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**CHAIRMAN'S
March Word**



Having given notice in February's edition of our Newsletter that I shall be standing down as Chairman this will be my penultimate Dit in that role, but I must add I still wish to serve as your Lay Chaplain, so my writing days may not be over. So now is a good time to reflect on my tenure these past six years. Primarily, it is scary to realise that my time has passed in a flash. Secondly after reading the full branch history, I find myself humbled in being another tiny jigsaw in the overall story of the Barrow in Furness "second to none" Submariners Association Branch.

There have been some major changes during these past six years of office, namely introduction of a Branch Committee whose

objectives are to deal with the minutia of Association Business outside of our Full Branch Meetings thus allowing more space for socialising within the monthly Branch meetings. Introducing a new the role, that of an elected Vice Chairman. The decision to leave the Harbour Hotel and move to the Royal British Legion (RBL) initially caused some heartache, as some members considered The Harbour to be the spiritual home of the Branch, as over the years they had spent much of their time attending meetings at that venue. In hindsight it was a good move, as the brewers have recently shut The Harbour and so we would have had to find a new meeting place anyway.

I want to highlight a few milestones achieved through you the Membership and the Committee. By mentioning the two Memorial Benches placed in the Remembrance Garden.

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A new commemorative headstone for John Curtis. John was a Leading Stoker who drowned whilst standing by Holland Boat No 2 in Barrow Shipyard. The Painting Collection commissioned by the Branch. The publication of the book "DIVE DIVE DIVE", which has prints and the potted history of all fifty paintings. Whilst there were a handful of members involved in these projects, it would be remiss of me if I did not mention David Tull and Bill Cole who were the initial driving force, that kick started both of these projects. who sadly have now "Crossed the Bar"

It is said that every cloud has a silver lining, and I believe that holding our meetings at the RBL is one such benefit. It has given us the opportunity for closer interaction and socialising with colleagues from the ARMY: RAF: and ARMED FORCES VETERANS who also use the RBL as their meeting place. Precedence has already been set with them joining us for our last Christmas social.

After all the planning the Barrow Submarine Centenary weekend was a great success and many letters of congratulations were received.

In May 1997: there was the first news of the Centenary of the Submarine Service in both Barrow and nationally; there was great enthusiasm for this and a Barrow Committee was formed!

The above quotes are on our history web page, and highlights the fact that now should be the right time to start putting our thinking caps on if we want to make a success of our fiftieth anniversary. Considering it took forty eight months to plan and prepare for the centenary weekend, and there is now only twenty six months left before our own event is upon us, so time is short.

Regards Jonsey

Submarine Tales

Whilst searching the net for submarine stories of interest for our newsletter I discovered the following tale. A discovery by a deep sea diving team could bring to the surface fresh details of Shchuka Class Submarine a



WW2 tragedy off the coast of Romania. Divers believe they have located the wreck of a notorious Soviet submarine that disappeared during World War Two. A Romanian and Dutch team made the find two years ago. But only now are they convinced it is the Shchuka Class submarine that sunk a ship carrying Jewish refugees. "The problem was that the wreck was completely covered in seashells, silt and fishnets," said Dutch diver Harry Bakker. "We have made several dives just to clean the wreck and finally, after we cleaned it, we started to discover some parts that brought us close to the submarine's identity. "The discovery of the wreck not far from the port of Constanta has focussed fresh attention on the Struma disaster. Carrying more than 700 Jewish refugees fleeing Romania to head to the then Palestine, the ship was turned away from the coast of Turkey, and cast out to sea without fuel, food or water. It is thought a Soviet submarine torpedoed it after mistaking it for a German vessel. All but one refugee drowned.

Regards Jonsey

Chaplains Dit March 2011

The time of Lent is upon us so I thought it a good time to write a short Dit about the most important event on the Christian Calendar. Lent is the forty-day liturgical season of fasting, special prayer and almsgiving in preparation for Easter. The

name "Lent" is from the Middle English Lenten and Anglo-Saxon Lenten, meaning spring; its more primitive ecclesiastical name was the "forty days," tessaracoste in Greek.

