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Followed by:-

July Puzzle no 10

**Chairmans Dit**

July 2009

Having now returned from holiday on the deserted Northumberland coastline of Bamburgh Castle and Lindisfarne. Part of the name Lindisfarne derives from Farne meaning "retreat" and Lindis, a small tidal river. Given that the travel industry's definition for retreat is a location in the UK or some exotic destination known for its leisure attractions. A place that features a broad range of amenities, sports facilities, and other leisure attractions, designed to provide a total vacation experience. With the weather in foreign climes being a better guarantee for good weather. Yet my preferred holiday location is the UK rather than the inconvenience of shopping around for ever-increasing exotic location travel insurance.

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Bamburgh Castle

(We all pay the price of getting older). Having completed my grumpy old man moan, I can now report the holiday was good, and its back to normality. I would like to thank Barrie and all who have worked behind the scene to help make the Memorial Bench Project a success, it appears with the help of the Mayors Office and Barrow Town Hall staff, the benches should be in place for this years Remembrance Sunday. Dependent upon the distraction of events taking place at SW19 I am now working my way through mountains of Branch SA things to do. My main concern being the success of our Cheese and Wine Soiree: plus the formal launching of a Ladies Section (Barrow in Furness Branch). As you may be aware that both of these events are scheduled to form part of our normal July monthly meeting, hope to see many of you there !!!.

Regards Jonsey

Social Scene July 2009



Hi Folks,

My apologies for missing the Social dit last month, I went on holiday on the 25th May and I completely forgot to send Ben my piece. As it turns out the social scene has been very quiet lately with a bit of a gap between the annual dinner dance in April and our next event the Annual BBQ which is on August 1st at the Vickerstown Institute 19:30 till late. Barrie has kindly dis-

tributed the list for me, if you would like a ticket please contact me or any committee member, details are in the newsletter.

Cost will be £7.50 per head and for this you will get entertainment from Shindig, Rum barrel, raffle and of course some BBQ scran, don't forget your Hawaiian shirts for the shirt competition and the chance to wear the Jesters hat with pride. I will need to know numbers by July 24th at the very latest so that Brigham can cater in time, so please let your friends etc know it's a big place to fill it would be great to see a good crowd there.

If you get this newsletter before the July meeting, don't forget that Alan Jones has organized a bit of a wine tasting accompanied by Cheese this will take place after the meeting on Tuesday 7th July which the Ladies have been invited to, and guess what there will be a raffle too.

Well that's me for this month
See you all next month!!

Colin Hutchinson
Social Secretary

Chaplains Dit July 2009

There was a hiccup with last months Chaplains Dit that even after two attempts of sending a copy to Ben he did not receive it. So I can now give you a follow up report on the squawking thrushes, the parents did eventually manage to encourage the young ones to leave, but it was too late for our Aussie Barbie, so chilled Syrah Rose on the Patio became the preferred option.

Having held a long-term view that the continuing sustainability of our Branch lies is constantly looking at new ways of conducting our business and introducing differing social events. To this end the Committee are currently looking at two possible directions:

The inauguration, of a Ladies Section (Barrow in Furness Branch). This new section will consist of those Partner's of current members and our Widows who wish to play a more active role in present and future Branch activities. Such a group allows us to keep a check on those people who otherwise could go under our radar, and that would be a travesty. It is also envisaged that some members of the Ladies Section could become the backbone of a restructured Welfare Committee.

Secondly it would be good to draw up a formal list of Branch Supporters. These are the many friends of the Branch who whilst having no autonomous link to the Branch. Yet through friends within the branch always support us and attend our various socials. It would be good to recognise their support in a formal way. For instance we have re-established links with Tracey and Leon at their new Pub Costello's. They both expressed a wish to belong to such a group.

Both Joan Cole and Joyce Tull have already expressed a wish to join a Ladies Section. I am sure there will be others if and when we eventually get the project off the ground.

Found this article in a Church magazine, and it amused me.

