





## Barrow-class-sub epetition



Raised by Ian Hillbeck and achieved 558 signatures. The petition closed on the 3rd of April.

We the undersigned petition the Prime Minister to recognise the contribution made by Barrow in Furness to the RN Submarine service through the naming of the next submarine class."

### Details of Petition:

"Royal Navy ships names are re-used over and over and therefore each name carries a historical significance. Thus it is difficult to introduce a new name or class and therefore Barrow has never been recognised or honoured by having a submarine named after it. For over a hundred years Barrow has been a town synonymous with the development of the submarine. Hundreds of submarines covering virtually every class have been built for the Royal Navy and foreign Navies. Following on from the Astute Class it is resonable to surmise the next class will all have names beginning with "B". The submarine service does not have any history of previous submarines bearing names begining with "B" and thus there is a rare opportunity to introduce a Barrow Class. Having a Barrow Class/Boat would be good for moral within the industry, raise the profile of the UK as world leaders in submarine construction and thus promote a patriotic pride as well as being the most fitting recognition to those employees and people of Barrow, past and present, whose skills and efforts have given pride to the phrase 'Barrow built' and made the name known and respected throughout the world."

### Read the Government's response

The vital contribution that Barrow-in-Furness and its people have made to development and construction of Royal Navy submarines and

surface vessels is widely recognised and appreciated and we would, of course, wish to see this special relationship continue and prosper.

Policy on naming Royal Navy ships is informed by a number of guiding principles including names associated with a long and illustrious heritage, Battle Honours and names classically associated with a type of vessel. Beyond these considerations, however, it is current Royal Navy policy not to name ships after places.

The next class of submarine will be the replacement for the Vanguard Class Ballistic Missile submarines and the theme, and possible names, for these vessels will not be considered for some considerable time. Nothing is being ruled out at this stage and all names put forward will be considered on their merits.

We have therefore made sure that the Chairman of the Ships Names and Badges Committee is aware of the views of Mr Hillbeck and his fellow petitioners.

### And That's When The Fight Started!

Saturday morning I got up early, quietly dressed, made my lunch, grabbed the dog, and slipped quietly into the garage. I hooked up the boat up to the truck, and proceeded to back out into a torrential downpour. The wind was blowing 50 mph, so I pulled back into the garage, turned on the radio, and discovered that the weather would be bad all day.

I went back into the house, quietly undressed, and slipped back into bed.

I cuddled up to my wife's back, now with a different anticipation, and whispered, 'The weather out there is terrible.'

My loving wife of 10 years replied, 'Can you believe my stupid husband is out fishing in that?'

And that's when the fight started....

## Social Scene

### May 2009



On April 11th some members and their guests attended our Annual dinner dance at the Lisdoonie Hotel; our guest speaker was Jim McMaster the National secretary, he gave what I thought was a very entertaining speech. The food was up to the usual good standard provided by the Lisdoonie and the entertainment was from the Jill Fielding band. I think most people had a good evening, although I would appreciate any feed back you may have particularly on the band, was it me or wasn't there enough enthusiasm for the dancing, maybe the music was wrong for the occasion. I would like to thank all who attended for your support and for your generous donation of raffle prizes.

Did anyone loose a pair of glasses on the night? If so I have got them.

The next major social event will be the Annual BBQ which is on August 1st at the RBL, I will circulate a list at the next meeting, but need to get together with Brigham first for his support and pricing, more next month. As you know at the end of March, 20 members visited Bangor NI for the annual conference, hopefully I have completed a brief report on our weekend away in this issue, so see the separate report in this issue. See you all next month!!

Colin Hutchinson  
Social Secretary





# Barrow Submarine Series: issue number 1

## *HMS Courageous*



IN THE POST: A commissioning day postal cover for *HMS Courageous* in 1971

**T**HE vital statistics on the commissioning day of October 16 in 1971:

Displacement: 3,500 tons standard and 4,500 tons submerged

Length: 285 ft

Beam: 33ft

Main propulsion: nuclear reactor and steam turbines driving a single shaft

Armament: six torpedo tubes

Complement: 14 officers, 96 petty officers and ratings

Keel laid: May 15 in 1968

Launched: March 7 in 1970 by Mrs Morris, wife of John Morris MP, then minister of defence (equipment)

Yard name: S50 (SSN06)

Nickname: Mean Machine

### Background:

*HMS Courageous* was the last of the Valiant Class submarines.

