



SUBMARINERS ASSOCIATION BARROW-IN-FURNESS BRANCH NEWS LETTER



THE SEPTEMBER WORD



Greetings to one and all. This is possibly the last issue of the branch News Letter in its current format.

Our editor has been working up ideas for a revamp, new look, news letter and is hoping to launch it for the October issue which is also the 100th issue of the news letter.

I am absolutely certain that you will all join me in thanking Richard (Ben) Britten for his very special contribution as the creator and editor of the Barrow branch news letter.

The news letter is one of the main and best communications mediums for all things pertinent to the branch and for messages and stories of interest to the submarine fraternity to be transmitted.

YOU the readers are as always requested to contribute as often as you can to help create an interesting and useful news letter by writing letters to the editor or the branch committee, sending in submarine related stories, news of any up and coming events outside the Barrow calendar which you think may be of interest to the readers like boat reunions and memorials, suggestions for branch events or visits, submarine related (or just funny) jokes and cartoons. To all members who live well away from Barrow I invite you to send us some news and a photo; tell us about yourself and your life both now and when you were in boats.

The list is almost endless and the more the merrier an abundance

of content will help the editor produce an interesting and useful news letter without having to search the archives and internet to find article to interest you. The phrase "YOU the readers" definitely includes all branch members; AND of course the ladies; and any reader who wishes to contribute. All are more than welcome.

Time for a bit of a moan. We are in the ninth month of the year and we still have a number of members who have for some reason forgotten to pay their subscriptions. Those concerned will have received a letter from the branch to remind them but this is the month that the National Membership secretary will reconcile the membership of all branches. This is traditionally triggered by the need to comply with the constitution and confirm all submariners attending the Reunion in October are "fully paid up" members. So please contact us as soon as you can if you are one of the few. The committee can not pay the National membership for those who do not at least contact us with their intentions.

Also, after the reunion date, any new joining member will benefit slightly as his joining subscription of £10 will cover both branch and national subscriptions for the last few months of 2008 AND all of 2009. So pass your copy of the news letter to any submariner you know who is not already a member and encourage him to come along.

Ladies, do you want any ideas for Christmas presents? Why not talk to Alan West, our slops coordinator, who will be only too happy to order a new branch polo shirt, white shirt, blazer badge in fact anything from the range of goods available with the branch logo on it.

Branch Christmas cards should be available this year so please buy some for dispatch to your friends and help to spread the word for an excellent Christmas and New Year for all.

I am sure Barrie will have mentioned in his Secretaries section that as we draw towards the end of the year it is time to consider any thoughts and ideas that may benefit the Submariners Association. These can be discussed at branch level and if agreed can be passed to the National Management Committee as Resolutions for the 2009 Executive Council Conference. So if you can suggest anything please let the committee know asap as all Resolutions have to be in the hands of the National Secretary by 31st December.

In closing my best wishes go to all branch members and our ladies who are not in the best of health. My thoughts are with you and my hopes for a speedy recovery. Please do contact us if there is anything we can help you or your family with in your recovery.

Regards

Vice Chair.
John Houlding



Social Secretary's Dit



Hi folks, just a couple of social events to report on this month. On August 8th a party of 11 visited the Hawkshead brewery near Kendal. We had an interesting tour of the brewery and were amazed at how small an operation it was considering the brews that they produce, it was an enjoyable afternoon and a few samples of their brews were sampled although the days of getting lashed up by breweries are I think in the past. Our thanks go to Astute for supplying the transport and Key Mullen for driving us there and back. If there is enough interest I may do another trip in the future.

On Tuesday 26th August we held a quiz night in the Harbour, attendance was a bit down on past quizzes which may have been down to the awful weather or did I advertise it enough!! Those who attended enjoyed the evening and it was won by Jan Mead and Jeff Thomas and their ladies (again) I have challenged them to maybe set the next quiz and give the rest of us a chance.

I believe there was some concern expressed about the pricing of the annual BBQ and the profit that it made; I would just like to explain that the BBQ main cost is dictated by the cost of food per head and the cost of the band. On the costing of £5.50 per head for food and £1.50 for the band and the numbers that I had on the cut of date the BBQ was to break even. The profit which was substantial came from the extra numbers that I allowed after the cut of date and as I always say your extraordinary generosity when buying raffle tickets. The policy is not to make a profit on socials but any profit is used to off set the cost of more expensive socials like the annual dinner and Ladies night which are usually priced at around £26 per head, whereas the true cost per head with wine, Port and

entertainment would be nearer £30 – 32 per head. If these larger socials are not subsidized then the future for them may be bleak as I don't think we would get the attendance at the higher prices. If any one would like a more in depth explanation on costings for socials you are welcome to see me at anytime.

