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CHAIRMAN'S September Word



Yes! I am afraid it is Jonsey contributing to the Front Page article in place of our Vice Chairman. As he flagged up last month, John has undergone continuing treatment on that ear complaint (the one with the great long name, that I have not a hope in hell of pronouncing). Well I can report via his dearly beloved, that things are good and John feels there may be an improvement in his hearing, so watch this space.

I have deliberately chosen the following approach for our September Newsletter as I feel the events surrounding the commissioning of Astute represents an important historical link for both the Submarine Service and our Submariners Association.

“Up Periscope! The watch-keeper moved the appropriate lever and with a quiet sighing hiss the long brass tube came up quickly up from its housing. I crouched, ready to grab the handles as the eyepiece came level.”

Those words were written as the prologue to a book *An Affair of Chances (A Submariners Odyssey 1939 – 44)* written by a lad born and bred in Helensburgh, who grew up to become Vice Admiral Ian McGeoch's KCB DSO DSC.

It's also a quirk of history that linked a completely different submarine world to the one he knew when yesterday HMS Astute a submarine that cost £1.5bn hauled down a blue ensign to replace it proudly with the white ensign, as she became a first of her class

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HMS Spartan

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in a Commissioning Ceremony conducted not a million miles from where he skimmed stones on the Gare Loch as a young lad.

That historic event would have not been dissimilar to the words spoken over the wee wartime boats that he commanded. In comparison this modern submarine has not been fitted with conventional periscope optics as Ian McGeoch would have been familiar with, also a modern submarine is stuffed with so many gismo's, that it could make us old un's head spin. Yet the common denominator in both eras of operation is that the crew are up for it. The end result is that we have a different way of experiencing life at sea, or should I say under the sea, that is the envy of our Skimmer Brethren. That in turn leads to the unique and important Submarine Experience that never leaves us, and should not be lost. That is why the Submarine Association in general and our Barrow Branch in particular plays such an important link, in keeping both the historical link and camaraderie alive.

For my sins, I am glad to be the Chairman and remain honoured to serve even though finding words and articles to make our newsletter ever interesting, are still a challenge for me month on month.

I now have two challenges for the membership this month.

My first call: is for more articles for both our Newsletter and our Web Site. Plus I want to take this opportunity thank Ben Britten and Ron Hiseman for their efforts in keeping both of these documents alive.

My second call: Is seeking out ideas of how we may be able to make our 50th Anniversary a memorial year. I would like to set up a group who are ready to run with the organisation of it. I had now better turn my mind to the Chaplains Dit.

Regards Jonsey

Social Secretary September 2010



For those that normally attend, the annual Trafalgar night dinner will be taking place in October, this event is organized by the Sea Cadets and no doubt it will be advertised at the next couple of meetings.

A weekend of celebrations and events are being organized to commemorate the 50th anniversary of Nuclear Submarines there will be more details from Barrie in this newsletter and at the September meeting, but on the Social front there will be a social evening at the RBL on the Saturday 23rd October starting around 20:00, Shindig have agreed to provide the entertainment, there will be a Rum barrel and raffle to help subsidise the evening and the good news is we are not charging, so you can all come along and join in the evening with guests who will be up for the weekend.

The list so far for the Ladies night dinner dance on November 12th at the Lisdoonie is looking very healthy at the moment, so if you would like to be at this event contact me as soon as possible. It will be the normal format for Ladies night i.e. Black Tie / lounge Suits and will include a splendid menu and entertainment, the cost is £27:00 per head and includes wine and a complimentary drink on arrival. Why not treat your Ladies and bring friends and have a great night out?

The list will be circulated at every meeting up to October, I will close the list on 28th October, so get your names down early and lets make this event the well attended success that it usually is, as it is the best social of the year.

I have attached the menu and will be contacting all those that are attending for your choices, I also need the money before I order the food.

