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HMS Vengeance



## CHAIRMAN'S June Word Fellow Submariners

I am now settling into the job and so far it has been enjoyable and entertaining and you have given me an easy ride. It's probably a mistake saying that as I will probably get brought back down to earth with a bump.

One thing I was a bit concerned about was our 50th anniversary. There was a lot of discussion but didn't see any real progress. That has now been resolved with Jan Mead leading the charge in looking at various options on how we should best celebrate that year. He is being assisted by Geoff Thomas and they have already started assessing options, venues, potential costs and when this stage is complete they will report back to the committee with their findings and recommendations.

If you have any ideas, then let's have them.

Without stealing Colin's thunder the Branch Dinner Dance was better than it has been in the recent past. Can't put my finger on a specific reason as the food was to the usual good standard, the band on top form and played the music we want, the numbers were well down but somehow the atmosphere was terrific. Those that couldn't make it were the losers. If you have a reason why not share it with me so that we can address it.

The next social 'Do' is a Rock n Roll night and is being organised by Jan Mead. This replaces the BBQ which unfortunately had to be cancelled and the objective is to raise funds for our 50th Anniversary in two years time. Tickets are a snip at £3 obtainable from Jan or contact any committee member. This will be on Sat 23rd July in the RBL.

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Don't forget that the June meeting has a two fold function. A very quick meeting (I promise), our ladies present to check we don't get into trouble or drink too much, I am sure that the rum barrel will be out as well. All in all the recipe for a good night.

Colin has mentioned it a few times but I will do so again here. He is standing down as Social Sec at the end of this year. There must be somebody out there who can help out and take this position over.

You will be given plenty of help from me and the rest of the committee so don't worry about being thrown in at the deep end. We are all buddies in boats and pull together when needed. Will all the volunteers make a tidy queue please?

I have heard a few murmurings about the decision to put up the annual subscription which we as a branch voted against but to make matters worse we also need to raise funds for the branch to supplement the 50th anniversary celebrations in 2 years time and keep the costs to the individual manageable. I know raffles are very unpopular and I am not keen in guys always having to dip into their own pockets time after time.

There is another way though and it doesn't cost you a penny or indeed any real action on your part. In fact you do this sitting down in your own home. If you use the web to buy goods whether it is EBay, Amazon, Train tickets, Supermarkets, Thomas Cook, P&O Cruises (yes I know you're out there), Argos, M&S and even if you do your lottery on line or from any number of over 2000 retailers then read on. If you do not buy 'on line' then this could still be for you. How? By using the system for example to switch utilities, recycle old phones, register on the Lottery plus lots of other non charging ways.

If we all use this system when we buy 'on line' then we should raise a fair bit in a relatively short time. Please see section on

EASYFUNDRAISING later in this edition.

Dave Barlow

## Social Secretary June 2011



On Friday 13th May we held our Branch annual dinner at the Lisdoonie, 51 members and their guests attended.

Although the numbers were disappointing and down on previous dinners, the night I thought, was one of the best we have had. The meal was very good, Chairman Dave Barlows speech was entertaining and Shindig were excellent, with members and guests dancing the night away long after the band had finished. Thank you to all who supported the evening particularly with your generosity with raffle prizes and buying of tickets.

Our monthly meeting in June has been designated a Ladies invite so we will be holding a Quiz and maybe a game of bingo and raffle for the meeting. By the time of the June meeting the Magennis Dinner held by the Northern Irish Branch should have taken place and no doubt Barrie will report on the proceedings.

Don't forget to keep an eye out for extra events that are being organized to raise funds for our 50th Anniversary celebrations, the first being a Rock and Roll night to be held in the RBL on 23rd July. Tickets should be in the region of £3:00 each. Volunteers are still required to assist Jan and his team in organizing events for the 50th Anniversary celebrations, so if you are interested please contact Jan Mead or any of the committee.

The July branch meeting will see the visit of our friends from the Morecambe branch, so put that date in your diary, make no plans for the Wednesday and leave your car at home; it could be a long one.

