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CHAIRMANS DIT

November 2008



In line with Ben our Editor's policy of revamping the layout of our newsletter, and my own continued effort to keep fresh my monthly contribution. I came across an old calendar created by the New York City Poster Division in 1938 to show government officials the skilled artistic work of their Federal Art Project. The Library's copy of the calendar was a gift from Richard Floethe in 1975, so I really don't think there is a copyright issue. Therefore I have taken it upon myself to replace my picture (thank the Lord for that I hear some of you say) with a monthly clip art image depicting the name of the particular month. The current date and time is Friday 0645 hrs its been twenty seven hours since the taxi delivered me to my front gate after attending HMS Astute's Senior Rates Trafalgar Night. It must be an age thing because my recovery rate isn't as good as it used to be. As yesterdays tasks seemed to take an age to complete, must be: *something to do with hooting with midday eagles: and attempting to soar with*

midday eagles.

Mind you it's been more years than I can remember when I last attended a Senior Rates Dinner. So I must take this opportunity on behalf of the Barrow Submariners Association Branch to thank the members of both Astute and Ambush SR Messes for their kind invitation to join them on what became a memorable evening. As most of you are aware since our October Newsletter, Bill Butters one of our distinguished X Craft wartime submariners crossed the bar this month, and a goodly number of us were able to attend his funeral service on the thirteenth. In our time honoured tradition we shall be remembering his name with "Up Spirits", it is also beholden of me to give thanks to Rosemary, Bills daughter who carried out her fathers wishes and made a generous contribution for us all to have a good drink in his memory. Five of our members including myself were invited to attend the Sea Cadet Unit to officially present the newly commissioned Drum Majors Sash. With our name and logo emblazoned on the lower half of the sash, it felt fitting that our branch name is now visibly associated with the continuing history of Barrow Sea Cadets.

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Bill Butters

I must take this opportunity to apologize that I shall be unable to attend both our November Branch Meeting and the Ladies Night. And the blame lies square at my door because I failed to pencil in the dates on the activities calendar pinned up in our Kitchen. So a surprise family holiday was arranged without my knowledge on the assumption that I was available. This would be a good time for me to thank on behalf of you all, for the hard work of Colin our Social Sec: for putting in place our very full social diary. If I don't stop now I will be in danger of impinging into space reserved for other contributors.

Regards Jonsey



Chaplain's Dit



Having completed this contribution last night only to realize that for some inexplicable reason half the article had become corrupted and my Chaplains Dit was not recoverable. Or in other words lost in the wide yonder of a myriad zeros 0 and one's 1. So the bottom line is I have had to start again, and in light of the sad news I received earlier today it is good that I have had the opportunity.

Pam Meadows telephoned me to say that George had died yesterday, and I took the opportunity of offering her our condolences on behalf of all of you. As of yet the time and date of the funeral service is still to be arranged but I ask that, as many members as possible are able to attend to support Pam at this sad and stressful time for George's family. We are also reminded that November is our time of National Remembrance for those who have died serving their country in war. With Iraq and Afghanistan adding numbers almost daily it even more important that their names are kept in the forefront of people's mind just as it was during the very first two-minute silence.

The First Two Minute Silence in London (11th November 1919) as reported in the Manchester Guardian, 12th November 1919. 'The first stroke of eleven produced a magical effect. The tram cars glided into stillness, motors ceased to cough and fume, and stopped dead, and the mighty-limbed dray horses hunched back upon their loads and stopped also, seeming to do it of their own volition.

Someone took off his hat, and with a nervous hesitancy the rest of the men bowed their heads also. Here and there an old soldier could be detected slipping unconsciously into the posture of 'attention'. An elderly

woman, not far away, wiped her eyes, and the man beside her looked white and stern. Everyone stood very still ... The hush deepened. It had spread over the whole city and become so pronounced as to impress one with a sense of audibility. It was a silence which was almost pain ... And the spirit of memory brooded over it all.'

Regards Jonsey



George Meadows
O/N D055030K



Petty Officer Steward George Meadows was sixty seven and he served in Submarines from March 1961 to November 1979 in Submarines HMS ARTEMIS, EXCALIBUR, OBERON, OSIRIS, CHURCHILL and SWIFTSURE. He originally became a member of the Barrow in Furness Branch of the Submarine Old Comrades Association on 3rd Oct 1989. After a break in his Membership he rejoined the Branch on 7th Oct 1997.

