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VICE CHAIRMAN'S December Word



The December Edition of the News Letter already following a pretty good period for the branch. We have had quite a lot going on with the 50th Anniversary of the building on Nuclear Submarines and that included hosting members of the Dreadnought Association and others for a weekend of celebrations.

Then we had our own Ladies Night Dinner Dance which was very well attended and an enjoyable evening for all. Well done to our Social Secretary Colin for his organisation. This was followed by Remembrance Parade again well attended by Barrow Branch members with a good number (approximately 26) marching and around another 10 meeting us either at the Cenotaph or in the Royal British Legion.

We reverted to the sound only CD for our Submariners Remembrance although the sound was unfortunately not too loud. I can assure you that Alan tried it at home the day before perfect and tried it again when he returned home after the parade and it was again perfect so there must be a gremlin in the RBL.

I wish to thank the crew of Submarine Ambush for inviting us to join them at a dinner on 1st December which was organised to raise funds towards the Alliance restoration project as I send this note to the editor for printing this is about to happen but by the time you read the news letter we should all be talking about what a good evening it was. We have managed to get tickets sold to 22 members and friends.

I am sure there will be the usual plea from Colin for ideas to build in to next year's social programme.

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Something to think about are an invitation to the Northern Ireland branch for the J J Maggenis VC dinner sometime in May and a Faslane visit hopefully in June. But please if any of you have any ideas for new activities please let us know and better still why not help Colin with the organisation the bigger the social team the better.

Barry will, I'm sure, also be reminding us all pretty soon about proposals for our branch AGM in April so if you have anything you would like discussed which could benefit our membership please let us know. The year is drawing to a close and unhappily there are quite a number of members who have forgotten to pay subscriptions for 2010. If you think it may be YOU please can you contact Mick Mailey very soon. The committee will make a decision to "lapse" those who are in arrears so we don't have to pay their due to the National Treasurer for next year.

We have one last social to end the year which is our Christmas social which will be again at the Royal British Legion on Saturday 11th December. So come along and lets get the festive season well and truly going. Usual routine, bring a friend, bring a plate, bring a raffle prize if possible and bring along your very best festive happy self and lets have a party.

Then to finally close our festive season we have our first meeting on Tuesday 4th January and we are already discussing our traditional visit to our neighbours at Morecambe for Friday 7th January. We will be asking for names at the December meeting.

Enough of my inane dribbling; I'll leave you all now to reflect on the year past and start your planning for the one to come. AND on behalf of myself and all the branch committee may I wish all our members, their ladies and families and all readers of our news letter all the very best wishes for Christmas and of course an exciting and very happy New Year.

John Houlding Vice Chair

Social Secretary December 2010



First of all my apologies to all of you readers and Ben for missing the deadline for my dit in the November issue, no excuses!!

To recap on the past couple of months, I was very pleased with the turn out and good night we all had at the 50th celebrations for Nuclear Submarines / Dreadnought. It was a good social occasion which culminated the weekend and I believe everyone enjoyed themselves, I know I did (Too much!)

On 12th of November we held the usual ladies night dinner dance at the Lisdoonie, again I was very pleased with the support for the dinner with a total of 89 attending, it was a shame that Dave and Sheila Wilson had to drop out at the last minute due to illness, I understand that Dave has recovered now, so that's good. As usual the food at the Lisdoonie was very good and plenty of it. I have received some feedback on the entertainment and understand that it wasn't to some folks liking, I realize that dinner Jazz style of music is not to everyone's taste, but I was trying something different and know that you cannot please everyone all of the time. Having said that I did receive a lot of positive feedback about the night. Thank you once again for your support on the night and with the raffle.