A kindergarten teacher was walking around observing her classroom of children while they were drawing pictures. As she got to one girl who was working diligently, she asked what the drawing was.

The girl replied, "I'm drawing God."

The teacher paused and said, "But no one knows what God looks like."

Without looking up from her drawing, the girl replied, "They will in a minute."

Regards Jonsey.



Barrow Submarine Series: issue number 3

HMS Swiftsure



NEW CLASS: *Swiftsure* was launched at Barrow on September 7 in 1971 and commissioned in 1973

THE nuclear-powered submarine *Swiftsure* was the first of class and was launched by Vickers at Barrow on September 7 in 1971.

The launch-day edition of the *Evening Mail* noted: "The *Swiftsure*, Britain's latest nuclear submarine, with the oldest name in the Navy, was launched at Barrow today with a bottle of home-made apple wine.

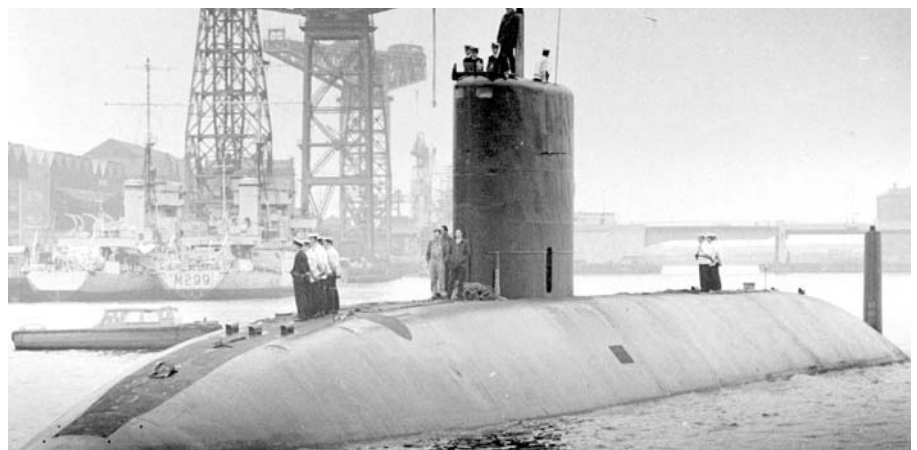
"The bottle triggered from a ship's telegraph mechanism by Lady Pollock, wife of the First Sea Lord, Admiral Sir Michael Pollock, was the fifth bottle of a Bath man's home-made wine to have launched British warships in the past four years.

"Her blunt bows bathed in alcoholic apple produced by 56-year-old Dennis Cheetham, of Horsecombe Brow, Combe Down, near Bath, the newly christened *Swiftsure* slid into Walney Channel at 1pm."

The boat had been ordered by the Admiralty in November 1967 and became the Navy's seventh hunter-killer submarine.

The 1971 *Swiftsure* was the 10th vessel of that name, an Elizabethan compound name which signified 'swift' and 'pursuer'

The nuclear reactor was built by



HOME TOWN: *Swiftsure* at Barrow in 1971

Rolls Royce in conjunction with Vickers.

Swiftsure came equipped with shower baths and a fully equipped laundry with separate messes for senior and junior ratings laid out on either side of a modern galley.

Swiftsure was commissioned on April 17 in 1973 and was pensioned off in 1992 due to damage suffered to the pressure hull during trials.

Among *Swiftsure* commanding officers was Rear Admiral Roger Lane-Nott, from 1976 to 1979.

FACTFILE

The basic facts and figures for the *Swiftsure*-class submarines are:
Displacement: 4,900 tonnes (dived)
Length: 82.9 metres (272 ft 0 in)
Beam: 9.8 metres (32 ft 2 in)
Draught: 8.5 metres (27 ft 11 in)
Speed: In excess of 30 knots (55 km/h), dived
Complement: 116 officers and men
Armament: 5 × 21 in (533 mm) torpedo tubes
Spearfish torpedoes
RN Sub Harpoon missiles



Barrie Downer Secretary



June has been another quiet month for the Branch at the Branch Meeting we had two visitors joining us for the evening. Dave Cattroll & Nick Rowan were both working in the Yard and decided to come along and see what we did at Branch Meetings I'm pretty sure that Dave Barlow National Chairman was working on them to join the Association!

