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**Chairman's Dit
March 2009**

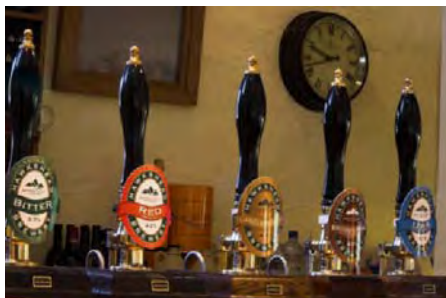
Have just got out of bed after spending the last twenty four hours trying to shake off a typical winter cold, but this time and I blame the Flue Jab, as it has been worst than I have experienced for a long time. However our Ladies could say, all Alan is suffering, is a man cold. Whatever the reason I am now running late on the various projects I am involved with. As a consequence I am spending a day getting up to date on the paperwork, when paperwork and form filling are not exactly my ideal way of spending the day. So what's new on the branch front! Well the first thing springs to mind is a request. As some of you may know I have volunteered to convert our audio CD that we use during our annual Remembrance Sunday Service into a DVD.

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The aim of the project is to retain the entire powerful poem written by George Luck and read by John Hart's son David. The project intention is to enhance that initial work with graphics and video film shots of WW2 Royal Naval submarines. That is where you guys may be of help, because I am looking for trying track down any suitable material. Having scoured Internet, I have found plenty of USA and others but no WW2 RN's as yet. The type of video material I am particularly seeking is submarines diving, periscope shots, control room and engine room views etc. So if any of you has any material I could loan to capture such images I would appreciate it. I am now making a second appeal in support John our Vice Chairman. Who is currently



exploring with Hawks Head Brewery sales team. The practicality of producing a custom made ale and all of the supporting paraphernalia to be aligned to the Barrow Submariners Association.

So what John and the Committee are looking for are possible name and suitable slogans that could be associated with the end product. In time honoured tradition that's your lot.

Regards Jonsey



Social Scene March 2009



Hi folks, the days are thankfully slowly getting longer and it's nice to drive to work in daylight for a change. It has been very quiet on the social scene of late but things are about to look up. Lots of us are looking forward to attending the SA annual conference in Bangor Northern Ireland at the end of March, which for those of us not attending the actual conference should be a cracking social occasion.

On our return from there will be our first Major social occasion of the year the Annual Dinner Dance on April 11th at the Lisdoonie 19:00 for 19:30, the guest speaker will be Cdr Cole of the Astute and I have entertainment by the Jill Fielding Trio from Preston. The cost of tickets are £26 per head which will include a three course meal with half bottle of wine, the entertainment described above and of course good company. I really need the numbers by April 1st to confirm to the hotel.

It seems with most social occasions the take up of tickets is very slow initially which makes planning and confirming the details with the venue a nerve racking experience, this is not only true for dinner dances but also occasions like the Army Navy rugby match and branch visits. The social programme is published at the beginning of the year so that you can plan your diaries, I can be contacted at any time on 01229 474927 or by e mail at moortarn@aol.com or

failing that via any committee member for info or tickets. At sometime when the weather improves I will organize another brewery run and hopefully a quiz night.

I hope to see a lot of you at the annual dinner, its on Easter Saturday so forget the credit crunch and come along and let your hair down (if you have any to let down)!!!
See you all next month.

Colin Hutchinson
Social Secretary

Faslane Visits

HM Naval Base Faslane Visits are back on the calendar again as the accommodation refurbishment programme up there has now provided SA Branches with sufficient accommodation in the base. The format has not changed; West of Scotland branch meeting on the Friday evening; Host submarine visits on the Saturday plus trips around Faslane waterside with the security launches; a "rabbit" run into Helensburgh Saturday PM (optional). If enough numbers a light hearted, liquid charged, quiz night in the WO&SRs Mess Bar.

If you, the members, wish us to book a date for such a visit we will require a show of interest first. As with many other social events we are struggling to get the interest we used to get and some things are just not worth the effort to organise unless they are going to be supported. As usual we are allowed up to 12 on these visits and we will only arrange a visit to Faslane with a minimum of 10 members. All name of interested members to be passed to John Houlding.

SUBMARINERS ASSOCIATION

BARROW BRANCH

Annual Dinner Dance

SATURDAY 11th APRIL 2009

LISDOONIE HOTEL

Dress Lounge suits / Branch Blazers

£26 per person. Welcoming drink, 3 course meal, wine, live band and of course excellent company.