Colin Hutchinson  
Social Secretary

## World's Oldest Submerged Submarine

### Finally on Dry Land



news.err.ee, May 21, 2011

The 75-year-old Lembit, considered the world's oldest submarine afloat, was pulled ashore on the evening of May 21. Preparatory work to get the submarine out of the water started at midnight to avoid the wake produced by high-speed vessels.

Nevertheless, getting the 600-ton ship onto dry land posed a greater challenge than initially expected, according to ETV.

Lembit's new home will be the seaplane hangar of the Maritime Museum, Esonian Estonia where the submarine will be restored and turned into a land-based exhibit.

The museum has also acquired more than two hundred original designs of the ship which will be used to restore the interior of the pre World War II submarine.

By the way the Limbet is a Vickers Barrow Built Submarine (Yard No 706) which was Launched for the Estonian Navy 7th July 1936 together with it's Sister Kalev.





# Barrow Submarine Series: issue number 31

## HMS VENGEANCE



**BARROW PRODUCT:** *HMS Vengeance* is towed out of Buccleuch Dock in April 1999

*HMS Vengeance* is the first submarine to bear this name and is the last of the nuclear-powered Vanguard-class Trident ballistic missile submarines to leave Barrow.

Along with sister boats *Vanguard*, *Victorious* and *Vigilant*, she is tasked with maintaining the UK's independent strategic nuclear deterrent.

The boat was officially ordered in July 1992 as Barrow yard number 1112 (SSBN 08) and her keel was laid on February 1 in 1993.

*Vengeance* was named and rolled out on the September 19 in 1998 and was commissioned into service with the Royal Navy on November 27 in 1999.

The submarine's sponsor is Lady Sandra Robertson, wife of the then Secretary of State for Defence and later Secretary General to NATO, Lord Robertson of Port Ellen.

*Vengeance* can carry up to 16 Lockheed Trident II D5 ballistic missiles, plus Marconi Spearfish wire-guided torpedoes.

*HMS Vengeance* maintains close links with the Borough of Bury St Edmunds where her crews are always assured a warm welcome.

The boat briefly hit the

headlines in April this year when a mechanical problem resulted in a loss of full power.

*Vengeance* was forced to return to Faslane.

### STATS

Laid down: 1 February 1 in 1993

Launched: September 19 in 1998

Commissioned: 27 November 27 in 1999

In service: February 12 in 2001

Crew: 141

Class and type: Vanguard-class submarine

Displacement: Dived: 15,900 long tons (17,800 short tons)

Length: 149.9 m (491 ft 10 in)

Beam: 12.8 m (42 ft 0 in)

Draught: 12 m (39 ft 4 in)

Propulsion: Rolls-Royce PWR2 nuclear reactor

Pair of GEC turbines; 27,500 shaft horsepower (20.5 MW)

One shaft, pump jet propulsor

Two auxiliary retractable propulsion motors

Two WH Allen turbo generators (6 MW)

Two Paxman diesel alternators; 2,700 shaft horsepower (2.0 MW)

Speed: Dived: 25 knots (46 km/h; 29 mph)

Range: Essentially unlimited distance; 20 years



**HERE'S HOW:** Sandra Robertson, wife of the Secretary of State for Defence, pulls a ship's telegraph lever at the naming ceremony for the Trident ballistic missile submarine *Vengeance*





## Barrie Downer Secretary

Here we are in June nearly half way through the year before we know it. Doesn't time fly! I hope all those who attended it enjoyed the Annual Dinner Dance it was a good baptism of fire for Dave Barlow as our new Branch Chairman. I certainly enjoyed the evening and, from what I hear, everyone else did as well.

Well what else have we done in May?. We had a good turn out to assist with the stewarding of the Keswick to Barrow Walk despite the weather. This year we were back at our usual venue the Visitor's Entrance to the Sports and Social playing fields. We had expected to be at the Finish Line again this year but I understand there had to be a last minute change. We were back to counting the visitors coming in to cheer on the walkers or to commiserate with them on all those stiff legs and blisters. I understand there were about 2,300 walkers and we counted well over 3,000 visitors so it was a pretty well attended event.