She was built by Vickers (Shipbuilding) Limited at Barrow.

At a ceremony held at Vickers, she was commissioned into the Royal Navy Submarine Flotilla on the 16th of October 1971.

### Career:

*Courageous* was based at Faslane Submarine Base throughout her operational career as part of the Third Submarine Squadron.

She conducted many Cold War patrols, mostly in the North Atlantic.



**NEW LIFE: *HMS Courageous* is now in retirement and open to the public**

During her first commission *Courageous* completed six long patrols. She also completed numerous shorter North Atlantic Cold War patrols.

*Courageous* underwent a major refit in Chatham from September 1976 to August 1978 following which she

returned to operational duties.

She was then to become the trials submarine for the Royal Navy Sub-Harpoon missile and was based at San Diego in the USA for nine months.

During the Falklands Conflict of 1982 *Courageous* served in the South Atlantic, carrying out four patrols in the area.

During this second commission *Courageous* and her crew also carried out two deployments to the Mediterranean and visited San Diego, Charleston, San Francisco, Wilemstad, Curacao, Liverpool, Hull, Bremerhaven, Bermuda, Haifa, Corfu, Naples, La Maddalena and Gibraltar.

In 1984 another refit took place in Devonport, Plymouth.

She returned to operational duties in January 1987 and served the fleet for another five years.

Part of this was spent undertaking Spearfish Torpedo Trials, visiting the American Underwater Test and Evaluation Centre (AUTEC) on three occasions and visiting Cape Canaveral, Fort Lauderdale, Liverpool, Bermuda, Stavanger and Gibraltar.

*Courageous* was finally paid off at Devonport in April 1992 where she was fully de-fuelled and laid up.

In 2002 she was removed from mothballs and opened to the public.



## Barrie Downer Secretary



### Hi Everybody

Now that we have got past the 2009 AGM we are out of our 45th Anniversary year and can get back to normal again. I hope you all had the opportunity to attend one (or possibly all) of the special events we arranged for the Anniversary I think that all those involved in arranging the events did a marvellous job. By the way – this means that we are now on the countdown to the Branch 50th Anniversary in 2013!

Just to bring me back down to earth the MoD decided to send me on a training course so here I am at the moment staying in a hotel at Gosport whilst I attend the 'Nuclear Introductory Course' at HMS SULTAN. I did do the previous 'Nuclear General Course' at the Royal Naval College at Greenwich but that was nearly thirty years ago at that time most of us at Greenwich thought that it was a 'two week course squeezed into six weeks' it's the other way round now 'a six week course squashed into two weeks'. However while my brain is buzzing with Curies (sorry now Becquerel's), Sieverts, Equivalent Doses and Stochastic Effects I thought I had better get on with writing up my Secretary's Dit before Ben Britten starts getting on to me to hurry up. So here I am at the Alverbank Hotel off Stokes Bay overlooking the Solent pondering and thinking that it's about time to go a get a pint.

Not that there are so many places to go for a beer so far I have found out that, in Gosport, 'The Royal Arms' is shut with the Freehold for sale, the 'Wiltshire Lamb' has closed down as has the 'George and Dragon' off of 'Squeeze Gut Alley' (Bemister's Lane to the uninitiated) and, over the other side of the Gosport Ferry the 'Ship Leopard' on the Hard has seen its last customer! All a bit sad really! Hardly any

sign of 'Jolly Jack' anywhere except at SULTAN, although whilst waiting for a taxi last night by Pompey Harbour Station I saw the sight of a Commodore wandering around in full 'Mess Kit' tail coat and all a most unusual event must have been a special 'do' on somewhere either that or he had been abandoned his driver! I know that the lads in uniform are being encouraged to be seen around in the 'Rig' but there are limits! At least 'The Fighting Cocks' in Alverstoke is still going as is 'The Village Home'

As I had a bit of time on my hands last week I took the opportunity to visit the Portsmouth Branch at their Annual General Meeting. I met up with Ernie Williams and his Members in the Warrant Officers and Senior Rates Mess at HMS EXCELLENT.

Actually I nearly didn't meet them at all as my taxi-driver hadn't realised that the new Senior Rates Mess had opened some six weeks previously and he kindly dropped me off by the old (and shut down) Mess which is soon to be demolished and then he vanished. Still after a bit of wandering around looking lost I found the right place a brand new Mess which is arranged on similar lines to the new Messes at Faslane.