Our next social is our branch Christmas party on the 11th December at the RBL, with Shindig providing the entertainment (now I know you enjoy them) please bring a plate of scran, beer tokens and yourselves and friends. Cost will be £2.50 per head to cover the cost of the band and extension, payable on the night. If you bring a raffle prize lets make it Christmassy and wrap it up so it's a bit of a mystery!! A good way to kick off the Christmas festivities with you friends at the

branch. I have sent an initial contact to our friends at Morecambe branch to organize our annual first footing visit to them, hopefully more details at the December branch meeting.

I would like to organize a Valentines weekend in Blackpool or else where if you have any suggestions for the weekend of 11th - 13th February, it's a while since we have done this, so let me know if you are interested, if there is enough interest I will organize it.

My home phone number has changed recently, which has been a pain! It is now 01229 208604.

All that remains is to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and thank you to all those who have supported the social programme in the past year.

See you all next year!!

Colin Hutchinison
Social Secretary



The Patrol Pin



If you are wondering what a patrol pin looks like please see below as worn by CPO Andy Cundell. Ginges son and Branch member.





Barrow Submarine Series: issue number 19

HMS Repulse



SHORT TRIP: HMS Repulse gets stuck in the sand at Barrow

HMS Repulse hit the headlines for all the wrong reasons on her launch day at Barrow on November 11 in 1967.

S23 was a Polaris ballistic missile submarine of the Resolution-class built for the Royal Navy and got stuck in the mud of Walney Channel.

Despite this less than text book start the submarine went on to be the longest active survivor of the class – remaining in service with the navy until decommissioning in 1996.

A group called the ‘Committee of 100’ were thought to be to blame for the incident after a dozen CND anti-nuclear protesters wedged themselves into the lock gates prior to launch.

This delayed the launch by around 30 leaving insufficient clearance water for Repulse to clear the mud.

The launch was carried out by Lady Joan Zuckerman who reached the shipyard despite attempts to prevent or delay her arrival.

She was the wife of Sir Zolly Zuckerman, Chief Scientific Advisor to the government.

Police arrested at least 40 demonstrators staging a sit-down protest across Barrow’s Bridge Road.

The new submarine bore a price tag of £55m.

The Evening Mail reported: “Long haired students chanting ‘we shall not be moved’ were dragged by the ankles to the roadside by policemen, mini-



LAUNCH DAY: The traditional slipway send off for Repulse in 1967

skirted girls struggled with several constables.”

HMS Repulse was first commissioned on September 28 in 1968.

A two-crew system of manning was used, known as Port and Starboard crews.

The first commission commanding officers for Repulse were Port crew, Commander JR Wadman and

Starboard crew, Commander AJ Whetstone.

Although planned to be the third, Repulse became the second Polaris submarine to come into service.

Repulse was preceded by HMS Resolution and then followed by Renown and Revenge.

The history of Polaris shows that with 229 unbroken patrols, it was a huge success.

Also with a mid-life update of Chevaline in 1982, it remained a credible deterrent throughout its operational life.

The chapter came to an end in May 1996 when Repulse completed the final Polaris patrol and responsibility for the national deterrent passed to the Vanguard-class SSBN, equipped with Trident D5 missiles.

Repulse was finally decommissioned on the August 28 in 1996.

STATS:

Displacement: surfaced 7,500 tons; submerged 8,400 tons.

Length: 425 ft (130 m)

Beam: 33 ft (10 m)

Draught: 30 ft 1 in (9.17 m)

Propulsion: Vickers/Rolls-Royce PWR.1 pressurised-water nuclear reactor, 27,500 shp (20,500 kW);

Speed: surface, 20 kn (37 km/h); submerged, 25 kn (46 km/h)

Range: unlimited except by food supplies

Complement: 143 (two crews)