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

Colin Hutchinson
Social Secretary

The Three of us

On Thursday 19th August three of us John Hart, Mick Mailey; and I wore our blazers and attended St Peters the unusually designed yet picturesque church of Finsthwaite to represent the Branch at the funeral of David Dunford's wife Joy who had died suddenly. All three of us had links with David where John and I had served on the same submarines, and Mick had connections via the Arts Society. Although invited for some refreshments at The Newby Bridge Hotel we felt we did not want to intrude upon the family. So we retired to the Lakeside Hotel and sunk a couple of jars in time-honoured fashion. Anyway as the Vicar said in affection of Joy during the Eulogy that she was someone who enjoyed a glass or two, and her association with the submarine service via David, so we all felt we had honoured the occasion. My thoughts and prayers go with David and his family.
Regards

Alan Lay Chaplain

Picture Puzzle



Name the submarines alongside their unknown depot ship in the Scapa Flow. And what separates one of those submarines from all other RN submarines?



Barrow Submarine Series: issue number 17

HMS Spartan



JOURNEY'S END: HMS *Spartan* returns to the Faslane Naval Base following a five month long global deployment in 2005

THE nuclear powered *HMS Spartan* is part of the Swiftsure class and was launched on April 7, 1978 by Lady Lygo, wife of Admiral Sir Raymond Lygo.

During the countdown to commissioning many of the first crew and key figures in the Barrow building team featured in a special feature in the *Barrow News*.

Among them was Radio Supervisor William McCurry who grew up in a caravan on the former army base at Haverigg.

George Hughes, Mechanician 1st Class was standing by his third Barrow-built submarine after serving on *Valiant* and *Sovereign*.

Spartan's first Coxswain was Raymond "Harry" Harrison who had also stood by *Sceptre*.

He was a regular on the darts board at the Britannia pub in Barrow.

Many crew members found other ways to play a part in the local community during the wait to take over the new boat from the builders.

Able Seaman W Harley and Able Seaman N White were pictured painting a house in Devon Street, Barrow, for Age Concern.

Lt Ian Whitehouse, the *Spartan* navigator, declared himself sad to be leaving South Cumbria – on account of his new-found love for local beer Hartley's XB.



BIG SPLASH: The launch day for HMS *Spartan* at Barrow

In charge was Commander Nigel Goodwin who had joined the Royal Navy at Dartmouth in 1961 and moved to the Submarine Service in 1966.

In 1970 he had been appointed commanding officer of the *HMS Onyx*.

Spartan was the first boat to arrive in the Falkland Islands after the Argentine invasion of British territory in the South Atlantic.

The crew began to enforce a 200 mile (370 km) maritime exclusion zone providing valuable reconnaissance to the British Task Force on Argentine

aircraft movements and ensuring the Argentine Navy dare not leave port.

In January 1990 *Spartan* hit the sea bed and damaged its rudder during manoeuvres off Scotland in January 1990.

The boat was decommissioned in January 2006 following a five-month global deployment covering 30,000 miles – including a goodwill port visit to Rio de Janeiro.

This was the first time that a Royal Navy nuclear powered submarine had visited Brazil in 20 years.

STATISTICS:

Ordered: 7 February 1976

Laid down: 26 April 1976

Launched: 7 April 1978

Commissioned: 22 September 1979

Decommissioned: January 2006

Motto: Courage With Great

Endurance

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)

Propulsion: Rolls-Royce pressurised water nuclear reactor (PWR1)

Speed: In excess of 20 knots, dived

Complement: 116 officers and men

Armament: 5 × 21 in (533 mm)

torpedo tubes

Spearfish torpedoes

RN Sub Harpoon missiles

Tomahawk cruise missiles



Barrie Downer Secretary



Well in case you hadn't noticed we are now two thirds of the way through the year already and we will shortly be beginning the rundown to Christmas. I don't know where all the time goes! The next few months have all of the usual events and functions to go plus two extra ones for this year.

We have our regular Monthly Branch meetings (first Tuesday of the Month (but I'm sure you all remember that!)) and please note that the September Meeting is followed by a Quiz Night and Social evening with the Ladies.

We now have the 11th Submarine Flotilla Memorial Parade at Dundee on 11th September, the RAF Battle of Britain Parade on Sunday 19th September, the Annual Reunion on Weekend 1st to 3rd October (at Nottingham - again), the Sea Cadets Trafalgar Night Dinner at the Lisdoonie on Friday 22nd October, the 50th Anniversary of Nuclear Submarines at Barrow on weekend 22nd to 24th October (programme of events to be advised), the Submariners Association Embankment Parade in London on Sunday 7th November, the Ladies Night Dinner/Dance at the Lisdoonie on Friday 11th November and the Remembrance Day Parade on Sunday 14th November (followed by the Barrow Branch Remembrance at the RBL) and the final event of the year will be the Christmas Social at the RBL on 11th December. I expect we will be asked to help with stewarding for the Christmas Lights again this year but the date has not yet been advised not sure if there will be reindeer or not this year. That's a pretty busy programme and I think that there is something there for everyone.