Talking of walkers Branch Member Mick Bown completed the walk from St Bee's Head to Robin Hood Bay (with his brother Geoff) between 9th May and Saturday 21st May in pretty appalling weather by all accounts. We have the photographic evidence and there is a report from Mick elsewhere in this newsletter. Many Branch Members have sponsored Mick for this walk (to the tune of over £300) thanks to all who have and I shall be collecting at the next Branch Meeting so don't forget your wallets! Not forgetting to say well done Mick and Geoff for a valiant effort!

Other Branch Members attended a Social Evening at the Royal British Legion on Wednesday 24th May. This was a Cheese & Wine evening with a bit of a quiz thrown in as well. We didn't win the quiz but our Chairman's wife Fiona Barlow

made a good start by winning a bottle of wine in the Raffle!

The month of May has been finished off by several Branch Members travelling off to Northern Ireland for a dinner on Saturday 28th May at the La Mon Hotel. This was originally intended to be a Magennis Memorial Dinner but, for various reasons, it was changed. It's all been arranged by the Northern Ireland Branch with Davy George coordinating the arrangements. Hopefully there will be a full report in the July Newsletter also hopefully with some embarrassing photographs!

So what is coming up in June? The June Branch Meeting will be on Tuesday 7th June starting at the usual time. We will be having visitors as well! . We also have the Ladies coming along for a Social Evening to be held after the Branch Meeting with a Quiz and a Raffle as well! See you all there.

June also sees the Armed Forces Day events for 2011. The first of these is the Armed Forces Day Flag Presentation to the Mayor on Monday 20th June. For this all those attending are requested to muster in the Courtyard at the rear of the Town Hall to 'Fall In' at 0930.

There will be two Platoons one for the Submariners Association and the Royal Navy (we will have a contingent from HMS AMBUSH) and there will be a second platoon for the Army and the RAF.

The Flag Presentation will be at 0950 and, after the Flag has been broken out on the top of the Town Hall tower, we can all nip into the Town Hall for Tea and Biscuits.

The next events are on Sunday 26th June in the Town Hall where there will be an Armed Forces Day Service at 1300. After this service to which you are all welcome there will be some refreshments in the Forum 28 and the events will be rounded off on the 26th by a performance by 'The Squadron

naires' in the Forum 28 at 1500.

The tickets for the Service are free and can be collected from the Ticket Office at Forum 28 the Concert is also a ticket event but these will cost you £5.00 each (discounted price) and are also available at the Ticket Office. Get in quick to make sure you get a seat.

As a reminder for those who haven't heard the October Reunion has now been replaced by a Families Weekend combined with the Annual Draw. This year it will be held in the Adelphi Hotel in Liverpool on Weekend 16th to 18th September. The Adelphi has been completely revamped since the Association's last visit for an Annual Reunion which by my rough calculations was probably in 2005! Details of the Reunion Booking have been sent out to all on E Mail by the National Secretary. Get your bookings in early to avoid disappointment.

By the way you should shortly be receiving your allocation of Raffle Tickets for the Annual Draw. Mick Mailey will be dishing these out in the next few days. As ever you can either sell the tickets to your friends and acquaintances or buy them yourself. Remember that one third of the receipts collected by the Branch stay in Branch Funds!

All you need to do is sell them and return the proceeds and the Ticket Stubs (fully completed please) to Mick Mailey or any Member of the Branch Committee. The Branch has donated a prize again this year but, for a change this year, it is a copy of the SHC Paintings Book 'Dive, Dive, Dive! Barrow Built Submarines The Best!'

Well I think that's all from me for the June News Letter! Don't forget the next Branch Meeting at the RBL on Tuesday 7th June usual time this time 2000 and don't forget to bring along the wife, the girlfriend or the partner or all three if you are feeling flush.

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!

