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HMS Torbay



## VICE CHAIRMAN'S January Word

Happy New Year to one and all.

The start of a new year is always something to look forward to but it is either with pleasure or dread that we look. I certainly wish you all the most pleasurable 2011.

The Barrow in Furness branch has a full calendar of meetings parades and social events to look forward to and hopefully there will be events to suit everyone's taste. But as always if you can think of any type of events you would like the branch to arrange for yours and everyone else's pleasure and or interest please tell us about it.

Things to jog your memory about. One it is that time of year when we must all pay our annual subscription to the treasurer. Its still only £10 so do it now.

Some of you have now completed appropriate bank standing order forms so you can never again forget to pay. Thank you to those who have done that and another thank you to those who have already paid or intend to do so very soon.

Two make a note in your diaries and computer calendars for every social event on the social calendar that you may wish to attend. Make a resolution to contact Colin as early as you can confirm your availability for each event. Share the social calendar with you wife, partner and friends so they also know what is on throughout the year.

Three support the News Letter, write stories about your times in boats, or spill the gossip about someone else. The news letter is possibly our best communication medium of all so why not talk to each other through its pages from anywhere in the world.

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**Four** forget the old rule "never volunteer for anything" now volunteer for everything. There are always places on the branch committee, or branch officers to be elected so put your name down. Volunteer to help Colin on the Social Committee, volunteer to be duty driver for one of the travelling functions. The more the running of the branch can be shared the better it will be.

The Barrow in Furness branch holds its Annual General Meeting on Tuesday 5th April and that is not too far away. It is an understanding that branch officers shall not hold office for more than two consecutive 3 year stints. While we do need and value the continuity and benefit of our treasurer and secretary holding office for longer periods. However the rest of the offices can and should be changed giving the committee new life and a fresh approach.

This year's office due to be open for election is that of Chairman. Alan has very ably held office for two consecutive periods totalling 6 years and therefore should be succeeded by a new face. So volunteer yourself or speak to other members about the position and propose them. Don't wait until the last minute, give yourself or a member you intend to propose ample time to consider the post well before the AGM. If there are any other matters which need to be aired at the AGM then submit them as proposals to Barrie as soon as possible. If it is not included on the agenda for the AGM it should not be discussed in depth.

Finally we have plenty of space for our meetings at the Royal British Legion so why not make a point of turning up and sharing a drink and a chat and joining in the normal branch meetings or at least the AGM.

Regards

John Houlding  
Vice Chairman



## Social Secretary January 2011



First of all I would like to wish you all a happy and healthy New Year and hope that you can attend as many of the social functions as possible. I have attached a preliminary Social programme to this months newsletter, there are a few items on there that a) Have to be organized or b) have dates confirmed but it should be set in stone by the time the February news letter appears.

Well we finished the year with our Christmas social at the RBL, in the end the Christmas spirit took over and we had a good night, Santa lost his trousers and had too much Rum and for some bizarre reason went into town afterwards (oh the shame!!) There was plenty of food and of a high standard and thank you all for supporting the raffle as usual.

We kick off our 2011 social programme with a first footing visit to our good friends at Morecambe on the 7th January I have 8 names so far so there is still a little room on the bus which John Houlding has kindly volunteered to drive (Weather permitting)

The K13 memorial weekend is on the weekend of 28th – 30th of January, Barrie will have the details if you haven't already got them.

Finally I received an e mail from Chats Charters of Morecambe informing me that Scouse Bruschez who owns the Royal Hotel in Crewe is organising a Naval theme night featuring the one and only Naval folk singing leg end Shep Wooley on the 24th February and accommodation is available at the Hotel. Please contact me ASAP if you are interested in going and we will see if we can organize something.

Our February meeting on the 1st is an invite to the Ladies to join us and we'll have a bit of a

quiz which Ian Walsh has offered to organize. It doesn't look as if the Valentines weekend is a goer as I have had very little feedback for the event.

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

Colin Hutchinson  
Social Secretary

## Bangladesh Navy

The Bangladesh Navy will have its first submarine by 2019, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina said, adding Dhaka wants to amicably resolve its maritime boundary issue with neighbours India and Myanmar as it does not want 'a war in the region'.

Hasina said the Bangladesh Navy will have its first submarine with base facility by 2019 and added that her government's plans were to build 'an effective deterrent force'.

She made the announcement while commissioning the navy's first hydrographic survey ship 'Anusandhan' at Isha Khan Naval Base.

Hasina quoted her father and the country's founding leader, the late president Sheikh Mujibur Rahman as saying that Bangladesh would not interfere in anyone's internal affairs, but if others try to interfere in Bangladesh's internal matters, it would also not be tolerated.

About differences with the neighbouring countries over maritime boundaries, Hasina said efforts are under way to solve the problems. 'We do not want any war or conflict in this region. We believe in peace,' the United News of Bangladesh (UNB) news agency quoted her as saying.

Hasina said the navy will be developed as a modern and well equipped force in the future to boldly resist illegal trespass by foreign ships into Bangladesh territory and to stop smuggling through the sea.