UP & COMING EVENTS

Next big upcoming events will be Trafalgar dinner organized by the Sea Cadets followed by Ladies night in November. I have attached a list for the Ladies night and will be passing it around at the September meeting, please get your requests in early the cut off date will be October 28th in order to get the menu request in to the Lisdoonie on time, I hope to see as many of you there as possible.

Colin Hutchinson
Social Secretary

Asbestos related diseases



Talking on the phone to my Doctor the other month regarding a neck/back x-ray, I was informed, "as a by the way", that I have Pleural Plaques which is one of the asbestos-related diseases. This as most of you are aware is caused by asbestos dust, which a big percentage of Submariners were subjected to in service onboard nuclear submarines. There is a 1 in 40 chance of progressing onto Asbestosis and even Mesothelioma however as nothing can be done for any of the related diseases there is a dedicated support group here in Barrow called B.A.R.D.S. (Barrow Asbestos Related Disease Society), where you can get all sorts of help and counseling along with financial and benefits advice and medical and legal assistance.

They meet once a month at the Lesser Kings Hall in Hartington

Street on Monday at 2pm, the next meeting is on the 15th September and anyone who has or suspects they have one of the above, I would suggest either giving them a call on 01229 580305 or turning up at the meeting.

A point of interest is as ex-service men we cannot get any help or assistance from a previous employer such as BAE Systems as it is deemed that we would have contracted the disease in service, therefore our only option is to pursue any claims/pensions through the Veterans Agency who can be contacted on free phone 08001692277.

I hope this can help any of our members.

Kindest regards
Ken Collins

Golf and What It All Means

Golf can best be defined as an endless series of tragedies obscured by the occasional miracle, followed by a good bottle of beer.

Golf! You hit down to make the ball go up. You swing left and the ball goes right. The lowest score wins. And on top of that, the winner buys the drinks

Golf is harder than baseball. In golf, you have to play your foul balls.

If you find you do not mind playing golf in the rain, the snow, even during a hurricane, here's a valuable tip: your life is in trouble.

Golf's a hard game to figure. One day you'll go out and slice it and shank it, hit into all the traps and miss every green. The next day you go out and for no reason at all you really stink.

Golf is like marriage: If you take yourself too seriously it won't work, and both are expensive.

Golf is the only sport where the most feared opponent is you.

Secretary's Dit



Well here we are September already where does all the time go! A small select band made a visit to the Hawkshead Brewery organised by Colin on Friday 8th August. It's a small brewery but well organised and set up for tourists and visitors – and they make a nice pint as well. After an interesting tour (and a couple of beers) we stopped off in a pub at Ulverston coincidentally also selling Hawkshead beers before returning to Barrow.

The 080808 Website Reunion in Barrow (which also started on the same day) went well if a little down on numbers! It was preceded by a Meet and Greet for the visitors at the Duke of Edinburgh on Friday 8th August which gave a few of us the chance to see the interior décor of the revamped bars!. On Saturday morning, with the help of the Yard and a few volunteers we managed a tour of HMS ONYX for the visitors which all seemed to enjoy but some expressed some surprise that the passageways and the hatches had shrunk since they were last onboard! Our visitors also enjoyed themselves spinning dits at the Harbour on Saturday afternoon aided and abetted by some of our Members.

The Memorabilia transfer from the Harbour to the RBL has progressed but not as quickly as we had hoped. Much is now up on the wall in the Concert Room but there is still more work to do and we will be calling for volunteers again soon to assist us in completing the task.

There are still a few items to remove from the Harbour but with what we already have at the RBL, given the generosity of Members over the years, there is probably too much in the way of pictures and paintings to display all at once at the RBL.

We will need to be selective about how much we put up and may need to arrange to put up a selection for now and then cycle

the rest of the pictures every few months or so!

Hopefully there was a good turn out for the Quiz night on 26th August at the Harbour arranged by Colin.

Now back to Branch business again.

As agreed at the last Branch Meeting Mick Mailey is to resume duties as the Branch Treasurer from John Houlding who has done a sterling job of 'Holding the Fort' as the Treasurer. We still need a volunteer for Membership Secretary. Ted Budgen and myself are managing the Membership Secretary duties until permanent replacement can be found.