Contact Colin Hutchinson 01229 474927





HMS/M TAURUS'S BATTLE WITH THE BULGARS

On patrol in 1943 we found ourselves in the North Aegean near the Greek-Bulgarian frontier, not far from the Dardanelles.

We decided to have a look at a small port called Neo Playa, which we entered on the surface, as it was much too shallow to dive.

The harbour was full and our trusty gun-layer Leading Seaman Starbuck, soon sank half a dozen ships. (We always called them ships if they were not actually rowing).

The range was very short and Starbuck could put a row of hits along the waterline without much trouble.

The gunnery officer, Lt Gibson, RNVR, gave the usual spotting orders 'Up 200, right four, down 100' etc, but I don't think his contribution was very effective. I'm almost sure I heard Starbuck say 'why don't you shut up'.

We had almost completed sending the local merchant navy to permanent diving stations when we were surprised to hear a clatter of hooves. Coming down the mountainside in a cloud of dust was a squadron of cavalry in dress uniform with pennons flying and lances at the ready.

When they reached the quayside the Bulgarian Life Guards, for such they were, unloaded point 5 machine guns from the animals' backsides and opened fire, much to our consternation. Soon the air was full of flying lead making those 'Whipp' noises which means they have missed.

At the Charge of the Light Brigade Lord Cardigan found himself alone and surrounded by Russians who attacked him fiercely. In his memoirs he writes "It being no part of the duties of a General to cross swords with private soldiers, I turned my horse and left the battlefield"

It occurred to me that it was no part of the duty of a Submariner to fight with horsed cavalry, so I turned seaward and rang down full ahead. Aft on the bridge of a 'T' class there was a 20mm Oerlikon, which had been firing steadily at the Household Cavalry. (This was one of the few occasions when this quick-firing gun did not jamb after a few rounds). Suddenly our firing ceased. I was surprised to see our Oerlikon gunner coming forward on the bridge. I asked him what he was doing, he replied "he was wounded and off to see the Coxswain". I pointed out to him that he wasn't wounded badly and one was not supposed to leave one's gun in the middle of a battle. He insisted he was entitled to have his wound dressed; there was some surprise when he arrived in the Control Room and I am told that the comments of the crew were very critical to say the least. By this time we had sustained a number of holes in the upper works, personally I was all right as I was standing behind the forward periscope, the Officer of the Watch, Lt Gibson who was thinner than me, was sheltering behind the after periscope. I told him to take over the Oerlikon, with no more of a protest than "Who me sir?" he took his seat at the gun. Taking careful aim he put half a pan into the first floor windows of the Grand Hotel. Soon we were out of range of the horse men and when we were in deep water we dived. It was my custom after a successful action to take a holiday at 100ft.

This appeared in the log as 'Continued patrol, nothing sighted'. It also gave us time for our knees to stop knocking together. The Coxswain had his own ritual, "Complaints about the rum again sir", a couple of inches of 'neaters' tasted pretty good to me.

But what, you will ask, about our wounded gunner? He certainly had a bullet in his foot, so the first thing to do was to inspect the damage, which we did on the wardroom table.

The crew plied the patient and surgeons with rum and removed the bullet with spanners, but the

patient grew even more scared with the suggestion that he could be shot for cowardice and that it had happened to others. He had such a terrifying night that the captain decided that he had suffered enough by the next morning.

Much of our time in the Aegean was spent in sinking caiques. These picturesque vessels were used by the enemy for shipping stores between the islands and were mostly under sail.

They were legitimate targets but it was disagreeable work.

We sank one once off Mitylene, which according to the charts was formerly Lesbos, we took three of the crew on board and set course for our base. I made the usual requirements on arrival signal, concluding with

'Request accommodation for three Lesbian survivors'

An extract by Captain M R G. Wingfield DSO, DSC, RN, skipper of HMS/m Taurus 1943.

Supplied by 'Blood' Reed

REUNION

Second Submarine Squadron
(The Sunshine Squadron)

Reunion for 2009 will take place at The Weston Mill, Oak Villa Sports & Social Club, Camels Head, Plymouth, on March 7 commencing at 1200 until later.

For further details contact Alan Jones.