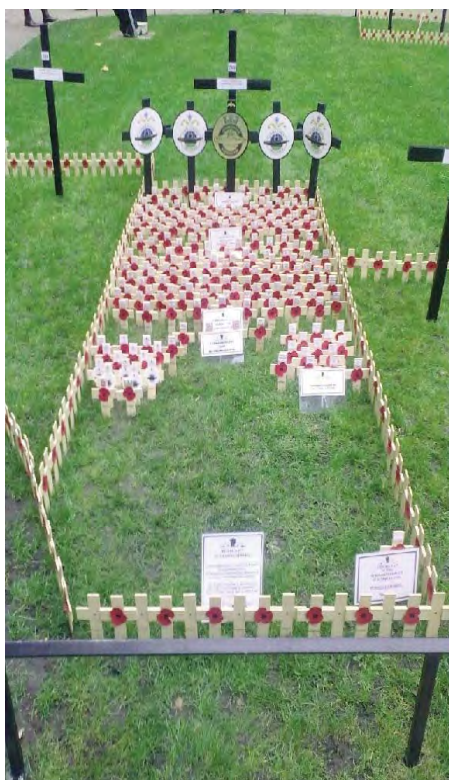
Just under four weeks and it will be Christmas again!

What happened last month? Well the bad news is that the Plaque off the Dreadnought Bench in Dalton Road has been pinched I think it lasted all of a fortnight. Not sure what will happen about a replacement!

So what's been going on? Firstly we assisted with the Distribution and Collection of the Poppy Appeal Boxes. John Hart coordinated this and he had plenty of volunteers. From all reports the sum collected this year looks like exceeding last years total which is good news for the Poppy Appeal

The Submariners Association Parade at the Victoria Embankment Parade took place on Sunday 7th November and this year I understand the rain held off.

Alan Pillifent was in London to see the Submariners Field of Crosses at Westminster Abbey and provided a couple of photos.



The Ladies Night Dinner/Dance at the Lisdoonie on Friday 12th November was well attended and our guest of honour was Commander 'Hank' Hancox with his wife Jacqueline.

Everyone seems to have enjoyed themselves, the raffle was well supported and the dancing attracted a good number of members and friends to trip the light fantastic! I'm told that there was quite a spectacular hail storm at about one o'clock in the morning which set off all the car alarms outside the Lisdoonie hopefully all of our members were well tucked up by that time.

Attached is a picture of Alan West with some of the Greengate Junior School pupils taken on the day that BAE and the Veterans gave a talk to that school.



BAE set up a series of talks to local Primary and Junior Schools to explain what Remembrance Day is about and why

Poppies are used. This was a follow up from the 2009 scheme where each school received a talk then they made up Poppies from raw material supplied by the RBL.

This year we delivered only the talk and invited the school to make a large poppy for display on Remembrance Day. A good number of our Branch Members attended on a school by school basis and were there to answer any questions the children might ask such as "What is a Veteran"

The Remembrance Day Parade on Sunday 14th November followed the usual form of leaving the Town Hall Square at 1035 for the Remembrance Service at the Cenotaph at 1100. I counted at least twenty seven in the platoon at one time so with some members marching in other platoons and others joining us at the Cenotaph and with Paul Douglas as Parade Commander we were well represented.

Thanks also to the crew of HMS AMBUSH for joining in the Parade and at the RBL afterwards for Pie and Peas and our usual Barrow Branch 'Submariners Remembrance Ceremony' at 1300. I hear that some members arrived home very late some in the very early hours must have some stamina and understanding other halves!



We were also asked to help with stewarding for the Christmas Lights again this year on Saturday 20th November. John Hart organised cover in plenty of time every thing seems to have gone off well.

The Keswick to Barrow Awards evening took place on Wednesday 24th November. I attended on behalf of the Branch and we were lucky enough to get an award this year - £700 for the Branch Funds which Mick Mailey has now paid into Branch Funds. Terry Spurling gave the Keynote Speech this year and reported that the 2010 K2B had raised approximately £250K.

The November Branch Meeting attracted thirty seven Members. We had twenty seven apologies again mostly our long distance Members but also some who were on holiday or sunning themselves abroad and some who are on the sick list. Again we had two visitors from HMS AMBUSH this time collecting the payments for the Sportsman's Dinner arranged at the Chequers in Dalton on 1st December in support of the HMS ALLIANCE appeal. We have managed to fill two tables!