George had been suffering from cancer and had been in remission until very recently.

No details of the Funeral arrangements are yet available but I will pass them on as soon as advised.





**Submariners gather to dedicate
World War II memorial
Charlevoix Courier
22 October 2008**

By Benjamin Gohs

Last Saturday in Charlevoix, a few remaining submariners from the greatest generation stood with their younger counterparts in East Park as they were honored with a new memorial. Charlevoix has the distinction of hosting the monument and memorial for the USS Escolar which was assigned to the city in the early 1980s by U.S. Submarine Veterans of World War II.

“Each state got a submarine that was captured or sunk,” said Carrol Pines, daughter of local navy veteran Ben Gill who survived the attack on submarine USS Perch. “Of the 52 American boats and hundreds of lives were lost in battles waged underwater during World War II, Escolar is apparently one of the more mysterious. “They don’t know what happened,” Pines said.

According to the Department of the Navy Historical Center, Escolar was on routine maneuvers in the Yellow Sea and presumably lost on Oct. 17, though it cannot be certain. “Information supplied by the Japanese on antisubmarine attacks gives no clue as to the cause of her loss, but the Yellow Sea area is thought to have been mined,” the Historical Center Web site states. “A course line plotted between the two positions given above does not cross any known Japanese mine lies, but positions of mines laid before April, 1945 are not definitely located.”

The entire crew of 82 men was never seen again. Pines said her father worked diligently to help make Charlevoix the home of the Escolar tribute because of his own experiences. “He was in the Pacific (Ocean) when Pearl Harbor was hit. They were out doing private maneuvers and they came back in two days after Pearl and it wasn’t until then that they knew about the

destruction,” she said. “They were commissioned right back out and his sub’ was captured in March, 1942.”

Gill served as an electrician on the Perch when, on the evening of March 1, the submarine was heavily damaged by depth charges from two Japanese destroyers.

According to the Navy’s historical documents, the boat was bombed again the next day. “Perch attempted to leave the area, but was trapped half-submerged in shallow water,” the site stated. “Surrounded by enemy ships, her commanding officer ordered the submarine abandoned and scuttled early on 3 March 1942.”

Unbeknownst to his family, Gill spent the rest of the war in Jakarta, Indonesia in a prisoner of war camp. “His mother didn’t know he was alive until she found out in April, 1945. My dad’s father had died in February of that year without knowing his son was alive,” Pines said. “When he came home, he weighed 109 pounds and he had malaria.” She added, “When I was a kid there was one thing you were not allowed to say around our house: you knew better than to say you were starving.” Gill subsisted on a diet of small portions of rice and the occasional dog, cat or rat that would wander through camp. “They would beat it to death and fix it to eat because it was really the only meat they would get,” Pines said.

Gill came home to Charlevoix and made a 21-year career of the Navy, though once the war was over he never again worked on a submarine. “A Dutch doctor removed dad’s appendix (in the POW camp) without anesthetic,” she said. “With all he went through, my dad always felt guilty he survived, and you’ll find that from a lot of POWs.” Gill retired in April, 1961 and lived in Charlevoix until he died in February, 1990.

The new monument memorializes not only the Escolar, but Gill, who put in countless hours

of work helping to build and maintain the original monument.

‘DUES’

I wonder why the short word “dues”, Makes a hardened submariner quake in his shoes. It has four little letters, though nothing to fear, Yet it requires more letter-space year after year.

So what is involved with this word ?. Whenever it’s mentioned not a sound can be heard. Those drinking rum or a bottle of beer, hear the word, choke and run in great fear.

There’s no problem with ‘dues’ to the loyal few, Who year after year pay on the date dues are due. Thanks to those men, our bills are not overdue, and never have so many owed so much to so few! how about youare you due to?

penned by the secretary of the Canadian branch

READERS LETTER

Mick Flemming, Malaga Spain dates 25th October.

Extract from his recent letter.

“Firstly to say that both Joan and I are keeping well and we send our Best Wishes to all the Branch Members.

Happy Christmas and Best Wishes for the New Year.”

Michael





Barrie Downer



This year seems to be moving on at a very fast pace. All of a sudden we are into November and the Remembrance Day ceremonies are with us again.

This year will be a little different as it will see our last Submariners Remembrance at the Harbour Hotel.