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Barrie Downer Secretary



Well here we are in March again. March brings with it the Submariners Association National Council Conference hosted this year by the Northern Ireland Branch on 27th to 29th March. Only a few weeks away now and we'll be off to Bangor on the coach. I seem to remember that there was a popular song a few years ago about "Didn't we have a lovely day the day we went to Bangor!" I can't remember the name of the artist/group but hopefully we will have a lovely time as well!

Those of us who went to Faslane for the K13 were reminded how well the Northern Irish gang like to party and I know that they (the Northern Ireland gang) are looking forward to meeting and greeting everyone. I have all the information on what is planned and where it will be (recently received from the Northern Ireland Branch) so if you want to know what to do on arrival, what events are planned and things to do if you have some spare time check with me and I'll let you know!

There is a good chance that our friends from HMS WALNEY may be able to make it over for the Conference Weekend.

11th April brings our Annual Dinner Dance which Colin will cover in detail in his Dit and we also now have the St George's Day Parade on Sunday 26th April. May brings the Army Navy Rugby which John Houlding will tell everyone about and it also brings the (now Annual) Submariners Spring Cruise to Zeebrugge which I told you about in the last Newsletter. Numbers going have improved but it's still not too late if you'd like to go contact Rick Rothwell down at Merseyside ASAP!

In June we can look forward to the Barrow Festival of the Sea and Veterans Parade pretty much the same arrangements as

last year and the same venue in the Shipyard at the Buccleuch Dock end. Full details are not yet available but should be out soon.

July bring the Submariners Association Annual Draw to be hosted this year by the Portsmouth Branch again full details are not available as yet but the Portsmouth Gang is looking forward to seeing everyone and they will put on a good 'Do' their Raffle efforts at last year's Reunion raised a lot of funds. Bob Wishart has told me that the Raffle Tickets for this year's Draw have been printed and I expect to receive our allocation very soon. I will do the same as last year and send everyone £10.00 worth that's two books to sell and return the cash to me or any other Member of the Committee. One bonus for us this year is that we won't have to fold up all the Ticket Stubs!

At the March Branch Meeting we will have to decide how to vote on the Recommendations and Proposals and on which two Association Members (of the four Volunteers who have put their names forward) we elect to the vacant posts on the National Committee.

We have discussed these matters in the Branch Committee and we have some recommendations to put to you at the Branch Meeting on 3rd March so I know how to complete our Ballot Form for the Committee Posts and so our Delegate knows which way to vote on the Proposals and Recommendations at the Conference!

The only Proposal this year is from the Sunderland Branch and is that "The NMC set up a Sub Committee to look into ways and means of dealing with what is surely going to become an ongoing problem of the potential closure of Association Branches, and provide a workable solution to at least slow down, if not prevent this happening."

There are two Recommendations and first of these is "The date and venue for the National

Council Conference will be decided by the National Management Committee having taken cognisance of any requests or suggestions made by Branches."

The second Recommendation is that "The National Draw each year beheld during the Annual Reunion and subsumed into the Reunion Programme."

The four names for the Committee (there are only two places on offer) are Roy Dixon of the Gosport Branch (currently NMC) and our Member for keeping us in touch with the Submarine Museum and Friends of the Museum. Roy also organises the production and sale of the SA Diary.

Then there is Andrew Morgan of the Welsh Branch currently NMC and the National Parade Marshall. New blood is available in the shape of Ian Atkinson of the Sunderland Branch and in Iain Mackenzie of the West of Scotland Branch Iain has only recently retired from the RN and has very current experience on what is going on 'on the waterfront'.

Their CVs will be available at the Branch Meeting for all to see before you cast your votes. If you have a view on the way the National Management Committee runs its business and who should be elected to the NMC then come along to the Monthly Meeting and use your vote! One Item of business has already been sorted out.

The National Chairman (currently Dave Barlow our Branch Member) was up for re-election this year. As you recall we voted to recommend him to continue in post no one opposed him so it's Dave Barlow in for another three years!

On Branch Business we really do need an injection of new blood into the Branch Committee. I expect quite a few of you have got a bit of time on your hands and perhaps you also have a few new ideas on the way the Branch should be run or on what events the Branch needs to keep the interest going. As I told you all last month Dave



Jenkins is standing down from Committee work after a very long involvement with Branch Business. Dave has not been too well of late as many of you will know and he needs the rest - so come on and give something back to the Branch.