The August Branch Meeting attracted thirty two Members including returning Member Cliff Shipton who originally

joined the Branch in 1978 but who hasn't been to a meeting for several years. We had thirty apologies mostly our long distance Members but also some who were on holiday and some who are on the sick list. However we now have 189 Members with the return of Cliff Shipton! You may recall that John Dalton ended up in Furness General after a fall at home. His son had told me that he is now back at home recovering. He will not be able to make the September Meeting but hopes to be back at the October Meeting.

We send him our best wishes and hope that he will soon be back occupying his usual seat in the Legion.

Another member who has had an accident is Brian Downie who cut his finger badly with a hedge trimmer. Hopefully he is on the mend but both John and Brian's accidents show how important it is to for you all to be careful around the home and garden.

The updated Branch List now includes all recent 'E' Mail changes and some updated addresses there have been two new e mail address advised in the last two weeks! However we still seem to be getting out of date with the Branch Records and at the July Committee Meeting the Committee to write to all Branch Members to ask them fill in a new Branch Application Form which also includes a Standing Order Form. Hopefully this will be dropping through your letter box in the next by the end of August and to make things easier we will be including a 'Stamped Addressed Envelope' for the return of the forms.

The Submarine Heritage 'Paintings Collection' now has one more completed painting (the Decade Painting for 2001 to 2010) which was signed by John Hudson the MD of BAE, Submarine Solutions on Friday 20th August.

Tom Murphy (the Artist) is currently working on the 1871 to 1900 painting which will be completed shortly and he then will progress to the last three

pictures covering 1911 to 1940 – 1911 to 1920 is already sketched out! All paintings are now 'sponsored' and 'commissioned' and Tom should be completing his work on these paintings in the next few weeks.

The plan to produce a 'Big Book' version of the whole collection (provisional title 'Dive, Dive, Dive, Barrow Built Submarines the Best') to coincide with the 50th Anniversary of Nuclear Submarines is now well on course. Several sponsors for the printing and publishing of the book have come forward and sponsors now include the Branch which voted to contribute towards the Sponsorship at the last Branch Meeting.

Another book which is due for publication shortly is the Submariners Association 'Anthology of Submarine Poetry' now given the title of 'Voices from the Deep'. Again, with luck publication of this book by the Submariners association will coincide with the 50th Anniversary of Nuclear Submarines and some of the profits will contribute to the ALLIANCE Restoration Fund. By the time that you read this HMS ASTUTE will have 'Commissioned' at Faslane on 27th August and will be leaving to continue the Sea Trials Programme some time in September.

Plans to provide a Headstone for John Henry Curtis (who died in 1902) the early Submariner occupant of the 'Unmarked Grave' in Thorncliffe Cemetery are progressing.

We now know that he served in Torpedo Boat No. 2 otherwise known as Holland No. 2. John Hart is approaching various stonemasons with a view to costing the headstone (with appropriate wording) and placing it in position at Thorncliffe. Efforts are continuing to locate any descendants who might be able to attend any unveiling ceremony.

We hope to be able to update the Branch on progress at the September Meeting.



If you are unable to attend a Branch Meeting(s) remember to send us your apologies. If you are not keeping too well 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 or former 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 again hopefully I haven't missed out any events or anybody's names I think all the dates are right as well! See you all at the September Branch Meeting Tuesday 7th September usual time usual place.

Regards

Barrie

Royal Navy Family History Research (Part III)

Naval Officers

This is the third part of a guide for those who are getting interested in researching Family History where one of your or your wife, partner, girl friend relatives is known to have served in the Royal Navy as an Officer. Firstly speak to relations and family friends to see if they know more than you do about the individual you are researching. Officers are generally easier to investigate than Ratings and this is down to the routine publishing of a listing of all Officers in the Royal Navy in 'The Navy List'. From the late 18th Century this List was published on a monthly basis via HMSO (His (or Her) Majesty's Stationery Office). The Navy List is remarkably comprehensive and prior to WWII included Royal Navy (RN), Royal Naval Reserve (RNR), Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve (RNVR) and Emergency List Officers.