Regards  
Barrie

### VISIT TO OUR NORTH QUEENSLAND MEMBER

After arriving in Brisbane after the floods we made the decision to visit my old coxswain Claude Roberts who is a life member of the Barrow branch, he is also a life member of the North Queensland Australian Submarine Association of which he is justly proud. I have known Claude a long time, but not as long as Dudley.



As you can see from the photos he is a very sick man and a little frail but he still has a sense of humour and enjoys life as much as possible.

The Blue Lodge Care Home where he lives is very nice with friendly staff. He says that as he needs too much assistance for him to rise with the birds, he showers shaves and has his breakfast then has a rest to regain his breath at 09:00 he mounts his wheel chair plugs in

the air and goes off on his route around the grounds and visits other residents for a chat then breaks for coffee. After lunch he takes an afternoon nap so he has his life planed.

He has his son Kevin and wife Janice living local who ensure he is well stocked with goodies, Irwin has a very important job he visits weekly to ensure that the grog locker has not gone dry so Claude is sure he gets his nightcap before bed.



You may have read about the cyclone which struck North Queensland that is where Claude lives Ingham, the area is also semi-monsoon so heavy rain is the norm, the damage was still visible I have never seen such large trees ripped out of the ground.

After the flight to Townsville we had to drive 60Kms north we were lucky the road was open that day but with water over the road or very close. The road north from Ingham to Cairns had not been out for Three weeks.

The more important thing is that Claude sent his best regards to all Barrow Branch members and to any readers who still remember an 88/89 year old Submarine Coxswain. He says he is being well looked after.

### COAST TO COAST

On Monday 9th May me and my brother Geoff (ex Skimmer) set out to walk from St Bee's Head to Robin Hoods Bay in North Yorkshire. We started out in pretty poor conditions which gradually got much worse as we walked through the Late Dis-

trict experiencing sleet, rain, hail and high winds at high levels.

After Kirby Stephen we climbed the Pennines to Nine Standards Rigg, roughly half way. From then on conditions slowly improved the further east we walked. We met a few characters on the way and replaced a lot of sweat in various hostelryes. One of the walkers we met was an ex Coxswain called Mick Kemp anyone know him?

We finished at Robin Hoods Bay in glorious sunshine on Saturday 21st May sore, tired and thirsty where we had a well deserved 'Triple Tot' of Micky Dack's finest which had travelled the breadth of England in my rucksack.

A big thanks to all who sponsored me and a special thanks to Barrie Downer who arranged the sponsorship. If any one else fancies doing the Coast to Coast I've got loads of advice and a pair of boots they can have!

Mick Bown







## EASYFUNDRAISING

Below is an excerpt from [www.easyfundraising.org.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk). I have been using this system to raise funds nationally for some time and I have now registered our branch as "Barrow Submariners Association" as a 'cause'. Read on

### *How it works*

We provide a FREE service where you can shop with your favourite online stores and at no extra cost raise funds for any charity, good cause or group you choose to support. You still shop directly with each retailer as you would normally, but simply by using the links from our site first, each purchase you make will generate a cash back donation to the cause you wish to support.

For example, spend £25 with WH Smith on Books and 2.5% will be donated. You will have raised £0.63, at no extra cost to your purchase. Make any purchase from Amazon and 2.5% will be donated. Insure your car with Aviva and raise £30.00, or purchase a mobile phone from O2 and earn £17.50, and so on. You can shop with 2000+ Brand Name retailers and to raise funds you just use the links from our site first - it's that simple! If you ALREADY shop online, why not help the Barrow Branch at no extra cost from purchases you would make anyway.


### *Why do retailers support your fundraising?*

It seems very generous, but when you buy online the cost to the retailer is much lower. As there's no shop, salesperson, heating, electricity, rates, not even the cost of the bag to put your goods in, retailers are more than happy to help good causes when new online customers are introduced to them via our website. Please note that your chosen good cause received 100% of the donation shown on our site. E.g. if the donation rate for M&S is 2.5% of all spend, your chosen good cause will receive 2.5p for every £1 spent.

### *Will I pay anything extra?*

No. You pay the same prices exactly as if you visited each retailer's website directly. Using our service will not cost you a penny more than you would pay normally.