Ted Budgen also wishes to give up the Committee and Membership work he had been doing and also the distribution of News letters! Both Dave and Ted have been stalwarts of the Branch Committee for a very long time and our thanks are due to both of them.

So two new Committee Members needed! Its not too onerous a task you just need to give up two evenings a month (one of those is the Branch Meeting) and help out with organisation of the Branch events the more there are of us the easier it all is!

We need to know what you want to do before the AGM in April so if you want to help the Committee out its make up your mind up time!

Taking about the Branch AGM in April no-one has raised any proposals for the AGM so, apart from the Officers Reports and voting on new Committee Members and a Delegate for the 2010 National Council Conference, it will be a pretty short AGM however I am sure there is some burning issue that some one wishes to raise for debate and a Vote so the Committee will watch this space. The Committee is waiting with baited breath for your suggestions.

Another reminder as I am sure the Treasurer will also remind you for those who haven't paid your Annual Subs are now over due!

As in previous years its still just £10.00 so, if you haven't paid up yet, bring your cash or your cheque book along to the March Meeting and the Treasurer will relieve you of the money and exchange it for one of this years nice 'Mauve' (or is it 'Lilac') Membership Cards.

The Treasurer is about to send

off our Annual Subscription to the National Association so give him your cash and we won't need to dip into the Branch Funds so that we can pay up and look good! Don't forget the following poem you may have seen before - it was in last month's issue!

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
terrible word.
Whenever it's mentioned not a
word 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 you - are you due
too?

That's all from me! Regards

Barrie

A World War II Submariner reminisces

They were all good lads
brimming with life and fun.
Rolling around the hostile sea,
how would we anticipate? our
next run ashore.
The next one was always going
to be the best yet.

Were we scared? You bet we
were.
You see you have to have been
there to know what it was like. I
was proud to be a submariner
and I always will be.

I missed the last trip through
illness, the boat just disap-
peared.

Another statistic.

Yes they were a fine bunch! The
faces come flooding back to me,
sometimes with names, more
often than not without.
But after sixty years I still think
about those boys every day.

I look back on my days in boats
with a mixture of affection and
abject terror. I think often of
my mates who were like
brothers to me. I remember my
friends in training class, all
killed except for me and one
other.

There can never come a time
like the days we spent in boats,
nor the comradeship, fear and
endurance we knew then.

I think, perhaps, men are not
like that now.....

MEN ARE JUST HAPPIER PEOPLE

NICKNAMES

If Laura, Kate and Sarah go out
for lunch, they will call each
other Laura, Kate and Sarah.

If Mike, Dave and John go out,
they will affectionately refer to
each other as Fat Boy, Godzilla
and Four-eyes.

ARGUMENTS

A woman has the last word in
any argument.

Anything a man says after that
is the beginning of a new
argument.

FUTURE

A woman worries about the
future until she gets a husband.

A man never worries about the
future until he gets a wife

SUCCESS

A successful man is one who
makes more money than his wife
can spend.

A successful woman is one who
can find such a man.





Chaplains Dit March 2009

I must confess my ignorance as this year was the first time I came across term Shrivings Bell as a result I carried out a little investigation into traditions surrounding Lent, so here are some facts:

Instituted in the 4th century Lent is a period of fasting. In Eastern churches, Saturdays and Sundays, which are regarded as festival days. In Western churches, the 40-day period begins on Ash Wednesday and extends, with the exception of Sundays, to Holy Saturday, the day before Easter.

The observance of fasting varies within Protestant and Anglican churches. And changes in Roman Catholic practices since 1966 have relaxed the laws on fasting and abstinence and are now obligatory only on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

Shrove Tuesday is also known as Pancake Day the day before Ash Wednesday. In Britain pancakes were traditionally made between the ringing of a curfew bell in the morning of Shrove Tuesday and it's ringing again that evening. Cooks had that time in which to use up all the eggs and fat that they had left over. Originally pancakes were eaten to use up milk and eggs that were not eaten during Lent and would otherwise spoil.

Until the early 1900 Shrove Tuesday was a half-day holiday and the Shrivings Bell was rung eleven o'clock in the morning to remind people that the holiday had began. It became known in some parts as the Pancake Bell and it is still rung today even though the day is no longer a holiday.

The world's biggest pancake was cooked in Rochdale in 1994;

it was an amazing 15 metres in diameter, weighed three tons and had an estimated two million calories.