The number "forty" is first noted in the Canons of Nicaea (A.D. 325), likely in imitation of Jesus' fast in the desert before His public ministry (with Old Testament precedence in Moses and Elijah). By the fourth century, in most of the West, it referred to six days' fast per week of six weeks (Sundays were excluded); in the seventh century the days from Ash Wednesday through the First Sunday were added to make the number forty. In 2011, the 40-day season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, March 9. Good Friday is April 22, Holy Saturday is April 23, and Easter Sunday is April 24. Pretzels: A Lenten treat originated in Europe during the Middle Ages. A monk was making unleavened bread for Lent with flour and water because eggs, milk and lard were not consumed as part of the Lenten fast. He twisted some of the dough into the shape of people praying with both arms folded across their chests. He decided it would be a perfect treat for children learning to say their prayers. He called the treats pretiola, the Latin word for "little reward."

An anecdotal tale that I may have told before One of my granddaughters was asked by her mother what she was giving up for Lent her reply was that she would give up eating sprouts to which her mother replied nice try but you have never eaten them !!!!!!!

Regards Jonsey



Barrow Submarine Series: issue number 22

HMS Explorer

EXPLORER STATS:

Ordered: August 26, 1947
 Launched: May 3, 1954
 Christened: November 28, 1956
 Fate: Scrapped March 5, 1962
 Displacement: 780 tons surfaced
 1,000 tons submerged
 Length: 178 ft (54 m)
 Beam: 15 ft 8 in (4.78 m)
 Draught: 11 ft (3.4 m)
 Propulsion: High Test Peroxide (HTP)
 steam raising plant driving steam
 turbines (submerged)
 Diesel-electric (surfaced)
 Speed: 25 knots (46.3 km/h)
 (submerged)
 Complement: 49
 Armament: None



AT SEA: HMS Explorer is put through her paces

EXPERIMENTAL: The submarine HMS Explorer seen in Barrow docks

HMS Explorer was an experimental British submarine based on a captured German high test peroxide U-boat.

U-1407 had been scuttled following the German collapse at the end of the Second World War, was salvaged and commissioned by the Royal Navy as HMS Meteorite.

This gave the impetus for a British research programme resulting in the construction of two experimental submarines, HMS Explorer and HMS Excalibur.

Both were built for speed trials and

were unarmed. Their HTP engines were essentially steam turbines, with the steam being generated by the interaction of HTP with diesel oil and a catalyst.

Explorer suffered from so many teething troubles that her first captain never took her to sea.

When these problems were solved, she turned out to be impressively fast, achieving submerged speeds of 25 knots (46.3 km/h), aided by her streamlined hull and retractable fittings.

Both Explorer and her sister ship

were fitted with the latest underwater escape technology, including a one-man escape chamber, and equipped with up to date escape breathing apparatus.

Explorer and Excalibur were popularly known as the 'blonde' submarines because of their hydrogen peroxide fuel.

They served as high-speed targets for the Royal Navy's anti-submarine forces.

Their main use was to finally prove that HTP was impractical as an air-independent propulsion for submarine use.



Barrie Downer Secretary

Hopefully all of you received your February Newsletter by E Mail or by post (Snail Mail) and you should also have received a copy of the 'In Depth' News Letter No 31. It is possible that some of you may have received the 'In Depth' twice as it should be being sent out by the National Secretary. I would like a bit of feedback to see if the National Secretary's copy is being sent out (and received) as it will save me a bit of a job in future. Meanwhile if you have access to E Mail yourself or know some one who will let you use their address on an occasional basis let us know and we can hopefully eliminate the need to use Snail Mail. Just to let you all know that of our 181 Members 157 of you are now on E Mail and should receive all your Branch Information (Minutes and Newsletter etc) electronically. By the way the Membership may be a bit reduced in numbers by the time that you read this as several members who, despite reminders are well in arrears with their Subs will have been lapsed to avoid us having to pay their share to the National Association. All those being lapsed have been written to and E Mailed on a number of occasions but have not responded.