The amount of money the MoD is spending on accommodation at the Bases would just about buy a complete flotilla of Astute Class submarines!

The Portsmouth Branch is much smaller than our Branch at Barrow but, as befits the oldest Branch of the Association started as an Old Comrades Association in the 1930's, they seem to be a lively bunch with lots of ideas and they asked me to pass on their best wishes to all at Barrow and they hope to see you all when they host the Annual Draw in Portsmouth in July.

I hope you have all received your £10.00 worth of National Annual Draw tickets. So far I have got about £300 worth of stubs and cash back which means that there is still about

£1,400 worth out there please sell your allocation as soon as possible and get the cash and stubs back to me or any member of the Committee as soon as possible. Remember that one third of all sales by the Branch stay with the Branch.

Hopefully you have also seen the details of the Annual Reunion and have made up your minds to join us all at Nottingham in October! Send your Application Form for the option of your choice and £25.00 per person deposit to me or any member of the Committee as soon as possible and, just in case you haven't made your mind up yet I will circulate a list at the Branch Meeting on Tuesday 5th May.

Hopefully there was a good turn out for the St George's Day Parade I hope that everyone went back to 'The Engineers' and then on to 'The Steelworks'. Our next commitment is for the Keswick to Barrow Walk on 9th May so if you've got a couple of hours to spare on that day give your name to John Hart and he'll fit you in to the watch bill. As ever the usual reminders it is now May and we still have several members outstanding their Subs for this year (and even some for last year).

You can pay any member of the Committee and then you will be sent your Membership Card you know the nice Mauve ones (or is it Lilac?).

Mick Mailey will be pleased to take your money and John Houlding is trying to get rid of those cards! Also, if you have moved, changed your phone number or your e mail provider please let us know as soon as possible so that we can keep in touch and make sure you get all your Branch information.

That's about it for now – see you all at the Branch Meeting!

Regards

Barrie





## MORECAMBE BAY BRANCH HISTORY

By

Craig Farebrother  
formerly Secretary

According to the National Association records the Lunesdale and District Branch was formed at the 'Dog and Partridge' public house in Morecambe, Lancashire on 7th Jan 1976.

The Branch records report that the Branch was originally founded in 1973 by Jack Nicholson, Billy Marshall, Bill Ricketts and a few others. Branch Officers elected included Mr William 'Billy' Marshall as the Secretary (Billy Marshall, who served in Submarines HMS UNSHAKEN and HMS VAGABOND died at the age of 65 on 14th Mar 1987).

The Meetings were originally going to be held in the Commodore Club but a dispute led to the Meetings being held in the Jubilee Club in Morecambe. After many years and a few 'Crossing of the Bar' the Meetings seemed to come to an end. In November 1996 the Meetings were re-kindled this was after the death of Bill Ricketts when his widow, Marie, had commented that it was a shame that the Meetings had ceased. Jack Nicholson, John Wood and Dave Andrew decided to restart the Branch but this time a truce with the Commodore Club gave the Branch its rightful place at the RNA.

The Branch has held many Socials over the years having close links with both the Barrow in Furness and Blackpool Branches, has entertained the International Submariners Association and visiting the annual Reunion at Blockhouse the attendance at Barrow in 2001 for the Centenary of the Royal Naval Submarine Service being a definite highlight.

In April 1999, with the support of the Lunesdale Branch, the National Management Commit-

tee proposed a name change from the Submarine Old Comrades Association to the present Submariners Association. After much debate around the country the proposal was passed. In April 2002 it was proposed at our Branch AGM that we change the Branch name to the 'Morecambe Bay Branch' of the Submariners Association. The main reasons were to be more noticeable geographically nobody knew where 'Lunesdale' was on a map and we had Members living across the Bay area.

The 2009 Meeting Place is at the 'RNA Club' at 131, Heysham Road, Morecambe.

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### JENNY, BEM

Generations of sailors who visited Hong Kong will mourn the death of Jenny. She was a much loved figure and an incomparable institution for well over half a century. She died peacefully on 18 February 2009 at the age of 92.