The first recorded pancake race was in Olney, Buckinghamshire in 1445!the



course is 415 yards long and is run from the Market Place to the Church

A tale of modern times: A Cathedral pancake race that is part of a 600-year-old tradition has been stopped because of health and safety rules.

Some humour to keep our sanity in light of ever intrusive elf and safety rules



A pub regular always bought his pints of beer in threes, explaining that two of them were for his brothers who had emigrated after making a pact that they would always have a drink for each other. When, one late March day, he came in and ordered only two, he explained that he himself had given up drinking for Lent, but his brothers hadn't.

Regards Jonsey

VETERANS WEEKEND FESTIVAL OF THE SEA 2009



The proposed date for the Barrow in Furness Veterans Weekend/Festival of the Sea 2009 is 5th - 7th June 2009.

Barrow Council is to arrange a fair and other side shows and at least one Tall Ship operating sailing each day. RN ships are being booked for berthing in Buccleuch Dock.

BAE will allocate the whole of Buccleuch Dockside for the event and also organise Marquees and tents etc. BAE are also looking into involving local schools in the activities.

The Veterans Committee is looking at the following:-

Any assets which may be available from ARMY/TA, RAFA and RN.

The intention is to research for Displays, Bands, interactive items. The Veterans Parade is to be organised by Service Personnel and is to include bands for the Parade from the Town Hall to Buccleuch Dock with transport arrangements for people unable to march.





CSI HUNLEY: Historic Sub's Fate a Cold Case File

Monday, January 05, 2009

NORTH CHARLESTON, S.C.

It could be one of the nation's oldest cold case files: What happened to eight Confederate sailors aboard the H.L. HUNLEY after it became the first submarine in history to sink an enemy warship?

Their hand-cranked sub rammed a spar with black powder into the Union blockade ship HOUSATONIC off Charleston on a chilly winter night in 1864 but never returned. Its fate has been the subject of almost 150 years of conjecture and almost a decade of scientific research since the HUNLEY was raised back in 2000. But the submarine has been agonizingly slow surrendering her secrets. "She was a mystery when she was built. She was a mystery as to how she looked and how she was constructed for many years and she is still a mystery as to why she didn't come home," said state Sen. Glenn McConnell, R-Charleston and chairman of the South Carolina HUNLEY Commission, which raised the sub and is charged with conserving and displaying it.

Scientists hope the next phase of the conservation, removing the hardened sediment coating the outside of the hull, will provide clues to the mystery. McConnell, who watched the sub being raised more than eight years ago, thought at the time the mystery would be easily solved. "We thought it would be very simple - something must have happened at the time of the attack," he said. "We would just put those pieces together and know everything about it." But what seemed so clear then seems as murky now as the sandy bottom where the HUNLEY rested for 136 years. When the HUNLEY was raised, the design was different from what scientists expected and there were only eight, not nine, crewmen, as originally thought. The first phase of work on the HUNLEY consisted of photographing and studying the outside of the hull.

Then several iron hull plates were removed allowing scientists to enter the crew

compartment to remove sediment, human remains and a cache of artefacts.

Thousands of people, many re-enactors in period dress, turned out in April 2004 when the crew was buried in what has been called the last Confederate funeral.

With the inside excavated, the outside of the hull will now be cleaned before the sub is put in a chemical bath to remove salts left by years on the ocean floor. The HUNLEY will eventually be displayed in a new museum in North Charleston.

Archaeologist Maria Jacobsen said the HUNLEY is like a crime scene except that, unlike on television shows, there is no smoking gun. "If we compare this crime site investigation with, say, a tragic plane crash in the mountains, that investigation would be a lot easier," she said. "You can go to the crash you can see the metal pieces and they have the fingerprints of the crash site."

In the case of the HUNLEY, some of those fingerprints may be covered with the encrusted sediment on the hull that scientists refer to as concretion. When the sub was found there was no window in the front conning tower, suggesting it had been shot out, perhaps by Union sharpshooters. But no glass was found inside the sub and the remains of the captain, Lt. George Dixon, showed no injuries to his skull or body consistent with being shot while looking through the window, McConnell said.

The crew's bodies were found at their duty stations, suggesting there was no emergency resulting in a scramble to get out of the sub.