However we are now down to 176 Members as I said last time this has come about partly as a result of our updating of Branch Records and Contact details. So far I have received seventy eight replies to the letters sent out. As reported last month three Members have decided not to continue Membership and we have recently had to lapse eight members who have not replied and are well overdue on Subs.

I am still finding out how many of you have either moved house, changed your E Mail provider or have changed your Telephone numbers some Members all three!

Twenty four members have decided to pay their Annual Subs via Standing Order which takes away the worry about forgetting to pay! Hopefully the rest of Members will be able to

complete and send their updated Forms in as well, so if you haven't yet filled in your Form(s) can you do so as soon as possible? Remember that your Subs will be due at the end of the year we already have the Membership Cards so you can pay up at the next Meeting if you are feeling flush!

A few more Parish Notices. Hopefully we will be having a 'First Footing' to Morecambe in the New Year Colin is looking at the arrangements.

Then there is the K13 weekend at Faslane on the last weekend in January. I also have some 2011 diaries for sale at £2.50 each. Buy now to avoid disappointment.

Don't forget that if there is any thing you wish to raise as a Proposal at the 2011 National Council Conference in March next year we need to know by the Branch Meeting so we can discuss the matter and get Branch Approval and have time to get a Branch to support our Proposal as we must get it to the National Secretary by 31st December.

Also there are two places up for grabs on the National Committee so if you want to take a hand in how the Association is run put your names forward.

Don't forget that next years 2011 Members Only Reunion is in Blackpool on the same weekend as the National Conference the Booking Forms are sent out with this Newsletter fill them in and get them back to me (with the deposit) as soon as possible.

As reported previously the Submarine Heritage 'Paintings Collection' is now complete including the words for the descriptive plaques for the last five paintings although we still need to get the plaques made. The 'Big Book' was completed and printed and is now available and on sale.

The Dock Museum, Heaths and the Tourist Information Shop in

Forum 28 have some on sale and things seem to be going well. It is £27.50 per copy with all profits going to the SHC Funds ideal as a Christmas present for the discerning Submariner! If you want a copy contact either Terry Spurling or me for details of how to pay but for members who want one sent by post - we can also advise the cost of Post and Packing.

Well I think that's about enough from me for the December News Letter! Don't forget the Christmas Social at the RBL on Saturday 11th December. Bring a plate of food, bring a raffle prize, bring your missus, partner, girl friend and friends and join us for a good evening entertainment with Shindig providing the music.

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!

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 December Branch Meeting Tuesday 7th December usual time usual place. Regards

Barrie





The Pomeroy's A Submariner Family!

In 1964 there were two Members of the Dorset Branch of the Submarine Old Comrades Association with the surname Pomeroy. They were father and son! In June of 1964 there was an article in the Navy News reporting their participation in the Annual SOCA Tramps Ball.

The article was recently rediscovered by Peter Schofield. The Pomeroy's (both Dorset locals) were:

Stoker Henry Petty Officer George Pomeroy O/N 288496 (Po) RFR/Po/A/5620 Henry Pomeroy was born in Whitfield in Dorset on 18th Jan 1879 and, prior to joining the Royal Navy he was an Engine Driver. He joined the Royal Navy as a Stoker 2nd Class at HMS VICTORY II at Portsmouth on 11th May 1898 signing on for a twelve year Continuous Service Engagement starting on the same date. He was drafted to HMS MARS on 11th Jan 1899 where he was rated Stoker 1st Class on 1st Apr 1899 and was then drafted to HMS DUKE OF WELLINGTON II on 1st Jul 1899. Seven months later he was drafted to HMS EXCELLENT (the Gunnery School) at Whale Island in Portsmouth on 2nd Feb 1900 before returning to HMS DUKE OF WELLINGTON on 9th Oct 1900.