RNR Officers generally were

Merchant Navy Officers who trained regularly with the Royal Navy and who wished to make themselves available for Service in War Time.

RNVR Officers were generally 'Part Time' sailors or yachtsmen or those who 'messed about in boats'.

Emergency List Officers were those Officers who had served as RN Officers who had 'retired at their own request' and asked to be placed on the Emergency List for recall in times of heightened tension or war.

Every six months in January and July the Navy List also included Officers on the Retired List. These Retired Officers were also subject to recall in event of Emergency.

Lists up to the 1950s also included details of Officers in the Australian, Canadian, Indian and South African Navy although the range of information on these Officers was more restricted although it did include Royal Navy Officers who had been 'Loaned' or 'Transferred' to these Navies. It is generally rumoured that all Officers in Command had a copy of the latest Navy List in his desk so that when he came across another RN Ship anywhere in the world he could find out immediately whether he was Senior or Junior to the Commanding Officer of that Ship and whether he was giving the Orders or obeying the Orders of the other Ship. As well as listing all Officers in alphabetical order it also detailed Seniority in Rank and the Ship or Submarine that the Officer was appointed to and the date of Appointment. Officers on Training Courses were also listed with the Establishment where they were training and which Course they were attending.

So, if you know the Officers name and initials and whether they were RN, RNR, RNVR or Emergency List you should be able to find him. Once you have located the Officer in a Navy List the details in the List should allow you to track him from the

time he joined the Navy until the time he was transferred to the Retired List.

Another feature was that, once you have found your Officer and which Ship he was serving in the Navy List had a section which also told you all the Officers appointed to that Ship. This is the advantage available from such comprehensive lists published on a Monthly Basis. When you bear in mind the fact that there were in some cases hundreds of ships and submarines and thousands of Officers in each of the Lists a monthly update produced 'handraulically' without the aid of Computers or searchable data bases and with minimal errors is a most remarkable feat.

Where will you find these lists? There are various places with complete (or nearly complete) sets of the Navy List from earliest days. Portsmouth City Library has a Maritime and Nautical Section which has an almost complete range as does the Plymouth Central Library. The Submarine Museum Archives has a set which covers the start of the Submarine Service in 1901 to the present day. The Royal Naval Museum is also a good source of data as is the National Maritime Museum at Greenwich. It is always worth asking at your local Library who might be able to arrange access via the Intra Library Loan scheme.

A new way (just available in the last few weeks) is via www.familyrecords.com who have added two million new Navy Records to its collection including a comprehensive collection of Navy Lists from 1847 to 1945. I haven't used this source yet and am not aware of any costs involved but it promises to be useful.

In more recent years the periodicity of issue of Navy List has reduced to once per year and with a lot less information available - all the more surprising given that the availability of Computer Data Bases would make regular comprehensive updates more easily achievable.



There are weekly Officers Appointing List updates but these are not easily available to the amateur researcher. The current Navy List is also downloadable from the Internet. There is also an annually published Navy List of Retired Officers.

Also in recent years various Navy Lists have been scanned and are available to buy via the Internet although this is something which the professional researcher would be more interested.

What other sources are there? The National Archives have been busy in recent years in digitising information about Officers prior to 1917 as well as Ratings as described in my previous two Guides. Sources available are:

1) Royal Naval Division service records (ADM 339)

Service records of more than 50,000 officers and men who joined the RND, 1914 -1919

2) Royal Naval Officers' Service Records (ADM 196)

Service records of officers who joined the Royal Navy, 1756 - 1917

3) RNVR service records from WW1 (ADM 337)

Service records of those who served in the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve during the First World War Search

If you think your Officer was 'Loaned to' or transferred to the Royal Australian Navy you may be in luck.

The Nations Archives of Australia have digitised most of the records of their earlier Submariners.

You need to go 'on line' and go to <http://www.naa.gov.au>.

When the 'Home Page' comes up select 'Record Search' and then 'Search Now' as a guest. When the 'General Search' page comes up enter the details you have like 'Name', a 'Range of

Dates' and enter A6769 in the 'Reference Number' Box. If you are in luck a Record or a number of Records will turn up. One of these may be the one you are looking for. If you find the right man you can open and read his Record Card and also download it and save it to your Computer at no charge!