We are still short handed on the Welfare Committee.

Volunteers to help out on the Committee are welcome to help us fill the gaps so if you can help out even if it's only on a temporary basis come on and give us a hand. A reminder that the Submariners Association DVD is 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 (they have 200 at the moment). So come on get your money out the DVD runs for about 48 minutes and I have been getting good reports on the content.

All of our Members attending the next main SA Event the Annual Reunion in October (the first weekend in the month) at the Britannia Hotel in Nottingham are fully paid up. Thanks very much for that the next bit is to get the transport sorted out!

Unfortunately a few members found themselves double booked and had to cancel but there will be a good turn out from Barrow again at the Reunion boosted by a large contingent of our serving members from ASTUTE.

Now a reminder for you that the 2009 National Council Conference next March is being hosted by the Northern Ireland Branch in Bangor.

A list was circulated and a good response forthcoming. All those travelling should have received details of the Hotels and accommodation arrangements but you do need to book for yourselves if you haven't yet done so you need to hurry up as the hotels are filling up fast! You will also need to make your own travel arrangements but keep the Northern Ireland Branch informed of how and when you are travelling, where you expect to arrive and where you are staying!

For those interested the **HMS RENOWN** Association Reunion will be held in Leicester on **W/E 21st to 23rd Nov 2008**. Anyone interested see the Secretary for details for booking or contact Tony Boyall on 0116 2912185 or 0116 2336370. Also the **HMS REPULSE** Association Reunion will take place at the Lisdoonie in Barrow on the Weekend **26th/27th/28th September**.

There will be a meet and Greet at the Lisdoonie on the Friday evening for any members and their wives who wish to attend and there are places available for the Dinner on the Saturday which can be booked as well. For details contact John Hart or Barrie Downer.

As always another long dit from me again this month but it's been another busy month again! See you all at the September Branch Meeting on Tuesday 2nd September at the Royal British Legion at 2000 don't be late and new Members are welcome.

Don't forget the September Meeting is a Ladies Evening bring along your wives, girlfriends and partners we will keep the business to the minimum so we can have a social evening with the ladies.

We have also invited our Army colleagues who also meet in the RBL on the same evening as us to join us (with their Ladies) for the social part of the evening

Barrie Downer



SUBMARINE E15

Submarine E15 (Yard No. 439) had one of the shortest careers of the fifty six 'E' Class Submarines built and 'Commissioned' before and during WWI.

E15 was built by Vickers at Barrow in Furness and was laid down on 13th January 1913, launched on 23rd April 1914 (the same day as Submarine E11) and was 'Commissioned' on 13th October 1914 being completed on the same date.

The Commanding Officer of Submarine E15 was Lieutenant Commander Theodore Stuart Brodie who was the twin brother of Lieutenant Commander Charles G Brodie another Submarine Commanding Officer.

These two Officers were nicknamed 'Dummy Head' and 'War Head' respectively by their compatriots.

Theodore Brodie had previously commanded Submarines C36, C33 and D8.

Theodore Brodie's First Lieutenant was Lieutenant Edward John Price who had been a Submariner since November 1912 and had previously served in E12.

After being 'commissioned' Submarine E15 saw service in the North Sea with the 8th Submarine Flotilla and was based on the Submarine Depot Ship HMS MAIDSTONE at Harwich.

A Navigator was appointed in October 1914 he was Sub Lieutenant Geoffrey Joseph Frederick Fitzgerald, Royal Naval Reserve who, at the outbreak of the war he had been serving as the 2nd Mate in the SS CARIBBEAN at New York. One member of the crew Able Seaman George Joseph Morris O/N 200450 was lost overboard on 28th Nov 1914.

Submarine E15 was sent to the Mediterranean on 27th March 1915 from Harwich with

Submarines E11 and E14 and the Depot Ship HMS ADAMANT to support the Dardanelles campaign. The passage was via Devonport (28th Mar 1915), Gibraltar (1st Apr 1915), Malta (5th Apr 1915) arriving at the Greek Island of Lemnos on 8th Apr 1915. In the Mediterranean Submarine E15 with the other deployed Submarines of 'Special Service Flotilla I' (three 'B' Class, two other 'E' Class Submarines and the Australian AE2) - was based on the Submarine Depot Ship HMS ADAMANT.