This month we had enough Committee Members available to form a quorum most Committee Members being back from holidays and work commitments. So this time we managed to get some business completed but still had time for a few dits and a few pints!

Following the last month's funeral in Leeds of our late Member John Dixon which was attended by Alan Jones the Branch has been sent a copy of John's Service Docs for retention in the files. These are now safely filed away.

After the cancellation of the Barrow Festival of the Sea for both June and July the only Ceremony this month was the presentation of the Armed Forces Day Flag to the Barrow Borough Council on Monday 22nd June. Ex Service representatives of the three Services including a Contingent from the Barrow Branch attended the presentation at 0850. Prior to the Ceremony we were entertained by a 'Lone Piper' needless to say it decided to rain while we were formed up on parade! The Armed Forces Day Flag was disappointingly small when it was shown to the parade. Those of you who have looked at the Flag being flown from the top of the Town Hall can be excused for not being able to see what it is.

What is really needed is something the size of a 'Battle Ship' Ensign so everyone can see what it is. Hopefully there will be a much bigger one available for next years Ceremonies.

While we were waiting to the Flag Party to climb up the Town Hall Tower to raise the Flag we were again entertained by the 'Lone Piper' before the dash across to the Forum 28 for tea, coffee and biscuits.

Next up, as they say will be the Submariners Association National Draw in Portsmouth on Saturday 4th July. I got £835 worth of stubs and cash back which is just less than 50% of what I sent out. Thanks to all those who sold their allocation you are in with a chance of a prize and through your efforts the Branch Funds have benefited by about £280. For those who haven't returned your stubs or cash to me before 3rd July it's too late!

At the Branch Meeting on 7th July 8pm at the RBL as usual don't be late and remember to bring your ladies along for a Social event after a short meeting.

As voted at the last Branch Meeting the Rum Tub will be out and Alan Jones has arranged for a Cheese & Wine Evening. You may recall the Cheese & Wine was originally to be on Friday 19th June but the plan was a bit disrupted and a change of date was needed.

Then there is the Barrow Branch Barbeque on Saturday 1st August. After some discussion the Barbeque will be at the Vickerstown Institute as usual all the usual arrangements Shindig for the entertainment, Brigham Young and his team to prepare and serve the barbeque, Tot Time, Branch Raffle and the now famous 'Loud Shirt Competition'. Don't forget to bring a prize for the Raffle!

The list circulated at the Branch Meeting on 2nd June gathered nearly 50 names but its still not too late to get your name down another list will go round at the July Meeting..

The cost this year is £7.50 per head only 50p more than last year!

As ever the usual reminders it

is now July 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! Don't forget if you are attending the Reunion you must be a 'Paid Up' Member of the Association to attend the Reunion Dinner!

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.

Three Members this month have advised me of E Mail Address changes I expect there are a few more I don't yet know about.

Also if you can't make it to a Branch Meeting remember to send in your apologies – partly so we still know you are well. If you are not keeping too well yourself let us know and we will see if there is anything the Welfare team can help with. Remember to let us know if there are any Branch Members that you know (or their wives, girlfriends or partners) who are not too well – sometimes they may be too busy or pre-occupied with events to let us know themselves. If we don't know we can't help!

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

Tuesday 7th July
usual time
usual place!

Regards

Barrie





SUGGESTIONS FOR FORTHCOMING EVENTS

First there is a good chance we may get a Faslane/Submarine visit for the weekend of the 20th / 21st November 2009.

I therefore need to know urgently who would like to attend this trip. The format is to travel on Friday and get booked into the base then attend the West of Scotland branch meeting in the Senior Rates Mess.