Much of her life was an enigma. However the authors of her twenty-seven Certificates of Service generally agreed that she was born in a sampan in Causeway Bay in 1917. Her mother, Jenny One, according to her one surviving Certificate of Service, which was copied in 1946 from an older, much battered and largely illegible document, 'provided serviceable sampans for the general use of the Royal Navy, obtained sand and was useful for changing money'. Behind her perpetual great gold-toothed grin Jenny complained; "I velly chocker. All time work in sampan. Nolearn to lead or lite." But what she lacked in education she made up more than a hundred fold with her immense and impressive experience in ship husbandry. Her unflinching thoroughness and apparently inexhaustible energy her unquestionable loyalty and integrity, her infectious enthusiasm and her innate cheerfulness. Officially Jenny's Date of Volunteering was recorded as 1928 from then until 1997, when the colony

became a Special Administrative Region of China and the Royal Navy moved out. she and her team of tireless girls who at one time numbered nearly three dozen, unofficially served the Royal and Commonwealth Navies in Hong Kong by cleaning and painting their ships. Attending their buoy jumpers, and, dressed in their best, waiting with grace and charm upon their guests at cocktail parties. Captains and Executive Officers would find fresh flowers in their cabins and newspapers delivered daily many a departing officer received a generous gift as a memento from Jenny. For all of this she steadfastly refused ever to take any payment. Instead she and her Side Party earned their keep selling soft drinks to the ships' companies and accepting any item of scrap which could be found on board. Jenny's huge collection of photographs too big she said, to be put into books she stored in a large envelope.

They dated back to the mid 20th century and showed her in the ships she so faithfully served, with Buffers and Side Parties, and with grateful officers many of whom became distinguished admirals. In two thick albums she proudly kept her letters of reference, all without exception filled with praise and affection for her One was a commendation by the Duke of Edinburgh for her work in the Royal Yacht during her visit to Hong Kong in 1959. She had a Long Service and Good Conduct Medal presented to her in 1938 by the captain of the heavy cruiser HMS DEVONSHIRE, and a bar from the frigate HMS LEANDER in 1975. Most treasured of all Jenny's distinctions was the British Empire Medal awarded her in the Hong Kong Civilian List of the Queen's Birthday Honours in 1980 and with which, under her formal name Mrs. Ng Muk Kah, she was invested by the Governor of Hong Kong, Sir Murray MacLehose.

In later years Hong Kong was no longer visited by the great fleets of warships which gave Jenny and her Side Party their livelihood and she found it



increasingly difficult to make ends meet. Yet she stayed fit and always willing to undertake any work available. To the end of the Royal Navy's presence in Hong Kong there could be seen in the shadow of the towering Prince of Wales building within the naval base, a small round figure in traditional baggy black trousers and high-collared smock, with a long pigtail and eternal smile who, regardless of time, remained it seemed for ever just Jenny.

+RIP+, Jenny.

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### Member of Parliament

One day a florist goes to a barber for a haircut. After the cut he asked about his bill and the barber replies, 'I cannot accept money from you. I'm doing community service this week.' The florist was pleased and left the shop.

When the barber goes to open his shop the next morning there is a 'thank you' card and a dozen roses waiting for him at his door.

Later, a cop comes in for a haircut, and when he tries to pay his bill, the barber again replies, 'I cannot accept money from you. I'm doing community service this week.' The cop is happy and leaves the shop.

The next morning when the barber goes to open up there is a 'thank you' card and a dozen donuts waiting for him at his door.

Later that day, a college professor comes in for a haircut, and when he tries to pay his bill, the barber again replies, 'I cannot accept money from you, I'm doing community service this week.' The professor is very happy and leaves the shop.

The next morning when the barber opens his shop, there is a 'thank you' card and a dozen different books, such as 'How to Improve Your Business' and 'Becoming More Successful.'

Then, a Member of Parliament

comes in for a haircut, and when he goes to pay his bill the barber again replies, 'I cannot accept money from you. I'm doing community service this week.' The Member of Parliament is very happy and leaves the shop.

The next morning when the barber goes to open up, there are a dozen Members of Parliament lined up waiting for a free haircut.

And that, my friends, illustrates the fundamental difference between the citizens of our country and the Members of Parliament.

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### Didn't we have a lovely time the day we went to Bangor?