One other useful source of data on Submariner Officers promoted from the Lower Deck is the Submarine Museum. If the person you are researching was listed as an Artificer Engineer, Mate (E), Warrant Engineer or Commissioned Engineer he will previously have served as an Artificer or Mechanician. Similarly if he was a Gunner, Boatswain, Mate, Signals Boatswain or a Commissioned, Senior Commissioned or Warrant Officer with one of these prefixes he will have been a Seaman or Signaller before promotion. From about 1912 Submariners records of ratings started to be kept on Cards at HMS DOLPHIN and, should your relative have one of these Cards it will include his full name, Official Number, Depot, date of volunteering for Submarines, date of Qualifying and sometimes the percentage of his Pass. It will also include his Submarine Depot Ships and Submarines and whether he was Spare Crew these details are usually annotated with the dates served.

The man who can help is the Archivist, George Malcolmson, who is on archives@rnsubmus.co.uk but you need to give him as much information as possible and also be very patient as there is not a large staff at the Museum and it is usually George who finds out the information as well. If he finds out information for you a donation to the Museum funds is always very welcome. Otherwise you can always try putting a request on the Barrow Branch Website or on the National Association Website. Or you can try a question on Google or one of the other Search Engines however data found this way should always be cross checked with other sources as sites like

Wikipedia can be very general and sometimes unreliable in the information found.

For Officers or Ratings killed in the two world wars you should look at the Commonwealth War Graves Commission Website at www.cwgc.org if you search their data base you need to know as minimum a Surname and enter that he was Navy but you can also check if he served in the Royal Navy or Commonwealth Navies.

This Data Base often gives you the date of death, Ship or Establishment served in, Next of Kin details, Rank or Rating, Service Number, where buried and which Memorial he is commemorated on. This source is very good but ideally you need to enter the fullest details Surname, Initials, WWI or WWII, Service served in and whether British or Commonwealth. On problem if you don't have full details but have a common Surname Smith Jones, Williams etc is that you can get hundreds of results which you will need to check individually! Be aware however to find either no data or incorrect data.

For Officers or Ratings served in WWI another source is the 'National Roll of the Great War'.

This was produced after the War and was compiled from details sent in by relatives of those who served including civilians involved in War Work. There are a number of books covering various areas of the country mainly based around the big cities and names are listed in alphabetical order. Some of these have been digitised and are available to buy but the Books were republished a few years ago and may be available via your local Library.

For Officers or Ratings killed or died prior to WWI, between WWI and WWII and post WWII check www.navalhistory.net/xDKcas19**-19** where 19**-19** is the range of years you wish to check.



Finally, just keep your eyes open when reading newspapers (especially local papers), family history magazines or books about naval ships or naval history. Little clues crop up in the most unexpected places and when you least expect to find them.

Good luck in your researches!

Barrie Downer

SUMMER CRUISE
TO NORTHERN IRELAND
BY SA MEMBERS

A Report by Bob Faragher

17th June 0900

Harbour stations at Walney Channel. 'Chief of all Chief Stokers' and 'Eyes and Ears of the Fleet' on board (Dudley Davenport and Bob Faragher) the good Ship 'Sarah of Saundersfoot'.

Vessel accompanying us broke down, so like true Sailors we left them to their own devices (!) and proceeded to Whitehaven, our first Port of Call. We had the good sense to check the strength of the Sea Lock gates by gently ramming them. Needless to say they were fine!

We dined in the Wardroom as befitting our status and then proceeded ashore, eventually drinking in Dudley's old watering hole - the Waverly Hotel.

18th June 0900

Harbour stations. This was aborted due to there being insufficient water until 1330. We then took the executive decision to repair to the Pub. Eventually we left Whitehaven at 1500 suitably refueled. The day was fine, so we decided we could make direct for Belfast Lough. This took a long time due to an unintentional detour into Luce Bay.

However we spent the night investigating the delights of Luce Bay all night until day break. When the sun rose it was noted it was in the wrong place! After a short discussion we decided the sun was in the right

place but we were not. However we managed to round the Mull of Galloway on the morning of the 19th, crossed the North Channel and arrived in Carrick Fergus Marina at 1430 having been at sea the thick end of 24 hours!