On Saturday there will be trips to visit and look around the 'host boat' and trips round the bay with the police launch etc. There is usually transport into Helensburgh on Saturday PM for those who wish, followed by a quiz night in the Mess bar.

Sunday may give the opportunity for a boat visit if anyone missed the one on Saturday and we usually depart around mid day after lunch and a farewell tot allowing ample time for those who want or need a Sunday lie-in.

There is usually a limit on numbers and the weekend is shared with other branches on a first come first served basis. SO Names plus a £20 deposit to John Houlding asap.

ESPANA LEVANTE

The newest branch of the Submariners Association recently inaugurated and planning already to meet on a twice a year basis for a weekend in November and April each year. Do YOU fancy a branch visit to Benidorm?

If so please let the committee know that you are interested so we can get an idea of numbers and maybe organise party bookings for local hotels etc.

(I suggest we make travel arrangements individually)

I would imagine this will catch the eyes of a lot of branches and members throughout the country so if we can make an

early decision we may have a chance of securing suitable accommodation over there, before someone else does.

All you need to do is tell us if you are interested, we are proposing April 2010. Also if you would be taking your partner with you or want to travel single. (As if we will get the choice!!).

Depending on the level of Barrow branch interest I may contact other branches in the area to see if they wish to make up the party. I am happy to act as the lead coordinator for such a trip and would welcome any help from others who wish to go on this trip. So think about it now act on it and send your name to any committee member or direct to me.

Regards

John Houlding

New Commander in Chief Fleet is another Submariner!

As reported in the July Issue of Navy News Admiral Trevor Soar, KCB, OBE has now taken over from Admiral Sir Mark Stanhope as Commander-in-Chief, Fleet.



Admiral Sir Trevor Soar
Commander, Allied Maritime
Component Command
Northwood

Admiral Sir Trevor Soar has recently taken up one of the most senior positions in the Royal Navy. Having commanded at sea in every rank from Lieutenant to Commodore, he is now Commander-in-Chief Fleet of the Royal Navy. He has full

command of all deployable ships and submarines and Fleet units, including the Royal Marines and is responsible for ensuring that these units are ready in all respects for any operations requested by the Government.

Admiral Soar said: "It is a great privilege for me to be given the responsibility for the running and operational command of the Fleet. The Royal Navy continues to exert its power and influence in a fast-changing global environment and has a well-deserved reputation as world class. After a career spanning 34 years to date in the Royal Navy, this is an extremely proud day for me."

Admiral Soar has taken over as CINC FLEET from Admiral Sir Mark Stanhope, which was marked at a supersession ceremony in London yesterday. As a NATO Commander, Admiral Soar is also the maritime advisor to the Joint Force Commander (Brunssum) and is tasked to ensure NATO maritime forces are ready to engage in joint and combined operations as required by the North Atlantic Council. He is also directly responsible for elements of the Standing NATO Response Force. He will be dividing his time between the Fleet Operational Headquarters in Northwood, London and Navy Command Headquarters in Portsmouth.

After joining the Royal Navy in 1975, Admiral Soar qualified as a submariner in 1978 and served in nuclear-powered and conventional submarines, before successfully completing the Submarine Commanding Officers' Qualifying Course in 1986. His first command was of the conventional submarine HMS OCELOT which was deployed from the South Atlantic to the Pacific and Caribbean; other commands included the nuclear-powered submarine HMS TALENT, which carried out a number of Cold war patrols; the frigate HMS CHATHAM in 1997, which went on operational patrol in the Gulf; and HMS INVINCIBLE in 2002 to work her up as Fleet Flagship.



His posts in London over the years ranged from first working in the Naval Secretary's Department as an appointer to becoming Director of the Naval Staff, responsible for pan-Navy policy across Defence.