### *How much can I raise?*

Up to 15% of every purchase is donated, depending on which retailer you select and what you buy. The exact donation that will be paid is displayed directly next to each retailer listing. With some categories such as mobile phones and insurance there is a cash value. If a retailer offers more than one donation, or if there is any special information about the retailer, please click the image 

### *Who can benefit?*

Any group or good cause can benefit from using our service, however large or small. Here's a selection of groups who use us:-

- Charities
- Associations & Trusts
- Schools / PTAs / Pre-Schools / Nurseries
- Sports Clubs & Teams
- Boys & Girls Clubs - Scouts, Guides, ATC etc
- Churches & Religious Groups
- Community & Youth Groups
- Music, Theatre & Arts
- Rotary & Roundtable
- Sponsored Events - Runs, Walks, Hikes, Cycle Rides etc
- Expeditions & Challenges

Please visit "find a cause" to check that your cause is listed. Ours is "BARROW SUBMARINERS ASSOCIATION". If you wish to support the national association select "The Submariners Association".

### *Am I buying from the retailer or easyfundraising?*

You still deal directly with each retailer. We simply record your visit to their website and reward your selected cause if you make any purchases.

### *Save money*

Many retailers give exclusive 'Internet-only' discounts, special offers and even money saving 'eVouchers' to our members, so as well as raising funds, you can also use our site to save money.

### *What next?*

Our service is as easy as 1-2-3 and it's FREE!

1) Logon to [www.easyfundraising.org.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk).

2) To start select "support a cause" and then select Barrow Submariners Association.

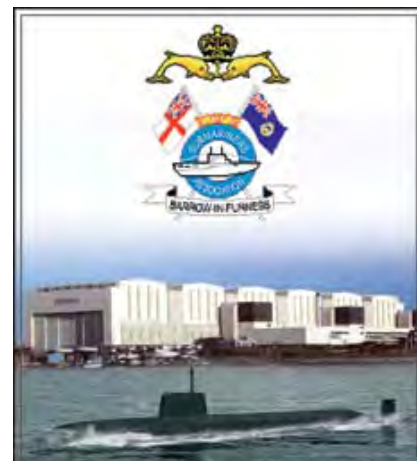
3) Next, login using your username / password. If this is your first time you will have to register first.

This is how the system recognises who you are and which cause benefits when you make purchases.

4) Finally, click any of the retailer links provided and then shop just as you would normally.

That's all you need to do - apart from remembering to return to our site next time you are going to shop online!! Providing you login and use the retailer links provided we'll track all your transactions and pay your nominated cause the appropriate donations.

These will then be displayed in your easyfundraising account (which you can access online)



## Chaplains Dit June 2011

I am not quite sure if I have touched this subject before as a newsletter article, but I do know I have spoken about it in another arena namely a sermon. So if you are reading this for a second time just call it a Jonsey Senior Moment.

There is an urban myth concerning a disastrous attempt by the Royal Navy to dispel the superstition against sailing on a Friday. While widely circulated, the story is in fact untrue; as there was never was such a ship the details of the story vary, but it usually follows this form: Sometime in the 19th century, the Royal Navy attempted to finally dispel the old superstition among sailors that beginning a voyage on a Friday was certain to bring bad luck. To demonstrate the falseness of this belief, they decided to commission a ship named HMS Friday. Her keel was laid on a Friday, she was launched on a Friday, and she set sail on her maiden voyage on a Friday, under the command of a Captain James Friday. She was never seen or heard from again. The myth seems to have gained in popularity after its recounting by comedian Dave Allen on his BBC television show Dave Allen at Large, first broadcasted in the 1970s. I am not superstitious in any way shape or form, and as such we have lived in three houses that were numbered 13. Have sailed and dived on Friday the 13th on Osiris whose pennant number was S13. So last Friday May 13th we booked Pat's car in for MOT and an investigation into a noisy front end. Set off for Halifax in my car the clutch, burnt out and we had to be rescued by RAC. And the point of the story is after shelling out close on £900 for both cars, I am, in the words of Fagan from the musical Oliver, reviewing the situation, towards Friday the 13th.