The last month was a very busy month – I seem to have said that about nearly every month this year but it's quite true! Must be something to do with it being the 45th Anniversary Year for the Branch!

October started off with the Reunion at Nottingham and a select band of Branch Members attended what turned out to be a very enjoyable weekend. The National Committee got the choice of Hotels right and the organisation of the whole weekend went quite smoothly. Nearly 400 members, wives, girlfriends and guests turned up – so many in fact that we had to have an overflow at the Travel Lodge next door.

The only slight hiccup was losing the Faslane photographers at the last minute when they were diverted to another task in support of the JMC Exercises. Luckily, after a bit of fast phoning round by Cox'n John Hendren, our Branch Serving Member (and ASTUTE Ships Photographer) Michael Hughes was able to step in and do the job!

A big thank you is due to Branch Member Tony Griffiths who drove the minibus to and from the Reunion! Well done Tony!

At the Branch meeting on 7th October Members were able to see the new Drum Majors sash which the Branch bought for the Sea Cadets. I think all that saw it will agree that we got value for money. On Friday 10th October seven Branch Members were able to attend a small ceremony at the Sea Cadets HQ in Dundee

Street to witness the formal presentation of the Sash to the Sea Cadets.



The Evening Mail photographer was there to take some pictures and we should see an article in the evening Mail shortly.

This month saw the 'Crossing of the Bar' of Branch Member 'Bill Butters' one of the last of the WWII 'X' Craft Submariners. Bill, who was also well known locally as a Garage proprietor and vintage car expert had been a Branch member since 2000 and took part in the Submarine Centenary Celebrations at Barrow in 2001. Owing to ill health Bill had not been able to attend Branch meetings of late but to the last he was planning to come along to see us at the RBL.



A big thank you to all Branch Members who turned out for Bill's funeral on 13th October twenty one in all to give Bill a good submariner's send off on his last patrol. I know Bill's family appreciated the effort made.

The Sea Cadets Trafalgar Night Dinner on 7th October went off well at the Lisdoonie – again well attended by the Branch. The Sea Cadets put on their usual immaculate display of

Drum and Bugle band work and a marching display in a very small area. The funds raised for the Sea Cadets during the evening was quite amazing.

Hopefully members will have enjoyed the HMS ASTUTE Trafalgar Dinner on Sealandia on 22nd October. Over 20 Members and Friends were able to attend and hopefully there weren't too many sore heads the next day.

Next up, as they say will be the Ladies Night Dinner dance on 7th November at the Lisdoonie Colin Hutchinson has put in a lot of effort here and it should be a good evening.

The Guest this year are the Mayor and Mayoress and Dave and Fiona Barlow Dave is representing the SA National committee in support of the 45th Anniversary.

As usual the LNDD is followed on Sunday 9th by the Barrow Remembrance Parade. Can we have a good turn out please? Timings are breakfast at the Harbour at 0900 and then 1010 at the Town Hall Square, 1025 March off, Service at the Cenotaph starting at 1055 and back to the RBL on completion for a pint or two before our Submariners Remembrance at about 1400. Details will be confirmed at the November Branch meeting.

Also, if you wish to attend the Parade but are unable to March the Coop is lending us a Car and Driver to pick up members, take them to the Cenotaph in time for the service and then take them to the RBL or the Harbour or back home again! If you wish to make use of the car let the Committee know as soon as possible, Advance Notice!

The Christmas Social will be at the Roose Cons on Saturday 29th November. Usual routine – bring a plate, bring a prize for the Raffle, bring yourselves and bring your guests.

There will be a small charge as usual but it's for a good cause and you will enjoy yourselves as usual!



Now back to Branch business again. Mick Mailey has resumed duties as the Branch Treasurer from John Houlding who did a sterling job of 'Holding the Fort' as the Treasurer.

We still need a volunteer for Membership Secretary from April next year

Ted Budgen and myself are managing the Membership Secretary duties until permanent replacement can be found. The Branch will be short of Committee Members from April next year unless a few more come forward. Next year should be a quieter year from the point of view of events and it would be a good time to join the committee and see how things are done and give plenty of time to build up experience for the arrangements for the Branch 50th anniversary in 2013!

First reminder! If you have any items you wish to raise for the Agenda at the 2009 National Council Conference let the Committee know as soon as possible!