*Friday:*

After weeks of anticipation of a weekend Swahly in Northern Ireland the day had finally arrived. Our transport ably driven by Tony Griffiths picked us up at our designated points starting on Walney and finally picking up Jim and Rita Halliwell near Morecambe and we then set off up the M6 for the long haul to Stranraer to catch the Super cat to Belfast. It was a blustery old day to say the least and there was some debate as to whether the ferry would run with those seas (to be honest to us hardy Walney dwellers it was a mere breeze) John H was in contact with the ferry company and all was well for the trip. Tony reluctantly dropped us off at Stranraer and we made our way to the ferry, and Tony took the bus back to Barrow.

Check in was very smooth and untroubled and we headed straight to the onboard refreshment facility (bar) where we got seated and were first to the bar. Considering the conditions it was a fairly smooth crossing and we proceeded to get in the party mood, if anyone would like to know how long the ferry crossing is, it's about 5 pints or for some of the girls on the trip, 2 bottles of wine (you know who you are).

After disembarkation from the ferry a bus again organized by John turned up on cue to take us to Bangor where we checked into our respective hotels. For some it was a spot of dinner (our steaks in the Marine Court were excellent) before making our way to the Bangor RNA club where we met up with other SA members from all over the UK and of course our hosts the NI branch, this turned out to be an evening of dit spinning and good craic and the odd pint of Guinness. Most people found their way back to the hotels I fancied a night cap so went to a Diddy dee bar with Spike and Bungy from Manchester

*Saturday:*

Still blowing a hoolie when we went for breakfast, so had a cobweb clearing session by walking down the sea front then a gander round the shops for rabbits. To be honest we were wasting time until the RNA opened at 12 o'clock for up spirits, before the delegates and observers were picked up by bus for the conference.

Up spirits was duly announced and served up in glasses with NI branch logo on, which you could keep for a donation of a £1, those that went will know by now as soon as you wash the glass the ink ran off and the sticker unpeeled, clever boys the Irish!!

Once the conference party left we could get down to the real business of the weekend and hosted by the inimitable Norman from NI we proceeded to get well lubricated, one of the Liverpool lads was sent out on a chippie run, so that was dinner sorted. True dits became truer dits no s\*\*\* and the Guinness was getting dangerously low, so Jon and myself bimbled back towards the hotel for a bath and Dhoby via a couple of more pints and some more scran.

The evening was again a social at the RNA with entertainment supplied by Irish dancers and a guitarist and a buffet and raffle, the bitter went off (taste wise and the Guinness run out)





but it was a cracking night and Dave George and his boys put on a great weekend. I think some of went on to another watering hole after the social..... Memory fails me!

### Sunday:

The sun shone, the wind dropped, so after a full Irish breakfast and Sunday papers it was a walk all round the Marina and town to take in the cultural delights, actually we were wasting time until the United Services club opened, cunningly disguised as a charity shop (psst say Joe sent you) and we were in for the first pint of the day, then off to a wonderful Irish bar called Jenny Watts where we met up with Ginge and Sooty for copious pints of Guinness and Jazz on a Sunday afternoon – Perfect, but things got better. We met up with the most eclectic bunch of locals you could wish to meet, three ex Submariners, a Vietnam war veteran, a man of the cloth who is also a doctor of Classics (dear boy) who smoked a church warden style pipe with a funny smelling tobacco, an oil rigger come second hand car dealer, a gorgeous Irish Colleen and unfortunately her ex Para / ex French foreign legion boy friend and an old Master Mariner.

Ginge was made an honorary American, the Vietnam vet was made an honorary Submariner, I fell in love with the Irish Colleen and we all had the most wonderful Sunday dinner/ tea / supper session. Jon wandered off to find the chippy he wasn't seen until next morning (had been on the great white telephone part of the night) I woke up next morning, not with the Colleen but with Donna!!

Donor Kebab that is, all over my floor, not sure about Ginge and his American buddy think they went their separate ways.

### Monday

Breakfast done (just) bill paid it was time to rendezvous with the bus to take us back to the ferry, as with all of John Hs organization it was on time and got us to the ferry in plenty of time.

Guess where we sat on the ferry, you've got it in the same seats we had before in front of the bar. I don't mind admitting that the first pint was a struggle but it had to be done, the girls didn't seem to have a problem though. A tip for those who may go next time – they sell good rabbits on the ferry, which will save you looking round the shops next time.