# Barrow Submarine Series: issue number 20

## *HMS Torbay*



**MAKING WAVES:** *HMS Torbay* on patrol

**M**OST of us have experience of using Microsoft Windows on a home computer but *HMS Torbay* became the first Royal Navy vessel to put to sea using it.

The new computer-driven command system was termed SMCS-NG.

Barrow's Trafalgar-class product has another claim to fame in its colour.

*Torbay* participated in an experiment in the use of colour schemes to reduce the visibility of submarines from the air.

In 2006, the standard black paint of Royal Navy submarines was replaced by a carefully selected shade of blue.

This was the result of research which found that black was the worst possible colour for a submarine attempting to avoid detection from the air.

This has become a more important factor as a result of the changing nature of Royal Navy commitments since the end of the Cold War.

Naval operations have moved from the murky waters of the North Atlantic to the clearer waters of the Arabian Sea and the Indian Ocean.

*Torbay* completed a refuel and modernisation process in February 2001.

In 2008 *Torbay* was back at sea as the most powerful in the fleet with a new state-of-the-art missile system.

The boat was out of action for more than year for the major refit at Faslane on the Clyde.



**LAUNCH DAY:** *Torbay* gets a big cheer as she heads down the Barrow slipway

It allowed the submarine to send and receive email was submerged.

The biggest change was the latest longer-range Block IV version of the Tomahawk cruise missile.

*Torbay* could launch missile strikes from sea on land targets from a range of up to 1,000 miles.

The missile system could also re-target or safely abort in flight and relay

images en route to boost intelligence gathering.

### **STATS:**

Laid down: 3 December 1982

Launched: 8 March 1985

Sponsored by: Lady Ann Herbert

Commissioned: 7 February 1987

Homeport: HMNB Devonport, Plymouth

Class and type: Trafalgar-class submarine

Displacement: Surfaced: 4,740 tons

Dived: 5,208 tons

Length: 280.1 ft (85.4 m)

Beam: 32.1 ft (9.8 m)

Draught: 31.2 ft (9.5 m)

Propulsion: Rolls-Royce PWR1

nuclear reactor

Two GEC turbines

Two W H Allen turbo generators

Two Paxman diesel alternators 2,800 hp (2.1 MW)

Speed: Dived: 32 knots (59 km/h)

Complement: 18 officers and 112 ratings

Armament: Five x 21-inch (533 mm) torpedo tubes

Space for a combination of 30 weapons

Current weapons:

Tomahawk land-attack cruise missiles

Spearfish wire-guided heavyweight torpedoes

Decommissioned weapons:

Harpoon anti-surface missiles

Tigerfish torpedoes





## Barrie Downer Secretary

Another New Year? December 2010 seems to have gone past very quickly and it's already time for all those New Year Resolutions nothing to do with that particular Submarine of course!

Were you good last year and did Santa remember to bring you all those things you put in your letter to him? I hope you all had a very enjoyable Christmas and didn't eat too much or drink too much on New Years Eve!

What happened last month? The Sportsman's Dinner arranged by the Crew of HMS AMBUSH at the Chequers in Dalton on 1st December in support of the HMS ALLIANCE appeal was well attended by Branch Members we managed to fill two tables. The aim of the Dinner was to raise funds for two worthy causes the HMS ALLIANCE Appeal and the Submariners Benevolent Fund. I understand that some £5,000 was raised during the evening from the Raffle and the Auction of Sporting Memorabilia so both Charities will benefit significantly. I hear that a bottle of Pusser's Rum the real stuff raised more than a Wayne Rooney signed shirt!

A vote of thanks is due to the AMBUSH Team for a very well organised evening.

Well the December Branch Meeting was well attended despite the weather although the attendance was a bit down as the 'out of towners' were a bit restricted in their travel arrangements. Still the turn out from HMS AMBUSH made up the numbers and they were especially welcome as they came armed with several bottles of rum!

We also gained three more Serving Members from the crew so welcome to the Branch to David Rogers, Michael Speedie and Greg Barber. Next was the

Christmas Social but I'll let Colin tell you all about that in his Social Secretary's Dit.

We didn't have a Committee Meeting this month again the weather was not too good and it was a bit close to Christmas as well.

One event you will all have heard about is the 'Naming Ceremony' for AMBUSH on Thursday 16th December. It was meant to be the 'Roll Out and Launch' as well but there was a technical hiccup with the Transfer Machinery which delayed that bit of it although the problem was soon sorted out but then the weather intervened and there was so much ice and snow on the Ship Lift that it was deemed unsafe.

At the time of writing the Submarine is still not in the water (or on the Shiplift but the 'Roll Out and Launch' should go ahead shortly.

There was a very good turn out of Submariners Association Members at the 'Naming Ceremony' there was a strong contingent from the Derby Branch led by "Nobby" Hall. Derby is HMS AMBUSH's Adopted Town there were a number of ex HMS AMBUSH's (the conventional one) organised via the Submariners Association National Committee and then there were the Barrow Branch Members Alan Jones (with Pat), Bob Palmer (with Phyllis), Jeff Thomas (with Brenda) and then there was Mick Dack and Ted Budgen plus a good number of Members who work in the Shipyard. I think a good time was had by all.