Second Reminder! 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! The Branch is investigating the possibility of a Coach to take all members across to Ireland which could be cheaper and easier than everyone making their own arrangements. More details to be advised!

Another Reminder! If you are looking for some good Christmas presents 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! So come

on get your money out the DVD runs for about 48 minutes and is good value.

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.

As always another long dit from me again this month but it's been another busy month again!

See you all at the November Branch Meeting on Tuesday 4th November at the Royal British Legion at 2000 don't be late and new Members are welcome. There will be an 'Up Spirits' in Memory of the late Bill Butters.

Barrie Downer

Transplant complete, attack sub floats again

By Philip Ewing - Staff writer
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More than three years after a devastating underwater crash killed one sailor, injured 100 more and crushed the bow of the fast-attack submarine San Francisco, the ship has returned to the water after a first-of-its-kind overhaul.

In the maritime equivalent of a major organ transplant, workers at Puget Sound Naval Shipyard, Wash., amputated more than 1 million pounds' worth of the bow section of the decommissioned attack sub Honolulu and grafted it onto the ailing San Francisco.

"The engineering and production teams proceeded to manipulate the mammoth structure with orchestrated precision," according to an announcement from Naval Sea Systems Command. "In some areas, the bow of this massive structure was moved to within 1/16 of an inch of the original structure."



With the surgery complete, the San Francisco floated off its dry dock for the first time Oct. 10. The ship has been in the yard since December 2006.

The systems transferred from the Honolulu a newer Los Angeles-class sibling commissioned in 1985, four years after the San Francisco included its active sonar sphere and its forward ballast tanks.

Although the Honolulu is four years younger than the San Francisco, the older sub's nuclear reactor had been refueled three years before the accident at a cost of roughly \$170 million. The Honolulu was scheduled to be decommissioned in 2006 even before Navy planners decided to use its bow section on the older sub.

Navy engineers determined it would be cheaper to transplant the Honolulu's forward equipment to the San Francisco, for an estimated \$79 million, than it would have been to refuel the Honolulu, for another estimated \$170 million, if it were kept in commission.

The San Francisco crashed into an undersea mountain Jan. 8, 2005, suffering damage so severe that the warship almost sunk. The ship struggled to Guam, and after temporary repairs, the ship sailed 5,600 nautical miles to Puget Sound on the surface,



the longest trip a U.S. submarine has made without submerging. Although the San Francisco is the first submarine to get another submarine's bow, the procedure is common with surface ships. In 1956, for example, the battleship Wisconsin collided with a destroyer in heavy weather off Norfolk. To repair it, Navy engineers sliced the bow off one of the two unfinished Iowa-class battleships, the Kentucky, and replaced the Wisconsin's original bow.



Social Scene

November 2008

Hi Folks! Well we are all looking forward to the Ladies night dinner dance at the Lisdoonie on the 7th November for those that are going it is 19:00 for 19:30 and dancing afterwards to Midnight Express. We have 77 attending this year which is down on the numbers of previous years, I don't know the reason for this but if you could give me some feedback I would appreciate it, are we having too many socials, do you find them too expensive or would you like a change in the type of socials that we have? If you have any views on this let me know and I will provide what you want.

Our next up coming social is the Christmas social which is on the 29th November at the Roose Conservative club. I will not be able to attend this due to work commitments but Jan Mead and Jeff Thomas have kindly offered to run the night for the branch, entertainment is being provided by Shindig (Billy Daniels and Brian Waite) there will be a raffle and as usual if every one can bring a plate of food the buffet will be provided. This is a good night to kick off your Christmas celebrations and will cost £2:00 a head to cover the cost of the band. So bring your friends for a cracking night everyone welcome. A list will be passed round at the November meeting.

I believe that the Trafalgar dinner organized by the lads of

Astute was a cracking do and was enjoyed by all who attended, again I missed out due to work (my loss) a big thank you the Astute for putting on a well organized event.

I asked last month for feedback on whether you would like a Valentines weekend, to date I have had no response I need to know as soon as possible in order to organize it in time.

Don't forget the get together in the Harbour after the Remembrance day parade where Tracy will provide a hot pot for those attending.

It will soon be that time to produce the social calendar for 2009, don't forget it is your association and I am here to organize the events that you want, I believe that the social side of the branch is very important that's the reason I joined, so let me have your views on what you want to see and I will do my best to accommodate.