At Lemnos an extra Officer joined the crew. He was Lieutenant Clarence Edward Stanhope Palmer, RNVR. He had previously been the Vice Consul at Chanak in Turkey and is assumed to have been on board owing to his knowledge of the Dardanelles and his ability to speak fluent Turkish. On 16th Apr 1915 E15 sailed for Mudros Harbour on the Greek Island of Lemnos and then at midnight sailed from Mudros for the Dardanelles.

At about 0700 on 17th Apr 1915 the Submarine ran aground at Kephez Point in the Dardanelles whilst attempting to force the straits into the Sea of Marmora. **A diary kept by Telegraphist May records:**

'Everything going well until about 7am when we struck and, despite all that could be done, we were soon high and dry. The Turkish batteries then opened fire on us one large shell entering our conning tower and killing the captain as he was going on the bridge. Several shells came through the boat, one entering the engines and bursting several oil pipes, thick smoke began to come from aft, but we could not see what had happened there. The men then began to go up the conning tower and through the shell hole and take to the water. The boat was about three-quarters of a mile from the shore and this distance we had to swim. Several men would not attempt it and I think it was because of this that so many were injured.'

As reported the shell which hit the bridge of Submarine E15 killed the Commanding Officer Lieutenant Commander Theodore Brodie. Five more of the crew were killed by the shelling or were asphyxiated by smoke and chlorine gas or were lost overboard during the action. Seven others were wounded in the action.

The survivors had to swim about three quarters of a mile to the shore and the remaining members of the crew were then taken Prisoner of War. Some of those who died in the attack were firstly buried on the beach by the Turks but the bodies were later transferred to the Consular Cemetery at Chanak. The others are commemorated on the Naval War Memorials.

Urgent action was taken by the Royal Navy to destroy E15 before the Turkish Navy could salvage, repair and re commission the Submarine.

Attempts to destroy the submarine included shelling by Battle ship, torpedo attacks by Submarine (B6 which also grounded at the same place but managed to get off safely) and finally, attacks by armed picket boats from the Battle Ships HMS TRIUMP and MAJESTIC destroyed the E15 with torpedoes whilst still aground at Kephez. When Submarine B6 attempted to destroy E15 Theodore Brodie's twin brother, Charles, was in B6 as a passenger.

Telegraphist May further reported that:

'After their capture the survivors were marched to Chenak (Chanak) and were kept in a cowshed overnight. The following day they were placed in better conditions. On Wednesday 21st April the survivors were put on a Gunboat at Chenak (Chanak) and were taken to Constantinople arriving on 22nd April and being taken to the Stamboul Prison.'



Four days later, on Monday 26th April, the crew were taken to Haidar Pasha by ferry and then on to Ess Kicheher by train - where they stayed overnight. On the 27th April the train journey continued on to Afion Kara Hissar in the Asia mainland of Turkey and, on Wednesday 28th April they were moved into the Bermin Mosque School Camp.'

The survivors spent the rest of the war in Prison Camps in Turkey and returned home in late 1918 except for one Officer (who was paroled following intervention by the Vatican and returned home in February 1916) and one Officer and seven ratings who died whilst Prisoners.

Those who died whilst Prisoners of War were later buried in the Baghdad North Gate Cemetery or are commemorated on the War Memorial at Basra



The Crew of Submarine E15 in April 1915 was as follows:

Officers

Lieutenant Commander Theodore Stuart Brodie, Royal Navy 'In Command' - Killed on 17th Apr 1915

Lieutenant Edward John Price, Royal Navy First Lieutenant Died as a POW on 10th Aug 1916

Sub Lieutenant Geoffrey Joseph Frederick Fitzgerald, RNR Navigator paroled & returned home in 1916

Lieutenant Clarence Edward Stanhope Palmer, RNVR Spare Hand POW released in November 1918

Ratings

Petty Officer George Williams O/N 184383 (Po) Died as a POW at Angora on 4th Dec 1916

Petty Officer John Shepard O/N 169388 (Po) Died as a POW at Sivas on 10th Aug 1916

Petty Officer Sidney James Cromwell Kinchington O/N 183194 Survived time as POW & returned home in 1918

Leading Seaman Herbert William Trimmer O/N 221231(Ch) Survived time as POW & returned home in 1918