This was followed by a draft to the 12,950 ton Twin Screw Battle Ship HMS VENGEANCE on 8th Apr 1902 where he served for three years after which he joined 10,500 ton Twin Screw Battle Ship HMS BARFLEUR. He then joined HMS VICTORY (the Royal Naval Barracks) at Portsmouth before joining the Submarine Depot Ship HMS THAMES (Portsmouth Submarine Flotilla) 'for Submarine Training' on 13th Jul 1905. Henry Pomeroy was drafted to the Submarine Depot Ship HMS FORTH (Devonport Submarine Flotilla) 'for Submarines' to

date 30th Jan 1906. He was rated Acting Leading Stoker 2nd Class on 1st May 1906, to Acting Stoker Petty Officer 2nd Class on 1st Jul 1906 and was confirmed in the rate of Stoker Petty Officer 2nd Class on 1st Jul 1907. Henry Pomeroy returned to Portsmouth on 3rd Sep 1907 with a draft to the Submarine Depot Ship HMS MERCURY (Portsmouth Submarine Flotilla) 'for Submarines' and then to HMS BONAVENTURE (Submarine Section II) at Portsmouth 'for Submarines' on 16th Mar 1908. He served in HMS VICTORY II between 11th Mar and 13th Apr 1909 before returning to HMS BONAVENTURE 'for Submarines' on 14th Apr 1909.

Between 17th Jun and 3rd Aug 1909 Henry Pomeroy served in the Submarine Depot Ship HMS VULCAN (Submarine Section VII) at the Nore 'for Submarines' and then joined HMS MERCURY (Submarine Section VI) at Portsmouth 'for Submarines' on 4th Aug 1909 before returning to HMS VULCAN on 7th Oct 1909. Henry Pomeroy 'signed on' to complete time for pension on 11th May 1910 and, on 8th Oct 1910 Henry returned to General Service with a draft to HMS VICTORY II under the rule that Submarine Service was limited to five years.

A draft to the 16,350 Ton Twin Screw Battle Ship (Captain Montague E Browning, MVO, Royal Navy) in the Home Fleet followed on 29th Oct 1910. Two years later on 15th Oct 1912 he rejoined HMS VICTORY II where he served until 6th Mar 1913 when he was drafted to the Destroyer Depot Ship HMS MINERVA II (attached to the 6th Destroyer Flotilla) for six months before being drafted to HMS DIDO II which had taken over as the Depot Ship for the 6th Destroyer Flotilla on 29th Aug 1913.

A further move to the Destroyer Depot Ship HMS ATTENTIVE II (6th Destroyer Flotilla) for the 380 ton Destroyer HMS KANGAROO came on 1st Jan 1914. Henry Pomeroy was

recalled to Submarines on 2nd Dec 1914 with a draft to HMS DOLPHIN (5th Submarine Flotilla) 'for Submarine H1 Completing at Vickers, Canada'. On completion Diving Trials were carried out in the St. Lawrence with dives to 200 feet in Murray Bay.

The Governor General, accompanied by Princess Patricia, presided at the 'Commissioning' Ceremony at Quebec City on 25th May 1915. Submarine H1 (Lieutenant Wilfred B Pirie, Royal Navy), in company with Submarines H2, H3 and H4 stopped at St. John's, Newfoundland and then proceeded directly to the Mediterranean escorted by the Armed Merchant Cruiser HMS CALGARIAN. There H1 was based on the Submarine Depot Ship HMS ADAMANT (Special Service Flotilla I) at Mudros Harbour on the Greek Island of Lemnos (see Nominal List 5th Jul 1915). Submarine H1 completed a patrol in the Sea of Marmara between 2nd and 31st October 1915. During this patrol there were three other Allied Submarines in the Marmara besides H1 and these were E12 (Lt Commander Bruce), E20 (Lt Commander Warren) and the French Submarine TURQUOISE (Lieutenant de Vaisseau Ravenal) and, at various times Submarine H1 rendezvoused with all of the other three. On 5th Oct Pirie in H1 destroyed three sailing vessels by gunfire and on 6th Oct he torpedoed and sank a 1,000 ton steamer. On 10th October he sank a sailing ship and on 17th October he shelled and damaged a Turkish Gunboat. A sailing ship was burned on 18th October and, on 20th October he torpedoed and sank a 5,000 ton steamer and another of 1,500 tons. A 7,000 ton ship was torpedoed and damaged on 29th October and another sailing ship was burned the following day before his return passage to Mudros on 31st October.