And the controls on the bilge pump were not set to pump water from the crew compartment, suggesting there was no water flooding in. After the attack both Confederates on shore and Union ships reported seeing a blue light, believed to be the HUNLEY signalling it had completed its mission.

A lantern with a thick lens that would have shifted the light spectrum and appeared blue from a distance was found in the wreck. But after the attack, the

USS CANANDIAGUA rushed to the aid of the HOUSATONIC and there is speculation that the light could have come from that ship instead. Could the CANANDIAGUA have grazed the HUNLEY, disabling her so the sub couldn't surface?

A good look at the hull in the coming months may provide the answer.

Historians also know the HUNLEY needed to wait for the incoming tide to return to shore. "Were they waiting down there and miscalculated their oxygen and blacked out?" said McConnell. He said a grappling hook, believed to serve as an anchor of the HUNLEY, was found near the wreck. Cleaning the hull may produce evidence of a rope showing the sub was anchored, perhaps waiting for the tide to change.

Then there is the mystery of Dixon's watch, which stopped at 8:23 p.m.

Although times were far from uniform in the Civil War era, the HOUSATONIC was attacked about 20 minutes later, according to federal time, McConnell said. One theory is the concussion of the attack stopped the watch and knocked out the sailors on the sub. Or the watch simply might have run down and was not noticed in the excitement of the attack. That could have led to a miscalculation of the time they were under water. Union troops reported seeing the HUNLEY approaching and the light through the tower window "like dinosaur eyes or a giant porpoise in the water," McConnell said.

If the HUNLEY crew miscalculated and surfaced too close to the HOUSATONIC on their final approach they would not have had enough time to replenish their oxygen before the attack, he said.

The clues now seem to indicate the crew died of anoxia, a lack of oxygen, and didn't drown. "Whatever happened, happened unexpectedly, with no warning," McConnell said. Running out of oxygen can quickly cause unconsciousness. "One you reach that critical stage, it's like you flick a switch," he said. "It's that fast, like on an airplane."





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 February to have 'Crossed the Bar'



Sheffield Branch
 (Lapsed)
 Founder Member
 February 2009
 H (Harry) Handly
 Cook
 Aged 81
 Submarine Service
 1945-1952
 Scotsman, Sea Scout, Sirdar
 &
 Seneschal



Gosport Branch
 January 2009
 A R (Tony) Miller
 Chief Petty Officer
 (REL)
 P/MX 893743
 Aged 73
 Submarine Service
 1962-1974
 Alliance, Thermopylae, Otus
 &
 Onslaught



Victoria Branch
 (SAA)
 9th February 2009
 John Horlock
 Telegraphist
 C/JX 188451
 Aged 85
 Submarine Service 1941-1945
 H34, P555, Severn
 &
 Unsparing



Scottish Branch
 February 2009
 J (John) Johnstone, MiD
 Petty Officer
 D/SSX 25399
 Aged 90
 Submarine Service 1940-1944
 Proteus
 &
 Umbra



Bury Branch
 February 2009
 C (Chris) Sutton
 Leading Telegraphist
 D/JX 361194
 Aged 85
 Submarine Service 1943-1944
 H43 & Templar



Former London Branch
 February 2009
 D R (Doug) Barratt
 Petty Officer (TD2)
 C/JX 152199
 Aged 88
 Submarine Service 1941-1950
 H31, P615, Telemachus
 Alderney
 &
 Tantalus



Miracle Grow

One evening a husband, thinking he was being funny, said to his wife, 'Perhaps we should start washing your clothes in 'Slim Fast'. Maybe it would take a few inches off of your waist!'

His wife was not amused, and decided that she simply couldn't let such a comment go unrewarded.

The next morning the husband took a pair of underwear out of his drawer. 'What the heck is this?' he said to himself as a little 'dust' cloud appeared when he shook them out.

'April', he hollered into the bathroom, 'Why did you put talcum powder in my underwear?'

She replied with a snicker. 'It's not talcum powder; it's 'Miracle Grow'!!!! !

guys never learn, do not mess with the ladies

Through the eyes of Children

BRITTANY (age 4) had an ear ache and wanted a pain killer. She tried in vain to take the lid off the bottle. Seeing her frustration, her Mum explained it was a child proof cap and she'd have to open it for her. Eyes wide with wonder, the little girl asked: 'How does it know it's me?'

TAMMY (age 4) was with her mother when they met an elderly, rather wrinkled woman her Mum knew. Tammy looked at her for a while and then asked, 'Why doesn't your skin fit your face?'