Items Below sent to me by my Irish Friend in the Irish Guards

Regards Jonsey

A Muslim was sitting next to Paddy on a plane. Paddy ordered a whisky. The stewardess asked the Muslim if he'd like a drink. He replied in disgust "I'd rather be raped by a dozen whores than let liquor touch my lips!" Paddy handed his drink back and said "Me too, I didn't know we had a choice!" Mick and Paddy are reading head stones at a nearby cemetery. Mick says "Crikey! There's a bloke here who was 152!" Paddy says "What's his name?" Mick replies "Miles, from London!"

### Frankton Memorial

The Frankton Memorial was unveiled in Point De la Grave on the banks of the Gironde Estuary near Bordeaux on the 31st March this year commemorating the Cockleshell heroes and all who helped them.

The Cockleshell Heroes were launched on their way from HMS Tuna. The Branch made a donation to the Frankton Memorial Fund Last year.



### WE WILL REMEMBER THEM

Portsmouth Branch

10th May 2011

S A (Steve) Botterill

Engine Room Artificer

C/MX 70528

Aged 86

Submarine Service 1951-1954

Alliance

Non Member

18th April 2011

George Paton Christie, DSC  
Lieutenant Commander, RNR

Aged 91

Submarine Service including P612,  
Nebjosa, Stubbhorn, H50 (CO)  
U2529 (CO)

Dorset Branch

19th April 2011

E.W (Ted) Maby

LME

Aged 79

Submarine Service 1953-1957  
Tradewind, Scorchers, Sidon  
Scythian

Lincoln Branch

4th May 2011

H V (Vic) Preece

Chief Petty Officer Coxswain  
C/JX 145783

Aged 91

Submarine Service  
P46, P614, Vitality, Vagabond, Auriga  
Sentinel, Statesman, Teredo, Turpin  
Totem

Hull/East Yorks Branch

8th May 2011

Norman Richards

CERA P/MX 500940

Aged 73

Submarine Service 1944-1945  
Upshot

Non Member

May 2011

David John Lisle (Tim) Foster DSC  
Commander (E)

Aged 96

Submarine Service 1939  
Tigris, Templar & Alderney

Non Member

10th May 2011

Ian Clifton

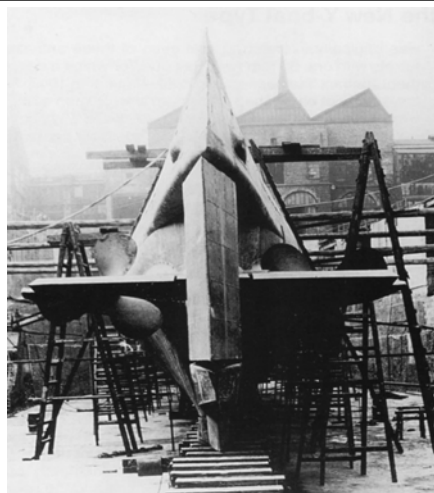
Sub Lieutenant RNVR

Aged 87

Submarine Service WWII in X Craft

*Lord these departed shipmates  
with Dolphins on their chest are  
part of an outfit known as the best.  
Make them welcome and take  
them by the hand you'll find with-  
out they are the best in the land.  
So Heavenly father add their  
names to the roll of our departed  
shipmates still on patrol let them  
know that we who survive will  
always keep their memories  
alive.*





The Pictures are of U-2502 which is supposedly in the dry dock (The Graving Dock?) at Barrow some time after the surrender of the U-Boats in 1945

If any one has any info or recognises the pictures or can confirm where the pictures were taken please get in touch with Barrie Downer.



### Slightly Senior Moments

Warning- Retiree- Knows it all and has plenty of time to tell you about it.

Over what hill? Where? When? I don't remember any Hill.