The review of Branch Members addresses etc (and Membership Subs) records resulted in several Members leaving the Association of their own accord and several more being 'lapsed' by the Branch.

We now stand at some 177 Members with the addition of the new Members mentioned above. Some Branch Members have still not filled in and returned our request for an update of their Contact details.

Hopefully the rest of Members will be able to complete and send their updated Forms in so if you haven't yet filled in your Form(s) can you do so as soon as possible?

Twenty five of those who have replied have decided to pay their Annual Subs via Standing Order which takes away the worry about forgetting to pay! Mick Mailey has your new Membership Cards for 2011 the Subs remain at £10.00 for 2011 and your Subs become due on 1st January 2011 so at the next Branch Meeting bring your Cheque Books or Cash and Mick will be glad to enrol in the Association you for another exciting year – and give you your Membership Card!

A reminder for you all that the revised Annual Reunion arrangements come into force this year.

The Reunion is on the 18th 20th March 2011 Weekend at the Imperial Hotel in Blackpool and is on the same weekend as the National Council Conference. This is the 'Stag Reunion' and the Application Form is attached to this Newsletter so if you want to go fill in the Form with your 'Package' of choice and return the Completed Form to me as soon as possible with your £25 deposit or full payment if you prefer! Please note that this weekend is on a different date to that reported in the 2011 Association Diaries so if you have bought a Submariners Association diary please amend the date accordingly! For those who want to attend the Family Weekend Reunion this will take place in the Adelphi Hotel in Liverpool in October and will be combined with the Annual Draw details of this weekend will be circulated later.

Well I think that's about enough from me for the January 2011 News Letter! 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 January Branch Meeting Tuesday 4th January 2011 usual time usual place. Regards

Barrie

### Virginia Is Flayed Alive

The special material attached to the outside of American Virginia class submarines has been peeling off. The special material absorbs sonar signals, making the Virginias harder to detect. This an old technique, dating back to World War II, when the Germans invented the concept and installed it on their subs in 1940. The adhesive attaching the material to the hull did not work so well, and it took the Germans another four years before they developed an adhesive that seemed to hold. But the adhesive problems persisted after the war, and to the present. The adhesive for the sound absorbing (or "anechoic") material on the Virginias was tested extensively, but it still fails under some conditions, after several years of use. The U.S. Navy is now working on finding out what is causing the problem. Russian subs have long had the same problem, and do not appear to have developed a perfect solution either. When the "anechoic" material comes loose, it actually makes the subs noisier, because of how the water flows over the area where the material has come loose. If the material comes off in strips that stay attached to the sub, that makes even more noise, and the subs becomes even more vulnerable to enemy detection.

The U.S. has similar problems with the anti-radar material

used on stealth aircraft. The problem is so severe with these aircraft that they require much more maintenance than non-stealth aircraft, to keep the anti-radar (or "radar signal absorbing") material in good repair.

Currently, the U.S. has seven of the new, 7,700 ton, Virginia class SSNs in service, three under construction and plans to eventually build 30. The mainstay of the American submarine force is still the 6,100 ton Los Angeles-class SSN. Sixty-two of these submarines were built, 44 of which remain in front-line service, making it probably the largest class of nuclear submarines that will ever be built. The Seawolf-class of nuclear attack submarines stopped at three from a planned class of twenty-nine. The 8,600 ton Seawolf was designed as a super-submarine, designed to fight the Soviet Navy at its height. Reportedly, it is quieter going 40 kilometers an hour, than the Los Angeles-class submarines are at pier side, partly because of the anechoic material on its hull.

### Portugal Class 209PNDeisels

Portugal took delivery of the second of two Class 209PN diesel submarines, the NRP Arpao, handed over at the Baltic coast shipyards of Howaldtswerke-Deutsche Werft.

In August, the navy took delivery of the Arpao's sister ship Tridente.

The handover to the Portuguese navy and the ship's commissioning at HDW in Kiel, Germany, completes the \$1 billion contract signed with the German submarine consortium in 2004 for the two vessels.

But controversy surrounding the contract is far from over.

The sale is under investigation

in Germany and Portugal for alleged bribes that were made in exchange for contracts won by GSC, which includes the naval shipbuilders HDW and Ferrostaal.

The Portuguese inquiry is focusing on seven Portuguese nationals and three Germans for allegedly submitting false bills in connection with the contract.

The ships were built by ThyssenKrupp Marine Systems through GSC. The consortium comprises its subsidiary HDW, industrial power and project management Ferrostaal AG, based in Essen, Germany, and shipyard Nordseewerke, a subsidiary of Schaaf Industrie AG, based on the River Em near Germany's Baltic coast.

Nordseewerke builds naval, freight and container ships as well as cruise liners, including the Pacific Princess, which was the film location for the U.S. television series "The Love Boat." Portugal's class 209 vessels have many upgrades found on the improved class 214 submarine. The 223-foot vessels displace 1,840 tons, accommodate a crew of 32 and have air-independent, fuel-cell propulsion systems.