The last weekend in January was the Annual K13 Memorial Weekend in Faslane. Three members attended for the whole weekend (Bob Faragher, Ginge Cundell and Barrie Downer with Dave Barlow joining us for the Saturday arrangements. As well as attending the West of Scotland Branch Meeting on the Friday evening with an interesting update of the doings of the Submarine Flotilla by Commander Mark Lister there were a few changes to the weekend events. On the Saturday morning there was a bus trip to Govan to a remembrance ceremony at the K13 Memorial in Elder Park right outside the former Fairfield's Shipyard

(now BAE) where K 13 was built. Additionally this ceremony was attended by some descendants of a crew member of K13. The rest of the Saturday events were as for previous years with some dodgy punch at a reception and a formal dinner in the evening- and a speech by Sir James Perowne.

The Sunday Remembrance at Garelochhead Cemetery was as moving as in previous years and again attended by newly identified family members of the K13 crew. Ginge Cundell did the honours with the Branch Standard and I laid a wreath on behalf of the Branch.

So what's been going on this last month?

Apart from our own Branch Meeting on 1st February it has been a bit of a quiet month! Thirty one Members made the January Meeting and a lot of them came with their ladies to join in the Quiz Night ably run by Ian Walsh thank you Ian.

As a bit of a new venture at the February Meeting we had a guest speaker in the form of Steve Swankert. Steve, as many of you will have noticed is American, but he knew his subject (HMS POSEIDON) well. His presentation on the build of the Submarine at Barrow, its subsequent loss in Chinese Waters in the 1930s, the loss of life, the successful escape of some of the survivors from the sunken submarine and the events which followed was most interesting. He covered the previously unknown salvage of the Submarine by the Chinese in the 1970's and his efforts to discover the whereabouts of the graves on Wei Hai Wei island of two of those who died.

Apart from the local interest of a 'Barrow Built' Boat the other local interest was that one of the survivors was married to a Barrow girl from Sutherland Street. Several members and their wives have told me how interesting they found the presentation and could we arrange something similar at other meetings. The Committee will look into this to see what might be arranged.

One other event in February and attended by Branch Members was the unveiling of a new Memorial to James Freel (the Barrow born Charioteer) on Friday 11th February.

This Memorial (sponsored by the Town Hall) is sited at the end of James Freel Close overlooking the Walney Channel and the Memorial (by an Ulverston based sculptor) is quite impressive and well worth going to see. It was unveiled by the Mayor and Mayoress and John Freel a nephew of James Freel. Thirty five Members of the Freel family attended including a brother and two sisters of Jimmy. Branch Members attending were John Hart, Alan Jones Terry Spurling and myself.

There was a nice thank you letter from the Freel family in the Evening Mail on Saturday 19th February.

Hopefully any Members who have not completed and returned their Membership updates will be able to complete them and send in their updated Forms so if you haven't yet filled in your Form(s) can you do so as soon as possible? Many 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 became 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 with the Members Only (Stag) Reunion on the weekend 18th to 20th March 2011 Weekend at the Imperial Hotel in Blackpool and is on the same weekend as the National Council Conference. 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 February 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 not thanked anyone who has helped the Branch out in the last month or so.

See you all at the March Branch Meeting

Barrie

Submarine HMS URGE



HMS URGE was ordered as part of the 1939 Emergency War Programme and was built at the Barrow-in-Furness Yard of Vickers Armstrong Ltd.

The Submarine was ordered on 4th Sep 1939, was laid down at Barrow on 30th Oct 1939 and was launched on 19th Aug 1940 and was completed on 12th Dec 1940.

After 'Contractors Sea Trials' and 'Working Up' patrols in Home Waters HMS URGE Lieutenant Edward P Tomkinson, Royal Navy) was sent to the Mediterranean to join firstly the 8th Submarine Flotilla based on the Submarine Depot Ship HMS MAIDSTONE at Gibraltar and

then the 1st Submarine Flotilla based on HMS St ANGELO at Malta. Also on board for the passage was Lieutenant Ian McGeoch, Royal Navy who was to be the 'Spare Commanding Officer'.

Whilst on the way to Malta on 18th Apr 1941 Submarine HMS URGE made an attack on the 10,585 ton Italian Tanker FRANCO MARTELLI in position 46° 51'N 08° 29'E in the Bay of Biscay firing his torpedoes at a range of approximately 2,000 yards. One torpedo hit and the target sank. It is reported that the tanker had been returning to Italy from Brazil.