**Who is the Branch Member in the Picture**



[www.astuteclass.com](http://www.astuteclass.com)

June 2011	
Members Birthdays	
T. Kimber	03/06
G. Plater	03/06
B. Riley	03/06
A. Haythornthwaite	09/06
S. Thorpe	11/06
A. Nolan	12/06
G. Murrin	16/06
R. Palmer	17/06
R. Brailsford	21/06
K. Walker	21/06
B. Downer	23/06
A. Pillifent	25/06
A. Griffiths	29/06
D. Pallister	29/06
D. Johns	30/06



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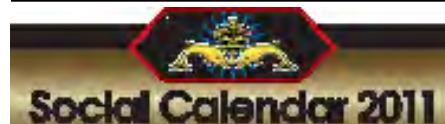
### News Letter

#### 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:

**Rwbritten1@msn.com**

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 June for the July 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.



## June

7th June

Monthly Meeting (Social Ladies)

Quiz 2000 RBL

21st June

Branch Committee Meeting

1930 RBL

## July

5th July

Monthly Meeting )

2000 RBL

15/17 W/e Visit Faslane

19th July

Branch Committee Meeting

1930 RBL





## Letters

My name is Leading Seaman John Lewis, I am a fellow submarine association member serving on HMS Ambush and I am currently organising a charity boxing evening on behalf of HMS Ambush. The event will take place on Thursday 3rd of Nov 2011 in the Coronation Hall Ulverston.

We are hoping to raise as much as possible for Help for Heroes, the Royal Navy Royal Marines charity and Little Acorns nursery in Ulverston.

The evening will consist of a 3 course meal followed by a number of amateur bouts of boxing and a charity auction. I am writing to you to ask if you would consider sponsoring one of the bouts. The cost of this will be £100, this will cover each boxer's headgear, gloves, winner and runner up trophies.

In return of your financial support you will be named in the programme and read out by the ring announcer as the bout sponsor.

Tickets for the event itself will be priced at £35 per ticket or £300 per table of 10. Tickets are not on sale as of yet. Tickets will be available by the end of June from the Coronation Hall box office. If you would like to support the cause by sponsoring a bout you will be given first refusal on buying a table. If you decide that you would like to buy tickets/table a representative from your party will be asked to present the trophies to the fighters of that bout and have their picture taken with them and the ref.

If you decide that sponsoring a bout is not for you, it would be great to see the Barrow, Submarine Association represented on the night.

I hope this is something that you might consider and hope to hear from you soon.

If you have any questions or queries do not hesitate to ask on the above e-mail address or on 07528570062.

Yours Aye

Leading Seaman John Lewis

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To Everyone in the Submariner's Associations around the country, my brother, sister and I would like to thank everyone for your thoughtful cards following our mother, Midge Fieldhouse's death. We have been so very touched by all the letters and cards we received, and feel so blessed to have had two magnificent parents.

The loyalty and love that comes from the submarine service is something unsurpassed, and this same loyalty sustained Mum greatly following Daddy's death in 1992. I am so sorry we have not been able to reply to all the cards, as most were sent without addresses from the Submarine Associations, but please know how very much they comforted us after Mum died, and comfort us still. We feel so very grateful to have been "honorary members" of the Submarine Family while Dad and Mum were alive.

Thank you again

With Warm regards,

Amanda Fieldhouse, Australia

## HMS Alliance

I am delighted to inform you that the Trustees of the Heritage Lottery Fund have just announced their approval of our application for a grant of £3.4M for the project to restore HMS Alliance.

This successful outcome reflects the quality of the bid we submitted and the HLF Trustees' view of the significance of the project. The announcement is also the green light for the work on HMS

Alliance to begin this summer, as we had planned.



Together with the £2.6M raised through the Alliance Appeal, the HLF grant will enable us to meet the estimated £6.05m cost of the project, that is eligible for HLF support. However, there are a number of costs which are ineligible for HLF support but which nonetheless must be met for the project to succeed. These additional costs, estimated at £750k, need to be met over the two and a half year lifetime of the project. Fundraising therefore continues apace and I can already report progress in this regard having raised approximately £70k towards this total in the last 3 months.