The class 209 and 214 ships are a modular design from the late 1960s and aimed specifically at the export market. None are known to have been bought by the German navy but more than 60 units have been sold to 14 navies with many variants depending on client requirements.

The first ship was ordered by Greece in 1967 for commissioning in 1971. Other buyers include Chile, Brazil, Turkey, Indonesia and South Korea. Turkey has been the biggest purchaser, picking up six.

Costs have been kept down by making the vessel a distinctly German product from known suppliers. These include Siemens for propulsion motors and electric control systems, MTU for the four diesel engines and generators, Varta and



Hagen for battery supply, Zeiss for periscopes and Gabler Maschinenbau for snorkel and antennae.

However, radar and fire controlsystems are supplied by Dutch company HSA, French manufacturer Thomson, U.S. company Singer Librascope and British firm Ferranti.

HDW is one of Germany's oldest shipyards. It was started in 1838 and survived the dismantling of post-war Germany's shipyards after 1945. It continued to make ships and was eventually bought by ThyssenKrupp Marine Systems in January 2005.

HDW is one of several ThyssenKrupp Marine Systems units that include Kockums in Malmo, Sweden; and Hellenic Shipyards in Skaramangas, Greece.

In 2009, HDW worked with Kockums and Northrop Grumman to offer a Swedish Visby class stealth corvette derivative in the American Focused Mission Vessel Study, a precursor to United States near-shore Littoral Combat Ship program

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### HMS Sceptre



IT WAS the end of an era at Devonport Naval Base when the last of the class of Swiftsure attack submarines was retired after 32 years' service.

HMS Sceptre was formally decommissioned at a special ceremony which saw tributes paid to her role, and the hundreds of submariners who served onboard.

Commander Steve Waller, the 16th and final commanding officer of the vessel, said the occasion marked more than the end of a submarine in service, but also the end of an era of Swiftsure submarines.



He said: "This is a momentous occasion, as it marks the last of the Swiftsure Class.

"It is a sad moment, but we should also use it to remember and celebrate the achievements of the submarine and of the men who have between them protected the UK's interests for 32 years.

"This longevity is testament to the UK workforce. Indeed in the last nine months of service, including a long deployment, the boat has lost only six days due to faults."

He said HMS Sceptre's crew, past and present, were one large close-knit family which made up a happy community while at sea.

The vital support was obvious among the sailors and their families back home, he said, especially important during long deployments, like the eight-month, 31,000-mile patrol to the Indian and Atlantic Oceans earlier this year.

HMS Sceptre, a nuclear-powered submarine, entered service in 1978 and it is estimated around 1,500 men have served on board during her time.

The decommissioning ceremony, which was witnessed by 450 people, was conducted by Royal Naval Chaplain the Rev Bernard Clarke.

Special guest was Michael Winstanley, the Mayor of Wigan, the town which the submarine has long been affiliated to.

He told the parade: "I am honoured to have had such a long and happy association with HMS Sceptre. But this occasion is tinged with sadness at the parting of the ways."

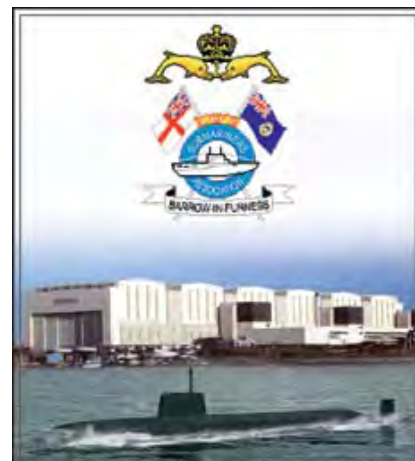
The mayor said HMS Sceptre had done the Royal Navy and Wigan proud and the submarine "held a special place in Wigan's heart."

He said that he and Wigan saluted the submarine and all her men for their achievements and that, despite her age, HMS Sceptre served at the forefront of naval operations, serving her country right to the last.

"The real heart and soul of the submarine are the people here on parade," said Mr Winstanley.

"Submarine service is seen as more than a life, more of a religion to them."

He added that the various crews of HMS Sceptre had shown the "utmost professionalism and loyalty" throughout their years of service on board and delivered "outstanding service" with "undying pride".





## SUBMARINERS ASSOCIATION NATIONAL WEBSITE

The new Submariners Association National Website is now up and running.

The New Site has the same address:  
www.submarinersassociation.co.uk as the previous site. This is a totally new site but many of the previous features are still there. It is well worth while checking out the site to make your self familiar with the new layout.

The new Webmaster is Mike Kemp who volunteered to take over when Dave Hallas recently stood down after some ten years in the job.

### THE JOB CENTRE

Paddy and Mick were both laid off, so they went to the Job Centre. When asked his occupation, Paddy answered, 'Knicker Stitcher. I sew da elastic onto ladies' knickers and thongs.'

The clerk looked up Knicker Stitcher on his computer and, finding it classified as unskilled labour, he gave him £80 a week unemployment benefit. Mick was next in and when asked his occupation replied, 'Diesel Fitter.' Since a diesel fitter was a skilled job, the clerk gave Mick £160 a week.