Admiral Soar was awarded an OBE in 1994 and appointed Knight Commander of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath in the 2009 New Years Honours List. He was promoted to full Admiral on taking up appointment as CINC FLEET. His last position was as Chief of Materiel (Fleet) and Board Member in Defence Equipment and Support, a post which enabled membership of the Admiralty Board as Chief of Fleet Support.

Admiral Soar lives in Staffordshire with his wife and has two grown-up sons. He was born in Belper, Derbyshire and went to Loughborough Grammar School in Leicestershire. He is a Younger Brother of Trinity House, a Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts, President of the Sea Cadet Corps TS WIZARD in London and also a Freeman of the City of London. He was awarded an Honorary Doctorate of Engineering by Heriot-Watt University Edinburgh and is President of the Royal Navy Rugby and Football Union.

HMS VICTORIOUS Demonstration and Shakedown Operation (DASO)

HMS VICTORIOUS successfully fired a Trident II D5 test missile with inert warheads at 0500 GMT (0100 local) on Tuesday 26 May 2009 from the US Eastern Range off Cape Canaveral. This signified the completion of the Demonstration and Shakedown Operation (DASO) which had commenced back in March at HM Naval Base, Clyde.

The DASO is a combined Strategic Weapon System and Crew Certification and this mission, was successfully undertaken by the Gold Crew of HMS

VICTORIOUS (whatever happened to Port & Starboard Crews?) under the command of Cdr David Pollock, was managed by Staff from CSSE, SW PT, FSM PT, ISM PT with support from other Naval Command organisations, industry partners and jointly with their US counterparts from Strategic Systems Programs and associated US contractors.

The mission success, despite a delay to the firing due to the poor weather conditions exceeding range safety constraints, was due to the Integrated Team approach taken by all concerned.

The successful DASO enables HMS VICTORIOUS to move on to the next stage of her regeneration programme which is the 'onload' of a full outfit of Trident D5 Missiles required for 'Operational' deployment.

The Testing Tanks at Haslar

All those who have served at HMS DOLPHIN will recall those never ending high red brick walls which line both sides of the road past RNH Haslar on your way to the 'Fighting Cocks'. It used to take forever to get past them on the way to the pub but even longer on the way back! Not sure why that was!

We all know that over the left hand side walls are the grounds of the Royal Naval Hospital but what is over the wall with its blue painted wooden doors on the other side? Is it an extension of Gun Boat Yard? Some people in the know will be aware that it used to be called the Royal Naval Testing and Experimental Establishment but what did they do in there?

Recently I was on a Course at HMS SULTAN and there was a broad range of people on the course from various areas of the country.

There were some from Devonport Dockyard, some from HM Naval Base, Clyde (Faslane to

you and me!), others from BAE in Barrow and quite a few more from various Departments at MoD Abbey Wood. Some were Naval Architects or Constructors and one was currently working at that Haslar Test facility and two had previously worked there.

Arrangements were made for members of our Course to visit Haslar after the end of work on Tuesday 28th April.

The Establishment is no longer run by the MoD but it is now run by QINETIC a private firm which now manages many of the Research Facilities set up and managed by MoD over the years. So just what is behind those walls, what is the history and what do they do?

The Establishment was set up in the late 1800's as the Admiralty Testing Tank, Haslar and its most famous Superintendent of Research was Edward Froude. He set up the first Test Tank at Haslar after move from previous facilities at Torquay. This Tank (No. 1 Tank) was used to test the hydrodynamic properties of new ship designs and, from 1904 Submarine designs including the 'A' Class based on 'Holland' Class trials. This No. 1 Tank is no longer in use but newer facilities are available. No.1 Tank is still there but has been boarded over and the space above now forms Offices and the Reception Centre for the QINETIC team. The oldest of the new facilities is a Testing Tank built between the World Wars with Submarine design testing in mind.