Colin Hutchinson
Social Secretary

SCEPTRE sent in by Ginge Cundell

Sceptre was a sneaky boat,
She sailed out from Plymouth
Ho.

To the cold northern oceans,
Further north than Scapa Flow.
Pride of all the Submarine fleet,
A hero of the cold war.

Prowling the deep cold waters,
Around the great bear's door.
Long months were spent at sea,
Maintaining the status quo.
Ducking, diving, seeking and
searching,

Monitoring the old Red foe.
The crew were all "Hearts of
Oak"

And drank of Nelson's Blood,
Washed down with copious
CSB,

Because it did them good.
This tale of Sceptre is all true,
You asked me how I know.
I was there part of her crew,
For I was Duddly's SPO.

In memory of our shipmate
Billy Cole crossed the bar 2
years ago.

THE DEMISE OF JACK TAR sent in by Ginge Cundell

The traditional British sailor was not defined by his looks, he was defined by his attitude, his name was Jack Tar, he was a happy-go-lucky sort of bloke.

He took the good times with the bad. He didn't cry victimisation, bastardisation, discrimination, for his mum for his often self destructive actions. He loved to laugh at anything or anybody rank, race, gender, creed or behaviour, it did n't matter to Jack, he would take the piss out of anyone, including himself, and if someone took it out of him he didn't get offended, it was a natural part of life.

If he offended someone, so be it! Free from the many rules of polite society, Jack's manners were somewhat rough and his ability to swear was legendary.

He would stand up for his mates, Jack was extravagant with his support of those he thought needed it. Jack's mate was one of the luckiest people alive.

Jack loved women, he loved to chase them to the ends of the earth, and sometimes even caught one, (less often than he would have you believe though) his tales of the chase and its win or loss is the stuff of legends.

Jack's favourite drink was beer and he could drink it like a fish, his actions when inebriated would, on occasion, land him in trouble, but he took it on the chin, did his punishment, and then went out and did it all again.

Jack loved his job, he took immense pride in what he did, his radar was ever the best in the fleet, his engines always worked better than anyone else's. His eyes could spot a contact before anyone else, and shoot at it first.

Jack was like a mischievous child, he had a gleam in his eye and a larger than life outlook, he was as rough as guts. You had to be pig-headed and thick skinned to survive.



He worked hard and played hard. His masters tut tutted at some of his more exuberant expressions of joy de vivre, and occasional bouts of number 9's or stoppage of leave let him know where the limits were.

The late 20th century has seen the demise of Jack. The workplace no longer echoes to ribald comment and bawdy tales, where someone is sure to take offence. Where as those stories of "derring do" and ingenuity in the face of adversity, usually whilst drunk, lack the audacity of the past!

A wicked sense of humour is now a liability rather than a necessity, Jack has been socially engineered out of existence, doing what came naturally to Jack is now considered offensive.

Denting someone else's over-inflated opinion of their self worth is now a crime.

Political correctness has usurped Jack's world, friendship and neighbourliness are from a time now lost. Yet Jack's world was a microcosm of the time, 30 plus matelots would live on a small mess deck, sure there would be disagreements and the occasional fisticuffs, but there it ended, respect for senior hands led to mess deck rules being observed, personal hygiene and respect for each other's space meant learning to live together.

It took a special person to live, eat, sleep and sometimes work in the same space, one had to be tolerant, gregarious, and forgiving of others. Protestants lived with Catholics, but no one ever asked "what religion are you" whites with blacks, Geordies with Glaswegians, Scousers with Mancunians, Cockneys with Brummies, Welsh with Irish, no one ever wanted to know another's politics. Indeed those that today are considered natural enemies were then best of pals and Jack's creed was look after your 'oppo', Jack was no Philistine he would not knowingly walk by on the other side, his natural curiosity made him a Samaritan, sometimes to his cost.

Jack could moan and complain about his lot, about his ship, but woe betide any one ashore who had something disrespectful to say about it, insult one sailor you insulted them all, Jack's gospel was togetherness.

The ship and its crew were the very essence of community, reflecting what was good about England, and Great Britain.

Here among Hearts of Oak was the heart of Albion, sadly gone now, replaced by political correctness which nurtures suspicion, replaced by the minority dictating to the majority which creates mistrust, replaced by the grasping money led opportunists fueled by peer pressure, which creates hatred.