Whilst on Patrol along the Sicily/Gulf of Sirte route on 20th May 1941 an attack was made on two escorted Italian Merchant Vessels in position 35° 46'N 11° 57'E. Four torpedoes were fired of which the first two hit, the third missed and the fourth one also hit. As a result the 4,857 ton PERSEO was damaged and the 5,165 ton ZEFFIRO was sunk. The next day, 21st May 1941, an attack was made on two Italian Cruisers escorted by three destroyers and a torpedo boat in position 35° 30'N 12° 25'E – both of the Cruisers were missed however the 1,200 ton Destroyer CURTATONE, which was one of the escorts, was sunk. This patrol ended on 24th May 1941 when HMS URGE returned to Malta.

During the next patrol on 9th Jun 1941 an unsuccessful attack was made on the 3,950 ton German Tanker INGO in position 35° 38'N 12° 11'E. The next attack followed on 29th Jun 1941 when damage was claimed on a 10,000 ton Cruiser in position 37° 55'N 15° 35'E and, on 2nd Jul 1941 he fired a salvo of four torpedoes at the 6,696 ton BRARENA which resulted in one hit and the ship sinking. On 7th Jul 1941 damage was claimed on a 9,000 ton Merchant Vessel in position 37° 48'N 15° 21'E. In another attack on 24th Jul 1941 in position 38° 15'N 13° 24'E a 2,500 ton Tanker was missed.

The attacks continued in August with an attack on 27th Aug 1941 on a Merchant Vessel and the 4,791 ton Italian Tanker AQUITANIA in position 38° 11'N 12° 07'E. The tanker was hit and sank.

Two days later on 29th Aug 1941 an unsuccessful attack was made on the 23,600 ton Italian Liner DUILIO in position 40° 25'N 14° 15'E. The Liner was confirmed as damaged. On a patrol in September an attack was made a 2,500 ton Merchant Vessel (which was missed) on 24th Sep 1941. Overnight 30th September/1st October HMS URGE took part in an operation to deliver a package to an agent on a beach in the Gulf of Gioia. It turned out that the agent was a double agent and the officer who was paddling ashore to deliver the package was killed by gunfire from shore. On 2nd Oct 1941 an attack was made on an Italian Submarine of 600 tons in position 38° 43'N 12° 52'E. This was also missed. On 22nd Oct 1941 Tomkinson was patrolling off Kuriat Island when he sighted a Merchant Vessel which he fired three torpedoes. They were seen and avoided by the target but a fourth torpedo hit and sank the 1,407 ton MARIA POMPEI. On the same day another attack resulted in the sinking of the 5,996 ton MARIGOLA.

An attack on 14th Dec 1941 resulted in one torpedo out off a salvo of four hitting the Italian Battle Ship VITTORIO VENETO in position 37° 52'N 15° 30'E.

Tomkinson had fired at two Battle Ships (the other was the LITTORIO) and had claimed two hits and one possible hit but the VITTORIO VENETO was definitely damaged by one torpedo.

A 3,000 ton Merchant Vessel was missed with a salvo of three torpedoes in position 40° 04'N 13° 07.5'E on 30th Mar 1942. After this missed torpedo attack Tomkinson surfaced and attacked the ship by gunfire but had to withdraw to avoid damage from return fire.



On 1st April 1942 the 5,070 ton Italian Cruiser GIOVANNI DELLA BANDA NERE and two escorting Destroyers was attacked with a salvo of four torpedoes. Two hits were claimed and the Cruiser was sunk in position 38° 37.5'N 15° 22'E. One more attack was conducted on 12th April when torpedoes were fired at a two ship convoy. This was unsuccessful as the torpedo tracks were sighted by a flying boat acting as the escort and the ships were warned to slow down and stop.

This was the last recorded attack by Tomkinson in HMS URGE. On 27th Apr 1942 HMS URGE sailed from Malta but was reported lost whilst on passage from Malta to Alexandria on 29th April 1942. At the time of the loss the submarine was carrying ten ratings as passengers in addition to the normal crew as part of the evacuation of the 10th Submarine Flotilla from Malta to Alexandria.