When Paddy found out he was furious. He stormed back into the office to find out why his friend and co-worker was collecting double his pay. The clerk explained, 'Knicker Stitches are unskilled labour and Diesel Fitters are skilled labour. 'What skill?' yelled Paddy, 'I sew da elastic on da knickers and thongs, then Mick puts 'em over his head and says: 'Yep, diesel fitter.'



### WE WILL REMEMBER THEM

Non Member

22nd March 2010

Arthur George Keable

Petty Officer Coxswain

Aged 70

Submarine service in

Acheron, Turpin, Talent & Scorchers

Medway Towns Branch

27th Sept 2010

G (Gordon) Faithfull

Able Seaman AA3

C/JX 375378

Aged 86

Submarine Service 1943-1946

Sibyl, Simoon, Stoic & Spur

Former Soca Member

4th Nov 2010

Edwin Thomas Pratt

Able Seaman

P/JX 296688

Aged 88

Submarine Service WWII

Trespasser & Surf

Colchester Branch

December 2010

D C (David) Walters

Captain

Aged 89

Submarine Service 1942-1954

P555 (10/42-01/43),

Ultimatum (01/43-10/44)

Spur (10/44-10/46)

Alderney (10/46-09/47)

Subtle (CO), Seneschal (CO)

Seascope (CO), Alaric (CO)

Aeneas (CO)

COCOQC (04/55-11/58)

Essex Branch

6th December 2010

I A (Iain) Nethercott

Petty Officer (LTO)

P/JX 768741

Aged 89

Submarine Service 1942-1947

Otway, H43, Tactician, Upstart

Spirit & Selene

Merseyside Branch

Founder Member

21st December 2010

William (Bill) Henry Cheshire

Leading Stoker

D/KX143360

Aged 87

Submarine Service 1942-1946

H34, Ultimatum & Solent



Non Member December 2010

B (Brian) Lawson

LEM

Submarine Service 1962

in Narwhal

Essex Branch

7th December 2010

C (Cliff) Summerhayes

Telegraphist

C/SSX 29990

Aged 88

Submarine Service 1941-1947

Otway, P555, Surf, Talent, Totem &

Tally Ho

Submarine Officers Association

8th December 2010

William (Bill) Buckoke

Lieutenant

Aged 87

Submarine Service 1944-1950

Rorqual, Scotsman & Trespasser

Submarine Officers Association

December 2010

Roger J (Dusty) Miller

Lieutenant Commander (E) (WESM)

Submarine Service

Renown & Repulse

North East Branch

18th December 2010

A (Alan) Hardy

Engine Room Artificer

P/MX 124976

Aged 88

Submarine Service 1943-1945

Seraph, Seadevil, Unruly

Shakespeare

Beds & Herts Branch

Ex Bristol Branch

December 2010

M E (Mike) Williams

ME1

P/K99965

Aged 74

Submarine Service 1958-1963

Taciturn, Tactician & Alaric

*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.*



## Damp Irish Town

It is a slow day in a damp little Irish town in the middle of nowhere. The rain is beating down and the streets are deserted. Times are tough, everybody is in debt and everybody lives on credit.

On this particular day a rich German tourist is driving through the town, stops at the local hotel and lays a €100 note on the desk, telling the hotel owner he wants to inspect the rooms upstairs in order to pick one to spend the night. The owner gives him some keys and, as soon as the visitor has walked upstairs, the hotelier grabs the €100 note and runs next door to pay his debt to the butcher.

The butcher takes the €100 note and runs down the street to repay his debt to the pig farmer.

The pig farmer takes the €100 note and heads off to pay his bill at the supplier of feed and fuel. The guy at the Farmers' Co-op takes the €100 note and runs to pay his drinks bill at the pub. The publican slips the money along to the local prostitute drinking at the bar, who has also been facing hard times and has had to offer him "services" on credit. The prostitute then rushes to the hotel and pays off her room bill to the hotel owner with the €100 note. The hotel proprietor then places the €100 note back on the counter so the rich traveller will not suspect anything. At that moment the traveller comes down the stairs, picks up the €100 note, states that the rooms are not satisfactory, pockets the money and leaves town. No one produced anything. No one earned anything.



However, the whole town is now out of debt and looking to the future with a lot more optimism. And that, ladies and gentlemen, is how the bailout package works.

## NEW MEMBERS

**Members Joining in December**  
All are server with Ambush

**David Rogers**  
**Micheal Speedie**  
**Greg Barber**

A warm welcome to you all

 <b>January 2011</b> <b>Members Birthdays</b> 	
H. Cable	02/01
A. Greenwood	02/01
S. Appleyard	04/01
A. Cundell	08/01
D. Burnside	09/01
R. Sherriff	10/01
P. McGovern	11/01
H. Sibbit	21/01
J. Oldfield	22/01
P. Hearn	22/01
R. Dixon	25/01
B. Reed	27/01
I. Moore	29/01
S. Campbell	30/01
L. Willcox	31/01

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## News Letter

### Contact Information

Do you have a story to tell or have information you feel should appear in the news letter then ring Ben Britten on 01229 820265 (evenings) or if you wish to send me an article please ring for postal address. or send your contribution by e-mail to:

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Constructive suggestions about the news letter are very welcome. The news letter will be published in the last week of each month IE last week of January for the February 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.