This Tank has some pretty impressive statistics! It is 270 metres long (1000 feet), 12 metres wide (40 feet) and 5.5 metres deep (18 feet). It contains 18,800 cubic metres (18,800 tonnes of water) or (in English) 24,590 cubic yards (663,930 cubic feet) or 18,576 tons of water. At the far end of the tank (the Gun Boat Yard end) there is wave making machine which can generate waves representing up to Sea State 3 but only along the length of the Tank.



The models tested in this Tank can be surface or submarine models and are traversed along the length of the tank clamped to a travelling framework which can build up to a representative speed of about 30 knots but only for a short distance over the mid point length of the tank to allow for acceleration and braking of the framework before hitting the far end.

To calibrate the Tank before use if there is any doubt about the readings taken the Tank can be calibrated using a Standard Model over 100 years old that was used by Froude to confirm results between the Torquay and Haslar Tanks.

This Tank is similar to the one which used to be at the old Admiralty Research laboratories at Teddington which, some of you may recall, was used by the famous Vickers research scientist Barnes Wallis to test out his theories for the 'Bouncing Bomb' which was later developed for the successful 'Dam Busters' Raid and which was portrayed in the 1950's film

The other main facility is the Ocean Tank and it was built in the late 1950's and is even more impressive. It is 120 metres long by 60 metres wide and is also 5.5 metres deep. It is the size of four Olympic swimming pools and contains 39,600 cubic metres (39,600 tonnes) or again (in English) 40,330 tons. Again this Tank has wave making facilities and these can be generated from the 'Gun Boat Yard' end but also from half of the left hand side (Gun Boat Yard end) which, in combination with the far end can generate complex wave patterns.



Models can be tested in two different ways in the Ocean Tank. In the first way of testing in the centre of the Tank there is a centrifugal arm with a maximum sweep of 27.5 metres to which both Submarine and Surface ship models can be swept through the Tank and information gathered from onboard instrumentation. For surface ship models targets can be attached which can be recorded from cameras sited around the Tank to gather precise positional data.

The second method of testing is by the use of free running, self propelled, programmable, and instrumented models both surface and submarine.

These models are set up in a starting cage (assisted by divers) and are then set running to follow the pre-programmed run. At the end of the run the model is driven back to the start point and is re-positioned by the divers and set up for the next run. Submarine models can be set to change depth, surface, dive and change course and speed. One limitation is that the Tank is only 5.5 metres deep which limits testing to representative deeper depths. Luckily the QINETIC scientists have access to another facility closer to London where deeper trials can be conducted.

There is, apparently, an archive of trials data going back to the earliest years so, if you want to know how the calculations were made for all the earlier classes of submarines Haslar is your place!

Barrie Downer

NATO Submarine Rescue System (NSRS)

The new NATO Submarine Rescue System has completed a successful deployment during the recent Exercise 'Northern Sun'. Command and Control procedures were demonstrated to work and the NSRS was successfully docked with a Norwegian Submarine.

Missing Book

Some time ago Alan Hoskins loaned a copy of a book called 'Discharged Dead' to someone in the Branch whose name he has forgotten.

Alan would like the book back. He has asked previously without success. Can you all check whether it was you it was loaned to and when you find it can you return it directly to Alan.

Alternatively bring it to the Branch Meeting and give it to any Member of the Committee for return.

Police Response

George Phillips of Marsh Green, Wigan was going up to bed when his wife told him that he'd left the light on in the garden shed, which she could see from the bedroom window.

George opened the back door to go turn off the light but saw that there were people in the shed stealing things. He phoned the police, who asked 'Is someone in your house?' and he said 'no'. Then they said that all patrols were busy, and that he should simply lock his door and an officer would be along when available.

George said, 'Okay,' hung up, counted to 30, and phoned the police again. 'Hello, I just called you few seconds ago because there were people stealing things from my shed.. Well, you don't have to worry about them now because I've just shot them.' Then he hung up.

Within five minutes three police cars, an Armed Response Unit, and an ambulance showed up at the Phillips' residence and caught the burglars red-handed.

One of the Policemen said to George: 'I thought you said that you'd shot them!' George said, 'I thought you said there was nobody available!'