What happened to the heartlands, to the tolerant caring and supportive society Jack had both in his ship and ashore.

Gone is the family, put the old away, leave the young without direction, leave the ship to flounder??, not Jack, the ship was his home, the crew his family, how sad this has all but disappeared.

And so a culture dies!

HMS ASTUTE



PEOPLE stopped to watch as Barrow's nuclear-powered submarine Astute emerged from the giant Devonshire Dock Hall following a year of work.

The 7,400-tonne hunter killer class sub, which has had its nuclear fuel loaded, was today 16th Oct being lowered into Devonshire Dock and was due to be afloat by lunchtime.

BAE spokesman Chris Nelson said: "The natural environment for a submarine is the water and a lot of people including ex-submariners will be delighted to see the submarine out of the Devonshire Dock Hall and back in the wet dock."

Looking spick and span the sub and its 98 crew is due to be visited by its Lady Sponsor, Camilla the Duchess of Cornwall, on Tuesday.

The Duchess, who launched Astute on June 8 last year, will meet submariners and their families and tour the boat.

The submarine went back into the DDH after initial wet dock trials via the giant shiplift at the end of October last year after completing a series of successful tests including making its first dive. It was due to return to the DDH in any case, but damage to its turbo generators during a steam test of propulsion equipment added heavily to the workload.

A specialist company had to be brought in to remove scoring on shafts caused when they ran dry against bearings when both an oil pump and its back up power source failed.

Other problems, which included trouble with valves and electrical systems, also added to the time in dock, leading to the programme being delayed by several months.

The first-of-class sub won't now be delivered to the Royal Navy until next year which will also see the launch in the town of the second of class Ambush.

BAE has still to announce when next year Astute will leave Barrow for sea trials followed by docking at the Faslane naval base in Scotland for any faults to be fixed.

Around 150 BAE employs worked on the massive operation to move Astute on rail bogies sideways and then forwards out to the shiplift.

More pictures on Back page



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 October to have 'Crossed the Bar'



**Barrow-in-Furness
Branch
3rd October**

**P W (Bill) Butters, MiD
Stoker 1st Class
D/KX 560198
Aged 84**

**Submarine Service 1942-1946
OTWAY & X Craft**



**Barrow-in-Furness
Branch
30th October**

**George Meadows
Petty Officer Steward
D055030K
Aged 67**

**Submarine Service 1961-1979
Artemis, Excalibur, Oberon,
Osiris, Churchill & Swiftsure**



**Leicestershire Branch
4th October 2008
Charles A Plowman
Leading Seaman (HSD)
P/SSX921368
Aged 72**

**Submarine Service in
Aeneas, Talent & Trespasser**



**N on Member
9th October 2008
Ken Mallard
Chief Petty Officer
Submarine Service in
Alliance, Valiant, Sceptre,
Spartan & Turbulent**



**Non Member
October 2008
G E 'Chet' Atkins
Chief Petty Officer Coxswain
Aged 66
Submarine Service from 1964
in Olympus(65), Orpheus (65
to 67) Resolution P + S (67+)
as Cox'n in Orpheus, Ocelot,
Osiris and Opportune.**



**Gosport & Portsmouth
Branch**

**14th October 2008
Robert 'Black Bob'
Farley-Hulse
Petty Officer (LTO)
P/MX 895999
Aged 75**

**Submarine Service 1953-1973
Sleuth, Solent, Scorcher,
Sanguine, Totem, Trenchant,
Aeneas, Astute, Taciturn,
Alcide, Andrew, Otus &
Rorqual**



**Central Lincs
October 2008
G J 'Pricky' Price
Acting Petty Officer
P/SSX889953
Aged 73**

**Submarine Service 1953-1959
Alaric, Trenchant, Seadevil
&
Tudor (Twice)**



**Dolphin Branch
February 2008
W J (Bill) Shuttleworth
Chief Petty Officer (RE)
M937103H
Aged 71
Submarine Service 1958-1977
Scythian, Teredo, Otter &
Auriga**



**Non Member
22nd October
Micheal Philip Gilbert
Commander
Submarine Service from 1968
in
Ambush (68-69), Astute (69),
Oberon (69-72), Courageous
(72-75), Perisher (77), Ocelot
(CO)(77-78), Onslaught
(CO)(78-81) and
Warspite (CO) (83)**

BLONDES

Two Blondes were standing at the base of a flagpole, looking up. A man walks by with a toolbox and asked what they were doing.