In addition several other vessels were searched and other unsuccessful attacks were made during his patrol. HMS ADAMANT and Submarine H1



H1 were transferred to a new base at Brindisi on 1st Jan 1916 (Nominal List). HMS ADAMANT and Submarine H1 returned to Mudros on 1st Aug 1916 (Nominal List). On 10th Nov 1916 Henry Pomeroy was drafted to HMS ADAMANT 'for Submarine H2' where he served until 27th Mar 1917 when he returned home with a draft to HMS DOLPHIN (5th Submarine Flotilla) 'for Submarines'.

A draft to the Submarine Flotilla Leader HMS FEARLESS (12th Submarine Flotilla) 'for Submarine K5 completing' at HM Dockyard, Portsmouth 'and on Commissioning' followed on 2nd Jul 1917. Returning to HMS DOLPHIN on 24th Sep 1917 he was advanced to Chief Stoker on 1st Apr 1918 and was then drafted to the Submarine Depot Ship HMS MAIDSTONE (8th Submarine Flotilla) at Harwich 'for Submarine L9 completing' at the Denny's Shipyard at Dumbarton on the Clyde on 28th May 1918. Submarine L9 was allocated to the Ambrose Flotilla based on the Submarine Depot Ship HMS AMBROSE after commissioning on 9th May 1919.

After only one month Henry Pomeroy was drafted to the Submarine Flotilla Leader HMS CRESCENT at Rosyth 'for Submarine K9' on 11th Jun 1919 where he served until 1st Nov 1919 when he returned to HMS DOLPHIN from where he was 'Discharged Shore, Pensioned' on 10th Jun 1920. No further information is currently available.

Leading Seaman Walter Henry Arthur Pomeroy, DSM O/N D/JX 136746 (Dev)

Walter Pomeroy was the son of Stoker Petty Officer Henry George Pomeroy O/N 288496 who has served in Submarines from 1905 to 1920 and is thought to have served in 'A' and 'C' class submarine Pre WWI and in Submarines H1, H2, K5, L9 and K9 during and post WWI.

Walter Pomeroy is reported to have served in Submarines X-3, X-8 as 'passage crew' for the TIRPITZ raid in September 1943 and as 'Operational Crew' in XE1 for the attack on the Japanese Cruisers in the Johore Straits in July 1945.

This was the same Operation in which Lieutenant Ian Fraser and Leading Seaman James Magennis won the Victoria Cross for their successful attack on the Japanese Cruiser TAKAO.

The submarine careers of the Pomeroy's was researched by Barrie Downer after the story about the Pomeroy's, the Dorset Branch of SOCA and the Tramps Ball was found by Peter Schofield in a 1964 Navy News



WE WILL REMEMBER THEM

Dolphin Branch
4th November 2010
David Burns
Commodore MESM
Aged 66

Submarine Service 1964-2000
Astue, Andrew, Churchill
& Spartan

Non Member
November 2010
John (Jack) Blair
Leading Cook
Submarine Service
Conqueror, Valiant
& Courageous

Dolphin Branch
November 2010
H (Harry) Edwards
Leading Stoker
Aged 87
Submarine Service 1941-1946
Seadog, H28, L26 & Oberon

Non Member
23rd November 2010
Alistair Tulloch
Electrical Artificer
Aged 68
Submarine service including
Renown