We felt as though we had been on a sneaky.

We remained in Carrick for three days. The hospitality extended to us during our visit was typical of the North of Ireland. It was brilliant! We made many new friends, ran up a huge bar bill, and were educated in some amazing useless information.

22nd June

Left Ireland bound for Isle of Whithorn. This took 7 hours of fairly comfortable passage. We met up with our earlier companion who had effected repairs to his boat and managed to get in to Whithorn. We repaired to the Steam Packet Pub and had a very enjoyable evening.

23rd June

Sailed for Whitehaven. This turned into a lumpy trip but because we are pretty hard anyway and couldn't dive out of the way, we made it in plenty of time for beer. The only incident was when Dudley jumped on to the pontoon in the lock, he tripped and fell, while he was down he inspected the pontoon for wood worm, and found it to be okay! We spent the next few days enjoying the Whitehaven Festival of the Sea. It was brilliant. We both met some old friends - some of them very surprising (!) and made many new friends. The Geography of Whitehaven and its Harbour lends itself very well to such an event. Much ale was consumed, and what was left of our bottle of Glayvar disappeared.

27th June

Sailed from Whitehaven, got a real battering off St Bees head. Unable to sail, due to wind direction. Very uncomfortable, until Ravenglass abeam.

Managed a slant on the wind, and this made a huge improvement in the boats motion. In total we both had a great time, and believe Carrick Fergus to be the centre of the Universe.

Bob and Duds (only two Amigos this time)



WE WILL REMEMBER THEM

Essex Branch
3rd August 2010

F R (Fred) Brown
Stoker 1st Class
C/KX 143640
aged 86

Submarine service 1943-1946
Tribune, Trespasser, Universal
Tireless

Colchester Branch
5th August 2010

E (Eddy) Winney
Stoker 1st Class
C/KX565429
aged 83

Submarine service 1944-1945
Shalimar

Australia Branch
7th August 2010

W R (Bill) Davie
Leading Seaman (LTO)
C/SSX17446

Aged 93
Submarine service 1941-1945

H32, Tribune & Seraph

SOLMA
Aug 2010

Leigh Mason
Captain
Submarine Service

SOC (West)
12th August 2010

L (Len) Gibbs
Aged 82

Submarine Service 1949 Tally Ho

*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 with-
out 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 their memories
alive.*



Modern Sonar

A major problem with ASW (Anti-submarine warfare) is that your submarine detection software equipment is turned off most of the time, and when it is used it requires a lot of trained operators and lawyers (to deal with the growing number of lawsuits filed by NGOs seeking to protect sea animals from noise pollution). Ships depend on intelligence, usually from large organizations like the CIA or military intel operations, to alert them that a submarine threat might exist in their area.

For nearly a decade now, research has been underway on a solution in the form of Continuous Active Sonar (CAS). This is a low level sonar signal that operates like radar, providing a continuous flow of data on what might be down there. Current sonars send out a more powerful signal, but at a low rate (one or more a minute). This annoys underwater creatures, and lawyers representing the critters make it difficult for the navy to even train with this equipment. CAS is based on the growing effectiveness of passive sonar (that just listens, and uses an electronic library of sounds to identify enemy ships). CAS makes it possible to identify increasingly quiet submarines, that depend on their stealth to get close enough to fire a torpedo.

The problem with CAS is that it's been a tricky technology to perfect, although recently there have been some promising tests at sea. If CAS could be perfected and deployed, it would give ships round the clock warning of approaching submarines. With a mature CAS technology, it would also be able to detect approaching torpedoes, and deploy underwater decoys. Eventually, when someone gets CAS to work reliably for sailors to use regularly.

New Member

Cliff Shipton re joins the branch after a few years away.

A warm welcome to you

September 2010
Members Birthdays

R. Watling	05/09
P. Dismore	06/09
R. Hayes	09/09
D. Oakes	09/09
G. Stevens	10/09
N. Rowan	12/09
K. Myers	17/09
T. Wilson	23/09
F. Pretty	24/09
D. Smith	25/09
R. Fry	28/09

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News Letter

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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 September for the October 2010 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 2010

September

Tuesday 7th Monthly meeting (Social Ladies) Quiz 2000 RBL

Tuesday 21st Branch Committee Meeting 1930 RBL

October

1/3 w/e SA Reunion Britannia Hotel Nottingham

5th Monthly Meeting 2000 RBL

19th Branch Committee Meeting 1930 RBL

22nd Trafalgar Ball 1930 Lisdoonie

23/24th 50years of Nuclear celebrations



Solve the monthly submarine quiz

We hope you enjoyed last month's wordsquare.