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 June to have 'Crossed the Bar'



North Staffordshire Branch
5th June 2009
B 'Ben' Godfrey
Chief Radio Supervisor
J972037X
Aged 69
Submarine service 1962-1979
Onslaught, Rorqual, Amphion
Courageous
&
Renown (S)



Bedfordshire & Hertfordshire Branch
June 2009
E C 'Ernie' White
Leading Electrical Machanic
D/SMX 877963
aged 77
Submarine Service 1952-1957
Sidon, Sanguine, Sea Devil
&
Solent



NonMember
14th May 2009
Derek Spickernell
Rear Admiral (E)
Aged 87
Submarine Service in WWII
Tally HO, Statesman,
Tekemachus, Tudor & Alcide



Bury Branch
June 2009
J 'Jim' Halliday
Leading Seaman (ST)
P/SSX 21821
Aged 88
Submarine Service 1941- 1943
Porpoise, P34
&
Inison



Central Lancashire Branch
16th June 2009
J P 'John' Haworth
Able Seaman (ST)
D/JX 419505
Aged 84
Submarine Service 1943-1946
P556, Tiptoe
&
Umbra



Non Member
21st May 2009
Lawrence 'Andy' Anderson
Petty Officer Electrician
Submarine Service in WWII
Safari, Token, Saga & Tabard



Gatwich Branch
9th June 2009
C J 'Jack' Pollard
Leading Telegraphist
C/JX 208084
Aged 92
Submarine Service 1943-1945
H32, Sealion & Strongbow



Non Member
21st June 2009
Kenneth Graham 'Ken'
Baker
Lieutenant (SD) MESM)
Aged 62
Submarine Service including
Repulse
&
Sovereign



Non Member
11th June
John Forgham
Leading Mechanic Engineer
Aged 74
Submarine Service in
Aurochs & Thermopylae



Medway Towns Branch
June 2009
D G 'Des' Voisey
Chief MEM
P/K 948619
Aged 71
Submarine Service 1958-1977
Thule, Tiptoe, Orpheus
&
Opossum



Bristol Branch
22nd June 2009
I J 'Ivor' Gaulton
Leading Mechanic Engineer
D/SKX 790470
Aged 80
Submarine Service 1947-1953
Teredo, Trespasser, Ambush
&
Scythian



Australia Branch
15th June 2009
M H Max Shean DSO
LTCDR (E) RANVR
Aged 90
Submarine service 1943-1946
X-9, X-22, X-24 & XE-4



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Project ISOLUS Update

This is the project which is to identify the long term solution for the disposal of decommissioned UK Nuclear Submarines.

As of May 2009 the name of the project has been changed from 'ISOLUS' to the 'Submarine Dismantling Project' (SDP) as part of the Maritime Change Programme announcement.

Whether this will result in an earlier decision on what to do with the redundant submarines at Devonport and Rosyth remains to be seen!

It's True

Genuine clips from British Council flat tenants complaining to their Councils about problems with their flats.

- 1) My neighbour's 18-year-old son is continually banging his balls against my fence.
- 2) Will you please send someone to mend the garden path? My wife tripped and fell on it yesterday and now she is pregnant.

July 2009

Members Birthdays

M. Kirk	06/07
G. Anderson	08/07
B. Downie	13/07
J. Davies	20/07
C. Hutchinson	22/07
C. James	23/07
D. O'Connell	23/07
J. Costello	24/07
R. Faragher	24/07
T. O'Keefe	24/07
A. Jones	29/07
D. Wilson	29/07

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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 July for the August 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

July

3/5th SA Annual Draw
7th Monthly Meeting
21st Branch Committee meeting

August

1st Branch Barbeque
4th Monthly meeting
18th Branch Committee Meeting

September

1st Monthly Meeting (Social Ladies)
15th Branch Committee Meeting

There are 3 types of men

The living

The Dead

and

Those that go to sea in Submarines