JAMES (age 4) was listening to a Bible story. His dad read: 'The man named Lot was warned to take his wife and flee out of the city but his wife looked back and was turned to salt.' Concerned, James asked: 'What happened to the flea?'



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Submarine/Nautical Related Sayings?

Their feats, their fortunes and their fames are hidden from their nearest kin.

Rudyard Kipling 1916.

Underhand, unfair and damned un-English.

Admiral Sir Arthur Wilson, 3rd Sea Lord, 1899.

Pay attention to your enemies for they are the first to discover your mistakes.


Antisthenes.

There is no margin for mistakes in submarines; you are either 'alive or dead'.

Admiral Sir Max Horton RN FOSM 1940 – 1942


The widespread interest (in the submarine) is out of all proportion to the actual fighting value of this type of vessel.

Scientific American April 1899




March 2009

Members Birthdays



F. Bowen	01/03
C. Keepin	02/03
T. Henshaw	05/03
R. Arthur	07/03
I. Wylie	13/03
D. Craven	15/03
M. Cundall	15/03
H. Short	17/03
R. Mead	28/03
A. Hoskins	31/03



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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 March for the April 2009 issue please try and have any information with me by the **15th of each month.** Thank you to everyone who contributed to this edition.



SOCIAL CALENDAR 2009 - LOOK AHEAD

March	April	May
3rd Monthly Meeting	7th Annual General meeting	2/3 Army/Navy Rugby
6/13th KORBRA trip	11th Annual Dinner	5th Monthly meeting
17th Committee Meeting	Dance	8/10 Spring Cruise
27/29th Annual Con	21st Committee meeting	19th Committee Meeting



Three women in a pub were talking about there lovers. They were comparing them to various makes of cars. The first woman said "my lover is like a Bentley, very smooth and sophisticated". The second woman said:" My lover is like a lotus, very fast and powerful". The Third woman said:" My lover is like an old Austin. I have to give him a hand start, then jump on while he's still going.



Solve the submarine wordsearch

We hope you enjoyed last month's submarine crossword.

If any of it proved tricky, the solution is at the foot of the page.

This month we return to a wordsearch with 14 Barrow streets or roads to find, all with links to sailors.

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

Your words to search for are

- 1: ADMIRAL
- 2: HAWKE
- 3: RODNEY
- 4: ANSON
- 5: HOOD
- 6: HOWE
- 7: COOK
- 8: NELSON
- 9: NAPIER
- 10: VERNON
- 11: COLLINGWOOD
- 12: DRAKE
- 13: RALEIGH
- 14: JAMES FREEL



Last month's crossword solution



Branch Annual Dinner Lisdoonie Hotel 2009

Menu

To start choice of:

Soup
Fruit Juice

Main Course choice of:

Roast Turkey with all accompaniments
Roast Beef with all accompaniments

Full choice of Sweets
Or
Cheese and Biscuits

Tea or Coffee with Mints

Choice of Red or White wine



**SUBMARINERS ASSOCIATION –
BARROW BRANCH**



For: **ANNUAL DINNER DANCE**

Date: **SATURDAY 11th APRIL 2009**

Venue: *LISDOONIE HOTEL - Dress Lounge suits / Branch Blazers*
Cost: **£26 per person – Welcoming drink, 3 course meal, wine, live band and of course excellent company.**

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

<i>Name:</i>	<i>No:</i>	<i>Cost:</i>	<i>Beef (B) Turkey(T)</i>	<i>WINE (R) or(W)</i>
1.		£26		
2.		£26		
3.		£26		
4.		£26		
5.		£26		
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7.		£26		
8.		£26		
9.		£26		
10.		£26		

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Intro to Submarine Flotilla Golf Championship 2009

This year will be held in Cornwall at the Trethorne Golf Club situated 20 miles from Plymouth, 40 miles from Exeter and 3 miles outside of Launceston, just minutes off the main A30 route into Cornwall. Launceston is a Cornish market town, offering over a dozen bars and restaurants, a nightclub and shopping centre. The Eden Project is just 30 minutes away and the beauty of the North and South coasts only half an hour away. Set in the beautiful county of Cornwall, Trethorne offers the perfect blend of a picturesque and easily accessible location, Friendly and down to earth Cornish hospitality and great value for money.

