliamentarian and celebrated Arctic explorer, said after the dive.

The mission team plan to make up to 60 dives in total.

The current record of 1,637m was set in Lake Baikal in the 1990s.

The Mir capsules are already in the record books for their undersea expeditions descending to depths greater than 4,000m.

'Confident Russia'

Before the expedition set off, Mr Chilingarov described it as a complex one.

"There are technological problems, fickle weather conditions. Fresh water dictates its own special conditions," he said.

The two 18-tonne mini submarines were designed to operate in seawater but have shed hundreds of kilos to make them buoyant enough in less dense fresh water.

Mr Chilingarov also led a team of scientists to the North Pole in August last year - where they controversially staked Russia's claim by planting a flag on the seabed.

The BBC's James Rodgers, at Lake Baikal, says the latest expedition is another sign of the Kremlin's desire to show the world the kind of feat a newly confident Russia is capable of.

Environmentalists had expressed concern that Russia intended to exploit the lake's mineral wealth, but expedition leaders insisted the mission was for research and conservation purposes only.

Mr Chilingarov said his team would put together "a package of practical measures and recommendations" to promote conservation of the lake.

Lake Baikal, formed 25 million years ago, is home to hundreds of species of flora and fauna.

One of the most unusual animals unique to the lake is the Baikal seal one of the few seals to spend its life in fresh water.



The probes have already set world records

Lord These Departed shipmates with Dolphins on their chest are part of an outfit known as the best. Make them welcome and take them by the hand you'll find without doubt they are the best in the land. So heavenly father add their names to the roll of our departed shipmates still on patrol let them know that we who survive will always keep there memories alive

The names of those members reported in July to have 'Crossed the Bar'



Dolphin Branch
July 2008
R C (Roger) Batchelor
Warrant Officer Radio
Supervisor
D058793K
Aged 63
Submarine Service 1962-1987
Aurochs, Finwhale, Valiant,
Repulse (S), Otter,
Revenge (P) & Scepte



Middlesex Branch
(Ex Branch Secretary)
July 2008
A F (Arthur) Skilling
CPO (SM)
P/KX 106874
Aged 86
Submarine Service 1940-1984
Oberon, Telemachus,
Strongbow & Shalimar



Scottish Branch
(Lapsed)
July 2008
Robert (Bob) Ramage
ME1
Aged 71
Submarine Service in,
Taciturn, Artful, Scitsman
&
Solent



SAOC West
2nd July 2008
Dave Tudor
Lieutenant Commander
Aged 82
Submarine Service from 1946
in
Talent, Trump, Teredo,
Solent, Alcide, Tantivy,
SeaScout, Seneshal, Tudor,
Grilse & Ojibwa



Dolphin Branch
July 2008
F.R (Jan) Corner
Fleet Chief Petty Officer
MEM
Aged 70
Submarine Service in,
Subtle, Narwhal, Turpin,
Astute, Alliance, Valiant
& Churchill



Former President of SOCA
8th July 2008
Sir J A R (Anthony) Troup
KCB, DSC*
Vice Admiral
Aged 86
Submarine Service 1941-1953
Trident, Turbulent, H32,
Strongbow, Tantalus, Trump,
&
Tally Ho



Middlesex Branch
(Lapsed)
21st April 2008
James Walter (Wally Hall)





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J. Rodgers	05/08
P. Andrew	05/08
A. West	09/08
R. Hagen	10/08
G. Walker	11/08
D. Jenkins	14/08
R. Church	16/08
M. McCormick	18/08
E. Budgen	18/08
D. Parsons	18/08
D. Harwood	21/08
K. Mullen	25/08
G. Skippings	27/08
D. Sales	29/08
K. Harding	30/08



Social Calendar 2008 Look Ahead

August	
5th	Monthly Meeting
19th	Branch committee Meeting
September	
2nd	Monthly Meeting
18th	Branch Committee Meeting
October	
7th	Monthly Meeting
19th	Trafalgar Ball
24th	Branch Committee Meeting

Submariners Association Annual Draw 2008				
Prize List				
	Prize	Ticket	Winner	Donated by
1 st	Cheque for £1000	010561	Sid Beedle - Leicestershire & Rutland Branch	Tabap Ltd.
2 nd	Cheque for £500	020670	I Moultrie - Dorset Branch	Tom Homewood
3 rd	Cheque for £250	005369	JC Blakey - Derbyshire Branch	Dolphin Branch
4 th	Bottle of 'Pussers Rum'	015337	R.J. Mairs - Northern Ireland Branch	Brierley Hill Branch
5 th	£10.00	010761	J Deeth - Leicestershire & Rutland Branch	Derbyshire Branch
6 th	Nottingham Lace Tablecloth	025662	S Wilson – Barrow Branch	Nottingham Branch
7 th	£50.00 Argos Voucher	026602	L Hair – West of Scotland Branch	Gosport Branch
8 th	£75.00 B & Q Voucher	002786	K E Smith - Barrow Branch	West of Scotland Branch
9 th	£400 Travel Vouchers	017240	C Inshaw – South Kent Branch	Murray & Biggar
10 th	Submarine Print	025429	R Bell – West of Scotland Branch	The Submarine Heritage Centre
11 th	Luxury Box of Chocolates	003698	T Smith – Derbyshire Branch	National
12 th	Radio Controlled Model	016350	R Williams – Portsmouth Branch	Lincoln Branch
13 th	£30 Voucher	023099	Mr Palmer – Merseyside Branch	Submarine Museum
14 th	Limited Edition Print of HMS ASTUTE	019115	P Donovan – Basingstoke Branch	HMS ASTUTE Ships Company
15 th	One Hour sight-seeing flight from Blackpool	029888	S Fenton – Oxford Branch	Barrow Branch
16 th	Bottle of Glenfiddich Whiskey	028323	R Aitken – Scottish Branch	Basingstoke Branch