Able Seaman Frederick John Cornish O/N J8305 (Ch) Killed on 17th Apr 1915

Able Seaman Frederick John Gingell O/N 239994 (Po) Killed on 17th Apr 1915

Able Seaman Arthur Houseman O/N J6914 (Po) Killed on 17th Apr 1915

Able Seaman Patrick Brennan O/N 226804 (Dev) Died as a POW 2nd Mar 1917

Able Seaman Henry John Barter O/N 230790 Died as a POW on 11th May 1916

Able Seaman James Biggar Lockerbie O/N J5768 Wounded Survived time as POW released in 1918

Able Seaman Herbert James Rogers O/N 203222 Wounded Survived time as POW released in 1918

Leading Signalman Charles Horn O/N 229604 Survived time as POW and returned home in 1918

Telegraphist Alfred Edward May O/N J9748 Survived time as POW and returned home in 1918

Chief ERA Samuel Bishop Todd O/N 27075 Wounded Survived time as POW released in 1918

ERA Ernest Valletta Hind O/N 272067 Killed on 17th Apr 1915

ERA William Norman O/N 271316 (Po) Survived time as POW and returned home in 1918

ERA Albert Henry Ellis O/N M5868 Survived time as POW and returned home in 1918

Stoker Petty Officer Ernest Henry Mitchell O/N 288549 (Dev) Died as a POW on 26th Nov 1916

Leading Stoker James John Bond O/N 306132 (Po) Died as a POW 2nd Feb 1917

Leading Stoker Charles Emil Gosling O/N 295949 (Po) Survived time as POW and returned home in 1918

Stoker James Henry Nash Tapper K8918 (Dev) Killed on 17th Apr 1915

Stoker William Thomas George Williams O/N 233214 (Po) Died as POW 4th Feb 17

Stoker John Joseph MacDonagh O/N K14409 Wounded Survived time as POW released in 1918

Stoker Charles Henry Stratford O/N K4797 Wounded Survived time as POW released in 1918

Stoker Thomas O'Neill O/N K22745 Wounded Survived time as POW released in 1918

Stoker W Howes O/N K2070 Survived time as POW and returned home in 1918

Stoker J Geens O/N K5897 Survived time as POW and returned home in 1918





HawksHead Brewery Run



08/08/08 website Lads meeting

George Kockey Humour

A man and woman had been married for more than 60 years. They had shared everything. They had talked about everything. They had kept no secrets from each other except that the little old woman had a shoe box in the top of her closet that she had cautioned her husband never to open or ask her about. For all of these years, he had never thought about the box, but one day the little old woman got very sick and the doctor said she would not recover.

In trying to sort out their affairs, the little old man took down the shoe box and took it to his wife's bedside.

She agreed that it was time that he should know what was in the box. When he opened it, he found two crocheted dolls and a stack of money totaling £95,000.

He asked her about the contents. 'When we were to be married,' she said, 'my grandmother told me the secret of a happy marriage was to never argue. She told me that if I ever got angry with you, I should just keep quiet and crochet a doll.'

The little old man was so moved; he had to fight back tears. Only two precious dolls were in the box. She had only been angry with him two times in all those years of living and loving. He almost burst with happiness.

'Honey,' he said, 'that explains the doll, but what about all of this money? Where did it come from?'

'Oh,' she said, 'that's the money I made from selling the dolls.'

A Prayer.....

Dear Lord, I pray for Wisdom to understand my man;
Love to forgive him;
And Patience for his moods;
Because Lord, if I pray for Strength,
I'll beat him to death, because I don't know how to crochet.

LETTERS

RE Dedicated Military Hospital

Dear All,

I have been sent the following message . My understanding is that Selly Oak is good but its just not able to deal with the numbers coming back. Like that outrageous business at Ashford where the NIMBY's tried to stop a Families Hospital near Headley Court , ! this seems to me to be one that the whole military family should get behind. As you will see below, time is short but it should still be possible to get some real numbers behind this one. If you feel able to help please sign up by visiting the link below, and also please pass it on. I'm not in favour to chain letters but this one really is worth it. They stopped road pricing because of the millions who signed one of these petitions maybe we can do the same for a

military hospital.'Maybe you will join this petition? Only 8500 people thereabouts have done this so far which is hardly a blip when compared to other petitions.

Just some background, 2 Para alone have on this tour sent back over 50 casualties to the UK and from having been to Selly Oak myself I know that many cannot be accommodated so when all of the casualties from other battle groups are added to the figure, how is ONE ward in an NHS hospital going to cope? It cannot cope, the individual troops are sent home to recover relying on NHS visiting services which themselves are over committed.