If any of it proved tricky, the solution is at the foot of the page. This month we have clues based on essential parts and sections of a submarine.

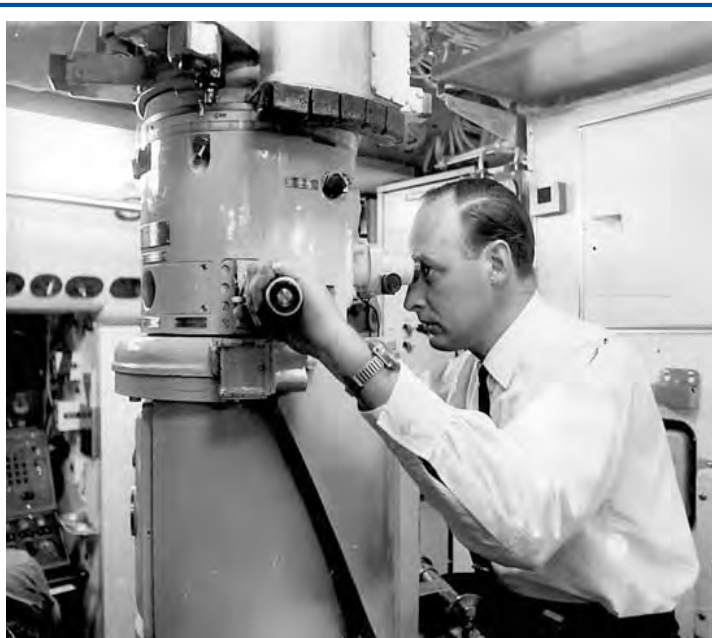
If you have any comments or suggestions on how our puzzles can be improved or developed, drop an email to Bill Myers at bill.myers@nwemail.co.uk

Find the names for submarine parts

- | | |
|-----------------|----------------|
| 1. BUNKS | 7. TOWED ARRAY |
| 2. ENGINE ROOM | 8. MASTS |
| 3. SONAR | 9. PUMP JET |
| 4. ESCAPE HATCH | 10. AIR LOCK |
| 5. BATTERIES | 11. RUDDER |
| 6. ANCHOR | 12. CABINS |



Last month's wordsquare solution (below)



CHECK IT OUT: *Dreadnought's* first captain, Commander Barnaby Sambourne

Atomic age dawns

TRAFALGAR Day is the 50th anniversary of the Barrow launch of Britain's first nuclear-powered submarine.

To mark what is a significant milestone for the Submarine Service and for Barrow shipyard, the Evening Mail's Memories Page is planning a special tribute.

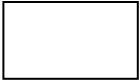
Writer Bill Myers is keen to share the memories or pictures of former crew members of *Dreadnought* – whether you were there when the new boat left Barrow or were on the very last patrol.

You can get in touch with Bill on 01229 773525 or send an email to bill.myers@nwemail.co.uk



LAUNCH DAY: *Dreadnought* at Barrow in 1960





SUBMARINERS ASSOCIATION –
BARROW BRANCH



For: *Ladies Night Dinner Dance*

Date: *Friday 12th November 2010*

Venue: *LISDOONIE HOTEL – Black tie/ Lounge Suits/ Cocktail Dresses*

Cost: **£27 per person – Welcoming drink, 5 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) Salmon(S)</i>	<i>WINE (R) or(W)</i>
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Ladies Night Dinner Lisdoonie Hotel 2010

Menu

To start choice of:

***Prawn Cocktail
Garlic Mushrooms
Melon, Kiwi and Grape Cocktail***

Main Course choice of:

***Poached Salmon fillet with a Creamy Prawn
and Tomato sauce
Roast Beef/ Turkey with all accompaniments
and seconds***

Full choice of Sweets

Cheese and Biscuits

Port

Tea or Coffee with Mints

Choice of Red or White wine