'We're supposed to find the height of the flagpole,' said one of the blondes. But we don't have a ladder'

The Man set down his tool box, opened it and took out a wrench. He loosened a few bolts, and laid the pole down on the floor. Then he took out an extra long tape measure and measured the pole from end to end.

He announced:" Eighteen feet, six inches," and walked away.

One of the blondes shook her head and laughed. " Typical man ! we asked for the height and he tells us the length".





News Letter

Contact Information

Do you have a story to tell or have information you feel should appear in the news letter then ring Ben Britten on 01229 820265 (evenings) or if you wish to send me an article please ring for postal address, or send your contribution by e-mail to:

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Constructive suggestions about the news letter are very welcome. The news letter will be published in the last week of each month IE last week of November for the December 2008 issue please try and have any information with me by the **15th of each month**. Thank you to everyone who contributed to this edition.




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Members Birthdays	
November 2008	
J. Brutton	02/11
G. Hockey	03/11
G. Green	06/11
D. Duncombe	08/11
J. Smith	08/11
P. Schofield	09/11
D. Brough	13/11
V. Miles	17/11
I. Clarke	18/11
A. Mitchell	21/11
M. Davenport	22/11
M. Lacey	22/11
M. Bennet	25/11
N. Lambert	27/11
T. Janes	29/11
J. Wood	29/11
J. Thomas	30/11
M. Allan	30/11



Did you ever stop and wonder.....

Who was the first person to say, "See that chicken there... I'm gonna eat the next thing that comes outta it's bum."

If quizzes are quizzical, what are tests?

Editor

When the October edition was produced the information that HMS Superb had decommissioned on the 26th of September had yet to make its way to me.

Like other Branch members I was drafted to super'B' well before her launch and had a great time in Barrow during her build.



The ship's entire company took part in the ceremony

The information that continues to be sent to me for inclusion in the news letter is building and I hope to resume a historical page in later editions soon using the info already supplied.

Please continue to send in your comments on the current format of the news letter, is there a section you would wish to be introduced etc and any dits you wish to have published.

Regards

Ben



SOCIAL CALENDAR 2008 - LOOK AHEAD

November	December	January
4th Monthly Meeting 7th Ladies Night D/D 9th Remembrance Parade 24th Committee Meeting 29th Xmas Social	2nd Monthly meeting 16th Committee Meeting	2009 program to be announced



Can you solve the submarine wordsearch?

We hope you enjoyed the first of our submarine-related crosswords, compiled by Bill Myers who writes the Memories Pages for the Evening Mail at Barrow.

This month we have the solution to the crossword and to keep those brain cells buzzing there is a wordsearch with a submarine theme.

There are 12 words to find. They could be hidden in any direction, forwards or backwards.

If you have any comments or suggestions on how our puzzles can be improved or developed, drop an email to Bill Myers at bill.myers@nwemail.co.uk



JOB DONE: Vengeance is pictured passing through the Michaelson Road Bridge in July 1999

F	L	A	G	S	H	I	P	P	Z	L	D
L	S	E	N	A	L	P	O	R	D	Y	H
E	U	Q	T	S	O	E	N	S	I	G	N
E	B	K	B	Q	T	O	R	P	E	D	O
T	M	D	G	U	E	G	K	X	H	V	I
A	A	Y	V	A	N	E	R	S	P	S	S
V	R	D	R	D	L	I	Y	D	L	U	S
Y	I	O	E	R	H	E	A	U	G	O	I
Q	N	F	D	O	A	D	R	T	R	U	M
X	E	I	D	N	S	C	P	A	P	C	M
D	U	D	U	S	C	K	F	A	L	A	O
A	F	O	R	E	D	N	A	M	M	O	C

Can you find these words?

1. Commission
2. Ensign
3. Captain
4. Commander
5. Navy
6. Squadron
7. Torpedo
8. Hydroplanes
9. Rudder
10. Submarine
11. Flagship
12. Fleet



Last month's crossword solution

ACROSS

1. Resolution
6. Kit
7. Air
8. WEM
9. Talent
11. Valiant
12. Vengeance

DOWN

1. Repulse
2. Osiris
3. Trenchant
4. Oberon
5. Courageous
10. Dive



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