JAMES FREEL MEMORIAL



A new Memorial, recognising the Barrow born WWII 'Charioteer' James Freely, CGM has been established in Barrow. The Memorial, designed and produced by Ulverston based architectural blacksmith Chris Brammall has been sited at the end of James Freely Close overlooking the Walney Channel.

James Freely and his No. 1 Sub Lieutenant Rod Dove were launched from a submarine on their 'Chariot' to attack Italian ships in the harbour at Palermo in January 1943, during the Second World War. They

successfully blew up a troop ship the VIMINALE after getting into the harbour.



The £18,000 steel sculpture represents the Conspicuous Gallantry Medal and includes a propeller, representing the torpedo and the Chariot, and heavy anchor chains representing the ships that were targets of the daring pair, who were both captured after the attack and became Prisoners of War.

A commemorative plaque, which proudly sits alongside the Barrow Borough Council commissioned Memorial and provides detail about the feat achieved by James Freely and Rodney Dove, was also unveiled by the Mayor Rory McLure accompanied by the Mayoress and James Freely's nephew Mr John Freely MBE.

More than fifty family members including two of James Freely's sisters and his brother and friends (including four members of the Barrow in Furness Submariners Association John Hart, Alan Jones, Terry Spurling and Barrie Downer) gathered at James Freely Close for the Ceremony at 1130 on Friday 11th February 2011.

At the Dock Museum after the unveiling John Freely spoke of his pride in his Uncle's achievement. He said: "It is a fantastic occasion for Barrow. It puts Barrow on the map again. We were pleased when they named the street after him and now even more so with the statue. It is in a very appropriate place because he was a Hindpool boy and it is also near the sea."

"It has also been very encourag-

ing to see the interest in the occasion. He is always in our minds and thoughts because he was a hero and now we have a permanent Memorial."

Jimmy Freely's medals including his Conspicuous Gallantry Medal and other Memorabilia were donated to the Barrow Branch of the Submariners Association by the Freely family in 2005 and are currently loaned to the Dock Museum where they are on display for public viewing.

James Freely died in Australia in 1965.

Work or Pleasure

An Royal Navy Captain was about to start the morning briefing to his staff. While waiting for the coffee machine to finish its brewing, the Captain decided to pose a question to all assembled.

He explained that his wife had been a bit frisky the night before and he failed to get his usual amount of sound sleep. He posed the question of just how much of sex was "work" and how much of it was "pleasure?"

A Commander chimed in with 75-25% in favour of work.

A Lt. Commander said it was 50-50%.

A Lieutenant responded with 25-75% in favour of pleasure, depending upon his state of inebriation at the time.

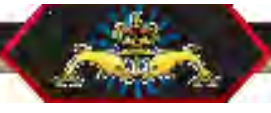
There being no consensus, the Captain turned to the Leading Steward who was in charge of making the coffee. What was his opinion?

Without any hesitation, the young Leading Steward responded, "Sir, it has to be 100% pleasure."

The Captain was surprised and, as you might guess, asked why?

"Well, sir, if there was any work involved, the officers would have me doing it for them."

The room fell silent.



John Houlding

Here we go, it's that time of year for us to send our National Council delegate to the Submariners Association Annual Conference. You should by now have considered the matters for the conference agenda which have been widely distributed.

Barrie Downer, our secretary, is our delegate and will bring back his report of the conference decisions and present them to us all at the Branch Annual General Meeting in April.

The Social Scene events coming up in the next few months with the Annual Dinner Dance on 13th May; the trip to Belfast for their do on weekend of 28th May; and a Faslane Visit in July. But here is a new one for you to consider. A Fun Weekend in Bournemouth.

The Beds and Herts branch have been doing this for a number of years and their Treasurer, who has been to our BBQs and was in Barrow for the 50 years of Nuclear Submarine Building recently, was chatting to me about their weekend.

He has now sent copies of the planned weekend for November this year. A Turkey and Tinsel weekend on 18th to 21st November 3 nights at £100 per person based on dinner bed and breakfast and the full Turkey & Tinsel programme including nightly entertainment. Rum barrel on parade for the Saturday night. All this takes place at the Cottonwood Hotel Bournemouth.