Tony met us with the Clarksons coach and it was back to Barrow, dropping of on route the only downside was the endless Beatles songs and being entertained by "Girls too loud" all the way from Stranraer to the M6, but bless 'em they enjoyed themselves.

The whole weekend was a cracker and I recommend if the opportunity comes up again go you won't regret it. A big thank you must go to John Houlding for his organization of the Barrow travel arrangements it was faultless and of course to Tony Griffiths who dearly wanted to go but was tied up with the bus and of course the Northern Ireland branch, Davy George in particular whose hospitality is second to none.

P.S the novel "A sunny afternoon in Jenny Watts" will be out in time for Christmas, advance orders being taken.

PPS

Just how many Indians did Ginge Cundell eat that weekend, and is it true he had a bum like a Japanese flag???

Colin Hutchinson  
Social Secretary



## Memorial Service Held to Honour Fallen Royal Navy Sailors

By Lt. j.g. Megan Isaac,  
Commander, Submarine Force  
Public Affairs, March 23, 2009



NORFOLK (NNS). A short memorial service took place March 17, at Ice Exercise (ICEX) 2009's Applied Physics Laboratory Ice Station (APLIS), in the Arctic Ocean, to honour two Royal Navy Sailors who lost their lives on HMS Tireless during ICEX 2007.

This year marks the first time Royal Navy personnel have returned to the arctic since the accident. Royal Navy Lt. Cmdr. John Aitken, Lt. Cmdr. Ian White, and Chief Petty Officer Lee Evans conducted the service and laid a wreath in memory of Operator Mechanic Anthony Huntrod and Leading Operator Mechanic Paul McCann, two British Sailors who were killed in an accident on board HMS TIRELESS in March 2007. At the time, TIRELESS was participating with USS ALEXANDRIA (SSN 757) and APLIS during ICEX 2007.



A moment of silence was held March 21st at the APLIS support site in Prudhoe Bay, Alaska., and on both USS ANNAPOLIS (SSN 760) and USS HELENA (SSN 725), the submarines currently participating in ICEX 2009, to pay respects to the memories and the families of the Sailors lost. The moment of silence came exactly two years after the tragedy.



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 April to have 'Crossed the Bar'



**Blackpool Branch  
(Lapsed)  
2nd April 2009**

**Terry Readshaw  
Fleet Chief Marine  
Engineering Artificer  
Aged 65  
Submarine Service 1967-1986  
Warspite, Sovereign, Spartan  
and Splendid**



**Scottish Branch  
9th April 2009  
JU M (Jack) McNish  
Leading Signalman  
P/JX 712621  
Aged 80**

**Submarine Service 1952-1958  
Tudor, Scorcher, Tactician,  
Seascout, Tireless  
&  
Tiptoe**



**Scottish Branch  
(Lapsed)  
April 2009**

**A (Alan) Carpenter  
Stoker Petty Officer  
C/KX 89167  
Aged 91  
Submarine Service 1940-1946  
H28, Thrasher  
and  
Trenchant**



**Scottish Branch  
(Lapsed)  
7th April 2009**

**Arthor C (Art) Cross  
  
Aged 85  
WWII Submariner in "P"  
Class  
and  
Severn**



**Gatwich Branch  
April 2009**

**R A (Bob) Hemsley  
Able seaman (RDF/SD)  
P/JX 369416  
Aged 86  
Submarine Service 1943-1946  
Tantivy**



**Sheffield Branch  
April 2009  
D (Derrick) Allsopp  
Telegraphist (T/O)  
C/JX 405914  
Aged 83**

**Submarine Service 1943-1946  
  
Unshaken  
&  
Tally Ho**



## John Dixon

Regret to advise that Branch Member John Dixon 'crossed the bar' in Leeds on 29th April. His son tells me that he had been suffering from Parkinsons disease for several years. I have sent the following to Tex Golding for circulation round the branches:

"Chief MEA (P) John Edward Dixon P/MX 75075 died at the age of 88 on 29th April 2009. John served in submarines from 1940 to April 1972 and in Submarines SEVERN, U1023, SEA DEVIL, STURDY, THOROUGH, TRADEWIND, TRUNCHEON, FINWHALE and OTWAY (RAN).

John retired from the Navy aged 55 and then worked for Vickers retiring at the age of 67. He had suffered for Parkinsons disease for a number of years and moved to Leeds to live with his son about five years ago.