## January

4th Jan Monthly meeting 2000 RBL  
7th Jan First Footing Morecambe  
18th Jan Branch Committee Meeting  
1930 RBL  
28-30th K13 Memorial W/E

## FEBRUARY

1st Feb Monthly Meeting  
(Social Ladies)  
Presentation on the loss of HMS  
Poseidon by Steve Swankert  
Quiz night  
2000 RBL  
15th Feb Branch Committee Meeting  
1930 RBL  
24th Feb Naval Theme Night  
Shep Woolley  
Royal Hotel  
Crewe







# Solve the new year 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 new year 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](mailto:bill.myers@nwemail.co.uk)

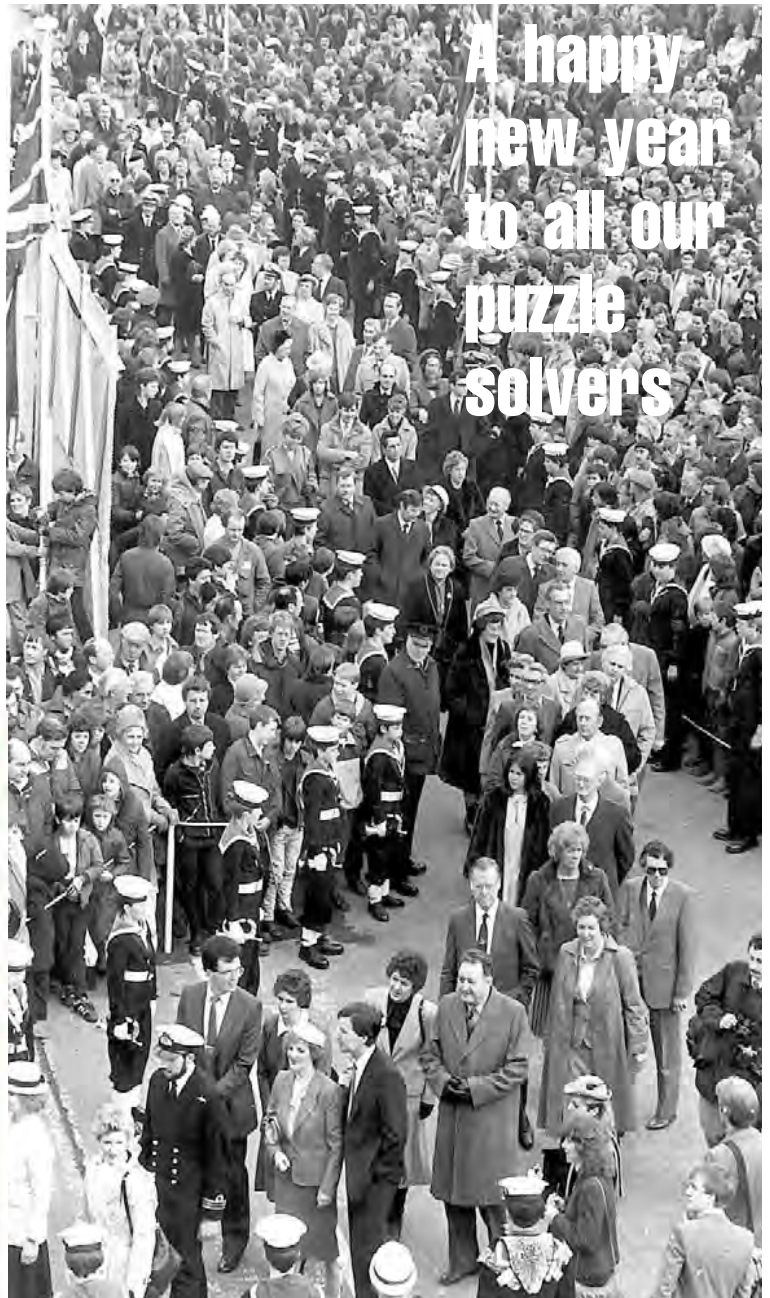
## CLUES

1. JANUARY
2. FEBRUARY
3. MARCH
4. APRIL
5. MAY
6. JUNE

7. JULY
8. AUGUST
9. SEPTEMBER
10. OCTOBER
11. NOVEMBER
12. DECEMBER

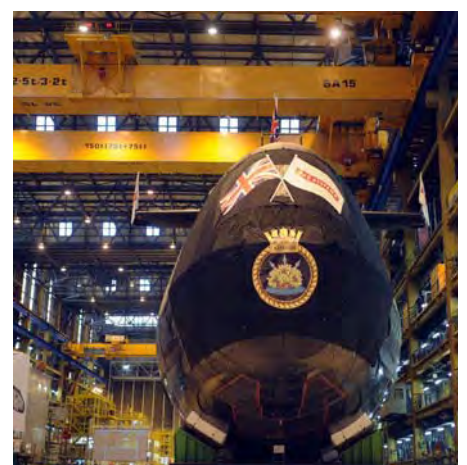


Last month's wordsquare solution (below)