Trethorne Golf Club: The picturesque parkland course, with mature trees and well sited water hazards provides a challenge for golfers of all standards. Of the many fine holes perhaps those with the water hazards will be best remembered. The greens are built to a USGA specification, making them free draining and playable all year round (Rain will not be an issue this year it's going to be great weather, Hot and Sunny).

The first is a very difficult doglegged par 4. The long hitters will cut the corner but even then the approach with the lake cutting into the fairway short and right of the green will cause some concern.

The 4th is an exciting short par 4. Certainly reachable from the Tee by the long hitters but again the water guarding the left and front of the green will give the hole protection. Most will play for position and chip onto the green. However, the right to left slope can still cause some problems.

The 8th is a daunting hole needing a full carry over water to reach a very shallow green. From the back Tee a carry of over 180 yards is required, fortunately the more forward white Tee will be used on the day.

The lake forward of the 9th Tee should not be a problem but it will no doubt attract a number of golf balls.

Trethorne is more than just a fine Golf Course, There is an excellent floodlit driving range, Well appointed clubhouse and a fully stocked Pro Shop. The Trethorne Leisure Farm is sited next to the course and offers something for all the family. The club is very well known for its friendly and relaxed hospitality, offering good quality home-cooked food in a comfortable and welcoming Clubhouse.

Accommodation: Available at £36 Per Person Bed & Breakfast Twinshare.
Accommodation comprises Seven Clubhouse Rooms, Four Lodges and Two detached Cottages sleeping in total 70 Guests (Please organise your own Bookings).

Date 23 July 2009: This date was selected as majority of Submarines will be available and with it being in school holiday period it was suggested that some players would take this opportunity of visiting Cornwall with families.

Costs for the day: Coffee & Bacon Roll on arrival
18 Holes of Golf
Light Lunch (Sandwiches & Chips)

18 Holes of Golf
Evening Meal (2 course carvery, Coffee & Mints)

£41 (£10 Reduction for Sports Lottery Members if Grant approved)

Starter Pack on Arrival (hopefully to include Golf Planner if enough funding).

Buggies: At a rate of £20 Per Day (30 Available)/2 people sharing. If Buggy required please tick yes on application form, I will then book all buggies with pairings and Tee Times. All players using buggies will go out as 4 balls. Individuals will pay for buggy on the day. Although there are only 30 buggies they have assured me that more can be brought in to meet the demand.

Practise round: Wed Booked from 1300 to 1500 at £17 (Giving us Twilight rate)

Charity This year our Charity will be Help the Heroes, To fund this it is intend to charge a fee (to be decided 50p/£1) for any person putting a Ball out of play in any of the water hazards (lake, pond, stream) on the course.

Hope you have found this information useful, If you have Any further requirements or questions please do not hesitate to give me a call.

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Best Regards

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Submarine Flotilla Championship 2009 Rules of the Day

1. Play will be from the White Tees. Trethorne has 4 Tees, Red ,Yellow, White and Blue. I will be visiting the course prior to the match to discuss Tee positions with the Pro and Ground staff to allow all handicap levels a fair chance at negotiating the tricky Par 3's. This is to make it a more enjoyable day out for all and to aid speed of play.
2. There will be three competitions in one, Gross. Net and Stableford as well as nearest the Pin, Longest Drive, Secret Holes and Pros Approach etc.
3. Score Cards- In order for the organizers to work out who the winners and runners up are, you are required to mark one of your playing opponents scorecard with the gross score, The net score and in the final column enter the Stableford score for each hole. Do not forget to sign your score card.
4. Once all cards have been checked and scores logged the presentation will then take place on completion of the Evening meal.
5. Slow Play- With such a large field, To get 2 rounds of golf and lunch in it is essential that there are no hold ups in play. The 5 Min rule on lost Ball must be strictly adhered to. Any hold up please call following group through. Stableford players if you can not score then pick up.
6. Prizes- Numerous prizes, Superb Glassware, Champagne/Wine. Only one major prize per person, Nearest the Pin, Longest Drive, Secret Holes and Pros Approach do not count as a major prize.
7. Charity- This year our Charity will be Help the Heroes, To fund this it is intend to charge a fee (to be decided 50p/£1) for any person putting a Ball out of play in any of the water hazards (lake, pond, stream) on the course.
8. No Gimmees!!
9. The Organizers Decision is Final.