A lot more than 5000 names are needed for this petition and quite cynically, Downing Street has put a time limit of one month for this to be achieved. Do what you can.' Please petition to

<http://petitions.pm.gov.uk/Wounded/>

Ron Hiseman



New Member
Joining in August

Corey Burgher

HMS ASTUTE

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 August to have 'Crossed the Bar'



Colchester Branch
(Formerly Essex and Dolphin Branches)

24th July 2008
CRS

C/JX 153885
Aged 87

Submarine Service 1940-1954
Cachelot, Thrasher, Supreme,
Sea Nymph, Alderney,
Tantalus, Sea Scout, Sidon,
Trenchant and Talent



Non Member
6th August 2008

SJ (Jim) Slater, MBE
Warrant Officer Coxswain
Aged 50

Submarine Service 1978-2008
Spartan, Otus, Superb
and
Tirelss



London & Northern Ireland
22nd August 2008

DC (Don) Lydon
P/K 965264
Aged 72

Submarine Service 1958-1970
Totem, Astute
&
Osiris



Non Member

8th August 2008

R G (Sam) Fry, OBE

Captain

Aged 78

Submarine Service 1951-1980

Alderney, Sturdy, Trump,
Trespasser, Thermopylae,
Acheron (CO 58 - 59), Talent
(Co 61-62), Artful (Co 62-63),
Osiris (Co 63-64)
&
Courageous (Co 70-71)

US Sub

A US nuclear-powered submarine could have leaked radioactive water during a Singapore stop in September 2006, Singapore's Minister for Defence Teo Chee Hean said Monday. Speaking in parliament, Teo said the United States informed Singapore this month that the USS Houston had been leaking trace amounts of radioactive water since June 2006.

"This suggested that the USS Houston could have been leaking during her port call at Changi Naval Base in September 2006," Teo said in response to a parliamentary question.

Singapore had asked the United States for information after reports in early August said the USS Houston could have been leaking radioactive water during a port call in Japan in March this year, he said.

US tests showed the amount of radioactivity that could have leaked from the submarine during its Singapore stop was too small to pose any risk to public health, said Teo.

"To put things into perspective, the US indicated that this was less than the amount of radioactivity found in a common smoke detector, and would not have any adverse effect on human health, marine life or the environment," the defence minister said.

Singapore also conducted its own investigations which also showed public safety had not been affected by the leak at Changi Naval Base, he said.

Submariner Goats

The Ministry of Defence (MoD) has announced it is to stop using goats for testing on submarines. The animals were used in a project designed to help Naval personnel avoid decompression sickness the potentially fatal condition known as the bends if they had to exit a stricken submarine.

Derek Twigg, the junior defence minister, told MPs the information obtained from the trials, which have now finished, has been used to provide vital advice to submarine crews.

Not normally at home on water, goats have now been taken off submarine duties. The goats were used in hyperbaric testing at various pressure levels. The data from the tests will be used to help submariners weigh up the risks of staying in their boat or attempting to reach the surface. In a written statement, he said: "This information enables the crew to make an informed judgment of the relative risks of delaying abandonment until rescue arrives. The welfare of its personnel is paramount to the MoD and this advice forms an integral part of the MoD's duty of care to its submarine staff."

The programme was aimed at improving the accuracy of information relating to the likelihood of developing decompression illness. "The review has concluded that the remaining associated areas of uncertainty in submarine escape and rescue relate to events that are considered highly unlikely, and do not therefore need to be addressed by means of animal testing.

"The MoD has endorsed these recommendations and as a result, it has no immediate need to continue testing of this type."





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**Members Birthdays
September 2008**

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|------------|-------|
| R. Watling | 05/09 |
| P. Dismore | 06/09 |
| R. Hayes | 09/09 |
| D. Oakes | 09/09 |
| G. Stevens | 10/09 |
| K. Myers | 17/09 |
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| F. Pretty | 24/09 |
| D. Smith | 25/09 |
| R. Fry | 28/09 |



**Social Calendar 2008
Look Ahead**

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| September | |
| 2nd | Monthly Meeting |
| 18th | Branch committee Meeting |
| January | Meeting |
| March | |
| October | |
| 7th | Monthly Meeting |
| 19th | Trafalgar Ball |
| 24th | Branch Committee Meeting |
| July | Meeting |
| September | |
| November | |
| 4th | Monthly Meeting |
| 7th | Ladies Night |
| 9th | Rememberance Parade |
| 18th | Branch Committee Meeting |