LATEST PRODUCT: Crowds at the Barrow launch of HMS Torbay on March 8 in 1985









The Submarine Heritage Centre (SHC) and the Submariners Association (SA) of Barrow in Furness have commissioned a series of Paintings, by a notable local Marine Artist – Tom Murphy, of all the Classes of Submarine built in the Barrow Shipyard over the last 120 years. The Barrow Shipyard has been involved with the design and built over 72% of all UK Submarines plus a good number for foreign Navies. This Paintings Series represents the development of the Submarine over that period and reflects the development of the Submarine, from the first basic vessel in the 1880's to the sophisticated Nuclear powered Submarine of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.

The SHC and the SA have now put together a Book to showcase these paintings and supporting data. The Book contains plates covering the forty four Classes of Submarine built in Barrow together with a number of Submarines built for other countries. It also includes twelve 'Decade' paintings reflecting the products, other than the Submarine, produced by the Shipyard over that same period and a further ten plates of 'Miscellaneous' paintings of Ships, Submarines and topics related to the Barrow Shipyard. The Book is a "Coffee Table" hard back product with the Painting Plates on the right hand pages with associated information on the left hand pages.

The Book was 'launched' by Rear Admiral Paddy O'Riordan – the 6<sup>th</sup> Commanding Officer of HMS DREADNOUGHT - during the recent 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Nuclear Submarines celebrations in the Dock Museum in Barrow.

It is available at £27.50 per copy (P & P costs on application)

To obtain your own copy contact Submarine Heritage Ltd - [tps@submarineheritage.com](mailto:tps@submarineheritage.com) or on 01229 820993 or 07900 920385 or Barrie Downer on [barrie@downer55.freeserve.co.uk](mailto:barrie@downer55.freeserve.co.uk) or on 01229 820963

The Book is also available at the Dock Museum, Heaths in Dalton Road or from the Tourist Information Shop in Forum 28.

# **Barrow - in - Furness**

## **Submariners Association**

### **Social Calendar 2011**



Jan	4	Tue	Monthly Meeting	2000	RBL
	7	Fri	First footing Morecambe branch		Morecambe
	18	Tue	Branch Committee Meeting	1930	RBL
	28-30	W/E	K13 memorial Weekend		HMNB Clyde
Feb	1	Tue	Monthly Meeting (Social Ladies) Quiz	2000	RBL
	15	Tue	Branch Committee Meeting	1930	RBL
	24	Thur	Naval Theme night – Shep Woolley – Royal Hotel		Crewe
Mar	1	Tue	Monthly Meeting	2000	RBL
	18-20	W/E	SA Annual Conference + Stag reunion		Blackpool
	22	Tue	Branch Committee Meeting	1930	RBL
Apr	5	Tue	Annual General Meeting	1930	RBL
	19	Tue	Branch Committee Meeting	1930	RBL
	15	Fri	Annual Dinner Dance	1900 for 1930	Lisdoonie
	24	Sun	St Georges Day Parade		Barrow
May	3	Tue	Monthly Meeting	2000	RBL
	17	Tue	Branch Committee Meeting	1930	RBL
	TBA	TBA	Memorial Benches Abbey Road Service and Do		
	28	W/E	Magennis Dinner		Belfast
Jun	7	Tue	Monthly Meeting (Social Ladies) Quiz	2000	RBL
	21	Tue	Branch Committee Meeting	1930	RBL
Jul	5	Tue	Monthly Meeting (Social Ladies)	2000	RBL
	15 - 17	W/E	Faslane visit		Faslane
	19	Tue	Branch Committee Meeting	1930	RBL
	23	Sat	BBQ (to be confirmed with Brigham)		TBC
Aug	2	Tue	Monthly Meeting	2000	RBL
	16	Tue	Branch Committee Meeting	1930	RBL
Sep	6	Tue	Monthly Meeting (Social Ladies) Quiz	2000	RBL
		Sun	Battle of Britain Parade		Barrow
	20	Tue	Branch Committee Meeting	1930	RBL
	16 - 18	W/E	SA Reunion Mixed reunion		Liverpool
Oct	4	Tue	Monthly Meeting	2000	RBL
	18	Tue	Branch Committee Meeting	1930	RBL
	21	Fri	Trafalgar Ball	1930	Lisdoonie
Nov	1	Tue	Monthly Meeting	2000	RBL
	6	Sun	Embankment Parade		London
	11	Fri	Ladies Night D/D (Black Tie)	1900	Lisdoonie
	13	Sun	Remembrance Parade	1015	Barrow
	15	Tue	Branch Committee Meeting	1930	RBL
Dec	6	Tue	Monthly Meeting	2000	RBL
	17	Sat	Christmas Social	1930	RBL
	20	Tue	Branch Committee Meeting	1930	RBL



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## **FULL MEMBERS ONLY REUNION 2011** **March 18-20 2011**

The Full Members Only Reunion which will incorporate the Annual Council Conference will be held over the weekend of March 18<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> 2011 with the option of additional nights on the Thursday and Sunday if required. Note that this is different to the dates quoted in the notable date section of the 2011 SA diary as that was put together before the reunion date had been confirmed.