If you are interested I need your room requirements ie Single; Double; Twin and a £20 per person deposit asap. Dave and Yvonne Craven attended last year and I am sure they will tell you more about it if you ask.

I have heard from Dave Wilson whose health has improved sufficiently for he and Sheila to go on a months holiday. Good to

hear that Dave and best wishes to you both.

If anyone else out there is not in the best of health we send you our best wishes also and hope for a speedy recovery for you all. Well that's it short and sweet.

John Houlding
Vice Chairman

COMPETITION

Chairman's Best Caption Competition Win a grand prize of a bottle of Red Wine from the finest of the ALDI range

All captions on the subject of Defence Cuts to the Secretary before the next publication of the newsletter.



WE WILL REMEMBER THEM

Former Member
Cambridge, London & Middlesex
Branches
February 2011
Stanley Fredrick (Baldy) Biggs
Acting Electrician
P/MX 666975
Aged 86
Submarine Service 1944-1954
Thermopylae (1946)
Scotsman (1947)
Ambush (1947-49)
Scotsman (1950-1951)
Telemachus (1951-1953)
&
Tapir (1954)



Non Member
1st January 2011
C R P C (Peter) Branson
Captain
Aged 86
Submarine Service 1944-1950
Sea Rover, Unsparing, Satyr
Astute

Birmingham Branch
8th February 2011
E (Eric) Crooks
LEM
P/SMX 852589

Aged 84
Submarine Service 1950-1955
Auriga, Alcide & Andrew

Blackpool Branch
February 2011
D (Dave) Montgomery
EM1
P/MX 924223

Aged 76
Submarine Service 1967-1969
Scorcher

Hull Branch
February 2011
T (Tom) Mann
Telegraphist
D/SSX 31431
aged 89
Submarine Service 1943-1946
Umbra, Stygian & Tudor

Welsh Branch
February 2011
M (Mike) Powling
CPO Mech1 OEM
D/J928498
Aged 72
Submarine Service 1968-1970
Resolution

Lord these departed shipmates with Dolphins on their chest are part of an outfit known as the best. Make them welcome and take them by the hand you'll find without 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 EDITOR

Circumstances have dictated that I no longer work for the Local paper the Evening mail, however I have agreed with them that we can continue to have the paper version of the newsletter printed by them and that we will continue to have access to submarine related stories and pictures for publication in the newsletter.

As I now have a bit more time on my hands I am now in a position to offer my services to fix any PC or laptop and software issues that members may be having, the consultation will always be free but I will have to charge for parts and labour. This offer just relates to local members in the Barrow area. If you require help please E-mail or ring me, you will find the Phone number and e-mail address elsewhere on this page.

Barrow Branch Member Mick Bown is to do a 'Coast to Coast Walk' from St Bees Head to Robin Hood Bay between 9th and 21st May 2011.


He is willing to be sponsored to raise funds for Charities including the Help For Heroes Fund. A list will be circulated at the March Branch meeting for those who wish to sponsor him. Also any Branch Member who is not at the Meeting who wishes to sponsor him should contact the Secretary with their names and how much they wish to sponsor him for.

REUNION

HMS/m Resolution Association Hold their 2nd reunion from March 25 to 27. This will be a special reunion where we will be dedicating a bench at the National Arboretum and unfurling our Association Standard for the first time. The reunion will be attended by some of our former Captains. For more information contact Dave Gooman.


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March 2011

Members Birthdays



F. Bowen	01/03
C. Keepin	02/03
T. Henshaw	05/03
R. Arthur	07/03
I. Wylie	13/03
C. Oswald	14/03
D. Craven	15/03
M. Cundall	15/03
H. Short	17/03
R. Mead	28/03
A. Hoskins	31/03



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Pingyat Medals for Malaya Service



Recently presented by a Malasian brigadier general in Newcastle.

Pictured from left to right are, Mick Bown, Mac McClaughlin, Hughie Short, Ian Walsh, Ian Clarke and Alan Pillifent.