Vectis Branch
November 2010
P J (Pat) Boughen
LEM
Aged 71
Submarine service
Trenchant, Thermopylae, Tiptoe
Totem, Taciturn, Alliance
Rorqual

Gosport Branch
(Lapsed)
15th November 2010
M B (Mike) Godly
Radio Supervisor
Aged 76
Submarine Service 1958-1967
Taciturn (58 & 61), Tactician (59)
Alcide (61), Otter (62),
Onslaught (63) & Artful (66)

Poole & District Branch
11th November 2010
Roy Oram
Petty Officer
P/JX 292835
Aged 84
Submarine Service 1946-1962
Saga, Tiptoe, Tradewind, Spiteful
Thorough, Seascout, Scythian
Thule, Sentinel, Talent, Artemis
Acheron, Artful & Astute

Essex Branch
November 2010
CJ (Charlie) Deleay
Able Seaman (ST)
Aged 88
Submarine Service 1942-1946
Tantalus

*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 there memories
alive.*



The Chaplain

My diary (Especially the one of playing a certain character wearing the Red Suit and the obligatory itchy Beard) that I have willingly committed myself to fulfil. Couple this to increased Preaching duties; I have overreached myself, with appointments and the necessary preparation turning into the melting pot of everything becoming Last Minute.Com.

As a consequence I have had to burn the midnight oil to complete some events and pull out of the Charity Dinner to fulfil a long booked commitment that I had forgotten about. Please don't get me wrong I am not complaining as our Ladies have been successfully juggling events since the beginning of time to get ready for Christmas. Even as I write I have less than two hours before it's enter stage left time at Newbarns School. So with no more ado I shall wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year, and its **GOODBYE FROM ME**



AND ITS GOODBY FROM HIM

Regards Jonsey

The Editor

Just a few words of thanks to all members and readers that have contributed to the newsletter throughout 2010 and I look forward to your continued support in 2011.

Merry Christmas to you all
Regards Ben

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December 2010
Members Birthdays

L.Thwaites	02/12
P.Douglas	03/12
G.Livingston	06/12
M.Brown	15/12
M.Dack	17/12
K.Collins	19/12
D.Taylor	23/12
N.Morrison	27/12
S.Doughty	28/12
D.Cattroll	28/12
D.Carter	29/12
C.Lee	31/12
T.Pyne	31/12
J.Rimmer	N.K

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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 December for the January 2011 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

December

7th Monthly Meeting
2000 RBL

11th Christmas Social
1930 RBL

15th Branch Committee Meeting
1930 RBL





Solve the festive wordsquare

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 a wordsquare with a Christmas theme.

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

CLUES

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|-------------------|-----------------|
| 1. QUEEN'S SPEECH | 7. CRACKER |
| 2. YULE LOG | 8. ROASTING TIN |
| 3. HOLLY | 9. DECORATIONS |
| 4. IVY | 10. TURKEY LEG |
| 5. MISTLETOE | 11. GIFT WRAP |
| 6. GOOSE | 12. CARDS |

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

Last month's wordsquare solution (below)

D	R	O	H	S	I	F	D	R	O	W	S
N	E	T	C	E	N	U	B	I	R	T	O
S	M	R	T	S	O	U	R	R	L	U	W
E	E	E	A	P	R	L	O	O	P	R	E
N	L	D	H	L	B	H	B	R	U	B	D
A	T	L	E	E	C	R	O	E	N	U	A
M	S	O	P	N	E	A	S	O	N	L	R
S	I	H	A	D	R	N	A	E	S	E	R
I	H	P	N	I	N	E	I	T	U	N	A
L	T	U	S	D	L	L	S	D	E	T	Y
A	H	O	Y	A	R	F	F	A	N	S	L
T	H	E	T	I	S	R	E	D	D	U	R



A happy Christmas to all our puzzle solvers

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