The venue will be the 4\* Imperial Hotel in Blackpool which is one of the Barceló group of hotels. This hotel is very good indeed and is used by the major political parties when holding their Party Conferences. For more information why don't you have a look on their website at <http://www.barcelo-hotels.co.uk/hotels/northern-england/barcelo-blackpool-imperial-hotel>

The hotel is situated on the North Promenade within easy reach of the railway station and about a 15 minute walk from the town centre or hop on one of the world famous trams which passes the front door. The hotel also has a swimming pool if you need to dust off the cobwebs after a hard night socialising.

We will have the usual Laying up of the Standards, Sunday Service to retrieve them and the group photograph. RASM will be invited to the Reunion Dinner. The biggest difference this year will be the inclusion of the Annual Council Conference, which will be on the Saturday morning after Church and before Up Spirits.

We have negotiated what we believe to be a good package. As has been the norm for the past few reunions there will be an 'Up Spirits' with a free tot of 100 proof rum for every member. Those on the Saturday night package will also have wine and port included with the Reunion Dinner. There is a variety of packages so be careful when completing your application and please let us know if you have any special requirement e.g. dietary or room requests.

For the first time we have included a package for Friday Night only for Dinner B & B. This is specifically aimed at those who wish to attend the Conference only but cannot arrive in time for the Saturday morning start. It will include a Tot of course. Priority for single occupancy will be for those who are staying at least the Friday and Saturday nights.

Another big plus is that the hotel has its own large car park and has waived their normal car parking fee, which must be worth a few pints.

All prices are per person:

Sat only Dinner Bed & Breakfast including the Reunion Dinner - Sharing Twin Room	£ 60
Sat only Dinner Bed & Breakfast including the Reunion Dinner – Single Occupancy	£ 80
Fri/ Sat Dinner Bed & Breakfast including the Reunion Dinner - Sharing Twin Room	£110
Fri/ Sat Dinner Bed & Breakfast including the Reunion Dinner - Single Occupancy	£150
Additional Night – Thurs/Sun B&B per night – Sharing Twin Room	£31

Additional Night – Thurs/Sun B&B per night– Single Occupancy	£52
Optional Dinner for Thursday and/or Sunday	£17
Non Resident Reunion Dinner	£30
Entry Only – including Tot	£ 5
Fri only Dinner Bed & Breakfast inc Tot – Sharing Twin Room	£55
Fri only Dinner Bed & Breakfast inc Tot – Single Occupancy	£75

We will have our own dedicated bar at the prices below but the normal hotel prices will apply in the Number 10 Bar.

The prices for drinks are also good value for a 4\* hotel.

Pints of Carlsberg & Tetleys	£ 2.25
Pints of Murphy's & Cider	£ 2.80
Base Spirits including a mixer	£ 3.00
House Wine per bottle	£14.00
House Wine by glass	£ 3.25

This year Bas Bowyer, one of the newer members of the NMC has taken on the reunion organisation along with myself. This is fortunate as I will be out of the country for the first couple of weeks of March and that is the busy time doing the last minute arrangements.

The application forms are attached and should be self explanatory but feel free to contact Bas or myself if you need assistance. Please send the completed applications with a minimum deposit of £25 per person to W. J. (Bas) Bowyer, 52 Beeley Close, Allstree, Derby DE22 2PX. His telephone No is 01332 559961 and his email is [bandp52@12freeukisp.co.uk](mailto:bandp52@12freeukisp.co.uk).

If you are sharing a twin room please indicate who you wish to share with to save any disappointment when you arrive. Finally we need the full balances to be paid by the 31<sup>st</sup> January 2011 so please pay on time and don't let me have to chase up. We are contracted to pay the full balance to the hotel early February so don't let us down.

A reminder that this reunion is for **Full Members** of the Submariners Association only so there will be no wives, partners, associate members or other pals. Every application will be checked against the national database.

As this is a new venture for us it has been difficult to gauge the expected attendance so please do not delay with your applications as I have only booked for 200. If I need more rooms I can probably get them providing I give enough notice, however it is first come first served.

Regards



D. Barlow  
National Chairman



**BRANCH:** .....

H	£52	Additional Nights Sunday B&B (SINGLE)
I	£17	Dinner Thursday Evening
J	£17	Dinner Sunday Evening
K	£30	Non Resident Entry + Reunion Dinner Only
L	£5	Entry Only - Includes Tot
M	£55	Frid Night Dinner B&B - includes Tot (SHARING TWIN)
N	£65	Frid Night Dinner B&B - includes Tot (SINGLE)

**All packages are per person**

**All hotel cancellations must be made to the Dave Barlow or Bas Bowyer as soon as possible and not direct to the hotel**

**Add any other supporting information or requirements on a separate sheet if necessary**

**Submit applications to Bas Bowyer, 52 Beeley Close, Allstree, Derby DE22 2PX**