His funeral is to be held in the Cottingly Crematorium in Leeds on Friday 8th May 2009.

Details are available from his son, John Dixon, on 0113 252 2316"

### HMS GANGES

The New Guy! The Master at Arms noticed a new Seaman one day... and barked at him, "Get over here!" "What is your name?" was the first thing the M.A.A. asked the new guy. "Paul," the new guy replied. The Jaunty scowled, "Look, I don't know what kind of bleeding heart, liberal pansy stuff they're teaching Sailors in the Training Base today, but I don't call any one by their first name. It breeds familiarity and that leads to a breakdown in authority. I refer to my sailors by their last name only: Smith, Jones, Baker that's all. I am to be referred to only as MASTER! Do I make myself clear?" "Aye, aye, MASTER!" "Good! Now that we got that straight, what is your last name?" "Darling! Master!" "Okay! Paul, here's what I want you to do..."





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## Golfers

Hi All

We have managed to organise this years Charity Challenge Golf Event at Ulverston Golf Club to be held on Friday 12th June tee - off times from 9:30 onwards. I am sending the entry form to all those that attended last year to get your places early if you are interested. Places are limited up to 60 entrants.

I will be issuing this out in a Global Note in a couple of weeks.


If you are a member of Ulverston Golf Club they have been able to give a special rate so please ensure you let me know if you are a member.

If interested please complete the attached entry form and send your form and £10 deposit to myself as detailed within the form.

Kind Regards


Rachel

Charity Challenge  
Fundraising Coordinator



May 2009

# Members Birthdays



T. Fell	04/05
D. Smith	06/05
D. Cooper	07/05
D. Barlow	09/05
A. Evans	09/05
S. Emms	10/05
N. Hildrew	12/05
K. Brumby	17/07
J. Jackson	18/05
P. Winsland	19/05
C. Roberts	20/05
C. Madin	21/05
T. Spurling	22/05
T. Chittenden	25/05
I. Walsh	25/05
R. Britten	31/05
N. Lowden	31/05



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## News Letter

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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 May for the June 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

May	June	July
2/3 Army/Navy Rugby	2nd Monthly Meeting	3/5th SA Annual Draw
5th Monthly meeting	16th Branch	7th Monthly Meeting
8/10 Spring Cruise	Committee Meeting	21st Branch
19th Committee Meeting	19th Cheese & Wine	Committee meeting



## Reunions

6 June - HMS/m Dreadnought

A reunion of all those who sailed on HMS/m Dreadnought will be held at the Allesley Hotel in the Village of Allesley Near Coventry on the 6 June 2009. Further information can be obtained from our website or Bruce Allen

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# charitychallenge

www.baesystemscharitychallenge.com



## Charity Challenge Golf Event – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2009 Entry Form

The BAE Systems Barrow Charity Challenge Team, are organising a Golf Event to raise money for St Mary's Hospice and Sue Ryder Care our Partner Charities.

We are inviting you to participate in this event to help raise funds for extremely worthwhile causes.

<b>CHARITY GOLF EVENT</b>	<b>Ulverston Golf Club</b>
<b>DATE</b>	<b>Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2008</b>
<b>COMPETITION</b>	<b>18 Hole Individual Stableford</b>
<b>FEE:</b>	
<b>Non Members:</b>	<b>£35</b>
<b>Members:</b>	<b>£20</b>
<b>Fee includes:</b>	<b>Green fee Coffee &amp; Bacon Bun prior to Tee-Off Dinner &amp; Sweet &amp; Coffee Coach Contribution to Charity</b>

### Notes

1. Entrants must hold a bona fide golf handicap.
2. Maximum Handicap 24.

Please return this slip & £10 deposit to:-  
 Rachel Clemance (01229) 874744 Externally or 4744 Internally.  
 Email: rachel.clemance@baesystems.com  
 Address: Finance & Commercial Office, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Building A43, Barrow-in-Furness, Cumbria

Closing Date for inclusion in the draw is Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May.

Name:

Club:

Handicap:

Works Address:

Business Group:

Phone No.

Cheque for £10 enclosed

Steak & Mushroom Pie

OR

Coach Required

Salmon & Sweet Thai Chilli Sauce

OR

Member of Ulverston Golf Club

No Dinner Required

Please include cheque for £10 deposit, made payable to 'BAE SYSTEMS' or £10 cash