Finally, I am pleased to say that last month I was appointed Chairman of the Trustees of the Royal Navy Submarine Museum for the next 5 years, so I will be involved with the Alliance Project until its completion.

Many thanks for the generous and continuing support from the 'Submarine Association', without which we would not have achieved this exciting result.

Kind regards,  
Tim McClement





## Bad Bolts on New Boats

Three of South Korea's new Type 214 subs were out of action for most of 2010 because of defective components. This was very embarrassing, as these subs were built in South Korea. Building submarines is a very specialized and exacting type of manufacturing, and South Korea has only been doing it for less than a decade. The first subs built in South Korea were these three German Type 214s, and the first of those entered service three years ago. The boats were built using licensed technology from the German developer (HDW), and many of the components were manufactured in South Korea as well. But then metal bolts in the Type 214s began coming loose or breaking five years ago. The problem was traced to the South Korean supplier of the bolts which were not, it turned out, manufactured to the German specification. Eventually, German specialists were called in, and by February of this year, the problem had been fixed.



South Korea now plans to build six additional Type 214 subs over the next 12 years. South Korea already has nine 1,100 ton Type 209 subs, designed and built in Germany. The Type 214 boats use fuel cells, enabling them to stay underwater for up to two weeks. The Type 214 is a 1,700 ton, 65 meter (202 foot) long boat, with a crew of 27. It has four torpedo tubes and a top submerged speed of 35 kilometers an hour. Maximum diving depth is over 400 meters (1,220 feet).

AIP boats go for up to a billion dollars each. The second batch of South Korean 214s will have an improved AIP system, which is apparently more reliable, and provides a small increase in time underwater. South Korea will probably become a supplier of AIP systems as well, because they now have the industrial expertise for this sort of high tech.

## Northern Ireland Visit Maginnes Dinner

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## Nato Exercise

A Russian submarine will take part in the world's biggest submarine rescue exercise with its former Cold War foe NATO next week, the Western military alliance said Friday.

The Russian submarine, the first to participate in any NATO

exercise, will drop to the bottom of the Mediterranean along with Portuguese, Spanish and Turkish submarines and will await listless for a rescue mission off the coast of Cartagena, Spain.

Around 2,000 military and non-military personnel as well as ships and aircraft from more than 20 nations will take part in the exercise, dubbed Bold Monarch 11, that will run from May 30 to June 10.

Held every three years, it "is the world's largest submarine rescue exercise," said a statement from NATO's SHAPE allied military headquarters based in Mons, Belgium.

"The exercise is designed to maximise international cooperation in submarine rescue operations -- something that has always been very important to NATO and all the submarine-operating nations," it said.

The inclusion of a Russian submarine in the exercise comes amid a warming of ties between Moscow and the 28-nation alliance, nearly three years after Russia's war with Georgia had sparked tensions between the two sides.

The United States, Russia, Italy, Sweden are contributing submarine rescue vehicles and sophisticated gear to clear debris. France, Norway and Britain will use a jointly owned rescue system.

Aircraft will deploy from Italy, Britain and the United States to help locate the submarines and drop parachutists to provide emergency assistance.

The vast exercise will culminate with a 48-hour coordinated rescue and evacuation of 150 survivors, including casualties, from a submarine acting in distress.

Russia suffered a traumatic submarine accident more than 10 years ago, when the Kursk sank in the Barents sea, killing all 118 sailors inside. International search operations had taken a week to start after the August 12, 2000, incident.





# 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 Barrow submarine names of the 1950s and 1960s.

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. SWIFTSURE

2. EXPLORER

3. EXCALIBUR

4. PORPOISE

5. RORQUAL

6. ORPHEUS

7. OLYMPUS

8. OSIRIS

9. VALIANT

10. NARWHAL

11. WARSPITE

12. RESOLUTION



Last month's wordsquare solution (below)



**SPLASH DOWN:** The submarine *Orpheus* being launched at Barrow in 1959. Can you find its name in the wordsquare?