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 March for the April 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 2011

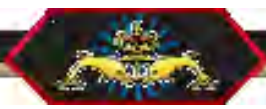
March

- 1st March Monthly meeting
2000 RBL
- 18-20th SA Annual Conference
Blackpool
- 22nd March Branch Committee
Meeting 1930 RBL

April

- 5th April Annual General
Meeting 1930 RBL
- 19th April Branch Committee
Meeting 1930 RBL
- 24th April St Georges day
Parade Barrow





Solve the submarine 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 based on the names given to the old-style money which went out of use 40 years ago.

Submariners heading for the shops before 1971 would have been familiar with terms such as two-bob or a tanner.

CLUES

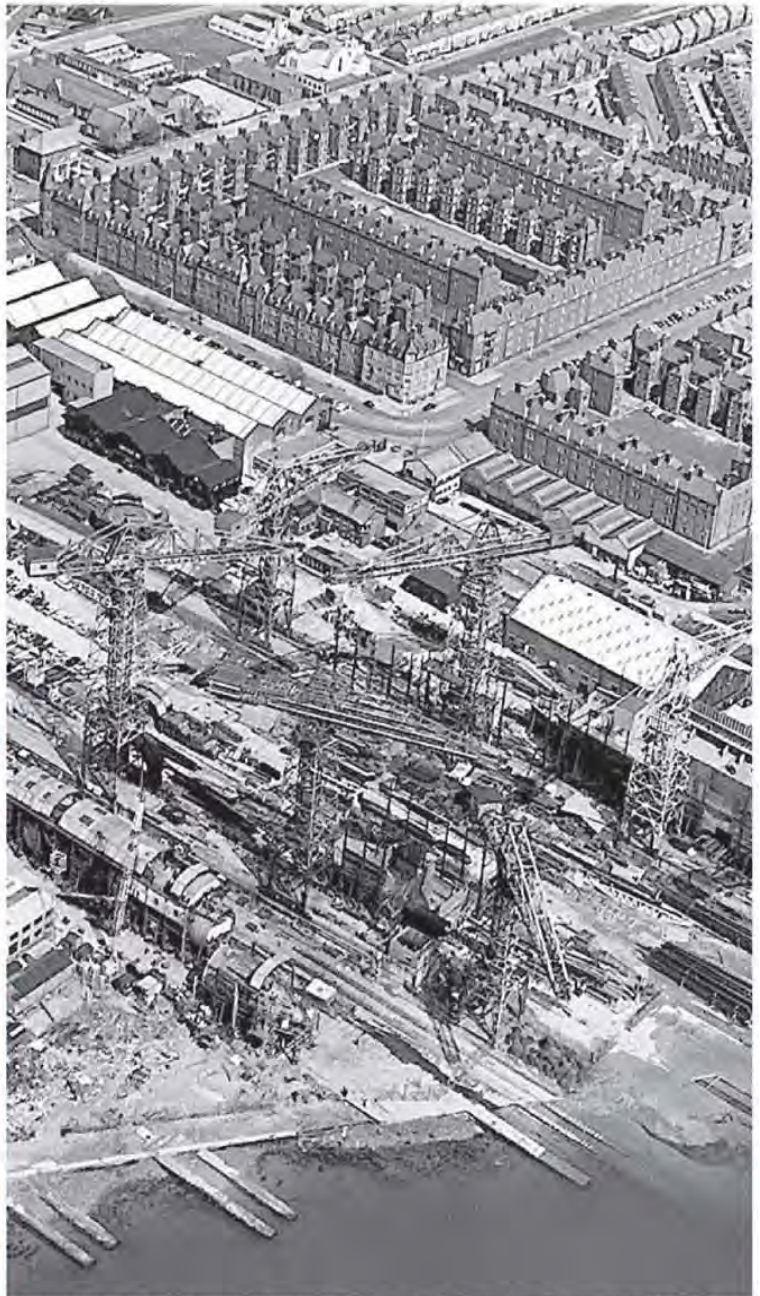
1. FARTHING
2. TANNER
3. GROAT
4. BOB
5. SHILLING
6. FLORIN

7. HALF-DOLLAR
8. PENNY
9. JOEY
10. PONY
11. FIVER
12. MONKEY

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

Last month's wordsquare solution (below)

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



OLD DAYS: A submarine under construction at Barrow in 1970 just before the switch to wages in new money